



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

June 2014

## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



No one appreciates a whiner, these are impatient dogs, and if you have a hunting breed or a mix, they are highly distracting dogs. Our friends in the UK refer to a retriever's noise as squeaking.

A high-energy, over-anxious dog becomes vocal and this can hold true for any dog that is hyperactive or can never settle or focus. Such energy, though desirable, must be molded through habit formation to a controllable point. Patience and calm behavior

must be expected in all things:

Greeting visitors in the home

Place training (Go to your mat or bed)

Quiet while tethered or held by a stranger (Good practice for CGC)

Not over stimulated in training with a tennis ball, or toy (should be told to Wait)

Patience must be realized before any high-valued reinforcer is given (a retrieve, food, affection). Remember to wait three seconds before delivery of the above.

In training the dog, if he gives you a focused, calm behavior, he gets a retrieve, or food reward. Take the toss of tennis balls. If the dog is aimlessly thrown the ball and left to bolt for each exercise, we are rewarding the impatience and unsteadiness. Many times people reward the dog when it is whining or barking by touching and stroking in order to quiet the dog. The best approach to vocalization is to avoid it. As an owner, you should share with everyone that interacts with the dog the consequences of a reinforcer.

Reward patience and quietness with equal enthusiasm and value as you would any activity.

As we begin our outdoor training, keep the focus in mind since we will have many things to stimulate our dogs at the Marina. Lets have a fun summer with training, enjoy friendship, and a lot of wagging tails.

Till next time,

*Connie*

**Minutes (May 6, 2014)**  
submitted by Kelly Pastuszek

There will be a Microchip Clinic this Sat. May 10 at Brookpark Pet Supply. Marjean Krech has organized this and could use some help that day. Are there any volunteers. It will be held from 1-3pm.

Marjean will begin a Star Puppy Class on June 3. If anyone is interested, we must have pre-registration. They can contact me for paper work.

Minutes are available in Newsletter

I would like to acknowledge congratulations to the following who have now had their dogs certified as therapy dogs and also CGC.

Diesel, owned by Kelly Pastuszek  
Anso owned by Ann & Larry Inderbitzen  
Brew owned by Barbie Reed  
Sadie owned by Pam Grose, also CGC  
Rhemmy owned by Brooke Vrabel, also CGC  
Kali owned by Stacey Powell, also CGC  
Otis owned by Gretchen Nash, also CGC  
Jered owned by Joan Haire Campbell, CGC  
Cagney owned by Connie Cuff

I want to thank Sally Bair, Gail Lorady, Marjean Krech and Sara Fry for helping me with training.

I received an E-mail from Pat Campbell that Geisinger is looking for therapy dogs to visit adult patients. The set-up will shadow the one used in the Children's Hospital. Dogs must be TDI and you are not required to have a background check or TB test but must have the flu shot during flu season. If anyone is interested, you can contact Pat Campbell.

There is a sign-up sheet for walking in the Lewisburg 4th of July parade on Sat. June 28. We will be at the very beginning which begins at 10:00am. The walk is with a very large flag and we will be doing it without the dogs. We need at least 30 people so I would appreciate anyone who can participate. You can bring family members. When you sign-up, please add if anyone else will be coming with you.

We have a therapy visit at Buffalo Valley on Mon. May 12 at 6:30pm and Penn Lutheran Village on Thurs. May 22. If you are therapy certified or would like to get your dog certified, you should be keeping up with visitations.

Health Fair at Buffalo Valley on Wednesday, May 28th from 9-10. Riverwoods that day will be at 10:15 am.



## Notes and Notices



**Gail, who represents the PA State Animal Response Team would like some help for items to be used at the Bloomsburg Fair: Dog Clothing, Dog Toys, Leashes & collars, any non-perishable dog or cat item, bulk catnip. Items used in making dog clothes: material, sew-on Velcro, all colors (74 to 89 cents at Wal-Mart), Baby bibs (without the rubber or plastic back), D-rings (what the leash fastens to). She is looking for volunteers to sew, knit or crochet. She will supply patterns and material.**

**Our sympathies to Ginny Pentz for the loss of her German Shepherd, Noble. He was adopted by Ginny in his later years and did a wonderful job as a Therapy Dog.**

**Marjean's Microchip Clinic was very successful. They took care of 49 animals, 47 dogs and 2 cats.**

**Everyone who has signed up to walk in the Lewisburg 4th of July Parade is asked to be at the Lewisburg High School by 9:15am. The parade moves promptly at 10:00am, so with parking, I ask that you be there early so we can get organized with our group. Please wear khaki slacks or capris with a dark navy or black shirt. I will have everyone's cell phone no. in case of a cancellation. Anyone who has not contacted me may do so as we need all the help available in carrying this large flag.**

**I will be attending Camp Victory at Millville for a Little People Camp on June 7 from 1-2pm. Please contact me if you can attend that day.**

## UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

<b>June 3 (Tues)</b>	<b>Classes begin Shikellamy State Park Marina</b>	
	<b>Advanced</b>	<b>6:15pm</b>
	<b>Star Puppy</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
	<b>Beginners</b>	<b>7:15pm</b>
<b>June 4 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>June 5 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Vintage Knolls, Danville</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
<b>June 7 (Sat)</b>	<b>Camp Victory, Millville, Little People Camp</b>	<b>12:45pm - 2:00pm</b>
<b>June 9 (Mon)</b>	<b>Elmcroft, Lewisburg</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>June 10 (Tues)</b>	<b>Medium Security, Allenwood</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>June 11 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>June 12 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Shamokin Hospital</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>Life Geisinger</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
	<b>Northwestern Academy</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>
<b>June 15 (Sun)</b>	<b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b>	
<b>June 18 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>June 19 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Sunbury Hospital</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>Mansion Nursing Home</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
	<b>Sunshine Corners</b>	<b>2:45pm</b>
<b>June 23 (Mon)</b>	<b>Grayson View, Selinsgrove</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>June 25 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>June 26 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Holy Family Convent</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
<b>June 28 (Sat)</b>	<b>Lewisburg 4th of July Parade, Meet at the Lewisburg High School</b>	<b>9:15am</b>
	<b>Dress in khaki slacks or Capris, plus dark navy or black shirt (without dog)</b>	
<b>July 2 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>July 3 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Emmanuel Center, Danville</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
<b>July 7 (Mon)</b>	<b>Nottingham Village, Northumberland</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>

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■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club  
 ■ US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 ■ 6:15 PM Training ■ 6:30 PM AKC Star Puppy Class ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	3 ■ 6:15 PM Training ■ 6:30 PM AKC Star Puppy Class ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	4 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	5 ■ 1:00 PM Vintage Knolls ■ 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South	6	7 ■ 12:45 PM Camp Victory, Millville, Little People Camp
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15 <b>Father's Day</b>	16 ■ 6:30 PM Grayson View	17 ■ 6:15 PM Training ■ 6:30 PM AKC Star Puppy Class ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	18 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	19 ■ 1:00 PM Sunbury Community Hospital ■ 2:00 PM Mansion Nursing Home ■ 2:45 PM Sunshine Corners	20	21
22 ■ 6:30 PM Grayson View	23 ■ 6:15 PM Training ■ 6:30 PM AKC Star Puppy Class ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	24 ■ 6:15 PM Training ■ 6:30 PM AKC Star Puppy Class ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	25 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	26 ■ 1:00 PM Holy Family Convent ■ 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab-Health South	27 ■ 9:15 AM Lewisburg 4th of July Parade	28
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