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**WISHING EVERYONE A YEAR FULL OF
HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND WINS**

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President's Message

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone had a peaceful and thankful Thanksgiving with family and friends. It was really nice this year to have our specialty before Thanksgiving so we could fully appreciate both events.

My sincere thank you to everyone who participated in our Great Dane Club of New England specialties. We appreciate everyone who came to support us with an entry. We had solid 4 point majors this year! Thank you to Laurie Maulucci, our show chair, and Tiffany Cross, our assistant show chair, our committee people headed up by Carol Urick who worked tirelessly all day – Bob Layne and Dianne Powers. The raffle table was incredible and actually required a third table to accommodate all the items. We had great judges, beautiful trophies, and so many quality exhibits for them to choose from. Congratulations to the dogs who finished this weekend and thank you, too, to our members who came to cheer us on. We have the results posted elsewhere in this issue. We had no Rally Danes but our Obedience gift card was won by Laurel Donelson and Laurs Extreme Dream, who qualified in Novice B. We had 8 Agility Danes competing this year and the top prize went to an amazing Dane named Ford, who also won our gift card last year. Thank you to those amazing exhibitors who were running back and forth between the buildings to show in both. I do have to give a congratulations shout-out to the amazing Dilly Pickles, who at seven years old showed in both venues and came out with a Best Veteran and a BISS, showing that Danes CAN do it all!

An extra special thank you to Carol for providing welcome bags for our guests. It's a really nice touch and shows our exhibitors how much we appreciate them.

We will need to think about judges for next year (Conformation and Sweeps) so please give us your suggestions as the Judges Selection Committee will need to meet in January.

We are moving forward towards running a FastCat trial. Several members have volunteered to help and we are now waiting to see if Showcase for Dogs has a date available for us.

I wish you all a successful and healthy 2025!

Best wishes,

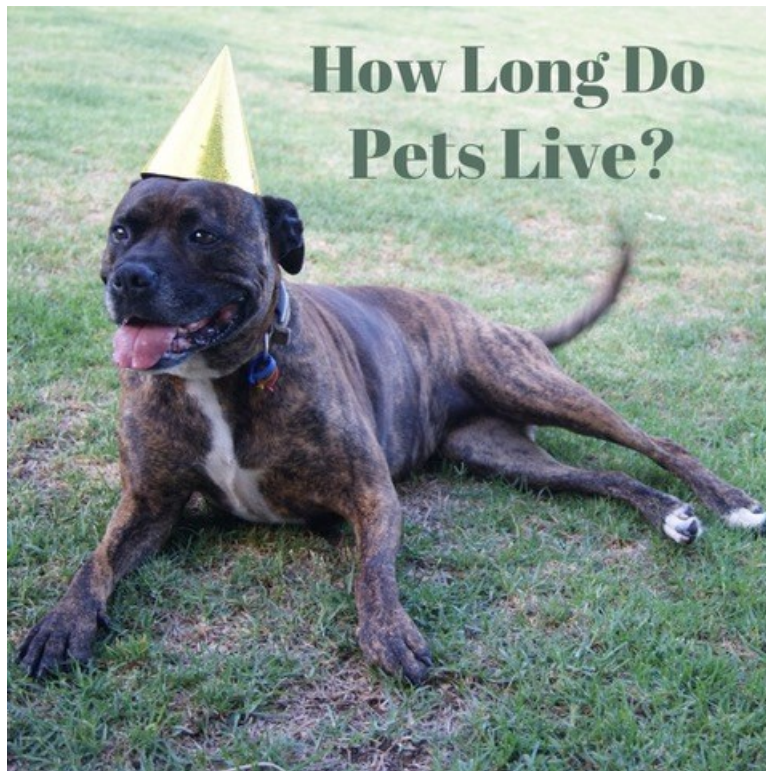
Sue Davis Shaw

President

A Pet's Life Expectancy: How Long Will Dogs, Cats, and Other Creatures Live?

Only as Old as You Feel

Submitted by Betty Lewis



It is said that dogs are designed to live about 20 years, and cats 30, but in our modern times, I rarely hear of pets who approach their intended lifespans. This article on the respective ages of pets is interesting, because it's not just about dogs & cats.

Below is a quote about dog/cat longevity. For the most part, I agree with what is written, but will qualify a few of the statements.

"Dog Life Expectancy"

A giant breed dog is a senior pet at six years of age, but a medium-sized dog is a senior at eight years of age. The average dog lives 10-12 years. Dogs that (sic) have good nutrition, daily care at home, and veterinary care, live the longest. Dogs that (sic) are allowed to roam and are not confined to their home and yard, and dogs that (sic) remain sexually intact (unneutered) do not live as long."

"Cat Life Expectancy"

Cats have been documented to live over 30 years. In the Guinness Book of World Records, the oldest cat is 34-36 years old. In human years, a 30 year old cat is over 130, and a 34-36 year old cat is between 150-160. In Scotland, a cat is reported to have lived to be over 40 years old."

"The average domestic cat lives 14 years, and mixed-bred cats live longer than purebred. Feral cats live about half as long as domestic cats because they have more fights, accidents, illnesses, predators, and food shortages. Cats can continue to breed even in their senior years. Twenty year old cats have reared kittens."

There was no indication who wrote this article, nor information about where they got their facts. I would argue with some of the points made.

First, while *some* giant breed dogs seem to be seniors at the age of 6, that has not been my experience. Even though the average of all of my Great Danes worked out to 8, for the ones who didn't die early of some disease or accident, "senior" status didn't seem to be evident until at least 9 or 10. That is, while they sported grey muzzles, there was no slowing of interest in life, ease of locomotion, appetite, or other sign that anything was different in their lives. This is true of the Whippets I have lived with, too. I started having trouble keeping weight on my current Whippet, Autumn, last year, so I guess she achieved the "senior" label at age 12. The picture shows my only homebred Whippet, Shimmer, who didn't start aging until 13.

Second, I note that the article mentions "good nutrition." There are previous newsletters I've written pertaining to what I believe is good nutrition. I don't know what the article means by this, but my approach is that every species needs to be eating its own appropriate diet, of the best quality one can find and afford.

Additionally, I take issue with the conclusion that longevity is enhanced by removing organs which the animals "come" with. I have quite a few articles which prove that the opposite is true. The sex organs are responsible for many more chores than just reproduction. It has been shown that growth abnormalities, leading to pathology (such as joint disease), other diseases, and even some cancers, are greater in the neutered canine population.

For cats, the rules are different regarding neutering. Cats who are indoor/outdoor cats, and cats who are driven by their reproduction cycles, which leads to spraying and hollering, probably need to be neutered for peace between their species and humans. I'm not aware of any studies comparing neutered vs intact cats, probably because most people can't live happily with the reproductive cycle.

I do have to take issue with the statement in the article regarding purebred cats not living as long as mixed breeds. This may be true for *some* breeds of cats who have been bred for *some* specific characteristics, and for *some* individuals, but a blanket statement can't be accepted as true. It's a topic for another newsletter, but we have to guard against language we find in some articles which are meant to deceive, because there is an agenda being pursued.

Everyone dies eventually. To me, it's not even how long one lives, though longevity is a good goal, it's the pleasure given & received from that life that is important.

I've noticed that wholistically raised animals seem to be perfectly normal, vibrant, and healthy until they are suddenly fatally ill or gone. If we look around in nature, we'll see that this is how wild animals live and die as well: they complete their lifespans, and then leave their bodies behind. If there is pain, it is short-lived.

I want this for my animals and wish it for yours.

When Shimmer was alive (she died at age 15 in 2015) I asked her if she had a message for all the older pets, and she said, "You're only as old as you feel."

I say, keep up the good work to all of your elderly pets!

Santiago (AFP) – Chile has launched a vaccine
**Chile Launches Vaccine that Neuters
Dogs for a Year**

described as the first of its kind that sterilizes dogs for a year and is expected to be sold in several dozen countries.

The injection prevents sexual behavior and reproduction, offering an alternative to irreversible surgical castration, its creators say. "This is the first vaccine of this type in the world for dogs," said Leonardo Saenz, from the University of Chile's veterinary sciences faculty. The researcher and his team have been working since 2009 to develop the vaccine, which began to be distributed this month in the South American nation.

It stimulates antibodies and stops the production of sex hormones for a year in both male and female dogs. "Everything is blocked: sexual activity and fertility," Saenz said.

The Egalitte vaccine has been patented in 40 countries, including the United States, Argentina, and Brazil, as well as in the European Union. In Chile, it costs \$50 a shot.

Ivan Gutierrez, a 27-year-old student, took his dog Franchesco to a veterinary clinic in Santiago to be given the injection. "I didn't really want him to have the operation," he said. He is not alone in having concerns about surgical castration.

"Most owners are afraid of surgery," said Mariela del Saz, the clinic's veterinarian, noting the risk of cardiorespiratory arrest.

Another method of temporary castration for dogs involves the insertion of a hormonal implant under the skin, but it "can cause side effects," Saenz said.

Kim Thurler contributed this news article originally published in October 2024 by Agence France-Presse (AFP).



Membership

The GDCNE Board has approved the associate membership application of Heather Davis from Avon, Mass. Heather has had Danes for many years and is interested in joining because she is a staunch lover and advocate of the breed. Over the years she has noticed a decline in the lineage through Dane popularity lending itself to backyard breeding. She would like to help support positive breed advocacy in any way the club deems appropriate.

Any comments should be directed to Sue Davis Shaw at Davisdane@comcast.net.

BRAGS

Sterling's Bluebonnet V Krw CD RN OA OAJ)

Bonnet



So, we went to the Thanksgiving Cluster for agility. *Bonnet* got a jumpers Q for her excellent title and second place! She got her first master Q and 3 points. She tried Fast for the first time (novice).....she Q'd and won the class.

***Teasel*—Sterling's Black *Teasel* v. *Mgckngdm*—came along to learn stuff so I made her sit/ stay in the photo area.**

A Christmas photo!

Breeders/Owner: Sterling Moffat

BRAGS

Stevie

MULTIPLE GROUP WINNING | MULTIPLE BEST IN SPECIALTY
GCHS LEMAIRE'S GO YOUR OWN WAY

HOPING TO ADD TO HER **22 BISS WINS** EARNED IN 2024 TO HER
FIRST FULL YEAR IN THE RING IN 2025!



*THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING JUDGES FOR STEVIE'S RECENT
SPECIALTY WINS, BREED WINS AND GROUP PLACEMENTS:*

MR. CARL GENE LIEPMANN
MR. JOHN CONSTANTINE-AMODEI
MS. DEBRA THORNTON
MRS. NANCY D. SIMMONS
MRS. LINDA M. RIEDEL

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MR. RONALD V. HORN
MRS. SHARON FULFORD-FINT
MRS. JENNIFER BELL
MS. NIKKI RIGGSBEE

Bred & Owned By: **Jayme Lemaire, Carol McKenna Urick & Robert E. Layne** | Exclusively Presented to the Fancy by: **John & Jessie Gerszewski**
MIBISS GCHS Old Mission's Lemaire's Know 'When to Hold 'Em AOM X GCH Divine Acres Lemaire's Kiki Do U Love Me

BRAGS

**GCH CH Pavlik's Captain of the Longship CGC RN FITB
Thorbjorn**



**October 11 2024 at the Kennel Club Of Niagara Falls in Hamburg, New York,
under Judge Mr. Brian C. Bogart, Toby earns his last point for his Grand Champion Title.
That weekend we also participated in an AKC FIT dog walk and he earned his FITB title
(since he already had his RN title.)**

Breeder : Melissa Pavlik

Owners and Handlers: Lilli and Per Hamnqvist

BRAGS

BARBIE

**TRILA N JOURNEY DAVIDSDANE'S ULTIMATE
COOL KID**



At just six months, Barbie took a 4-point major reserve at our Specialty. She did great!

Owned by Sue Davis Shaw

BRAGS

GHC TimberCreek's Simply Mehvelous Red



Santa came early for Kim Thurler with a Grand Championship (pending AKC confirmation) and Group 3 placement for her Field Spaniel, Red, under Wendy Anderson at Worcester Kennel Club. The sometimes naughty (okay, often naughty) Red is owned by Kim and John and bred by Tia Prather. He is shown by the amazing Jess Thibault.

BRAGS

JAGGER

STARGAZIN LEMAIRE'S HEART OF STONE



**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THESE JUDGES FOR
RECOGNIZING JAGGER AT THE NATIONAL:**

MS. JUDY HARRINGTON - Best Puppy
DENISE MATULICH - Best 7-9 Puppy Dog in Futurity

Exclusively Presented to the Fancy by: **John & Jessie Gerszewski**
Owned By: **Jayme Lemaire, Carol McKenna Urick & Robert E. Layne**

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Next Deadline

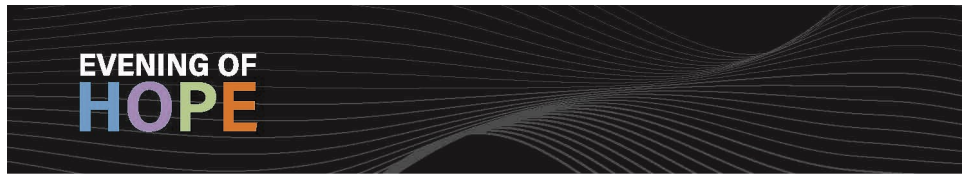
***The next Deadline for Dane Line Reimagined is
March 15, 2025***

Our Next Meeting

The next meeting of the GDCNE is Thursday, January 16th via zoom.. The Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. and general membership will begin at 7:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars now. This is how your voice can be heard. Zoom in from the comfort of your own home We need you!

BRAGS

Robert Layne was Honored at last Month's Harvard Medical School's Evening of Hope



WELCOME

The Reverend Paul Burton, Ph.D.
WBZ-TV News
Master of Ceremonies

FOUNDER REMARKS

Joan Y. Reede, M.D., M.P.H., M.S., M.B.A.
Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership
Harvard Medical School
Founder and President
Biomedical Science Careers Program

PREMIERE OF BSCP IMPACT VIDEO

STUDENT SPEAKER

Leeza Santiago-Millán
Ph.D. Candidate
Harvard University

FUND THE MISSION

Thank you in advance for your participation!

DINNER

HONOR ROLL

Richard Born, M.D.
Harvard Medical School

Doug Kerr, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A.
Dynne Therapeutics

Robert Layne, M.Ed.
UMass Chan Medical School

Judith Sanford-Harris, Ph.D.

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

PRESENTATIONS

Cami N. Christopher
Ph.D. Candidate | Harvard School of Public Health
Scholarship sponsored by **Sanoñ**

Rejoice Farai Dhillwayo
M.D. Candidate | Tufts University School of Medicine
Scholarship sponsored by the **Biogen Foundation**

Rahim Hirani
M.D./Ph.D. Candidate | New York Medical College
Scholarship sponsored by **Cytiva**

Esther Jagwer
College Student | Amherst College
Scholarship sponsored by an Anonymous Donor

Kimberly Stephanie Meza
Ph.D. Candidate | Brown University
Scholarship sponsored by **Vertex**

HOPE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Shahrazad Slater, M.D., M.P.H.
Physician, Pathologist, and Philanthropist
Founder and Executive Director
Slater Family Foundation

Matthew Slater
Three-Time Super Bowl Champion
Advisor, Coach, and Former Player
New England Patriots

GRATITUDE & CLOSING



Christmas Poems

Submitted by Betty Lewis

A Doggy Wonderland

by Beth Toraason

Dog tags ring, are you listenin'?
In the lane, snow is glistenin'.
It's yellow, NOT white - I've been there tonight,
Marking up my winter wonderland.

Smell that tree? That's my fragrance.
It's a sign for wand'ring vagrants;
"Avoid where I pee, it's MY pro-per-ty!
Marked up as my winter wonderland."

In the meadow dad will build a snowman,
following the classical design.
Then I'll lift my leg and let it go Man,
So all the world will know it's
mine-mine-mine!

Straight from me to the fencepost,
flows my natural incense boast;
"Stay off of my TURF, this small piece of earth,
I mark it as my winter wonderland.

A growl is a gift. It means the dog trusts you
enough to believe you will listen to him.

Note: the RMB below stands for Raw Meaty Bones

A Most Carnivorous Christmas

Permission to cross-post this from Crystal Sarcopski

Twas the night before Christmas; in the house, not
a sound. The critters were zonked out, their bellies
so round.

The fridge was all cleaned out; the freezer was
bare In hopes it would fill with a bounty so rare.

The dogs on the couch and the cats in their tree;
No doubt all were dreaming of a nice RMB.

Dad in his pj's and me in my gown; I'd just finished
mopping the kitchen floor down

When out in the yard I heard such a racket; I
slipped on my shoes and grabbed a warm jacket.

The moon was quite bright, and the sky was so
clear; The stars were all twinkling--wait, was that a
DEER!?

I followed the shadow out back of the shed, And
what I saw next had me scratching my head: A
great St Bernard, with a jingle bell collar! Then
from inside my house, I heard someone holler:
"Here's beef ribs and goat meat and oxtails and
deer! Chicken and rabbit and pork--have no fear!"

I ran in my kitchen, and guess who I found?
Looking like St Nick, but dressed all in brown?
Why, it's SANTA PAWS, that wonderful guy



Who each Christmas Eve comes down out of the sky
And blesses our fur kids with toys and with treats,
And gives to our carnivores yummy RAW MEATS!

He stocked my fridge and freezer with organs and such,
Then he pointed to something--oh, this was too much!
"For you," he said proudly, "a chest freezer at last;
Fifteen cubic feet, and it runs on dog gas."
He lifted the lid; it was full to the brim
With hog heads and green tripe, and deer meat and trim.
My heart was near bursting; I wept tears of joy.
What blessings, what feasts, what good food!
Boy oh boy!

He laughed at my happiness, and that's when I saw
The buckle of his belt was a shiny gold paw.
"Your house-wolves and wildcats deserve only the best!
Their perfect diet is here in this chest."

He gave a sharp whistle; in came the St B. I gave him
a scratch and then half a turkey. He scarfed it
right down and gave me a big kiss.

Santa Paws laughed, and then he said this: "Each
Christmas Eve I'll visit your place, And I best not
find kibble, not even a trace! "Empty your freezer,
I'll fill it up right, Stock it with goodies, packed in
nice and tight. "I might bring some toys, a Kong or
a ball, But proper nutrition is the best gift of all!"

His dog gave a WOOF as if to agree; I motioned to
him, shh, Dad's sleeping, you see? We went out to
the yard where his sleigh was parked; He hooked
up the St B, who smiled and barked. And Santa
Paws said, as though it were law, "Merry
Christmas, and keep feeding those carnivores
RAW!"

-- Crystal R Sarcopski, Plant City, FL



Friday, November 22, 2024
Windham County Designated Specialty

Judge: Mr. John Constantine-Amodei
Dogs

1/W/BW 3 **[LEGADO'S KING OF JAZZ TOWN](#)**. WS 83391303. 02-11-24
(5 7 By GCHP MJM's Talk Of The Town - GCHG CH Legado N Danemark's A Captive
Points) Spirit. Owner: Arthur Solnick & Leslie Solnick, East Quogue, NY 119424201.
Breeder: Francisco Camacho & Kirsten Kauffman & Jason L Dubman.
(Lorrie Moreira, Agent).

1/R 1 **[DULCE MR BIG STUFF](#)**. WS 80944401. 06-29-23
1 By CH Triplecrest The Talk Of The Town FDC - Dulce Nothing To Waffle About
SWN SCA SIA SEA. Owner: Tracy Powell DVM, Broad Brook, CT 060169730.
Breeder: Tracy Powell DVM.

Bitches

1/W 2 **[ELLENNI BLACKSTONE CROCODILL ROCK](#)**. WS 81140504. 06-02-23
(4 8 By GCHP CH Eb The Relentless Pursuit Of Perfection - GCHB CH Ellenni
Points) Blkstone Ashella True Friend Of The Crown BN RN FDC NAP NJP OFP CAX
FCAT7 ACT2 THDX CGCA CGCU TKI ATT FITS. Owner: Deb Peatt & Sue Ruby &
K Allison & LB Cipriotti, Reisterstown, MD 211365111. Breeder: Lenni Brett
Cipriotti & Kristi Allison.

1/R 3 **[WYSIWYG GODDESS OF THE NIGHT SWA RATN](#)**. WS 83113701.
0 11-28-23
By CH Dantrydanes Hes Blacklisted - GCH CH Wysiwyg's Dot Dot Dot
Dash FDC DCAT ACT2J SWNE SWA RATS ATT. Owner: Teresa La Brie,
Norwich, NY 138153545. Breeder: Teresa La Brie.

Best of Breed

B 1 **[GCHB WIL-TOR'S HANS HOFFMAN](#)**. WS 80848702. 05-02-23
(5-GC Points) 7 By Sir Parsifal-F - Wil-Tor's Art Of A Zen Master. Dog. Owner: Karen
Hoffman, Massapequa, NY 117587212. Breeder: Eve
WilliamsMarie-Christine Buisson.
(Lorrie Moreira, Agent).

OS/BOBOH 3 [GCH CH LAGARADA MIRAKEL MADISON'S - THE ONE T CGCA TKN](#)
/OHG4 (5-GC 4 WS 76273801. 03-25-22
Points) By CH Mirakel's Master Jasper - Lagarada's Mirakel Special Agent
Miranda. Bitch. Owner: Marc Darren & Laura Hilton & Samantha
Stewart, Madison, CT 064431657. Breeder: Francette J Lass &
Susan Johnson.

SEL 4 [CH MOONRIVER'S SMACK DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF MAYBE.](#) WS
(5-GC Points) 7 82730401. 12-14-23
By GCH Rojon's Reveillon V Atelier - CH Windy Hill's Southern
Perfection V MoonRiver. Dog. Owner: Camille M Durocher & T L
Adams, Philadelphia, PA 191263326. Breeder: T L Adams WR Post
& L Shrawder.

SEL 2 [GCH PAVLIK'S SPIRIT OF THE WOODS.](#) WS 77861802. 08-18-22
(5-GC Points) 6 By CH Journey's Whaddya Got - GCH CH L' Absolut-Sasdania Can
You Keep A Secret Piper. Bitch. Owner: Melissa Pavlik, Dartmouth,
MA 027471328. Breeder: Melissa Pavlik.

Friday Concurrent Specialty
Judge Dr. Adam Protos

1/W/BW 7 [CORAZON AZUL'S YOSHI MIDNIGHT RENDEZVOUS.](#) WS 83736702.
(4 Points) 05-16-24
By GCHS CH Haltmeier N Sunrise's I'M Heart To Resist ATT - GCH
CH Corazon Azul's Lady Godiva. Owner: Mark Thomas & Heather D
Oglesby, Concord, MA 017425611. Breeder: Heather Oglesby &
Logan Yankowski.
(Kerry M Boyd, AKC Registered Handler PHA).

1/R 9 [ICON OF MICA'S JUSTIFIED.](#) WS 79403702. 04-12-22
By ICON Of MICA's Fo'Shizzle - ICON Of MICA's Dressed To Impress.
Owner: Carmella Jichetti & Shane Jichetti, Staten Island, NY
103101608. Breeder: Carmella Jichetti & Shane Jichetti.

1/W/BOBOH 60 [DUN ROMAN'S NIGHTS OF WONDER QUEEN CASSIOPEIA.](#) WS
(4 Points) 78299202. 10-23-22
By Elle's Red Son Rising - GCH CH Dun Roman's Just Like You
Only Prettier. Owner: Emese Szivak, Centereach, NY
117203201. Breeder: Jennifer CostantinidisBetty PyleSusan

- 1/R 44 [ICON OF MICA'S HIPS DON'T LIE](#). WS 70920201. 11-25-20
By ICON Of MICA's Fo'Shizzle - ICON Of MICA's Dressed To Impress. Owner: Carmella Jichetti & Shane Jichetti, Staten Island, NY 103101608. Breeder: Carmella Jichetti & Shane Jichetti.
- 1/B/BVET (5-GC Points) 20 [GCHB CH ELLENNI BLKSTONE ASHELLA TRUE FRIEND OF THE CROWN FDC](#). WS 61699701. 06-16-18
By GCH CH Harley D Hardts Flash-Forward Vhoney Ellenni - Ashella's Time For A Stella. Owner: AJ Cipriotti & LB Cipriotti & K Allison, Bealeton, VA 227126957. Breeder: L B Cipriotti & J Petrella-Ashby & K Allison & A Cipriotti.

GREAT DANES. Best of Breed Competition.

- OS (5-GC Points) 11 [GCHB WIL-TOR'S HANS HOFFMAN](#). WS 80848702. 05-02-23
By Sir Parsifal-F - Wil-Tor's Art Of A Zen Master. Dog. Owner: Karen Hoffman, Massapequa, NY 117587212. Breeder: Eve WilliamsMarie-Christine Buisson. (Lorrie Moreira, Agent).
- SEL (5-GC Points) 22 [GCH CH BRF'S N AMERICA'S LADY LIBERTY](#). WS 77465103. 06-15-22
By CH Maitau N Cosmic Eye'M A Hooligan CGC - GCH CH Brf's N America's Red White & Fawn. Bitch. Owner: Mary Swetzes & Elizabeth Streeter & Mary M Woodworth & R Michal Woodworth, Woodstock, CT 062812914. Breeder: M M Woodworth & R M Woodworth & J M Woodworth & E Streeter.
- SEL (5-GC Points) 25 [CH MOONRIVER'S SMACK DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF MAYBE](#). WS 82730401. 12-14-23
By GCH Rojon's Reveillon V Atelier - CH Windy Hill's Southern Perfection V MoonRiver. Dog. Owner: Camille M Durocher & T L Adams, Philadelphia, PA 191263326. Breeder: T L Adams WR Post & L Shrawder.

AOM **52** [**CH SUNDANCE N MAITAU BELIEVE IN THE DREAM.**](#) WS 73284203.
05-30-21
By CH Nobledane No Assembly Required - CH Maitau N
Sundance You Gotta Believe. Bitch. Owner: Tiffany Cross Patricia
Ciampa Helen Cross Peter & Marcia Roddy, Merrimack, NH
030544580. Breeder: Marcia RoddyPeter RoddyMs Patricia A
CiampaTiffany CrossHelen Cross.

Saturday, November 23, 2024
South Windsor Designated Specialty

1/W
(4 Points) **11** [**DULCE MR BIG STUFF.**](#) WS 80944401. 06-29-23
By CH Triplecrest The Talk Of The Town FDC - Dulce Nothing To
Waffle About SWN SCA SIA SEA. Owner: Tracy Powell DVM,
Broad Brook, CT 060169730. Breeder: Tracy Powell DVM.

1/R **23** [**ENCHANTED MOUNTAINS HIGH HOPES N DREAMS.**](#) WS
83933003. 05-15-24
By GCHB CH Triplecrest Easter Parade - CH Enchanted Mountains
Horizon Zero Dawn. Owner: Dale Dutil Paul Dutil, Mercer, ME
049574822. Breeder: Mickella RavenEugenia Thayer.

1/W/BW
(5 Points) **44** [**TIMELESS IMAGES OF FREEDOM.**](#) WS 81817901. 07-07-23
By CH Knopf's Elwood Blues Sharcon - Timeless All The Stars In
Heaven Twinkle. Owner: Connie F Ho & Julie A Ho, Chagrin Falls,
OH 440224210. Breeder: Julie Ho & Connie F Ho.

GREAT DANES. American-Bred Bitches.

1/R **32** [**CHINAR'S CHECKMATE.**](#) WS 78450101. 09-24-22
By GCH CH Casaarabal's The Ester Child - CH Chinar's Enchantress.
Owner: Rakesh Vali, Newtown, CT 064702336. Breeder: Dr Rakesh
Vali.

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- SEL** (5-GC Points) 25 [GCHS DAVIDDANE'S N BALOR THE CHRONICLES OF RIDDUCK RN CGC TKN DCAT](#). WS 57776202. 06-15-17
By Ch Daviddane's Ducktor Drakken I Presume BN RN CGC CGCA TKN BCAT - Daviddane's Reflection Of A Duck CGC. Dog. Owner: Rachel Wilson Lisa Lewis & Isabella Eaton, Scituate, RI 028571539. Breeder: Lisa Lewis & Rachel Willson & Susan D Shaw.
- SEL** (5-GC Points) 16 [GCH CH WYSIWYG'S DOT DOT DOT DASH DCAT ATT RATS FDC ACT2J SWNE SWAE](#). WS 64774903. 04-29-19
By GCH Wysiwyg Harmon's Ssj Lagrande Phaeton FDC BCAT TT ATT TKN - CH Wysiwyg's Siren Song RI FDC CA FCAT3 ACT1 ACT2J SWD SWEE SWM SCME SEME SBME SHDEE SHDM TT RATCH CZ8S CGC TKI ATT. Bitch. Owner: Teresa La Brie, Norwich, NY 138153545. Breeder: Teresa La Brie.

Saturday Concurrent GDCNE Specialty

Judge Sharon Fulford-Fint

- 1/W** (4 Points) 7 [CORAZON AZUL'S YOSHI MIDNIGHT RENDEZVOUS](#). WS 83736702. 05-16-24
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(Kerry M Boyd, AKC Registered Handler PHA).

- 1/R 21 **[PATRIOTS BEN MAKIN SUMMER PLANS](#)**. WS 77143607. 05-11-22
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Points) 1 Massapequa, NY 117587212. Breeder: Eve WilliamsMarie-Christine Buisson.
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For A Stella. Owner: AJ Cipriotti & LB Cipriotti & K Allison, Bealeton, VA
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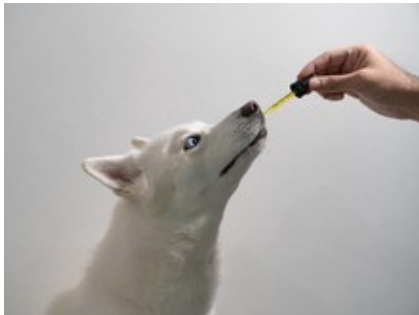
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Can You Use CBD Oil For Anxiety In Dogs?

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Did you know that just like us, dogs can feel anxious or stressed? And it can really affect their mood and behavior. Whether it's thunderstorms, car rides, meeting new people, or just being left home alone, these stressors can make your dog feel pretty uncomfortable and cause anxiety symptoms.

Luckily, there are ways to help, and one option that's gaining popularity is CBD oil, which can naturally calm your pup's nerves.

CBD oil is a great way to help your dog chill out during tough situations, whether it's loud fireworks or separation anxiety disorders. It's a natural way to keep him calm and happy when life throws stressful stuff his way.

But is CBD oil for anxiety in dogs safe? And how does it work? We'll explore below. But first, let's cover how to know whether your dog really has anxiety in the first place.

Common Anxiety Symptoms In Dogs

Before treating anxiety, it's important to make sure your dog actually has it. There are a few tell-tale symptoms to watch out for.

Ever noticed your dog pacing around, shaking, or panting like they're nervous? These are classic signs that your dog might be feeling anxious. It could happen during storms, when he meets strangers, or even just out of the blue. This is similar to generalized

anxiety disorder in humans ... but dogs can even have things like posttraumatic stress disorder, too.

Sometimes the signs of anxiety in dogs aren't so obvious. Your dog might start licking his lips, lose interest in food, or have accidents inside the house even though he's potty trained. These are all ways your dog's body is reacting to stress.

The earlier you spot anxiety, the better you can help your dog before it gets worse. Addressing it early with something like CBD oil can make a huge difference in helping him feel more relaxed and relieve anxiety in stressful situations.

How CBD Oil Works To Promote Calm In Dogs

CBD, short for cannabidiol, is a naturally occurring compound found in the hemp plant, and it's gained a lot of attention for its calming properties.

Unlike THC (the psychoactive compound found in marijuana), CBD is non-psychoactive, meaning it won't make your dog feel "high." Instead, CBD works by interacting with your dog's endocannabinoid system—a complex system of receptors found in the brain, nervous system, and even the digestive tract. This system helps regulate everything from mood to pain and stress. When CBD enters your dog's body, it supports this system, helping to create balance and allowing your dog to naturally manage stressors like separation anxiety or thunderstorm jitters.

You've probably noticed that when your dog gets stressed or anxious, his whole demeanor changes—they might pace, pant, or even start shaking. These behaviors often occur because your dog's serotonin levels, which are key in regulating mood, are off balance.

CBD oil works by helping the body regulate those serotonin levels, which can make a huge difference in promoting calm behavior. It essentially acts as a natural "chill pill" without the risk of side effects common with pharmaceutical options. So whether your dog hates car rides, freaks out during fireworks, or gets anxious being left home alone, CBD can help soothe them by working with their body's own systems.

One concern pet owners have when it comes to CBD oil is whether it will alter their dog's behavior in a negative way or make them feel "out of it." Rest assured, CBD oil contains no THC (or very low, legally

allowed levels of less than 0.3%), so there's no risk of psychoactive effects.

Your dog won't act "stoned" or groggy. Instead, he'll feel more at ease and capable of handling the things that typically make him anxious. Plus, high-quality CBD products undergo rigorous testing to ensure they're safe, non-toxic, and effective for your pet.

Choosing High-Quality CBD Oil For Dogs

With the growing popularity of CBD for pets, the market has become crowded with products of varying quality, making it tricky to choose the right one.

The first thing to look for in a high-quality CBD oil is whether it's made from organically grown hemp. This ensures that the plants are free from pesticides, chemicals, and harmful toxins that could end up in your dog's supplement.

Another crucial factor is third-party testing. Always choose a product that has been independently tested, and make sure the company provides a Certificate of Analysis (COA). This document confirms that the CBD oil contains the amount of CBD advertised, and that it's free from contaminants like heavy metals or solvents.

Full-spectrum CBD is another term to look for, as this type of CBD contains additional beneficial compounds like other cannabinoids and terpenes, which may enhance the calming effects through what's known as the "entourage effect."

Not all extraction methods are created equal, and some CBD oils are made using cheaper, potentially harmful solvents like propane or butane. These solvents can leave toxic residues in the final product, which you definitely don't want in your dog's system.

Instead, look for CBD oils extracted using supercritical CO2, which is the cleanest and most effective method. You also want to ensure the product contains less than 0.3% THC. Any higher, and you're getting into the danger zone where your dog could experience psychoactive effects, which are not only undesirable but potentially harmful.

Be sure to thoroughly vet the product, check for unnecessary fillers, and always read the ingredient list to make sure everything included is safe and beneficial for your dog's health.

How To Use CBD Oil For Anxious Dogs

Figuring out the right dosage of CBD oil for your dog can feel like a guessing game at first, but starting low and slow is generally the best approach. Most CBD oils come with dosage recommendations based on your dog's weight, and it's important to follow these guidelines to avoid under or over-dosing.

A typical starting point is around 1-2 mg per 10 pounds of body weight, but it can vary depending on the concentration of the oil. Some dogs may respond to a low dose immediately, while others may need a slightly higher amount or more time to show noticeable effects. The key is to monitor how your dog reacts and adjust as needed, gradually increasing the dose if you don't see results right away.

Cannabidiol (CBD) oil is widely studied, including in clinical trials and cannabinoid research, for its calming effects on various anxiety related disorders, but it's important to tailor the dose to your individual pet.

Dogs experiencing generalized social anxiety disorder or chronic stress may take longer to respond as CBD builds up in their system. Consistency is key, so stick to a regular dosing schedule and be patient—anxiety relief can take time, just as it does in humans with different psychiatric disorders.

Other Ways To Help Calm Anxious Dogs

Using CBD oil can be an effective way to reduce anxiety in your dog, but a CBD product works even better when combined with other calming strategies. A balanced diet, regular exercise, and creating a soothing environment at home can all help improve your dog's overall mood and anxiety levels.

Much like how people with social anxiety disorder or post traumatic stress disorder benefit from multiple therapies, a holistic plan is the most effective way to manage your dog's anxiety and related neurological disorders. Supporting your dog's overall health helps maximize the benefits of CBD oil and promote a calm, balanced mood.

That said, regular use of CBD oil can play a helpful role, especially for dogs who experience chronic pain, long-term anxiety, or episodic stress, such as during thunderstorms or travel. Whether dealing with situational anxiety or more constant issues like different anxiety disorders, consistency will help regulate your dog's mood.

Just like how treatments for depression symptoms require time and steadiness, giving CBD oil consistently ensures your dog is benefiting from its natural anxiety-relieving properties.

FAQ

Does CBD oil actually reduce anxiety? Yes, research on the effects of CBD shows that it may help reduce anxiety by interacting with the endocannabinoid system, promoting calm in both humans and dogs. The World Health Organization has noted that CBD has potential benefits for anxiety and other anxiety disorders without the risks associated with traditional medications.



What type of CBD oil is best for anxiety? Full-spectrum CBD products are often considered the most effective for anxiety because they contain a range of beneficial compounds from the hemp plant, which work together to promote calm. For individuals or pets with panic disorder or other anxiety disorders, look for high-quality, organic CBD oil that has been third-party tested for purity.

What strength of CBD oil is good for anxiety? The appropriate strength of CBD oil for anxiety depends on the individual's weight and the severity of symptoms. For general anxiety relief, starting with a lower dose is often recommended, and adjusting the strength as needed based on the effects of CBD.

What is the downside of CBD oil? One potential downside of CBD oil is that it can cause mild side effects such as drowsiness or dry mouth in some users, though these are typically not severe.

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Chicken and Pumpkin Biscuits for Dogs Submitted by Sue Davis Shaw

Ingredients:

- ◆ 1 cup of cooked, shredded chicken
- ◆ 1/2 cup of pumpkin puree (unsweetened)
- ◆ 2 cups of whole wheat flour
- ◆ 1 egg
- ◆ 1/4 cup of water

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C) and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, mix shredded chicken, pumpkin puree, egg, and water until well combined.
3. Gradually add whole wheat flour, mixing until a dough forms.
4. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface to about 1/4 inch thickness.
5. Use a cookie cutter to cut out shapes and place them on the prepared baking sheet.
6. Bake for 25-30 minutes until the biscuits are firm and lightly golden.
7. Cool completely on a wire rack before serving.

Storage:

- Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to two weeks.
- Freeze for up to three months and thaw before serving.

Notes:

- Ensure the pumpkin puree is unsweetened and free of any spices or additives.
- You can use oat flour as an alternative to whole wheat flour if your dog has a wheat allergy.
- For extra crunch, you can leave the biscuits in the oven (turned off) to cool down slowly after baking.
- These treats are intended as an occasional snack and should not replace your dog's regular diet.
- Always consult with your veterinarian before introducing new treats to your dog's diet, especially if your dog has any health conditions or dietary restrictions.

Enjoy making these delicious and healthy treats for your furry friend!



Merry Christmas

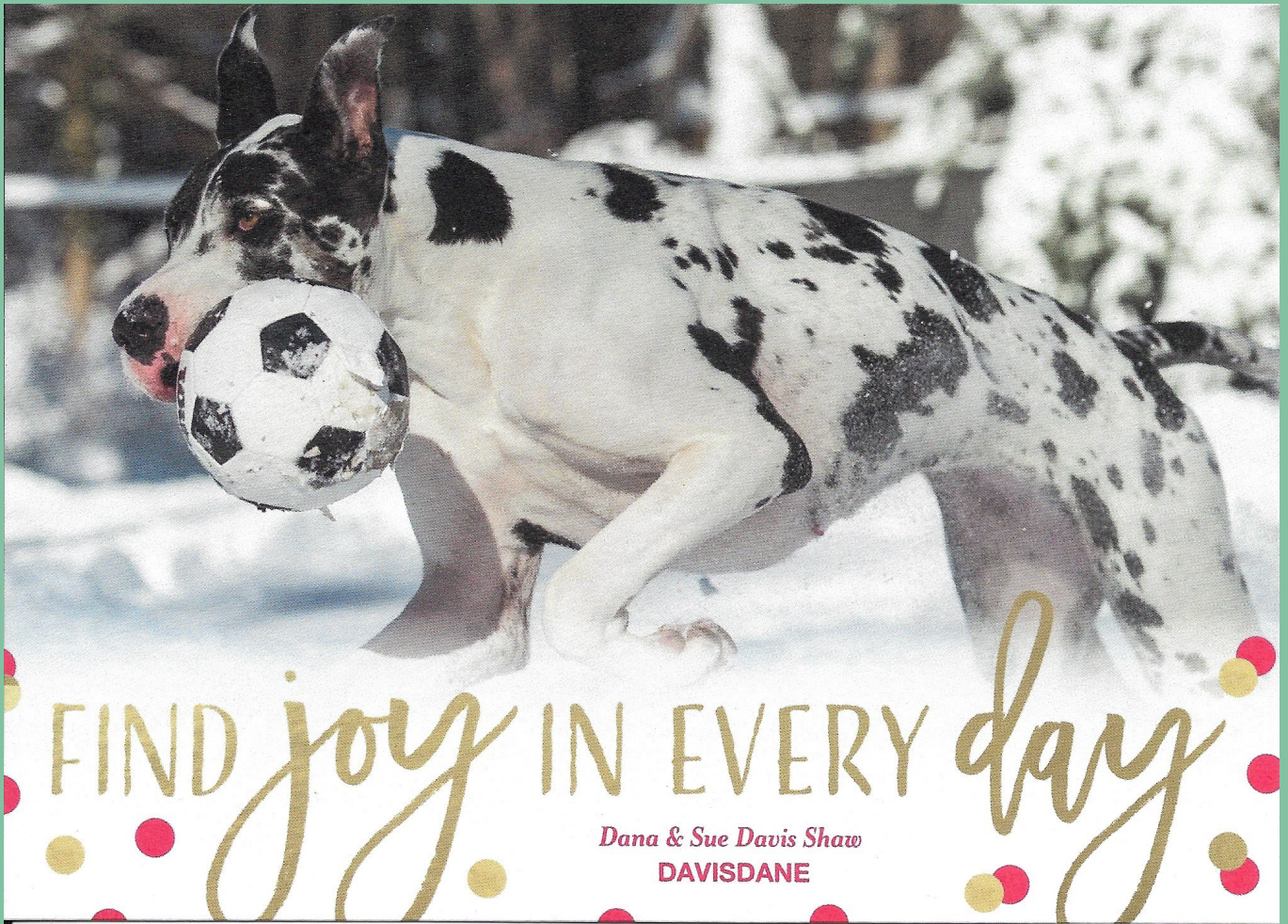
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Dog Breath Stinks? Try This Dog Gum Disease Home Remedy

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Keeping your dog's teeth clean isn't just about making sure she has fresh breath. It's actually a huge part of keeping your pup healthy overall. Good dental care can help her stay active and energetic, but if her teeth and gums aren't in great shape, it can mess with more than just her mouth.

Believe it or not, bad oral hygiene can affect your dog's heart, kidneys, liver, and even her digestion. That's

because bacteria from the mouth can enter the bloodstream and reach those major organs, potentially causing some serious issues. So, keeping her mouth clean is like giving a little boost to her entire system.

Let's dig into some easy, natural ways you can help keep your dog's mouth healthy and free from gum disease, making sure she stays happy and healthy from head to tail.

Gum Disease In Dogs: Signs And Symptoms

Gum disease in dogs is a bigger deal than you might think. Sure, no one likes bad breath, but when gums get infected, it can cause a lot of trouble beyond the mouth. Bacteria that build up around inflamed gums can sneak into your dog's bloodstream, eventually putting strain on their heart, kidneys, or liver. It's a small problem that can snowball into a bigger one if you ignore it.

So how do you know if your dog's gums are in trouble?

Keep an eye out for symptoms like constant bad breath, red or swollen gums, bleeding, or a yellowish gunk (plaque and tartar) that clings to her teeth. If she's having a hard time chewing their food or pawing at her mouth a lot, it could be a sign that something's up.

Nutrition As The Foundation For Healthy Teeth And Gums

Feeding your dog the right stuff is key to keeping her mouth in good shape. A diet packed with fresh, natural ingredients like muscle meat and raw bones helps keep her teeth strong and gums healthy, plus it tastes way better than most processed options.

Let's face it, kibble is easy, but it's not always doing your dog's mouth any favors. The carbs in kibble can stick to teeth and turn into plaque, which means more trips to the vet for cleanings.

On the other hand, fresh, raw foods have enzymes that can

help balance the bacteria in her mouth and keep those pearly whites in better shape. Plus, the act of chewing on real bones can help scrape away buildup, making it an all-around healthier option.

But diet isn't the only piece of the puzzle—chewing is



where the magic happens. When your dog chews on raw bones, bully sticks, or dental chews, it's like she's brushing their teeth themselves. It helps clear away leftover food bits, keeps plaque from piling up, and gives the jaw a nice workout. Plus, chewing helps dogs unwind and keeps them busy, so it's good for the mind as well as the mouth.

Probiotics For A Healthy Mouth

Just like in their gut, dogs need a healthy balance of good bacteria in their mouth. Probiotics can help maintain this balance, keeping the bad bacteria that cause plaque and tartar in check.

By promoting a healthy oral microbiome, probiotics can reduce the buildup that leads to gum inflammation and dental issues, making them a great addition to your dog's dental routine. Think of probiotics as little helpers that keep your dog's mouth cleaner and fresher, all while supporting their overall health.

But not all probiotics are created equal, especially when it comes to your dog's oral health. Look for a probiotic supplement that lists strains known for supporting oral hygiene, like *Lactobacillus acidophilus* and *Bifidobacterium*. These strains can help fight off harmful bacteria and keep the good ones thriving. And don't forget to pick a product that's free from unnecessary fillers or artificial

ingredients—it's about quality, not just quantity, when it comes to choosing the right probiotic for your dog.

If you're looking for another way to keep your dog's mouth fresh, ozonated water is a fantastic option. This is simply water infused with ozone, which has natural antibacterial properties. It can be used to flush out your dog's mouth, helping to reduce harmful bacteria and promote healthier gums without any harsh chemicals. Just give your dog a small amount to drink, or use it as a gentle rinse—it's a simple yet effective way to keep her smile bright.

Effective Home Remedies For Gum Health

When it comes to taking care of your dog's gums, nature offers some great tools.

Ozonated oils, bee propolis tincture, and aloe vera are all effective for soothing sore gums and maintaining their health.

- Ozonated oils, like sunflower or olive oil infused with ozone, have strong antibacterial properties that can help manage gum infections.
- Bee propolis is a natural resin that bees use in their hives, and it's fantastic for its soothing, antibacterial effects on irritated gums.

Aloe vera gel, straight from the plant, can provide quick relief for tender areas and support overall gum health.

Applying these natural remedies is pretty straightforward:

- For ozonated oil or bee propolis, dip a Q-tip or a clean finger into the solution, then gently apply it to the affected gums. Let your dog relax with it for a few minutes before offering water.

With aloe vera, you can break open a fresh leaf or use a high-quality, organic gel—just dab it on the gums to soothe irritation. It's easy, takes just a few minutes, and can make a big difference for your dog's comfort.

As for toothpaste ... store-bought toothpaste can be full of ingredients you might not want in your dog's mouth, so why not try making your own?

Here's a simple recipe using MCT oil, which has antibacterial properties:

- Mix 1/4 cup of ground eggshells or calcium powder, a few drops of peppermint essential oil, and 1-3 tablespoons of MCT oil until you reach a paste-like consistency.
- For a more soothing option, try adding a bit of calendula tincture, which is great for reducing gum irritation.

Just use a finger brush or wrap gauze around your finger to apply, and your dog's teeth will be sparkling clean.

Bone Broth: A Nutrient-Rich Supplement For Oral Health

Bone broth isn't just a tasty treat—it's packed with

minerals that can help keep your dog's teeth strong and her gums healthy. Rich in calcium, magnesium, and phosphorus, bone broth provides the building blocks for healthy bones and teeth, helping to ward off dental issues before they start. Plus, it's full of collagen and gelatin, which are great for supporting the connective tissues around the gums.

Regularly adding bone broth to your dog's diet can boost her oral health while giving her a warm, comforting treat.

Making bone broth at home is easy, and your dog will love it:

- Start with some quality ingredients like oxtail, beef bones, or chicken feet—these parts have tons of collagen and nutrients.
- Add them to a large pot with plenty of water, a splash of apple cider vinegar (to help draw the minerals out of the bones), and simmer on low for 24-48 hours.
- Strain out the bones before serving, and let it cool down to a safe temperature.

You can freeze portions to use later, and your dog will be thanking you for it!

While bone broth is packed with goodness, a little goes a long way. For smaller dogs, a few tablespoons a few times a week should be plenty, while larger dogs can enjoy up to a half cup per serving.

It's perfect to pour over meals or serve as a warm treat, especially during colder months. Just make sure not to add salt or seasonings, and you'll have a healthy, mouth-friendly supplement that's easy on the stomach too.

Preventing Gum Disease In Dogs Through Regular Checks

Just like humans, dogs benefit from a regular dental check-up routine. But instead of waiting for the annual vet visit, you can make a habit of checking your dog's mouth every week at home. It only takes a few minutes and can make a big difference in catching potential issues before they become serious.

By lifting up her lips and taking a good look at her gums and teeth, you can stay on top of any changes that might need extra attention. Plus, it's a great opportunity to get your dog used to having her mouth handled, making brushing and care easier in the long run.

When you're inspecting your dog's mouth, there are a few red flags that might indicate the start of dental trouble:

- Look for any changes in the color of the gums—healthy gums are typically a nice pink, not red or pale.
- If you notice a yellowish or brown buildup on the teeth, that's tartar, which can lead to gum irritation.

Bad breath that doesn't seem to go away can also be a sign of underlying gum issues.

The sooner you spot potential problems, the easier it is to address them before they turn into something more serious. If you notice mild tartar buildup or a bit of bad breath, you can start with natural cleaning methods like brushing with DIY toothpaste or using ozonated oils. And if you see anything more concerning—like swelling, bleeding, or a tooth that looks loose—it's time to reach out to your vet.

Avoiding Common Pitfalls In Dog Dental Care

We've talked about what you should do ... but what about mistakes to avoid?

There are a few pitfalls to keep in mind ... and simply avoiding these can make a big difference in your pup's health over time.

The Risks Of Frequent Veterinary Cleanings

Professional cleanings can be helpful for dogs with severe dental issues, but relying on them too often has its downsides. These procedures require anesthesia, which can be risky, especially for older or smaller dogs. Plus, they come with a hefty price tag that can add up quickly if you're doing them every year.

Instead, focusing on consistent at-home care can minimize the need for frequent cleanings, helping keep your dog's mouth in good shape without the stress and expense of anesthesia. It's all about finding a balance—use the vet when you need to, but try to keep those visits to a minimum with good daily care.

Avoiding Antibiotics For Oral Issues

When faced with gum inflammation or infections, many pet owners turn to antibiotics, but that's not always the best route. Overuse of antibiotics can disrupt your dog's natural bacterial balance, potentially leading to other health problems.

Instead, there are natural alternatives like bee propolis tinctures, ozonated oils, and probiotics that can manage minor gum issues without upsetting your dog's system. These options support the body's natural healing processes, allowing you to address minor concerns at home while keeping your dog's gut health intact.

Remember, it's always best to consult your vet if you're unsure, but having these natural options in your toolkit can be a game-changer.

Choosing The Right Chews And Treats

Not all dental chews are created equal—some can do more harm than good. Hard treats or bones that don't have a bit of give can actually cause damage to your dog's teeth, leading to chips or cracks.

Instead, look for chews specifically designed for dental health, like those made from softer, digestible materials that help clean teeth without the risk of injury. Chews made from dried beef tendons, trachea, or even high-

quality bully sticks can provide the perfect balance of cleaning action and safety.

And remember, moderation is key—dental chews should be part of a broader oral care routine that includes brushing and regular checks to keep your dog's mouth in top condition.

FAQ

How can I treat my dog's gum disease at home? To treat your dog's gum disease at home, focus on maintaining good oral hygiene with dog toothpaste and regular dog teeth cleaning, along with natural remedies like aloe vera and ozonated oils. Incorporating dental treats and brushing your dog's teeth can also help reduce plaque buildup and support healthier gums.

How to reverse gum disease in dogs? Reversing gum disease in dogs starts with consistent oral care, including brushing her teeth and using dog-friendly toothpaste, alongside a balanced diet like that for raw fed dogs. Regular use of home remedies and natural supplements, plus staying up-to-date with veterinary medicine advice, can help prevent tooth decay and improve gum health.

How to treat dog mouth infection with home remedies? Home remedies for treating a dog's mouth infection include applying bee propolis or ozonated oils to the affected area, along with using a gentle dog toothpaste for daily brushing. Adding supplements that support your dog's oral hygiene, like probiotics and dental treats, can also help manage mild oral issues before they worsen.

How long can dogs live with gum disease? Dogs can live with gum disease, but it can lead to serious complications like kidney disease if left untreated, as oral disease affects overall health. Regular veterinary dental cleanings, thorough home care like brushing, and monitoring for underlying dental issues can help extend your dog's life and keep their mouth healthy.

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Sunshine

Our sincere condolences go out to Maria Perkins on the loss of her mother, Barbara Argento.

Our thoughts are with Dianne Powers on the loss of her sweet Dani, CH Nor'East's Elora Danan.

Get well wishes go out to Theresa Lento for a speedy recovery. We missed you at the specialty and hope you are well soon!

GDCA

National Specialty 2026

The judges were just announced for the South Division in 2026

Conformation

Best of Breed -Jim Remaklus

Dogs-Thomas Davis

Bitches -Jennifer Bell

Futurity

BJ Barnhart

Doug Toomey



Election ballots received: 395

Total ballots received include: 29 club ballots and 3 illegal ballots

Total number of votes for conformation judges: 1,087

Total number of votes for futurity judges: 738 - This means only about half the clubs and members voted.

National Specialty 2025

This is our East Division national to be held at the Kalahari Resort in Pocono Manor in Pennsylvania, October 12-18. Info will be out shortly and reservations should open up in January.

Judges are:

Conformation

Best of Breed - Fay Rogstad

Dogs - Joy DeGruccio

Bitches - Gina Jaeblo

Futurity

Nichole Conneen-Holmes and Allison Paxton

Companion Events

Rally - Nancy Withers

Obedience - Tibby Chase

Agility - Bill Pinder

The committees are very busy planning to make our national a great one. Pat Ciampa and her committee are organizing the welcome party so if you can help please let Pat know. The next Division meeting will be held on January 7th and Tiffany will be sending out the call-in information prior to that time.

GDCA Charitable Trust



Bronze Raffle

Congratulations to David Beek for winning the life-size bronze statue. The winning ticket was drawn during the closing ceremony at the National.

Scholarships

It's almost scholarship time.

It's time to think about applying for a Charitable Trust Scholarship. **The Bob & Carolyn Thomas Memorial Scholarship is specifically designated for veterinary students**, so if you know any vet students who are GDCA or Affiliate Club members, please let them know. The age limit for this scholarship has been eliminated.

Our **Linda Ridder Memorial Scholarships** are available to students seeking higher education. **Higher education is not limited to college; accredited vocational programs are also eligible.** For these scholarships students over the age of 18 must be a GDCA or Affiliate Club member.

Deadline to apply is April 1st. The application is on the gdca.org website under the Charitable Trust section. Any questions, contact Sue Davis Shaw at Daviddane@comcast.net.

The Bob & Carolyn Thomas Memorial Scholarship Fund is also set up to assist our Juniors, who qualify with a Great Dane and show the Great Dane in Junior Showmanship at Westminster Kennel Club. The grant is for \$500 to help the junion with expenses. Contact Sue Davis Shaw at Daviddane@comcast.net to apply.

Rescue Grants

The Charitable Trust has just voted to increase the amount of our rescue grants to \$600. Each affiliated rescue is allowed 3 rescue grants each year as well as an insurance grant.

Study

The Charitable Trust funded study on Post Operative Bleeding has some preliminary findings and valuable information tha will be placed on the GDCA website shortly. They have 57 surgical cases enrolled as well as 18 relatives of those cases who submitted samples for genetic testing. These 18 are littermates, siblings or offspring of cases which did not survive or were unavailable to test.



Merry Christmas from the Maitau crew!