



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

March 2023



Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

Just what is meant by temperament in dogs? In the basic sense, it is the mental and physical reaction to a stimulus. It is difficult to separate temperament from personality in the canine. The pack order, domesticated from the wolf, consists of alpha dog, middle of the road and submissive dog. Understanding this pecking order is crucial to understanding the temperament of the individual dog. You cannot change the genetic makeup of a dog and temperament should be included in the makeup.

Each dog breed has a specific standard with certain characteristics for a particular breed. Retrievers retrieve, Guardian breeds protect, Herding dogs herd and so on. In this

modern day, few dogs perform the tasks they were developed for, so temperament should be a primary consideration.

Many dogs are rescued and since they are a mix of breeds, many have used the DNA to determine what types of dogs are included in the mix. This helps in determining the dog's characteristics and personality.

As an owner, you want your pup to have their rightful place in your home and society. That is why owners should be encouraged to attend a Star Puppy class and add a CGC.

From the time a pup has received its 2 sets of shots it can attend classes. Socializing your dog at an early age, gives it the foundation it needs to get along in the outside world. I have seen too many dogs continue living in their home, never walked (people say they have a fenced in yard) and down the road having aggressive issues.

Yes, that little cute puppy has now grown into its teen age years and people wonder what happened. As Club Members we should try to educate and speak up for the good of these dogs who eventually will be given up or end up in a shelter.

We have a mix of breeds in the dog club of all ages and seeing how well they all can perform and socialize at class is a tribute to you as an owner for taking the time to train and come to class. Keeping them fit is a plus in working as a Therapy Dog.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



We extend our sympathies to Jim and Joan Smith with the loss of their Golden Retriever, Georgie. He did many visits as a Therapy Dog and was loved by many.

I wish to thank everyone who has renewed membership for 2023. The list is complete and all emails have been placed in our database. During the year if any information such as shot records, emails, etc., has changed, please notify us.

We welcome new members:

Brenda Peachy with Teyha; Kim Zellers with Tulip; Brenda Noraconk with Kayla; Wendy Rote with Kyah; Sue Hoffman with Sage and Jordan Gardner.

A thank you to Gail Lorady and Tracy Heimbach for working with dogs in class and preparing them for ATD testing.

We say goodbye to Annie McDanold with Nero who has moved to Raleigh, N.C. We wish her well in her new venture.

Best wishes to Sue Visnosky for a speedy recovery.

Member, Connie Hackenburg has welcomed a litter of 10 Golden Retriever Puppies. I am looking forward to doing their temperament test. Always enjoy seeing how they all perform.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

March 1 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00am
March 2 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm
March 6 (Mon)	5 Star	1:00pm
March 7 (Tues)	Penn Lutheran Village, Selinsgrove Bucknell Univ. Hildreth, Merza Hall	10:00am 9:00pm - 10:00pm
March 8 (Wed)	Riverwoods Bucknell Univ, Langhorne, inside Uphill	10:00am 11:45am - 1:15pm
March 9 (Thurs)	Mt. View	1:30pm
March 14 (Tues)	Allenwood Maximum Prison (outside)	12:00pm
March 15 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00am
March 16 (Thurs)	Mansion Nursing Home	10:30am
March 20 (Mon)	Columbia County Prison	1:00pm
March 22 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
March 23 (Thurs)	Bucknell, Vedder Hall	4:00pm - 5:30pm
March 24 (Fri)	Bucknell Univ. 7th St. Cafe	12:00pm - 1:00pm
March 25 (Sat)	Bucknell, RAY-thon	4:00pm - 5:30pm
March 28 (Tues)	Chief Shikellamy After School Program	3:00pm
March 29 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00am
March 30 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm
March 31 (Fri)	Bucknell Univ. 7th St. Cafe	12:00pm - 1:00pm

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- US Holidays
- Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:00 PM Advanced Training @ Selinsgrove Center GYM ■ 2:00 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) at Selinsgrove Center GYM 	27	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:00 PM Rec Center dog visit – do NOT need to be certified 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM Heritage Springs 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:00 PM Health South Geisinger 	3	4
5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:00 PM Advanced Training @ Selinsgrove Center GYM ■ 2:00 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) at Selinsgrove Center GYM 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:00 PM 5 Star 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM Penn Lutheran Village ■ 9:00 PM Bucknell ATD Only 	8 <div style="background-color: lightblue; padding: 2px;">Holi</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods ■ 11:45 AM Bucknell ATD ONLY 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:30 PM Mountain View Manor 	10	11
12 <div style="background-color: lightblue; padding: 2px;">Daylight Saving Time</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:00 PM Advanced Training @ Selinsgrove Center GYM ■ 2:00 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) at Selinsgrove Center GYM 	13	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 12:00 PM Allenwood Max – Badged Only 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM Heritage Springs 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:30 AM Mansion Nursing Home 	17 <div style="background-color: lightblue; padding: 2px;">St. Patrick's Day</div>	18
19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:00 PM Advanced Training @ Selinsgrove Center GYM ■ 2:00 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) at Selinsgrove Center GYM 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:00 PM Columbia County Prison – Certified only 	21	22 <div style="background-color: lightblue; padding: 2px;">Beginning of Ramadan</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 4:00 PM Bucknell Dog visit ATD only 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 12:00 PM Bucknell ATD only – Shakes and Paws 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 4:00 PM Bucknell ATD only – RAY-THON
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