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GOLD COAST YORKSHIRE TERRIER CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA INC.

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## Specialty Update

Our Specialty Showing at the Jupiter-Tequesta Dog Show in West Palm Beach had six entries. Those attending enjoyed watching all the beautiful dogs strut their stuff.



Many thanks to the members who came, supported and volunteered. Special thanks to Pat Caruso for taking charge of the photos; they will be on the club website. Entries in general were down according to Michelle Hugan of JTDC. She thanked us and invited us for next year. We can discuss at the next meeting.

As I conclude this year as GCYTC President, I want to thank each of you for your friendship and support. I will continue as the vice-president for the fiscal year. Respectfully,

*Sherill*

# Save the Date

Fall Yorkie Club Luncheon  
Saturday, October 29 @ 1pm

WildFlower Steakhouse  
1424-1450 N Federal Hwy.  
Boca Raton, FL 33432

Delicious lunch menu,  
patio dining and shared  
moments with great friends!

*More info to come*



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## Paw-li-days

**August 4 ~ Work Like A Dog Day**

**August 10 ~ Nat'l Spoil Your Dog Day**

**August 26 ~ Nat'l Dog Day**

**August 28 ~ Rainbow Bridge Remembrance**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Aug 14**

Jeffrey Frank

**Aug 18**

Frank Angeli

**Aug 19**

Sherill Freeman

# Who's Spoiled?

Is your dog is enjoying a life of serious luxury? We prefer to say overindulged.

Having a basket full of dog toys in one room of your house is one thing. But having toys everywhere, is another. If you're constantly picking up stuffed animals and chewies every time you walk into a room, consider designating one spot of your house to hold all your dog's items—or rotate toys so they think they're getting something new every few weeks.

There are so many ways to spend time with our dogs, whether it's taking them for a walk, hanging out with them in the park, or bringing them to a pet-friendly restaurant patio. It's easy to bring our best friends, or feel guilty if we leave them at home. Before you bring them on your next adventure, make sure that they're actually comfortable and want to go—some dogs are just homebodies; and that's perfectly all right!

Look, we all miss our dogs when we're not with them, and it's natural to not want to be away from them for too long. Nothing is worse than your dog watching you with sad puppy eyes while you get ready to leave for work or dinner with friends. Dogs are social animals and love to be with their humans, but it's important to have some time away to prevent codependency /separation anxiety. You deserve to fully enjoy your solo plans without guilt. Next time you're thinking of bailing early, remind yourself that your dog is A-OK and you'll be home soon enough.

Some pet parents buy an occasional outfit for their pups and take adorable pictures of them. But if you're spending a serious amount of money on dog clothes/accessories and filling up a closet, it might be time to slow down. Your dog will look good no matter what they're wearing (or not wearing), and you don't need to go broke giving them a wardrobe. Less is more!



by: Pat Caruso

Spending \$20 on an adorable new toy or bandana or healthy treats for your pup? No brainer! Spending \$20 on something new for yourself? Forget about it! It's easy to get caught up in spoiling your dog with anything and everything they could ever want. Just remember they are perfectly happy with a nice walk and quality time with you—with or without the matching collar, leash, and bag dispenser.

You know you're a dedicated dog parent when you go the extra mile to cook their food from scratch each day or give them a pricey specialty food—after consulting with your vet that it's the right option for your dog. Your dog is definitely spoiled if their dinner requires an hour of prep and fancy ingredients, and then you rummage in the pantry for a box of mac and cheese for yourself. If you think you might be going a bit overboard, your vet can help you create a manageable, nutritious plan for your precious pup.

Don't ask the age old "What's for dinner?" every night for you --- and your pup!

Hydration Station

As the dog days of summer stammer on, Make sure you AND your precious pup(s) stay cool and hydrated. Consider adding some chicken bone broth or coconut water to their water bowl, to encourage them to drink. Avoid walking in the heat of the day and always pay attention to the temperature of the pavement.



# An thro po mor phize

by Tina K Valant

## Do you:

- Feed your dog from your plate?

Leaders don't offer resources until THEY are satiated

- Buy your dog frequent gifts? Treats, toys, etc.

All they really want/need is our time/attention.

- Dress your dog (other than for health/weather)?

Clothing your dog cloaks their body language.

- Advocate dogs from the same litter/home be adopted together?

Unless bonded, they adapt quickly and thrive.

- Treat your dog every time they "do business" outside?

Dogs are confused by this weird human behavior. A simple verbal reward of "good girl/boy" is enough.

- Participate in dog weddings, pageants, etc?

Satisfies the need for human attention/socialization, and usually is not something the dog enjoys.

- Avoid walking your dog, daily?

Even prisoners get an hour outside to enjoy the scents, sounds, sights and textures of the environment.

- Coddle your fearful dog during fireworks/storms?

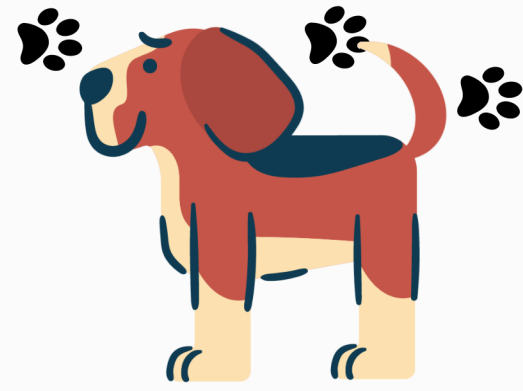
You could be affirming their fear, as you reward the behavior with your attention.

- Hug/kiss/allow others to get in your dog's face?

Akin to running up to an unknown child and smothering them with unwanted affection, getting in a dog's personal space, is not a welcome, accepted greeting. Is doing what you want worth being bitten? It does not matter if you've "had the dog since a puppy, or think they would never harm your child". Different species respect different rules.

- Think only a puppy will bond to you/be properly trained?

Dogs (especially rescued) are gratefully sentient beings.



The depth of the bonds we form with our dogs is astonishing - in spite of our species being vastly different. Scentual information is innately instinctive for dogs, from the moment they take their first breath. Throughout their lives, dogs continue to rely on their main sense : smell. Yet, we often expect them to perceive the world as we do: through sight, sound, and touch.

We don't even speak the same language, yet a lot of us spend more time with our dogs than we do with humans (especially lately). Regardless of our appearance, age, size, bank balance, our dogs think we are the bone-diggity!! Known for their unconditional love and loyalty, in dog we trust.

How often are we unknowingly projecting our feelings, fears, desires, and attributes upon our dogs? Why can it be harmful?

Considered to be an innate tendency of human psychology, anthropomorphism (an thro po morf iz um) is the attribution of human traits, emotions, or intentions to nonhumans. sourced from Wikipedia

Attributing universal human characteristics to living things makes them more relatable to us. In actuality, this is ignoring many things that make dogs so wonderful. We are doing our dogs a disservice when we anthropomorphize, projecting ourselves upon them.

Like small children, dogs need schedules, guidelines, boundaries and consequences. To ensure our loved ones' (two and four legged) survival and to set them up to be self-sufficient, well-adjusted and happy---we must provide leadership, consistency and guidance; tailored to age, maturity and comprehension levels.

Anthropomorphism is universal and runs rampant in our culture, from William Wegman's famously photographed weimaraners to animated characters in movies, like Finding Nemo and The Lion King. We aren't doing dogs any favors by pushing aspects of our humanity upon them. **Love, care and respect them for the unique individual species they are.**