



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

February 2022



Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

The New Year is off to a cold and snowy start. Our dogs just go with the flow as long as they spend more time with us and we keep them comfortable. As they are with us more they do become more needy and expect a lot from us. This is a good time to put some training skills in place and "Whatever the dog wants, don't give it away free." Don't throw the ball just because he barks at you. For those privileges your dog wants, ask the dog to say "please" first by doing something like sitting quietly.

Manners become part of everyday routine rather than something he is asked only in special training. He realizes that not immediately acting on impulse, but rather stop to consider

alternative options. When all good things must be preceded by responding to a cue that you give, your dog will quickly learn to behave politely.

Use a "please" action before: throwing a ball, handing a toy, putting food bowl down, giving a treat, opening a door, clipping leash, allowing your dog in and out of the car.

Now is a good time to teach your dog a trick. They do not need to be complicated, and it gives you and your dog something to work on. Sometimes they do something that can be made into a trick. Getting back to training in the spring we can have a class with tricks and everyone can show off their skills.

They say you cannot teach an old dog a new trick, but all dogs at any age can surprise us at what they can do.

We can all get through this winter and pandemic with positive vibes, and I know we and the dogs will be better for it.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



Our visiting that is scheduled will go on as planned unless we message otherwise.

We send our sympathies to Ann Hollenbach with the loss of her husband Brad.

With the New Year, I will be checking Rabies vaccines. When we return to class, I would appreciate copies for any renewals or up-dates that you have received for your dog.

Membership dues for 2022 will be collected once we return to class. Anyone who is part of STDTC Facebook must be a Club Member. Our insurance has been renewed for our training facilities and you must be a member to be covered.

Congratulations to Joannah McGreggor with Cassandra who attained her therapy title with ATD.

A note about Pet Allergies in the Winter which is attributed to spending more time indoors during Winter months. In an environment with little air circulation and dust mites and animal dander, it can trigger pet allergies.

What are symptoms of Winter allergies? Sneezing, coughing, itchy skin, hot spots and runny nose, continuous scratching, hair loss and ear infections.

Some steps you can take to relieve allergy symptoms are: Shampooing with a calming shampoo with oatmeal but do not bathe too frequently during cold weather. There are moisturizer sprays that can relieve itching. Running a humidifier where your dog spends most of its time. Vacuum often and wash your dog's bed or favorite toys often.

If you find this can become serious a trip to the Vet may be in order.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Feb. 2 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Feb. 3 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm
Feb. 7 (Mon)	Five Star	1:00pm
Feb. 9 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Feb. 10 (Thurs)	Mt. View	1:30pm
Feb. 16 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Feb. 17 (Thurs)	Elm Croft Mansion Nursing Home	10:30am 1:30pm
Feb. 23 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Feb. 24 (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
30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Advanced Training 2:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Beginner Training 	31	1 Lunar New Year	2 Groundhog Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Health South Geisinger 	4	5
6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Advanced Training 2:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Beginner Training 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Five Star 	8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Mountain View Manor 	11	12
13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Advanced Training 2:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Beginner Training 	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Elmcroft - indoor large room 1:30 PM Mansion Nursing Home 	18	19
20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Advanced Training 2:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Beginner Training 	21 Presidents' Day	22	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Health South Geisinger 	25	26
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Advanced Training 2:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Beginner Training 	28	1	2 Ash Wednesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Health South Geisinger 	4	5