



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

September 2015

Old Friends by Connie Cuff



The reason why we have developed a long and close relationship with the canine species is that we each recognize that essential component of our individual natures in one another. Most people who are dog lovers enjoy the companionship, loyalty, intelligence, and enthusiasm a dog possesses.

As a dog owner you should not take loyalty for granted or exploit it. You should work in training to give your dog a reason to be the most loyal it can be. Let your dog know that he can trust you. Without establishing a bond with your dog first, training will be difficult.

In training you should demonstrate an ability to remain calm, keep your focus and task at hand and project a demeanor of control in communicating your expectations. Think of a litter of puppies and the mother dog. She rarely plays with her pups; she protects them, teaches them, and serves as an example how they should behave.

A dog who is a follower is more relaxed, social, inquisitive, motivated, happy and voluntarily compliant. Your dog constantly communicates how she is feeling and the better you understand what she's saying the easier it can be to avoid stressful situations. Something that was fine for her last week may be too much to cope with today. Remember every dog is an individual. Try to focus on what you enjoy doing together. Don't try to force the dog you have to be the dog you wanted.

With our training at the Marina this summer it was nice to see how well our dogs responded to many distractions and kept their focus on their owners.

We will soon move to the Selinsgrove Center and I hope to see you all there. Being inside will be a new challenge, but at least we will not have to deal with the weather. Remember we're all here to help our dogs be the best that they can be.

“The only preparation for tomorrow is the right use of today.”

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (August 4, 2015)

submitted by Karen Sodrick

New members introduced were Lee Yoder, Matthew Neuffer & Abigail Miller, Gay Brennen

There is a YMCA demo on Tuesday, August 18 and we will promote the Northumberland County Fair.

Our picnic at the Shikellamy Marina is on Sunday, September 20, please sign up.

There is a STDTC Facebook for interested members and you must be invited.

Gail Lorady is looking for items of material and newer dog and cat toys that can be sold for the PA Animal Response Team at the Bloomsburg Fair.

Doggies swims at the Lewisburg & Knoebel pools.

We will miss Mary Lou and Bob Wash who are moving to Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Sodrick



Notes and Notices



If you have not registered for our Club picnic at the Shikellamy Marina on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 1:00pm, please let me know. I need a count by Sept. 16 in order to purchase hot dogs and drinks. We ask you to bring a covered dish and an item for the Chinese Auction which should be dog related. We will be there rain or shine at Pavilion #2.

There is a Doggie Dive at Knoebels Grove on Sunday, Sept. 13 from 11:00am - 3:00pm. You can pre-register for \$8 at:

<http://www.knoebels.com/data/uploads/contentblock/DoggieRegistration2015.pdf>

The day of the event is \$10. Proof of rabies and a license are required. A collar should be on the dog with a leash available. One dog per handler and no aggressive dogs.

Our classes at the Selinsgrove Center will be announced through email and club web site. I plan on moving from the Marina sometime in September when weather and darkness sets in.

Gail Lorady with Buffy will be at the Bloomsburg Fair which is from Saturday, Sept. 26 to Saturday, October 3. She will be with the PA Animal Response Team and she can be found at the East End of Avenue F in front of the 4H Barn.

The Northumberland County Pet Parade & Costume Contest went well with over 30 registered. Thank you to everyone who participated.

We welcome new members;

Jessie Hartman with lab/pit mix, Gillie

Matthew Neuffer & Abigail Miller with Boxer/Shepherd, Maximilian

Leroy Yoder with Yellow Lab, Ali

Gay Brennan with Boxer, Maverick

Anyone who is certified for therapy work or those interested in becoming certified should try to make our nursing home therapy visits. It keeps the dogs up-to-date on their skills and interaction with the residents.

Congratulations to Holly Heller with Dazy a Wheaton/Poodle for passing the CGC test.

There is a Fall Festival at the Sunbury Animal Hospital on Sunday, September 27 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. We will have a table with literature and our dogs for petting. Please join us for a fun day.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Sept. 2 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
Sept. 3 (Thurs)	Grandview Nursing Home Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 1:45pm
Sept. 9 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
Sept. 10 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital Life Geisinger Building Bridges Northwestern Academy	1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm 2:45pm
Sept. 13 (Sun)	Knoebels Pool Swim	10:00am - 3:00pm
Sept. 14 (Mon)	Penn Lutheran, Selinsgrove	6:30pm
Sept. 16 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
Sept. 17 (Thurs)	Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Sunshine Corners, Manor Care	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
Sept. 20 (Sun)	Club Picnic, Shikellamy Marina, Pavilion #2	1:00pm
Sept. 23 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
Sept. 24 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South Maria Hall	1:00pm 1:45pm 2:30pm
Sept. 27 (Sun)	Fall Festival, Sunbury Animal Hospital	11:00am - 3:00pm
Sept. 28 (Mon)	Bucknell University	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Sept. 29 (Tues)	Maximum Prison, Allenwood (NCIC only)	12:00pm
Sept. 30 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am

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■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
 ■ US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 ■ 12:00 PM Doggie Dips, Lewisburg Pool	31	1 ■ 6:15 PM Training Class ■ 6:45 PM AKC Star Puppy Class ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	2 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods ■ 11:15 AM Heritage Springs	3 ■ 1:00 PM Grandview Nursing Home ■ 1:45 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South	4	5
6 ■ Labor Day	7	8 ■ 6:15 PM Training Class ■ 6:45 PM AKC Star Puppy Class ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	9 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods ■ 11:15 AM Heritage Springs	10 ■ 1:00 PM Shamokin Hospital ■ 1:45 PM Life Geisinger ■ 2:15 PM Building Bridges ■ 2:45 PM Northwestern Academy	11	12
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