



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

## Old Friends by *Connie Cuff*

A few facts about the Psychology of dogs:

In the back of the dog's head lies the organ which controls the entire behavior of the dog which come to it from special senses of sight, hearing, taste, smell and feeling.



**Hearing:** All dogs are born deaf; the ears are closed until the tenth day of life. What he hears makes very little impression but develops in his mind as he matures.

**Taste:** There is little need for chewing. He relies on his sense of smell and very little on taste to accept or reject food. If a toxic substance had no odor he gulps it down regardless of how it tastes and that is why many dogs are poisoned annually.

**Smell:** The area in a dog's head over which air contains odors is about the size of the skin on his body, while ours is about size of a postage stamp. Just as his scenting tool is much larger, so is his memory of smells. Other memories fail, but the smell memory lasts.

Dogs recognize places where they have been happy and also disagreeable experiences. That is why adopted dogs have different phobias which they have experienced in their lives.

Dogs have receptor cells and since the dog's nose waters, the chemical odor dissolves in the water filling the nostrils with the sensation of smell. What a dog does when he receives these sensations depends upon what order are in his inherited pattern, ex. Bloodhound, Beagle, Golden Retriever.

What smells good to a human might actually turn a dog off.

What can our dog learn by sniffing a fire hydrant? Among other things he can determine the age, sex, health status, and even the emotional state of the last pooch to pass by.

No one knows their dog better than you. Knowing a few facts about our dog's nervous system and why they do the things they do makes training ever so much interesting.

Till next time,

*Connie*



## Notes and Notices



I am sure everyone is tired of talking about the weather. We will try to get back to normal with classes and will keep up with our visits. Please keep in touch with us from our emails and club postings. Any questions, contact us.

We have secured the Pavilion #2 at the Shikellamy State Park Marina on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Mark your calendars as we really enjoy a fun day with good food, games and a Chinese Auction.

It has been nice to have Ray Ramos attending our classes and observe and help with behaviors, and answer questions about our dogs.

Thanks to Gail for bringing dog treats for us to purchase at a reduced rate. All purchases go to an organization she donates to.

Congratulations to **Winona**, a Bulldog mix, owned by **Jeanne Carroll**, for passing the **CGC** at 7 months old.

Giving your dog a summer buzz cut can make him feel warmer, not cooler. Hair on a dog insulates from the heat. The coat creates an air chamber between the hairs that does not conduct heat easily. The hair protects from dehydration and sunburn.

## UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

<b>July 3 (Wed)</b>	<b>Heritage Springs</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	<b>Buffalo Valley</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>July 4 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Independence Day</b>	
		
	<b>Geisinger Rehab, Health South (certified only)</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>July 8 (Mon)</b>	<b>5 Star (certified only)</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>July 10 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>July 11 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Mt. View Manor</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>
<b>July 12 (Fri)</b>	<b>Allenwood, Low Security (badged or NCIC only)</b>	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm</b>
<b>July 13 (Sat)</b>	<b>Allenwood, Medium (badged or NCIC only)</b>	<b>9:00 am – 2:00 pm</b>
<b>July 15 (Mon)</b>	<b>Columbia County Prison (certified only)</b>	<b>1:15 pm</b>
<b>July 17 (Wed)</b>	<b>Heritage Springs</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	<b>Buffalo Valley</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>July 18 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Mansion</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
	<b>Nottingham Village, Memory Care</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>July 23 (Tues)</b>	<b>Allenwood Maximum (badged only)</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>
<b>July 24 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>July 25 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Geisinger Rehab, Health South (certified only)</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>July 31 (Wed)</b>	<b>Heritage Springs</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	<b>Buffalo Valley</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>