



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

August 2014

## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

STRESS - IT AFFECTS HUMANS AND DOGS!  
(Compliments of Marjean Krech)



Get up in the morning and it's a beautiful day! Embarrassing mistake at work; Lunch spilled on clothing, but whew! It came out with just water and didn't leave a stain; A presentation at work went well, you were nervous, hoping your boss thought it went well; Almost got in a wreck on the way home, but no harm done; Spouse makes a request (take out garbage, help with supper, give kids a bath - things you would normally do without being asked); Finally sitting calmly in your chair taking a break and one

of the kids playfully jumps on you, but in the process painfully bumps your nose by accident.

What happens? You act inappropriately by scolding the child, maybe even sending him to his room for being what? Playful?

Now think of your dog.

Gets up, has a good breakfast. Has a great walk and smells lots of "pee" mail. Goes on a car ride, but turns out to be to the vet. At the Vet, only got a nail trim which wasn't too bad, but there were some scary dogs there. As a reward for being good, on the way home went to the dog park and played for an hour with lots of nice dogs. At home again, forgot to sit before food was put down for supper and owner had to ask twice. Finally got to lie down and relax but one of the kids was running by and accidentally stepped on leg.

What happens? The dog may act inappropriately by jumping up, snarling, maybe snapping or even a bite!

Stress, whether good stress or bad, is still stress. You may think the dog had a great day - a good walk, a nice nail trim, playing at the dog park and in the process, having a couple of nice car rides.

Stress is stress - think of happy occasions or sad ones, both cause stress. Stress is cumulative and can cause humans and animals both to act out. Please remember this when your dog reacts unexpectedly and acts aggressively, or even submissively, "out of nowhere" It wasn't out of nowhere, it is a result of built up stress.

We ask our dogs to live by our rules in our world, but please try to understand how your dog must feel in this foreign land. Speak his language once in awhile and try to view things from his perspective.

Till next time,

*Connie*

**Minutes (July 1, 2014)**  
submitted by Kelly Pastuszek

The meeting of the STDTC will come to order.

There are newsletters on the table.

I wish to thank everyone who helped carry the flag in the 4th of July parade in Lewisburg. We were well-received and it made for a memorable day for everyone.

I received a thank you from Josette Zielinski for the bag the club purchased on her retirement.

Congratulations to those who have passed the CGC test.

Sally Thomas and Cadence

Nancy Ruhl and Jack

Mike Piecuch and Brady

Suzy Smith and Cooper

Introduce any new members

For those who have passed the CGC test and wish to work on therapy certification we will break our 7:15 class up so you can work on those skills. You can go on line to check the requirements for the testings. Also, when you complete the Star Puppy Class we will have Sara, Sally or Gail work on the skills to take the CGC test and that time will be 6:30.

There is a visit Mon. evening July 7 at Nottingham Village in Northumberland at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in becoming certified with their dog should bring your dog for this experience, so he can get used to going through a facility. You can see if both you and your dog would enjoy this work.

There will not be class on Tuesday, August 12 since I will be away with my family.

Mark your calendars for Sun. Sept. 14 for our Club picnic here at the Marina.

August 2nd we have been asked to do the pet parade/costume contest for the Northumberland County Fair again this year.



## Notes and Notices



We have had a very successful class of AKC Star Puppy handlers (thanks to the instructor, Marjean Krech) who have graduated and are moving on to prepare for their CGC: Ronnie & Karen Miller with Snowball, Rudy Reggia with Millie, Brian Jeremiah with Riley, Brooke Vrabel with Hadlee, Ashley Rawlings with Emmett, James Specht with Tucker, Donna Raker with Leo.

Marjean will begin another Star Puppy Class on Tues. August 19 at 6:30pm. Pre-registration is required by applying in the About the Club of our web site at [www.stdtc.org](http://www.stdtc.org) .

Those passing their CGC and moving onto therapy training: Nan Ruhl with Jack, Sally Thomas with Cody, Suzy Smith with Cooper, Mike Picuch with Brody.

Jan Mull with Sadie has passed her therapy dog test.

There will not be classes held at the Marina on Tuesday, August 12.

We will be visiting the Sunbury YMCA on Tues. Aug. 19 at 10:00am with a demo and interaction with the children from Summer Camp. Try to have your dog in costume or with a scarf. Please sign up with me if you are able to attend.

On Friday, August 22 we will be coordinating a Pet Costume Contest and Parade at the Northumberland County Fair. I would appreciate having members participate with their dogs that evening. The event is open to the public with all kinds of pets and I hope the turn-out is as good or better than last year. The Fair is being held at the Tall Cedars Grove behind the Rockerfeller Twp. Building on Seven Points Rd. Sunbury. Follow the signs on Rt. 61 to Rt. 890 to the Fair.

Our annual Club picnic will be held on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 1pm. This is rain or shine and held at the large Pavilion at Shikellamy Marina Park. Everyone bring a covered dish. Hot dogs & soda are provided. We have a Chinese Auction and ask you to bring a dog related item. The auction off-sets the cost of our rental fee for the Pavilion. Our dogs enjoy games and we enjoy good food and fellowship with our members. There will be a sign-up at Class.

We don't realize with the summer months that our dogs do more exploring and find many new interesting activities to keep themselves busy outside. Along with exploring we find their coats need more brushing and bathing to keep them clean and refreshed in our homes and while doing therapy Club visits. Brushing is good for the skin, catches a flea and tick problem and helps locate bumps, and of course, makes them feel better.

Get well wishes to Ginny Pentz who just underwent surgery.



Our sympathies to Bonnie & Frank Wicker who have lost their be loved German Shepherd, Gretchen.

We welcome members: Tom Alai with Django and Elizabeth Williams with Crickett

## UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

|                        |   |                                       |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Aug. 4 (Mon)</b>    | <b>Buffalo Valley, Lewisburg</b>  | <b>6:30pm</b>                         |
| <b>Aug. 6 (Wed)</b>    | <b>Riverwoods</b>   | <b>10:00am</b>                        |
| <b>Aug. 7 (Thurs)</b>  | <b>Maria Joseph Manor, Danville<br/>Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>                 | <b>1:00pm<br/>2:00pm</b>              |
| <b>Aug. 12 (Tues)</b>  | <b>NO CLASSES AT THE SHIKELLAMY MARINA</b>  |                                       |
| <b>Aug. 13 (Wed)</b>   | <b>Riverwoods</b>   | <b>10:00am</b>                        |
| <b>Aug. 14 (Thurs)</b> | <b>Shamokin Hospital<br/>Life Geisinger<br/>Northwestern Academy</b>                  | <b>1:00pm<br/>2:00pm<br/>2:30pm</b>   |
| <b>Aug. 19 (Tues)</b>  | <b>YMCA Sunbury, Demo and visit with Camp Kids</b>                                    | <b>10:00am</b>                        |
| <b>Aug. 20 (Wed)</b>   | <b>Riverwoods</b>   | <b>10:00am</b>                        |
| <b>Aug. 21 (Thurs)</b> | <b>Sunbury Hospital<br/>Mansion Nursing Home<br/>Sunshine Corner &amp; Manor Care</b> | <b>1:00m<br/>2:00pm<br/>2:45pm</b>    |
| <b>Aug. 22 (Fri)</b>   | <b>Northumberland County Fair Pet Costume Contest &amp;<br/>Parade<br/>Parade</b>     | <b>Registration 6:00pm<br/>6:30pm</b> |
| <b>Aug. 25 (Mon)</b>   | <b>Elmcroft, Lewisburg</b>  | <b>6:30pm</b>                         |
| <b>Aug. 26 (Tues)</b>  | <b>Low Security, Allenwood, (NCIC only)</b>   | <b>12:00pm</b>                        |
| <b>Aug. 27 (Wed)</b>   | <b>Riverwoods</b>   | <b>10:00am</b>                        |
| <b>Aug. 28 (Thurs)</b> | <b>Holy Family Convent<br/>Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>                          | <b>1:00pm<br/>2:00pm</b>              |
| <b>Sept. 14 (Sun)</b>  | <b>Club Picnic, Shikellamy Marina Park</b>  | <b>1:00pm</b>                         |

# August 2014

 Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club  
 US Holidays

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|        |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:15 PM Training</li> <li>6:30 PM AKC Star Puppy Class</li> <li>7:15 PM Beginner Training</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Riverwoods</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Holy Family Convent</li> <li>2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab-Health South</li> </ul>                                  |   |          |
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| 10     | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14   | 15  | 16       |
|        |   | CLASSES CANCELED  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Riverwoods</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Shamokin Hospital</li> <li>2:00 PM Life Geisinger</li> <li>2:30 PM Northwestern Academy</li> </ul>            |   |          |
| 17     | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21   | 22  | 23       |
|        |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM YMCA Sunbury, Demo and visit with Camp Kids</li> <li>6:15 PM Training</li> <li>6:30 PM AKC Star Puppy Class</li> <li>7:15 PM Beginner Training</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Riverwoods</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Sunbury Community Hospital</li> <li>2:00 PM Manston Nursing Home</li> <li>2:45 PM Sunshine Corners</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 PM NorCo Parade/Cos-tume Contest - Registration</li> <li>6:30 PM NorCo Parade/Cos-tume Contest</li> </ul> |          |
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| 31     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5   | 6        |
|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Labor Day</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:15 PM Training</li> <li>6:30 PM AKC Star Puppy Class</li> <li>7:15 PM Beginner Training</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Riverwoods</li> </ul> |  |   |          |