



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

August 2015

Old Friends by Connie Cuff



The newspapers are filled with articles of cruelty to animals. In Albuquerque, N.M. they have taken the law to those who violate an ordinance that can lead to arrest and fines. First time offenders can land people a seat in a four-hour educational class which includes offenders who fail to license their dog. If people blow off going to class a bench warrant carrying fines of up to \$500 or 90 days in jail is issued for the arrest.

The city's Animal Welfare Dept. sessions fill up quickly. They go over the animal-control ordinance and proper pet care basics, leaving time to answer questions. Most people arrive angry and embarrassed, but over time they feel they have benefited from the program. The class has been very successful and only 1 repeat offender

in 5 yrs.

This program should be shadowed throughout the country and would help educate people on the spay neuter programs. Slapping people with fines and not educating them does little to improve the situation.

Part of the purpose of our dog club is teaching children at an early age how to interact with a dog. This can go a bit further and help educate adults as well.

Starting at an early age helping children fall in love with animals will extend into adulthood in how they treat an animal. It is a known fact that a child that abuses an animal at a young age will grow into or engage in adult violent criminal behavior.

It is nice to see many of our members taking part in club activities and I always enjoy hearing what a wonderful job we do.

“Ambition is the path to success, Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in.”

—Bill Bradley, NBA Hall of Famer and former U.S. Senator.

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (July 7, 2015)
submitted by Karen Sodrick

President's Report

With all the rainy weather we've been having I would like to remind everyone that in the event that classes are cancelled Tuesday they will be held Wednesday at the same time.

Marjean has finished her Star Puppy class and will continue working with those who would like to continue towards their CGC or Therapy certification.

There are several up-coming events that I would like to have dogs and handlers attend:
Please sign up at class or email me.

Senior Expo on Friday July 31 at Shikellamy High School 10:00 - 1:00
Demo at Sunbury YMCA Day Camp on Tuesday, August 18 at 10:00 am

Northumberland County Fair Pet Parade and Costume contest Friday, August 21 at 6:30 pm

Fall Festival at Sunbury Animal Hospital Sunday, Sept 27 10:00-3:00

Our annual picnic is scheduled for Sunday, Sept 20 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Sodrick



Notes and Notices



Gail Lorady, who is working with the PA Animal Response Team, is in need of items for the Bloomsburg Fair. They include Sports themed material, fall prints (Halloween, Pumpkins). Any donation of new cat or dog items.

Anyone interested in doing prison visiting please contact me. You must be therapy certified and have an NCIC check. (the prison provides this) Our visits are held once a month and the program has been very successful.

The emergency room at Geisinger is looking for volunteers. You must be TDI certified. For more information contact Diane Laubagh at Geisinger 570-214-5111.

Please check emails and our web site before leaving for class. Storms can come up quickly and decisions can be made at the last minute. Use your own judgment in case weather is a problem in your area.

There is a Doggie Swim being held at Knoebel's Grove on Sunday Sept. 13 at 11:00am.

The Lewisburg Community Pool is holding their Doggie Dips on Fri. Aug. 28 - 4:30pm - 7:30pm. Sat. Aug. 29 - Noon - 4:00pm. Sun. Aug. 30 - Noon - 4:00pm. Proof of Rabies & License are required. No shock collars or dogs in heet.

I would appreciate volunteers for the Sr. Expo being held at the Shikellamy High School on Fri. July 31 10am - 1pm. Let me know if you are available.

We will be at the Sunbury YMCA Day Camp on Tues. Aug. 18 at 10:00am. Try to dress your dog in a costume since we will be promoting the Northumberland County Fair Pet Parade/Contest on Fri. Aug. 21 at 6:30pm.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Nancy Wagner a resident of Riverwoods. She showed our therapy dogs love and affection each week with homemade treats as she greeted each of them after our visit. She will be truly missed.

Mary Lou Walsh will be relocating to Florida. We wish her, Bob and Lizzie best wishes in their new home.

Mark your calendars for Sunday Sept. 20 at 1:00pm. We will have our annual picnic at the Shikellamy State Park Marina Pavilion 2. We provide hotdogs and soda. Everyone brings a covered dish. We also have a silent auction and ask you to bring a dog related prize. We have games for the dogs and everyone enjoys the day with good food and a social time with the dogs.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Aug. 5 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Aug. 6 (Thurs)	Vintage Knolls Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
Aug. 10 (Mon)	Elm Croft, Lewisburg	6:30pm
Aug. 12 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Aug. 13 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital Life Geisinger Building Bridges Northwestern Academy	1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm 2:45pm
Aug. 18 (Tues)	Sunbury YMCA Dogs in Costume	10:00am
Aug. 19 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Aug. 20 (Thurs)	Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Sunshine Corners, Manor Care	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
Aug. 21 (Fri)	Pet Parade/Costume Contest Northumberland County Fair, Tall Cedars Grove 522 Sevenpoints Rd., Sunbury, PA (signs posted On Rt. 890)	6:30pm
Aug. 24 (Mon)	Penn Lutheran, Selinsgrove	6:30pm
Aug. 26 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Aug. 27 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
Aug. 28 (Fri)	Doggie Dips, Lewisburg Pool	4:30pm - 7:30pm
Aug. 29 (Sat)	Doggie Dips, Lewisburg Pool	Noon - 4:00pm
Aug. 30 (Sun)	Doggie Dips, Lewisburg Pool	Noon - 4:00pm

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■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
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