



The Greater Gainesville Dog Fanciers' Association, Inc.

December 2022

Newsletter for Dog Lovers

G.G.D.F.A.

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www.ggdfa.org

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

Club Officers

President — Denise Gaboury
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2nd VP — Kathy Davis
Secretary — Liz Mignin
Treasurer — Doris Horton

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Claire Hedrick
Marge Saucier
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Jeremy White

Newsletter Editor

Claire Hedrick

Membership Chair

Kathy Davis

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER MEETING—12/13/2022

HOLIDAY POT LUCK And Gift exchange

Bring a favorite item to share. The meeting location same as normal general meeting. Pine Grove Baptist Church.

Also bring a gift if you want to participate in a gift exchange. This is not required ONLY if you want to join in. Gift should be around \$15-20

We are also doing our annual St Francis Pet Clinic food drive. If you can participate please bring dry dog food bags or canned dog food.

Denise Gaboury 316-4543

or Claire Hedrick 339-6208 if questions.



News From AKC

Published www.akc.org



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AKC FIT DOG

Now more than ever, fitness is important for both dogs and people. The most commonly recommended exercise to improve fitness is walking. Walking is considered a safe activity that improves muscular strength, circulation, memory, weight loss, increases energy, helps with sleep, and reduces stress. The American Heart Association recommends walking a minimum of 150 minutes per week. Participation in the AKC FIT DOG program will bring health benefits to both you and your dog.

If you walk with your dog on a regular basis, join the ranks of AKC FIT DOG and get your free (5-3/4 inches) FIT DOG logo car magnet.

The AKC FIT DOG magnet proudly declares to the world that you are committed to your dog's health and fitness through regular exercise.

NEW! We are pleased to announce the development of AKC FIT DOG Clubs!

September 2018, AKC launched the AKC FIT DOG program where dog owners who walk a specified distance with their dogs can receive a free AKC FIT DOG car magnet. It has been a great success and now the program has expanded to recognize AKC FIT DOG Clubs! These are local groups which meet and accomplish certain fitness goals together with their dogs.

Groups that may be approved as AKC FIT DOG clubs include: AKC clubs, independent dog training schools, and other dog related clubs and organizations.

To promote health and fitness for dogs and their owners, AKC FIT DOG clubs will:

1. Conduct at least 4 group fitness walks per year, or
2. Conduct regularly scheduled canine fitness/conditioning classes.

In the fitness walks and classes, dogs and owners may participate at their own individual skill level.

Groups that are approved as AKC FIT DOG clubs will receive a free banner with the AKC logo and the club's name

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Can Dogs Eat Turkey?

[Published www.hillspet.com](http://www.hillspet.com)

It can be tempting to share a juicy slice of turkey with your meat-loving pup, especially around Thanksgiving. But can dogs eat turkey safely? Read on to learn why it's usually not in your dog's best interest to share your turkey meat and why dogs and turkey bones are a dangerous mix.

You may have noticed that turkey is a common ingredient in dog treats and dog food. Skinless, unseasoned white turkey meat that's been properly cooked is actually fine for dogs to consume in small amounts. Ground turkey, as long as it's plain and has no additives, is also perfectly healthy for dogs.

The problem with feeding turkey to dogs isn't the meat itself. According to the **American Kennel Club**, here's why you shouldn't share turkey with your pooch:

The fat in turkey skin may cause pancreatitis, a condition in which the pancreas becomes inflamed and swollen. In addition to causing your dog discomfort and pain, it can also cause serious health complications.

The seasoning added to cooked turkey can irritate your dog's bowels and cause **digestive issues**, such as vomiting and diarrhea.

Turkey is often seasoned with garlic and onions, both of which are toxic to dogs.

Deli meat, turkey hot dogs and other kinds of processed turkey meat contain high amounts of salt and preservatives that could be harmful to your dog's health and can upset their stomach. Only give your dog processed meat occasionally and in very small amounts — for example, you can use a small piece of turkey hot dog to hide a pill. It's unhealthy, and even dangerous, to feed your dog any type of deli meat on a regular basis, says **Top Dog Tips**.

Turkey Bones: Are They Bad for Dogs?

While there's no question that dogs love to chew and eat bones, doing so can actually be harmful to your pup, according to the AKC.

Small poultry bones, including turkey and chicken bones, are especially dangerous. Gnawing on bones can cause:

- Injury to the mouth and throat
- Choking or throat obstruction
- Intestinal blockage
- Piercing of the stomach or intestinal lining
- Constipation or painful bowel movements
- Rectal bleeding

Some of these injuries, like intestinal blockage, may require emergency surgery to correct.

My Dog Already Ate a Turkey Bone: What Should I Do?

Even with your best efforts to prevent it, there's a chance that at some point your dog will get hold of some forbidden turkey meat or a bone and gulp it down before you can stop them. If this happens, it's important not to panic. Don't try to snatch the food away from your pup, especially if they're prone to aggressive food behavior. If you suspect your dog may have eaten a bone, call your veterinarian for advice, suggests the **AKC**. They can talk you through how to reduce your dog's risk of injury.

Keep a close eye on your pet. Contact your vet right away if your dog is having difficulty or pain when attempting to defecate a few days after ingesting a bone as fragments may be causing (rectal) irritation. Other signs to seek veterinary care would include the following:

- Lethargy
- Appetite loss
- Vomiting
- Constipation or straining
- Bloody stool
- Bloated or distended abdomen
- Restlessness or difficulty getting comfortable

If you want your dog to enjoy the taste of turkey safely, without the risk of bones or unhealthy additives, give your pup a **dog treat made with turkey**. You'll make them just as happy, and you'll have peace of mind knowing their health isn't in danger.



10 Ways To Show Love To Your Dog

Published www.merrickpetcare.com

Dogs for centuries have been known to give unconditional love to humans so we want to provide you with ways in which you can show affection to your pet (in a language they will understand!).

Here are a few ways you can show love to your dog:

1. Ear rub

Your dog will naturally feel high with euphoria when you rub its ears. The spot that is right behind the ears is one of their nerve centers. When gently scratched, it triggers impulses throughout the entire body thus releasing endorphin hormones. These hormones act as pain killers. Therefore, a gentle scratch will make your dog feel relieved.

2. Have a daily playtime

Dedicated playtime with your pup can seem like an added chore, especially after a long day at work, but your pup will love the time you can spend tossing a ball or toy with them. They will feel a great energy release afterwards, and you will also in the process!

3. Teach them new tricks

Dogs are enthused by learning new things. Don't let your dog get complacent by only practicing the same old tricks. It will be meaningful for you and your dog when you spend quality time teaching your dog new tricks and games.

4. Have warm and hearty conversations

This may seem a little strange but it's a great way to bond with your dog. They may not understand exactly what you're saying but they will pick up on your tone and affection.

5. Take time to cuddle

Always take time to cuddle with your dog, which should be easy! Daily cuddles show your pup you love them and make you both feel good!

6. Surprise your dog with a treat

One of the best ways to show your dog love is by providing them with a quality meal or treat every once in a while. Your pup will love the surprise and you will love that look on their face when they know they're getting something special.

7. Hang out together

Dogs have been our friends for centuries. They love hanging out with us around the house or even running errands with us. You will love the company and it will be a great bonding moment for you both!

8. Treat your pup with respect

Understand the inherent traits of your dog. Dogs like to have their own space and love to be treated accordingly. This is an effective way to show love. It will create a common understanding between both your dog and yourself.

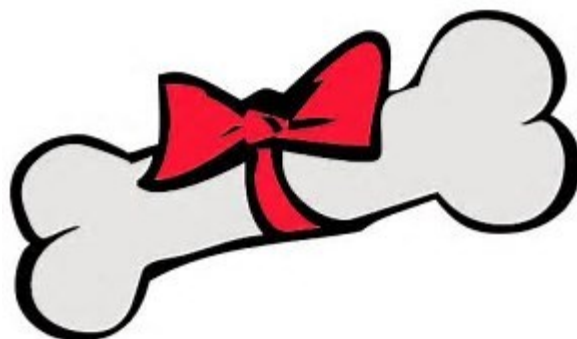
9. Schedule a puppy party or playdate

Host a puppy party and invite other friends. Your puppy will feel thrilled by having a playdate that is filled with activities and treats.

10. Make eye contact

Make eye contact with your pup when you talk to them or give them a command. It can strengthen the bond you share and helps develop trust between you.

Visit <https://www.authenticdogs.com/why-do-dogs-like-squeaky-toys/> for more tips on how to show love to your dog.



Real Words from the Dogs

[Published www.petmd.com](http://www.petmd.com)

- 1) We need a Leader. Work with us.
- 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. And canned carrots. There is no fat and no calories.
- 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) A good pat on the head is always appreciated. is a great bonding tool.



December—Pet Holidays

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- Safe Toys and Gifts Month

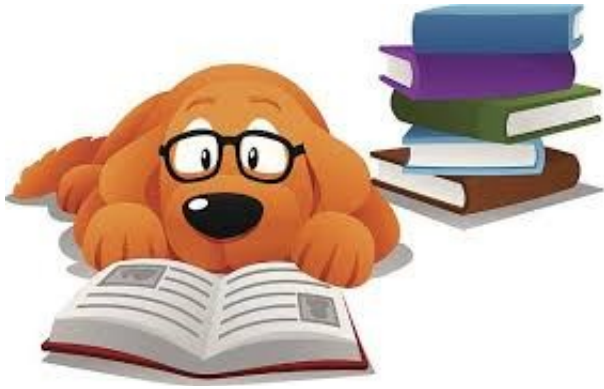
DAYS

- December 2 | National Mutt Day
- December 4 | World Wildlife Conservation Day
- December 9 | International Day of Veterinary Medicine
- December 13 | National Day of the Horse
- December 25 | Christmas Day
- December 27 | Visit the Zoo Day
- December 31 | New Year's Eve



Funny Christmas Captions for Dogs

- Winter may be ruff, but Christmas Day makes everything better.
- Dachshund through the snow, on a one-horse open sleigh.
- Sending you Pugs and kisses this holiday season.
- We woof you a hairy Christmas.



GGDFA Board Meeting

11/8/22

Board meeting called to order at 6:53pm.

Five board members in attendance.

Secretary's Report

Liz read the minutes from the previous meeting on 10/11/22.

Show Report

Claire is working on creating a volunteer list for the show. This will be available soon for everyone to begin signing up for shifts.

The club will be purchasing five standing propane heaters for the club grounds. Jeremy and Claire are in the midst of getting these prepared.

Jeremy contacted the UF veterinary school, and he gave them GGDFA's contact information. If a UF vet student is interested in witnessing a live whelp, they are now able to reach members of the club.

The December meeting will be a potluck meal. There will be no board meeting, so please arrive at Pine Grove Baptist Church at 7:30pm. Donations for St. Francis House Homeless Pets will be accepted, and members are encouraged to bring a gift for a white elephant exchange (up to \$20.00).

Motion to adjourn by Jeremy. Seconded by Marge. Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

GGDFA General Body Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm.

Eight members in attendance.

Secretary's Report

Liz read the minutes from the previous meeting on 10/11/22.

During the December meeting, a committee will be chosen to decide the slate of officers for next year.

Macy would like the club to become an AKC FitDog Club.

This is completely free, and can be used towards increasing membership.

The discussion has been tabled until after the show, once the weather gets warmer!

Another correction... Please email MACY at mbvancleave@gmail.com with your dog's AKC certificates to receive a plaque in the spring.

Please email Caitlyn by March 31, 2023 your dog's certificates for any AKC titles they have won this year. She will be creating an order for plaques to be distributed at the August meeting in 2023.

New members

Martina first reading. Brittany Kopera first reading. Marian Bowser second reading.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth "Liz" Mignin.

The next general body meeting will be a potluck on 12/13/22 at 7:30pm.



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c/o Claire Hedrick
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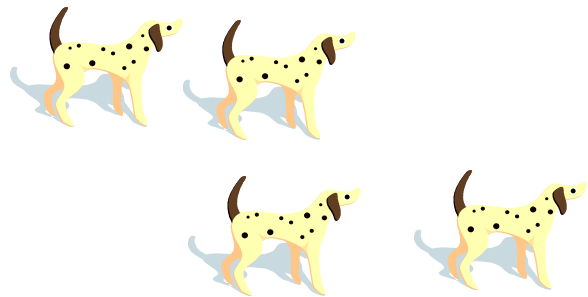
Secretary's Notice of GGDFA Meetings

The next General Meeting of the GGDFA club will be
Tuesday, 12/13 —7:30 POT LUCK

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday 12/13—6:45

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