



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

February 2018

## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



We get into a lot of trouble with dog-dog relationships in our society. We expect our adult dogs to act like puppies forever, and we expect every dog to love every other dog. We judge and label dogs who display entirely normal, species-appropriate behaviors as “bad dogs” because they dare to growl or show teeth, and think that dogs who jump all over other dogs wildly are displaying entirely sweet and benign behaviors.

The truth is that dog tolerance levels are variable and will change with both age and experiences (good or bad). There is also a genetic component to most dogs’ sociability with others of their own species, so all of the appropriate socialization in the world will not necessarily make every dog socially adept and friendly.

**Dog Social:** They generally enjoy and seek out other dogs. Truly Adult dogs (those who really appreciate the company of almost every

other dog) are quite rare. This is the trait we expect all dogs to exhibit.

**Dog Tolerant:** Many puppies who will grow up to become Dog Selective or Dog Aggressive start here. Dog Tolerant dogs get along with most other dogs. They generally have good communication skills. Dog Tolerant dogs also tend to do well on leash around other dogs and require normal supervision from their guardians.

**Dog Selective:** Dog Selective dogs will often have a circle of “approved” dogs that they do well with. This is a very normal place for an adult dog to end up at maturity. They may dislike certain types of dogs on sight. They require a lot of supervision from their owners to succeed with others of their species.

**Dog Aggressive:** These dogs have a limited circle of friends. They have poor social skills and can be quick to spark up on leash. They need support, patience, and direction from their owners.

As a dog matures he will often become less social and most dogs will continue to display these changes until two to three years of age. Regardless of where your dog falls on the sociability spectrum, it’s your responsibility as their guardian to set them up for success.

Responsible dog owners can teach their dogs to be polite around other dogs. Socializing your dog appropriately helps him grow into a model citizen of canine society.

Till next time,

*Connie*



## **Notes and Notices**



**It has been a challenge this month of January with classes being cancelled at the Selinsgrove gym. Problems occurred with water & heat in the building which they had no control of. Our classes will resume once these repairs are made. We appreciate the PA Dept of Welfare allowing us to use this facility for many years free of charge and we know they are working hard to correct this situation.**

**Recently I had the opportunity to speak to a group of PA Association of Retired Employees about Pet Therapy. They graciously presented me with a \$50 donation to our Club.**

**We also received a donation of \$25 in memory of Jean Bair, the mother of Sally Bair, for the volunteer work we do in Pet Therapy.**

**Our Star Puppy Class has been delayed because of the gym situation, but will begin as soon as we return.**

**I wish to thank everyone who has continued to do Pet Therapy visits over these winter months. I'm sure it has been appreciated.**



**Congratulations to Elaine Walz and Eddie for passing certification with Alliance Therapy Dog.**

**Membership dues are being collected for 2018. You must be paid by March 31, 2018 or you will be removed from emails and Facebook.**

## UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

<b>Feb. 1 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Grandview Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm</b>
<b>Feb. 5 (Mon)</b>	<b>5 Star Sunbury Grayson View</b>	<b>1:00pm 6:30pm</b>
<b>Feb. 7 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Feb. 8 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Shamokin Hospital VNA</b>	<b>12:15pm 1:15pm</b>
<b>Feb. 13 (Tues)</b>	<b>US Penitentiary MAXIMUM, Allenwood</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Feb. 14 (Wed)</b>	<b>HAPPY VALENTINES DAY Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Feb. 15 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Bloomsburg University, Student Services Center Sunbury Hospital Mansion Manor Care</b>	<b>9:00am - 11:00am 1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm</b>
<b>Feb. 21 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Feb. 26 (Mon)</b>	<b>Elmcroft, Lewisburg</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Feb. 28 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Mar. 1 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Nazareth - Emmanuel Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm</b>

# February 2018

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 US Holidays

January 2018

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February 2018

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March 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Training</li> <li>7:15 PM Beginner Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Riverwoods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Grandview</li> <li>2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groundhog Day</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM 5 Star</li> <li>6:30 PM Grayson View</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Training</li> <li>7:15 PM Beginner Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Riverwoods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:15 PM Shamokin Hospital</li> <li>1:15 PM VNA</li> </ul>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lincoln's Birthday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM US Penitentiary MAXIMUM, Allenwood</li> <li>6:30 PM Training</li> <li>7:15 PM Beginner Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valentine's Day</li> <li>10:00 AM Riverwoods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Bloomsburg University, Student Services Center</li> <li>1:00 PM Sunbury Community Hospital</li> <li>1:45 PM Mansion Nursing Home</li> <li>2:15 PM Manor Care</li> </ul>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presidents' Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Training</li> <li>7:15 PM Beginner Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Riverwoods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Washington's Birthday</li> </ul>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Elmcraft</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Training</li> <li>7:15 PM Beginner Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Riverwoods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00 PM Nazareth - Emanuel</li> <li>2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South</li> </ul>		