



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

April 2018

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



If you go to a workshop on Dog Training you will likely find topics such as positive reinforcement, managing aggression, understanding body language. Even though these are important issues, what seldom is discussed is the focus should be what is at the end of the leash, the person connected to the dog.

I receive calls asking me, "Would you train my dog". What I respond, "I will train you to train your dog".

No two human-canine relationships are the same. It is up to you how you wish to live with your dog. Relationships are the guiding principle in training sessions and the ultimate goal should be to enhance the bond between people and their dogs.

You should start with playing games with him, paying attention to his likes and dislikes, and talking to him in different volumes and tones to see what he responds to. Many people find that by interacting with their dog, a mutual understanding develops and problem behaviors begin to disappear.

You may even decide that some behaviors aren't actual problems. It may not bother some people that their dogs lick their face in a greeting. You and your dog will be better off if you create your own criteria for acceptable and unacceptable behavior and focus your training on things that will help you live harmoniously.

When it come to training, keep in mind that there are different ways to mold dog behavior. Too often people tell themselves, "I have to get tough with my dog". While a military approach may persuade your dog to stop the behavior temporarily, it won't enhance your mutual understanding. Positive reinforcement should be focused on what they should do instead of what they should not do.

You should approach each training session as another fun activity to share with your dog. No matter your goals, training is a chance to spend time together and enhance your communication. The stronger your bond the easier it will be to settle on a lifestyle that brings joy to both ends of the leash.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



We presently are at the R.E.C. Building in Selinsgrove. I plan to stay at this location until the end of May. I will move to the Shikellamy State Park Marina on June 5. Once we will be outside everyone should check our web site and emails in case of inclement weather.

It has been amazing to me when I received your monetary gift from all of you. I deeply appreciate and thank you for your support. I will continue to work hard at keeping our Club the best it can be.

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, May 17 for the Emergency Prep. We will be there from 9am - 12pm. For those that are working on CGC, Therapy Dog Title, and puppies, you are welcome to bring your dogs to socialize.

We welcome new member Debbie Bortel from Danville with her sheltie.

Those graduating from the Star Puppy Class:

Tracy Heimbach with Phoebe

Misty Gephart with Paisley

Jennifer Ayers with Maggie

Kevin & Molly Bittenbender with Deuce

Chris & Amanda Fanning with Teddy

Joannah Skucek with Seneca

Elaina Skinner with Mako

Janine Winn with Chester

Marie Murphy with Maggie Mae

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

April 4 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
April 5 (Thurs)	Bloomsburg University Maria Joseph Manor Geisinger Rehab-Health South	9:00am - 11:00am 1:00pm 2:00pm
April 9 (Mon)	5 Star Sunbury Grayson View, Selinsgrove	1:00pm 6:30pm
April 11 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
April 12 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital VNA	12:15pm 1:15pm
April 14 (Sat)	Bloomsburg University, Upper Campus Autism Speaks	2:00pm - 4:00pm
April 18 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
April 19 (Thurs)	Bloomsburg University Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Manor Care	9:00am - 11:00am 1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm
April 21 (Sat)	Springfest Upper Campus Bloomsburg Univ.	10:00am - 4:00pm
April 23 (Mon)	Nottingham Village - Memory Center (New Building to the rear of the Nursing Home)	6:30pm
April 24 (Tues)	Maximum Prison	12:00pm
April 25 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
April 26 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South	2:00pm
April 30 (Mon)	Bucknell University (ATD only)	6:00pm - 8:00pm

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-  Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
-  US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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