



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

June 2019



Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

Using a reward to build behavior is based in science. Operant conditioning is a method of learning that occurs through rewards and punishments. Through operant conditioning an individual makes an association between a specific behavior and a consequence. If your dog performs a behavior and add a reward, you increase the likelihood that the behavior will happen again.

What you need to remember:

Training rewards include verbal praise, toys, petting and play. In general food rewards are the most exciting for dogs. Softer treats with stronger scents work best; hot dogs, freeze dried

liver, cheese and grilled chicken.

You may be giving your dog a reward without meaning to. For example, your teenage dog jumps on you. You push her off, but she doesn't stop jumping on you. Remember, rewards increase behavior - and your dog thinks you pushing her is awesome. Her jumping will get worse if you keep paying her for the behavior.

Deliver the Reward immediately after the behavior. Aim for one second. If you wait longer, the dog won't associate it with the intended behavior. You want to teach your puppy to eliminate outside. You take her out, she pees, you bring her inside, give her a treat. You just rewarded her for following you inside, not for peeing outside. You were too late.

There is a difference between a reward and a bribe. If your dog performs a behavior and then you give him a treat, you're rewarding him for a good job. If you can't get your dog to come in from the backyard until you show him a treat, that's a bribe. Avoid bribes. You'll end up with a dog who only listens to you when you have treats in your hand.

Looking forward to seeing everyone coming to the Marina on Tues. June 4. It should be a fun summer (hope Tuesdays are rain free)!

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



So sorry for the loss of Cady owned by Sally Thomas. She devoted her life as a Therapy Dog and was loved by everyone who knew her.

We will be saying good-bye to Marjean as she and her husband, Don, 6 dogs & 3 cats will be relocating to Maine. She has been an icon with STDTC and many have come through her Star Puppy Classes and have continued on to have their dog attain a CGC and become a Therapy Dog. We will miss her but wish her well in her new adventure in Maine.

Our classes will begin at the Shikellamy State Park Marina on June 4. Class times are Advanced at 6:15pm and Beginners at 7:15pm.

Congratulations to Ruth Cantaluppi with Lady for passing the ATD test.

Congratulations to Judy Brubaker for becoming a Star Puppy trainer, CGC evaluator and a Trick Tester.

The following have graduated from the Star Pupy Class:

Judy & Doug Brubaker with Quinn; Madison Hollenbach with Finley; Stevie Blyler with Rezzi; Tammy Pierece with Fig

I will be ordering Club Car decals, if anyone is interested please let me know. cost is \$4.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

June 3 (Mon)	5 Star	1:00pm
June 4 (Tues)	Classes Begin at Marina Advanced Beginners	6:15pm 7:15pm
June 5 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
June 6 (Thurs)	Memory Care, Emmanuel Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
June 10 (Mon)	Grayson View	6:30pm
June 12 (Wed)	Riverwoods & Buffalo Valley	10:00am
June 13 (Thurs)	Mt. View Manor	1:00pm
June 19 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
June 20 (Thurs)	Sunbury Hospital Mansion Manor Care	1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm
June 24 (Mon)	Elmcroft	6:30pm
June 25 (Tues)	Medium Prison, Allenwood	12:00pm
June 26 (Wed)	Riverwoods & Buffalo Valley Wellness Week - Bucknell Library (ATD only)	10:00am 11:30am - 1:00pm
June 27 (Thurs)	Vintage Knolls Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm

June 2019

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■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
■ US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Day 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:15 PM Training 4:15 PM Beginner Training 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John F. Kennedy's Birthday 7:00 AM Buffalo Valley 7:00 AM Riverwoods 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Maria Joseph Emmanuel 11:00 AM Geisinger Rehab-Health South 	31	1
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