



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

December 2022



## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

Since this will be our last Newsletter for the year, I wish to thank everyone for your support in coming to classes and joining us on therapy visits. You not only please me but all the smiles that come with taking the time to spend with people in nursing homes, hospitals, prisons, schools and colleges. May we continue our mission in 2023 with our dogs and not only make people feel better but our dogs and us as well.

I wish to recognize people that have helped me through the year: Myra for setting up visits, Kelly, Tracey and Gayle for helping with training, Sara for doing CGC & ATD testing, Jim Smith & Jim Hepner for ATD testing, Doug & Judy for teaching Star Puppy Classes. Of course, Brandon for taking all emails to me and doing our Newsletters and postings.

Classes will not be held Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Our classes will resume Jan. 8. Everyone should check emails and our web site [STDTC.org](http://STDTC.org) for cancellations due to the weather. Since many come from a wide area, we want everyone safe traveling to classes. Our meetings on Sunday afternoons work well for those of us that do not do night driving. We will continue training there until weather permits us to be back at the Shikellamy State Park Marina.

Do not forget all the training you have learned at class over the holidays and put it to good use in your home. Dogs need some kind of direction over the holidays and if things get too overwhelming they become stressed which can create problems. Be sure you have somewhere they can have a time out, whether it be a crate or a gated room. They should be able to see family and not be solely isolated.

With the holidays there are many distractions with food, decorations and less time for exercise. Be sure to remember dogs need that extra time to keep themselves busy and happy. We all want to enjoy a safe holiday and preparing for it will keep everyone happy and safe.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Till next time,

*Connie*



## Notes and Notices



**We had a nice group of dogs that have passed their CGC and ATD. So proud of you all for all the work you put in to attain these titles. I am hoping that those certified with ATD will join us on therapy visits. Please check monthly Newsletters for up-coming events.**

**Congratulations to those attaining the CGC:**

**Bridgette Von Neida and Mark Kurtz with Charlie a Pomeranian/Husky Mix; Elaine Walz with Charlie a Beagle; Tracy Sauers with Murphy a Golden Retriever; Jim Specht with Max a Goldendoodle; Patty & Harvey Edwards with Cali a Golden Retriever.**

**Puppies are always welcome on Nursing Home visits.**

**Congratulations to those attaining ATD title:**

**Cindy Razga with Buster a mix breed; Arris Moser with Ryley a mix breed**

**We are now inside at the Selinsgrove Center gym. It is so nice that they give us the facility for winter training. Our Club has made a donation to them for needs that the residents may have to make their lives more enjoyable.**

**We welcome new member Allyson Heard with Ozzy a Goldendoodle**

**If anyone recommends our training, I would appreciate if they email me or Brandon from our web site. I need to give them information before they join our classes.**

**I wish to thank everyone for your kindness in celebrating my birthday. Kelly always makes sure of the date and prepares for the party.**

**We welcome a new canine to our Club, Kelly Pastuszek's Bernese Mountain Dog, Digger. He joins his brother Dozer.**

## UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

<b>Dec. 1 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
<b>Dec. 5 (Mon)</b>	<b>5 Star Bucknell Athletes</b>	<b>1:00pm 6:30pm - 8:00pm</b>
<b>Dec. 6 (Tues)</b>	<b>Bucknell Library</b>	<b>11:30am - 1:15pm</b>
<b>Dec. 7 (Wed)</b>	<b>Heritage Springs</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Dec. 8 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Mountain View Manor</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>
<b>Dec. 13 (Tues)</b>	<b>Chief Shikellamy, After School Program</b>	<b>3:00pm - 4:00pm</b>
<b>Dec. 14 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Dec. 16 (Fri)</b>	<b>Maximum Prison, Lewisburg (Badged only)</b>	<b>11:15am</b>
<b>Dec. 17 (Sat)</b>	<b>Grayson View, Selinsgrove</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
<b>(If you intend to do this visit, you must email a copy of the Rabies Certificate before the visit. E-mail to <a href="mailto:norine.armish@brookdale.com">norine.armish@brookdale.com</a>)</b>		
<b>Dec. 19 (Mon)</b>	<b>Columbia County Prison</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
<b>Dec. 21 (Wed)</b>	<b>Heritage Springs</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Dec. 25 (Sun)</b>	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	
<b>Dec. 28 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Dec. 29 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Geisinger Rehab Health South</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
<b>Jan. 1 (Sun)</b>	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	

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- US Holidays
- Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: purple;">■</span> 1:00 PM Advanced Training @ Selinsgrove Center GYM</li> <li><span style="color: purple;">■</span> 2:00 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) at Selinsgrove Center GYM</li> </ul>	28	29	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: purple;">■</span> 10:00 AM Riverwoods</li> </ul>	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: purple;">■</span> 1:00 PM Health South Geisinger</li> </ul>	2	3
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18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: purple;">■</span> 1:00 PM Advanced Training @ Selinsgrove Center GYM</li> <li><span style="color: purple;">■</span> 2:00 PM Beginner Training (sign up required) at Selinsgrove Center GYM</li> </ul>	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Hanukkah (1st day)</li> <li><span style="color: purple;">■</span> 1:00 PM Columbia County Prison</li> </ul>	20	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: purple;">■</span> 10:00 AM Heritage Springs</li> </ul>	22	23	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Christmas Eve</li> </ul>
25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Christmas Day</li> </ul>	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Christmas Day (observed)</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Kwanzaa</li> </ul>	27	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: purple;">■</span> 10:00 AM Riverwoods</li> </ul>	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: purple;">■</span> 1:00 PM Health South Geisinger</li> </ul>	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> New Year's Eve</li> </ul>