



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

September 2022

Each week as people come to class, I look forward to working with your dogs and know that each of you are giving 100% what works best for you and your dog.

Training is a journey not a race. What may work well with one dog does not necessarily work for your dog. Dogs do what works for them and what is safe. If you introduce behaviors that are safe for the dog and work for you both, your dog will begin to choose them naturally.

Begin with the end in mind to change an unwanted behavior, we must be able to picture the final goal. If you are only focused on stopping the behavior, your dog will never learn what he's supposed to do the next time.

Always think in terms of mutual benefit when working with your dog. We should not think in terms of dominating your dog, instead make the thing you ask your dog to do just as beneficial for him as it is for you. Your relationship with your dog should be like any other in your family, built on mutual respect and love for one another.

Humans are quick to demand full and complete comprehension from our dogs. Dogs speak to us all day with their body language. They have their own thoughts and feelings, and he is responding to his instinct and emotions in the moment. (That is why a reward must be given within a second after the training behavior)

If you weave training into your everyday life with your dog, thinking of each brief interaction as a teaching moment, you will be amazed by the outcome. He will develop into a calm, confident dog who truly understands what is expected of him.

We should be excited about our mutual journey in learning alongside each other - learning is always happening.



Notes and Notices



It is wonderful to have our web site up again and I thank Brandon for all his hard work.

Congratulations to the following who have received their CGC: Cathy McDermott with Kayle, Kathi Flock with Katie, Phil Hallden with Yetti, Shianne Reitz with Phoenix, Joyce Troutman with Mindy, Tammy Houser with Gracie and Laura Adams with Lilo , Kayla Reitz with Mollie.

Sally Thomas with Ozzie and Gertie will be moving to North Carolina to be closer to family. We will miss her and wish her the best. Ozzie and Gertie are both ATD certified Therapy Dogs and hope they will continue their therapy work in their new home.

We welcome new members Tony & Pam Butto with Berna/Doodle Mazie; Katie Gaugler with Golden Retriever Coco.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, September 25 for our annual picnic at the Shikellamy State Park Marina. It is a wonderful time to get together as a group with our dogs and enjoy the day. We all bring a covered dish and a dog related item for our Chinese Auction. The Club provides hot dogs and drinks. We do have a sign-up for the picnic and would appreciate if people would let us know if you are coming.

Our weather has been a challenge for training but we have been able to get together with things a little cooler at the Marina. I hope to stay training there as long as weather permits into Nov. Inside training at the Center is unavailable.

Many thanks to Doug & Judy Brubaker for holding our Star Puppy classes. If anyone is interested in joining a new class, please contact us to be put on the list.

Till next time,

Connie



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Schedule for training at the Shikellamy State Park Marina will need to change due to darkness. Advanced at 6:00pm and Beginners at 6:45pm. We will be moving classes to Sunday at 1:00pm sometime in September. You will be notified by email and it will be posted on our web site. Classes will remain at the park until colder weather will not permit. With any changes, you will be notified.

Sympathies to Jim and Terry Specht with the loss of their beloved Tucker. He spent time doing Pet Therapy visits and always brought smiles to everyone who knew him.

We welcome new members:

Julie & Aiden Vandivere with Eddie; Clair Hafey with Brodie and Duncan; Patsy Hartzell with Ben; Tracy Sauers with Murphy

Please sign up for our Club Picnic on Sunday Sept. 25 at 1:00pm. Bring a covered dish and an item, dog related for the Chinese Auction. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

Thank you to Ray Ramos who has been coming to our classes and being there for any dog related questions.

Congratulations to Connie Hepner for passing the AKC Community Title with Mabel.

Doug and Judy Brubaker have earned titles in Rally at the recent Bloomsburg Dog Shows.

Best wishes to Sally Thomas who has recently moved to North Carolina.

Congratulations to the following who passed their CGC:

Arris Moser with Molly, Amy Griffith with Chewy, Chris Wert with Koa, Cathy McDermott with Kayle.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Sept. 1 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm
Sept. 5 (Mon)	LABOR DAY	
Sept. 7 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Sept. 8 (Thurs)	Mt. View Manor, Trevorton	1:30pm
Sept. 12 (Mon)	5 Star, Sunbury (Pam Reeves)	1:00pm
Sept. 14 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Sept. 15 (Thurs)	Mansion Nursing Home, Sunbury	1:30pm
Sept. 19 (Mon)	Columbia County Prison (Therapy Dog Certified)	1:00pm
Sept. 20 (Tues)	Allenwood Medium Prison (Badged only)	12:00pm
Sept. 21 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Sept. 25 (Sun)	Club Picnic Shikellamy State Park Marina (Please Register)	1:00pm
Sept. 27 (Tues)	Bucknell University Amy Golightly class	10:00am - 11:20am
Sept. 28 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Sept. 29 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm

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- US Holidays
- Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Advanced Training 7:00 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Lewisburg Prison – badged only (RDAP) 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Health South Geisinger 		
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	Labor Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Advanced Training 7:00 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Mountain View Manor 		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM 5 Star 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Advanced Training 7:00 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Columbia County Prison (Therapy Dog Certified) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Allenwood Prison Visit – Medium (Badged only) 6:00 PM Advanced Training 7:00 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Bucknell – ATD only 	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Club Picnic, Shikellamy State Park Marina 	Rosh Hashanah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bucknell University 6:00 PM Advanced Training 7:00 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Health South Geisinger 		