



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

July 2014

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



With training at the Marina, dogs are faced with many distractions. How many times have I heard, myself included, "he works so well at home, I don't know why he isn't doing it here."

Failure to carry out a command can be due to a variety of reasons, but it should be recognized that the dog is NEVER at fault. Your dog is the result of your choice, the environment in which he has lived, and on your approach to training. You must accept full responsibility for any of his failures.

Many times the frame of our mind can lead to the dog's attitude or his frame of mind and all our emotions travel right down the leash. If a dog does not understand an exercise, a different approach may be needed to carry out a simple instruction. Remember that dogs respond to the pleasant or unpleasant situation during the training of an exercise. A positive approach with food, toy or praise cannot be stressed too strongly.

Poor training of your dog can do permanent damage to the dog's personality and temperament. Dogs are like people in many ways. They come in many different personalities, intelligence levels and dispositions. Each dog must be trained as an individual. By studying your dog and watching his eyes, facial expressions and actions you can learn many things.

For a trainer to obtain the greatest success in training his dog, he must be able to hold the dog's interest. Leadership is a partner who the dog wants to follow and work with because he knows exactly where he stands and what the relationship is, and more importantly enjoys being with and working with you more than anything else.

We have a wonderful group of dogs and owners who have made my training sessions so eventful. You are a joy to work with and for this I say THANK YOU.

"Time is the greatest gift to share with each other."
--Actress, Quvenzhané Wallis

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (June 3, 2014)
submitted by Kelly Pastuszek

I have a table for sign-in. We are covered by an insurance policy at the Park which is required. Everyone who trains with the Club must be a member so I need to have you sign-in each week.

If anyone has a new E-mail address, phone # or home address, please place it after your name. Since we deal with weather conditions, I must have E-mail or phone numbers to reach you in case of cancellations. They are also posted on our web site by 5pm.

As I have been mentioning the past few weeks, I would appreciate help with carrying the flag at the 4th of July Parade in Lewisburg on Sat. June 28. If you have never been to this parade, since we are at the very beginning, you will be able to view this wonderful parade dedicated to Veterans. This year's parade will honor Gold Star Mothers. Be sure to give me your cell # in case I need to contact you.

I would like to introduce any new members that are with us this evening.

Since we have our annual Club Picnic in Sept at the Large Pavilion at the park, I would like to know what date I should reserve in Sept. It is always a Sunday.

Every other week, Dave has been handling 50/50 tickets. It has helped with copying, ink cartridges and dog treats. I appreciate his help in doing this.

There are articles and items on the table each week which are there for anyone who may be interested in them.

Please bring water for your dog to class, as they need to be kept hydrated with the warm weather.

Josette Zielinski, who has been coordinating my visits at the Medium Security Prison in Allenwood, and is a member of the Club, will be retiring in June. We appreciate her time and interest in starting the program there. We send her best wishes and now she can spend more time with her 4 huskies.

There are two therapy visits at nursing homes this month. Elmcroft in Lewisburg on Mon. June 9 and Grayson View in Selinsgrove on June 23. Even if your dog is not certified, if he is well-behaved, you can visit. Please keep a copy of your dog's shot records with you.

There is a visit this Thursday at Vintage Knolls.



Notes and Notices



We welcome new members: Donna Raker from Northumberland with Shih Tzu Leo; Brian Jeremiah from Paxios with Labrador, Riley; Alicia Lutz from Sunbury with Bernese Mt. Dog, Oliver; Rudy Ressia from Port Trevorton with Aussie mix, Millie; Karen and Ronnie Miller from Sunbury with cocker mix, Snowball; Charles Lucas from Elysburg with Australian Shepherd, Gabriel; Michael Gerrity and Nicole Persing from Shamokin with Labrador, Rosco.

I received a note from Josette Zielinski thanking us for the bag we purchased for her on her retirement from the Medium Security Prison at Allenwood. The support we gave her on our visits to her facility over the years was very much appreciated.

Gail still needs help with items for the Bloomsburg Fair with the Animal Response Team: New dog clothing, toys, leashes, collars and people to sew, knit, or crochet.

Get well wishes to Terry Burns who is recuperating from a bike accident.

Sending a speedy recovery to Dagny Leininger's "Ruby" and Alice Gora's "Ruby" who are recovering from surgery.

Marjean's puppy class seems to be going well and it is good to see people taking an interest in training their puppy. Training a young dog at an early age goes a long way with a well-behaved family dog.

Everyone who is participating in our Advanced and Basic classes are doing very well with added distractions at the Marina. I always say we train the owners, not the dogs, but I think it works both ways.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Sept. 14 at 1pm for our annual Club picnic at the Shikellamy State Park Marina. This event is for us, as well as our dogs, and we make it a fun day for all.

Take note that there will not be class on Tuesday, August 12, as I will be away with my family.

Lost Dog? Don't Panic

It's scary when your dog bounds out the door, disappears down the street and doesn't immediately return when you call his name. But technology has evolved to facilitate and even speed up the reunion process.

For example, a growing number of smart phone apps now are available to help. Consider the Finding Rover app, which uses facial recognition technology to analyze a photo of a lost pet and match it with photos in the app's database. It's available at findingrover.com.

Or you can purchase a digital ID tag such as PetHub's TapTag, available at <http://www.pethub.com/shop>. The person who finds a pet wearing this tag either can scan the code on the tag with a smart phone or enter the ID number on the PetHub website. Plus, a toll-free number is printed on the tag.

Unfortunately, technology has its limitations.

"The question is how tech-savvy does the person who finds your lost animal have to be to make the reunion occur?" asks Kirsten Theisen, director of pet care issues for The Humane Society of the United States.

The most important thing you can do, of course, is to make sure your pet has an identification tag with up-to-date contact information, including your phone number. If your pet has a microchip implant, be sure to provide the microchip company with your current contact information, Theisen says.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

July 2 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
July 3 (Thurs)	Emmanuel Center, Danville Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
July 4 (Fri)	4th of July	
July 7 (Mon)	Nottingham Village, Northumberland	6:30pm
July 9 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
July 10 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital Life Geisinger Northwestern Academy	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:30pm
July 16 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
July 17 (Thurs)	Sunbury Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Sunshine Corners & Manor Care	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
July 21 (Mon)	Emmanuel Home, Northumberland	6:30pm
July 23 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
July 30 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
July 31 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm

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