



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

January 2007

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



As a new year begins for the Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club I hope it will be one filled with good relationships with our members and dogs. As a trainer I have tried to make our classes fun for everyone. Even though I have been exposed to obedience for over 30 years with Dixie, I am always open to new ideas as animal training grows and changes over the years.

Each person comes to class with the hope of training their dog to have good manners around their family and friends. Dogs are not born with good behavior. Like children, they need to be educated. Develop a communication with your dog through basic obedience commands, using positive reinforcement only. Concentrate when training. If you let your mind drift, your dog will also drift.

In training why not use food? The answer is that a dog needs to respond for its leader, not because the leader has a supply of goodies. Bait training is fine as a speeder upper for teaching specific acts to be performed in specific situations (dog tricks) but it is an unnecessary distraction when used in this leadership program. In visiting nursing homes food cannot be used and it is a distraction from the purpose we are there, pet therapy.

I feel as a club our group has accomplished a great deal this year. Eight of our members have received certificates from TDI and we have started new programs for reading at elementary schools and libraries. Thanks to all.

With the beginning of a new year a reminder that dogs are required by law to be licensed after 3 months of age. There is no penalty for buying your dog's license late, but there could be a fine up to \$300 if a Dog Warden catches your dog without a license.

Please be reminded that all up-to-date shot records are due in January. Does health affect your dog's personality? You bet it does. Keep your dog up on all its shots, buy dog food best suited for your type of dog, keep him clean, and by all means brush his teeth.

You know you're a dog person when...

You have more dog beds, chew toys, collars, leashes, and dog crates than you have dogs.

You meet other people with dogs, and remember the dog's call name, but don't remember the owner's name.

Old Friends (Continued)

You have lots of pictures of your dogs on your desk at work, or in your wallet, but none of your family.

You reach into your pockets for change, and dog treats and pick-up bags fall all over.

You've had discussions with your friends on the best way to trim your dog's nails, but have never had a manicure in your lifetime.

All of your clothes have dog hair on them, even when they are washed or come back from the cleaners.

The only thing your friends and passing acquaintances say to you when they see you is, "How are the dogs?"

Your photo Christmas cards feature your dogs.

Till next time, remember to love your dog for what he is, Your Best Friend!

Connie

Breed of the Month

Beagle

submitted by Connie Cuff

Beagles may be small, but they are beautiful and can do it all.

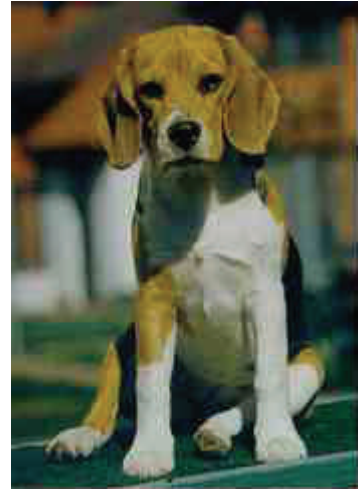
"They are a nose on four paws". When the nose starts working everything else shuts down. They are so food driven, that their nose can locate a inch piece of spaghetti at the bottom of a waste basket. That is why they are used at airports to detect illegal produce and meat in baggage arriving from overseas.

In addition to keen noses, Beagles have a lot of energy. They are the ultimate rabbit hunting dog, and have also been used for squirrel and pheasant. Developed in Great Britain to run European hare, they became popular in the u.s. during the late 1800's. In 1888 the National Beagle Club was formed and held the first field trial.

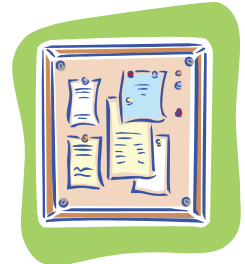
Because of their hunting heritage, Beagles also bark. They need to be with a pack, whether dogs or humans and love to play with children.

Since they are high-energy dogs, they need a lot of exercise and a neglected Beagle will try to escape or destructively dig and chew. Obedience training can help overcome bad behavior.

Many men who we visit in nursing homes owned beagles and it is nice to have this fun-loving breed as a member of our club. "Who wouldn't love those waggy tails and floppy ears?"



Notes and Notices



We will not be having evening therapy visits in January and February but daytime visits will continue as scheduled

Our sympathies to Dagny Leininger who lost he Dalmatian, I-Lean and Kathryn Starkey who lost her Pomeranian.

2007 memberships are due in January. To be covered by club insurance you must be up-to-date in membership.

In walking at the Marina I see there are a lot of sticks and branches on the ground. As a club we help them with clean up, so in early Spring I will be scheduling a Sunday for us to volunteer our services.

We will resume classes at the Selinsgrove Center Tues. Jan. 2

We welcome new members:

Shelly Wolfe Selinsgrove with Toby, Schnoodle

Ann and Larry Inderbitzen with Mac, German Shorthair Pointer

Who Said That?

By Ralph Keyes

We are no less likely to be vague about the origins of quotations about dogs than we are to be vague about the origins of quotations in general. Who said “Love me, love my dog”? Or that a man biting a dog is news? Was it Harry Truman who thought your only friend in Washington was a dog? Did Charles de Gaulle say that the better he knew men, the more he liked dogs? These were some of the questions that confronted me when I set out to explore the roots of familiar quotations. The answers were not always what I expected.

Love me, love my dog.

This has been identified as an old proverb, possibly Italian, or Spanish or French or English, or all of them. It is commonly thought to come from an 1150 sermon by St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153), who referred to the saying as a proverb. (The dog breed was named after an earlier St. Bernard.) Sir Joshua Reynolds later painted a picture inspired by this saying, and P.G. Wodehouse wrote a story using it as his title.

Verdict: Proverbial wisdom publicized by St. Bernard of Clairvaux.

When a dog bites a man, that isn't news. When a man bites a dog, that's news.

By legend, this was the response of *New York Sun* city editor John Bogart (1845–1921) to a cub reporter who, in the early 1880s, asked him to define “news.” The author of a 1918 history of the *Sun* credited Bogart with this comment. It was recalled when he died in 1921. The observation has also been attributed to *Sun* editor Charles A. Dana; to its first managing editor, Amos Cummings; and to early-20th-century British press baron Lord Northcliffe (Alfred Harmsworth). Whoever first defined news as “man-bites-dog” may have got that notion from Oliver

Goldsmith's *An Elegy on the Death of a Mad Dog*. In this 1766 poem, a kindly man in Islington is bitten by a dog whom he'd befriended. To the consternation of all, “The man recovered of the bite/The dog it was that died.” This popular bit of doggerel was adapted in many forms, including one in which a man actually bit a dog. Lexicographer Eric Partridge believed that this might have inspired the classic definition of news. *Verdict:* Someone at the *New York Sun* apparently said this in the late 19th century, John Bogart being the leading suspect, perhaps inspired by an Oliver Goldsmith poem.

If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog.

Truman Library archivists question the common attribution of this quip to the 33rd US president. They point out that Truman spent much of his young manhood on a farm, where dogs were helpers more than pets. Harry and his wife, Bess, had no particular fondness for dogs, and gave away the two that were given to them while they lived in the White House. So why is “If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog” so routinely attributed to Harry Truman? Because the script of Samuel Gallu's 1975 play, *Give 'em Hell, Harry*, had Truman saying, “You want a friend in life, get a dog!” This script was subsequently published in book form. A few years later, *New York Times* correspondent Maureen Dowd attributed the remark to Truman (with “Washington” taking the place of “life”), as did President Bill Clinton. Clinton's predecessor, George H.W. Bush, more accurately credited the quip to “some cynic.”

Verdict: An old saw put in Harry Truman's mouth.



Sir Joshua Reynolds, *Miss Jane Bowles* (commonly referred to as *Love Me, Love My Dog*) 1775. Oil on canvas.

The better I get to know men, the more I find myself loving dogs.

This observation is generally credited to Charles de Gaulle, apparently on the basis of a 1967 attribution in a *Time* magazine article about a collection of the French president's remarks. In centuries past, many other French natives have been credited with the same basic thought. They include the inimitable letter-writer Madame de Sévigné (Marie de Rabutin-Chantal, Marquise de Sévigné, 1626–1696), the revolutionary writer Madame Roland (Marie-Jeanne Philipon, 1754–1793), author-politician Alphonse de Lamartine (1790–1869), author Alphonse Toussenel (1803–1885) and author Louise de la Ramée (1839–1908).

Verdict: Charles de Gaulle was the most recent spokesperson for a long-standing Gallic take on humanity.

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In Memory of I-Lean

On Tuesday, December 5, 2006 one of my very dear friends went to the Rainbow Bridge. Her name was I-Lean and she had only 3 legs, but in her younger days, you were surprised when you finally noticed that! She was dedicated to her mom, Dagny and didn't like to be left behind. When we lived across the alley from them, we always knew when Dagny was not at home because I-Lean would woof-woof every 30 seconds or so. My Dad called her two-bark I-Lean.

I-Lean's mom called her Queen I-Lean - she was the queen in her family, but she was always very polite when we went to visit, as long as she got her spot on the couch anyway! She was very gentle and was never in-your-face, but she did like to get a good sniff on the other end.

Above is a picture of me and I-Lean, we're going to miss her...

 *Rosie Krech*

UPCOMING TDI VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Jan 2 (Tues)	CLASSES RESUME	
Jan 10 (Wed)	Reading Program White Deer Elementary	9:00am
Jan 24 (Wed)	Reading Program White Deer Elementary	9:00am
<u>Every Wednesday</u>	Riverwoods Lewisburg, PA	10:00am
<u>3rd Thursday</u>	Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home, Market St. Sunbury	1:00-1:30pm 1:45pm
<u>Last Thursday</u>	Geisinger Rehab—Health South	2:00-3:00pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Riverwoods (Lewisburg) 10am	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Reading Program (White Deer Elementary) 9am Riverwoods (Lewisburg) 10am	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Riverwoods (Lewisburg) 10am	18 Sunbury Community Hospital 1pm—1:30pm Mansion Nursing Home (Sunbury) 1:45pm	19	20
21	22	23	24 Reading Program (White Deer Elementary) 9am Riverwoods (Lewisburg) 10am	25 Geisinger Rehab (Health South) 2pm—3pm	26	27
28	29	30	31 Riverwoods (Lewisburg) 10am			