



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

December 2010

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Holidays may be fun for humans but for dogs it's a lot of stress. There are strangers visiting, less time for walks or play and perhaps being left at a boarding kennel. All of these cause changes in your dog.

Signs of stress are hiding, keeping the tail between his legs, avoiding eye contact, inappropriate elimination, licking lips, drooling and yawning, scratching, not eating and ignoring commands.

Some ways that can help your dog through this period are:

During the busy holiday, take a few minutes in a quiet room and give your dog a massage. Gentle strokes, kneading actions and the one-on-one attention might even relax you, too.

Aromatherapy. A few drops of natural lavender oil in an oil burner can release a pleasant aroma that can be calming to the dog. Also, there are pheromone products that plug into electrical outlets as well as sprays and infused collars. These synthetic pheromones mimic the pheromones of a lactating female dog, giving feelings of comfort and calmness.

There are herbal remedies which should be used only after speaking with your veterinarian such as L-tryptophan and valerian. For short-term stress, Rescue Remedy is very effective. It can be put in drinking water, in meals and even rubbed on the gums or ears.

All of these helpful remedies should not preclude stress prevention which is essential for the holidays. Get your dog used to people coming into your home.

It's important to provide your dog with all his regular routines, even during the busy holiday. Allow time for walking and play.

If you need to board your dog be sure to have him spend some time away from you before using a facility.

Old Friends (Continued)

Keeping holiday stress limited is in your hands. It is important to train everyone in the household along with people visiting to be aware of your pets needs so everyone can enjoy the holiday.

"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together."

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (November 2, 2010)

submitted by Ginny Pentz

The meeting of the STDTC was called to order by President Connie Cuff.

Report of the President: Thanks to everyone who participated in the Halloween Parades, helped with the float and donated candy. Special thanks to Kelly & Joe who got the flat bed trailer, straw and drove the float; Laurie who did our costumes and made tomb stones; and Josette who did the banner. We placed 3rd in Sunbury and received \$50, 5th in Norry and received \$10 and took the grand prize in Lewisburg. Our prize in Lewisburg was a ceramic bowl, dog leash and toys donated by Stein Flower. I sent them a note.

I want to acknowledge our dogs who have passed their tests: Myra Dietrich & Toby CGC/TDI, Terry Burns & Bessie CGC/TDI, Kathi Flock & Shelby TDI and Elaine Walz & Lettie CGC.

Report of the Secretary: Minutes of previous meeting were approved as written in the September Newsletter.

Report of the Treasurer:

(Treasurer's reports are not available in the online edition of the STDTC newsletter.)

Old Business: We had talked about pet oxygen masks for fire companies. Sally Grottini spoke with some people from a fire company at her SART meeting (animal rescue team) and they said since their fire company does not carry oxygen they wouldn't be interested. The ambulances say they are limited to what they can carry. SART said they would take 1 or 2 and use them with a hand held pump for dogs that are left in cars at the Bloomsburg Fair. I plan to do some more research and will get back with more information later.

New Business: Our annual Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 5:00 pm. The cost is \$17.

Voted on a donation to Julian Trick Fund of \$100 for the purchase of a service dog. Check sent to Susquehanna Bank.

Thurs. visit Emmanuel Center Danville 6:45pm.

Breed of the Month

Cairn Terrier

submitted by Connie Cuff

A tenacious, little, shorthaired, vermin-catching farm dog that called the Isle of Skye, Scotland, home spawned the Cairn Terrier. These were working terriers with courage for the bolting of otter, foxes, and other vermin from among rocks, cliffs, and ledges of the wild shores of their misty isle.

The Cairn's wiry coat, one of its most distinguishing characteristics, soon loses its character if shaved, so Cairn fanciers often prefer to hand strip the coats. It should be done twice a year and it keeps the skin and coat in better condition.

The majority of the people don't know what they are, but if you say "Like Toto from the Wizard of Oz" then they say Ohhh!

Known health problems are flea-bite allergies, kneecap problems, early-onset cataracts and liver disease.

They are good with children and other dogs, but might chase small animals that look like prey. This little working dog remains in the top 50 most popular breeds in the United States.

You can't help but love them, they are so funny and endearing and very easy to live with. In England they call them "The Best Little Pal in the World" It is nice to have Jeannie Carroll with us from Selinsgrove with her Cairn Terrier, Elphic.





Notes and Notices



Well another year has “heeled” right by. It has been a wonderful experience for me having so many people interested in training their dog. It is you the members who make everyone welcome and we all learn by helping each other. May the coming year bring happy and well-trained dogs and trainers that take pride in what they are doing. I wish everyone a joyful and happy holiday filled with good friends and fond memories of the people who have enriched our lives and made us the people we are today.

Since we are into the winter months, there will be no scheduled evening TDI visits. Regular daytime visits will continue weather permitting. Anyone wishing to visit on their own should contact the facility and I’m sure you and your dog would be most welcome.

Anyone interested in attending Pawsabilities at the Farm Show complex the dates are Mar. 12 and 13, 2011. For more information and tickets you can go on line @ www.pawsabilities.net or call 717-671-7813. This is a fun day for you and your dog which supports Susquehanna Service Dogs.

We took third place in the Sunbury Halloween Parade and received a check in the amount of \$50.

One of our members, Sonja Ware with Takoda and Daisy has moved from the area. We wish her well in her new home.

We welcome new members:

Gretchen Nash from Lewisburg with black lab, Nash
Jeannie Carroll from Selinsgrove with Cairn Terrier, Elphic
Suzanne Martin from Liverpool with mix, Samson
Doris Martz from Sunbury with Sheltie/Shepherd mix, Molly
Kate Reid from Sunbury with Boston Terrier, Buster Brown
Makayla and Ashly Peachey with Lhasa/Shitz mix, Bella

Congratulations to Sherry Carpenter who does our Blog and her new English Springer Spaniel puppy Bennett.

I wish to thank a few people for their help in training, testing and club functions. Brandon Pastuszek who does a wonderful job in preparing my newsletter, Sara Fry in helping with CGC training, Marjean Krech who does the Star Puppy Class and TDI testing along with Sally Grottini, our Secretary, Virginia Pentz who also organizes membership.

Beginning in January we will be renewing our Club memberships. Please give us up-dated shot records and let us know if your E-mail or address has changed.

UPCOMING TDI VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Dec. 1 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Dec. 2 (Thurs)	Nottingham Village	6:45pm
Dec. 5 (Sun)	CHRISTMAS PARTY Susquehanna Valley Country Club	5:00pm
Dec. 6 (Mon)	Bucknell University	6:00pm
Dec. 8 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00pm
Dec. 9 (Thurs)	Northwest Academy Shamokin Hospital	1:00pm 2:30pm
Dec. 14 (Tues)	NO CLASS SELINGSGROVE CENTER Maximum Prison Allenwood (NCIC only)	12:15pm
Dec. 15 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Dec. 16 (Thurs)	Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Sunshine Corners	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
Dec. 20 (Mon)	Reading Chief Shikellamy	9:00am
Dec. 22 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Dec. 25 (Sat)	MERRY CHRISTMAS	
Dec. 29 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Dec. 30 (Thurs)	Health South (Geisinger)	2:00pm
Jan. 1 (Sat)	HAPPY NEW YEAR	

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■ US Holidays

■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

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