



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

November 2011

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



With the holiday seasons upon us there are a lot of items that are dangerous to your dog so a little reminder could keep your pet healthy.

When baking holiday cookies be sure to keep your chocolate high in a cupboard and out of reach. Unbaked bread dough continues to rise inside its stomach, causing severe abdominal pain, bloat, vomiting, disorientation and depression.

Some dogs are allergic to grapes, raisins and macadamia nuts if they eat a large amount and can cause kidney failure. Do not put bowls of these foods on coffee tables that your dog has access to.

Potpourri, liquid or dry, contains potentially harmful essential oils that can cause stomach upset, damage to the central nervous system and chemical burns to the skin.

Know what's under the tree. Never put gifts containing food or temptingly aromatic items where your dog has access.

Don't leave alcoholic drinks unattended. An ounce of alcohol can poison a small dog.

Holly, mistletoe, poinsettias, and Christmas cactus are poisonous to dogs and can cause stomach upset and dehydration.

Never give your dog cooked turkey or chicken bones because they can splinter and rupture inside the stomach. Fatty table scraps can cause obesity and pancreatitis.

Keep aluminum foil, cellophane candy wrappers, ribbons and bows away as they can cause vomiting and intestinal blockage.

Old Friends (Continued)

Prevent the tree water from becoming an auxiliary water bowl for your dog. Pinesap from the tree mixed with dangerous fertilizer make the water poisonous to your dog. Stagnant tree water can also harbor bacteria and cause nausea and diarrhea. Try putting out a "scat mat" (a mat that produces a harmless but unpleasant static pulse when your dog steps on it).

Pick dog safe tree ornaments. One tail swipe can cause glass ornaments to shatter and can cut footpads and internal bleeding if chewed and swallowed. Use loops of thread or ribbon to hang ornaments instead of metal hooks. Avoid using tinsel and edible ornaments (made with bread dough) that might tempt a hungry dog.

Lets keep our holidays pet safe so we can all enjoy a happy and joyous season.

"The nice thing about the holidays is that you can make people
forget the past with a present"

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (October 4, 2011)

submitted by Ginny Pentz

The October meeting of STDTC was called to order by Connie Cuff, Pres, with 25 members present.

Report of the President: This is our first meeting since we returned to the Selinsgrove Center since we have left the Marina. As I have mentioned, everyone must sign in each week since I must give a report to the office.

I want to thank everyone who attended the picnic. We were so lucky with weather and being able to get into the Marina. It truly was a wonderful surprise to receive the Citation from the House of Representatives and I want to thank all of you for supporting me in all that I do.

We were able to participate in the Fall Festival at the Sunbury Animal Hospital and I wish to thank Myra Dietrich, Jan Mull, Kelly Pastuszek, Karen Sodrnick and Arris Moser for helping that day.

Report of the Secretary: Minutes of the Sept. 2011 meeting were approved as written in the October Newsletter.

Report of the Treasurer:

(Treasurer's Reports are unavailable in the online edition of the STDTC newsletter.)

New Business: Our participation in the Sunbury Halloween Parade will be on Thurs. Oct 20 (rain date Fri Oct 21). I wish all who will attend to sign up since we are coordinating our costumes for ourselves and the dogs. I'll let Laurie explain the details.

Anyone who is free for the Sr Expo on Thurs Oct 20 from 9 - 12 with square dancing at 11, please sign up.

Dog visit Vintage Knolls Thurs. Oct. 6 (Next to Grandview) Rt 11 (turn right at Sheetz)

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Virginia Pentz, Secretary

Breed of the Month

Gordon Setter

submitted by Connie Cuff

Gordon Setters have an intelligent, independent nature. They can be contrary creatures, but this is backed up by such a tremendous loyalty to their owners.

They generally want to please but in training it helps to give them a lot of affection. Gordons are extremely sensitive to corrections and should not be trained in a heavy-handed manner. On the other hand they are smart enough to figure out what they can get away with so owners need to find a balance in training.

Long cherished as Scotland's own, the Gordon Setter embodies the ruggedness and spirit of Scottish highland and glen. They enjoyed decades of popularity in their native land, but attracted the attention of sportsmen in the U.S. because of their endurance.



Gordons possess a unique structure, distinctive coloration, hunting style and temperament. Of the three setters the Gordon is heaviest built, striking a harmonious balance between bone, muscle and elegance.

All Gordon puppies are born with bird-sence, you just enhance it with training when they're young. Its hunting style exemplifies how its innate desire to be with people complements its Celtic work ethic.

Good health starts with good genetics and tests for hip dysplasia and hypothyroidism should be done to ensure breeding quality.

Sessions of daily walks, runs, long play sessions will stimulate the dogs so they do not become problem dogs as diggers, barkers or destructive chewers.

They blend easily into family life but they need to be socialized. While not aggressive they are alert and wary enough to be good watch dogs.

As one owner of a Gordon Setter mentioned "you've really got to want your Gordon, because your Gordon wants to be with you".



Notes and Notices



Our classes at the Center are going well. With the advanced training we are working on more off leash work. Marjean and Sara are helping those who wish to have their dog receive the CGC and TDI. Newer dogs are trained at 7:30. Each month I will be practicing our square dance so we remember our steps for future demos.

The annual Christmas party will be held on Dec. 4 at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club. Our menu is the same as last year, which everyone enjoyed. We will do a Chinese Auction, have donations of items for Mostly Mutts and this year entertainment by Rick Lorady. Please sign up as soon as possible so we can prepare for a wonderful evening.

Our Halloween parades were great fun thanks to the help of Bonnie Wicker, Myra Dietrich and Laurie Cooper. Everyone did a great job with costumes.

The YMCA affair sponsored by Linda Schlegel Culver was enjoyable since we met many people who were interested in what we do.

Our condolences to Ginny Pentz with the loss of Katie Do. She exemplified what a therapy dog should be and also was certified as a service dog. We also lost Sally Grottini's Chance who was a therapy dog and assisted in many CART functions.

We will not have classes at the Selinsgrove Center Dec. 6, 13, 20 because the gym is being used for Center activities. I will be at class on Dec. 27 since dogs will be ready to train after all the holiday activities.

Please check your computers for E-mail notices, especially with winter weather. We don't want anyone driving in unsafe conditions.

If anyone has close to their number for TDI visits, please let me know as soon as possible.

UPCOMING TDI VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Nov. 2 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Nov. 3 (Thurs)	Grayson View, Selinsgrove	6:30pm
Nov. 6 (Sun)	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	
Nov. 9 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Nov. 10 (Thurs)	Northwestern Academy	1:00pm
	Life Geisinger	2:00pm
	Shamokin Hospital	3:00pm
Nov. 14 (Mon)	Elmcroft, Lewisburg	6:30pm
Nov. 15 (Tues)	Maximum Prison, Allenwood (NCIC only)	12:00pm
Nov. 16 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Nov. 17 (Thurs)	Sunbury Community Hospital	1:00pm
	Mansion Nursing Home	2:00pm
	Sunshine Corners	2:45pm
Nov. 23 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Nov. 24	THANKSGIVING	
Nov. 28 (Mon)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South	2:00pm
Nov. 30 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Dec. 1 (Thurs)	Penn Lutheran, Selinsgrove	6:30pm
Dec. 4 (Sun)	Christmas Party, Susquehanna Valley Country Club	5:00pm
Dec. 6, 13, 20	NO CLASSES AT THE SELINGSGROVE CENTER	

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US Holidays

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