

Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

December 2019

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Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

This time of year we find ourselves busy with activities preparing for the holiday season, but we must be aware of the blessings we have in our lives and thankful for the dogs we share our lives with.

We should also be thankful for the friendships we have made through our dogs. May we all continue to be more like our dogs and be forever grateful for the wagging tails that enrich our lives.

We can learn so much from our dogs by observing the ways

our pets rejoice in life's simplest moments. For a dog every morning is Christmas morning, every walk is the best walk, and every meal is the best meal.

Holidays can be stressful for your dog with changes of guests, new smells, decorations, and children's activities. They need a quiet place away from all the activity and a frozen nyla bone filled with peanut butter helps them relax away from all the activity.

Be sure to keep your pet away from chocolate, alcohol, onions, raisins, avocados and grapes. Poinsettias and ham are also dangerous to the dog. Discarded aluminum foil and plastic wrap can cause choking if ingested.

Games with our dogs such as hide and seek, a brisk walk and teaching new tricks can relieve the holiday stress by keeping them busy.

As a year ends and a new one begins, I wish to thank everyone for their continuous support in coming to class and visiting with your dog at club events. My wish to everyone this year is to have a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



Congratulations to the following who have passed the CGC test.

Heather Ettinger and Avalanche; Tara Fullmer and Scarlet; Susan Visnosky and Willowbie; Judy Brubaker and Quinn; Sally Thomas and Ozzy

Judy Baca with Charlotte passed the ATD therapy dog certification

We welcome new members Cindy Susan, Jill Fry and Enzo, Bill Rosencrants and Bear.

Jim Smith with Georgie and Dusty is undergoing surgery and please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Our training classes for December have us off on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Tues. Dec. 31. Classes will resume Jan. 7.

With winter weather and our evening classes, please check your email and our web site for cancellations. We will not jeopardize anyone to travel in bad weather. We do schedule some visitations for the winter months, but if you like, you are able to take your dog to nursing homes yourself. You do not need to be certified. Winter can be a lonely time for residents and visiting with our pets can put some joy into their lives.

Club memberships are now due for 2020. The fee is \$15 for the year. Please try to provide a copy of the dog's Rabies when it is given so records can be up-dated. Dues are due by Mar. 1 and you must be a member to be on our Facbook. Also members are covered by Club insurance in training at the Selinsgrove Center and the Shikellamy State Park Marina.

Many thanks to the Club for your generous gift and Kelly for celebrating my birthday at class. I'm sure the dogs enjoyed some of the cake.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Dec. 4 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am	
Dec. 5 (Thurs)	Grandview Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm	
Dec. 8 (Sun)	Club Christmas Party - Packer House	5:00pm	
Dec. 9 (Mon)	Five Star Bucknell University Library (ATD only) 6:00	1:00pm pm - 8:00pm	
Dec. 11 (Wed)	Buffalo Valley	10:00am	
Dec. 12 (Thurs)	Mt. View Manor	1:00pm	
Dec. 16 (Mon)	Nottingham Village Memory Care	6:30pm	
Dec. 17 (Tues)	Maximum Prison, Lewisburg	12:00pm	
Dec. 18 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am	
Dec. 19 (Thurs)	Sunbury Hospital Mansion Manor Care	1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm	
Dec. 24 (Tues)	NO CLASS		
Dec. 25 (Wed)	MERRY CHRISTMAS		
Dec. 31 (Tues)	NO CLASS		
Jan. 1 (Wed)	HAPPY NEW YEAR		

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Sunday	1	 5:00 PM Club Christmas Party 	15	22	29

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