



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

October 2010

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Know when to say "No". The real question is: should you say "No" before you punish, as you punish or after you punish? In order to correctly tell your dog what he did wrong you must say "No" before you punish him.

Three examples of methods of correction for a dog that jumps on guests when they enter the home -

Method #1 - As the dog starts to jump on the guest the owner grabs a squirt bottle and yells "No" at the same time as he blasts the water. The dog dodges away from the water but still jumps on the guest.

Method #2 - Each time the dog starts to jump on the guest the owner sprays the dog with water. After he starts spraying, he starts yelling "No" again. Again the dog dodges the spray but still jumps on the guest.

Method #3 - The dog's front paws leave the ground to jump on the guest and the owner yells "No". He then takes several seconds to take aim and blasts the dog with water. The guest is asked to leave for a moment. The sequence is repeated several times. The dog begins to back off from the guest rather than automatically leaping forward. The owner can give her affection and treats for not jumping on the guest.

The last one works best. The other methods fail because they do not use "No" for the dog to identify what she did wrong.

In the first two examples the dog learned to avoid the water rather than avoid the jumping.

In the third example the dogs behavior changed based on the word "No" rather than being spritzed. The proper use of the word "No" at the correct time in a few repetitions, the dog's behavior is corrected and you can start reinforcing good behavior.

This correction can be used effectively with our choke chain in training our dogs or other situations. So the next time someone tells you to say "No" at the same time you correct your dog - tell him to duck instead.

"The right angle to approach a difficult problem is the 'try-angle'."

Till next time,
Connie

Minutes (September 7, 2010)

submitted by Ginny Pentz

The meeting of the STDTC called to order by Pres. Connie Cuff, with 19 members present.

Report of the President: We will soon move to the Selinsgrove Center because of darkness. I will e-mail everyone with the change. Look online for directions.

We have been asked by the American Red Cross to participate at their fund-raiser at the Sunbury Social Club. The event is Saturday Oct 2nd from 10 AM to 6 PM. I would like to be there for 2 to 3 hrs. There will be vendors, food and music. We will bring our dogs to show children how to pet a dog for bite prevention. I'll have literature for pass out. Sally Biddinger gave me some literature that she found at her veterinarian's office and I copied one of them. It was decided by the group to be at the event from noon to 3 PM.

Once a month we will practice square dance before we start our 7 PM training. Anyone can join us.

Someone has asked me about a shirt. If anyone else interested let me know.

Sherry Carpenter, who does our blog, lost her English Springer spaniel, Cagney, a therapy dog.

Secretary Report: Minutes of previous meeting were approved as written in the September newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

(Treasurer's Reports are not available in the online edition of the STDTC newsletter.)

New Business: We are working on a theme for our Halloween participation at the parade in Sunbury. Lori suggested skeletons. We will make a costume for you. How many would like to participate. I will have a sign-up sheet. Kelly will get float.

Joan Haire-Campbell is fostering a Golden Retriever that was found in the Milton area. If anyone knows of a lost dog or may be interested in adopting the dog, let me know.

Old Business: This Saturday is the doggie swimming party at the Lewisburg pool from 4 to 7.

I have the papers to vote on the Christmas party. If you intend to come, please consider where you would like to see us hold this event.

Our annual picnic is Sunday, Sept. 26 at 1 PM, please sign up so I can get the hotdogs and soda. Everyone brings a covered dish and something for the Chinese auction. It can be for the dog or dog-related.

Received a letter from the postal service.

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the North. Co. Fair.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Virginia Pentz, Secretary

Breed of the Month

American Fox Hound

submitted by Connie Cuff

The American Fox Hound is older than the United States and can trace its history back more than 300 years. They appear in the records of early English settlements along the Eastern Seaboard. George Washington kept hounds at Mount Vernon and always tried to improve his dogs through crossbreeding.

Although the AKC first recognized the breed in 1896, it has never been a popular show dog. One reason is dogs bred for field trials don't adapt well to the show ring. They also get cuts, bruises and bumps in the field which don't endear them to judges.

Training for an obedience title can be a challenge, as they can be stubborn like a hound, and you have to convince them it is something they want to do.

An intelligent breed, the Foxhound seems to know to conserve energy until it is out in the field. They love to run and they are very curious. Foxhounds are playful and loving with their families, but some may be aloof around strangers.

Field trial hounds are bred for speed and competitive nature. A dog used in traditional English-style fox hunting must get along with the other dogs because they are used in packs of 15 or 20.

Breeding variations has spared the Fox Hound many genetic disease, such as hip and bone problems that plague other large breeds.

Their hunting skills must stand up under mental stress and strain. An owner of a Fox Hound who shows them says they are so smart. If you live with one long enough he'll know what you're thinking before you'll know what you're thinking.

It is nice to have Laurie Cooper & Jack with us, a Hound mix.





Notes and Notices



We are now back at the Selinsgrove Center training for the winter months. Our beginners will start at 6:30pm We will be able to enter the gym by 6:15. The next class will start at 7:15pm for more advanced dogs. If you have a conflict of time, you can come to either class. After our second class we plan on having play time for the dogs until 8:30pm.

I wish to thank everyone who joined us for our annual picnic at the Marina. It was an enjoyable day with good food, fellowship and fun for the dogs. Our Chinese Auction brought in \$95.00 and a big thank you to Cecilia Margani for the donation of the grand prize.

We will be having a demo at Kids Grove on Sat. Oct. 9. Please let Connie know if you can participate. It is their Fall Festival to raise money for the park and it would be nice to support them. I ask everyone to be there by 9:45am. I will do a small demo and our usual square dance. It will last for ½ hr. with time for the children to pet the dogs. This is a good time to show children how to approach and pet a dog for bite prevention.

Once again we are preparing for the Sunbury Halloween Parade to be held on Thursday, Oct. 21. The parade forms at the Shikellamy High School and we ask everyone to be there by 6:30pm since it begins promptly at 7:00pm. Kelly once again will have a float for us to use. We plan on being there early to decorate so we can be lined up at the beginning. Our theme this year is skeletons and Laurie Cooper is helping to make costumes for dogs. If you plan to participate, please let Connie know so we can have an outfit for your dog. If anyone has any decorations to add to the float you can bring it to class so we can use it that night. Also, if you will not be doing the parade and would like to donate candy for us to pass out to the children, it would be appreciated.

Anyone who missed the pool party in Lewisburg sponsored by LARA really missed a wonderful day for the dogs. Katie Davis did a great job in preparing for this event with 85 dogs participating. They plan on doing it 2x next year.

There will not be any class on Tuesday, Oct. 26 because the Center will be using the gym for the residents.

We wish Marjean Krech a speedy recovery from surgery and ask everyone to keep her in your prayers.

The result of the voting for our Christmas Party is that it will be held at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club. More details will be in the November newsletter.

Congratulations to those that recently passed TDI -

**Joanna Skucek from Mifflinburg with Dascha, a Dachshund
Anna Hoffman from Williamsport with Missy a Golden Retriever.**

Our sympathies to Sally Biddinger who lost her beloved Moses, a Great Dane. He was a wonderful therapy dog who was enjoyed by all that knew him.

UPCOMING TDI VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Oct. 2 (Sat)	Family Fun Day, Sunbury Social Club	11am to 3pm
Oct. 6 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Oct. 7 (Thurs)	Elm Croft of Lewisburg	6:45pm
Oct. 9 (Sat)	Demo Kids Grove Sassafras St. Selinsgrove	9:45am
Oct. 13 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Oct. 14 (Thurs)	Northwestern Academy Life Geisinger Shamokin Hospital	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
Oct. 18 (Mon)	Reading Chief Shikellamy, Sunbury	9:00am
Oct. 20 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Oct. 21 (Thurs)	Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Sunshine Corners	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
Oct. 26 (Tues)	NO CLASS SELINGROVE CENTER	
Oct. 26 (Tues)	Maximum Prison - Allenwood (NCIC only)	12:15pm
Oct. 27 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Oct. 28 (Thurs)	Health South, Geisinger	2:00pm
Nov. 1 (Mon)	Reading Chief Shikellamy, Sunbury	9:00am

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- US Holidays
- Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 1:00 PM Club Picnic	27 9:00 AM Reading (Chief Shikellamy)	28 6:15 PM Beginner Training 7:00 PM Advanced Training	29 10:00 AM Riverwoods	30 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab-Health South	1	2 11:00 AM Family Fun Day, Sunbury Social Club
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