



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

September 2017

## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Dogs often inherit more than their parent's looks; they may also receive the instinct and desire to do the work of their forbearers and it might behoove you to let them!

In this country few pet dogs have any sort of job to do. They get free food and lodging, but they give up the right to act on their instincts and no longer express behaviors that come naturally to them. Many of the problem dogs would do better performing the work and do the things they most enjoy doing.

We choose a breed because of its size, color, coat (non shedding), childhood dog, or one on TV or the movies. How many chose a dog for what it was originally bred to do?

There are 200 breeds recognized by the AKC based on formal "groups" - working, sporting, herding, toy, non-sporting, hound, terrier. mSpecific characteristics are also inherited by mixed-breed dogs.

Why does it matter knowing what drives and motivates a dog? Knowing characteristics of the breed and what is likely to motivate him, will lead to greater harmony and training success for that dog.

Sporting breeds - Bred with strong prey drive, to hunt and swim. Will follow cues and direction when physical activity needs are met. Team work between dog and owner help build confidence.

Working - Bred to ward off trespassers. Should be socialized and group training a must to meet people and dogs in a controlled environment. They do well in activities that involve problem solving.

Herding - Do just that - children, cats, chasing fast-moving objects. This group does well in agility.

The hounds and toys - were bred to work independently of man - they followed their own instinct and drive. Hounds use their noses. Terriers go to the ground using shoulder muscles to dig for vermin. Both breeds have a strong prey drive.

Regardless of what breed or mix you choose, you can enhance both of your lives if you acknowledge the instincts of his ancestors and focus on constructive ways to work with them.

Till next time,

*Connie*



## Notes and Notices



**Please sign up for our Club Picnic on Sunday, September 24 at 1:00pm. You will need to bring a covered dish and an item for the Chinese Auction which should be dog related. The Club will provide hot dogs and soda. Bring your dog for a fun filled day with games and socialization.**

**We wish to thank Phil Hallden for organizing the Doggie Swim at the Sunbury pool. All donations were for Mostly Mutts and we realized \$413. Those helping with registration were Tracy Heimbach, Kelly Pastuszek, Phil & Loye Hallden and Kerry Nornhold. Our Club through the efforts of Laurie Cooper, Arris Moser, Tracy Heimbach, Joan Marquette, Myra Deitrich, and Loye Hallden, made items that were sold to off set the trip to N.Y. City for the Blessing of the Animals. We will continue to have them available at the Paws in the Vineyard.**

**There are 2 Doggie Swims in September:**

**Knoebels: Sunday Sept 10 - 10:00am - 3:00pm**  
**Lewisburg: Friday, Sept. 8 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm**  
**Saturday, Sept. 9 - Noon - 4:00pm**  
**Sunday, Sept. 10 - Noon - 4:00pm**

**There are still seats available for the trip to N.Y. City for the Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 1. Please sign up ASAP and contact us for more information.**

**Beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 5 our Advance Class will begin at 6:00pm and Beginners at 7:00pm. With darkness we must start earlier. We will send out a Club email and post on our web site when we move to the Selinsgrove Center.**

**Our Club will be offering the Canine Good Citizen Test at the Paws in the Vineyard at Spyglass Ridge Winery on Sunday Oct. 15 from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Pre-registration will be required. We will have a table with items for sale and proceeds will go to our Club.**

## UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

|                         |  |                                      |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Sept. 4 (Mon)</b>    | <b>LABOR DAY</b>                                     |                                      |
| <b>Sept. 6 (Wed)</b>    | <b>Riverwoods<br/>Heritage Springs</b>               | <b>10:00am<br/>11:15am</b>           |
| <b>Sept. 7 (Thurs)</b>  | <b>Grandview<br/>Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>   | <b>1:00pm<br/>2:00pm</b>             |
| <b>Sept. 8 (Fri)</b>    | <b>Doggie Dips, Lewisburg Pool</b>                   | <b>4:30pm - 7:00pm</b>               |
| <b>Sept. 9 (Sat)</b>    | <b>Lewisburg Pool</b>                                | <b>Noon - 4:00pm</b>                 |
| <b>Sept. 10 (Sun)</b>   | <b>Lewisburg Pool</b>                                | <b>Noon - 4:00pm</b>                 |
| <b>Sept. 10 (Sun)</b>   | <b>Dog Swim, Knoebels</b>                            | <b>10:00am - 3:00pm</b>              |
| <b>Sept. 11 (Mon)</b>   | <b>Five Star, Sunbury</b>                            | <b>1:00pm</b>                        |
| <b>Sept. 13 (Wed)</b>   | <b>Riverwoods<br/>Heritage Springs</b>               | <b>10:00am<br/>11:15am</b>           |
| <b>Sept. 14 (Thurs)</b> | <b>Shamokin Hospital<br/>VNA<br/>Life Geisinger</b>  | <b>12:15pm<br/>1:15pm<br/>2:00pm</b> |
| <b>Sept. 18 (Mon)</b>   | <b>Buffalo Valley, Lewisburg</b>                     | <b>6:30pm</b>                        |
| <b>Sept. 20 (Wed)</b>   | <b>Riverwoods<br/>Heritage Springs</b>               | <b>10:00am<br/>11:15am</b>           |
| <b>Sept. 21 (Thurs)</b> | <b>Sunbury Hospital<br/>Mansion<br/>Manor Care</b>   | <b>1:00pm<br/>1:45pm<br/>2:15pm</b>  |
| <b>Sept. 24 (Sun)</b>   | <b>Club Picnic - with Dog<br/>Pavilion #2 Marina</b> | <b>1:00pm</b>                        |
| <b>Sept. 26 (Tues)</b>  | <b>Maximum Prison, Lewisburg (NCIC only)</b>         | <b>12:00pm</b>                       |
| <b>Sept. 27 (Wed)</b>   | <b>Riverwoods<br/>Heritage Springs</b>               | <b>10:00am<br/>11:15am</b>           |
| <b>Oct. 1 (Sun)</b>     | <b>Bus Trip - N.Y. City Blessing of the Animals</b>  | <b>5:00am</b>                        |

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# September 2017

August 2017

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 Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club  
 US Holidays

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday                                   | Saturday |
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| 27   | 28<br>6:00 PM Bucknell University Library<br>Labor Day | 29<br>6:15 PM Training<br>7:15 PM Beginner Training   | 30<br>10:00 AM Riverwoods<br>11:15 AM Heritage Springs | 31<br>1:00 PM Holy Family Convent<br>2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab-Health South                      | 1  | 2        |
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