



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

July 2016

## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



When we hear of dog bites, especially in young children, it must be understood that our dogs may not speak our language, but they do communicate, it's just that we aren't listening.

Dogs feeling uncomfortable will: hide, shake, lip lick, yawn, tail tuck, turn away from you. So many times when a dog bites the owner says, "We never saw it coming!" That doesn't mean the signs weren't there. I would encourage every parent to make it part of your daily life to teach children how to approach a dog. When we are at the Shikellamy Park and meet children this is a good time to teach them the rules. Also we will be visiting the YMCA this month and I use this time to show children how to approach a dog.

How many times have you heard a dog get scolded for growling. We should be rewarding them. This is them shouting, loud and clear, "I'm, really unhappy right now, please stop". It is extremely rare for a dog to jump right into a bite mode without a sign, we just don't recognize it.

Do you remember when women in department stores used to walk up and spray you with perfume without asking first? They stopped because too many people were snapping at them. It's a kind of like that.

It takes time to teach children to respect animals. In some respects, kids comfortable with the family dog are at risk for bites, because they are used to approaching dogs who are comfortable with being handled and may not be familiar with strange dogs.

We teach children:

1. Use your EYES and see if the dog wants to be approached.
2. Use your MOUTH to ask permission.
3. Stand STILL and let the dog approach and sniff your hand.
4. Only then can you pat the dog gently on the side of the face or under the chin.

Till next time,

*Connie*

## **Minutes (May 3, 2016)**

submitted by Karen Sodrick

### **President's Report**

It is nice to be back at the Marina for a change of pace. We have a large number of dogs but Dixon always felt it was a great advantage when you can train with a variety of dogs and people. If anyone has any issues or questions about training please let me know after class and I will try to help.

Sympathies to Sara Fry who lost her Cocker Buddy. Her was a part of her family for many years.

A former member of our class who has four huskies and goes camping with them a lot related the following story to me. During one recent camping trip she noticed one of the dogs was foaming at the mouth a bit but seemed fine otherwise. She took the dog to the vet when she returned home and he asked if she had been camping. When she said yes the vet said he must have licked a toad which causes foaming at the mouth. Stink bugs will also cause that reaction. So be aware if your dog is a licker.

We have two visits this month at nursing homes: Penn Lutheran on Monday June 13 and Grayson View June 29. Both are in Selinsgrove. Please try to join us.

If your dog has allergies several of our members have had good results with Apequil.

Congratulations to Gary and Kathy Bunch whose Boxer Abby passed the CGC test,

### **Other Business**

Gail Lorady who is active in the Schuylkill County Animal Response Team asked for donations of material, yarn or treats to be used for fundraisers. The SCART coordinates rescue of animals during times of weather emergencies.

Submitted by,  
Karen Sodrick



## Notes and Notices



**Glad to hear Georgie is on the mend after his surgery. I'm sure he is looking forward to getting back into Pet Therapy.**

**Marjean is working hard at getting better. We hope a lot of rest and Pet Therapy from her 6 pooches will get her feeling better soon.**

**A big thank you to Gail and Kelly who have been filling in for me with training since I have been doing the Star Puppy Class for Marjean. Also I appreciate everyone's patience and coming to class these past few weeks.**

**A big thank you to Gail & Rick for a roll of tickets for our 50/50.**

**I know it is a little early, but I would like to have an idea who could participate in the Sunbury and Northumberland Halloween Parades (I'll check if they will be doing Sunbury). We will meet as a group and talk over a theme. Since I have many costumes from previous years, I would like to coordinate our outfits with things that I have.**

**We welcome new members: Janet Evans with "Licorice", Stacy Heckman with "Wrigley", Kimberly Castillo with "Luna", Detra Dodge with "Porter", Zachary Hicks with "Mable". Sue and Larry Walter with "Gunner", Cheryl Lauver with "Sasha".**

**There is a Health Fair sponsored by Tom Marino at the Selinsgrove VFW, Rt. 522, on Mon. July 25 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. I will have a sign-up sheet for those who can attend with their dogs.**

**I also will be visiting the Sunbury YMCA on Tues. Aug. 23 at 10:00am for the Children's Summer Camp. I ask those attending to dress in a costume since we promote a Pet Costume Contest at the Northumberland County Fair on Friday, August 26. We will be coordinating the Contest and I hope some of our members can participate.**

## UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

<b>July 4 (Mon)</b>	<b>4th of July</b>	
<b>July 6 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods Heritage Springs</b>	<b>10:00am 11:15am</b>
<b>July 7 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Vintage Knolls Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm</b>
<b>July 11 (Mon)</b>	<b>5 Star, Sunbury Nottingham Village</b>	<b>1:00pm 6:30pm</b>
<b>July 13 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods Heritage Springs</b>	<b>10:00am 11:15am</b>
<b>July 14 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Shamokin Hospital VNA Caring Community Life Geisinger</b>	<b>12:30pm 1:15pm 2:00pm</b>
<b>July 18 (Mon)</b>	<b>Buffalo Valley</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>July 19 (Tues)</b>	<b>Low Security Prison, Allenwood (NCIC required)</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>July 20 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods Heritage Springs</b>	<b>10:00am 11:15am</b>
<b>July 21 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Sunbury Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Manor Care</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm</b>
<b>July 25 (Mon)</b>	<b>Tom Marino Health Fair VFW Selinsgrove</b>	<b>10:00am - 2:00pm</b>
<b>July 26 (Tues)</b>	<b>Stayman Apartments, Shamokin Dam</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
<b>July 27 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods Heritage Springs</b>	<b>10:00am 11:15am</b>
<b>July 28 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm</b>

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 Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club  
 US Holidays

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