



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

July 2021



## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

Summer is a time when our dogs spend a lot of time outside. Many people are composting and we must be careful that the area we use is secure so that our pets do not have access to it. Hazards such as coffee grounds, corncobs and onions can lead to medical problems if ingested. Coca mulch can be dangerous. Keep fertilizers, insecticides and pool chemicals, paint thinners and expandable glue in close sheds and garages.

Heat stroke can shut down the bodies major organs. Heat stroke occurs when the core temperature is 105 or higher and Emergency care is needed as soon as possible. Avoid over-

exercising your dog during the hottest hours of the day. Make sure your dog has access to plenty of drinking water. If you travel with your dog you can freeze a plastic bottle filled with water and as it defrosts your dog will have a nice cool drink.

Groom your dog regularly. This will keep their coats clean and unmatted. Brushing also helps maintain the health of the skin and avoids problems like hot spots. It also helps in noticing any ticks that may be in the fur.

There is a weed and grass killer which is much cheaper than commercial products and safer for use around pets: 1 gallon white vinegar, 1 cup salt and 1/4 cup of dawn dish liquid.

We may notice our dogs licking us for lots of different reasons. Sometimes it's because our skin is salty and more noticeable in the summer. There is the scent and flavor of sunscreen. Dogs have emotions and they get a physiological "feel good" sensation from licking.

Some dogs use their love of licking to alert their owners to human health problems, especially with Type 1 diabetes and low sugar levels. You can redirect his desire for licking by putting something other than your skin in his mouth.

Summertime can be fun for your dog, but by taking some precautionary measures, it can keep your dog healthy and fit.

Till next time,

*Connie*



## Notes and Notices



**Judy will complete her Star Puppy Class on Tues. June, 29. Congratulations for all that took the time to train your puppy and get them off to a good start. You are welcome to continue training to work for your CGC. If at any time you wish to join us for a refresher you are welcome. Be sure to notice when your puppy comes into his own at 7-9 months; they begin to explore and all that he has learned should be reviewed.**

**Anyone who is interested in testing for Pet Therapy with Alliance of Therapy Dog can go to their site with a list of Evaluators. Locally we have James Hepner, Jim Smith and Sara Fry. Our Club trains for Pet Therapy and when you feel you are ready, please contact the Evaluator you choose.**

**Please check emails and web site for visits as more are being made now since covid restrictions have been lifted.**

**Our new visiting schedule is as follows:**

- **Geisinger Rehab Health South - 1st and last Thursday of the month - July 1 and July 29 1:00pm**
- **Elysburg Library - What Animals Do for Us - Children's Story Time Tues. July 6 1:00-2:00pm You can visit as long as you are able.**
- **Bucknell University Ice Cream Social Wed. July 14 3:30pm -4:30pm ATD only**
- **Life Geisinger, Kulpmont - 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the Month July 8 and July 15 Certified Dogs only**
- **Mt. View Manor - Trevorton - 2nd Thursday of the month July 8 2:30pm**

**Each visit will require rules for visiting so we must abide by their regulations.**

**Welcome Amy Griffith with Black Lab - Winnie**

**Congratulations to the following who have attained their CGC:**

**Beverly Sees with Jasper**

**Elaine Walz with Willow**

**Lori Steele with Sadie**

**Welcome new puppy: Connie & Jim Hepner with Yellow Lab - Mabel**

**Fred & Sharon Lubnow with their White Standard Poodle**