



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

January 2018

## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Our Club has been very successful in training our dogs as a group. I say this because it is up to the owner to observe, teach, and practice their dogs, all an instructor can do is guide each dog in exercises that will help him learn to become a “Good Citizen”.

We have dogs with a range of temperaments, and it is up to the owner, with the help of the instructor, to work in these situations. Many come to class with high expectations but you must remember not to “keep up” with other dogs and recognize small victories in your own dog.

One of the most important lessons to teach your dog is “focus”. Once the dog has your attention, following through with an exercise becomes easier. This lesson begins in your home and gradually worked in other areas so when you come to class he has the skill to

follow your instruction.

Many times a dog needs a “time out”. He can be moved to the side, watch other dogs and work on an exercise away from the group.

When training, it is always better to set your dog up for success in baby steps. If a dog owner realizes that his dog may fail in certain exercises, bark at other dogs, may shut down, it helps take the emotions out of training. Remember, it’s all okay! That’s why you’re here - to learn how to best help your dog.

One advantage to group training is having your dog socialized around other dogs and feel good about it.

Listen to your dog - he will tell you what he needs in the moment. You’re in class to help your dog, not to keep up with the Joneses. Once your dog’s emotional state improves, the basic skill behaviors will come.

Till next time,

*Connie*



## Notes and Notices



**We are beginning a New Year and I hope everyone can join us for training and socialization with your dogs. It is nice to see new and old faces each week.**

**A very big Thank You to everyone for your kind donations for my Christmas and Birthday gifts. I was overwhelmed by your generosity.**

**Congratulations to new dogs certified for therapy with Alliance Therapy Dog.  
James Smith with Georgie, Chris Wert with Finley, Jim Specht with Tucker,  
Doug Brubaker with Kimber**

**If anyone is interested in visiting at Geisinger you can contact Diane Pardoe at [dmpardoe@geisinger.edu](mailto:dmpardoe@geisinger.edu) for information or go to the web site:**

**<https://www.geisinger.org/en/about-geisinger/connect/volunteer>, select volunteering at Danville. Fill out application and at the bottom state - pet therapy dog volunteer. Diane Pardoe will receive the application and will mail a copy of the instructions.**

**Geisinger will accept Therapy Dog International and Alliance of Therapy Dog.**

**Evan Hospital is also accepting therapy dogs and they have instructions you must follow to volunteer.**

**Our Club was 1st Place winner in the Sunbury Halloween Parade with a \$75 prize.**

**A Star Puppy Class will begin on Tues. Jan. 16 at 6:30PM. Pre-registration is required as Class size is limited. Please email our web site at [STDTC.org](http://STDTC.org) and Brandon will forward your email to me. I will give you further instruction.**

**Membership dues are due for 2018. You must be paid by March 1 or you will be removed from our list and also our private Club Facebook.**

**Glad to hear Joan Marquette, Mary Jane Purnell and Gail Lorady are recovering from their recent surgeries.**

**Our sympathies to Elaine & Bob Walz with the loss of their Beagle Lettie.**

**Classes will be held weather permitting. A Club email will be sent and it will be placed on our web site.**

## UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

<b>Jan. 1 (Mon)</b>	<b>Happy New Year</b>	
<b>Jan. 2 (Tues)</b>	<b>Classes at the Selinsgrove Center resume</b>	<b>6:30pm Advanced 7:15pm Beginners</b>
<b>Jan. 3 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Jan. 4 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Maria Joseph Manor Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm</b>
<b>Jan. 8 (Mon)</b>	<b>Penn Manor, Selinsgrove</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Jan. 10 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Jan. 11 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Shamokin Hospital VNA</b>	<b>12:15pm 1:15pm</b>
<b>Jan. 16 (Tues)</b>	<b>Star Puppy Begins</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Jan. 17 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Jan. 18 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Sunbury Hospital Mansion Manor Care</b>	<b>1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm</b>
<b>Jan. 22 (Mon)</b>	<b>Bucknell University Library (Therapy Dogs only)</b>	<b>6:00pm - 8:00pm</b>
<b>Jan. 24 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Jan. 25 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm</b>
<b>Jan. 31 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Feb. 1 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Grandview Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm</b>
<b>Feb. 5 (Mon)</b>	<b>Grayson View, Selinsgrove</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>

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■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club  
 ■ US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 ■ New Year's Day	2 ■ CLASSES RESUME ■ 6:30 PM Training ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	3 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	4 ■ 1:00 PM Maria Joseph Manor ■ 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South	5	6
7	8 ■ 6:30 PM Penn Manor	9 ■ 6:30 PM Training ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	10 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	11 ■ 12:15 PM Shamokin Hospital ■ 1:15 PM VNA	12	13
14	15 ■ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16 ■ Star Puppy Begins ■ 6:30 PM Training ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	17 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	18 ■ 1:00 PM Sunbury Community Hospital ■ 1:45 PM Mansion Nursing Home ■ 2:15 PM Manor Care	19	20
21	22 ■ 6:00 PM Bucknell University Library (Therapy Dogs only)	23 ■ 6:30 PM Training ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	24 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	25 ■ 1:00 PM Holy Family Convent ■ 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab-Health South	26	27
28	29	30 ■ 6:30 PM Training ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	31 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods	1 ■ 1:00 PM GrandView ■ 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South	2 ■ Groundhog Day	3