



# The Greater Gainesville Dog Fanciers' Association, Inc.

February 2023

Newsletter for Dog Lovers

**G.G.D.F.A.**  
**P.O. Box 358332**  
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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

#### **Club Officers**

President — Denise Gaboury  
1st VP — Pam Rice  
2nd VP — Kathy Davis  
Secretary — Liz Mignin  
Treasurer — Doris Horton

#### **Club Directors**

Claire Hedrick  
Marge Saucier  
Sue Sutton  
Jeremy White

#### **Newsletter Editor**

Claire Hedrick

#### **Membership Chair**

Kathy Davis



## **FEBRUARY MEETING—2/14/2023**

***Show Celebration POT LUCK And Gift exchange***

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

***Also bring a fun 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***



**JOIN US FOR A NEW TRADITION!!**



January 27, 2022  
By AKC Staff

### **9 Ways to Make Valentine's Day Special for Your Dog**

On Valentine's Day, humans give chocolate, teddy bears, and roses to our loved ones to show appreciation and affection. But what about our favorite canine companions? Here are some tips on how you can show your four-legged Valentine some love.

#### Take a Long Walk

What better way to spend Valentine's Day with your dog than sharing some quality bonding time? Take your dog for a nice, long walk in the neighborhood where they can sniff to their heart's content. Or bring them to a dog park or fenced-in, off-leash area to run around. If the weather's warm enough, you could even go hiking with your dog. It's a great way for your pup to get some exercise and have fun.

#### Teach Your Dog New Tricks

Another way to bond with your dog and show some appreciation on Valentine's Day is by teaching them a new trick. You can easily teach your dog tricks like shake hands, crawl, fetch, roll over, and even kiss. Training treats that your dog really loves are a great way to teach your dog tricks through positive reward training. Dogs who learn enough tricks can ultimately earn their AKC Trick Dog title.

#### Have a "Date Night" In

You and your dog may want to opt for a relaxing evening at home. Sometimes it's nice to just cuddle up on the couch and watch a good movie. If it happens to be a dog movie, even better. Giving your furry friend extra attention and cuddles is a surefire way to make them feel special on Valentine's Day.

#### Give Your Dog a Gift

Valentine's Day is prime for gift-giving, but what's a dog to do with flowers or jewelry?

Instead, consider pup-appropriate presents like a new toy, bed, or outfit. Your dog may not understand the reason for the gift, but they'll likely love it no matter what since it came from their favorite human. Plus, you can be reasonably sure your present won't get re-gifted.

#### Get Them Groomed

Some dogs may not like being groomed, but plenty of pups love it. A professional dog grooming session is a great way to splurge on or spoil your pup, but there are also at-home grooming options if your dog isn't into traveling to the groomer. At the very least, a good brushing and a quick bath are nice ways to keep your pet fresh this Valentine's Day.

#### Treat Your Dog Right

Anyone who's seen a ravenous pup devour their dinner can confirm that dogs love to eat. Treats are a great way to provide mental stimulation via training while showing your dog some love in the process. Sure, giving treats might be something you do every day anyway. If treats are what your dog loves, who are you to deny them some snacks (in moderation) on this day dedicated to love?

#### Give Sports a Shot

Dog sports are an ideal way to channel some of your dog's instincts and energy into a fun activity you both will love. Some sports (like Obedience, Agility, and AKC Rally) focus on teamwork and the dog-owner bond. Others, like Fast CAT and Scent Work, seek to develop dogs' natural urges, like chasing and sniffing. Introducing your canine companion to the world of dog sports is a unique way to show your love.

#### Massage Your Dog

Yes, you read that right. Massages are beneficial to dogs, just as they are for humans. If your dog is already an athlete, they'll appreciate the added attention to sore muscles.

However, massages are good for all canines, even those couch potatoes. Massages reduce stress and anxiety, increase circulation, decrease pain, and strengthen the bond between you and your dog, making it a perfect Valentine's Day activity.

## 9 Ways to Make Valentine's Day (cont)

### Get Smart(er)

If “a tired dog is a happy dog,” that applies to your dog’s brain, too. Dogs are intelligent creatures that require mental stimulation to stave off boredom and stress. There are plenty of creative ways to provide mental stimulation, but puzzle toys are a fun and easy option that both you and your dog will enjoy.



Note from the Board:

Hi all!

We have had two Pot-luck dinners every year in August and December for many years. This has included a fun gift exchange and dog food donations for our supported charity which has been St Francis Pet Care for many years now.

Our attendance has been dwindling for the December meeting and it has always been a fun and stress-free thing for us to meet and greet. What is noticed is that the last quarter of the year so busy with Dog Shows and Royal Canin specifically conflicts with our meeting week.

So, what the board looked at is what we could do. Noteworthy is that Westminster has moved and no longer is around mid- February. With that said, we also wanted to recognize our work in January for our own shows.

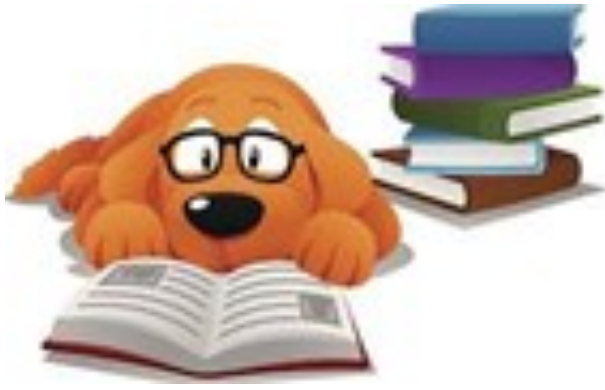
February and August will now be the new schedule for Pot-Luck dinners. This will still include the fun gift exchange and food donation collection for St. Francis.

Please let us know if there are any questions.

Our next Pot-Luck will be 2/14. Contact Denise Gaboury (352) 316-4543 if any Pot-Luck questions.

THANK YOU!!!\





## GGDFA Board Meeting 1/10/23

Board meeting called to order at 6:45pm.  
Nine board members in attendance.

Liz read the minutes from 11/8/22. Unanimously approved by the board.

### Treasurer's Report

The accountant has been paid for last year's tax report.

Doris is planning to contact the IRS, as \$6400.00 were removed from the club's bank account due to late fees in 2019. Doris explained that this amount seems too high, and in similar situations in the past, she has persisted and received money back for the club.

Doris acquired a credit card for club members to use for club business. It has a \$1000.00 limit, and this has been difficult to stay under. Doris is planning to get another credit card from the bank after the show and bump up the limit to \$2500.00. This will help limit the use of the ATM card.

This year, the club will be using a different accountant for taxes. (This has been Doris's personal accountant for the last 30 years.)

### Miscellaneous Discussion

Doris will not be setting up her beautiful club spot in the main building for the show this year.

Jordan Key will be coming to the show grounds to play some festive, upbeat songs on the bagpipes before groups and before best in show. He is not able to perform the national anthem (due to the limited range of the bagpipes), so the club will proceed with the traditional recording from previous years.

Jeremy purchased 5 total heaters for the show, and he will be purchasing the propane tanks for each in the coming weeks.

Doris has made several club-related trips in the last couple of months, and the board voted to reimburse her \$45.00 for gas.

Jeremy will be making two new signs for the raffle basket tables at the show.

Marge moved to adjourn the board meeting, Susan seconded. Board meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

## GGDFA General Body Meeting 1/10/23

16 members in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 7:26pm.

Liz read the minutes from the meeting on 11/8/22. Unanimously approved.

### Show Committee

We are in need of volunteers for the show.

Please contact Arvind if you can help out in any way!

Arvind moved to increase the catering to 60 plates for lunch at the show. (It was previously 50, and this increase will accommodate an increase in volunteers.)

Susan seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Arvind moved that the club buys two large Ryobi fans with batteries and chargers for the raffle at the upcoming show. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Liz seconded the motion. Motion approved.



## Minutes (cont)

Arvind moved to adjourn the general body meeting.  
Jeremy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

**Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth “Liz”  
Mignin.**

**The next board meeting will be on 2/14/23 at  
6:45pm.**

**The next general body meeting will be on 2/14/23  
at 7:30pm.**



## February—Pet Holidays

**Published 2023 Pet Holidays | Pet Sitters  
International**

### ***MONTH***

National Pet Dental Health Month  
Responsible Pet Owners Month  
Dog Training Education Month  
Spay/Neuter Awareness Month

### ***WEEKS***

February 19-25:  
National Justice for Animals

### ***DAYS***

February 3: National Golden Retriever Day;  
Doggy Date Night  
February 14: Pet Theft Awareness Day;  
Valentine’s Day  
February 20: Love Your Pet Day  
February 22: Walking the Dog Day  
February 23: National Dog Biscuit Day  
February 28: World Spay Day

These are cute ways to tell someone you love them, no matter who they are. You could send these to your parents, friends, or that special someone in your life. Kids especially love funny puns, and you might even send your child a valentine from the dog him- or herself—that will be sure to get some genuine smiles!

1. There’s no bones about it—you’re my favorite person!
2. Dear Valentine: I totally woof you.
3. You’re paws-itively awesome!
4. Pugs and kisses, Valentine!
5. I’ll bark it loud and clear: I ruff you!
6. You’re my perfect pup of tea!
7. Will you paw-lease be my Valentine?
8. Out of all the chew toys in the whole world, I’d still chews you!
9. Dear Valentine: I really dig you. No bones about it.
10. It’s im-paw-sible to ruff anyone more than I ruff you, Valentine!
11. You’re my bone-ified best friend for life, Valentine!
12. Valentine, I give you a round of a-paws for how wonder-fur you are!
13. Valentine: I’m paw-solutely mutts about you!





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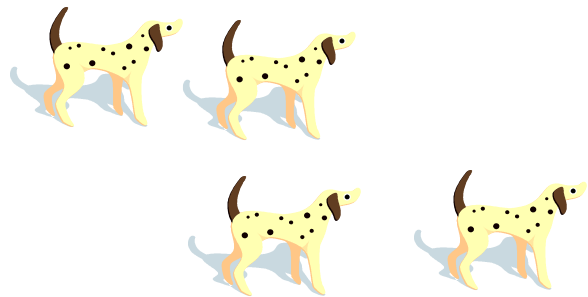
### Secretary's Notice of GGDFA Meetings

The next General Meeting of the GGDFA club will be  
**Tuesday, 2/14 —7:30 POT LUCK DINNER**

**Next Board Meeting is Tuesday 2/14 —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