Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

November 2018

Old Friends
by Connie Cuff

Let Him Fail

1. "Learning". In humans this is where we first learn something new. In dogs this is when we first introduce a new behavior. In this stage, we want to keep failure at a minimum stage. To be successful with your dogs in the learning phase, simply break your behavior down into small steps, reward often, and don't rush. If your dog makes a mistake, take a step back and decrease your difficulty so you set your dog up for success.

2. "Practicing". During the practice phase, we should expect failure. This is the time to allow your dog to make mistakes and learn from them. In the practice phase you need to make it safe for him to fail. Don't give your dog a hard correction when they don't get it right. Be fair, and be patient.

3 "Gaining experience". You are ready to take your skills into the real world. You move into places with more risk. Failure here has a bigger impact. Don't move too fast, take a step back and try again, making success easier for your dog this time around.

4. "Limit fairues to the Practice Phase". When you move from practicing to gaining experience, this is where it's best to set yourself up for success. Failures might happen, and that's OK. With enough practice, the move to gaining experience should be a smooth one. When moving to this phase, take it slow. It is best to baby step your way through.

These are a few steps to failing well in Training.

1. Don't be a cheerleader. If your dog makes a mistake, don't add any inadvertent reinforcers talking to the dog, eye contact, don't gesture or point. Simply set them back up and start again.

2. Wins should outweigh the losses. If your dog is failing too often, it is a signal that you are moving too fast.

3. Don't get stuck. If your dog gets stuck and does not know what you are asking, don't stare at him for a few minutes in hopes he'll figure it out, instead take it as a sign that you've added too much difficulty.

Remember make it fun for you and your dog - You both want to enjoy the experience!

Till next time,

Connie

Notes and Notices

We are planning our Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 5:00pm. Our dinner is held at the Packer House on N. Third St., Sunbury. We do a Silent Auction and ask that you bring an item which does not need to be dog related. Also a gift for a dog wrapped and no name needed. I would like to hear from everyone ASAP so we can coordinate this event. Payment of $20 is due by Nov. 23.

Our Halloween Parades in Sunbury and Northumberland with the Theme of Paw Patrol were a lot of fun and I thank everyone who participated. A special thank you to Merv Heimbach who drove his Ranger for us. I have not seen a list of winners.

Many times I have seen people driving with dogs hanging out windows. Recently my daughter had an incident near her office where a gentleman's Golden Retriever jumped out and caused him to crash into a telephone pole. All dogs should be tethered to a seat belt or crated when passengers in cars. Also dogs in front seats can be njured severely if the air bag is deployed.

We welcome new members:
Sherrill & Chloe Miller from Northumberland with mini-Goldendoodle, Copper
Tiff Kalejta from Coal Township with Yorki-mix Benji
Taylor & Andrew Litchard from Sunbury with Cokapoo Mookie
Delores Kerstetter with German Shepherd
Colton & Hannah Kerstetter with German Shepherd
Sympathies to Kathy McLauaghlin with the loss of her Sheltie, Maggie

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Nov. 1 (Thurs)	**Nazareth at Emmanuel**	**1:00pm**
	Geisinger Rehab Health South	**2:00pm**
Nov. 4 (Sun)	**DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS**	
Nov. 5 (Mon)	**5 Star**	**1:00pm**
	Grayson View	**6:30pm**
Nov. 7 (Wed)	**Riverwoods**	**10:00am**
Nov. 8 (Thurs)	**Shamokin Hospital**	**1:15pm**
	VNA and Mt. View Manor	**1:15pm**
Nov. 12 (Mon)	**VETERANS DAY**	
Nov. 13 (Tues)	**Prison Visit CAMP LEWISBURG (NCIC ONLY)**	**12:00pm**
Nov. 14 (Wed)	**Riverwoods and Buffalo Valley**	**10:00am**
Nov. 15 (Thurs)	**Sunbury Hospital**	**1:00pm**
	Mansion	**1:45pm**
	Manor Care	**2:15pm**
Nov. 21 (Wed)	**Riverwoods**	**10:00am**
Nov. 22 (Thurs)	**THANKSGIVING**	
Nov. 23 (Fri)	**Reservations Due for Christmas Party**	
Nov. 28 (Wed)	**Riverwoods**	**10:00am**
	Stress Relief, Bucknell Univ. Library (ATD only)	**5:00pm - 7:00pm**
Nov. 29 (Thurs)	**Bloomsburg Univ.**	**10:00am - 12:00pm**
	Grandview	**1:00pm**
	Geisinger Rehab - Health South	**2:00pm**
Dec. 2 (Sun)	**CHRISTMAS PARTY, Packer House, Sunbury**	**5:00pm**
Dec. 3 (Mon)	**5 Star**	**1:00pm**
	Bucknell Univ. Library (ATD only)	**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

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■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
■ US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 Star Puppy Begins (Class Full) ■ 6:15 PM Training ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	31 Halloween ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	1 ■ 1:00 PM Nazareth at Emmanuel ■ 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South	2	3
4 Daylight Saving Time Ends	5 ■ 1:00 PM 5 Star ■ 6:30 PM Grayson View	6 Election Day ■ 6:15 PM Training ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	7 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	8 ■ 1:15 PM Shamokin Hospital ■ 1:15 PM VNA and Mt. View Manor	9	10
11 Veterans Day	12 Veterans Day (observed)	13 ■ 12:00 PM Prison Visit CAMP LEWISBURG (NCIC ONLY) ■ 6:15 PM Training ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	14 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods and Buffalo Valley	15 ■ 1:00 PM Sunbury Community Hospital ■ 1:45 PM Mansion Nursing Home ■ 2:15 PM Manor Care	16	17
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