



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

December 2012

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Keep your dog healthy and happy this season with a few tips for managing the holidays.

With all the preparation which this season brings, first and foremost we must not forget to give our dogs daily exercise. When your dog misses his daily walk or some play time he has far good reason to get into trouble.

Your obedience skills can be put to good work so your dog should be well-versed in sit, stay, down, leave it, and a place cue for a mat or crate. Teaching your dog basic manners makes you happier, makes your visitors happier, and ultimately makes the dog happier. Training will improve your dog's emotional and physical life. It can also save his life.

Another factor for the holiday is to gauge your dog's stress level. Any change in the household: guests, new smells, decorations, the changing of your furniture can all be stressful for your dog. They need a quiet place away from a lot of activity and a crate with a frozen nyla bone filled with peanut butter helps them relax and gives you time to attend to holiday preparation.

A few suggestions in keeping your dog safe during the holidays are:

Resist furry family members begging for holiday treats from the table. Rich foods can upset your pet's stomach or cause pancreatitis. Chocolate, alcohol, onions, raisins and grapes can cause serious illness.

Place holiday plants out of reach of pets. Some may be harmful or even poisonous.

Store trash away from animals after holiday meals. Poultry bones can cause internal damage if swallowed.

Old Friends (Continued)

"We can learn so much by observing the way our pets rejoice in life's simplest moments. For a dog, every morning is Christmas morning. Every walk is the best walk, every meal is the best meal. Take time every day to deliberate the many gifts that are hidden in the ordinary events of your life."
--Cesar Millan

With all good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (November 6, 2012)

submitted by Karen Sodrick

President's Report:

Newsletters are available for those who cannot access them online. Please be sure to check Sherry's Corner on our website as there is valuable information in her articles.

Thanks to everyone who helped or participated in the Halloween parades. We took 2nd place in both the Sunbury and Northumberland parades and have already received a \$65 check from Northumberland. Some items were left behind, please claim if yours.

Treasurer's Report: is not available online

Secretary's Report: is in the newsletter.

New Business:

If you are near a quota for TDI visits I need that information ASAP.

Help is needed for the Senior Expo to be held November 10 at the Shikellamy HS from 10-1. Dogs do not need to be TDI certified.

Those interested in attending the Christmas party December 2nd at the Susquehanna Valley CC, please sign the reservation sheet, payment of \$17.00 is needed by November 27th and may be given to Karen or Kelly.

There will be no classes at the gym after Dec. 4th due to the holidays. Classes will resume January 8th.

Submitted by,
Karen Sodrick

Breed of the Month
Irish Red and White Setter
submitted by Connie Cuff

The friendly Red and White has a charming enthusiasm for life and is a wonderful family dog who does great with children of most ages. Children should be a little older as this rambunctious dog could have too much energy for toddlers.

Like all of the setter breeds, Red and Whites need abundant exercise, namely free-running opportunities every day. The breed maintains a high level of energy and ‘puppyhood’ long after other breeds have made the couch their favorite spot in the house. They excel at hunting, agility, tracking, obedience and the conformation ring.



Before bringing home an Irish Red and White, decide if you have the time and willingness to provide a daily outlet for his energy. They are beautiful dogs And wonderful companions if you are going to make them part of your family and everyday activities.

Although the Irish Red and White shares his roots with his red-coated cousin, the Irish Setter, they are separate breeds.

Both breeds were developed in Ireland and documented as far back as the 1600s. Although many historians believe the Irish Red and White came first, the solid-red Irish Setter became more popular with hunters. Diminished breeding of the dogs with the white markings faced extinction by the end of the 19th century.

In the 1920s, a few Irish breeders set out to save the Irish Red and White, and after many years of hard work the breed was recognized and the American Kennel Club accepted it into the Sporting Breed in 2009.



Notes and Notices



I wish to thank those who participated in the Health Fair sponsored by Linda Schlegel Culver. I received a note from her to let everyone know she did appreciate us being there.

Our classes at the Center will be postponed until Jan. 8 due to holidays and the gym being used by the clients at the Center. All of our scheduled visits will be held unless there is inclement weather. Please check the web site for cancellations on visits or training nights as well.

The annual Christmas party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2 and I will give a further report in the January newsletter.

**I wish to welcome new members to our Club:
Chris Wert from Shamokin with Golden Retriever, Timber
Darlene Volchansky from Winfield with Keisha, a mix breed**

Many thanks to all our members who have supported me in all our club activities and training during 2012. By participating in weekly classes we are able to enjoy fellowship and keep our dogs socialized to become Canine Good Citizens.

May all the love we have for our dogs and one another bring us much happiness over this holiday season, and that is my wish for all of you.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Dec. 2 (Sun)	Christmas Party, Susquehanna Valley Country Club	5:00pm
Dec. 3 (Mon)	Bucknell University Coleman Hall	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Dec. 5 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Dec. 6 (Thurs)	Elm Croft, Lewisburg	6:30pm
Dec. 11 (Tues)	NO CLASS SELINGSGROVE CENTER Low Security, Allenwood (NCIC only)	12:00pm
Dec. 12 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Dec. 13 (Thurs)	Northwestern Academy Life Geisinger Shamokin Hospital	1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm
Dec. 18 (Tues)	NO CLASS SELINGSGROVE CENTER Medium Security, Allenwood (NCIC only)	12:00pm
Dec. 19 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Dec.20 (Thurs)	Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Sunshine Corners	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
Dec. 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS	
Dec. 26 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Jan. 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR	
Jan. 2 (Wed)	Riverwoods	
Jan. 3 (Thurs)	Emmanuel Home, Northumberland	6:30pm
Jan. 8 (Tues)	CLASSES RESUME AT THE SELINGSGROVE CENTER	

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 US Holidays

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