



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

Old Friends by *Connie Cuff*

We may think that a wagging tail means a happy dog. It can mean happy, fear, excitement or arousal.



Tail wagging works well for dogs in the canine world since dogs communicate through vision and body language. Dogs born whose tails are docked have a disadvantage when it comes to tail talk.

The higher the tail and faster the wag the greater the level of arousal. The low-wagging tail most often denotes fear and appeasement.

The difference in the high flagging tail can mean 2 things. The "*pet me*" is animated and with soft and squinty eyes and an open-mouthed grin. In contrast, "*I want to eat you*" is likely to have a tense body, hard eyes with his energy focused forward – no wiggling. Reading the entire body will determine what is going on.

Half mast tail wag is an indication of a calmer dog. The speed can indicate how calm the dog can be. There is a circle toy wag. This dog is overjoyed to see someone special and wants to call her friend.

Low tail wag may indicate feeling fear and defensive. This accompanied by a lower body posture and sometimes submissive urination. This behavior is telling you she is very uncomfortable and wants to be left alone. If rolling on her back you should not do a belly rub.

Regardless of tail-wagging message, it is safest when you let the dog approach you. Pay attention to the whole dog. Our dogs are talking to us the whole time. Remember to listen with your eyes.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



As I have placed on our web site and Facebook, our training schedule has changed. Starting August 27th to September 17th – Advanced Class at 5:45pm and Beginners at 6:30pm. Starting Sunday, September 22nd, classes will be Advanced at 1:00 pm and Beginners at 2pm. We will continue this schedule until weather will not permit. Then we move to the Selinsgrove Center on Sundays with Advanced at 1:00 pm and Beginners at 2:00 pm.

We send our sympathy to **Cindy Razga** for the loss of her Therapy Dog, **Buster**. They came to us a few years ago as Cindy was spending a few years in our area. She will be returning to her home in Hawaii and we wish her safe travels.

Everyone should check emails (some have reported that club emails have gone to their spam folder) and our web site for any cancellations before coming to class. We do our best to inform everyone as things do come up when we need to cancel.

We congratulate the following who completed the Star Puppy Class:

Destiny Slother with **Finn**; **Ellen Roth** with **Duke**; **David, Kimberly** and **Tori Porter** with **Bella**; **Barb Tevis** with **Franklin**; **Melissa Shambach** with **Ozzy**, **Traci Smith** with **Sonny**.

Our picnic is Sunday, September 15th and we need sign ups by September 11th. We ask you bring a covered dish and an item (dog related) for our Chinese Auction. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

Those that are ATD certified must keep up with the required visits in order to stay certified. You can do visiting on your own if you are unable to attend some of the scheduled Club visits.

Wendy Rote has graciously offered to help us with doing a class on **Tuesday, September 3rd** and it will be a class called **Parkour**. She mentioned to have your walking shoes on as we will be using the entire park for the event. **We will begin promptly at 5:45 pm.**

For Bucknell visits there is a sign-up sheet posted using the prior link provided. These visits are ATD Certified only.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Sept. 2 (Mon)	LABOR DAY	
Sept. 4 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
Sept. 5 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab Health South (certified only)	1:00 pm
Sept. 6 (Fri)	Bucknell Paws for a Shake (ATD only) @ downhill Langone Center	12 – 1:00 pm
Sept. 6 (Fri)	Lewisburg Pool Doggy Dips	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Sept. 7 (Sat)	Drool in the Pool @ Strausser-Shroyer Pool in Shamokin	12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Sept. 8 (Sun)	Doggie Dive @ Knoebels Grove Pool	11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sept. 9 (Mon)	5 Star (certified only)	12:15 pm – 2:00 pm
Sept. 10 (Tues)	Allenwood Max, Secure Mental Health (Badged only)	12:00 – 2:30 pm
Sept. 11 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00 am
	Buffalo Valley	10:45 am
	Bucknell (ATD only) @ RTK Quad	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sept. 12 (Thurs)	Mt. View Manor	1:30 pm
Sept. 13 (Fri)	Bucknell Paws for a Shake (ATD only) @ downhill Langone Center	12 – 1:00 pm
	Bucknell (ATD only) @ Uptown	8:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Sept. 15 (Sun)	Club Picnic	1:00 pm
Sept. 16 (Mon)	Columbia County Prison (Certified only)	1:00 pm
Sept. 18 (Wed)	Allenwood Inmate Health Fair @ Medium (Badged and NCIC only)	8:00 am – 2:30pm
	Riverwoods	10:00 am
	Bucknell (ATD only) @ the Commons	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Sept. 19 (Thurs)	Mansion	10:30 am
Sept. 20 (Fri)	Bucknell Paws for a Shake (ATD only) @ downhill Langone Center	12 – 1:00 pm
Sept. 22 (Sun)	CLASSES START AT THE MARINA ON SUNDAYS Advanced at 1:00 pm; Beginner at 2:00 pm	
Sept. 23 (Mon)	Nottingham Village Personal Care	6:00 pm

Sept. 25 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00 am
	Buffalo Valley	10:45am
Sept. 26 (Thurs)	Federal Prison Suicide Awareness (outside - certification or badging not required)	
	Allenwood	10:00 am – 1:00 pm
	Lewisburg	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
	Geisinger Rehab Health South (Certified only)	1:00 pm
Sept. 27 (Fri)	Bucknell Paws for a Shake (ATD only) @ downhill Langone Center	12 – 1:00 pm
	Bucknell Sojka Lawn (ATD only)	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sept. 28 (Sat)	Scout Gymboree	8:30 am – 12:00 pm
	Lycoming County Fair Grounds	
Sept. 28 (Sat)	Unhindered Steps Conference, Milton (ATD only)	10:15 am – 11:00 am
		1:30pm – 2:25pm

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