



# 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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2nd Tuesday each month

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## **News From AKC**

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### **Bracco Italiano**

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"We at the AKC are thrilled to welcome our 200th breed to the registry," said Gina DiNardo, AKC Executive Secretary.

"The Bracco Italiano is a strong, active, and sturdy breed of dog that would make a great companion for active families. The breed loves people and would be best suited for a family that can give it the love and attention it needs. We always encourage people to do their research to find the right breed for their lifestyle."

Joining the Sporting Group, the Bracco Italiano is an ancient breed. It is one of two native gundogs from Italy, and its history reaches back to the fourth or fifth century. The Bracco Italiano is a hunter, pointer, and retriever developed to accommodate the hunters' needs. Bracchi are tireless in the field.

They are powerful and need daily exercise. They also thrive on human companionship and are loyal, affectionate, and playful. These dogs are known to be sensitive and gentle-natured and become close friends with children. Their short coats are easily maintained, requiring only a few minutes of brushing each week to keep the coat in good condition.

AKC Recognition offers the breed the opportunity to compete at all levels of AKC sports and events, as there are over 22,000 held each year. A breed that is newly recognized does not mean that the breed is newly created. Many breeds that gain full AKC recognition have existed for decades, and some are ancient.

To become an AKC-recognized breed, there must be an active following and interest in the breed by owners in the U.S. and an established breed club of responsible owners and breeders. There also must be a sufficient population of dogs in the United States geographically distributed throughout the country. Breeds working towards full recognition are recorded in AKC's Foundation Stock Service® (FSS®). Additional information on the process can be found at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)



### **Canine Cool-Downs**

Dogs have behavioral tricks they use to keep cool. Obviously seeking shade is helpful, as is stretching out flat on a tile floor, looking like a pelt with their belly to the ground and their paws splayed out. The fur on the dog's belly is thinner than the fur on the upper part of their body, so the cool ceramic floor helps lower their body temperature.

In the absence of a cool floor, dogs may roll over onto their backs, exposing their underside. It's another way to take advantage of that thin belly fur, since it gives a chance for the cooler outside air to draw away some of their internal body heat.

Unfortunately, none of these canine cooling methods are as effective as sweating is for humans. This means that dogs are at risk of heat stress and, more dangerously, [heatstroke](#), as the body temperature rises to life-threatening levels.

The best strategy is to simply avoid situations where your dog might overheat. That means keeping your dog indoors during the hottest parts of the day and making sure that he has lots of water to drink. [Cooling mats, vests](#), frozen water bottles in your dog's crate, and crate fans [can help cool your dog](#) while on the road or at dog-sport events. One of my favorite tricks is to freeze an ice cube tray full of chicken bouillon and toss one of these [frozen "pupsicles"](#) to my dog to help keep him cool and hydrated on hot days.

# What Are Dog Contact Lenses

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Contributed by Denise Gaboury

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If you're lucky enough to be a dog parent, you know that dogs are man's best friend for a reason. Dogs are always happy to see you when you come home, don't care whether or not you're a good cook, and don't judge your outfits. To celebrate Walk Your Dog Month, we're taking a look — no pun intended — at doggy vision correction.

## Can Dogs Wear Contact Lenses?

When we think about a dog's eyes, we don't typically think about dog contact lenses or glasses for corrective vision. However, you may be surprised to hear that not only do dog contact lenses exist, but they can also do more than improve your pet's vision. The most common use for contact lenses on pets is as a bandage. When a dog's cornea is scratched or damaged, vets may place a soft contact lens on their eye to help protect it while it heals. This procedure helps protect the eye from further damage and irritation and promote healing to avoid expensive surgeries.

Though you shouldn't expect to see your neighbor's beagle walking down the street in Ray-Bans any time soon, there are some pretty cool examples of dogs wearing glasses and contacts. Most famously, a doctor prescribed a senior pit bull named Gremlin a pair of contact lenses to correct her vision after complications from cataracts.

## Dog Eye Problems

If you notice your pet is bumping into things, it may be due to cataracts. Cataracts cause a white cloud to appear in your pet's eye, severely impacting their vision. If your dog has a healthy retina, a certified veterinary ophthalmologist may remove the cataract and implant an artificial dog contact lens. Although still reasonably uncommon, this procedure can restore up to 90% of your dog's vision.

Entropion is another condition that your dog may experience that can result in damage to the eyes. In dogs with entropion, one eyelid, typically the lower eyelid, is folded inward, causing the eyelashes and skin to contact the eyeball. Although entropion typically requires surgical correction, your veterinarian may suggest using dog contact lenses to reduce irritation if the case is mild.

## Does My Dog Need Glasses?



Like humans, dogs can benefit from wearing protective eyeglasses during everyday activities such as car rides, hiking, and swimming. However, teaching your dog to wear a pair of sunglasses or a scuba mask may be challenging.

Thankfully, there's a better solution.

Aptly named Doggles, these specially made goggles help protect your pet's vision in sunny weather. Doggles are also a great choice if your pet likes to stick its head out the window of your car. Objects such as dirt, rocks, and pieces of leaves can come into contact with your pet's eyes, causing severe damage. These special glasses are also available with corrective lenses to help improve your pet's vision. A veterinarian or vet ophthalmologist can use an autorefractor to determine your dog's prescription. Teaching your dog to wear Doggles can be a quick and easy way to keep your furry best friend safe while allowing them to enjoy the activities they love.





# Can Dogs Get Sunburned

Published: PetMD Editorial  
Vet Reviewed Jennifer Coates, DVM

Reviewed and updated on June 1, 2020 by Dr. Jennifer Coates, DVM

Whether we're hitting the beach, taking the field at a ball game, or simply heading out for a walk, we know that during the summer months, wearing sunscreen is key to our health and safety. But what about our four-legged friends?

In addition to providing your dog with access to shade and hydration during the summer months, sunscreen should be part of your warm-weather care routine.

## Should I Worry About My Dog Getting Sunburned?

Just like us, dogs can get burned from sun exposure, particularly on parts of the body that are sparsely covered with hair.

Millie Rosales DVM, DACVD, of Miami Veterinary Dermatology, says that a sunburned dog can suffer from red, inflamed skin that becomes irritated and painful. Sunburns on dogs can also lead to hair loss and scaly skin.

## Do Dogs Need Sunscreen?

Yes, you should put sunscreen on your dog.

"It's actually very important to put sunscreen on dogs, especially those with light skin and white fur or hair," says Richard Goldstein, DVM, and chief medical officer of the Animal Medical Center in New York City. "A dog's skin can be damaged by the sun just like our own, so they require the same protection against the development of sunburn and skin cancer."

Dr. Rosales points out that the types of skin cancer in dogs that can be associated with sun exposure include:

Squamous cell carcinoma

Malignant melanomas

Hemangiomas

Hemangiosarcomas

She urges that if a dog has to be outdoors during peak sun exposure hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), sunscreen should be reapplied to sun-sensitive areas of the body—the nose, around the lips, tips of the ears, the groin, and the belly—throughout the day.

Dr. Goldstein says if the dog has gone swimming, the sunscreen should be immediately reapplied.

## What Is the Best Sunscreen for Dogs?

The safest and most effective sunscreen to put on your dogs is one that is specifically designed for canine use, says Dr. Rosales. These sunscreens are designed with dogs in mind and don't pose any health risks.

If dog sunscreen isn't available, Dr. Goldstein says that pet parents can purchase a broad-spectrum sunscreen for babies and children with an SPF of 15 or higher.

## Make Sure It Is Pet-Friendly

It's EXTREMELY important for pet parents to read the labels on baby sunscreen before applying it, since dogs may lick their skin and accidentally ingest the sunscreen, many of which contain ingredients that are potentially toxic if ingested.

"When choosing baby sunscreen, pet owners should choose a fragrance-free product that doesn't contain zinc oxide," Dr. Rosales explains. "Ingestion of zinc oxide can lead to hemolytic anemia."

Titanium dioxide is widely regarded as being a safe active ingredient in sunscreens for dogs, but when in doubt, ask your veterinarian for a recommendation. Never apply tanning lotions or oils to your pet.

## How to Apply Your Dog's Sunscreen

"Pet owners may want to apply the sunscreen to a small area on the body first to see if it causes a reaction before using it all over the body," Dr. Rosales says. She adds, "When applying sunscreen to the face region, it is important to be careful with it getting into the eyes."

After applying sunscreen, allow the lotion or cream to soak in or set for several minutes, and monitor your dog to be sure they doesn't lick it, says Dr. Rosales.

## Which Dog Breeds Are More Likely to Get Sunburned?

"White dogs with short hair, like Bull Terriers, Pit Bulls, Dalmatians, French Bulldogs, Greyhounds, and Boxers, are more susceptible to sunburn than dogs with darker skin and thicker coats," Dr. Goldstein points out.

Still, even though these breeds are more likely to burn, all pet parents should consider the use of sunscreen for their dogs in the summer.

## Can Dogs Get Sunburned (continued)

### Additional Heat and Sun Protection for Dogs

If your dog has to be outside during peak sun hours, you can also utilize accessories like bodysuits, shirts, and hats with ultraviolet protection to prevent sunburns. Dog goggles can also be used to protect your pet's eyes from the sun, which is particularly important if your dog has been diagnosed with an eye disease known as pannus.

### Tips to Protect Your Dog From Sun Exposure and Heatstroke

While adding sunscreen to your dog's summertime safety routine is a good idea, you should still be aware of the risks associated with excessive sun exposure.

In addition to potential sunburns, dogs can also experience heatstroke in the summer. Making sure your dog has access to water and shade is an essential part of keeping your pet safe on hot days. "The use of sunscreen should not give pet owners the sense of security that their pet will not get skin cancer," Rosales says. "Keeping a dog indoors from 10 am to 4 pm is the best way to protect from the sun's harmful rays."



### AUGUST Meeting 8/9

This is a reminder that the Dog Club meeting on 8/9 will be our annual Pot-luck dinner together instead of a meeting.

We will have an update where **Arvind** will give us status us on the show and **Claire and Sue Sutton** will discuss how we are handling trophies.

Please RSVP as the club will purchase some meat items based on how many of us are coming. Then you will provide potluck items PLEASE.

This is also one of the two times a year we bring food items to be Donated to St. Francis clinic. Bring dog canned food or dry bag food.

## August Pet Holidays

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

### *Month-Long Celebrations*

- National Immunization Awareness Month
- National Wellness Month
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### *Week Celebrations*

**August 7-13:** International Assistance Dog Week

### *Day Celebrations*

**August 1:** DOGust Universal Birthday for Shelter Dogs

**August 5:** Work Like a Dog Day

**August 8:** International Cat Day

**August 10:** Spoil Your Dog Day

**August 15:** Check the Chip Day

**August 17:** National Black Cat Appreciation Day

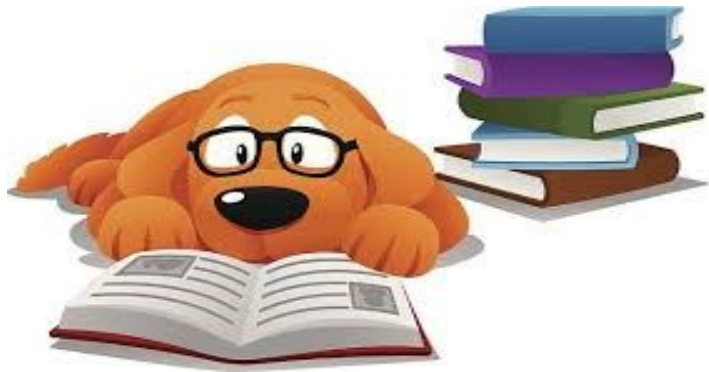
**August 20:** International Homeless Animals' Day®

**August 23:** International Blind Dog Day

**August 26:** National Dog Day

**August 28:** Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day





## **GGDFA Meetings - 7/12/2022**

### **GGDFA Minutes 07\_12\_22**

#### **Board Meeting**

#### **ATTENDEES:**

Pam, Marge, Jeremy, Denise Claire

Board meeting called to order at 6:49 pm.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

5/31 Balances:

Money Market 66,050.67

Money Market 61,301.90

Checking 43753.82

Working on issue received notice of overdue taxes 669.27

Jeremy and Claire still need to work on web resource page.

#### **Show Update**

Need to check with Arvind about Connie Sager and Mike Scott.

Contracts done including AKC Applications and MBF Contract

Still negotiating GODC contract price related to Environmental.

Trophies and Hospitality discussions. Kathy Davis will be working on Judges hotel gifts with Arvind.

Reminder from Susan Iserhardt to start thinking of Raffle basket donations.

Discussion of potluck versus restaurant for August Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jeremy. Marge seconded/

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

#### **General Meeting**

Meeting began at 7:30pm

No meeting minutes for June not enough members for meeting.

Discussed

For today's meeting Denise did a Treasurer's recap and reviewed

Show items recap for general meeting.

Denise wants folks to start thinking of events we can have for fun and possible new members.

#### **Readings:**

Anne Lowery

Christine Klockerbrink

Tom Klockerbrink

Stephanie Sellers

Katelyn Martin

Bonnie Sharp

Caitlyn Johnson

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22pm by Susan and Macy.

Respectfully submitted by Claire Hedrick.





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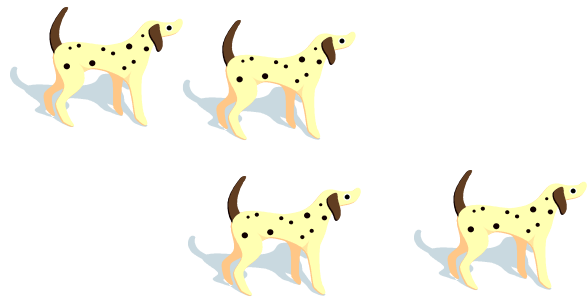
#### Secretary's Notice of GGDFA Meetings

The next General Meeting of the GGDFA club will be  
**Tuesday, 08/09—7:30**

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday 08/09 —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