



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

May 2014

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



With the coming of warmer weather everyone should be aware of the dreaded ticks and Lyme disease. The disease is difficult to diagnose, controversial to prevent, and difficult to cure. Prevention should be a way to take the bite out of Lyme.

Be sure to use tick treatments. If you bathe your dog, try to use a shampoo that states safe for use with topical flea and tick treatments.

Brush and comb your dog after a walk. Do a regular tick search, especially at the ears, between the toes, belly and the arm pits. If you find a tick embedded in your dog's skin, remove it immediately. It is good to have a tick remover handy. After removing the tick, wipe the bite with a natural astringent such as witch hazel.

It takes at least 48 hours after a bite for infection to develop, but several months to start seeing noticeable clinical signs. Some of the early signs of Lyme disease in dogs include lethargy, elevated body temperature, decreased appetite, limping and muscle soreness. Two tests are used to confirm a diagnosis of Lyme disease in dogs. The ELISA looks for and measures antibodies. The Western Blot Test can differentiate between vaccine induced antibodies and those induced by infection.

The typical protocol for treating Lyme disease is antibiotic therapy. Veterinarians Jeff Weber and Jeffrey Levy recommend integrative and holistic methods to support the dog's immune system during treatment including acupuncture and probiotics. Dagny Leininger, DVM, a member of our club, has been performing acupuncture for treatment of various health problems. Acupuncture can have multiple benefits, such as boosting the immune system, reducing pain, and treating arthritis-like lameness.

Though most dogs who contract Lyme disease and develop clinical signs do recover, prevention is still the best way that you - and your dog - never have to deal with this debilitating illness.

(Information from Dog Fancy May 2014, Nikkie Moustaki)

Till next time,

Connie

Note: There will be a Microchip Clinic being held at Brookpark Pet Supply on Saturday, May 10 from 1:00-3:00pm. The cost is \$25. There is an additional fee of \$19.99 when you apply for the registration. This will qualify your dog to have a Lifetime County Dog License. If you have any questions you can contact Marjean Krech.

Minutes (March 4, 2014)

submitted by Kelly Pastuszek

The meeting of the STDTC will come to order.

As I have mentioned in my newsletter, I really enjoyed my trip to Westminster. The group of us that went had a wonderful day and I'm hoping we will have more next year to experience this event.

Tonight will be the last evening for the Star Puppy class. I'm hoping everyone will continue coming to class to work on their CGC. Marjean will continue to work with the dogs. Sara and Gail will do the CGC training for those who are ready to advance to that level.

Just a reminder that you should have purchased your dog license for 2014.

There will be no classes here at the gym April 1, 8, and 15.

Anyone who is ready to be tested for therapy work, we have reserved a room at Riverwoods on Tues. April 15 at 6:30pm. You must register with me so that we can schedule a time to be tested.

I received a call from Kevin Bittenbender that he wishes to have us walk in the Lewisburg 4th of July Parade with the large American Flag. He said we will walk with his group at the beginning of the Parade. The theme this year is Gold Star Mothers. I will have sign ups at class as we will need a large group to carry this flag. We will do this without our dogs since it would be very difficult having to walk with the dogs and weather conditions can make it hard on our dogs.

I have made a \$25 donation to the Salvation Army in memory of Dr. Donald Kamsler. Since he was an honorary member of our organization and had us do demonstrations at their summer camp, I thought it was fitting to do so in his memory.

Please keep up-to-date with postings on our web site and E-mail, since I will not have a newsletter in April.

Connie asked if anyone had any shirt orders.

Doggy day care now available at Sunbury Animal Hospital.

April 8 prison visit.

Pawsability this weekend from 9-4 Saturday and Sunday. There will be activities, doggy olympics.

Are there any additions to the meeting.



Notes and Notices



Congratulations are in order to the following dogs who have become certified to become Therapy Dogs:

Diesel, Bernese Mountain Dog owned by Kelly Pastuszek
Anso, German Shorthaired Pointer, owned by Ann & Larry Inderbitzen
Brew, Chocolate Lab, owned by Barbie Reed
Sadie, Chocolate Lab, owned by Pam Grose
Rhemmy, Mixed Breed, owned by Brooke Vrabel
Kali, Golden Retriever, owned by Stacey Powell

Those becoming Canine Good Citizens:

Otis, Pug, owned by Gretchen Nash
Jered, Mixed Breed, owned by Joan Haire-Campbell
Rhemmy, Mixed Breed, owned by Brooke Vrabel
Sadie, Chocolate Lab, owned by Pamela Grose
Kali, Golden Retriever, owned by Stacey Powell

It is good to be back at the Selinsgrove Center after a three week absence. We will continue to train at the Center until the end of May and will begin our classes at the Shikellamy State Park Marina June 3. Please be sure to have your E-mail on file in case of inclement weather for posting of cancellation.

If anyone is interested in enrolling a puppy in the AKC Star Puppy Class for dogs under 1 yr. of age, I ask that you get in touch with us. Enrollment is limited, so please contact us ASAP. We will mail you a pre-enrollment form and have it returned with fee and shot record.

I want to thank everyone who has been helping me with therapy visits and activities. Everyone has a busy life and taking the time from your day to participate in our Club visitations means a lot to me.

A Summer Treat for Dogs - Frosty Paws Ice Cream for Dogs

32 oz. Vanilla Yogurt
1 Mashed Banana
2 T. Peanut Butter
2 T. Honey

Blend all together and freeze in either 3 oz. paper cups or ice cube trays. Microwave a few second before serving.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

May 7 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
May 8 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital Life Geisinger Northwestern Academy	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:30pm
May 10 (Sat)	Mt. Carmel Street Fair, Oak Street Demo United Lutheran Church of Sunbury Mother Daughter Banquet, 7 Pts. Rd. off Rt. 890 Visit	12:00pm 7:00pm
May 11 (Sun)	MOTHER'S DAY	
May 12 (Mon)	Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village Lewisburg	6:30pm
May 14 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
May 15 (Thurs)	Sunbury Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Sunshine Corners	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
May 20 (Tues)	Low Security Prison, Allenwood	12:00pm
May 21 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
May 22 (Thurs)	Penn Lutheran Village, Selinsgrove	6:30pm
May 26 (Mon)	MEMORIAL DAY	
May 28 (Wed)	Evangelical Hospital Health Fair, Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village Riverwoods	9:00am 10:00am
May 29 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
June 3 (Tues)	Classes Begin Shikellamy State Park Marina Advanced 6:30pm, Beginners 7:15pm, Star Puppy 6:30pm	
June 4 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
June 9 (Mon)	Elmcroft, Lewisburg	6:30pm

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■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
■ US Holidays

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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