



The Greater Gainesville Dog Fanciers' Association, Inc.

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Newsletter for Dog Lovers

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General Meetings:

7:30 pm on the
2nd Tuesday of every month at
PINE GROVE Baptist Church
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Gainesville, FL

Board meetings precede.

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IMPORTANT NOTES

The DECEMBER meeting will be on the FIRST Tuesday (December 2) at the New Deal Café (Mildred's Big City Food).

We will have our annual gift exchange and enjoy good company and good food!



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AKC News

AVMA and AKC Collaborate on Antimicrobial Stewardship

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/news/antimicrobial-awareness/>

Since 1998, AVMA has promoted antimicrobial stewardship --the careful, responsible oversight of antimicrobial drugs to preserve their success and protect animal, public, and environmental health. Antimicrobial resistance, which occurs when microorganisms survive and reproduce despite drug use, has increased significantly since 1940 and is a major concern in both veterinary and human medicine.

Consequences of resistance include limited treatment options, increased risk of resistance spread to other animals and humans, and higher medical costs. Examples like MRSA and colistin-resistant E. coli show this resistance is already threatening animal welfare and human health.

A recent study found a higher occurrence of antimicrobial resistance in healthy breeding dogs compared to household pets (e.g., 38.5% positive for a resistant E. coli strain in breeding bitches vs. 12.5% in household dogs). Dog breeders often contribute to the problem through self-medication without a proper veterinary diagnosis. Breeders must advocate for disease prevention through proper husbandry, nutrition, hygiene, parasite control, and vaccination. When antimicrobials are needed, their selection and use should be made with veterinary guidance.

The AVMA and AKC are planning an educational session with a Q&A panel for breeder-veterinarians and dog breeders at the AKC National Championship Dog Show in Orlando, Florida, this December 2025. This collaboration aims to improve the future health of breeding dogs and their puppies.

From the pages of veterinary colleges...



The Dog Aging Project is an innovative research initiative that brings together a community of dogs, owners, veterinarians, researchers, and volunteers to carry out the most ambitious canine health study in the world. The Dog Aging Project team will follow tens of thousands of companion dogs for ten years or more to identify the biological, lifestyle, and environmental factors that maximize healthy longevity. The goals of the project are to increase our ability to diagnose, treat, and ultimately prevent age-related diseases, thereby helping our dogs, and by extension, ourselves, live longer, healthier lives.

In addition to core leadership based at the University of Washington and Texas A&M, the project includes expert scientists and research veterinarians from over 20 research institutions and veterinary teaching hospitals. The true strength of the project is active participation by enrollees to support community science, collecting extensive data on the dogs, including diet, exercise, medications, and environmental exposures.

The Dog Aging Project is actively enrolling participants who live within the fifty US states (excluding US territories). Our human participants should have access to a computer (desktop or laptop) and reliable internet service so that they can complete online surveys about their dog.

Want to enroll your dog?

Visit dogagingproject.org and click the purple Enroll Your Dog button..



Dogs and the Law

Trooper's Law and Dexter's Law

Although hurricane season is coming to an end, 2025 saw the enacting of Florida Senate Bill 150, Trooper's Law, which makes it a third-degree felony to restrain and abandon a dog outdoors during a declared natural disaster or at any time in which a mandatory or voluntary evacuation order is in effect. Governor DeSantis also signed Florida House Bill 255, Dexter's Law, to strengthen penalties for aggravated animal cruelty and ensure that offenders face appropriate criminal penalties.

"Across Florida, we have seen horrifying instances of animal cruelty that demand a stronger response," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "I was proud to sign Trooper's Law and Dexter's Law today. Florida stands by man's best friend."

Trooper's Law was inspired by the dog that was left chained up in the path of Hurricane Milton and rescued by Florida Highway Patrol last year.

Florida Senate Bill 150 Trooper's Law:

- **Makes it a felony to restrain and abandon a dog during a declared disaster or evacuation, punishable by up to five years in prison and \$10,000 fine.**
- **Codifies penalties for failing to provide confined animals with sufficient food, water, and exercise, and for abandoning an animal, as misdemeanors of the first degree, with similar fines.**

Dexter's Law was named after a shelter dog that was brutally killed in Pinellas County days after being adopted.

Florida House Bill 255 Dexter's Bill:

- **Enhances penalties for aggravated animal cruelty, including a 1.25 sentencing multiplier.**
- **Creates Florida's first animal abuser database to prevent abuse and protect communities.**

Dog Lore

Mayflower Dogs

John Goodman brought his Mastiff and English Springer Spaniel with him on the Mayflower to the New World. We know this from journal accounts that tell the story of how these dogs helped save Goodman and another pilgrim by leading them home after they became lost on a cold night in the wilderness. The mastiff was a great choice for the pilgrims for protection, and the spaniel as an excellent hunting dog. In fact, the spaniel (possibly Goodman's dog) is featured prominently in the John Leon Gerome Ferris painting of The First Thanksgiving.

In addition to family and turkey, everyone please enjoy that other more modern Thanksgiving tradition, **The National Dog Show!** What began as the Kennel Club of Philadelphia Dog Show in 1879 has become a modern Thanksgiving tradition, first appearing in its current form on NBC in 2002. It is now a popular and beloved part of many families' Thanksgiving Day viewing.



Meeting Notes (Digest Minutes)...

Tuesday October 13, 2025 at Pine Grove Baptist Church

Board Meeting Notes:

Show Report:

- Verified highest combined score in rally advanced b and excellent b will be getting a \$75 gift card for the first and second show.
- Doris- Wally will assist the Sat & Sun gate with his friend. We still need a few more volunteers.
- Doris has set up a Venmo account - GGDFFA. We will need volunteers at the raffle baskets for those paying with Venmo to verify on their phones that payment has been made to GGDFFA before handing out raffle tickets both in the building and outside the obedience rings.
- Doris proposed to have the prices the same for tickets on all raffle baskets. After much discussion we have come up with \$1.00 for 1 ticket; \$5.00 for 7 tickets; \$10.00 for 15 tickets and \$20 for 30 tickets. Doris volunteered to make laminated sheets with these ticket prices. Joyce made a motion to accept these prices and Doris seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

General meeting Notes:

An extra \$100 will be added for required insurance for handling classes and Doris will be sending documents of any accidents. Participants will need to sign release with instructor. Send these to Doris via email or text, and notify her of any accidents.

Anyone with a form that will work send to Doris for review.

Tuesday November 11, 2025 at Pine Grove Baptist Church

Meeting abbreviated due to COLD.

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