



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

July 2013

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

The Proper Use of Training Collars

Many of you who train with us use different types of collars - martingales, choke chains (should be no longer than 3" when it comes through the ring after fitted on the dog's neck), prong collars, regular collars and harnesses.



The training collar should be used under supervision and never left on all the time.

The training collar is like a traffic light when you use it properly. The loose chain is the green light. It means you can proceed with what you are doing. The tugging of the collar means the red light is next. A pull up or tug on the collar to correct means stop what you are doing.

When training your dog, always keep your collar loose on a "green light". If you walk with pressure on the collar the dog is constantly under stress. It creates a form of tether frustration in dogs.

Make all corrections swiftly, snap the collar to the red light, then go immediately to green light. Never repeat a command you have to correct. Let him know by your actions what he must do to succeed in the future.

First and foremost you must be absolutely certain that your dog knows the meaning of the command you are giving.

In all training with a corrective collar your goal should be to help your dog learn how to stay on a green light or turn off the red light as quickly as possible. You should set up training sessions to help him succeed and avoid the correction and earn your praise, tasty treat or favorite toy.

Old Friends (Continued)

At class I notice many using prong collars. They work well if used properly, but you should alternate using a martingale, slip collar or regular collar since a prong cannot be used for the Canine Good Citizen or therapy dog testing.

Everyone is doing a good job at class and I hope you are seeing your dog's behavior improve at home and in socializing in the community.

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (June 4, 2013)

submitted by Karen Sodrick

President's Report:

We are glad to be back at the Marina where our dogs will be challenged with new distractions. In case of inclement weather, if we need to cancel, we will do so by 4:30.

Please check your E-mail for announcements.

Everyone must sign in each week for insurance purposes and have up to date shot records on file.

We will continue using scarves to indicate the degree of friendliness of our dogs since there are many new members. Red means do not approach, yellow means caution and blue indicates that the dog may be approached but may still not be comfortable with face to face greetings.

Treasurer's report is only available in the printed newsletter as is the secretary's report.

New members introduced were: Patty Lightner, Lisa Yeager and Roberta Haupt.

People are needed for the Lewisburg Parade on June 29th. We will wear khaki pants, club shirt and carry a flag. Dogs should wear an appropriate scarf.

Help is also needed to carry the American Flag during the playing of the National Anthem at the Cavalcade of Champions on July 6th at Bucknell. Everyone should be there by 5:30 and is welcome to stay for the program.

Upcoming visits are:

Grayson View in Selinsgrove on June 6th and Camp Victory on June 10th at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Sodrick



Notes and Notices



Two events this July for visiting are:

Sunbury YMCA with a demo and visit. On Tuesday July 23 from 10am to 11 am. We do a little obedience work, dogs with tricks and promote pet safety. We would like everyone to costume their dog as we will be promoting the Northumberland County Fair where we will host a Pet Costume Contest. Get your thinking caps on as the kids really enjoy this fun day.

We will be back again at Camp Victory on Sat. July 27 for a Family Camp. We will be in an enclosed large area, so it will be rain or shine. This camp brings in about 180 people, so I'm hoping I have a nice group to attend.

For those of you that would like to know ahead of time for upcoming events, there is a Sr. Expo at the Shikellamy High School on Fri., Aug. 16 from 10am - 1pm. We have our dogs there for petting and information on therapy. I will have a sign-up sheet at class with times available.

We will be back at the Bucknell Library on Mon. Sept. 9 from 6 to 8pm.

**Congratulations to Dave Grose with his Mastiff Bo who passed the TDI test.
Sara Fry with her Cocker Spaniel, Tally who passed the CGC test.**

I wish to thank everyone who participated in the Lewisburg Fourth of July Parade. We are always well received by the crowds of people attending. Because of the uncertainty of the warm weather that day, I will not be signing up to participate in the future. I would like those who wish to do so to meet in the President's Grove, which is at the end of the parade, for people to meet our dogs. It is good socialization for them as well as us and there is always some good food stands to please our appetite.



Get well wishes to Joe Pastuszek who is recuperating at home after surgery.

Welcome to new members: Sue Attig from Northumberland with her King Charles Spaniel; Jessica Dorrior from Sunbury with her Rottweiler/Mastiff; Barb Albert from Shamokin with her mix breed, Noel; Holly Heddings from Elizabethtown with Lab; Brian Hufnagle from Northumberland with Springer Spaniel, Duke; Patty Lightner with Mix, Tyson; Angelina Venturini from Montoursville with Mix, Boomer; Chris Wert from Shamokin with 2 Golden Retrievers.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

July 3 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
July 4 (Thurs)	HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY	
July 6 (Sat)	Cavalcade of Champions, Bucknell Stadium Flag Presentation	5:15pm
July 8 (Mon)	Emmanuel Home Northumberland	6:30pm
July 10 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
July 11 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital Life Geisinger Northwestern Academy	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:30pm
July 16 (Tues)	Low Security, Allenwood (NCIC only)	12:00pm
July 17 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
July 18 (Thurs)	Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Sunshine Corners	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
July 22 (Mon)	Nottingham Village, Northumberland	6:30pm
July 23 (Tues)	Sunbury YMCA (costumed dogs)	10:00am - 11:00am
July 24 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
July 25 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
July 27 (Sat)	Family Camp Ability, Camp Victory, Millville	TBD
July 31 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Aug. 1 (Thurs)	Maria Joseph Manor, Danville	6:30pm

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 US Holidays

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