



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

December 2020



Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

As we come to the end of 2020 it is a good time to reflect our human-canine relationship with our dog this past year. I am sure with covid it has been more priceless than ever. "The happier and healthier your dog is, the happier and healthier you're likely to be".

Looking at what our dogs do for us, there is a theory as to what we do for our dogs. If you give domesticated dogs the choice to be with other dogs - they'll almost always choose the human. It is likely that dogs receive a similar boost in health from hanging around us.

Dogs are like people in many ways. They come in many different types, sizes, and shapes, and also many different personalities, intelligence levels and dispositions. By studying our dog and watching his eyes, facial expressions and actions, you may learn many things. Even though he cannot talk, he often tries to show you what he is thinking. (At class looking at me as the Treat Lady).

I feel as a Club our group has accomplished a great deal this year with many acquiring a CGC and ATD title for their dogs. Each person comes to class with the hope of training their dog to have good manners, but most importantly we are keeping our dog socialized and us as well.

"A hundred years from now, it will not matter the sort of house I lived in, what my bank account was, or the car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of animals and creatures on this earth."

May all the love we have for our dogs and one another bring us much happiness over this holiday season, and that is my wish for all of you

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



For the year 2021 we will not take dues for the Club. With Covid our training in-doors has been dispensed and it will be sometime until things can return to normal. I will be preparing a list of members for 2021. Kelly will send out an email with an attachment for you to fill out if you wish to continue as a member of the club. Please return it by email so I can compile my list. To be on our STDTC Facebook you must be a Club member and also to be covered by the Club insurance.

We wish to extend Get Well wishes to Larry Walter and Melissa Yankowski who have been affected by the Covid virus.

Congratulations to Judy Brubaker with Kimber as she attained her Novice B title at the Dauphin Dog Training Club. Also placed 2nd.

Since we cannot be indoors with our training over the winter months, I have mentioned at class that I will continue to be at the Shikellamy State Park Marina on Sundays at 1pm, weather permitting. You will need to check emails and our web site for messages if classes are cancelled that day.

I wish to thank everyone who made my birthday special with gifts and being there on Sunday to celebrate. Kelly needs a special thanks for organizing everything for the day, and all she does year round for me.

Special thanks to Myra Deitrich for organizing all our visits, especially through the pandemic. Also Judy Brubaker for teaching the "Star Puppy" and Sara Fry for working with Beginners and doing the CGC testing and ATD testing. Also our evaluators for ATD Jim Hepner and Jim Smith. Brandon Pastuszek who graciously does my Newsletter and forwards Club emails to me.

As I have mentioned in previous Newsletters that we must be so careful with things that will harm our dogs if they ingest them. Please watch what goes into your trash, as well as food and items we have out for the holidays.

Sympathies to Elaine and Bob Walz for the loss of their Therapy Dog "Buddy" and dog Opie.

Sympathies to Phil Hallden for the loss of his Therapy Dog, Sage.

Through your generosity we were able to send a check to "Mostly Mutts" for \$200.