



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

August 2017

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Less commanding - More Rewarding - If you have been doing his “homework” by constantly reminding or demanding obedience, telling him “No” all the time, using leash manipulation and physical prompts, he will not have learned skills needed to function calmly in life.

Dogs, like children, must learn to problem-solve when life comes at them. You must provide your dog a motivation to perform behaviors through rewards that will help him learn those skills in order for that to happen. Remember your dog is always watching you and you should be watching him and reward him throughout the day when his behavior warrants.

When your dog has a limited number of tools, he will continue to use the ones that are readily available and familiar to him. Those old tools

will always be there, but if you teach your dog that he will be rewarded for calm and relaxed behavior, those old tools will be buried deep at the bottom of the tool box.

As you train, remember that you don't overdo the amount of training you are doing. Science has found dogs do better when taught in short 5-15 minute spurts. If you over-train, your dog will not be as excited about doing the exercise the next time.

If you find yourself overtraining, count out 20-50 tiny treats and stop when they are gone. That will keep you on track and your dog much happier for the next session.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



Congratulations to the following dogs that have become Therapy Dogs:

Pat Peltier with Golden Retriever, Ellie; Tracy Heimbach with Golden Retriever, Toby; David Lawrence with Golden Retriever, Buddy; Phil Hallden with Labrador Retriever, Tripp.

There is a Doggie Swim at the Sunbury Community Pool on Sunday, Aug. 20 from 12pm to 6pm. Phil Hallden has coordinated this event with all proceeds going to Mostly Mutts. He could use your help that day, so please let him know that you are available.

I will be doing a demonstration at the YMCA Sunbury Kids Camp on Tues. Aug. 22. At 10:00am. You can have your dog in costume or just a scarf. We promote the Costume Contest at the Northumberland County Fair on Fri. Aug. 25 at 6pm. It would be nice to see some of our members participate. We donate winning prizes for this event.

Please mark your calendar for our annual Doggie Picnic at the Shikellamy State Park Marina Pavilion #2 on Sunday, Sept.24 at 1:00pm. Everyone brings a covered dish and a doggie item for our Chinese Auction. The Club provides hot dogs and soda. It is a fun time for all and our dogs enjoy some games and the socialization.

We are looking for people and dogs to attend the Blessing of the Animals at St. John the Divine Church in N.Y. City on Sunday, Oct. 1. The bus will depart from Lewisburg that morning at 5am.

Our Star Puppy class is off and running with 12 participants. We will not hold a new class until we begin at the Selinsgrove Center. I'm hoping some of these pups will continue with us to obtain their Canine Good Citizen. They are welcome to join us on our nursing home visits.

Participants: Kim Campbell, Golden Ret., Riley; Jenn Dodge, Yorkie, Carolina; Brenda Edwards, Bernese Mt. Dog, Lacey; Stacy Faust, Labradoodle; Krista & Aston Gearhart, Rottweiler, Rosie; Ashley Haines, Golden Ret.; Heidi Kremer, Yorkie, Huey; Kyle & Kerry Nornhold, Boxer, Casey; Krista Tilford, Yorkie, Oliver; Amy Herbster, Yorkie, Henry; Cassie Marks and C. Hackenberg.

New Members; Marilyn Brill with Corgi mix, Sadie; David Lawrence with Golden Ret. Buddy.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Aug. 2 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
Aug. 3 (Thurs)	Vintage Knolls Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
Aug. 7 (Mon)	Nottingham Village	6:30pm
Aug. 9 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
Aug. 10 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital VNA Life Geisinger	12:15pm 1:15pm 2:00pm
Aug. 14 (Mon)	Five Star, Sunbury	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Aug. 15 (Tues)	Maximum Prison, Allenwood	12:00pm
Aug. 16 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
Aug. 17 (Thurs)	Sunbury Hospital Mansion Manor Care	1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm
Aug. 20 (Sun)	Doggie Swim, Sunbury Community Pool	12:00pm - 6:00pm
Aug. 21 (Mon)	Penn Lutheran, Selinsgrove	6:30pm
Aug. 22 (Tues)	YMCA Sunbury, Kids Camp	10:00am
Aug. 23 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
Aug. 25 (Fri)	Northumberland County Fair, Costume Contest	6:00pm
Aug. 28 (Mon)	Bucknell University Library	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Aug. 30 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
Aug. 31 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm

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■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
 ■ US Holidays

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