



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

September 2019



## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

Some of your dog's "demand behaviors" might be cute, but others can be annoying or destructive. Teach him a better way to get what he wants!

A dog's demand behavior is her effort to communicate her wants and needs to you, and she becomes frustrated when she doesn't get what she wants. Instead of calling them annoying behaviors we could look at them as invaluable communications with potential to enhance the behavioral health of our canine members.

Does this mean we always give our dogs everything they ask for. Not at all. It means that we give them an acceptable way for communicating their wants and needs.

For an example, they are barking at you with "that look" in their eyes, it's usually because they want something from you. Your first line of defense is to teach your dog a more polite way to ask for what she wants. If you want this to work, be sure to be observant so that you see and can reinforce the new "ask" behavior a percentage of the time.

Some acceptable behaviors you can teach: Go lie down on an "ask" mat. Teach your dog a nose target object in your home, could be set up in multiple rooms. Pick up a designated favorite "ask" toy and drop at your feet. A trick such as lie down, roll over (Lizzie's favorite). If you have a bell ringing button toy, to have the dog push on an "ask".

The possibilities are endless, but you need to teach your dog something entirely new to be her "ask", but you must anticipate her behavior. Along with the new "ask" you must completely ignore any inappropriate behavior.

The bottom line is that you get the behavior you reinforce. You want your dog to learn to communicate more effectively with you. It's up to you to find a more appropriate way to help control her outcome. You'll both be happier for it.

Till next time,

*Connie*



## Notes and Notices



**Our Club Picnic is Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Shikellamy State Park Marina, Pavilion #2 at 1:00pm. The Club supplies hot dogs and drinks. Everyone brings a covered dish and an item for the Chinese Auction which should be dog related. Please sign up at class or email the Club if you wish to attend with your family. We have games for the dogs and everyone enjoys being together with friends.**

**The Club has a private Facebook for members. You need to ask to be accepted and someone will accept you. There is a lot of information posted on the site.**

**We are working on some ideas for the Sunbury Halloween Parade. We always have a lot of fun doing this and start preparing early.**

**If anyone is interested in having their dog certified as a therapy dog I encourage you to join us in visiting a nursing home to get your dog socialized. Keeping your dog socialized around all situations is very important in having him certified as a therapy dog.**

**We welcome Star Puppy members: Heather Ettinger and Great Pyrenees, Avalanche; Ron and Donna Raudenbush and Standard Poodle, Toby; Tammy Shutt and Bulldog mix, Peanut Butter; Kaitlin Swope and Great Pyrenees/Australian Shepherd, River; Lisa Williams and Hound mix, Murphy.**

**Sometime in September we will be moving our classes to the Selinsgrove Center. You will be notified through an email, Facebook and it will be added to our web site. If anyone needs directions to the gym, please let us know.**

**A big Thank You to Phil Hallden who coordinated the Annual Doggie Swim at the Sunbury Community Pool to benefit Sun P.E.T.S. A total number of 54 dogs participated with \$417 raised.**

**We welcome new members: Anne Hollenbach with Brittany Spaniel, Porter; Cassie Stafford with Golden Retriever, Gela (and passed the CGC).**

**Congratulations also to Joe Fischer who passed the CGC with Gelly.**

**Congratulations to Lori Zerbe with Ruben and Rhyan Kleiner with Rocky who passed the ATD Therapy Dog Test.**

## UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

<b>Aug. 30 (Fri)</b>	<b>Doggie Dips, Lewisburg</b>	<b>4:30pm - 7:30pm</b>
<b>Aug. 31 (Sat)</b>	<b>Doggie Dips, Lewisburg</b>	<b>Noon - 4:00pm</b>
<b>Sept. 1 (Sun)</b>	<b>Doggie Dips, Lewisburg</b>	<b>Noon - 4:00pm</b>
<b>Sept. 2 (Mon)</b>	<b>Doggie Dips, Lewisburg</b>	<b>Noon - 4:00pm</b>
<b>Sept. 4 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods, Buffalo Valley</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Sept. 5 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Grandview</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
<b>Sept. 8 (Sun)</b>	<b>Doggie Dive, Knoebels</b>	<b>11:00am - 3:00pm</b>
<b>Sept. 9 (Mon)</b>	<b>5 Star</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>Bucknell University Library (ATD only)</b>	<b>6:00pm - 8:00pm</b>
<b>Sept. 10 (Tues)</b>	<b>Allenwood Maximum Prison (NCIC only)</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Sept. 11 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Sept. 12 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Mt. View Manor</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
<b>Sept. 15 (Sun)</b>	<b>DOG CLUB PICNIC, MARINA</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
<b>Sept. 16 (Mon)</b>	<b>Grayson View</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Sept. 18 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods, Buffalo Valley</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Sept. 19 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Sunbury Hospital</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>Mansion</b>	<b>1:45pm</b>
	<b>Manor Care</b>	<b>2:15pm</b>
<b>Sept. 25 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods, Buffalo Valley</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Sept. 26 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Vintage Knolls</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>

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 US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 12:00 PM Doggie Dips	2 Labor Day 12:00 PM Doggie Dips	3 6:00 PM Training 6:45 PM Beginner Training	4 10:00 AM Riverwoods	5 1:00 PM Grandview 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South	6	7
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