



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

October 2017

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



We should use everyday interactions to train and continually strengthen good manners - without spending a lot of time on dedicated dog training sessions. Of course, if your dog is learning a new exercise, training should be done to learn that new behavior. It boils down to this: "Whatever the dog wants, don't give it away for free". Don't open the door just because the dog paws at it, don't throw the ball just because he barks at you. For those privileges your dog wants, ask the dog to say "please" first by doing something like sitting quietly.

For one thing, good manners become part of everyday routines rather than something the dog is asked to do only in special training. He realizes that not immediately acting on impulse, but rather stopping to consider alternative options, can be rewarding. Training also becomes linked in the dog's mind to all his favorite activities: he will sit for

having his leash put on for a walk, he will have to look at you before getting his breakfast or a chew toy, and he will release the ball before a tossing session. When all good things must be preceded by responding to a cue that you give, your dog quickly learns to behave politely.

The goal isn't to seek the perfect obedience response to "sit" or "stay"; it simply teaches your dog to say "please". If the dog puts his bottom to the floor, the item or attention will be provided. Soon it becomes second nature, and your dog might default into a "sit" behavior instead of jumping or pawing at you. You can then decide whether to ask for an additional behavior, such as "down" or "look". If he sits to have his leash put on, he will not run around and you will not have to chase him. This makes taking the dog out a pleasure instead of a struggle.

Use a "please" action before:

Throwing a ball, Frisbee, etc.

Handing over a toy

Putting the food bowl down

Giving a treat or toy

Opening a door

Clipping on a leash to go for a walk

Delivering a bell rub or a good ear scratch

Allowing the dog into or out of the car

Even though this is good for puppies and new dog's to learn, some of us get lax as our dog gets older and we forget to incorporate manners into our dogs every day lives.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



I wish to thank everyone who came to our Club picnic. It was a wonderful time to socialize our dogs and us as well. Thanks to everyone who helped that day, including Kelly who came up with fun games for the dogs. We realized \$241 from the Auction.

On Sunday Oct. 29 from 4:00pm - 7:00pm we will participate at the Trunk or Treat Night at the Cellars at Brookpark. We ask that you dress your dog and you as well, if you wish. Bring some candy to pass out and our Club will provide also. Bring water for your dog.

The following have passed their CGC test: Chris Wert with Timber, Doug Brubaker with Kimber, Marilyn Brill with Sadie, Penny Gaugler with Samantha.

The following have passed the Star Puppy:

Crissy Hackenberg with Chelsea; Ashley Haines with Max; Kim Campbell with Riley; Brenda Edwards with Lacey; Cassie Marks with Poppy; Stacy and Ryleigh Faust with Frehley; Kerry Nornhold with Casey; Jennifer Dodge with Carolina; Heidi Kremer with Huey; Krista Tilford with Oliver; Amy Herbster with Henry.

We are organizing our participation in the Sunbury Halloween Parade on Thursday, Oct. 19. We are using a Yellow Submarine theme. You can meet at the Shikellamy High School (rear parking lot) by 6:30pm. We move promptly at 7:00pm from Walnut St. to 10th St. to Market St. to 4th St. and continue on 4th St. to the Weis Parking lot.

There is a Pawtacular event at the Shikellamy Marina Park on Sat. Oct. 21 from 11:00am - 4:00pm. Myra, Loye, Bonnie and Joan have sewn outfits and cat nip pillows which we will sell. Jim Smith has a display of cute bracelets which we will sell also. We would appreciate help at our table. If you can give us some time that day, please let us know. Our dogs will be present with us and literature on bite prevention will be available.

Our move to the Selinsgrove Center begins, Tues. Oct. 3 with Advanced at 6:30pm and Beginners at 7:15pm.

We received a letter from Mostly Mutts thanking us for raising \$413 at our Sunbury Pool Doggies Swim for their organization.

Also a thank you from the Sunbury YMCA for our participation at their Summer Camp.

I know it is a little early, but I want everyone to mark their calendars for our Christmas Party on Sun. Dec. 3 at 5:00pm at the Packer House, in Sunbury.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Oct. 1 (Sun)	Blessing of the Animals, N.Y. City, St. John the Divine	5:00am
Oct. 3 (Tues)	Classes Begin, Selinsgrove Center	Adv. 6:30pm Beg. 7:15pm
Oct. 4 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Oct. 5 (Thurs)	Emmanuel Nursing Home (Nazareth) Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
Oct. 10 (Tues)	Star Puppy Begins (pre-registration required)	6:30pm
Oct. 11 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Oct. 12 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital VNA Life Geisinger	12:15pm 1:15pm 2:00pm
Oct. 16 (Mon)	Grayson View, Selinsgrove	6:30pm
Oct. 18 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Oct. 19 (Thurs)	World Mental Health Awareness Bloomsburg U. Student Services Quad Sunbury Halloween Parade, Shikellamy High School No Sunbury Hospital	9:00am - 11:00am 6:00pm
Oct. 21 (Sat)	Fall Pawtacular, Shikellamy Marina	11:00am - 4:00pm
Oct. 25 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Oct. 26 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
Oct. 29 (Sun)	The Cellars at Brookpark Farm, Lewisburg Trick or Treat	4:00pm - 7:00pm

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 Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
 US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 5:00 AM Bus Trip - N.Y. City Blessing of the Animals	2 6:30 PM Training 7:15 PM Beginner Training	3 6:30 PM Training 7:15 PM Beginner Training	4 10:00 AM Riverwoods	5 1:00 PM Emmanuel Nursing Home 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South	6	7
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