



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

July 2017

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



What goes on in a dog's brain does not stop when the training session ends. What you do AFTER a session may have an influence on how much your dog remembers and how well he subsequently performs.

We all know what we do while training makes a difference, how we maintain our dog's attention and interest. However, studies have shown that what goes on around the same time have an effect on our memories. Examples: What you were doing when the World Trade Center collapsed, an event at a wedding, a heart stopping car crash.

In 1800 a noted psychologist noted "an impression may be so exciting as to almost leave a scar upon the cerebral tissues." This data correlates the suggestion that an emotional arousal immediately after a dog's training can help stamp what the animal has learned. One

positive way to do this is to engage in playful activity with your dog.

At class I have brought a tunnel and dogs were able to have some fun time after class. I would suggest to bring a dog's favorite toy to give him something to look forward to after training. We do use food to help with a new behavior, but the play time marks a different activity after we work the dogs.

A study had shown that 2 groups of Labs were divided - one that had an intense play activity after training, the other had a rest period while their owner engaged in conversation. The dogs then performed the same task. The difference between the two groups is quite clear. The dogs who had received the play session after training relearned the task 40% faster than the dogs who rested after the session. It appears that activity following the teaching sessions helped to "stamp in" the memories of what a dog learns.

Lets all try to incorporate this activity into our training sessions.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



Congratulations to the Star Puppy Graduates:

Amy Strong with Alvin the Yorkie; Autumn Faust with Duke the Chocolate Lab; Marcia LaBant with Maggie the Sheltie; Andrew Morris with Zeus the Golden Retriever; Michael & Laura Wolfberg with Rivka the Golden Retriever; David and Wanda Baumgartner with Gus the St. Bernard/Poodle mix; Tammy Hine and Michael Pugh with Brodie the Great Pyreneese; Connie Hackenburg with Sloopy the Golden Retriever.

We welcome Janet Wachter and Kevin with Red a Standard Poodle; Pat Peltier with Elli, a Golden Retriever; Judy & Doug Brubaker with Kimber, a Golden Retriever.

It is nice to be back training at the Shikellamy State Park Marina. We have a wonderful group and I enjoy seeing some new faces that we are now at the Park.

Our Club is planning a bus trip to the Blessing of the Animals at St. John the Divine in New York City on Sunday, Oct. 1 leaving Lewisburg at 5am. We have reserved the bus for this event. If anyone is interested, I would appreciate a sign-up since the bus holds 29. We can take our dogs, or if you prefer you can attend without a dog. The price will be around \$40 and we are awaiting the total participants to finalize the cost.

An article written in Whole Dog Journal written by a Veterinarian advises that dog owners should take a proactive approach to joint maintenance and injury prevention starting when an athletic dog is 2 years old. Some Veterinarians will mention glucosamine when a dog has developed osteoarthritis, but much of the damage has already occurred. Some dog foods include supplements, but with the heat process in the manufacture, much of the product is destroyed.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

July 4 (Tues)	NO CLASSES AT SHIKELLAMY STATE PARK MARINA 4th of July	
July 5 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
July 6 (Thurs)	Emmanuel, Danville Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
July 10 (Mon)	Grayson View, Selinsgrove	6:30pm
July 11 (Tues)	Maximum Prison, Allenwood	12:00pm
July 12 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
July 13 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital VNA Life Geisinger	12:15pm 1:15pm 2:00pm
July 16 (Sun)	Anchor Program, Bloomsburg University Campus	1:00pm - 2:30pm
July 17 (Mon)	Camp Victory, Arthritis Camp, Millville	10:15am
July 19 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
July 20 (Thurs)	Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Manor Care	1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm
July 24 (Mon)	5 Star, Sunbury Elmcroft, Lewisburg	1:30pm 6:30pm
July 26 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
July 27 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm

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■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
■ US Holidays

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