



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

April 2008

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Since many of our members have been involved in Reading to Dogs in schools and libraries, it has given us a wonderful opportunity to educate children in how to be good pet owners. When we teach our children in how to love and care for animals, we are teaching them to love and care for others too. We have shown them the proper way to pet a dog and how to protect themselves from a dangerous dog.

Studies have shown that children bond with an animal beginning about 12 months of age and is usually complete by the eighteenth month. Most young children believe that physical punishment is the only way to alter pet behavior, a belief young children quickly learn from observing their parents discipline their pets. As a note, we do encourage parents to wait until their children are older to introduce parents to wait until their children are older to introduce a pet into their home. Many times, the pet is already a part of the family when children come into the picture.

Humane education begins with our earliest experience with pain and suffering. Those who see pets as very different from themselves, however, do not readily accept the fact that pets have feelings and can feel pain. Many pet owners believe that physical violence is the only effective method of eliminating pet behavior.

Large numbers of pets are abandoned to the pound for easily remedied behavior problems. Owners learning and using effective training methods would have fewer problem pets and the number of pets sent to pounds would be reduced.

In our contact with school age children by teaching them humane behavior, such exposure could then pass on modeling behaviors to their peers. Even though studies show that children focus on the companionship of pet ownership, we have the opportunity with our pets to have them learn nutrition, cleanliness, exercise, health care, and the importance of discipline, respect and responsibility. It also helps them learn to be patient, caring and loving to all living creatures.

As we know from watching TV or reading our newspapers, there is a close correlation of animal abuse to child abuse and domestic violence.

Old Friends (Continued)

Hospitable respect for animals or other people is an essential value for living well upon Earth. When it breaks down, the alternatives of violence, uncontrol, or other forms of power destroy our relationship.

In our Reading to the Dogs program we are ambassadors of education that can go along way in having children become more responsible pet owners as adults.

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (March 4, 2008)

submitted by Ginny Pentz

The meeting of the STDTC was called to order by President, Connine Cuff, with 21 members present.

Report of the President: As is reported in the newsletter, we will not have class here on Tues, March 11 & 18.

There will be an upcoming ADC dog show, Blue & Gray Cluster, which will be held Thurs. April 10, Fri. April 11 and Sat April 12 for breed and obedience, Sunday April 13 for breed only, it is held at the State Farm Show in Harrisburg. If anyone is interested in seeing a certain breed of dog and wants to know the time they are being shown you can goto www.google.com and look for Jim Rau Dog Show about a week before the event and you can pull up the time.

SPECIAL NOTE: Make sure you copy every paper you send to TDI and double check vet forms before sending in order to avoid possible problems and delays.

Report of Secretary: Minutes as reported in newsletter.

Report of Treasurer:

(Treasurer's Reports are not available in the online edition of the STDTC Newsletter.)

New business: New members present introduced themselves. There is a new feature on our web page, a link to Sherry's Corner and an announcement on the home page.

I will be doing a square dance practice at the end of each training, since we have upcoming events and I need people to participate in demo and square dance.

When getting a new dog make sure to train around the feeding dish (just because it's a Golden Retriever doesn't mean you don't have to train it). Also, dogs who reach maturity at 8 or 9 months will challenge you, so training at the food dish should be a lifetime commitment.

New prison policy - FCC Allenwood will do searching and detaining with random pat searches.

Old Bussiness: Pawsabilities this weekend Mar 8 & 9 at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg. I need sign ups for Selinsgrove center for March. Ray Ramos will be coming to one of our dog training classes.

TDI Visits: this Thursday at Nottingham Village.

Sherry's Corner

by Sherry Carpenter

From U.S. War Dogs Post Online:

Feel free to crosspost the following. There are approximately 700-800 military dog/handler teams overseas. Hopefully this will remain an on-going project to show our thanks to them. I will keep everyone updated from time to time on the progress of this endeavor.

OPERATION U.S. WAR DOG
(U.S. War Dog Association ("USWDA"))

No better words can describe the dedication of military canines to their job as Scout, Sentry, Mine, Tunnel or Tracker, nor the loyalty to their military handler then those of the K-9 Promise:

My eyes are your eyes to watch and protect you and yours.
My ears are your ears to hear and detect evil minds in the dark.
My nose is your nose to scent the invader of your domain
And so you may live, my life is also yours.

If you would like to show your appreciation for all the military canines do, please donate an item ONLY from the list below and ONLY the recommended size. These dogs are on a special diet, so items such as rawhides, pig ears, fancy treats will only have to be removed prior to shipping.

K9 Cooling Vests; K9 Cooling Mats; K9 Cooling Collar; K9Boots; Collapsible Nylon dog bowls; Kong 3" rubber ball; Large Rope Chews; K9 Shampoo and Conditioner; K9 Grooming tools (brushes, combs); K9 Jerky (beef, rice and/or vegetable), Dog beds or pillows; K9 toothpaste & brush; K9 Eye Drops; K9 Ear Wash; K9 Advantix Flea and Tic treatment; K9 salves for paws/noses; Milk bone dog biscuits (only 1 pound boxes); towels to wipe paws.

There is the possibility that some of the handlers may have or be interested in a breed of dog you own. If you choose, include an envelope with your clearly printed contact information, indicating your breed of dog. This information will be included in each box, and although there is no guarantee, you may hear back from one of the handlers to correspond about your breed.

Ship donated K9 items to:
Ann Lettis
USWDA Lifetime Member
91 Wiman Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10308

The following websites offer free shipping, should anyone want to simply order an item over the internet and have it directly shipped to the above address.

<http://www.pethints.com/index.php/cPath/21>
<http://www.doggy-gifts.com>
http://www.petfooddirect.com/store/dept.asp?dept_id=905

This project for our Military Canines will be ongoing, so feel free to pass this information to any and all who may be willing to help our four legged soldiers, in every branch of the service. Your help is much appreciated

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Breed of the Month

American Eskimo

submitted by Connie Cuff

The American Eskimo, nicknamed “Eskie” was recognized by AKC in 1994 into its non-sporting group.

The breed’s intelligence keeps Eskie owners hooked. They are 100 percent loyal, always wanting to please you. A combination of beauty, intelligence and outgoing personality make American Eskimos a favored attraction with the circus.

Confusion remains over the breed’s name. Many people call them the little spitz dogs. The confusion comes from German immigrant who brought white German Spitz dogs to America during the 1800’s. When the United Kennel Club recognized the breed in 1913, it changed the name rather than arouse anti-German sentiment. The UKC named the breed after a renowned white spitz kennel – American Eskimo Kennel, hence it became known as the American Eskimo Dog.



Their sparkling white coat requires less care than you might think. The breed has no doggie odor, and they are very clean. They will lick their paws and wash their faces like a cat. Oil in their under layer of fur repels dirt. Most of this coat and the dog will shed minimally the remainder of the year.

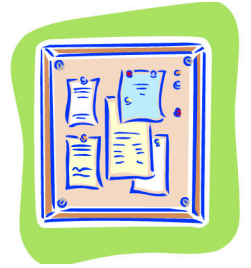
An intensely social dog, he bonds with its family. When picking a puppy sit on the ground at their level and let the puppy pick you. If you’re interested in a puppy that will be at your side every minute, wanting to do anything and everything it can to please you, this is the breed for you.

Unfortunately their barking and alertness give the breed a reputation for aggressiveness. It’s a working breed, they either want to be with you or they “need to be busy”. Positive reinforcement with a lot of praise works best in training this breed. Overtraining will result in either a passive dog that whimpers or an aggressive dog that bites.

American Eskimos reward their owners with loyalty. It’s an active bouncy breed. If you want a true companion, this is the breed for you. (Note: Marjean Krech’s dog Schotzie is an American Eskimo)



Notes and Notices



We congratulate the following for passing the CGC test:

Scooby – German Shepherd handled by Todd & Lisa Eroh

Barney – Bassett Hound handled by Dr. Robert Walz

Pebbles – Cairn Terrier handled by Kathryn Starkey

I will be participating at the “Nifty After 50” at the Columbia Mall on Wednesday, May 7th at 10:45 a.m. The people enjoy seeing our dogs and I hope we have a nice group to attend.

Saturday, May 10th we will be back in Mt. Carmel for the Lions Club Street Fair. We will do our demo at 2:00 p.m. Please be there by 1:45 p.m. Location is at 4th and Oak Street.

I will have sign up sheets at class for these two events. If you do not make class, please call me if you can attend.

Please note a correction to my last newsletter. I listed Regina Russel’s dog as a mix when it should have been a Chihuahua.

We will stay at the Selinsgrove Center for the month of April. Weather permitting, we can train outside. Watch for an email when we move to the Marina. I must wait until the access road is open and the ground is dried out.

UPCOMING TDI VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

April 2 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
April 3 (Thurs)	Penn Lutheran, Selinsgrove	6:45 pm
April 9 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
April 10 (Thurs)	Northwestern Academy, Rt. 61	1:00 pm
	Life Geisinger, Kulpmont	2:00 pm
	Shamokin Hospital	3:00 pm
	Emmanuel Center, Danville	6:45 pm
April 14 (Mon)	Reading Chief Shikellamy	9:00 am
April 15 (Tues)	USP Allenwood (Memoed members)	12:00 pm
April 16 (Wed)	Reading White Deer Elementary	9:00 am
	Riverwoods	10:00 am
April 17 (Thurs)	Sunbury Community Hospital	1:00 pm
	Mansion Nursing Home	1:45 pm
	Sunshine Corners	2:15 pm
April 21 (Mon)	Bucknell University (TDI only)	6:00 pm
April 23 (Wed)	Reading White Deer Elementary	9:00 am
	Riverwoods	10:00 am
April 24 (Thurs)	Geisinger Health South	2:00 pm
April 28 (Mon)	Reading Chief Shikellamy	9:00 am
April 29 (Tues)	FCI Medium Security Allenwood (Badged Members)	12:00 pm
April 30 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
May 7 (Wed)	Nifty After 50 Columbia Mall, Buckhorn	10:45 am
May 10 (Sat)	Lions Club Street Fair (demo), 4th & Oak Sts., Mt. Carmel	1:45 pm

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- Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

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