



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

August 2011

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



August will prove to be a hot month but we are experiencing some very warm weather in July.

This is a time that our dogs need special attention to their skin and coat. Dogs can be prone to shedding in the summer, so a thorough brushing will reduce the sweeper patrol.

Many dogs end up with hot spots in the summer, so brushing increases circulation, which will help with that problem. If your dog does develop a hot spot, early attention can prevent it spreading further. Marjean has mentioned that holding a warm dampened tea bag on the skin can help in healing this abrasion. Avoid ointments and creams that might seal and force it to go deeper. A spray of hydrogen peroxide applied often will help with the drying process. A severe infection may need antibiotics and an appointment with your vet.

If you are able to bathe your dog, a few hints may help in the process:

Assemble everything before you get started. Brush your dog before bathing to reduce hair accumulating in the tub. Some dogs can be washed outside, as I have experienced with Cagney, using a small child's swimming pool and the use of the hose. Place a cotton ball in each ear. Attention to shampoo should be a priority. Many inexpensive shampoos often contain harsh ingredients that produce too much lather and overpowering fragrance that can upset a dog's keen sense of smell. In choosing a natural dog shampoo look for organic herbs and moisturizers like coconut, aloe, sage, eucalyptus, amino acids and Vitamin E, as these condition the coat, prevent skin irritation and add luster.

Old Friends (Continued)

A natural shampoo that you may want to try:

- 1 qt. mason jar
- ½ cup natural dish detergent
- ½ cup white vinegar
- ½ cup clear aloe vera gel (the kind you put on sunburn)
- ¼ cup glycerin
- 2 cups chamomile tea
- 1 tsp. tea tree oil
- 6 drops lavender essential oil

Prepare - 2 tea bags in 2 cups hot water. Remove the bags and combine all ingredients in the jar. Always shake the jar before using.

When she's shiny clean, feel free to buy your nose in her coat. I promise it will smell delightful.

"A dog is a bond among strangers"

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (July 5, 2011)

submitted by Ginny Pentz

Report of President: I have a sign-up sheet for the Cavalcade of Champions at Bucknell. Dress is Navy shirt (club shirt) with khaki slacks or capris

Report of Treasurer:

(Treasurer's Reports are unavailable in the online edition of the STDTC newsletter.)

New Business: Marjean Puppy Class will start in August. Received a thank you from Brandon for his graduation gift.

At times I make a phone call or send an e-mail in regard to some of our activities that I need to know who is coming. I would appreciate a reply either if you are coming or not coming since I wait for people or prepare my program for the number of people who will be there.

I have asked Wanda Keppler if she would put a demo on for us with her search & rescue dog. I will wait until we have cooler weather and will let everyone know the date.

Old Business: The date has been set for our picnic which will be Sunday, Sept. 25 at 1pm. Therapy visit July 7 at Emmanuel Center, Danville.

Kelly mentioned that we will be at the Northumberland Co. Fair Friday., Aug. 26, doing a pet costume parade. We can dress the dogs and ourselves if we like. This will be rain or shine. At 6pm, we will do a demo with square dancing. This is held at the Sunbury Armory on Mile Hill Rd.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Pentz, Secretary

Breed of the Month

Brittany

submitted by Connie Cuff

Brittanys are typically very exuberant and active, a couch potato they are not. They're willing to please and absorb training easily.

Developed from spaniels and setters in the Brittany region of France. They came to the United States during early 1930's and became popular hunting companions. These talented dogs instinctively stop before going into flush game, an ability trainers enhance from puppyhood, so the dog waits until given a release command. They will go hunting with anyone willing to take them.

Brittanys also crave human companionship. These happy, naturally cooperative dogs make patient, playful pals for children of all ages. Property socialized and with introduction to other pets they do well, though they may instinctively chase cats and smaller pets that run.

Though alert, they aren't protective guard dogs. If someone came in to rob the house, a Brittany would ask, "what would you like me to show you?"

While you don't necessarily have to hunt to qualify for Brittany ownership, you do need to be someone who embraces an active outdoor life. Families interested in hunting, hiking, running on the beach, playing Frisbee or competitive sports like Agility and Flyball do well with this breed.

Neglecting to provide a Brittany with a way to work off pent-up energy may lead to problem behaviors such as barking or digging.

These generally healthy long-lived dogs can remain active into their teens.

As your Brittany energetically races through the years of his life, count on him invigorating yours in the process. With a Brittany there's never a dull moment.





Notes and Notices



Katie Davis, who is the LARA (Lewisburg Area Recreation Assoc.) coordinator spoke with me recently about a pool party at the Lewisburg Pool. They have scheduled one for Sat. 10. She also asked me if I would like to coordinate our training night with another party on Tues. Sept. 13. The plan is for us to open our training up to the public that night in an enclosed skating area close to the pool. We plan on demonstrating our training, square dancing, have literature available about TDI and work with those who wish to learn about obedience training. This will occur from 5:30 to 6:30pm. At 6:30pm, our dogs will enjoy swimming until 8:00pm.

Since we can do a fundraiser that evening, I would like to have homemade dog biscuits to sell, so I'm hoping I have some volunteers to do some baking. There are some recipes available on our web site. Feel free to E-mail Brandon any recipes you have that you'd like to share with others.

Marjean will begin an AKC Star Puppy Class on Tues. Aug. 16 at 7:00pm.

The Northumberland County Fair will be held from Aug. 25 to Aug. 27. We will participate on Fri., Aug. 26 with a Pet Costume Parade (which is open to the public). Put your thinking caps on and come up with some ideas for your pet and you as well. At 6:00pm, we will put on a demo and square dancing for the public. I will have a sign up sheet at class to see who will participate.

We welcome new member Holly Billow from Lykens with her Boston Terrier, Bailey.

Our sympathies to Sara Fry for the loss of her cocker spaniel, BoBo. Also, Mary Jane and Dick Purnell for the loss of their German Shepherd, Jake.

The Sunbury Halloween Parade may be a little ways off, but we have chosen a pirate theme and will keep you in touch as we prepare for this fun night.

I want to thank everyone for their participation in events and therapy visits, which are scheduled from time to time.

Sally Grottini, our TDI evaluator, will be moving and has quite a few dog items for sale, such as a wireless fencing kit (never used), bark collars, remote trainer and dog houses. If interested, please contact her.

UPCOMING TDI VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Aug 3 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Aug 4 (Thurs)	Grayson View, Selinsgrove	6:30pm
Aug 8 (Mon)	Penn Lutheran Village	6:30pm
Aug 10 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Aug 11 (Thurs)	Northwestern Academy	1:00pm
	Life Geisinger	2:00pm
	Shamokin Hospital	3:00pm
Aug 16 (Tues)	Maximum Prison Allenwood (NCIC only)	12:00pm
	Star Puppy Class begins	7:00pm
Aug 17 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Aug 18 (Thurs)	Sunbury Community Hospital	1:00pm
	Mansion Nursing Home	2:00pm
	Sunshine Corners	2:45pm
Aug 24 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Aug 25 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South	2:00pm
Aug 26 (Fri)	Northumberland County Fair Costume Pet Parade	5:00pm
	Dog Demo and Square Dance	6:00pm
Aug 29 (Mon)	Nottingham Village	6:30pm
Aug 31 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am

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US Holidays

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