

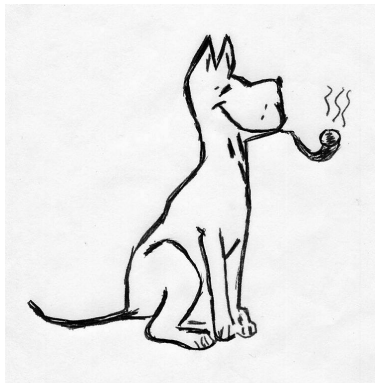


Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

November 2006

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Our trip to Lancaster to see and hear Cesar Millan was an awesome experience. As you see him on TV is just how he is, except this day he was dressed in a shark skin suit and not his usual working clothes. His wife, Illusion, was with him, and he said she carries on the business end of the seminars.

The auditorium was filled to capacity with dog lovers, many of them from out of state.

He began his talk with Energy. Dogs do not communicate through words, they communicate through constant energy. They sense the energy of another dog or human the very moment it enters his space. They see the world through their senses of nose first, eyes second and ears third. If we do not communicate with a dog in that order, we lose respect. We communicate with dogs just the opposite, ears, eyes then nose.

Dogs begin their life with the mother as pack leader and she projects a calm-assertive energy. Because they are pack-oriented animals, there is only one pack leader and the rest are followers. Animals do not follow unstable pack leaders, you must be calm assertive. Dogs don't automatically respect you because you love them.

When relating to a breed of dog, we tend to label their unstable behavior as a negative characteristic of the breed. It is important to recognize the power of strong breeds, although all dogs can become dangerous if they react with aggression. If you are in an excited dominant state it will not create relaxation. For example, coming home from work dogs have penned-up energy and giving him affection can create high energy in the dog. You should come into the house ignoring the dog until he becomes calm and submissive. No touch, no talk, no eye contact. Using a name with a bad behavior accelerates the aggression. The name should be used as a positive experience.

There are four options a dog uses in a negative situation: fight, flight, avoidance and submission - surrender state of mind. A personality is created when we domesticate dogs. In their world a personality doesn't exist. The closest thing to personality is a dog's status with the pack. The pack members range from the strongest ones to the most submissive.

Cesar's fulfillment formula:

#1 Exercise - Cesar is a firm believer in the walk. A dog needs it everyday, no matter what the circumstances are. Exercise our dog before you take him to the vet or the dog park. (Even before dog training would be an excellent idea)

The walk should be follow me and moving forward. NO sniffing the ground, etc. until I say so. Some dogs necks have been traumatized so much from pulling that a correction at the neck will mean nothing, so use a verbal or touch correction.

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#2 Discipline - This should be done by setting rules, boundaries, and limits between a dog and a significant other. Discipline also means to be consistent with the given jobs and activities. Have your dog do something before giving food or rewards, create rules, boundaries, and limitations.

#3 Affection - This should be the last activity done with a dog. Affection can also be used as a reward for good behavior (preferably with no verbal sound). Apply affection when you have completed the exercise part.

All of us came from the seminar with a better understanding. In simple terms dog psychology from Cesar's perspective. He believes dogs are connected to the universe and believes they are here to serve a purpose, just like us. His mission is to help humans to fulfill dogs' needs as much as dogs so obviously fulfill ours. He hopes in the future to have a training/behavioral facility in every state.

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (October 3, 2006)

Submitted by: Virginia Pentz

Meeting called to order with 22 members present.

Reviewed the rules of state school: Proper cleanup procedure and proper disposal of smoking materials.

All shot records must be updated. Please do remember to do this when we pay our dues or renew your TDI Certifications.

Treasurer's Report:

(Treasurer's Reports are Not Available in the Online Edition of the STDTC Newsletter)

Old Business -- Halloween Parade, we will meet at Weis parking lot. Pumpkin hats available to those who want them.

Lucinda Cradle checked the restaurant policy of the Cameron Park Cafe in Sunbury and we may take our dogs with us to there outside Cafe dining area.

New Business -- Reading with the dogs at White Deer Elementary will start next Wed. the 11th. Dr. Shaw will give a first aid demonstration at our next meeting on Nov. 7th. We have the Marina Tuesday and Wednesday next year. We will have a Silent auction at the Christmas Dinner party.

We have Several books in our library, anyone wishing to may sign them out to read.

Meeting adjourned.

Dog Breed of the Month

Irish Terrier

by Connie Cuff

Each month I will profile a Dog Breed. This way we can better know dogs which are members of our club. I will begin with the Irish Terrier since so many people ask me what kind of a dog Dugan is.

The Irish Terrier emerged as a recognized breed in the 1870's. In 1879 the first Irish Terrier Club was founded in Dublin and a breed standard was adopted. If you were building a working Irish Terrier from scratch, you would start with good temperament. YOU need a confident dog that can work independently -- one who has the courage to drive off intruders, but who is also gentle with children, eager to join in their fun and frolic.

Since your dog will be dispatching vermin, the head must be long to accommodate a jaw of good punishing strength. The eyes appear small and ears are set well above the skull to stay out of harms way from nipping vermin. Speed, power and endurance are essential in order for your Irish Terrier to work the farm all day.

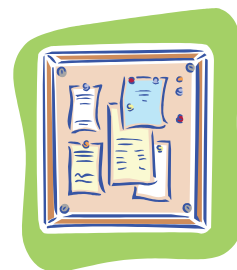
For protection from the elements an Irish Terrier needs a dense and wiry broken coat that hugs the body and creates a tight water-resistant jacket. A dog with a wiry broken coat can work in thick brush and if he gets muddy, no problem. A quick brushing knocks off easily.

The Irish Terrier scored as a war dog in World War I. As messenger and sentinel he lid his bit with that incomparable spirit and disregard of danger.

When people see Dugan in nursing homes and how reserved he is, his true personality is shown at home as the protector and his love of Chasing squirrels.



Notes and Notices



Participation in the Sunbury Halloween Parade was a lot of fun. The weather was perfect and the people enjoyed seeing our dogs. The success could not have been possible without Sara and John Fry who used their truck to pull the flat bed which was loaned to us from Bailey's Market. Melanie Fisher made our signs and Molly Bittenbender donated our pumpkin hats. We came away with first place and a cash donation of \$100! A big thank you to all.

Our Christmas Party will be held December 3 at 5:00p.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club. We hope to have a good turn out and people should sign up as soon as possible with payment due no later than Nov. 29. The cost is \$18.00 a person, which includes buffet meal, beverage, dessert and tip. We will be doing a silent auction again this year and would appreciate donations of items which can be material or a service. Everyone brings a gift exchange which can be for a dog or dog related (mug, writing paper, etc.) Also we also contribute to Cheryl Hill's No Kill Shelter which can be monetary or dog food, bones, etc.

Anyone who has 50 or 150 TDI visits this year should let Connie know as soon as possible so she can order plaques. She need a paper with your name and the dog's name and the number of visits.

New members:

Sheila Lintott, Lewisburg with Vincent, German Shepherd
Kimberly and Jeremy Long, Paxinos with Guinness, Jug
Robin Welsh, Selinsgrove with a Boxer
Pat Campbell, Danville with Riley, English Setter
Carole Ewing, Shamokin Dam with Gretchen and Max, Dachshunds

UPCOMING TDI VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Nov 2 (Thurs)	Outlook Pointe Lewisburg	6:45pm
Nov 6 (Mon)	Bucknell University, Coleman Hall Lewisburg TDI Only	6:00pm
Nov 7 (Tues)	First Aid Presentation Selinsgrove Center	7:00pm
Nov 8 (Wed)	Reading Program White Deer Elementary	9:00am
Nov 9 (Thurs)	Nottingham Village Northumberland	6:45pm
Dec 3 (Sun)	Christmas Party Susquehanna Valley Country Club	5:00pm
Dec 4 (Mon)	Bucknell University, Coleman Hall Lewisburg TDI Only	6:00pm
Dec 6 (Wed)	Reading Program White Deer Elementary	9:00am
Dec 7 (Thurs)	Emmanuel Center Danville	6:45pm
Dec 12, 26 (Tues)	NO CLASS	
Dec 20 (Wed)	Reading Program White Deer Elementary	9:00am
<u>Every Wednesday</u>	Riverwoods Lewisburg, PA	10:00am
<u>3rd Thursday</u>	Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home, Market St. Sunbury	1:00-1:30pm 1:45pm
<u>Last Thursday</u>	Geisinger Rehab—Health South	2:00-3:00pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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