



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

Old Friends by *Connie Cuff*

As winter deepens its grip, many of us find ourselves navigating dark pre-dawn and post-dusk walks. Our canine friends still need the exercise, stimulation and training that walks provide. The darkness presents certain challenges and potential dangers, including wildlife and uneven footing.



Fortunately, a variety of products exist to help make both people and pets more visible and therefore safer when walking in the dark.

There are LED lights attached to the dog's collar and leashes that can run with flashing illumination. Reflective collars and high visibility vests which are placed on dogs during hunting season to help prevent tragic misidentification accidents.

People can also be protected with high visibility safety vests and head lamps and LED beanies.

There are some holiday cautions you should be aware of to keep your dog safe and healthy:

Foods dangerous to dogs are **grapes, raisins, onions, garlic, chocolate, macadamia nuts, avocados, yeast dough and moldy or spoiled foods**. Fatty leftovers can cause life-threatening pancreatitis.

Many common household items: **mothballs, potpourri oils, fabric softener sheets, dishwashing detergents and batteries**.

Automotive products such as **gasoline, oil and antifreeze** should be stored in areas inaccessible to your pet.

If using a live Christmas tree and water and you use **additives** to keep it fresh, can be harmful to dogs.

As we come to the end of 2024, I wish to thank everyone for their grateful support in training and therapy dog visits. It is only through your support that we are able to spread enjoyment and happiness to the community of our neighbors.

My wish to everyone this year is to have a joyful and holy holiday filled with good friends and fond memories of the people and pets who have enriched our lives and made us the people we are today.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



Classes will begin in the Selinsgrove gym on Sunday, December 15th. Advanced at 1pm and Beginners at 2pm. We have one more Sunday, December 8th at the temporary location.

I wish to thank everyone who made my birthday special. It always amazes me.

We will continue training and visiting over the holidays. Please keep up with our calendar as changes can come up and we try to make everyone aware by emails and the Club website.

Congratulations to **Jim Hepner (Drake)**, nominated to the Board of Directors at Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD).

We congratulate **Aaron Yoder** who recently passed his ATD test with **Sadie Mae**.

If anyone has family visiting over the holidays you are welcome to have them join us at class. We can always use children to help with our training.

We are happy to have new member, **Denyse Speer** with **Joy**, a Papillon.

Anyone that does Pet Therapy with ATD can purchase 2 sets of Pet Therapy Cards for the year and the Club will reimburse. Please provide Connie with a copy of the receipt.

We have a visit at Nottingham Village Retirement Center on Monday, December 9th at 6:00 pm. Dogs do NOT need to be certified and puppies are welcome. The Retirement Center is the building directly behind the Nursing Home. Hope you can make it. Dress your dog up for Christmas.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Dec. 4 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00 am
	Buffalo Valley	10:45 am
Dec. 5 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South (Certified only)	1:00 pm
Dec. 7th (Sat)	Allenwood Federal Prison, Max Children's Day (Badged or NCIC)	8:00 am – 11:15am
Dec. 9 (Mon)	5 Star (Certified only) Nottingham Village Retirement	12:15 pm 6:00 pm
Dec. 11 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
Dec. 12 (Thurs)	Mt. View Manor	1:30 pm
Dec. 13 (Fri)	Shikellamy H.S. (ATD only)	8:00 am – 10:00 am
Dec. 15 (Sun)	Training begins at the Selinsgrove Center Gym Advanced 1pm; Beginners 2pm	
Dec. 16 (Mon)	Columbia County Prison (Certified only)	1:15 pm
Dec. 18 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00 am
	Buffalo Valley	10:45 am
Dec. 19 (Thurs)	Mansion	10:30 am
Dec. 25 (Wed)	MERRY CHRISTMAS!	



Dec. 26 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South (Certified only)	1:00 pm
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December 2024

SUN Dec 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1pm Advanced Training 2pm Beginner Training (sign up req) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Heritage Springs 11am Buffalo Valley Nursing Home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1pm Health South Geisinger - cert 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Children's Day @ Allenwood N
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