



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

July 2018

## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



As pet owners we sit in front of the TV for hours, and as you snuggle on the couch with your pooch your pup may even pay attention to the TV, forcing you to ask yourself, “does my dog actually watch TV?” The answer isn’t as black and white as it seems. Dogs can react to sounds and images coming from the set, but not all dogs react in the same way.

However, a dog’s vision is quite different from a human’s. Where humans see all colors, dogs only see blue, yellow and grey. This difference in vision can alter how your dog processes images on-screen.

Dogs also process images faster than humans do, so fewer frames per second may appear to be flickering rather than as smooth, continuous images. This faster processing time helps dogs notice sudden changes in their field of vision and helps them pick up sudden movements on the screen. As an example I had a Muppet Channel on for Patty which was colorful and fast moving and he was very interested for at last 3 minutes.

Dogs have different personalities. Visually stimulated dogs may have more interested reaction to TV than those that rely more on their sense of smell. Dogs tend to get desensitized to the TV after awhile since TV doesn’t provide the full range of senses your dog uses to communicate with the world.

Some TV channels have been designed with more frames per second and is colored to appeal to a dog’s dichromatic vision. Dog food and toy commercials have also tried primarily to attract the attention of the dog, not its owner.

Mental exercise is just as important as physical exercise, so whether you discover that your dog doesn’t pay attention to TV there are other mental challenges you can try - puzzle games, tricks, obedience training, taking your dog along with you to different areas to check out new sounds and smells.

Take time to bond with your dog with fun challenges to make it happy and get its internal wheels spinning.

Till next time,

*Connie*



## Notes and Notices



**It is nice to be back at the Marina with a nice group of trainers with their dogs. There are a lot of distractions which prepares our dogs for real life experiences. This is where our focus training comes in handy.**

**I wish to thank Tamara Normington for her \$100 donation to our Club for all we do in sharing our dogs with the Community.**

**Sympathies to Chelsea Mensch for the loss of her Golden Retriever, Bella, also to Carol Hanson with the loss of her Therapy Dog Zoey.**

**I also lost my dear Cagney who gave me so much joy and shared his love doing Pet Therapy. Through your help I was able to spend extra time with him and learn so much about Pets with cancer. Our Club has purchased - 7 Part Series DVD which members can borrow to see what we can do to help our pets live healthier lives.**

**Please mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept. 16 as I have scheduled our Club Picnic at the Shikellamy Park Marina. We bring our dogs and enjoy good food and games for our dogs. Everyone brings a dog related item for our Chinese Auction and a covered dish to share. We supply hot dogs and drinks.**

**With summer activities some of our dogs enjoy swimming. If you have a well-maintained pool, drinking some of this water will not harm your dog. It should not be a dog's primary source, so provide lots of fresh water. Take care and restrict your dog when you're shocking the pool or adding strong chemicals.**

**If your dog is a beach lover, saltwater can cause "beach diarrhea" and vomiting when the dog ingests too much salt. It is crucial that they take a 15 minute break in the shade and provide fresh water. If you are playing fetch it is recommended to use plastic toys such as Frisbee or Wiffle Balls instead of absorbent toys such as tennis balls.**

**The dreaded 4th of July is upon us with our dogs experiencing fireworks, sending them into panic mode. Be sure to keep your dogs inside, crated if necessary, keeping music on, and using a calming supplement if needed. Petting or babying the dog can only give him a signal that makes matter worse. Ignoring him is the best way for him to overcome his fear.**

**We welcome new members; Susan Belotti with Goldendoodle, Katie Scarlett; Elizabeth Pavis with Goldendoodle, Hamilton; Carla Minori with Hound Mix, Stella; Cathy Eyer with Golden Retriever, Toby; Olivia Corey with Cockapoo, Oreo; Taylor Little with Labradoodle, Molly; Jane Wirt with Labrador Retriever, Sadie; Kerry Nornhold with Boxer, Casey; Nicole Hallman with Siberian Husky, Ruger.**

## UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

<b>July 4 (Wed)</b>	<b>HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>July 5 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Grandview Geisinger Rehab - Health South</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm</b>
<b>July 9 (Mon)</b>	<b>Five Star Grayson View</b>	<b>12:30pm - 1:00pm 6:30pm</b>
<b>July 11 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>July 12 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Shamokin Hospital VNA</b>	<b>12:15pm 1:15pm</b>
<b>July 17 (Tues)</b>	<b>Medium Prison Allenwood (NCIC only)</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>July 18 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>July 19 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Sunbury Hospital Mansion Manor Care</b>	<b>1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm</b>
<b>July 23 (Mon)</b>	<b>Nottingham Village Memory Care</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>July 24 (Tues)</b>	<b>Stayman Apartments, Shamokin Dam</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>July 25 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>July 26 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Vintage Knolls Geisinger Rehab - Health South</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm</b>

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 Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club  
 US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:15 PM Training</li> <li>7:15 PM Beginner Training</li> </ul>	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independence Day</li> <li>10:00 AM Riverwoods</li> </ul>	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Grandview</li> <li>2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South</li> </ul>	6	7
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