



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

Old Friends by *Connie Cuff*

From time to time we may hear a low growl from our dogs. Dogs may growl to express pleasure and they sometimes growl when they are stressed. Can you tell the difference?



Women make the distinction 65% of the time; men only 45%. Playful growls were shorter than growling expressed during food guarding or when a dog felt threatened. The intervals between play growls were shorter than the intervals between growls indicating stress, fear or alarm.

In real life, body language accompanying the growl is often the tell. If a dog is playing with you or another dog and growls with her mouth slack and her body relaxed and may perform a play bow, the growling is probably happy. But if a dog stiffens when she growls and has a hard stare at whoever is making her stressed, she's more likely upset and giving a warning.

If you are uncertain you should take it as a warning and back off. She's feeling uncomfortable and does not want to become aggressive to take care of herself. Punishing your dog for being upset – yelling at her, yanking on the leash – only adds your anger on top of the fear. Remove her from the source.

Then, when in calmer moments desensitize her to a situation to generalize a good experience.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



Congratulations to the following who have successfully completed the **Star Puppy Class**:

Destiny Slother, German Shepherd, **Cash**; **Dean and Deb Diernbach**, Great **Danes Dylan and Otto**; **Jane Kubat**, Wind-sprite, **Rupert**; **Katelyn Walls**, Goldendoodle, **Maggie**.

Passing the **CGC**: **Barb Tevis** with Rottie/Berner, **Frankie**; **Destiny Slother** with German Shepherd, **Finn**.

I have been notified by the Selinsgrove Center that they are working on a room we can use until the gym would open the middle of December. We will continue classes at the Shikellamy Marina until I hear otherwise, please keep checking notifications from class emails and our web site.

Welcome new members: **Mary Malafronte** with Golden Retriever, **Reilly**; **Mithcell Carroll** with Lab Mix, **Luna**; **Jennifer Shay** with Lab, **Mia**; **John Leeser** with Golden Retriever, **Oaklee**.

I appreciate everyone keeping up with training at the Marina and our visits. With winter weather coming, things can change, but keeping our dogs active will get us through.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Nov. 4 (Mon)	5 Star (Certified only)	12:15 pm – 2:00 pm
Nov. 6 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00 am
	Buffalo Valley	10:45 am
Nov. 7 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South (Certified only)	1:00 pm
Nov. 10 (Sun)	Bucknell, LC Downhill (ATD only)	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Nov. 12 (Tues)	Lewisburg Federal Prison (Badged only) Building tbd	12:00 pm
Nov. 13 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
	Bucknell, front of Library (ATD only)	12:00 pm – 1:15 pm
Nov. 14 (Thurs)	Mt. View Manor	1:30 pm
Nov. 15 (Fri)	Shikellamy H.S. (ATD only)	8:00 am – 10:00 am
Nov. 18 (Mon)	Columbia County Prison (Certified only)	1:15 pm
Nov. 19 (Tues)	REC Center, Selinsgrove	4:30 pm
Nov. 20 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00 am
	Buffalo Valley	10:45 am
Nov. 21 (Thurs)	Mansion	10:30 am
Nov. 27 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
Nov. 28 (Thurs)	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	



Dec. 7th (Sat)	Allenwood Federal Prison, Max Children's Day (Badged or NCIC)	7:30 am – 3:00 pm
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November 2024

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