



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

June 2013

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



With the summer months we spend a lot of time outside with our dogs on walks, dog parks, and on vacations.

This is a time we must be aware of unleashed dogs that can be a threat to our dogs. You may be the one to take action if the charging dog's owner doesn't. However, saying, "will you please call and leash your dog," is unlikely to make the situation any

worse.

We must choose our ways to respond to a charging dog and must consider the effectiveness so we do not escalate the situation. The easiest way is to talk to the dog in an enthusiastic, happy voice: "What a good boy, sweet dog". It can feel ridiculous but dogs' emotional state often changes with such phrases as "Do you want a treat" or "Where's your ball?"

Some dogs are happy to see a leash, since a leash means a walk, so you can say, "Let's go for a walk". None of these approaches carry a risk of making the situation more dangerous. Also saying "sit" sometimes works as that is a command most dogs are aware of.

Challenging the dog is very risky, which includes staring, yelling, hitting, kicking or threatening him with a rock or stick.

Try to have extra treats in your pocket to throw at the dog to change his mood. Also, carrying a ball or squeaky toy is a distraction. Try to throw them behind the dog, as getting something in the dog's mouth has protective value. Some people use pepper and citronella spray which can make the dog more aggressive.

The goal of any action is to deescalate the situation. As we teach children, you should never run and trying to back up without staring the dog down is the best policy.

Old Friends (Continued)

One common courtesy when visiting a Dog Park is to ask if dogs are friendly before entering so your dog does not run the risk of being harmed. Many parks are dividing them for smaller dogs and larger dogs, which is a safe policy and can prevent some accidents.

I hope everyone enjoys a happy and safe summer with their dogs, on walks, swimming, sports activities or whatever exercise you both can do together.

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (May 7, 2013)

submitted by Karen Sodrick

President's Report:

We are glad to be back training regularly after a long break in April. We will stay at Selinsgrove Center until June 4th. Once we move to the Marina weather will become a factor. If it is necessary to cancel class announcements will be made via E-mail by 5:00pm. Please check your E-mail if you are unsure about class.

Connie welcomed several new members:

Dave Grose, Selinsgrove with Mastiff, Bo
Victoria Steckler and Dave Reed, Shamokin with Boxer, Bella
Connie Martin, Northumberland with Lab, Dutch
Joan Moore, Milton, with Goldendoodle, Jasmine
Kim & Keith Sawyer, Mifflinburg, with Golden Retriever, Molly
Collette Brandt, Coal Township with Min Pins, Mollie & Okie
Janine Haertter, Shamokin, with Chihuahua

We look forward to training with them for many years.

We received a \$100 check from the Milton School District for participating in Reading Night.

We have several events coming up so please check your calendars and try to attend:

Mount Carmel Street Fair- May 11th 12 noon
Camp Cranium at Camp Victory- Monday June 10 -1:30
Lewisburg Parade, Saturday June 29- 9:00.

Cavalcade of Champions at Bucknell Stadium - without dogs, carrying a large American Flag. This requires quite a few people so all help would be appreciated. You do not have to be a member of the club to help with this project.

In other news much progress has been made in establishing a dog park in Northumberland through the efforts of Phil Hallden and his friends. Looks like a nice place to socialize our dogs.

Treasurer's report is not available online

Secretary's report is in the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sodrick



Notes and Notices



We are glad to be back at the Marina for the summer months with our training. It is a change, which will give our dogs new distractions of children, skateboards, bikes and, of course, the ducks and squirrels. It will be a challenge, but our dogs need these kinds of distractions to keep them well-trained in all types of situations. Please be aware of weather since rain can be a problem. Classes will be cancelled by 4:30, so please check E-mail, the web site or call me if you are in doubt.

There are some activities this month that need us to participate and I would like sign-ups as soon as possible.

We will be at Camp Victory for Cranium Camp at Millville to visit with the incoming campers. The date is Mon. June 10 at 1:30pm.

The Lewisburg parade is Sat. June 29 forming at 9:30am. I ask everyone to wear a club shirt and khaki pants. Dogs should wear a flag scarf. I will supply people with flags to carry. In case we have a warm day I will cancel, so I need cell phone numbers so I can contact you.

On Saturday, July 6, we will carry a large flag on the field at Bucknell University for the Cavalcade of Champions. I will have everyone come early so we can have a practice before going on the field for the Star Spangled Banner. We will wear the navy shirts and khaki slacks and will be without the dogs.

Since this is a very large flag I will need a lot of help, so any friend or family member is welcome to help us. I need to know ASAP since you will be provided with a car pass to park and a ticket to enter for the Cavalcade. Everyone who participates is welcome to stay for the event. I need a number since I will get assistance from the military if we do not have enough members to help.

We send our sympathies to Kelly Pastuszek with the loss of Kira, a Golden Retriever. She provided years of pet therapy to all who knew her. Also, Sally Grottini has lost another Newfoundland, Steeler, who also did pet therapy and participated at the Bloomsburg Fair with CART.

Congratulations to Buffy, owned by Gail Lorady, who has attained 250 therapy visits.

Sara Fry will be working with those interested in acquiring their CGC certificate. Marjean Krech will begin a Star Puppy Class on June 11 and you need to have the dog pre-registered. Dogs can be up to 1 yr. of age.

Get well wishes go to Jim Smith who recently underwent surgery.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

June 4 (Tues)	Classes begin at Shikellamy State Park Advanced Beginners	6:15pm 7:00pm
June 5 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
June 6 (Thurs)	Grayson View, Selinsgrove	6:30pm
June 10 (Mon)	Camp Cranium at Camp Victory, Millville	1:30pm
June 11 (Tues)	Maximum Prison, Alenwood, NCIC only Marjean's Star Puppy begins	12:00pm
June 12 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
June 13 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital Life Geisinger Northwestern Academy	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:30pm
June 16 (Sun)	Happy Father's Day	
June 17 (Mon)	Penn Lutheran Village	6:30pm
June 19 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
June 20 (Thurs)	Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Sunshine Corners	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
June 26 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
June 27 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
June 29 (Sat)	Lewisburg Parade	9:30am
July 3 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
July 6 (Sat)	Cavalcade of Champions, Bucknell Univ	

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