



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

Old Friends by *Connie Cuff*

Do dogs REALLY WATCH TV?

Dogs vision is a little different from ours. Their eyes have more rods than cones, so they are more sensitive to motion and have better night vision than humans. Dogs experience colors differently, too. They are more likely to notice the contrast between blue, green and yellow objects, while red and white are less interesting to them. Dogs watch TV and recognize things that are of interest to them.



Dogs recognize and will pay attention to other animals on the screen, dogs that are running, barking or engaged in activity, but other dogs will watch any animal doing anything on TV.

Why do some dogs watch TV and others don't? Young dogs with little TV experience, or dogs with strong prey drive may act as though animals on television are there in the same room with them, perhaps behind the TV, while some dogs realize right away that the images are not real. Televised dogs do not smell which makes them less interesting.

Your dog may have already demonstrated that televised animals are fascinating, but if that hasn't happened yet, pay attention when pet food ads, commercials featuring dogs or

nature programs come on. If the colors are mostly blues, greens or yellows, the action should capture his attention. Look for focusing eyes, alert expressions, changes in posture, head tilts, tail wags or expressive sounds like growls, barks or whines.

Should you leave the TV on for your dog? Some veterinarians discourage the practice because they have seen dogs who have injured themselves while chasing something on the screen, or dogs become frightened or confused by sights and sounds. Behavior experts remind dog owners that televisions can't substitute for human companionship but familiar sights and sounds may help dogs relax or entertain themselves during the day.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



It certainly has been a challenge with classes and having to deal with heat. Thinking of our dogs and ourselves, we cannot do training with these weather conditions. I am sure you are keeping your dogs busy and they enjoying being out of the heat and spending time with you.

A reminder that we will continue doing our visits so keep up with postings on our Club calendar.

One note: We encourage dogs and puppies that are not certified to join us when visits allow uncertified dogs. When there are certified therapy dogs on visits, the organization, ATD, requires us to use a 2-foot rule between dogs. Just want everyone informed so we understand what is required.

Sympathies to **Myra and Tom Deitrich** with the loss of their American Eskimo, **Toby**. He provided many hours of Pet Therapy and will be truly missed.

Congratulations to **Lisa Erdley** with **Ellie**, a Westie, **Brenda Peachey** with **Reese**, a German Shepherd, and **Don Herb** with **Emmy**, for being certified with ATD. Looking forward to having you join us on visits.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 15th at 1pm for our annual Club picnic at the pavilion closest to the Shikellamy State Park Marina office. You bring a covered dish and a dog item for a Chinese Auction. We provide hot dogs and drinks. You need to register as we plan on doing an activity and need to know the number of dogs coming.

Welcome to the Club: **Katie Kelly** with **Nico** and **Jennifer Haines** with **Poppy**.

A group of 4-9-year olds were asked what they enjoyed or found meaningful by a Doctor who works with terminally ill children. Not one child said they would watch more TV, be on Facebook or be in the hospital. On the positive side, they said, **“animals make them feel better”**. Family time was important and also eating ice cream.

We all can do better in life by sharing our pets, showing more kindness and giving more smiles. And of course, eating more ice cream!

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Aug. 1 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South (certified only)	1:00 pm
Aug. 5 (Mon)	5 Star (certified only)	1:00 pm
Aug. 7 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
Aug. 8 (Thurs)	Mt. View Manor	1:30 pm
Aug. 14 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00 am
	Buffalo Valley	11:00 am
Aug. 15 (Thurs)	Mansion	10:30 am
Aug. 19 (Mon)	Columbia County Prison (certified only)	1:15 pm
Aug. 21 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
Aug. 22 (Thurs)	Grayson View	6:00 pm
Aug. 27 (Tues)	Lewisbur Prison Maximum (Badged only)	12:00 pm
Aug. 28 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00 am
	Buffalo Valley	10:45 am
Aug. 29 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South (certified only)	1:00 pm
Aug. 31 (Sat)	Bucknell University Sojka Lawn	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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