



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

October 2014

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Learn how to make positive canine introduction, as not all chance encounters between dogs end well. Some owners contribute to problems by allowing their dogs, friendly or otherwise, to go charging up to new dogs.

One of the most important things to realize as Dr. Christensen, DVM, a resident in the Behavior Clinic at Cornell, University, is that, "If given the choice, dogs often don't want to meet new dogs at all. It is funny that we expect our dogs to be friendly to every strange dog that they meet". Despite the thinking of owners to let them say "hi",

it's not a natural instinct for dogs, especially on leash.

The only time two dogs who don't know each other should meet on-leash, is if it looks like both of them are relaxed and eager to connect - and both owners are paying attention. Ask the other owner if her dog likes to play with other dogs. If the owner hesitates at all, "bail out". Watch your dog for signs of nervousness, his hackles rise, his tail rises or body stiffens. He's telling you he's uncomfortable with the upcoming interaction. If there is a size difference between the dog this can pose a safety hazard, especially if play is initiated.

Rules for meeting a new dog - 1. Ask the owner for permission to meet-and-greet. 2. Approach slowly 3. Approach calmly 4. Approach from an angle 5. Keep it short and sweet, - 3 second greeting - meet, sniff, goodbye 6. Reward for good behavior.

We have seen our dogs in off-leash interaction at the dog swims. Most dogs are interested in playing with balls or bumpers and just enjoy running around. Off-leash dogs tend to be more relaxed and usually have a choice about how - and whether - to interact, especially if they're out in open spaces.

Since our new classes will now be held at the Selinsgrove Center gym, please be aware of the interaction between your dog and any new dogs that will be joining us. When coming into the gym after signing in, go to the side to socialize so everyone isn't at the table when new dogs enter. We should always have one eye on our dogs and keep them leashed, unless we are working with our dogs during class time.

I am looking forward to our new classes at the Center and be sure to check out our messages and web site for cancellations.

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (September 9, 2014)

submitted by Karen Sodrick

President's Report

Thanks to everyone who participated in the North. Co. Fair Pet Costume Contest. This was our biggest turnout since we began attending.

Our picnic will be Sun. Sept at 1:00 at the Marina. Please sign up for a fun day with our dogs.

There is one Doggie Swim left at the Lewisburg pool on Wed. from 4-7 pm.

If you have a chance to read the newsletter please check out the article on Settle Down which was forwarded to me by Sally Bair.

On Tues. Sept 23 there is a TDI evaluation here at the Park starting at 6PM. I will need help for the test and our first class will be helping Cal after with the sign-ins and equipment. It has been advertised on the TDI website so we are waiting to see how many may be coming.

Classes will move to the Selinsgrove Center on Tues. Sept. 30. Advanced classes will begin at 6:30 and Beginners at 7:15. Marjean will start a new Star Puppy Class in Oct. and I will post the date when it is available.

Our theme for the Sunbury Halloween Parade is Dancing with the Dogs. If you plan to participate please sign the sheet so we can coordinate outfits and the float.

Next year when we return to the Marina we will have a rain make up day on Wednesday. If we need to cancel the regular Tues. class because of weather it will be posted on the website and made up the following evening.

It is vitally important that any incidents that occur with your dog during a therapy visit be reported to me immediately. If your dog is registered as a therapy dog with any organization it should also be reported to them at once. Also, please avoid allowing any resident of a care facility from holding onto your dog's leash or collar. It is very easy for the dog to move suddenly and injure the resident.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Sodrick



Notes and Notices



If you board your dog, many facilities are requiring you to have your dog vaccinated for canine influenza virus (CIV). It is a respiratory disease in dogs and is transmitted dog-to-dog. The vaccine can be given safely to dogs as young as 8 weeks of age. The dog needs an initial vaccine and then a booster 3 weeks later. Annual revaccination is needed to help continue protection. Contact your veterinarian for additional information.

We will be attending the Fall Festival at the Sunbury Animal Hospital on Rt. 890, from 11am-3pm. I will have a table set up with literature and have our dogs there for socialization and petting.

On Sunday, Oct. 12 there is an event at the Spyglass Winery called Paws in the Vineyard. It is held from 11am - 3pm and there will be rescue groups and pet services participating along with wine tasting.

I received a thank you from the Sunbury YMCA for our participation in a demonstration for their summer campers. They really appreciated our visit and are looking forward to having us come next year.

Congratulations to the following who have passed their Therapy Dog test. Thanks to Sally Bair for all her help in training.

Suzy Smith with "Cooper", Sally Thomas with "Cady", Joan Smith with "Georgie" and "Sadie", Nan Ruhl with "Jack", Mike Piecuch with "Brady", Sue Attig with "Pogo", Larry Inderbitzen with "Enso", Sally Bair with "Lacy" and "Maggie".

Congratulations to the following AKC Star Puppy graduates with Marjean Krech.

Steven and Cate Greathouse with "Ivy", Scott and Laurie Baylor with "Sassy", Elizabeth Williams with "Cricket", Bradley and Jessica Richmond with "Crosby", Breanda Jaworski with "Nittany", Jessica Nestico with "Grant".

We will participate in the Sunbury Halloween Parade being held on Thursday, Oct. 16. Please be at the Shikellamy High School parking lot behind the school by 6:30pm since the parade moves promptly at 7:00pm and we will be at the beginning. The parade moves down 10th St. to Market St. and up 4th St. to Weis Markets. Our theme is Dancing with Dogs and we will have a float and walkers. The dogs will have a fancy collared outfit which we will provide and our dress will be black slacks and top and we'll provide a white bow tie to complete the outfit. I must have sign-ups to coordinate this event.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Sept. 30 (Tues)	Classes Begin at Selinsgrove Center gym	
Oct. 1 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Oct. 2 (Thurs)	Maria Joseph Manor Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
Oct. 8 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Oct. 9 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital Life Geisinger Northwestern Academy	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
Oct. 12 (Sun)	Paws in the Vineyard, Spyglass Winery	11:00am - 3:00pm
Oct. 13 (Mon)	Grayson View, Selinsgrove	6:30pm
Oct. 15 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Oct. 16 (Thurs)	Sunbury Hospital Sunbury Halloween Parade, forming at Shikellamy H.S.	1:00pm 6:15pm
Oct. 19 (Sun)	Fall Festival, Sunbury Animal Hospital, Rt. 890 (Club function)	11:00am - 3:00pm
Oct. 21 (Tues)	Beginning of AKC Star Puppy Class with Marjean	6:30pm
Oct. 21 (Tues)	Maximum Prison, Allenwood (NCIC only)	12:00pm
Oct. 22 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Oct. 29 (Wed)	Riverwoods Northumberland Halloween Parade (Meet in the Park)	10:00am 6:30pm
Oct. 30 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm

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■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
 ■ US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		Selinsgrove Center ■ 6:30 PM Training ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	■ 1:00 PM Maria Joseph Manor ■ 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South		
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