



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

May 2015

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



In all aspects of training you should have the right attitude, demonstrate patience, coupled with proper reinforcement and timing of the desired behavior and you will achieve what you want in training your dog. It doesn't matter what you are training your dog, put yourself in the dog's shoes and give him a reason to do what you want and a reason to do what you don't want by communicating those things in all your actions. Get your dog to "listen" to you and to react to you instantaneously.

You know that sounds, tone and volume are as important as the words themselves. You want your dog to not just associate your commands with a reward, but to associate them with an action. If you repeat them over and over, it becomes nearly involuntary. In order to develop reactions, you have to experience multiple repetitions over a long period of time. A well-trained dog will instantly respond, without hesitation, to various commands and tricks you want to teach him.

(The following was taken from a writing by Dixon J. Cuff)

"One of the prime functions of any dog instructor ought to be the nurturing of a better, more aware relationship between dog and handler. If the instructor does his job well, that owner will be more likely to love and care for his dog for many years ahead. The instructor can only give each class his best. After the class is over for that night's training, it is up to the owner to give his dog the best he has learned that week in training.

Your dog is the result of your choice, the environment in which he has lived, and your approach to his training. You must accept full responsibility for any of his failures. It should be recognized that the dog is never at fault."

Everyone at class has been working hard at improving the behavior of their dogs. Some dogs take more time to get the desired results but by taking command and building trust, you will form a mutually rewarding relationship. Dogs are looking for someone to lead.

As with all things, "practice makes perfect".

Till next time,

Connie

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

May 6 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
May 7 (Thurs)	Grandview Nursing Home Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
May 9 (Sat)	Mt. Carmel Lions Club St. Fair	10:30am - 11:00am
	Mifflinburg United Methodist Church Blessing of Animals Pet Fair, 279 Market St.	10:00am - 2:00pm
May 11 (Mon)	Penn Lutheran Village, Selinsgrove	6:30pm
May 13 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
May 14 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital Life Geisinger Building Bridges Northwestern Academy	1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm 2:45pm
May 19 (Tues)	CLASSES BEGIN AT SHIKELLAMY MARINA	
May 20 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
May 21 (Thurs)	Sunbury Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Manor Care & Sunshine Corners	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
May 25 (Mon)	Memorial Day	
May 27 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
May 28 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm

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- Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
- US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Sr. Health Expo 6:00 PM Bucknell University Library 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Training 6:30 PM AKC Star Puppy Class 7:15 PM Beginner Training 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Holy Family Convent 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab-Health South 	30	1	2
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10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother's Day 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Penn Lutheran Village 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Training 6:30 PM AKC Star Puppy Class 7:15 PM Beginner Training 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Shamokin Hospital 1:45 PM Life Geisinger 2:15 PM Building Bridges 2:45 PM Northwestern Academy 	15	16
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