



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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Anything is paw-sible!

The 147th Westminster Dog Show is officially in the history books and it was the Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen (PBGV), "Buddy Holly" that emerged victorious at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Queens, New York.

It is the first time a PBGV has ever won Best in Show at Westminster.

Buddy Holly beat out 34 other hounds en route to being named the group winner. Unsurprisingly, it was able to stave off the six challengers in the final round that were hounding down his back.

Owner and trainer Janice Hayes told Fox Sports, "I have dreamed of this since I was 9 years old," she said, before adding that Buddy Holly is "the epitome of a show dog, nothing bothers him."

\Westminster Dog Show 2023 results

Best in Show

Best in Show winner: Buddy Holly (Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen)

Reserve Best in Show: Rummie (Pekingese)

Coming up on AKC TV



JUNE 16-17
RALLY
2023 NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP

JUNE 18-10
OBEDIENCE
2023 NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP



Can Dogs Swim in Chlorine Pools?

By Jessika Zachary
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If you own a dog, chances are you've enjoyed watching your furry companion launch themselves into a pool in summer. While this is pleasing to watch for many humans, it does raise a question — is chlorine safe for dogs?

When humans swim in a pool, most chlorine levels are safe, even if you happen to ingest water by accident. Most canines, on the other hand, have ears and eyes that are more sensitive than their owner's ears and eyes. This sensitivity makes dogs more susceptible to the dangers of chlorine. However, dogs with floppy ears can retrieve an ear infection because of the dampness, not the chlorine.

Making Chlorine Safer for Dogs

“As far as chlorine, the amount in a pool is negligible, but the toxic concerns are with dogs getting into chlorine tablets, so they should be put in a safe location where a dog cannot ingest them,” Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer for the American Kennel Club, notes. Some canine owners choose to apply non-chlorine chemicals like Bromine (which is safer for pets) to their pools.

If your pet does hop in the pool, give them a quick rinse when they get out to remove any excess chemicals. In addition, be sure to dab their ears with a towel to prevent dampness and infection.

When most dogs see a pool, they may see a huge water bowl. Make sure to prohibit licking or drinking the pool water, as this could cause other issues. It will be best to have fresh water close by.

Dog Swimming Safety

Overall, if your furry friend is properly cared for after and while swimming, chlorine is safe. The biggest misconception is how your dog actually approaches swimming. “Not all dogs want to swim and those that don't can be encouraged, but should not be forced,”

Dr. Klein adds:

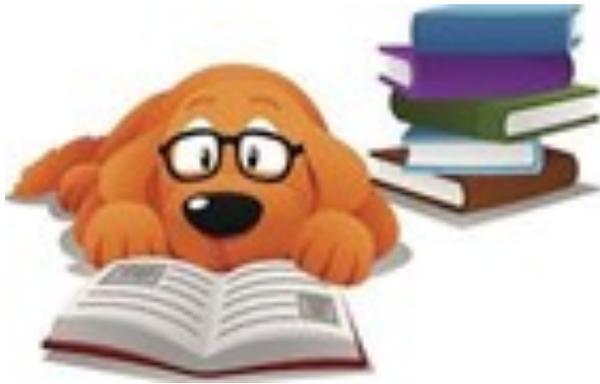
Owners should allow their dogs to enter the pool at their own leisure and be praised every step along the way. Dogs should never be thrown into the pool, as many dogs are fearful the first time they approach the water.

To help your canine enter the water, try tossing a toy or escorting them yourself. The easiest part? You won't have to teach most dogs how to swim because they are natural swimmers.

Is it your dog's first time swimming? Most dogs tend to panic when they try to exit a pool for the first time. They aren't used to walking up the ladder and as an owner, you have to show them how to use the steps. When a dog starts to thrash in the water, they can't bark and will get tired. That could possibly lead to drowning. Because of this, it's also best to surround your pool with a fence to prevent accidents. Never leave the dog in the pool without supervision, and teach them how to exit the pool using a toy or treats.



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GGDFA Board Meeting

5/9/23

Board meeting called to order at 6:54pm.

Seven members in attendance.

April's minutes were read by Liz - unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Withdrawals: check sent to Hilary (\$1000.00), Lake Eustace regarding money owed from 2023 show (\$3356.69)

Deposits: GODC vendor/RV profits (\$6734.70), rosettes (\$40), member dues (\$194), Arvind David Kirkland personal refund (\$80), settlement from MBF (\$495), reimbursement from hospitality - Pam (\$24.62)

Doris motioned to research about opening a one year CD for the club. Claire seconded.

Doris will research campus credit union vs. trust

Denise would like to update the GGDFA membership directory that contains bylaws, current members, and the code of ethics.

Claire is willing to take charge on this, but requests Doris and Kathy's help to make a list of current members.

Claire has yet to finalize the 2023 show as she is waiting of a few final receipts.

Doris moves to adjourn, and Liz seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

GGDFA General Body Meeting -5/9/23

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm.

Eight members in attendance.

No minutes were taken at the April meeting.

Macy moved for the club to host a Dog Fall Festival/Responsible Dog Owners Day on October 14, 2023. Liz seconded; unanimously approved.

This will include a costume contest, vendors, face painting, therapy dogs

Macy moved for the club to host its first fit dog walk in Perry this upcoming weekend. Claire seconded; unanimously approved.

Jeremy will post details for this event on Facebook, and Claire will send out an email to all members.

Macy reached out to the lure coursing club (Time to Fly) regarding the details of hiring them for an event.

Time to Fly will provide everything excite onsite club members, a rented space, and restrooms.

Profit will be \$4.00 per dog per run.

Macy officially submitted the order to the Trophy Shop for members' plaques.

The 2024 rally and obedience judges have been lined up, and Macy has sent a list to Arvind.

New members:

Second reading: John DiGiorgio (Lagotto Romagnolos), Patricia Bartlett (GSP, GSD, Mastiff, Doberman), Lynne Weiser (St. Bernards) -> These applicants will not be voted into the club until their dues have been paid for the year.

First reading: Jules and Milton Lopes (Dalmatians, Lagotto Romagnolos)

Doris moved to adjourn the meeting; Macy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth "Liz" Mignin.



Signs Your Dog is Stressed and How to Relieve It

VCA Animal Hospitals
By Malcolm Weir, DVM, MSc, MPH; Lynn Buzhardt, DVM
Contributed By Denise Gaboury

Stress is a commonly used word that describes feelings of strain or pressure. The causes of stress are exceedingly varied. Perhaps you are stressed out by your job, you become nervous when meeting new people, or you get anxious when your daily routine is disrupted.

To reduce stress levels, you may seek comfort in several ways. Maybe you find solace in the company of a trusted friend. Perhaps you relieve stress when occupied by routine chores like cleaning the house. Or maybe you blow off some steam with physical exercise

Our dogs can become stressed too. Since we know how stress makes us feel, we certainly want to help alleviate our pet's stress as well. However, our dogs do not voice their feelings, slam down the phone, or have a tantrum, so how can we tell they are stressed? The signs of anxiety in dogs are often subtle. In fact, some stress-related behaviors mimic normal behaviors.

What are some of the indicators of stress in dogs?

Pacing or shaking. You have seen your dog shake after a bath or a roll in the grass. That whole body shake can be amusing and is quite normal...unless it is occurring as the result of a stressful situation. For example, dogs are commonly stressed when visiting the veterinarian. Many dogs "shake it off" when they descend from the exam table and touch down on the ground. Dogs, like people, also pace when agitated. Some dogs walk a repeated path around the exam room while waiting for the veterinarian to come in.

Whining or barking. Vocalization is normal self-expression in dogs but may be intensified when they are under stress. Dogs that are afraid or tense may whine or bark to get your attention, or to self soothe.

Yawning, drooling, and licking. Dogs yawn when they are tired or bored, they also yawn when stressed. A stressful yawn is more prolonged and intense than a sleepy yawn. Dogs may also drool and lick excessively when nervous.

Changes in eyes and ears. Stressed dogs, like stressed people, may have dilated pupils and blink rapidly. They may open their eyes really wide and show more sclera (white) than usual, giving them a startled appearance. Ears that are usually relaxed or alert are pinned back against the head.

Changes in body posture. Dogs normally bear even weight on all four legs. If a healthy dog with no orthopedic problems shifts his weight to his rear legs or cowers, he may be exhibiting stress. When scared, dogs may also tuck their tails or become quite rigid.

Shedding. Show dogs that become nervous in the show ring often "blow their coat". Dogs also shed a lot when in the veterinary clinic. Although less noticeable in outside settings, such as visiting a new dog park, shedding increases when a dog is anxious.

Panting. Dogs pant when hot, excited, or stressed. If your dog is panting even though he has not exercised, he may be experiencing stress.

Changes in bodily functions. Like people, nervous dogs can feel a sudden urge to go to the bathroom. When your dog urinates shortly after meeting a new canine friend, he may be marking territory and reacting to the strain simultaneously. Refusal of food and loss of bowel function are also stress indicators.

Avoidance or displacement behavior. When faced with an unwelcome situation, dogs may "escape" by focusing on something else. They may sniff the ground, lick their genitals, or simply turn away. Ignoring someone may not be polite, but it is surely better than being aggressive. If your dog avoids interaction with other dogs or people, **do not force the issue.** Respect his choice.

Signs Your Dog is Stressed and How to Relieve It (continued)

Hiding or escape behavior. An extension of avoidance, some tense dogs literally move behind their owners to hide. They may even nudge their owners to prompt them to move along. As a means of escape, they may engage in diversion activities such as digging or circling or may slink behind a tree or parked car.

How can I help my dog handle stressful situations?

In order to differentiate stress signs from normal behavior, you must be familiar with your dog's regular demeanor. Then you can tell if he is licking his lips because he is anxious or because he wants a treat.

When relaxed, he will have semi-erect or forward-facing ears, a soft mouth, and round eyes. He will distribute his weight evenly on all four paws. Distinguishing normal behavior from stress signs will help you quickly and effectively diffuse an uncomfortable situation.

"If your dog is stressed, first remove him from the stressor."

If your dog is stressed, first remove him from the stressor. Find a quiet place for him to regroup. Resist the urge to overly comfort him. If you want to pamper him with petting or treats, make him earn them first by performing an activity (e.g., sitting). Responding to routine commands distracts the dog and provides a sense of normalcy. It is amazing how comforting sit, down, and heel can be to a worried dog.

If your dog becomes consistently stressed, see your veterinarian. After ensuring that your dog's behavior does not have a medical basis, your veterinarian may refer you to a trainer or veterinary behaviorist to evaluate stress-related issues. They may also prescribe anxiety-reducing medications if appropriate.

As with humans, exercise can be a great stress reducer. Physical activities like walking or playing fetch help both you and your dog release tension. It is also good to provide your dog with a safe place in the home where he can escape anxious situations. Everybody enjoys a calm place to retreat.

And, finally, remember that stress is not always bad. Fear is a stress-related emotion that prompts us to avoid potentially dangerous situations. So, stress may actually be a protector. Regardless, stress is part of everyday life for us and our dogs, so we should learn how best to deal with it.



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MONTH

National Pet Preparedness Month
National Foster a Pet Month
National Microchipping Month

WEEKS

June 4-10: Pet Appreciation Week
June 19-23: PSI's Take Your Pet To Work Week®

DAYS

June 8: National Best Friends Day
June 13: World Pet Memorial Day
June 17: National Dog Dad's Day®
June 23: PSI's Take Your Dog To Work Day®





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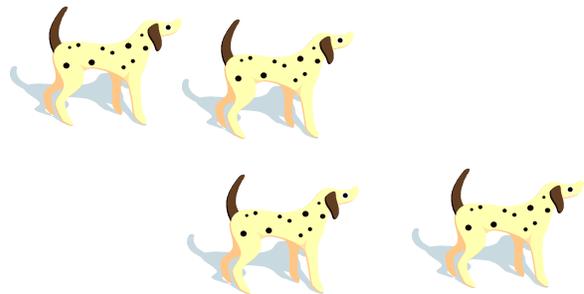
Secretary's Notice of GGDFA Meetings

The next General Meeting of the GGDFA club will be
Tuesday, 6/13 — 7:30

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday 6/13 — 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