



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

April 2012

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Hopefully by May, if conditions are right, we will be able to begin our training at the Shikellamy Marina State Park.

The training environment is quite different with many more distractions than at the Center. There are ducks, squirrels, bicycles, skate boards, baby buggies and, of course, strange dogs.

That is why teaching attention is so important. If you want your dog to pay attention to you, then you have to be more interesting than any other possible distraction. Be sure to take the time to play with your dog.

If you need to correct your dog it's more of "catching them off guard" when they get distracted instead of a harsh correction. Don't yell, nag or jerk your dog around. The goal is to have the dog WANT to look at you, not out of fear.

Attention doesn't necessarily mean the cranked neck look. It just means that the dog is aware of your existence and is paying attention to you.

As we socialize with each other it is important to keep your eyes on your dog 100% of the time. If you must speak to someone else or get distracted, put your dog on a down or a stay command until you tell him otherwise. Or wait, on the other hand, means stay there momentarily and keep your attention on me until another command is given.

Not all dogs are friendly, so it is important to ALWAYS have your dog under control! You and your dog should approach all other dogs with caution. Always ask permission of the handler before letting the dogs sniff one another. Not all dogs are receptive to another dog sniffing or like dogs in their face.

If children are attending training classes, make sure they understand not all dogs are children friendly. Children should be taught how to pet a dog and ask first for the safety of all.

Old Friends (Continued)

Be a good friend to your faithful companion. Your relationship is the key. May we all have an enjoyable and socialization experience at the park this summer.

"Your problems are never bigger than your purpose."

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (March 3, 2012)

submitted by Connie Cuff

The meeting was called to order by President Connie Cuff:

A mention was made of upcoming events:

Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority at Bucknell, Tues. April 10; Emergency Preparedness Day at the Allenwood Prison Training Center, Wed. April 25; Sunbury YMCA Kid Day, Sat. April 28; Milton Elementary Reading night Mon. April 30, Mostly Mutts Doggie Walk, Sat. May 5 and Mt. Carmel St. Fair Sat. May 12.

No classes at the Center April 3, 10, 17. There isn't an April meeting, any information will be sent by e-mail.

Treasurer's Report:

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

The meeting was turned over to Dagny Leininger for her talk on acupuncture.

Breed of the Month

Silky Terrier

submitted by Connie Cuff

The Silky Terrier is a native of Australia where it has long found favor with cottage dwellers. For years it was called the Sydney Silky in honor of its city of origin, but in 1955 it became known as the Australian Silky Terrier.

The Silky Terrier derives mainly from the Australian Terrier crossed with the Yorkshire. At any rate, by crossbreeding and development, this became an appealing Toy dog of eight to ten pounds.

During World War II, the Silky came to the attention of American and Canadian military personnel stationed in Australia. As these dogs were brought to the U.S. it did not take long for Americans to enjoy this breed, and the Silky Terriers were recognized by the AKC in 1959.

The Silky is friendly, but independent and likes to get its own way. He may attach itself to one family member, but it should be quick, friendly and responsive to all.

Although he is a member of the Toy Group, it has not forgotten its terrier heritage and can still be a good mouser of ratter, as he helped control rodents on many Australian poultry farms.

They are active dogs that love to run and play and retrieve balls, which can lead them into trouble if they aren't confined to a fenced yard.

The Silky is a lively, outgoing little dog and training is advisable. Its owners say its tremendous love and devotion are its best qualities. As a small house dog, a Silky Terrier will be a sweet, delightful and loving companion.





Notes and Notices



We are preparing for the Marina Doggie Walk to benefit Mostly Mutts on Sat. May 5. I am hoping our club members will support this fund raiser. If you cannot attend the walk and wish to make a donation it would be appreciated. We are also fielding donations for hot dogs, soda or small bags of chips to sell at the walk.

Hopefully we can move to the Marina the beginning of May. They have seeded and the grass seems to be growing well. In another month, we will have more light in the evening to be able to hold classes. I will announce a time schedule for classes.

There will be one more class at the Center on April 24 and I will give a definite answer to our move at that time.

If you have signed up for any of the activities in April, please notify me if you are unable to attend.

I have been made aware about how we shampoo our dogs if we use a topical. Your shampoo should state for use with topicals. It is a good idea to apply the topical at the beginning of the month and bathe your dog at the end of the month. Topicals can be washed out of the skin as it stays within the glands.

Sherry Carpenter has an interesting article about Heartworm in her blog.

A big thank you to Dagny Leininger who gave a very interesting talk on acupuncture at our last meeting.

UPCOMING TDI VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

April 3 (Tues)	NO CLASS SELINGROVE CENTER	
April 4 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
April 10 (Tues)	NO CLASS SELINGROVE CENTER	
	Kappa Kappa Gamma - outside Art Building Bucknell University (directions on club web site)	6:30pm
April 11 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
April 12 (Thurs)	Northwestern Academy	1:00pm
	Life Geisinger	2:00pm
	Shamokin Hospital	3:00pm
April 16 (Mon)	Emmanuel Home, Northumberland	6:30pm
April 17 (Tues)	NO CLASS SELINGROVE CENTER	
	Medium Prison Allenwood (NCIC only)	12:00pm
April 18 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
April 19 (Thurs)	Sunbury Community Hospital	1:00pm
	Mansion Nursing Home	2:00pm
	Sunshine Corners	2:45pm
April 25 (Wed)	Emergency Preparedness Day, Training Center Prison Complex, Allenwood, Rain or Shine	9:00am - 12:00pm
	No visit at Riverwoods	
April 26 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South	2:00pm
April 28 (Sat)	YMCA Kids Day, Sunbury	10:00am - 12:00pm
April 30 (Mon)	Reading Night, Milton Elementary	6:30pm - 7:30pm
May 2 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
May 5 (Sat)	Doggie Walk, Shikellamy Marina	10:00am - 2:00pm
	Rain Date, Sun. May 6	
May 7 (Mon)	Bucknell University, Coleman Hall	6:00pm - 8:00pm

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■ US Holidays

■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 April Fool's Day	2	3 CLASSES CANCELLED	4 10:00 AM Riverwoods	5	6	7
8 Easter	9	10 CLASSES CANCELLED 6:30 PM Bucknell University (Kappa Kappa Gamma - TDI ONLY)	11 10:00 AM Riverwoods	12 1:00 PM Northwestern Academy 2:00 PM Life Geisinger 3:00 PM Shamokin Hospital	13	14
15 Tax Day	16 6:30 PM Emmanuel Home	17 CLASSES CANCELLED 12:00 PM Medium Prison Allenwood (NCIC only)	18 10:00 AM Riverwoods	19 1:00 PM Sunbury Community Hospital 2:00 PM Mansion Nursing Home 2:45 PM Sunshine Corners	20	21
22 Earth Day	23	24 6:30 PM Advanced Training 7:30 PM Beginner Training	25 9:00 AM Emergency Preparedness Day, Training Center Prison Complex, Allenwood	26 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab-Health South	27 10:00 AM YMCA Kids Day (Sunbury)	28
29	30 6:30 PM Reading Night (Millton Elementary)	1 6:30 PM Advanced Training 7:30 PM Beginner Training	2 10:00 AM Riverwoods	3	4 Cinco de Mayo 10:00 AM Dog Walk	5