



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

November/December 2014

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Since many of our dogs have experienced playing in our local dog parks (Selinsgrove, Northumberland, and Lewisburg) there are certain rules of dog park etiquette that should be followed.

Not all dogs are good candidates for dog park play. A dog park is not the appropriate place for dogs that have serious behavior problems in relation to other dogs. There is no doubt that different breeds of dogs, and even certain dogs, play differently. Some dogs have not learned socialization from an early age and may be aggressive toward other dogs.

You should consider and evaluate your dog before taking him to a dog park:

Your dog should be friendly and outgoing, without being overbearing or bullying.

If your dog is fearful, aggressive or reactive, it is not appropriate for a dog park.

Basic good manners should be a prerequisite. No body slamming, mouthing, or jumping on humans in the dog park.

Try to have your dog trained to basic commands of "come", "sit", and "leave it" so you can get control of him if necessary.

Only healthy dogs should visit the park. Even though your dog may be up-to-date on vaccines, other dogs visiting may not.

Small children should be watched carefully or not brought into the park for fear of injury while the dogs are running.

Before taking your dog into the park observe park play for several minutes to be sure there are not dogs present that would be an inappropriate partner for your dog.

Remove your dog's leash before entering and any corrective collar he may be wearing.

Always carry a baggie for cleanup after your dog.

Supervise your dog's play. Be prepared to interrupt inappropriate play. This is not the time to spend on your iPhone.

Dog parks can be a wonderful place for you to socialize and exercise your dog, but by following some basic rules of etiquette it can make it a safe and fun experience for all.

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (October 7, 2014)

submitted by Kelly Pastuszek

Report of the President:

I am glad to see such a wonderful group of owners and their dogs. It gives the dogs time to socialize and have manners around each other. We will work separately with those that need their CGC and anyone who wishes to obtain a therapy title.

These are the upcoming events for the Club:

On Thurs. Oct. 16 we will walk in the Sunbury Halloween Parade. We meet at the Shikellamy High School no later than 6:30pm since we parade at the beginning and it moves promptly at 7:00pm. Our theme is Dancing with Dogs & we are preparing the float and costumes for our theme. Anyone who does not wish to participate and would like to donate candy to distribute, it would be greatly appreciated. You can bring it to next week's class. We will continue our participation at the Northumberland Halloween Parade on Wed. Oct. 29 meeting in the park by 6:30pm (Loud Speaker).

On Sunday Oct. 19 we will be at the Sunbury Animal Hospital on Rt. 890 for their Fall Festival. We have our dogs there to pet and distribute literature. The time is 11am - 3pm. I would appreciate anyone that can help that day.

Marjean will begin a Star Puppy class on Oct. 21 at 6:30pm. Pre-registration is required. It is a 6 week class for dogs up to 1yr of age.

This Sunday, Oct. 12 there is an event at Spyglass Winery called Paws in the Vineyard. It is held from 11am - 3pm. There will be rescue groups, activities and wine tasting.

On Sat. Nov. 1 there is a Doggie Costume Party at the Howling Hollow Dog Park in Northumberland at 11am.

I received thank yours from the Sunbury YMCA and the Lewisburg Parade Committee for our participation.

Introduce Star Puppy grads and Therapy Dog title holders.

There is a therapy dog visit at Grayson View in Selinsgrove on Mon. Oct. 13. It is a lovely facility and they enjoy our visits.



Notes and Notices



We will be having our annual Christmas Party at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club on Sunday, Dec. 7. Everyone should be there by 5:00pm; a dinner will be served promptly at 5:30pm. Cost of the meal, which is a buffet, is \$18.00. The club contributes \$5 for each meal and the cost includes tax and tip. We ask for you to bring an item for the Silent Auction, and it does not have to be dog related. Also bring a gift wrapped for a dog with cost under \$10. We always have a donation for Mostly Mutts which can be in the form of a monetary donation, treats (busy bones) or dog food. Please sign up ASAP and payment must be in no later than Tuesday, Dec. 2. If you have any questions, please call or E-mail me.

Our Halloween Parades were a huge success this year, only with the help of our members and their family. We were awarded 1st Place in Sunbury with \$100 and \$30 in the Northumberland Parade. Without the use of Bonnie Wicker's truck and trailer this would not have been possible, also Lori Cooper and her daughter, Jen, were a big help with decorations and costumes. And, of course, all the participants, people and dogs, made this all worthwhile. Many thanks.

Gail, Rick & Buffy Lorady wish to thank everyone for their donations and support for the PA Animal Response Team at the Bloomsburg Fair. They raised close to \$5,000 for their cause. In preparation for next year's event. They are seeking donations of yarn and material, especially "sport teams", as well as John Deere, Harley Davidson and holiday prints.

We wish to congratulate Brian Jeremiah with Riley and Mike Gerrity with Roscoe in passing their CGC test.

We welcome the following new members to the Club:

Kristie Duke with Cato a Yorkiepoo
Stacy Faust with Bella a Weimaraner
Susan Richcrick with Sherlock a Goldendoodle
Amy Koons with Cambria a Chihuahua mix
Page Gautsch with Sophia a Pomeranian mix
Carlie Delong with Sadie a German Shepherd
Karen Blue with Kato a Siberian Husky
Megan Epler with "G" a Lab mix
Cathy Lytle with Axyl a Leonberger
Donna Bertone with Fritz a Weimaraner
Chelsea Mensch with Benson a Golden Retriever

Anyone who has attained 50, 150, 250, 350 with therapy visits, please let me know by Nov. 11. I must have this information to prepare plaques. If you do not want to receive a plaque, we will have a certificate for you. Please let me know your preference.

We will not have classes for three weeks in December since the Center will be using it for Christmas activities. Classes for Dec. 9, 16 and 23 are cancelled and we will resume our training on Tues. Dec. 30.

Be sure to check all emails for cancellations. Winter predictions call for a lot of snow so we will keep you up-dates about classes.

In closing I want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. It has been a wonderful year working with everyone and I want to thank you for all your support in coming to class, participating in therapy work and activities throughout the year. May you and your dog be blessed with good health and a prosperous New Year.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Nov. 3 (Mon)	Nottingham Village	6:30pm
Nov. 5 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Nov. 6 (Thurs)	Maria Joseph Manor Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:15pm 2:00pm
Nov. 11 (Tues)	VETERAN'S DAY	
Nov. 12 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Nov. 13 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital Life Geisinger Building Bridges Northwestern Academy	1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm 2:45pm
Nov. 19 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Nov. 20 (Thurs)	Sunbury Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Sunshine Corners & Manor Care	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
Nov. 24 (Mon)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
Nov. 25 (Tues)	Maximum Prison Allenwood (NCIC only)	12:00pm
Nov. 26 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Nov. 27 (Thurs)	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	
Dec. 3 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Dec. 4 (Thurs)	Emmanuel Nursing Home, Danville Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
Dec. 7 (Sun)	CHRISTMAS PARTY, Susquehanna Valley Country Club	5:00pm
Dec. 8 (Mon)	Emmanuel Home, Northumberland	6:30pm
Dec. 9 (Tues)	NO CLASS SELINGROVE CENTER	
Dec. 10 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
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Dec. 15 (Mon)	Bucknell University	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Dec. 16 (Tues)	NO CLASS SELINGROVE CENTER	

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Dec. 17 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Dec. 18 (Thurs)	Sunbury Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Sunshine Corners & Manor Care	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
Dec. 23 (Tues)	Medium Prison, Allenwood (NCIC only)	12:00pm
Dec. 24 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Dec. 25 (Wed)	MERRY CHRISTMAS	
Dec. 29 (Mon)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
Dec. 30 (Tues)	CLASSES RESUME SELINGROVE CENTER	6:30pm
Dec. 31 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am

November 2014

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