



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

June 2011

## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



With summer vacations upon us, we must think of how our pets will be taken care of while we are away.

### #1 Pet Sitter:

1. Leave a schedule - time leaving and time of return
2. How to contact you (cell phone, E-mail)
3. Feeding schedule - how many scoops
4. Medical info and your veterinarian

5. Some of your command words
6. Exercise instructions
7. House rules
8. Where equipment is kept, leash, brush
9. Let the sitter know of any behavior concerns the dog may

have.

#2 If your dog is housed at a kennel, some of the same will apply.

#3 Traveling - Many people traveling today may choose to take their pets with them since they now have pet-friendly hotels, motels, and camp grounds that welcome well-behaved, housebroken, leashed, flea-less, furry friends.

You must do your homework first and check to see what facilities cater to pets.

Packing your pet's suitcase should include fresh water, your pet's regular food (an abrupt change in diet can make your pet ill), grooming supplies, clean-up bags and a first-aid kit.

Also if your pet is used to a small crate or a mat it is used to sleeping on, this will help him adjust when you may be away from the dog. Also, his favorite toy. Sometimes leaving a shirt which has your scent and left with the dog will make him comfortable if left alone. A copy of the dog's shot record should include the rabies certificate. In case your dog is swimmer, be sure to bring a beach towel.

Remember to have an ID tag on your dog and place a disc with your cell phone # on the collar in case your dog should get lost.

## Old Friends (Continued)

One item which is very beneficial is a copy of your "Canine Good Citizen" certificate. This proves valuable to many facilities since they know you have a well-mannered pet. Some have mentioned TDI but they are more familiar with CGC. By going on-line, you are able to connect with places that will accept pets.

Last but not least, no animal should be left in a car, even for a few minutes. And if you should see an animal in such distress a call to the police is in order.

A cool treat for Dog:

3C plain non-fat yogurt

1C Peanut butter (unsalted)

1Tbs. Honey

Combine thoroughly. Pour into ice cub tray, freeze solid at least 2 hrs. Pop and serve.

I have frozen left over soup or broth in ice cube trays and find the dogs enjoy this summer time treat.

"Friends multiply blessings and divide burdens"

--Gail D. White

Till next time,

*Connie*

## **Minutes (May 3, 2011)**

submitted by Ginny Pentz

The meeting of the STDTC was called to order by Connie Cuff, Pres. with 35 members present.

### **Report of the President:**

It is nice to be back to the Marina but we will be dealing with the weather. Please be sure to check messages on your computer before coming if the weather is in doubt.

We have up-dated our membership list and if anyone has not renewed, your name will be removed from the E-mail list. As a member, we have insurance to cover everyone here at the Marina and the Selinsgrove Center, so we must keep our list current.

I want to thank everyone for following my new training schedule. It will make it much easier for our trainers and everyone will benefit with more structured classes.

Giant has just supplied us with bags for doggie doo pickup purposes here at the marina.

### **Report of the Secretary:**

Minutes of April 2011 were approved as read at the May meeting.

### **Report of the Treasurer:**

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

### **New Business:**

I would like to introduce any new members this evening.

I am placing an order for club shirts. Anyone interested please give me your name and size of shirt.

There has been a recall from Keys Manufacturing on pig ears because of salmonella.

Be sure to sign in at class each week.

### **Old Business:**

We were scheduled for a demo at the park on Sunday July 3, but it has been cancelled as they could not get others to participate because of the holiday.

Please sign-up for the 4th of July Parade in Lewisburg on Sat. June 25. I need people to help with the flag and must know how many will be participating.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ginny Pentz, Secretary

## Breed of the Month

### Spinone Italiano

submitted by Connie Cuff

Keep a dry towel and a sense of humor handy for the lovable Spinone Italiano.

You can learn where a Spinone has been by looking at its beard. But once you look into their gaze they look you in the eye in a gentle, loving way and you know there's a whole lot going on in their heads. When it comes to food the Spinoni are notorious kitchen-counter surfers.

Despite the breed's charming personality the Spinone is shy and docile. You need to get them out and expose them to strange noises, people and other dogs and have them enrolled in group training classes.



Training the breed is fairly easy as long as it is something they want to do. The use of treats, lots of toys and some compromise should be included in the training.

The name Spinone means "very prickly" and refers to the breed's wiry coat. The breed originated in northern Italy as an all-purpose gun dog. They are strong swimmers, natural retrievers and versatile and efficient hunters bred to hunt either land game or waterfowl.

While Spinoni posses great endurance on the hunt, once past puppyhood he can become a couch potato content with its owner's company. The breeds naturally low energy indoors makes it a good therapy dog.

Spinoni also sport a clownish playful side and have a rapport with children. They seem to have a sixth sense to know who they can be rowdy with and who to be gentle with.



# Notes and Notices



## **New members:**

**Michelle and Sara Jones from Watsonstown with Golden Retriever, Daisy  
Nancy Witmer and Glenda Wolfe with Dobermans Helga and Tina  
Lydia Storey from Dalmatia with an Airdale, Shadow  
Connie Johnson from Northumberland with Sheltie, Misty  
Arlene Rauch from Northumberland with Golden Retriever, Lexy  
Joni Koch from Sunbury with Husky/Golden, Lucy  
Jennifer Wolf with Beagle mix, Darcie  
Wanda Kepler and Rita Kepler with Border Collie Keele and Pit Bull Bella  
Linda Long from Trevorton with Schnoodle, Bear  
Melissa Benner from Sunbury with German Shepherd, Stella  
Aleece Drumm from Northumberland with Golden Retriever**

**I wish to thank Myra and Terry for making arrangements for visits to nursing homes. Anyone is welcome to visit with us as long as the dog is under control. You don't know how much seeing a dog brightens the lives of the residents and the staff as well.**

**We will be practicing to march with the flag at the Marina on June 14 (Flag Day) to prepare us for the 4th of July Parade in Lewisburg on Sat. June 25. We can use all the help possible.**

**I want everyone to know how much I appreciated their kindness in honoring Dixie with the tree and plaque at the cemetery. He touched so many lives with his training and therapy and his legacy lives on in the Dog Club. Thanks to all.**

**We have gone from rain to heat in our training at the Marina. Please use your own judgment about coming to class. I will be there unless you hear otherwise.**

## UPCOMING TDI VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

<b>June 6 (Mon)</b>	<b>Penn Lutheran Village, Selinsgrove</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>June 8 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>June 9 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Northwestern Academy Life Geisinger Shamokin Hospital</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:15pm 3:00pm</b>
<b>June 14 (Tues)</b>	<b>FLAG DAY Practice with the flag for the 4th of July Parade</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>June 15 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>June 16 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Sunshine Corners</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm</b>
<b>June 21 (Tues)</b>	<b>Maximum Prison, Allenwood (NCIC only)</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>June 22 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>June 25 (Sat)</b>	<b>4th of July Parade, Lewisburg We will notify everyone when I receive the time of line up</b>	
<b>June 27 (Mon)</b>	<b>Nottingham Village</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>June 29 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>June 30 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Geisinger Rehab – Health South</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
<b>July 5 (Tues)</b>	<b>YMCA Sunbury Summer Camp</b>	<b>9:45am</b>

# June 2011

- US Holidays
- Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

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