



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

May 2017

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Can every dog be trained?

Every dog will improve through training, but, naturally some learn more quickly than others. The breed of the dog, the age of the dog, his disposition, and the owner's ability as a trainer are factors that determine how successful the training will be. Regardless of the breed, if a dog doesn't get the attention and exercise he needs, he'll entertain himself. Obedience at an early age is a good way to redirect the dog's natural traits and quirks and solve most canine behavior.

Training is one way of caring for his welfare. It teaches him manners, it will help to keep him in good physical condition, to have steady nerves, and to become a more congenial and more amusing pet and companion. Training also adds to the enjoyment of life and to the

greater happiness of the family and friends.

In training we often don't realize what it does for us as an owner. The owner learns to be patient. He must do the same thing over and over and this calls for calmness and perseverance. It gives us mental relaxation and physical exercise. It teaches us self-control. It also brings out the best of us working in a group, so training a dog does have its advantages!

In working with our dogs sometime we become so focused on behavior that we forget to have fun with our dogs. Fun comes naturally to dogs and humans.

The dog-human social contract is all about our relationship with our dogs. Play builds relationships and helps us remember what we love about our dogs.

Starting at the Marina for the summer months will give our dogs a new venue for training - squirrels, bikers, baby buggies and of course, other dogs. It is a great opportunity to train our dogs and expose them to these challenges, and we can all enjoy working together.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



We will move to the Shikellamy Marina sometime in May. Our move will be announced by Club email, posted on our web site and at class.

Our Emergency Prep visit at the training Center in Allenwood is Thursday, May 18 from 9:30am - 12:00pm. You do not need therapy certification and it is a good time to socialize your dog. Due to federal cut backs, a free lunch will not be provided but we are able to purchase food at a stand run to benefit the Employee's Club.

With warmer months approaching, dogs enjoy having cool treats. These are some homemade ideas for keeping your dog happy:

**3 cups plain non-fat yogurt, 1 cup peanut butter (unsalted), 1 Tablespoon honey.
Combine, whisk thoroughly. Pour into ice cube tray, freeze solid at least
2 hrs.,. Pop out cube and serve.**

The next time you prepare an ice-cube tray, drop a kibble or a small dog bone into each before it freezes.

Recipe of dog shampoo:

**4 oz. glycerin 4 oz. white vinegar
25 oz. ivory liquid Large empty Clorox Bottle**

**Combine ingredients in an empty Clorox bottle, fill with water. Shake before using.
Glycerin is good for the skin, vinegar for fleas, and ivory liquid makes suds.**

**We welcome our new Star Puppy Class:
Adam & Jessica Kratzer, with Boxer, Chloe
Marcia LaBant with Sheltie, Maggie
Barbara Grubb with Boston Terrier, Rosie
Andrew Morris with Golden Retriever Zeus
Connie Hackenburg with golden Retriever, Sloop
Autumn Oberlin with a Labrador Retriever, Duke
Laura Wolfberg with Golden Retriever, Rivka
Tammy Hine with Great Pyrenees, Brodie
Autuman Work with Labrador Retriever, Tesla
David Baumgartner with St Bernard/Poodle, Gus**

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

May 1 (Mon)	Bucknell University Library, Therapy Dogs only	6pm - 8pm
May 2 (Tues)	CLASSES RESUME AT SELINGSGROVE CENTER STAR PUPPY BEGINS	6:15pm
May 3 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
May 4 (Thurs)	Bloomsburg University Grandview, Danville Geisinger Rehab, Health South	9am - 11am 1:00pm 2:00pm
May 8 (Mon)	5 Star, Sunbury Elmcroft, Lewisburg	1:00pm 6:30pm
May 10 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
May 11 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital VNA Life Geisinger	12:15pm 1:15pm 2:00pm
May 17 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
May 18 (Thurs)	Emergency Prep, Allenwood	9:30am - 12:00pm
May 22 (Mon)	Nottingham Village	6:30pm
May 23 (Tues)	Low Security, Allenwood	12:00pm
May 24 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
May 25 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
May 31 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
June 1 (Thurs)	Maria Joseph Manor, Danville Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm

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■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
 ■ US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 ■ 6:00 PM Bucknell University Library (TDI Only)	2 ■ S.T.A.R. Puppy Classes Begin ■ Classes Resume... Insgrove Center ■ 6:15 PM Training ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	3 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods ■ 11:15 AM Heritage Springs	4 ■ 9:00 AM Bloomsburg University ■ 1:00 PM Grandview Rehab, Health South ■ 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South	5	6
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14 ■ Mother's Day	15	16 ■ 6:15 PM Training ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	17 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods ■ 11:15 AM Heritage Springs	18 ■ 9:30 AM Emergency Prep, Allenwood	19	20
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28	29 ■ John F. Kennedy's Birthday ■ Memorial Day	30 ■ 6:15 PM Training ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	31 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods ■ 11:15 AM Heritage Springs	1 ■ 1:00 PM Maria Joseph Manor ■ 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South	2	3