



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

February 2019



## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

How much training does your dog really need?

Prioritize the cues you want to teach your dog and start one at a time, but remember teaching your dog should always be fun!

If you have a perfectly trained dog - great. For most of us we have a laundry list of behaviors we'd like to work with. Some may be quirky little things like stealing tissues from the wastebasket. Then there are more serious behaviors that deserve attention and should be addressed more quickly for everyone's safety.

Putting too much pressure on yourself and having high expectations can cause a lot of stress on you and your dog. It is all about taking baby steps in the learning process to keep training fun.

You should all get to know the personality of your dog. You may not realize what your dog does well. Focusing and rewarding your dog on what he does well will relieve you of frustration when you are teaching your dog a new exercise.

Teaching a new behavior can be lots of fun. However, it's equally important to give yourself permission to take the pressure off yourself if this teachable moment is becoming too much for you and your dog.

The truth is there is no such thing as a perfect dog, and there is no official rule book that states exactly how every dog should behave.

We all want our dogs to be "Good Citizens" and that does require certain training steps to achieve. But beyond that, if your dog is good enough for you, and you're able to make the most of those dog years, then you're already a winner.

Till next time,

*Connie*



## Notes and Notices



**Thanks to Judy Brubaker and Sally Bair for working with a group on Nose Work. It seems all the dogs enjoyed this new experience and when space allows we will try to do this again.**

**Marjean has begun a Star Puppy Class with 7 new dogs working hard to achieve their Star Puppy Certificate:**

**Megan & Bill Deppen and Rosie; Rob Guissanie and Bella; Staci Raker and Cooper;**

**Michele Fartel and Lucy; Josette Zielinski and Zaphod; Jim Smith and Dusty;**

**Chuck Luskin and Meg**

**Also a new member Stevie Blyer and Rezzi**

**Membership Dues are due for 2019 by March 1 in order to keep you in good standing and on Facebook, if you wish. Membership is required to be covered by our Club insurance policy.**

**We wish Joan Marquette a speedy recovery after her surgery. Also hope Edna Weinrich is recovering from her recent surgery.**

**The Club has purchased a small music box which we can use at class (the Square Dancing Dogs) and on our Therapy visits. I thank Kelly for taking care of this.**

## UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

<b>Feb. 4 (Mon)</b>	<b>Five Star</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
<b>Feb. 6 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Feb. 7 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Vintage Knolls Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm</b>
<b>Feb. 11 (Mon)</b>	<b>Bucknell Univ. Library (ATD only)</b>	<b>6:00pm - 8:00pm</b>
<b>Feb. 13 (Wed)</b>	<b>Buffalo Valley Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am 10:00am</b>
<b>Feb. 14 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Shamokin Hospital VNA Mt. View Manor</b>	<b>12:15pm 1:15pm 1:15pm</b>
<b>Feb. 20 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Feb. 21 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Sunbury Hospital Mansion Manor Care</b>	<b>1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm</b>
<b>Feb. 25 (Mon)</b>	<b>Grayson View</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Feb. 27 (Wed)</b>	<b>Buffalo Valley Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am 10:00am</b>
<b>Feb. 28 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Bloomsburg Univ. Emmanuel Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm 2:00pm</b>

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■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club  
 ■ US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM Medium Prison Allenwood (NICIC only)</li> <li>6:15 PM Training</li> <li>7:15 PM Beginner Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Riverwoods</li> <li>10:00 AM Buffalo Valley</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Bloomsburg University</li> <li>1:00 PM Nazareth Rehab-Health South</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>6:00 PM Bucknell Univ. Library (ATD only)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lincoln's Birthday</li> <li>6:15 PM Training</li> <li>7:15 PM Beginner Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Riverwoods</li> <li>10:00 AM Buffalo Valley</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valentine's Day</li> <li>12:15 PM Shamokin Hospital</li> <li>1:15 PM VNA</li> <li>1:15 PM Mt. View Manor</li> </ul>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presidents' Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:15 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 Sunbury Community Hospital</li> <li>1:45 PM Mansion Nursing Home</li> <li>2:15 PM Manor Care</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 Grayson View</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:15 PM Training</li> <li>7:15 PM Beginner Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Riverwoods</li> <li>10:00 AM Buffalo Valley</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Bloomsburg Univ.</li> <li>1:00 PM Emmanuel</li> <li>2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab-Health South</li> </ul>		