



The Greater Gainesville Dog Fanciers' Association, Inc.

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Newsletter for Dog Lovers

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2nd Tuesday each month
PINE GROVE Baptist Church
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7:30 pm Gainesville, FL

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Happy New Year



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Housepassport1@gmail.com (321)262-7601

Donations for Basket "Raffle" at our January Show.

Proceeds for Paws On Parole

Need items or Loaded basket that will be offered at the Gainesville Show January 29 and 30 2022

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News From AKC

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Australian Kelpie

www.akc.org

Our new member Sam Hausauer brings Kelpies as his breed. Still very rare. And I thought I would give us an intro to the breed (Claire)

Australian Kelpie

The Australian Kelpie is a lithe, active dog, capable of untiring work. He is extremely intelligent, alert, and eager with unlimited energy.

As a herding dog, the Australian Kelpie is intensely loyal and devoted to duty. He has a natural instinct and aptitude for working in sheep, whether it be in open fields or enclosed yards. This breed originated from Collie type dogs imported from Scotland, but was developed to withstand the harsh heat and dry conditions of the vast open spaces of Australia.

What To Expect When Caring For an Australian Kelpie

Owning a dog ***is not just a privilege; it's a responsibility.*** They depend on us for, at minimum, food and shelter, and deserve much more. When you take a dog into your life, you need to understand the commitment that dog ownership entails.

Health

Most Australian Kelpies are healthy dogs. Working with a responsible breeder, those wishing to own a Kelpie can gain the education they need about specific health concerns. Good breeders utilize genetic testing of their breeding stock to reduce the likelihood of disease in their puppies.

Exercise

Australian Kelpies need a lot of exercise to be their happiest selves. A good jog or long workout combined with the mental exercise of obedience lessons should be done daily.

Kelpies prefer to have a job to do (they will try to herd other dogs, pets, even children), but they also have an 'off' switch. They can do a five-mile run, then settle on the couch with the family to watch a movie. Kelpies are not suited to apartment living as they need space for their limitless energy.

Training

Training for dog sports like agility, obedience and rally can be a great way to give your dog exercise. Kelpies are eager for a job to do, so giving them the mental exercise that training provides is a great way to keep them happy and involved.

Nutrition

The Australian Kelpie should do well on a high-quality dog food, whether commercially manufactured or home-prepared with your veterinarian's supervision and approval. Any diet should be appropriate to the dog's age (puppy, adult, or senior). Some dogs are prone to getting overweight, so watch your dog's calorie consumption and weight level. Treats can be an important aid in training, but giving too many can cause obesity. Learn about which human foods are safe for dogs, and which are not. Check with your vet if you have any concerns about your dog's weight or diet. Clean, fresh water should be available at all times.



International Dog Culture: How Canines Live Around the World

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For millennia, dogs have been companions to humans all over the world, from the steppes of Asia to the peaks of the Alps, from the deserts of North Africa to the shores of Newfoundland. In the United States, dogs are our beloved friends, valued workers, and team members in dog sports competitions and performance events.

So how does dog culture in other countries compare to our own? Here's a quick look at attitudes toward dogs across the globe.

Germany

Owners can take their dogs with them almost everywhere in Germany, including in most stores and inside many restaurants, as well as on the subway and even at many workplaces. To accomplish this, Germany has adopted strict regulations regarding care and training of *die Hunde*, and German society has high expectations of dog owners.

Germany has a no-kill policy; in fact, provisions for animal rights and protection are included in the country's constitution. German dog owners can expect to pay a dog tax, which is approximately \$140 per year for one dog and an additional \$210 annually for a second dog. In some German states, legislation requires dog owners to pass written and practical tests, much like applying for a driver's license. Germans expect dogs to be well behaved in public and at home. Gianluigi Riccio, when interviewed by NPR on this topic, likened the results—well-trained and well-socialized dogs—to “dog heaven.”

England

It's not unusual to see dogs nearly everywhere in England, too—in pubs, grocery stores, public transportation, and many shops and retail stores. Certified dog trainer and CGC evaluator Jacqui Foster, CPDT-KA, of Ren's Pups, LLC, has trained dogs in England and notes that the English “take their dogs seriously and training is a part of their everyday life. By taking them everywhere, I think both the dogs and their people learn to trust each other more, leading to a calmer, more confident team.”

Foster recalls being impressed with the behavior of a dog who was “parked (left in a sit-stay) outside of a little shop, and that dog stayed and waited on her human for about 5 minutes. She never wavered, just waited. Not tethered to anything, either.”

England's affection for dogs and other animals has a long history. According to historian Jane Hamlett, in 1824 Britain became the first country in the world to establish a welfare charity for animals. As Foster adds, “Dogs are considered a part of the family there and as such each has their job to do. I love the dog culture in England; they equip their lives, homes, and cars [to accommodate their dogs], and allow them to run free, knowing they will come back and check in because they've been training that since Day One.”

Sweden

Do you walk your *hund* often enough? Well, by Swedish law, you must do so at least every 6 hours. Indoor dogs must have a view from a window that provides sunlight. Dogs can travel with their owners on public transportation and are often allowed in workplaces.

As in England and Germany, the Swedes also place high priority on training their dogs and giving them a job to do. Becoming a member of a dog training club or association is encouraged, as is participation in dog sports and competitions.

Japan

The Japanese word for dog is *inu*—as in the Shiba Inu and the Japanese Akitainu, and domesticated dogs have been a feature of Japanese life since 10,000 BCE.

In Japan today, prepare to see plenty of dogs dressed up in one fashion or another—wearing a jacket or coat, a hair bow, sunglasses, or even jeans. Dog strollers abound, and dogs are welcome in certain dedicated restaurants, where they can even sit at the tables and dine with their owners.

In spite of this, however, only a minority of the country's population own dogs, and it can be hard to find a dog-friendly apartment in the crowded urban areas. Dogs that weigh more than 22 pounds aren't allowed on forms of public transportation like buses, trains, or taxis. Nor are dogs permitted off-leash in Japanese parks. According to dog owner Simon Denyer, not only do Japanese owners clean up after their dogs, they often have a water bottle with them called “manner water” that they use to wash down anything their dog has urinated on. Denyer reports that, in a society that reveres good manners and thoughtfulness toward others, some dog owners carry a mat with them so they can catch their dog's waste before it even hits the ground.

International Dog Culture (continued)

Australia

Indigenous communities in Australia have always held a special place for dogs, dating back to the arrival of the dingo approximately 5,000 years ago. In Aboriginal culture, Dreaming stories convey cultural values, tradition, and knowledge, and sacred locations known as dog Dreaming sites can be found across the Australian continent. In addition to providing physical protection, it is believed that dogs can provide spiritual protection against evil spirits, particularly at night.

This importance accorded to dogs appears to extend across Australia. When Australian dog-food manufacturer Scratch conducted "The Great Australian Dog Survey" in May 2020, in which 20,664 Australians participated, results showed that two-thirds of respondents reported spending more than 6 hours a day with their dogs. Half of those surveyed said they were willing to take a pay cut to spend more time with their dogs.

Three out of four of those who participated in the survey indicated that they choose breeds they believe to be reflective of their own personalities. As in the United States, the Labrador Retriever was identified as the most popular breed among those surveyed, so hopefully the owners are able to match this breed's famed friendly and good-natured personality!

Yasmine S. Ali, MD, is a cardiologist and writer in Tennessee, where she lives with two AKC-registered Canine Good Citizens who compete in multiple AKC sports.



Why Your Dog Follows You Everywhere, According to Behaviorists

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Read in Martha Stewart Living

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We love our pets, but we don't always understand why they do the things they do. Take licking, for example. While you may not understand your dog's desire to lick couch cushions and carpeting, there's actually scientific evidence that says pups lick just about everything for habitual reasons. What's more, our dogs lick our faces to show affection (or because they like the way we taste). But what does it mean when our dogs become our second shadows? If you've ever noticed that your four-legged friend follows you from room to room, we're here to demystify this behavior.

Imprinting

According to Jane MacMurchy, animal specialist and coordinator from [Animal Charity of Ohio](#), there are a couple of reasons why your dog is following you, and the first is imprinting. Canines are pack animals, and we, as their owners, are part of their pack—historically speaking, this symbiotic relationship dates back to when wolves were domesticated by mankind anywhere between 20,000 to 40,000 years ago. Today, young puppies up to six months of age can imprint on their owners and learn to read social cues as they would their birth mother; in evolution over time, they have even developed "puppy eyes" to convey their emotions with you

Positive Reinforcement

In a household of multiple people, there's a good chance your dog will become fixated on one person in particular. Oftentimes, it's the primary caregiver who provides meals, plays tug-of-war or a game of fetch, or even hands out delicious treats. This is another reason your dog might stay close to your side: positive reinforcement.

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Why Your Dog Follows You (cont)

Traits of the Breed

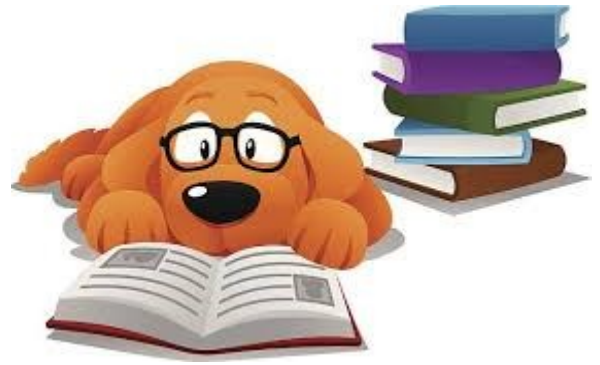
There is a tendency for certain dogs to over-attach to their owners, particularly those categorized in the working or herding groups; this includes the Labrador Retriever, German Shepherd, or Shetland Sheepdog, among others. Herding groups were bred to work side-by-side with their humans, so it's in your pup's DNA to stay by your side.

"Velcro" Attachment as Separation Anxiety

As more and more dogs have grown accustomed to their owners being home due to the pandemic, a newfound clinginess may be due to the interruption in their daily routine. When your dog is suddenly following you everywhere, this can be a sign of boredom or anxiety. Think about it: If the highlight of your dog's day is watching you walk around the house, it's time for some mental stimulation for your pet. After all, watching your sweep the floor gets old, fast.

"We always recommend activities for your dog that can allow them to safely exercise their minds," says MacMurchy. "We recommend activities like frozen Kongs, snuffle mats, or puzzle toys." Mentally stimulating activities such as these can alleviate boredom and decrease anxiety in your dog. Furthermore, MacMurchy says to dedicate a consistent amount of time to bond with your dog. This can be a simple ear rub, walk, or a game of fetch done so sporadically throughout the day spent at home.

However, if you notice an uptick in your pet's anxiety and they are following you in a nervous manner, our expert suggests consulting your veterinarian to get to the root of the problem.



*GGDFA meetings for December
No actual meeting—Pot Luck Holiday dinner*

Reading for new membership—Sam Hausauer.

Awards Needed

Each year we acknowledge AKC Titles won by our members fur-children.

Copy the Certificate and send or give copy to Denise Gaboury.

Special plaques will be awarded later this year.

We are doing both 2020 and 2021. We need the documentation sent in by ***April*** Please!!

Any questions please let us know.



Dogs provide so much love and happiness, and in the process, make our lives better. For pup parents, it's plain and simple.

www.mydogsname.com/dog-best-friend-quotes/

**"Happiness is a warm puppy."
— Charles Schultz**

Should Your Dog Sleep With You?

Apple News

When the time comes to go to sleep, many of us have different routines to wind down. Some of us wash our take a shower, read a book, put our kids to sleep, or curl up with our dogs on the bed while watching a movie. Personally, there is nothing I enjoy more than sleeping with my dog every night.

Some people think I'm crazy, but according to a new survey conducted by the American Kennel Club found that of the 60 million US households that own a dog, 45% of dog owners allow their pets to sleep in bed with them.

And it turns out that there are some science-backed benefits as well!

A study conducted by the Mayo Clinic found that adults without sleep disorders had absolutely no negative effects on their sleeping patterns – no matter the size of the dog.

The Journal of Behavioral Medicine conducted a study that measured the blood pressure of 60 male and female participants while they either pet a dog or talked to someone else.

The results show that people's blood pressure was the lowest while they were petting a dog when compared to talking to someone else. So make sure to pet your dog before going to sleep to relax a bit.

Some research has shown that interacting your dog can decrease cortisol levels and increase oxytocin. Cortisol is a hormone that causes stress in the body, while oxytocin is a hormone that increases pleasant feelings in the body. Basically, just being around your pet makes your chill out.

One of my favorite reasons to sleep in bed with my dog is because they help me stay warm. Any dog owner that lives in a colder climate can attest that dogs are great heaters.

I also feel so much safer when I sleep in bed with my dog. She is always the first one to know if someone is at the door – sort of like a built-in security system.

So the next time you are about to jump into your bed, make sure to bring your dog for a cuddle session.



8 signs that show how much your dog really loves you

By Gabrielle LaFrank

Whether tall and lanky or small and pudgy, dogs have a nearly endless supply of love to give, especially when it comes to their owners and friends (no matter what species). Dogs are eager to love their human companions (sometimes so much that they can't bear to be apart), and they show it in lots of different ways.

In fact, you may be surprised by all the ways your fur baby shows their affection—it's in the smallest of details! Some may be more obvious, from tail wags to the best welcome wagon on four paws, but others you may have never considered.

There are dozens (if not hundreds) of ways to recognize a happy pup; we don't have the time to go over them all. However, these eight telltale signs your dog loves you are some of our favorites, and they're guaranteed to make you smile, laugh, and better recognize your own pup's love language

1. Your dog follows you everywhere

Whether you find it cute or annoying to have a four-legged shadow following you around the house, you can at least enjoy knowing that your dog's close proximity is a sign of their love. Dogs are pack animals, so they instinctually enjoy hanging out with the people and pups they're closest to. That includes you!

The Kennel Club UK notes that when a dog follows you around, it's because they trust and love you. They stick with you because you make them feel safe, so you must be doing something right.

2. Eye contact

Just think about how awkward, or even aggressive, it can feel to meet someone's stare. It's the same for dogs, according to Blue Cross For Pets. Sometimes, two dogs who make eye contact will use it as a way to determine dominance. The alpha dog will continue to stare until the submissive pup averts their gaze.

Alternatively, dogs who willingly make eye contact with a relaxed, even squinting gaze are looking at you with an aura of love. How sweet!

Your Dog really loves you (continued)

3. Your dog lies with their back to you

When facing away from you, whether sitting or lying down, your dog is showing an immense amount of trust. This is a vulnerable position, as an animal's backside is their least-guarded area.

Whether your dog is sleeping or awake, no matter their position, you can know there's a reason he's so relaxed in your presence.

4. Wags and wiggles

We all know that a wagging tail can be a sign of a happy pup, but you can be especially sure of this if your dog's whole body has a wiggle to it.

Blue Cross For Pets explains that a circular tail wag is the ultimate sign of happiness—it's reserved only for extra exciting people and occasions. You absolutely fit into that category!

5. Your dog leans on you

Ah, yes, the lean. Whether expected or not, it's always so sweet to feel the weight of your dog as he slowly leans more and more against you. It's usually the start of a great snuggle sesh, but did you know it's also your dog's way of asking for affection?

[Dr. Patty Khuly, VMD](#), told VetStreet, "Dogs love to cuddle. And if the person you want to cuddle with is always sitting and standing, then cuddling takes the form of leaning on her or sitting on her shoes as she taps away at the keyboard."

6. Your pup likes to sleep next to you

If your dog chooses to sleep in your bed or snuggled up on your chest, you should feel honored. VCA Hospital notes that [dogs only do this with their pack](#)—the ones they trust with their safety, even their lives.

Even if they don't come in for a snuggle, it's a great sign when your dog takes a nap in close proximity to you. Animals let their guard down when they sleep, so you can be sure your pup trusts you if he decides to snooze near you.

7. They bring you presents

You may not think much of a dog toy, but it's one of your pup's prized possessions. When they present one to you at playtime, or just because, it's not for any old reason, says VCA Hospitals. They're sharing something that makes them happy in an attempt to help you feel happy and included too. Good dog!

8. Greeting you at the door

Don't you love when your pup meets you at the door when you come home? The wiggles, the tail wags, and all the scratches—turns out, your dog loves it too!

Even if your four-legged friend runs to the door every time they hear a noise, there's no way every little sound gets such an excited reaction from your dog. Just think of all the happy snuggles you get when you come home. There's no way your dog doesn't love you.

Show your love in return

From little things like eye contact to larger gestures like giving gifts, there are so many ways your dog can show their love. Don't forget to return the favor by bonding with your fur baby, too, whether you try out some obedience training or take on a new hike together. Even a good snuggle will help strengthen your bond. After all, if your pup is showing you all this love, it's only fair you make sure he knows you love him too!



January Pet Holidays

Published [2022 Pet Holidays](#) | [Pet Sitters International](#)

Month-Long Celebrations

National Train Your Dog Month

Walk Your Dog Month/Pet Months

Day Celebrations

January 1: New Year's Day

January 2: National Pet Travel Safety Day; Happy Mew Year for Cats Day

January 14: National Dress Up Your Pet Day

January 24: Change a Pet's Life Day; National Peanut Butter Day

January 25: National Plan for Vacation Day



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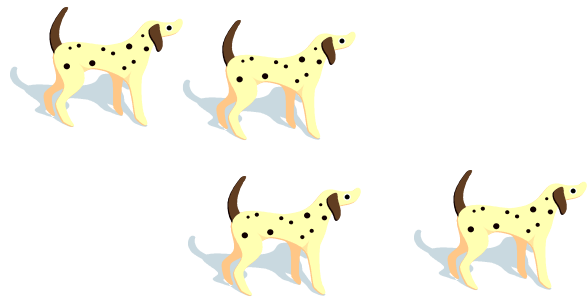
Secretary's Notice of GGDFA Meetings

The next General Meeting of the GGDFA club will be
Tuesday, 01/ 11 —7:30

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday 01/11 —6:45

There WILL **NOT** HAVE A ZOOM MEETING set up. Normal:
Church Location:

PINE GROVE Baptist Church
4200 NW 39th Ave, Gainesville, FL



Training Classes Contact:

Denise Gaboury 316-4543

LOCATION:

OAK HALL SCHOOL - Covered and lighted
Tower Road , Gainesville

Obedience/Rally classes— THURSDAYS 6:00 pm
Conformation classes—Call to make arrangements

Training Classes Contact:

Jeremy White 445-8873

LOCATION:

PINE GROVE Baptist Church
4200 NW 39th Ave
Gainesville, FL

Conformation Classes — SATURDAYS 9:30am
Goal is twice a month—call to make arrangements