



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

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Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

I begin my Newsletter with thoughts of all of you as members of STDTC. As many of you will remember this past year as a challenge in many ways, I look at it with thankfulness for all the blessings you have given me and one of the most inspiring of my years in being involved with dog training.

We can all gain new experiences with our dogs and find that we have learned a lot about them and they as much about us.

When you sit down for your morning coffee do you know what works the best? SIT. You can apply it in so many ways throughout the day while you quarantine. Now onto WAIT which I just love as a training tool. It gives your dog something to think about as he waits for his food, going for a walk, getting released from the ball you have just thrown, I could go on and on.

Yes, there is that recall which everyone finds hard to accomplish. It is all about repeat, repeat and repetition. If we work on this in our homes with family members offering treats and happy voices in a group back and forth, whenever he gets to the person with the treat it is a WOW party. By working on a recall in a happy environment it may be just what your dog needs when he is distracted and you need that quick recall.

Some people think because their dog is older he is unable to learn new things. This is a wonderful time to introduce new activities, tricks, commands - all dogs enjoy new things and it may increase their longevity and keep them happy and alert. (don't forget those hand signals)

With classes being halted because of weather and our Marina flooding, we are missing the socialization. Any stores that allow our pets is a good time to visit.

With some thought and preparation, we can do some amazing things with our dogs that can be added to memories in years ahead.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



We received a thank you from Mostly Mutts for our donation of \$200. It was greatly appreciated as they had to cancel many planned fundraisers due to the covid. Their funding is totally dependent on gifts from caring donors to cover food, shelter and veterinary care.

Thanks to Sue Visnosky for her gifts of stenciled glasses for our members.

It was nice to join Connie Hackenburg with her horses and ponies from the Therapeutic Riding Program, as we walked our dogs around Penn Manor in Selinsgrove. I know the residents enjoyed this, and we are hoping to repeat our visits at other nursing homes in the future.

I am compiling my membership list for 2021. I thank everyone that has responded.

Keep checking on Club emails and the web site announcements for any future Club activities.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.