



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

July 2025



Old Friends

by *Connie Cuff*

As we approach the summer months and thinking of vacations, a lot of us may be wondering who will be taking care of our pets. One way of keeping our dogs happy is by hiring a "pet sitter". You should carefully interview and get references (a friend, veterinarian or someone who has personally used the services). Arrange a meeting. The pet sitter and you should have a trial walk and feel comfortable with each other. Provide the sitter with essential information, including phone numbers of the vet and a family member that can be reached, along with medications.

Have enough food on hand, show where his toys are, where he sleeps and if any off limit areas. If your home has an alarm system, be sure they have access to the code. Be sure your sitter can provide quality time with your pet and not just drop by to fill a water bowl. If you are taking your pet with you, the following pet etiquette will allow you to return for future years:

1. Be sure to take your dog for a walk before entering the facility
2. Don't sneak a dog into a loading that does not allow pets.
3. If your dog is used to a crate, take it with you to provide him with a place to be when you are leaving the room.
4. Take your dog's blanket or bed with you.
5. Keep curtains closed so he stays quiet with passerby's.
6. Tip the housekeeper well.

Be sure to take all the dog's essentials: food, fresh water, grooming supplies, a first aid kit and by all means, clean-up bags.

Hopefully by following some rules, you and your pet can enjoy a contented summer.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



It certainly has been a rough start to training at the Marina with the rain and heat. We will do our best to keep classes going. The Marina does give us some cooler places to train being near the river and we try to work the dogs in the grass if the blacktop may be too warm. It is summer so we need to expect weather situations.

Please check our web site and emails for cancellations due to weather conditions.

We will keep up with our visiting and additional visits may come up so please check emails and our STDTC.org web page calendar.

Our picnic at the Marina (Pavilion #2) will be held on Sunday, September 7th at 1:00 pm. We provide hot dogs and drinks and everyone can bring a covered dish. We do a Chinese Auction and ask, if you can, to bring a dog related item.

With summer storms and fireworks, some of our dogs have a difficult time with noise. Nancy and I have had success with Rescue Remedy. You do a few drops in the mouth at the onset and it seems to keep the dog calm. Some pheromone sprays and plug-ins may help with the situation. You can play music to muffle the sound. Also teaching your dog something to distract him may help. Yelling or punishing the dog will only make things worse.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

July 2 (Wed)	Heritage Springs Buffalo Valley	10:00 am 10:45 am
July 4 (Fri)	INDEPENDENCE DAY!	
July 7 (Mon)	5 Star (Certified only)	12:15 pm
July 9 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
July 10 (Thur)	Mt. View Manor	1:30 pm
July 14 (Mon)	Mid West Elementary School (ATD only) Mid West Middle School (ATD only)	10:00 am - 11:00 am 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
July 16 (Wed)	Heritage Springs Buffalo Valley	10:00 am 10:45 am
July 17 (Thurs)	Mansion	10:30 am
July 21 (Mon)	Columbia County Prison (Certified only)	1:15 pm
July 23 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
July 24 (Thurs)	Lewisburg Prison RDAP (Badged only)	12:00 pm
July 25 (Fri)	Bucknell University @ Rooke Chem Pavilion (ATD only)	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
July 28 (Mon)	Nottingham Village Retirement	6:00 pm
July 30 (Wed)	Heritage Springs Buffalo Valley	10:00 am 10:45 am
July 31 (Thurs)	New Story School (ATD only)	10:00 am - 11:30 am