



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

August 2019



## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

When we think of intelligence in dogs, every animal is smart in its own way, and comparisons are inherently unfair. The average dog's intelligence is roughly equivalent to a 2-2.5 year old human - can understand roughly 165 sounds, signs and signals.

There is a huge spectrum of intelligence from breed to breed. Dogs with strong adaptive intelligence may be easier to house train. Those with instinctive intelligence master the tasks it was bred to perform. Retrievers retrieve, herding dogs herd and toy dogs are good at reading humans.

The environment a dog lives in, the dog's background, how people interact with it - all these things matter. Getting our dogs socialized early and in a puppy class, is so important to give the dog an emotional beginning in living with their human companion.

Dogs gather information from our emotional state. They can gauge whether a person is feeling positive or negative emotions by our expressions. They are masters of body language too.

When working with dogs on canine intelligence skills in designing training programs, it can reveal an individual dog's strengths and weakness.

Dogs with high intelligence tests related to discipline tend to be much better for people with disabilities, they need to have a lot of self-control.

Just the opposite trait - lack of self control - predicts success among bomb-sniffing dogs, they need an incredibly high search drive.

The human-canine bond is an old one - but the field of canine cognition is young. We have a lot to learn before we understand the minds of our best cross-species friends.

Till next time,

*Connie*



## Notes and Notices



**We have a visit at the YMCA in Sunbury on Tues. Aug. 27 at 10:00am. Please sign up to visit their Day Camp with 50-75 children. Puppies are welcome to come.**

**Our Club Picnic is Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Shikellamy State Park Marina, Pavilion #2 at 1:00pm. The Club supplies hot dogs and drinks. Everyone brings a covered dish and an item for the Chinese Auction which should be dog related. Please sign up at class or email the Club if you wish to attend with your family. We have games for the dogs and everyone enjoys being together with friends.**

**Our Beginner Class is doing well and is preparing for the CGC. Some are working to be Therapy Dog Certified. If anyone is interested in doing this work I encourage you to join us or you can do it on your own and visit a nursing home. Dogs should be well socialized before considering becoming a Therapy Dog.**

**The Club has a private Facebook for members. You need to ask to be accepted and someone will accept you. There is a lot of information posted on the site.**

**We are working on some ideas for the Sunbury Halloween Parade. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know. We always have a lot of fun doing this and start early preparing.**

**The Northumberland County Fair will be doing a Pet Costume Contest on Friday August 23. Registration is at 6:00pm and Judging will begin at 6:30pm.**

## UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

<b>Aug. 1 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Maria Joseph Geisinger Rehab - Health South</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm</b>
<b>Aug. 5 (Mon)</b>	<b>5 Star</b>	<b>12:30pm - 1:30pm</b>
<b>Aug. 7 (Wed)</b>	<b>Buffalo Valley</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Aug. 8 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Mt. View Manor</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
<b>Aug. 12 (Mon)</b>	<b>Nottingham Village Nursing Home</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Aug. 14 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Aug. 15 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Sunbury Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Manor Care</b>	<b>1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm</b>
<b>Aug. 20 (Tues)</b>	<b>Maximum Prison Allenwood</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Aug. 21 (Wed)</b>	<b>Buffalo Valley</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Aug. 23 (Friday)</b>	<b>Northumberland County Fair (Dog Costume Contest) Registration Judging</b>	<b>6:00pm 6:30pm</b>
<b>Aug. 26 (Mon)</b>	<b>Buffalo Valley</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Aug. 27 (Tues)</b>	<b>YMCA Day Camp</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Aug. 28 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Aug. 29 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Nazareth at Emmanuel Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm</b>

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 US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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