



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

May 2025



Old Friends

by *Connie Cuff*

When deciding what to plant this spring, keep Fido in mind that not ALL plants are good for your dog.

GOOD:

Chamomile - harvest the flowers. They can be used to bathe itchy skin or hot spots. Also can be put on dog food to relax digestive issues and soothing an anxious canine.

Fennel - can be chopped and added to food. High in Vitamin A & C, calcium and potassium. It is also a natural flea repellent. Crush seeds and sprinkle around a dogs affected area.

Dandelion - benefits Vitamin A & C and iron. Collect leaves and sprinkle on food. A natural diuretic and can help with Kidney stones and anal gland issues.

Rosemary - can promote a healthy heart, calm digestive system and effective bug repellent.

AVOID:

Perennials - Chrysanthemums, Dahlias, iris, Lily of the Valley, Peony. Can cause gastric issues, lethargy, diarrhea.

Annuals - Begonias, Geraniums, Daffodils, Hyacinth, Tulips, Amaryllis.

Shrubs - Azaleas

Aloe Vera - soothing for humans but can cause stomach upset in a dog.

Vines - English Ivy, Clematis, Morning Glory and Wisteria

A dog shampoo which is natural and is easy to make:

4 oz of glycerin, 4 oz white vinegar, bottle of ivory liquid or mild detergent. Add all to a gallon jug. Fill with water and shake well. The glycerin is for the skin, vinegar for the fleas and the detergent makes the suds.

In keeping our dogs healthy we should be brushing teeth. There are many types but all contain chicken or beef flavors. There are chews which help and apples, peeled and seeded, can be used along with carrots.

All dogs need exercise, so *grab that leash and get walking*. Spring is a lovely time to enjoy the outdoors and keep us healthy as well.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



The weather is becoming nice to be outside with our dogs. My plan is to move to the Shikellamy State Park Marina on Tuesday, June 3rd. Advanced at 6:00 pm and Beginner at 7:00 pm.

Our calendar has many visits and I am hoping we can see more of you attend.

Saturday, May 10th we will be at the Bloomsburg Fair Grounds with Therapy Dogs for an event sponsored by the Children's Museum. The time is 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. You can come whenever you are able to attend that day,

The Emergency Prep at Allenwood is **Thursday, May 15** and puppies are welcome to attend. It is a nice place to socialize your dog and the the event has many promotions.

Congratulations to our Star Puppy Graduates: **Jessica & Olivia McCool**, with yellow Lab, **Max**; **Laci Walter** with Black Lab, **Jackie**; **Steve, Andrea & Gia Beightol**, Terrier mix, **Christina**; **Gayle Peters & Shayna Schreck** with Great Pyrenees, **Slater**.

Congratulations to **Jennifer Haines** with **Poppy**, attaining CGC.

Nancy Owens with **Zoe** has attained **700 Alliance of Therapy Dog visits**. What an achievement!

If anyone would like to join our training sessions, I would appreciate you getting in touch with our Club before coming so we can give you the paperwork and details for our classes.

Please have rabies shots records copied for our records when you have your dog renew their vaccination.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

May 1 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South (Certified only)	1:00 pm
May 2 (Fri)	Bucknell Paws for a Shake (ATD only) @ downhill Langone Center	12:00 - 1:00pm
May 3 (Sat)	Bucknell (ATD only) @ Sojka Lawn	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
May 5 (Mon)	5 Star (certified only)	12:15 pm - 2:00 pm
May 6 (Tues)	Bucknell (ATD only) outside @ Uphill Langone Center	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
May 7 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00 am
	Buffalo Valley	10:45 am
	Lewisburg High School (ATD only)	10:30 am - 11:30 am
May 8 (Thurs)	Mt. View Manor	1:30 pm
May 9 (Fri)	Shikellamy High School (ATD only)	8:00 am - 10:00 am
	Southern Columbia Elementary (ATD only)	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
May 10 (Sat)	Bloomsburg Fair Grounds Children's Museum	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
May 11 (Sun)	<i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	
May 12 (Mon)	Grayson View	6:00 pm
May 13 (Tues)	Allenwood Prison Max - outside (Badged only)	12:00 pm
May 14 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
May 15 (Thurs)	Allenwood Emergency Prep	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
	Mansion	10:30 am
	Bucknell Senior Sendoff @ KLARC U (ATD only)	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
May 16 (Fri)	Shikellamy HS Fun Fair (ATD only)	11:30 am - 2:30 pm
May 19 (Mon)	Columbia County Prison (Certified only)	1:15 pm
May 21 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00 am
	Buffalo Valley	10:45 am
May 23 (Fri)	Kelly Elementary School (ATD only) 2 sessions (rain date 5/27 - same times)	9:15 am - 11:45 am
		12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
May 26 (Mon)	<i>Memorial Day</i>	
May 28 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am