



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

August 2008

## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



When we train our dogs as puppies we instill in them at early age obedience and house rules and establish us as owners to be the alpha. Training at an early age is so important, and animals never forget what they have learned in the first six weeks of life.

We fail to remember the adolescence stage when our dogs begin to get more independent. Hormones bring on sexual development and that is why neutering and spaying our dogs is so important by six months of age. Along with physical change these changes will

continue until 18 months to two years.

Adolescence is a time when people sometimes give up, unnecessarily on their pets. Animal shelters receive countless "problem" pets that are really developing normally and require a little extra patience. But if you bear in mind that it is only a state, this time can bring you closer to your pet.

In adolescence, pets become more aware and interested in the larger world around them. Many of the behaviors of puppyhood, such as chewing and jumping up, are still present and pets begin testing the limits of house rules.

Provide positive opportunities such as games and walking and reward positive behavior with praise and extra attention. Redirect potential negative behavior by anticipating and preventing mishaps. Sometimes simple solutions, such as spraying a chewing deterrent on furniture, such as bitter apple, go a long way. Don't forget the use of a crate for a few hours, though daylong crating should be discouraged.

Shelter professionals agree that adopting these bundles of energy bring many advantages. You'll have a head start on housebreaking and you are able to see first hand a true picture of your pet's eventual temperament.

The blissful time of puppyhood is brief. Adolescence intrudes for a while, as most dogs don't settle down until they are three years old. Have faith in your adolescent pet - the best is yet to come.

*"Your mind is like a parachute. It works much better when it's open"*

Till next time,

*Connie*

## Minutes (July 1, 2008)

submitted by Ginny Pentz

The meeting of the STDTC was called to order by Connie Cuff, Pres, with 24 members present.

### Report of President:

I heard from Sherry carpenter that on July 1 the house of Representatives expects to vote on the Dog Laws. I'm hoping people have contacted their legislators to vote in favor of the two bills.

I want to congratulate Linda Bennett form Lewisburg who was presinted with the Gieger Award. As a member of the administrative staff at Bucknell she demonstrates excellence in her adminstrative responsibility. She owns Winchester, an English Springer Spaniel, and coordinates our visits at Bucknell and Reading to Dixon's Dogs at the Union County Library.

### Report of Secretary:

Minutes are as reported in newsletter. Were approved as written.

### Report of Treasurer:

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

### New Business

We have window decals for the firemen to identify your pets. If you Knowof anyone who would like to purchase them they are \$2.00 each. We willsell them at different functions.

Sally Grottini gave me the information for loud noises. You should tape them with surround sound if possible and play continuously for the dog to get used to them The web site is limewire.com, put in sound,m they go under thunderstorms or war sounds.

there is a two day dog shwat Middlebury, Aug 23rd and 24th at Middleburg /fireman's Fairgrounds.

New members Tiffany Zupicick, and Molly form Selingrove  
Bonnie Tharp, and Hanson, cocker spaniel for Elysburg

Met the gentleman from the Daily Item and he wants to so Pet Idol again at the Susquehanna Valley Mall. The date is Saturaday, Oct 11. I need to get more people involved in square danceing so I will practice afterour regular classes.

I want to thank everyone who participates in all our demos and pet visits. Cards from Allenwood Prison and Watsonstown Christian academy were shown.

### Old Bussiness:

TDI visits in newsletter.

## **Breed of the Month**

### **The Canaan Dog**

submitted by Connie Cuff

The Canaan Dog Founders, Drs. Rudolphina and Rudolph Menzel settled in Palestine in 1935 and their task was to establish a service-dog system.

They were intrigued by a shy, neglected, half-wild animal which they learned to love. With Domestication the dog's desire for human attachment was satisfied and they learned that a person could mean well toward them and be trusted.

The menzels directed the breeding of these dogs to keep their originality, resistance to disease and climate and preserve the traits of these feral creatures and their valuable characteristics.

The name Canaan identifies them as the "ancient Inhabitants" of Israel as were the Canaanites who lived there 3,000 years ago. Their characteristics include a heart-stopping graceful gait, are territorial in their behavior, their physical endurance is high and the dogs' tracking drive is middle to high. It is a born watch dog and has been used for herding without any training. They have sharp senses of hearing and smell, tolerate heat well, and require minimal amounts of food and grooming.

On September 7, 1965 the first imports reached American soil and went to Mr. & Mrs. Jay Sheaffer of Emmaus, PA who are largely responsible for perpetuating the breed in this country.

The conformation of this dog corresponds to that of a herding and flock guardian dog. IT is reserved with strangers but affectionate, responsive, and loving with its family.

It is a breed that represents a group of dogs that has held on to certain characteristic traits while living in the wild state and yet ready to live in close association with people and serve them.

No health problems are significant to the breed at this time. They are content in an apartment or on a farm. A Canaan Dog will adopt to almost any family situation. This dog is eager to please but also needs to know the rules of the house, otherwise it can become manipulative.

This breed is natural and unique with an unusual history. Its time has come to make a paw print in the annals of dogdom.



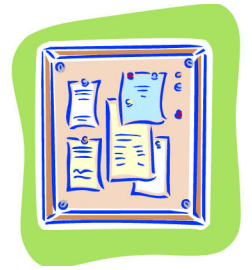
## Joe's Comedy Corner

*One of the greatest secrets of life is having patience & wisdom...  
Knowing when to do what, kinda like the song says,  
'you gotta know when to hold em... Know when to fold em'.*





## Notes and Notices



**Saturday, August 16 we will be participating in the Sunbury River Fest. We will be located in Cameron Park (the railroad track end) where we have been the past two years. We will start at 9:00 am and be there until about 2:00 pm. There will be a covered canopy and fans to keep our dogs cool. I would appreciate help with our information booth and selling homemade dog biscuits, fireman window decals and chances on a Dog Basket. You can donate items for the basket which can be for a dog or be dog related. If you are making biscuits, please list ingredients and have them at class or to me by Tuesday, August 12. If you are coming to the Fest, you can bring them at that time. If you are bringing your dog, it must be TDI certified and be sure to wear your ID badge and have your tag on your dog.**

**There is a new vaccine called Porphyromonas to help fight the destruction caused by Canine Periodontitis. This is used along with the regular brushing of your dog's teeth. Ask your veterinarian about this new product.**

**On Saturday September 6, we will be attending the PA Pet Fund raiser at the Shikellamy State Park. Our stand will be set up starting at 9:00 am with information literature and we will be testing for the GC/TDI test. If anyone could help that day I would appreciate it.**

**Don't forget our Dog Picnic which will be held Sunday, September 28 at Pavilion 2 at the Shikellamy Marina starting at 1:00 pm. We will be there rain or shine. Our club supplies the hot dogs and soda and we ask everyone to bring a covered dish and utensils. We always have a Chinese Auction and ask you to bring a gift for a dog or dog related item. This is a wonderful time for you and your dog as we will have some dog games.**

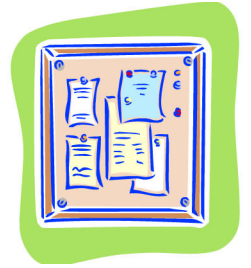
**We have discovered a "Dog Park" which is located on Furnace Road in Lewisburg, About 1 ½ miles off Route 15. Some of our members have used the park and found it a lot of fun for the dogs. From some research we have found that it has been built by the Seiple Foundation and they are in the process of expanding the facility with hiking trails and intend to place benches and picnic tables there. I have written the Foundation thanking them for this wonderful idea.**

**I will have a pass out at class to familiarize yourself with rules when bringing your dog to a Dog Park and how to maximize your dog's fun.**





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**Thursday, August 7th at 1:30 pm, visit at Salvation Army Citadel, 40 South 4th Street, Sunbury**

**CGC Congratulations to: Karen Sodrnick with her Springer Spaniel Lizzie and Deb Stark with her Golden Retriever Wally.**

**On August 24, a sunday afternoon at 2PM ish. There will be a puppy warming pizza party at the Ponderosa (Ginny's House). Hope all to attend. Large field for pups to romp in. Pizza will be homemade and done on grill. Please sign up at class or call Connie or myself. Need head count to know how many pizzas to make.**

**Directions: 15 North to McNett Rd, turn right. (Landmarks, Northwood Motel on right just before turn, White Deer Golf course on left).**

**Or take 147 to I-180 W, Take the Turbotville/Rt 54 exit, at end of ramp turn left onto Rt 54 West, Stay on 54, you will come to a stop sign, turn right, after crossing bridge into Montgomery you will cross tracks and come to a T. Take a left, goto stop sign turn Right, go 1 block, turn left onto W Houston Ave., follow to Stop sign. Go Straight across (you are now on McNett Rd) go 1/2 mile. place is on left. (Motor home sits by road sorta in front of 2 story, 2 car, cinderblock garage.)**

## UPCOMING TDI VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

<b>August 5 (Tues)</b>	<b>USP Allenwood (Memoed members)</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>
<b>August 6 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>August 7 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Salvation Army Citadel (40 South 4th Street, Sunbury)</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>
<b>August 7 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Emmanuel Center, Danville</b>	<b>6:45 pm</b>
<b>August 13 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>August 14 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Northwestern Academy Life Geisinger, Kulpmont Shamokin Hospital</b>	<b>1:00 pm 2:00 pm 3:00 pm</b>
<b>August 16 (Sat)</b>	<b>Sunbury River Festival Cameron Park, Sunbury</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>August 20 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>August 21 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Sunbury Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Sunshine Corners</b>	<b>1:00 pm 1:45 pm 2:15 pm</b>
<b>August 27 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>August 28 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Geisinger Health South</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
<b>September 3 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>September 4 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Nottingham Village, Northumberland</b>	<b>6:45 pm</b>
<b>September 6 (Sat)</b>	<b>PA Pet Walk, Shikellamy Marina</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>September 28 (Sun)</b>	<b>Club Picnic, Shikellamy Marina (Pavilion 2)</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>

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■ US Holidays

■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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	■ 12:00 PM USP Allenwood (Memoed only)		■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	■ 1:30 PM Salvation Army Citadel ■ 6:45 PM Emmanuel Center		■ 9:00 AM Sunbury RiverFest
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	■ 1:00 PM Northwestern Academy ■ 2:00 PM Life Geisinger ■ 3:00 PM Shamokin Hospital		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	■ 1:00 PM Sunbury Community Hospital ■ 1:45 PM Mansion Nursing Home ■ 2:15 PM Sunshine Corners		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	■ 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab-Health South		
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	Labor Day		■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	■ 6:45 PM Nottingham Village		■ 9:00 AM PA Pet Walk