



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

October 2019



Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

Genetic testing is one of the newest additions to veterinary spending.

Most owners are familiar with genetic tests to determine the ancestry of mixed breed dogs but are not aware of companies testing for genetic health disorders. Many companies are honing into profit from these tests and consumers should be aware that no regulating body oversees this testing. In the U.S. the FDA plays no role in overseeing how these tests are performed, how results are validated, or the best way to convey the data to consumers.

Screening dogs for genetic disorders has strong potential to guide diagnosis treatment and breeding but many questions remain. Veterinarians are left to decide when it's valuable to screen a dog for genetic disorders recognized for a dog's particular breed. But then there is the dilemma when they lack the necessary training in genetics to make those decisions so consumers are left to rely on companies which are limited to the knowledge and consumers are left to interpret limited genetic health care data on their own.

There are companies such as Embark and Wisdom that do a cheek swab and some companies rely on blood tests.

Figuring out where to get reliable genetic health information and interpretation results requires a bit of digging, a fair amount of skepticism, and willingness to ask questions by the owners.

In May 2017 recognizing the increase in DNA tests, the International Partnership for Dogs launched a Database to make it easier for consumers to research these genetic tests. The test that has been around the longest MDRI tends to be most reliable.

Genetic health info is a promising field and if done right it is a powerful way to better connect people to the possibilities of genetics for treating our animals.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



It is nice to be back at the Selinsgrove Center with our classes. I enjoy working with everyone who has been coming to classes and keeping our dogs socialized. There are new members who will begin training with us, and we welcome them and hope some of them will continue training to have their dog obtain a CGC and become certified as a therapy dog.

Our visits at Bucknell University are enjoyed by all the students and they have added additional days for us to come. You must be certified with ATD to participate.

We are looking forward to the Sunbury Halloween Parade on Oct. 17. Our theme this year is "Little Red Riding Hood". Our dogs get to have a fun night and the crowd always enjoys seeing our dogs.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 1 for our annual Christmas Party at the Packer House in Sunbury. We have a lovely dinner and do a silent auction with everyone bringing an item. It can be anything you wish and does not need to be dog related. We also support Mostly Mutts with dog supplies or a monetary donation.

Our sympathies to Dave Lawrence with the loss of his beloved Buddy a Golden Retriever. He made many therapy visits and was loved by everyone.

We congratulate Cassie Stafford and her Golden Retriever, Gila for obtaining her ATD Therapy Title.

Those passing the Star Puppy Class are:

Ron & Donna Raudenbush with their Standard Poodle Toby; Kevin & Kaitlin Swope with Great Pyrenees/ Australian Shepherd River; Lisa Williams with Hound Mix, Murphy; Heather Ettinger with Great Pyrenees Avalanche; Tammy Shutt with Bulldog Mix Peanut Butter.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Oct. 1 (Tues)	CLASSES BEGIN AT THE SELINGROVE CENTER	
	Advanced	6:15pm
	Beginners	7:15pm
Oct. 2 (Wed)	Buffalo Valley	10:00am
Oct. 3 (Thurs)	Vintage Knolls	1:00pm
	Geisinger Rehab, Health South	2:00pm
Oct. 7 (Mon)	Bucknell University Library	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Oct. 9 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Oct. 10 (Thurs)	Mt. View Manor	1:00pm
	REC Center, Selingsgrove	5:00pm
Oct. 14 (Mon)	Elm Croft, Lewisburg	6:30pm
Oct. 16 (Wed)	Buffalo Valley	10:00am
Oct. 17 (Thurs)	Sunbury Halloween Parade	6:30pm
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Oct. 23 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Oct. 30 (Wed)	Buffalo Valley	10:00am
Oct. 31 (Thurs)	Bloomsburg University	10:00am - 12:00pm
	Maria Joseph Manor	1:00pm
	Geisinger Rehab - Health South	2:00pm

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 US Holidays

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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