



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

Old Friends by Connie Cuff

Let's talk about check-in time.



From the time you bring a pup or a rescue into your home, you should develop a habit that will make every type of training easier; looking for direction and affirmation that she's doing the right thing.

When out walking your dog, it is free to follow his nose. You should encourage lots of sniffing on walks. The only requirements should be a loose leash and that he checks in from time to time. The dog should momentarily connect with the human with eye contact.

Communication is a two-way street and it develops communication with your dog. As an example, if a strange, unruly dog is approaching, he may look to you for instruction. If his ball rolls where he can't get it, he

will look to you for assistance.

We should be reinforcing eye contact every chance we get. This does not mean you pop a treat in his mouth every time, it means using a positive word such as "yes".

You should start in your home in a low distracted area, receiving a glance and use treats. When you feel he is giving you direction, move to the yard. Alternate in and out of your house, and pay attention at your door as you leave and come in, as he will learn to stay calm instead of darting in and out.

There are times when your dog will be around very up-scale distractions, but if you use baby steps to keep him focused on you, this will be a big step in keeping him calm in a dangerous situation. Even though you may have an older dog, working on this practice can give you some assurance and help you through some bad situations.

I feel working our dogs in class with a large group is positive training to keep our dogs in FOCUS.

Til next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!

We will be back at the Selinsgrove Center on April 7th.

Because of the gym being used by another group on Sunday, April 28th, we will not have class that day.

On Saturday, April 6th, there is an (AFTER EASTER) Easter Egg Hunt at Christ Community Methodist Church on Park Road from 10am-12pm. We are invited with our dogs and dogs do not need to be certified.

We will be attending the Emergency Prep at the Training Center at the Allenwood Federal Prison on Thursday, May 16th. We will have a table set up with items to pass out. All of our dogs are welcome and you do not need to be certified. It is a great place to socialize your dogs, as there are many children brought to this event. We will be there from 9am – 12pm.

Haven to Home will have a Fund Raiser, “SPAYghetti Dinner” at LaPrimavera in Lewisburg on Sunday, April 14th from 4pm – 8pm. Pay at the Door, no tickets required.

I wish to thank everyone who has been keeping up with visiting. Getting more dogs certified allows our dogs to attend more functions. If you are planning to do certifications, you should try to socialize your dogs and you are able to visit nursing homes without certification.


Our Star Puppy Class is going well. We will begin another class once we have a quota. If anyone is interested you should email us to be put on a list.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

April 3 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
	Bucknell ATD– front of Library	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
April 4 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South - certified	1:00pm
April 5 (Fri)	Bucknell ATD -7th Street Cafe	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
	Bucknell ATD – front of Library	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
April 6 (Sat)	Christ Community Church	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
	Selinsgrove – Egg Hunt	
April 8 (Mon)	5 Star – certified only	12:00 pm
April 10 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00 am
	Buffalo Valley	11:00 am
	Bucknell ATD Commons Café	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
April 11 (Thurs)	Mifflinburg Elementary ATD	9:00 am – 10:30 am
	Bucknell ATD Athletics Bldg.	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
	Mt. View Manor	1:30 pm
April 12 (Fri)	Shikellamy High School ATD	7:45 am – 9:30 am
	Bucknell ATD 7th Street Café	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
April 15 (Mon)	Columbia County Prison - Certified	1:15 pm
April 16 (Tues)	Grayson View, Selinsgrove	6:00 pm
April 17 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
April 18 (Thurs)	Mansion Nursing Home	10:30 am
April 19 (Fri)	Bucknell ATD – 7th Street Cafe	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
	Bucknell ATD Sojka Lawn	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
	(Bison Sound - Rain date – Sat. April 20)	
April 22 (Mon)	Bucknell ATD Management Class	10:00 am – 10:30 am
	Dana Engineering Room 113	
April 24 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00 am
	Buffalo Valley	11:00 am
April 25 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South - certified	1:00 pm
April 26 (Fri)	Bucknell ATD 7th Street Cafe	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
April 28 (Sun)	NO CLASSES	

April 29 (Mon)	Bucknell ATD - Active Minds Location tbd	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
April 30 (Tues)	Allenwood Federal Prison – Max Badged only	12:00 pm

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