



The Greater Gainesville Dog Fanciers' Association, Inc.

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Newsletter for Dog Lovers

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General Meeting Dates:
2nd Tuesday each month
PINE GROVE Baptist Church
4200 NW 39th Ave
7:30 pm Gainesville, FL

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4th Tuesday each month

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AUGUST MEETING **IS POTLUCK NIGHT!!**

7:30 PM

August 08, 2017

*We will have a picnic night
instead of our regular meeting
just to relax and spend some
time networking.*

*Bring your favorite dish to
share!*

??? Call Claire 352-339-6208

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NEW LINKS ON OUR WEBSITE!!

Pet-friendly Apartments in Gainesville

Don't surrender your pet because you can't find a pet-friendly place to live. We're here to make the apartment hunting process for pet owners easier, simpler, and more effective.

Pet Ownership Costs Guide for 2017

This guide examines the different costs associated with pet ownership and helps you know what to expect, how to plan for these expenses, and

News From AKC

Published www.akc.org

TRICK DOG TITLE

From the 1920's and 1940's when trick dogs such as Rin Tin Tin and Lassie won peoples' hearts, trick dog training has become one of the most exciting new areas in dog training today.

TRICK DOG TITLE INFO:

AKC Trick Dog titles are official AKC titles listed on the dog's title record.

The processing fee for each title is \$20. Multiple titles for the same dog can be sent in together, each one will be processed in succession after each previous title has been added and printed.

Dogs must have an AKC, PAL, or AKC Canine Partners number to earn a title.

All dogs can get a number including purebreds and mixed breeds.

4 TRICK DOG TITLES -

- Novice Trick Dog (TKN)

The dog performs 10 skills from the Novice list. (see link to "Application" below for lists of skills). If a dog has a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate or title on record at AKC, it can do 5 Novice tricks (CGC + 5) to earn the Novice title.

- Intermediate Trick Dog (TKI)

The dog must have the Novice title, plus perform 10 Intermediate tricks.

- Advanced Trick Dog (TKA)

The dog must have the Intermediate title, plus perform 5 tricks from the Advanced list.

- Trick Dog Performer(TKP)

In this title, handlers perform a short routine with at least 10 tricks previously learned.

There are two ways you can earn AKC Trick Dog titles:

1) Perform the tricks (from the check list in the Title Application) in the presence of an AKC Approved CGC Evaluator. The Title Application will need to accompany the check list for the particular title you are applying for.

2) AKC will recognize Do More With Your Dog![™] (DMWYD) titles at Novice, Intermediate and Advanced levels. The Title Application will need to accompany proof of the DMWYD title being earned, such as a copy of the actual title.

****GRANDFATHER NOTICE****

DMWYD Titles Grandfathered Until End of 2017

If you have a DMWYD title that is above Novice, (i.e. Intermediate, Advanced, Expert) until December 31, 2017, you may send proof of the title (copy of DMWYD certificate) and pay only the \$20 title fee for the highest level title for which you are applying to earn the equivalent AKC Trick Dog title.

Examples:

If you have a DMWYD Intermediate certificate, send the AKC Intermediate Trick Dog application with the \$20 title fee and AKC will issue your AKC Intermediate Trick Dog title.

If you have a DMWYD Advanced Trick Dog title, send the AKC Advanced Trick Dog Application with the \$20 title fee and AKC will issue your AKC Advanced Trick Dog title.

If you would like to earn the AKC Trick Dog Performer title, send a copy of your DMWYD Expert Trick Dog or Champion Trick Dog certificate, along with the \$20 title fee, the AKC Trick Dog Application for the Performer level, and, **YOU MUST INCLUDE A VIDEO.**



Grill Safety for Pets

Published Ultimate Leash

Firing up the grill is one of the best-and, let's face it, most delicious-outdoor activities to partake in during the summertime.

While grilling up meats and veggies can be a wonderful treat for family and friends at a cookout, it can be a dangerous activity if you have dogs or cats.

Of course, you don't have to skip out on BBQ season if you are a pet parent. Rather, take the proper precautions to ensure that you and all your guests (furry, or otherwise) have a safe experience this summer.

By following this simple, but efficient guide, you'll be able to grill up some yummy foods, all while ensuring your cat or dog is out of harm's way.

The Risks of Grilling Around Pets

There are multiple risks when it comes to grills in pets, including the possibilities of burns, skin irritations, eye trauma, choking, and ingesting harmful foods, bones, and objects, such as grilling tools.

How to Keep Your Pet Safe Around the Grill

The National Fire Prevention Association states that all grills should be kept at least three feet away from pets and children. The same goes for keeping charcoal fluid out of their reach, which can be toxic if ingested.

You should never leave your grill unattended, as curious pets could make their way over to the area and accidentally cause harm to themselves or others.

Of course, if a cat or dog does find their way to the vicinity of the grill, you'll want to be as prepared as possible in terms of their safety and protection against possible injuries.

The NFPA states that fat and grease buildups should be trapped below the grill, and removed. According to Dr. Robin Bohaty, DVM, of Roscoe Village Veterinary Hospital, ingestion of grill drippings "could lead to severe gastrointestinal upset or even pancreatitis, which can be a very serious or even deadly condition in some pets."

It's also essential to keep grilling tools and items away from pets, as they could cause serious harm, too, Bohaty notes.

If wood or metal skewers are accidentally ingested, it could puncture their gastrointestinal tracts, resulting in surgery, or even death.

Other grilling-related items to keep away from pets include aluminum foil and plastic wraps, which, if ingested, can cause intestinal blockage. This rule doesn't just apply to cats and dogs, either, as Dr. Barton C. Huber, DVM, of the Animal Medical Center of Corona points out.

He recalled one incident in which a patient's sulcata tortoise ingested aluminum foil which blew away in the backyard at a BBQ. "Aluminum foil does not show up on X-rays," warns Huber, who had to give the constipated tortoise a laxative to pass the foil.

If a Pet Ingests Harmful Foods or Items

Bohaty says some of the most harmful foods for pets are common ones we find on our grills, including raw meats, bones, onions (which are toxic to dogs and cats and can lead to stomach issues and anemia), and corn-on-the-cob. Bohaty points out that the corn itself is not harmful, rather the whole cob which is too large to be digested properly and could require surgery to remove if ingested.

"Bones from meat (chicken, pork, beef) can cause damage to the intestinal tract when swallowed," Bohaty adds. Cooked bones also tend to splinter, which could result in "sharp pieces that can ulcerate and/or puncture esophagus, or intestines."

Even if you know not to feed your pets your BBQ scraps, the same can't be said for your guests. "Other people are going to feed your animals," Huber warns, which is another reason to keep them away from the grilling area and the party itself.

If a pet does choke on food or other items, Huber says that any pet parent trained in the heimlich maneuver should attempt it, but should immediately head for their vet afterwards, even if the item was removed.

Other non-grill items that may be present at a BBQ and are also harmful to pets include avocado, grapes, chocolate, chives, garlic, raw eggs, and alcohol, so these foods and drinks should be kept away from dogs and cats at all times.

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Grill Safety for Pets (continued)

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If your pet has ingested any of the harmful foods or grilling items listed, take them to get veterinary care immediately.

If a Pet Gets Burned By a Grill

"First, extinguish any flames that may be present," Bohaty points out. "Next, remember that your pet is likely scared and in pain and may not be acting like [his] normal self, so approach with caution and avoid getting scratched or bitten."

Dr. Kevin Windsor, DVM, of Beverly Hills Veterinary Associates, says that the next step is to carefully clean the burn area. "Rinse [the burn] immediately with cold water, cover the area with a light bandage to prevent the [animal] from licking [the area] and take the pet to an emergency vet," he says.

Real Words from the Dogs

- 1) We need a Leader. Work with us. We need guidance.
- 2) We need a work out. This help us to stay out of trouble.
- 3) We need exercise to stay healthy. It helps you also. A good walk every day really helps.
- 4) Toys and Bones are fun things to have around.
- 5) Winter is coming. Don't let us drink liquid on the ground. It might contain Anti-freeze which tastes sweet, but is deadly.
- 6) A crate is not a bad thing. We like the protection it offers. It can also keep us out of trouble.
- 7) If you think a second dog will help with a problem dog, think again. The problem dog always has the most influence.
- 8) If you have a serious problem with your dog, don't attempt to handle it yourself. Hire a professional trainer.
- 9) If we become overweight, suppliment part our diet with canned carrots. There is no fat and no calories.
- 10) A good pat on the head is always appreciated. Effection is a great bonding tool.

Can Dogs Eat Potatoes?

Published By Katherine Ripley | June 19, 2017

The humble potato — the makings of french fries, hash browns, tater tots, and many other essential comfort foods. When prepared in a healthy way, white potatoes are a nutritious food for humans, but are potatoes good for dogs, too?

The answer is: It depends. Potatoes do contain vitamin C, vitamin B6, iron, magnesium, and many other nutrients that dogs need. But if you don't prepare the potatoes properly, or you feed your dog too many potatoes, there could be adverse health effects.

First, never feed your dog a raw potato. White potatoes belong to the nightshade family of vegetables, which includes tomatoes. You may have already heard that you should not to feed tomatoes to your dog, because they contain a compound called solanine, which is toxic to some dogs. Raw potatoes contain solanine, which is also toxic, but cooking the potato reduces the levels.

Second, if you are going to feed your dog a potato, it should be baked or boiled, with nothing added to it. Potatoes fried in oil, such as french fries or potato chips, or potatoes with butter or salt added to them are not healthy for dogs.

Finally, remember to only give your dog potatoes in moderation. A dog's body is designed to get most of its nutrients from animal protein. Feeding too many carbohydrates can result in obesity or other health problems.

You should not feed potatoes to your dog if he has diabetes, because potatoes can cause blood sugar spikes.

If you are going to feed your dog a starchy vegetable, sweet potatoes are a healthier option than white potatoes, because they are much more nutritious. They contain vitamin A, vitamin C, vitamin B6, calcium, potassium, magnesium, and iron, among other nutrients.

Overall, potatoes are fine for a healthy dog in moderation, as long as they are boiled or baked with nothing added to them. Every dog is different, so start with just a small amount of potato to make sure your dog has no problem digesting it. You should always use this approach when feeding your dog a new food.

Are Ice Cubes Good for Dogs?

Published AKC.org
Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer of AKC
April 24, 2017

As any mixologist will tell you, an ice cube is only as good as the water you freeze to make it.

And that is exactly what ice is: frozen water.

When I first heard the question: Are ice cubes dangerous?, my first response was: "only if someone throws an ice cube at a dog's eye," but this question seemed to linger, gaining momentum due to a post online.

There was the reported case of a dog ingesting ice cubes and winding up at a veterinary emergency hospital requiring surgery to alleviate "bloat."

Reportedly, the veterinarian in charge felt the cause of the bloat was due to the dog ingesting ice cubes.

Bloat, or gastric dilation volvulus, is a dangerous, life-threatening condition that occurs acutely when the stomach fills with gas and then rotates within the abdomen. There has been much study into potential causes of bloat: genetics, diet, environment, exercise/activity have all been studied, and all may be potential factors in the development of bloat. Drinking too much water too fast or feeding large amounts of food immediately after exercise is never recommended, as this may make it more likely that a dog will gulp a lot of air along with water and/or food.

Dogs should always be allowed to cool down after they exert a lot of energy and excitement prior to being offered free access to food and to water, much like racing horses are walked and cooled down after a race. You can offer them water, but only small amounts at a time until the dog is calmer and rested, at which time free access can be allowed.

Ice cubes can actually be used to slow down the rate of ingestion of water by overly excited dogs.

Offering ice cubes is a way of adjusting the rate and amount of water a dog takes in.

Veterinarians recommend offering ice cubes as a way to slowly introduce water to dogs recovering from surgeries or as a tryout after vomiting episodes associated with gastroenteritis, to see if they are able to hold fluids down.

I personally have placed ice cubes in my dogs' water bowls when we are traveling, in an effort to encourage them to drink more water.

Ice has also been discussed in relation to dogs overheating (heat stroke). Like everything in life, there are wrong ways and right ways to handle heat stroke:

First, prevention is the best cure. NEVER leave dogs unattended in any situation where they can overheat, such as a parked car, even with windows open. Dogs should also be monitored during excessive exercise, as certain dogs or breeds will continue to play hard, despite their bodies telling them to stop. Owners should be constantly aware of an excessively panting dog and/or sounds of harsh labored panting and breathing. These are sign that an immediate time-out period is needed, preferably in a cool, shaded, or air-conditioned area.

Even for those dogs that do not appear to be cooling down, it is never a good idea to douse them in an ice bath. Too much too soon can cause a potentially dangerous cascading chain of events. It is better to use cool water-soaked cloths or towels, along with fans or air conditioning. A trip to the veterinarian is always indicated for dogs exhibiting signs of heat stroke, as some signs may develop after the event.

Finally, ice cubes are not dangerous to dogs, per se. So, if you're thinking about offering an ice cube . . . chill. It's OK.

DOG QUOTES

"The very best thing about dogs is how they just know when you need them most, and they'll drop everything that they're doing to sit with you awhile."
Steven Rowley

"When an eighty-five pound mammal licks your tears away, then tries to sit on your lap, it's hard to feel sad."
Kristan Higgins

"People leave imprints on our lives, shaping who we become in much the same way that a symbol is pressed into the page of a book to tell you who it comes from. Dogs, however, leave paw prints on our lives and our souls, which are as unique as fingerprints in every way."
Ashly Lorenzana



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Secretary's Notice of GGDFA Meetings

The next General Meeting of the GGDFA will be **Tuesday, Aug 8th**, promptly at 7:30 pm PINE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 4200 NW 39TH AVE, Gainesville, FL

The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, **Aug 22nd**

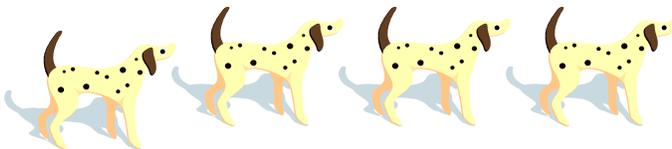
Training Classes

LOCATION:

OAK HALL SCHOOL - Covered and lighted
Tower Road , Gainesville

Obedience/Rally classes— Thursdays 6:00 pm
With Denise Gaboury 316-4543

Conformation classes—see Susie Keel—Facebook



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