

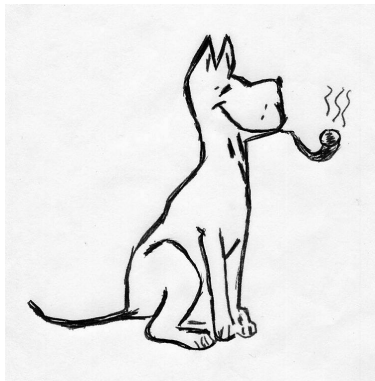


# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

October 2005

## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Our TDI/CGC testing at the PA Pets Dog Walk was a great success. We visited with many participants and offered them literature on how to be a responsible pet owner.

As fall approaches it is perhaps the best season to enjoy the outdoors with your dog. Bugs are on the decline and you can take advantage of fresh air and cool breezes.

Remember:

Fleas can continue to bug your pet through late summer and fall.

Update your dog's rabies vaccination. If you see your veterinarian please bring your up-dated shot record to class for our records).

Enjoy exercise with your pet. After exercise give small amounts of water while your dog cools down.

If your walk takes you off a road, be sure you and your dog are highly visible with reflective collars and vests.

If your dog gets into stickers or burrs, firmly but gently remove them and continue to brush him.

We choose our canine companions for many reasons, but knowing the characteristics and traits of each breed should help us in dealing with their behavior. This can show up in mixed breeds, also, when you know what makes up their breed.

Terriers were bred to chase down, dig up and kill small animals like rats and mice.

Working breeds such as Dobermans, Newfoundlands, Great Danes, Rottweilers and Boxers have a protective nature. These dogs tend to be pushier and show protective and territorial behavior.

Sporting dogs, Spaniels, Setters, Pointers, and Retrievers were bred as hunting dogs. These dogs have low aggression both to people and dogs, but high energy is their main trait.

Regardless of the breed, if a dog doesn't get the attention and exercise he needs, he'll try to 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.

It is so nice to see our pets showing progress in class, and I have received compliments by people viewing our classes as to how well-trained they are. You all deserve a pat on the back for a job well done.

Till next time,

*Connie*

# Minutes (September 7, 2005)

Submitted by: Lydia Storey

Our seventeenth monthly membership meeting was held on September 7, 2005 at approximately 7:30 PM at Shikellamy Marina Park.

Connie Cuff, President, called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report – Lydia Storey was unable to attend. Please read the minutes of the August meeting in the newsletter. If there are any additions or corrections please advise.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Lou Walsh gave the treasurer's report as follows:

**(Treasurer's Reports are not available in the online edition of the STDTC Newsletter)**

## New Business:

Ann Trudnak is coordinating program at the white deer Elem. School. Children will be reading to the dogs. How many would like to participate? Dogs should be children friendly. To be held Oct. 19. Please call Connie, dogs must be T.D.I.

Have wrist bands for Cheryl Hill @ \$2.

There will be a Beginners Class starting next Tues. Sept 13 at the Goodwill Playgrounds starting at 6:30.

Our classes will be on Tue. instead of Wed. at Selinsgrove. In order to train we must offer to visit the residents on 1-2 times a month in their living quarters. I have suggested Wed. evening.

Anyone wanting to see Golden retriever National Specialty at Gettysburg there is agility, field trials, retriever hunt test, conformation, tracking dog and obedience. Being held Sept. 23, to Oct. 1.

Judy Spence has given us the type of lettering for shirts and she will charge \$5 to put it on the shirts. I have asked her to give us a price on shirts and sizes. Shirts are \$19; we have samples to check on size. Orders are now being taken.

Halloween parade is anyone interested. Sunbury, Thursday Oct. 20. Please sign up.

## Old Business:

Our picnic to be held Sunday at 1:00. Be sure to bring a Chinese auction gift.

Sunday, Sept. 18 is the pet walk at Marina. Anyone who can spend some time at our table which will have pass outs on dog literature and we will be doing the CGC/TDI testing. The walk is 1-2.

Have martingale collars.

Anyone with interesting articles should E-mail Brandon or give to Connie.

## Minutes (Continued)

Our sympathies to Connie and Jim Hepner for the loss of Jim's mother.

A motion was made and seconded to send \$100 to a shelter in Louisiana that is taking pet to foster that were lost in Hurricane Katrina.

There will be a Therapy Visit to – Vintage Knolls Sept. 22.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

### Additional Notes:

Orders are being taken for club shirts with our logo. The cost is \$19 and we have samples of sizes.

We have a sign up sheet for Reading to the Dogs at James Baugher Elementary School in Milton on Wed. Oct. 19 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Please sign up by Oct. 5 by calling Connie Cuff at 286-9537. Dogs must have their T.D.I.

Anyone wishing to participate in Sunbury's Halloween Parade on Thurs. Oct 20 is asked to let Connie know so we can see if enough people plan on walking the route. Sara Fry has gotten a small trailer for people to ride in.

Get well wishes go to Mary Jane Purnell after her knee surgery at Geisinger. We'll be anxious to see her and Jake back with us for therapy visits.

A thank you note has been sent to Giant Foods for supplying bags at the Shikellamy State Park Marina for pet clean up. The park is much cleaner and people walking their dogs have become responsible pet owners.

There is an All-Bred and Obedience Trial sponsored by Back Mountain Kennel Club, Sat. Nov. 5 and Sunday, Nov. 6 at the Bloomsburg Fair Grounds.

We will begin training at the Selinsgrove Center Tuesday October 11. (Please note the change of day). Any members who wish to prepare for the CGC test and need help can come at 6:30. Regular training will begin at 7:00.

For using the gym we must donate our time in visiting the residents of the Center. We will start our program on Wed. Nov. 16 and our visits will be the 3rd Wed. of every month. Please plan to join us and bring joy to these residents.

### Recipe for Frosty Paws Ice Cream for Dogs.

32.oz vanilla yogurt

1 mashed banana or 1 large jar of baby fruit

2 T. peanut butter

2 T. honey

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

One of our members Jason Slack is serving overseas in Iraq. He would appreciate hearing from us. His E-mail is Baby-Beat9801@msn.com

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# Notes and Notices

Plans are in the works for a fall session of the Union County Library Reading Program. The library was very happy with the results of the program last spring and received excellent feedback from parents and school administrators. We hope to begin "Reading to Dixon's Dogs" sometime in late October. The program consists of a one-half hour time slot each week for six consecutive weeks. Each participant and their dog will read with the same students for the six week session. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Linda Bennett at lbennett@bucknell.edu or by phone at 524-7180.

No Classes at the Selinsgrove Center on 12/13/05 and 12/20/05 due to the gym being in use by the Center

## Directions to the Selinsgrove Center

Rt. 11 & 15 South entering Selinsgrove. After crossing a small bridge, make a right onto Rt. 522. Pass a red light and continue on Rt. 522. Pass Driver Testing center on left. Come to arc lights and make a right into Selinsgrove Center. Continue straight and you will go over 3 slow down bumps and come to a stop sign. Turn left for 20 ft. and make a right. **Immediately** make another right turn, come up a slight hill and you will see a one-way sign. Turn right and you will see the gym ahead of you. Drive behind the building to park. Be sure to lock all doors. No smoking on ground and drive carefully since clients may be walking at night.

## UPCOMING TDI VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Oct 13 (Thurs) Emanuel Danville 6:45pm
- Oct 19 (Wed) Reading with Dogs 6:30pm—8:30pm  
James F. Baugher Elementary School (Formerly Milton Elementary School)  
Dogs must be T.D.I.
- Oct 20 (Thurs) Sunbury Halloween Parade Meet at 6:30pm  
Sunbury  
Parade will form this year at the Walnut Street Extension (roadway that runs behind Tru-built Lumber and Sunbury Textile Mill and runs parallel to Chestnut Street before it meets up with Market Street)
- Nov 3 (Thurs) Manor Care Sunbury 6:45pm
- Nov 10 (Thurs) Penn Lutheran Selinsgrove 6:45pm
- Every Wednesday Riverwoods Lewisburg, PA 10:00am
- 3rd Thursday Sunbury Community Hospital 1:00-1:30pm  
Mansion Nursing Home, Market St. Sunbury 1:45pm
- Last Thursday Geisinger Rehab—Health South 2:00-3:00pm  
(For November, we are making this visit on Mon., Nov., 21st because 11/24 is Thanksgiving)

TDI visit information and directions, recipes, newsletters, the club calendar, and more are available online at <http://www.stdtc.org>.

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16	17	18	19 Riverwoods (Lewisburg) 10am	20 Sunbury Hospital (Sunbury) 1pm - 1:30pm	21	22
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				Sunbury Halloween Parade (Sunbury) 6:30pm		
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