



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

Old Friends by *Connie Cuff*

Some have been through a “Puppy Stage” with our dogs. Some have adopted dogs that have come to training as Adult dogs. This information can relate to both:



There is a period after puppy called “Adolescence”. It is a transitional state of physical and psychological development which can be from 6 months to 2 years of age, depending on the size of the dog. We don’t let them make their own decisions, we control every aspect of their lives and keep them dependent on us. “They just don’t know that!” Their wishes often conflict with ours.

You have done everything right early on by bringing them to a “Puppy Class” where it has been properly socialized and trained. When it reaches this “Adolescent State” it should not be hard for you to get back on track as you can relate to continuing your attention to training. Bringing your dog to a Beginner Class helps manage this state. Your dog has not forgotten everything you taught him/her in a puppy class. He/she has just put things on hold while attending to the priority of finding his/her place in the real world.

This is the time to make training fun, using lots of happy praise. Play, cheer on you dog, act silly. Use food dispensing toys, hide and seek, puzzle toys, hide treats around your house. Play can be a time to use some obedience skills like having your dog to wait before throwing the ball.

Exercise is so important and this means walking your dog daily, not just putting him out in your yard.

When we allow our dogs to make choices and not having a tight control over their lives, you will make it through adolescence with flying colors and your relationship with your dog will be stronger

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



At the present time, our classes will continue on Sundays at the Marina. Hoping the weather will hold for the next few weeks. PLEASE check the website announcement page, the calendar and watch for emails in case of cancellation due to weather.

My contract at the Selinsgrove Center Gym has shut me down from October 27th through December 10th. I have been working on alternative site there and will see if one can be located. Please keep in touch with the Club with messages on our web site and emails. Anytime you have a question, check the Club website announcement page and also the calendar.

Our visits have kept us busy. Check our schedule to see if you are able to join us.

Our picnic was a huge success and everyone did a wonderful job bringing items for the Chinese Auction. The food was amazing! The dogs enjoyed the peanut butter while painting their pictures. We have some great artists within our Club. Amy presented me with a lovely quilt and I appreciate her thoughtfulness.

Tracy will be completing her Star Puppy Class which has been a great way to get your dog socialized and trained. We maintain a list for future classes and will notify people when we will be able to start one.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Oct. 2 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
Oct. 3 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab Health South (certified only)	1:00 pm
Oct. 4 (Fri)	Bucknell Paws for a Shake (ATD only) @ downhill Langone Center	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Oct. 5 (Sat)	Blessing of the Pets @ Sacred Heart, Lewisburg (parking lot by St. Francis Statue)	10:00 am
Oct. 6 (Sun)	Blessing of the Pets @ St. Monica, Sunbury (parking lot by side entrance)	2:00 pm
Oct. 6 (Sun)	Bucknell (ATD only) Sorority Yoga @ the Commons	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Oct. 7 (Mon)	5 Star (certified only)	12:15 – 2:00 pm
Oct. 8 (Tues)	Lewisburg Prison (Badged only) – location tbd	12:00 – 2:30 pm
Oct. 9 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00 am
	Buffalo Valley	11:00 am
Oct. 10 (Thurs)	Mt. View Manor	1:30 pm
Oct. 11 (Fri)	Shikellamy High School (ATD only)	8:00 am – 9:30 am
Oct. 12 (Sat)	Fall Festival, Christ United Church, Park Rd., Selinsgrove	12:00 -3:00 pm
Oct. 15 (Tues.)	Nottingham Village Memory Care	6:00 pm
Oct. 16 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
Oct. 17 (Thurs)	Mansion	10:30 am
	USP Allenwood Training Camp (badge or ATD not required)	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Oct. 19 (Sat)	West End Library, Trick or Treat	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Oct. 21 (Mon)	Columbia County Prison (Certified only)	1:15 pm
Oct. 22 (Tues)	Allenwood Max (badged only)	12:00 pm
	Bucknell (ATD only) @ Hildreth Merza Hall	9:00 – 10:00 pm
Oct. 23 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00 am
	Buffalo Valley	11:00 am
Oct. 29 (Tues)	Bucknell Classroom (ATD only) Coleman Hall Rm 054	8:30 – 9:50 am

Oct. 30 (Wed)

Riverwoods

10:00 am

Oct. 31 (Thurs)

Geisinger Health South (Certified only)

1:00 pm



October 2024

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