



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

June 2005

## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



You people are the greatest!

The overwhelming love you have shown Dixie is helping me through these difficult days. I can't thank you enough.

He was so proud of the Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club and had a patch on every hat and jacket he owned. Everyone showing up for classes and activities made him so happy.

I will continue his legacy as best I can to prepare dogs for CGC and TDI work. With the help of you, the members, I'm sure his love of dogs will live on.

Training our dogs and keeping them socialized is so important. Guess it is not only good for the dogs, but

us as well. Of course we can't forget our square dancing. I'm sure Dixie will keep reminding me of that.

Each month I will try to bring to you ideas in training, health, and socialization that Dixie has talked about from time to time.

Hoping everyone will support me and the Club and we can continue to make our dogs "Super Dogs".

The following was a passout Dixie used for training "To Make A Super Dog":

Feed your dog - Everyone can feed, but make sure you are there when it is given to him. The person doing the training should do the feeding. Take the dish off of the dog and make him wait a few minutes, then give it back to him. When it is time to feed your dog, blow a whistle and have him come to you

1. Vitamin C pill - 250-500 mg.
2. Blow a whistle when you feed him.

Brush Start the day off by brushing your dog. Use a soft brush, fine comb. Roll him over on his back. Brush his belly. By doing something that makes the dog feel good, you are showing the dog that you are the leader. He will trust you.

### Good Hygiene

1. Clean out his eyes with a paper towel.
2. Brush his teeth twice a week. Use toothpaste for dogs and a soft brush. You can also use your finger. When you are done brushing use a paper towel to wipe his teeth.
3. Cut hair around his ears. Clean with a paper towel.
4. Check his feet. Cut hair around his pads. Trim his nails.

Don't put any pup into any situation that is stressful. Make everything fun. Correct by praise soon after. Don't jump your dog until he is 1 yr. old.

### Old Friends (Continued)

This class has one thing in mind. To make you the leader. You are the dog's mother, father, uncle, aunt, or whatever. But you will become the leader.

Don't forget the dog is watching you to see if you live up to being his leader.

Think like a dog. He is looking to see how you walk, speak, and stand. How is your voice?

Train 15 minutes each day. Train as often as you wish, but only 15 minutes at a time.

By looking into your dog's eyes, you will learn a lot about your dog.

In situations where the threat of aggression, Don't look directly into his eyes.

If you start tonight and follow my advice you will end up with a "super dog". It won't happen overnight, but it will happen.

Remember it takes P.P.L.

Patience, Practice, and Love.

Sincerely,

Connie

### Minutes (May 4, 2005)

Submitted by: Lydia Storey

Our thirteenth monthly membership meeting was held on May 4, 2005 at approximately 7:45 PM at Shikellamy Marina Park.

Kelly Pastuszek, Vice President, called the meeting to order. Dixon Cuff, President said, "This is the nicest club I was ever in."

We have permission from the Goodwill Hose Co. on Reagan St in Sunbury to train on their empty lot on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. In two weeks we will start beginners training on Tuesdays at the Goodwill Hose Co. lot with our trainers Marjean and Sara.

Secretary's Report – Please read the minutes of the April meeting in the newsletter. If there are any additions or corrections please advise.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report – Connie Cuff gave the treasurer's report as follows:

**(Treasurer's Reports are not available in online editions of the STDTC Newsletter.)**

## Minutes (Continued)

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report.

### New Business:

Connie read us a thank you card from Nancy Haupt to Dixon and club members for Daisy and her on earning their first AKC Obedience title in April. On May 14<sup>th</sup> the club will go to the Lions Club event in Mt Carmel in front of the police station.

There will be a therapy visit to Emmanuel home on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Next month we will email the newsletters. The Nifty after Fifty at the Columbia Mall went well today.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8PM.

## A Well-Trained Dog

by Patricia Connors  
submitted by Connie Cuff

"That's a well-trained dog." Jude what do we mean by this statement? Just what sort of dog is he, this "well-trained dog"?

To begin with, he is certainly a pleasure to live with, not a pest who is tolerated. His owner has developed a rapport with him over a period of time whereby they coexist happily. This didn't just happen, it had to work at a strive for. Of course as in all teamwork, the dog had to cooperate and do his part also, but the owner was the one who had to work at it. But then, anything worthwhile requires a certain amount of work, and Obedience training is no different. It requires hard work at times, but we must be willing to put up with the disadvantages of any pursuit if we are to enjoy its advantages.

A well-trained dog knows that he is loved and cared for. His owner has instilled that knowledge in him by his patience and affection in all contacts with him.

A well-trained dog is trained with kindness. Love and affection are the basis, the foundation in the training of the well-trained dog. Kindness does not eliminate correction, it is a very important part of proper training to correct properly. Discipline is a special kind of love that says, "I love you enough to expend the energy necessary to see that you know and abide by the rules.

A well-trained dog knows that his owner is fair, and asks nothing of him beyond his capabilities. Thus, the owner of the well-trained dog must of necessity know his dog's capabilities and potential, and utilize them, not try to go beyond them and demand more than his dog is capable of giving. The owner of the well-trained dog is also not satisfied with less than he knows his dog is capable of doing.

A well-trained dog has learned the rules, and knows that he must abide by them, because his owner has carefully taught him those rules, and has patiently and consistently insisted upon his obedience to them, and not confused him by demanding obedience one time and then allowing him to disobey under similar circumstances another.

A well-trained dog is a happier dog. He knows what is expected of him because his owner has been consistent in his demands. He knows that the same command always means the same thing regardless of where he is when it is given.

A well-trained dog is the product of an owner who realizes that no dog is born well-trained, but only becomes that way through proper training and patient repetition.

A well-trained dog is proud of his accomplishments because his owner has taken the care to instill that pride in him through praise and obvious pride and joy in those accomplishments.

A well-trained dog is an individual, not a carbon copy of any other dog. His owner knows this, and adapts training techniques to his particular dog.

A well-trained dog is not a robot. He does not perform mechanically and without enjoyment. His owner has not made the mistake of seeking a high score and turning his dog into a robot in that search. He realizes that a high-scoring robot is a poor substitute for the well-behaved companion that the dog might have been if his training had been a little more intelligent and understanding.

A well-trained dog takes an obvious joy in what he is doing because he knows he is please someone he loves —his owner.

A well-trained dog has a sympathetic and understanding owner who considers him a cherished friend and companion and not a means to boost his ego.

A well-trained dog is thoroughly familiar with the meaning of "good boy" (girl) because he hears it so often.

A well-trained dog is healthy, well fed, and well cared for, because his owner cares enough to see that he is.

A well-trained dog is lucky enough to have an owner who accepts the blame for a failure if that is where the blame lies, and doesn't consider his dog responsible for every failure.

A well-trained dog is a joy, and well worth any effort necessary. He has a smart and lucky owner.

## How Many Dogs Does it Take to Change a Lightbulb?

Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?

Border Collie: Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.

Dachshund: You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!

Rottweiler: Make me.

Boxer: Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.

Lab: Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeeeeze, please, please, please!

German Shepherd: I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, check to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.

Jack Russell Terrier: I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.

Old English Sheep Dog: Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb!

Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.

Chihuahua: Yo quiero Taco Bulb.

Pointer: I see it, there it is, there it is, right there.....

Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?

Australian Shepherd: First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle...

Poodle: I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.

Cat: "Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the real question is: How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner, and a massage?"

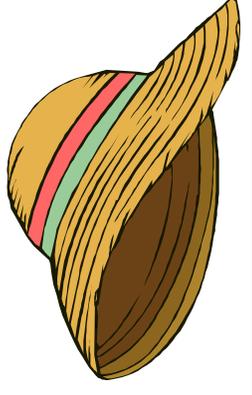
Sherry Carpenter, a writer for *The Daily Item* and also our newsletter (Sherry's Corner), would like to honor Dixon's memory with a tribute. Anyone who would like to share stories can send them to: *1122 Lightstreet Rd., Bloomsburg, PA 17815*. You can call her at: *784-0374* (between 7pm and 9pm) or e-mail her at: [tinywood2@hotmail.com](mailto:tinywood2@hotmail.com)

### UPCOMING TDI VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

<b>June 2nd (Thurs)</b>	<b>Outlook Pointe Lewisburg</b>	<b>6:45pm</b>
<b>June 23rd (Thurs)</b>	<b>Buffalo Valley Lewisburg</b>	<b>6:45pm</b>
<b>July 7th (Thurs)</b>	<b>Nottingham Village Lewisburg</b>	<b>6:45pm</b>
<b>July 19 (Tues)</b>	<b>Shamokin Elementary Shamokin</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>July 21 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Emmanuel Danville</b>	<b>6:45pm</b>
<b><u>Every Wednesday</u></b>	<b>Riverwoods Lewisburg, PA</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b><u>3rd Thursday</u></b>	<b>Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home, Market St. Sunbury</b>	<b>1:00-1:30pm 1:45pm</b>
<b><u>Last Thursday</u></b>	<b>Geisinger Rehab—Health South</b>	<b>2:00-3:00pm</b>

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Sunbury Hospital  
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Riverwoods  
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Buffalo Valley  
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Health South  
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