



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

Board Meeting Dates:

2nd Tuesday each month

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Everyone thinks they
have the best dog. And
none of them are
wrong.

News From AKC

Published www.akc.org



We have a 2022 Westminster Dog Show Best in Show winner!

Say hello to Trumpet the Bloodhound, an absolutely beautiful dog with an adorable wrinkly face that didn't appear to react much when it won, but you just knew that Trumpet was excited to have claimed victory over some other incredible pups competing in the annual New York-based show.



Canine Heat Injury *Fast Facts*

Veterinary Tactical Group



www.vettacgroup.com

1. Body temperature is not a good predictor of heat injury in dogs. That is, the number alone can't tell you if a dog is getting "too hot."

Some athletic dogs can tolerate working temperature of 106° F and higher, while less fit dogs may suffer severe heat stroke at those temperatures. The best predictor of getting "too hot" is their behavior: uncontrollable panting, tongue hanging out and "floppy:" (look for subtle loss of muscle tone in the tongue), slow to respond or ignoring commands, shade seeking, subtle loss of coordination like small stumbling or tripping.

2. When a dog incurs heat injury, *rapid cooling* is the most important life- saving step.

There's an unfortunate myth that "cooling too fast could put them into shock." They have heat stroke: they are already in shock! In heat stroke, BODY HEAT is the immediate life-threat: there is **no benefit** to leaving them HOT for an extended time. By doing this you are essentially allowing the life-threatening problem to continue "cooking" and causing further harm to the dog.

3. Cooling methods: Ice water is okay, wet towels are okay. Anything that is cooler than the dog is okay!

Another unfortunate set of myths is that certain cooling methods are harmful, slow down cooling, or even cause the dog to get warmer. Some methods of cooling *are* faster than others, and we recommend using those if available (cold/cool running water, water troughs, ice water, etc.) but in reality, anything that is colder than the dog will cause the dog to cool down to some degree. Wet towels do trap in tiny bit of heat ("wetsuit effect") but cannot actually cause the dog to get warmer. Ice water on the skin does cause some vasoconstriction but not enough to slow cooling or cause any other significant medical complications. Cool the dog down with whatever you have available in your immediate environment. Stop cooling at 104° F (40° C) ("Safe temperature") and continue monitoring the dog's temperature as they may drop below normal (below 99° F/ 37.2° C) and need to be rewarmed to keep within a normal range.

4. Cool first, then transport.

A 10-minute trip to the veterinarian without first cooling to "safe temperature" (104° F /40° C) is ten minutes longer that you've let the dog "cook." If you don't have a thermometer, allow at least five minutes of any rapid cooling technique before transport. Remember excessive **body heat** is the immediate threat to life. The veterinarian is no more skilled at hosing down a dog than you are in the field! Veterinary treatments like IV fluids and antibiotics are secondary treatments that are important, but not intended to stop the *immediate life-threat*. You can do the best life-saving treatment with rapid, immediate cooling.

CATARACTS IN DOGS

By Malcolm Weir, DVM, MSc, MPH; Ernest Ward, DVM

Published: VCAHOSPITALS.com
Contributed by Denise Gaboury

What is a cataract?

Inside the eye is a lens that focuses light on the back of the eye or the retina. Vision occurs at the retina. The structure of the eye is similar to a camera, which has a lens to focus light on the film. A cloudy or opaque lens is called a cataract.

What causes cataracts?

The most common cause of cataracts in the dog is inherited disease. Other causes include injuries to the eye or diseases such as diabetes mellitus ("sugar diabetes"). Some cataracts appear to occur spontaneously and are age related.

Are some breeds more prone than others?

Hereditary cataracts can affect many breeds of dogs. Breeds that are considered to be more susceptible to cataracts include the American Cocker Spaniel, Labrador Retriever, French Poodle, Boston Terrier and the Welsh Springer Spaniel to name a few.

Will my dog go blind?

If cataracts occupy less than 30% of the lens or if only one lens is affected, they rarely cause diminished vision. When the opacity covers about 60% of the total lens area, visual impairment often becomes apparent. If the opacity progresses to 100% of the lens, the dog will be blind in the affected eye. However, whether the cataract remains static or progresses will depend on the type of cataract, the breed and other risk factors.

Cataracts may also be described as incipient, immature, mature, and hypermature.

Incipient – so small it often requires magnification to diagnose. These involve less than 15% of the lens and cause no visual deficits.

Immature – involves greater than 15% of the lens and often involves multiple layers of the lens or different areas. The retina can still be seen during examination and visual deficits are typically mild.

Mature – involve the entire lens and the retina cannot be seen during examination. Visual deficits are often significant with blindness or near-blindness often observed.

Hypermature – the lens begins to shrink and the lens capsule appears wrinkled. Lens-induced uveitis (inflammation within the eye) often occurs at this stage.

Can anything be done to prevent my dog from going blind?

"Veterinary ophthalmologists can surgically remove cataracts and restore failing vision..."

Veterinary ophthalmologists can surgically remove cataracts and restore failing vision caused by cataracts in your pet. Most pets have few complications and return to normal activity, running and playing within just a few days of the surgery. Your veterinarian can arrange a referral appointment to an ophthalmologist to further evaluate your pet's condition and determine appropriate treatment options.

To date, no topical medications (i.e., drops) have been shown to delay cataract progression, although topical aldose reductase inhibitors (ARIs) have shown some effectiveness in cataracts brought on by diabetes. These drugs may be prohibitively expensive, however, and must be given every 8-12 hours with no interruption in treatment to be effective.

How old will my dog be if he does go blind?

Since cataracts often have a hereditary cause, cataract progression varies from breed to breed and individual to individual. Cataracts may develop relatively early in life in some breeds; in others, the first signs are detected when the dog is older and progression is so slow that dogs still have reasonable sight well into old age.

If the condition is hereditary, what can be done to prevent it from being passed on?

"Prevention is better than cure."

This is a situation where prevention is better than cure. Many veterinary ophthalmologists offer Eye Certification Programs that offer breeders the opportunity to screen their breeding stock and make sure they are producing disease-free puppies.



WHAT COLORS CAN DOGS SEE?

Published: Dogster.com
Victoria Arnold

What colors can dogs see?

Although dogs don't get to enjoy the entire rainbow of colors like humans do, they can see certain colors like yellow and blue, plus shades of gray.

So if you were you ever told that dogs can see only in black and white, this isn't actually true.

The colors that humans and dogs see is determined by nerve cells in their eyes called cones. Humans have three cones that discern combinations of red, green and blue. Dogs have only two cones that identify shades of blue and yellow. This two colored, or dichromatic, vision makes a dog's perceived colors less bright and vibrant than ours. However, the bonus for dogs is that they actually have more rods in their retinas than humans do. Rods detect motion and different levels of light.

This is why they can see better in darker lighting, and why they often see small critters moving around that humans don't notice. Dogs use both color and brightness level to see the world around them.

What color toys should you buy for your dog?

To help your dog see his toys clearer and brighter, pick toys that are shades of blue or yellow. Buy blue or yellow toys for your pup since dogs can see colors like shades of gray, blue and yellow.

If you throw a red ball or frisbee out into the yard for your pup, he will have a harder time finding it because both the grass and the red ball could appear grayish to him. But, if you throw a blue or yellow toy, he will more easily distinguish between the colors.

What colors should you stay away from if your dog is hard of seeing?

If your dog already has vision problems, whether from old age or a health problem, avoid:

red
green
purple
orange
Pink

By giving your dog blue and yellow products, he'll love those toys, blankets, crates and bedding even more.

Can dogs see TV?

Yes! Dogs can not only see what's on the TV, but they might even enjoy watching it. While your dog may not follow the plotline of your favorite show, he'll enjoy the light, motion, colors and sounds, especially nature and other animal sounds.

Some dogs may even start barking when they see or hear another dog on TV. If dogs on the screen stress out your dog, avoid any shows or movies with dogs when your pup is in the room.

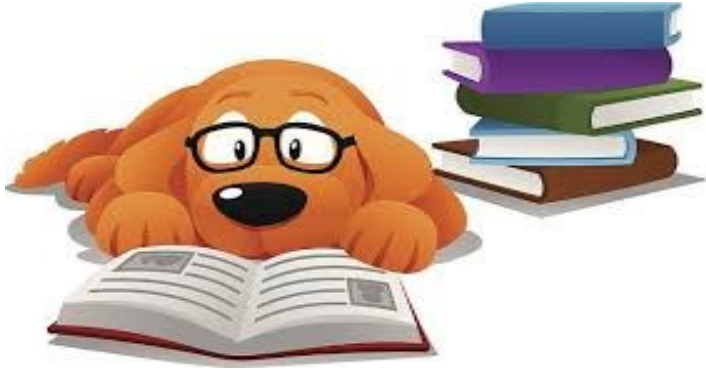
What TV shows do dogs like?

Did you know there are TV shows and streaming services that are created just for dogs? The most popular one is DOGTV. This company has scientifically created programs to enrich your dog's environment and expose them to new stimuli. The colors, movement and sounds are strategically planned for your dog's senses. You can also find videos on YouTube made especially for dogs to watch.

Victoria Arnold

Victoria Arnold is a freelance copywriter for the dog industry with two furbabies of her own. She's passionate about healthy dog care, training and helping dog pare





GGDFA Meetings - 5/10/2022

Board Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Denise, Sue, Marge, Kathy, Jeremy, Pam, Claire, Doris

Board meeting called to order at 6:51 pm.

Six members in attendance. Pam, Marge, Denise, Sue, Doris and Claire.

Minutes read from 4/12 and approved by Sue and Doris

LIZ IS MISSED!

Treasurer's Report

4/28 Balancers: Money Market 63,300.88
Money Market 26,052.18
Checking 83,896.07

Paid Corporation fee \$70.00

Received \$1000 from AKCTV

Working on issue received notice of overdue taxes 669.27 Sent to Accountant

Miscellaneous Discussion

Review email from Susan Tipton about

Paypal use fees

Suggestion to look at Venmo as well.

Working on setting up joint meeting of The BOD and Show Committee meeting to discuss rules to avoid future miscommunication. And make sure all assignments are covered.

Jeremy and Claire to work on web resource page.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kathy. Sue seconded/

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

General Meeting

Meeting began at 7:33pm

Read minutes from last meeting. Minutes approved by Jeremy and Marge.

Doris did a Treasurer's recap.

Discussed some issues that need to be decided about the show, These are deferred until that planned show committee meeting.

Doris to look at Hobby Lobby for Shadow box cost.

Readings:

Michele Peel

April Albert

Still would like folks to send me recent brags so I can do a brag flyer and let folks see what others are up to with there fur kids

Yearly Awards planned for June Meeting by Denise.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:43pm by Suean and Doris

Respectfully submitted by Claire Hedrick.

GGDFA Meeting—06-14-22

Board Meeting begins 6:45.

Not enough attendance for QUORUM. Attending Denise, Marge, Jeremy and Claire

Minutes read from last meeting.

Treasurer's report sent in by Doris for 5/31.

Money Market Accounts:

61,301.40

66,052.63

General Meeting adjourned 7:45 Jeremy and Marge.



The Power Of The Dog



By Rudyard Kipling

There is sorrow enough in the natural way
From men and women to fill our day;
And when we are certain of sorrow in store,
Why do we always arrange for more?
Brothers and Sisters, I bid you beware
Of giving your heart to a dog to tear.

Buy a pup and your money will buy
Love unflinching that cannot lie—
Perfect passion and worship fed
By a kick in the ribs or a pat on the head.
Nevertheless it is hardly fair
To risk your heart for a dog to tear.

When the fourteen years which Nature permits
Are closing in asthma, or tumour, or fits,
And the vet's unspoken prescription runs
To lethal chambers or loaded guns,
Then you will find—it's your own affair—
But ... you've given your heart to a dog to tear.

When the body that lived at your single will,
With its whimper of welcome, is stilled (how still!).
When the spirit that answered your every mood
Is gone—wherever it goes—for good,
You will discover how much you care,
And will give your heart to a dog to tear.

We've sorrow enough in the natural way,
When it comes to burying Christian clay.



July Pet Holidays

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

Month-Long Celebrationss

- Lost Pet Prevention Month
- National Pet Hydration Awareness Month

Week Celebrations

Day Celebrations

July 1: ID Your Pet Day

July 10: National Kitten Day

July 11: All-American Pet Photo Day

July 15: I Love Horses Day; National Pet Fire Safety Day

July 16: World Snake Day

July 21: National Craft for Your Local Shelters Day; Get to Know Your Customers Day

July 30: International Day of Friendship

July 31: National Mutt Day



"Properly trained, a man can be dog's best friend."—Corey Ford

"The average dog is nicer than the average person."—Andy Rooney



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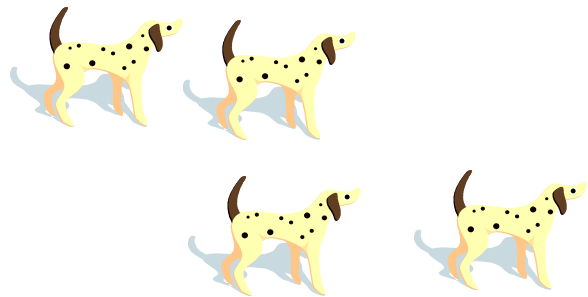
Secretary's Notice of GGDFA Meetings

The next General Meeting of the GGDFA club will be
Tuesday, 07/12—7:30

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday 07/12/10 —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