



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

May 2013

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



In the 80's our attitude toward dogs began to change. We started to get a bit more finicky.

We don't want dogs with long hair because we have allergies. We don't want dogs who shed because we hate to clean house. We don't want dogs who bark because its annoying. We don't want dogs who growl or bite at strangers because we might get sued.

We're looking for something playful but not something that knocks over furniture. We want our dogs to come when called. A hundred years ago, all we looked for in a dog was the ability to herd hooved animals and ward off cougars.

We're starting to buy hybrid dogs, Labradoodles, Puggles, Cockapoos and Schnoodles. Dogs of the past are very different from dogs of the present.

The world of dogs was dominated for centuries by bearded dukes, massive Mastiffs scowling at their sides and Czars in troikas followed their Borzois as they tracked down elk. Aristocrats invented breeding mutant animals for ego satisfaction, and only the aristocracy could own these beasts.

We still have descendents of those heroic dogs; police dogs, drug-sniffing dogs, bomb-sniffing dogs and cancer sniffing dogs. Now anyone can own one, not just a king.

You must remember no matter what breed of dog you choose you should research the characteristics of that breed. The sight hounds get in trouble through chasing, guarding breeds desire to protect, terriers through hunting and digging, sporting breeds for hunting and retrievers which are crazy at ball retrieving. If you rescue a mixed breed dog, a veterinarian can give you an idea of the mix you have. Today there is a DNA testing which can research the mix you own.

Old Friends (Continued)

Knowing what type of background your dog has will help you prepare for activities your dog will enjoy to release his energy level. Training and socializing your dog will make him a Good Citizen no matter what breed you choose.

"True happiness is when the love that is within us finds expression in external activities."

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



We are glad to be back at class and training in Selinsgrove. I plan to move to the Marina on June 4. Marjean is having a puppy class and I thought it best to use the Selinsgrove facility for that.

Our sympathies to Marjean and Don Krech with the loss of their beloved Rosie. She was with them for almost 15 yrs. and there never was a day that she didn't bring joy to everyone around her.

Our thoughts are with Laurie Cooper who has had health issues recently. Hope she can get back with us soon.

Sally Grottini recently lost two of her Newfoundlands, Bentley and Abby. So sorry for your loss.

Much work is being put into the Dog Park in Northumberland with Phil Hallden and friends getting fencing installed. It looks like it will be a wonderful area for our dogs to socialize.

Congratulations to Erin Pastuszek who is graduating from Penn State this May. She was a member of our club and did therapy work with us over the years.

We welcome 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

Notice of upcoming events:

Mt. Carmel Lions Club Street Fair, Sat. May 11 12:00 noon

Camp Cranium at Camp Victory, Mon. June 10, 1:30pm

Lewisburg Parade, Sat. June 29, 9:00am

Cavalcade of Champions at Bucknell Stadium, carrying the American Flag (without the dog)

Liver treat recipe: 1 lb. ground liver, 1 C. flour, ½ c. cornmeal, garlic powder. Spread mixture on lightly greased piece of tin foil, placed on a cookie sheet. Bake 350 for 30 mins.+ (I turn off the oven and let it harden. Also you can score the mixture with a pizza cutter after 10-15 mins. so it is easy to break up after being baked.).

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

May 6 (Mon)	Elmcroft, Lewisburg	6:30pm
May 8 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
May 9 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital Life Geisinger Northwestern Academy	1:15pm 2:00pm 2:30pm
May 11 (Sat)	Mt. Carmel Lions Club Street Fair	12:00pm
May 15 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
May 16 (Thurs)	Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Sunshine Corners	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
May 20 (Mon)	Vintage Knolls, Danville	6:30pm
May 21 (Tues)	Maximum Prison, Allenwood, NCIC only	12:00pm
May 22 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
May 27 (Mon)	Memorial Day observed	
May 29 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
May 30 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
June 4 (Tues)	MOVING CLASSES TO THE SHIKELLAMY STATE PARK	

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 US Holidays

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:15 PM Training 7:15 PM CGC/TDI Training 7:15 PM Beginner Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John F. Kennedy's Birthday 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Holy Family Convent 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab-Health South 		