



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

September 2023



Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

Dogs are born opportunists. If they feel there might be an opening, they're going to go for it. You may be giving them the opportunity with your on-again off-again approach for the word "sometimes".

The word "sometimes" just doesn't fit into their schedule. The only way a dog can do what you want is if you apply the same cues consistently. Think of eating at the table and you let him come for some food when you allow, but not when you have company and don't want him to interfere. When you yell at him for something that you have left him do other times, he just doesn't know why you are so angry at him. Maybe you can garnish your pet's meals with some scraps from your meal

once you finish. That way he gets to eat what he finds delectable without badgering you while you are eating.

Because dogs don't get "sometimes" it is important to send the same signal every time a given situation arises. Either the dog can always sleep with you on the bed or not. It may seem cruel, but it's actually reassuring to a dog to be secure in knowing what you expect of him.

If you have been allowing your dog to do something "sometimes" and want to put an end to it, you'll need to go cold turkey. If you try to do it less he'll think you're talking "sometimes". Find other ways to make him feel good when you take away something that he has gotten used to.

On another note, when we train our dogs they get used to one word as we try to help them through an exercise. We must be consistent so we do not confuse our dogs with a lot of words and letting him know with our one word and our actions what we expect of him. You will find he will learn more quickly and as we slowly withdraw from using food more often that he will pick up our cues and voice.

Everyone is doing a wonderful job at class and being outside at the Marina has challenges and watching them respond to your training and following your direction is what Dog Training is all about. Keep up the good work.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



If you are interested in attending our Club Picnic on Sunday Sept. 24 at 1:00pm I need to have you sign up. We will provide hot dogs and drinks and ask you to bring a covered dish. We will have a Chinese Auction and you can bring a dog related item if you wish.

With the change in the weather and darkness arriving for classes on Tuesday evening we will announce when classes will move to Sunday afternoons. Please check Club announcements and our web site when this will occur. I plan on staying at the Marina until the weather is unacceptable. We then move our classes to the Selinsgrove Center on a Sunday afternoon for the winter months.

There is a condition which dog's can get, called canine influenza or "dog flu". It is contagious and is transmitted from one dog to another and it is unlikely that if you get the flu it cannot be transmitted to the dog. You should look for coughing, sneezing, eye and nasal discharge, loss of appetite and vomiting. A call to the Vet should be made before taking your dog since it is highly contagious and you do not want to infect other dogs as well.

Many times your dog is dozing beside you and suddenly you noted the foot twitch or you hear noises coming from him. Do not be alarmed, your dog is dreaming about chasing squirrels or a ball. Psychologists and vets think so!

Scientists have learned that pets experience REM sleep the same as we do. Certain dog breeds tend to perform specific behaviors in their sleep, pointers point, spaniels flush as though they are dreaming about hunting. Your pet is reliving the best parts of his day while they're deep in dreamland.

Congrats to those who passed the Canine Good Citizen Test:

Aleighta Heimbach with Maddie a Cavapoo

Brenda Peachey with Tehya a German Shepherd

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Sept. 1 (Fri)	Bucknell - 7th St. Cafe	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Sept. 4 (Mon)	LABOR DAY	
Sept. 6 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Sept. 7 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm
Sept. 8 (Fri)	Bucknell 7th St. Cafe Bucknell McDonnell - Swartz	12:00pm - 1:00pm 8:00pm - 10:00pm
Sept. 11 (Mon)	5 Star	12:00pm
Sept. 12 (Tues)	Allenwood Federal Prison Max (badged only)	12:00pm
Sept. 13 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00am
Sept. 14 (Thurs)	Mt. View Manor Bucknell McDonnell Hall	1:30pm 6:00pm
Sept. 15 (Fri)	Bucknell 7th St. Cafe	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Sept. 18 (Mon)	Inmate Health Fair Allenwood Max (badged only)	8:00am - 11:00am
Sept. 20 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Sept. 21 (Thurs)	Mansion	10:30am
Sept. 22 (Fri)	Bucknell 7th St. Cafe	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Sept. 24 (Sun)	Club Picnic, Shikellamy Marina	1:00pm
Sept. 26 (Tues)	Bucknell University 114 Academic East	10:00am - 11:30am
Sept. 27 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00am
Sept. 28 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm
Sept. 29 (Fri)	Bucknell 7th St. Cafe	12:00pm - 1:00pm

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- US Holidays
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday						
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Nottingham Retirement Center 	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Advanced Training 6:00 PM AKC Star Puppy Class (sign up required) 7:00 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) 	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Heritage Springs 	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Health South Geisinger 	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Bucknell ATD only – Paws for a Shake 	1		2
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labor Day 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Advanced Training 5:45 PM AKC Star Puppy Class (sign up required) 6:30 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) 	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Health South Geisinger 	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Bucknell ATD only – Paws for a Shake 8:00 PM Bucknell ATD Only 	8		9
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM 5 Star 	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Allenwood Federal Prison Max (outside) – badged only 5:45 PM Advanced Training 5:45 PM AKC Star Puppy Class (sign up required) 6:30 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) 	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Heritage Springs 	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Mountain View Manor 6:00 PM Bucknell ATD only 	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Bucknell ATD only – Paws for a Shake 	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosh Hashanah 	16
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Allenwood Prison Employee Health Fair 	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:45 PM Advanced Training 5:45 PM AKC Star Puppy Class (sign up required) 6:30 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) 	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 6:00 PM Bucknell ATD only – rain reschedule for 9/14 if needed 	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Mansion Nursing Home 	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Bucknell ATD only – Paws for a Shake 	22		23
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Club Picnic 	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yom Kippur 	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bucknell ATD only – Foundations Class 5:45 PM Advanced Training 5:45 PM AKC Star Puppy Class (sign up required) 6:30 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) 	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Heritage Springs 	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Health South Geisinger 	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Bucknell ATD only – Paws for a Shake 	30