



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

March 2016

Old Friends by Connie Cuff



Hitting the road is an American Tradition, and these days more and more dog owners are taking their dogs along, and at the same time raises concerns about keeping them free from harm.

Many owners who own vans's or SUV's crate their dogs for safety's sake. Those with sedans must look for other options. A dog riding in the front seat has a risk with front and side airbags, if they open it could easily kill a dog.

Riding in the front seat presents a threat if he is thrown into the windshield in an accident or a sudden stop. Unsecured dogs can distract the driver's attention, barking wildly at people or other animals outside, or hitting the foot pedal. While walking on a country road in 1999, writer Stephen King was hit and nearly killed by a van because the driver was trying to control his loose dog.

There are booster seats for small dogs and a Neo-Paws seat belt. You can slide the car's seat belt through the handle of a short leash and it can double as a harness. Out of the car you can attach a regular leash to it.

There is a vent window guard which will give dogs the opportunity to sit next to the window and feel the wind and smell the smells. Many dogs are seen with their heads out of the window which makes them prone to dirt and foreign particles that can fly in their eyes.

Introduce your dog to a car restraint by buckling him briefly at home until he's comfortable and then start going for short rides with it.

You should always have your dog in a collar with the proper I.D. Also carry up-dated shot records in the glove compartment in case of an emergency. Always have some extra water along in case there are traffic tie ups in the summer to keep your dog hydrated.

As Marjean has posted in Facebook, there is always the chance of you being in an accident and your dog escaping in fear. It takes a lot of work and much time trying to locate your dog along with the trauma for both of you.

Summer will be here before we know it so we should prepare ahead for good travels for ourselves along with our dogs.

Till next time,

Connie

Minutes (February 2, 2016)

submitted by Connie Cuff

President's Report

Welcome to the following new members:

Joan and Shubby Marquette with Abby

May Domaracki with AJ

Elaine Komara with Peekie

Brittany DeSantis with Ty

Jessie Malin with Pookie

Thelma Wagner with Maddie

Tonja Storable with Zoey

Leigh and Tonj Heimbach with Brutis

Logan Scholl with Ellie

William Weaver with Buddy

We have a private FaceBook page with lots of training and health articles posted. If you are interested in joining please send a request in to the page.

Dues and up to date rabies certificates are due March 1st. Our club carries insurance for all members for any incidents that might occur during training but dues must be paid for it to be effective.

If you are new and wish to visit any nursing facility with the group please inform Connie ahead of time so she can accompany you for the first time.

Judy Spence who used to print our shirts and other items with our club logo is no longer in business. Jim Smith's daughter in law owns Satin Stitches in Danville and will be able to the work for us as we were able to save the logo onto a disc.

We are having a card shower for former member Mary Lou Walsh who is not living in Florida. Gail Lorady will be visiting her in March and will take the cards along with her. Please bring the cards to class by the February 23rd class.



Notes and Notices



Everyone is doing a great job in Star Puppy, CGC and Beginner classes. After testing I am hoping people will continue to bring their dogs to socialize and prepare them to become a therapy dog, if you and your dog are interested. If you feel it is something you and the dog would enjoy, a good start is to join us for one of our nursing home visits to see if this is something you would like to do.

We schedule two evening visit's a month to nursing homes, which gives those who work during the day an opportunity to join us. The residents look forward to seeing our dogs and if you have the opportunity to come I would really appreciate it. Your dog does not need to be certified, but he should have manners and be able to get along with other dogs.

Congratulations to Joan Marquette with Abby for passing the CGC test.

On Sunday, Mar. 20 from 1-5pm there is an annual Dog Bone Egg Hunt at Kohl's Stony Hill Tree Farm on Mexico Rd., Milton.

I wish to thank everyone for up-dating their membership and shot records. It will keep everything current with our Club for 2016.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Mar. 2 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Mar. 3 (Thurs)	Bloomsburg University Emmanuel Center, Danville Geisinger Rehab, Health South	9:00am - 11:00am 1:00pm 2:00pm
Mar. 7 (Mon)	Buffalo Valley, Lewisburg	6:30pm
Mar. 9 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Mar. 10 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital Life Geisinger	12:45pm 1:45pm
Mar. 15 (Tues)	Medium Prison, Allenwood (NCIC only) Beginning Star Puppy (class full)	12:00pm 6:45pm
Mar. 16 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Mar. 17 (Thurs)	Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Manor Care	1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm
Mar. 21 (Mon)	Penn Lutheran, Selinsgrove	6:30pm
Mar. 23 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Mar. 27 (Sun)	HAPPY EASTER	
Mar. 30 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Mar. 31 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South Maria Hall	1:00pm 1:45pm 2:30pm
April 4 (Mon)	Grayson View, Selinsgrove	6:30pm

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 US Holidays

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28		1 6:15 PM Training Class 6:45 PM AKC STAR Puppy Class 7:15 PM Beginner Training	2 10:00 AM Riverwoods	3 9:00 AM Bloomsburg University 1:00 PM Emmanuel Center 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South	4	5
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