



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

January 2016

## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Welcome everyone to our year of training for 2016. Looking forward to getting together with everyone at class and therapy visiting. Keeping our dogs socialized and happy is what our club is all about and I appreciate all the help you give to me to make every class fun to work with. We do have dogs of all ages and training levels and if anyone sees someone who may need some assistance feel free to offer them some advice. We all need to help one another.

This year we need to build a good partnership with our dogs, whether you are conscious of it or not, you are training your dog every moment you spend together. The things that your dog does frequently that you reinforce should be done for the behaviors that you enjoy. When a dog is rewarded, it makes him feel good - about himself and the person giving the reward. And when your dog feels good about you, it

tends to make him want to be with you more.

A few suggestions to work with your dog that can make a difference in your relationship are:

Do a little massage when you put on the collar and leash. Scratch behind the ear or under the chin.

Carry some treats when you're out walking and reinforce appropriate behaviors and keep your dog's attention when there are big distractions.

Give your dog a special treat when leaving the house - a stuffed Kong, a long lasting nyla bone, hide treats throughout the house.

Take advantage of any opportunity that presents themselves. They are there all day - Tell him "Good morning" when you wake up Say "Good night when you go to sleep. Tell him you love him, just because you do.

May everyone enjoy a Happy New Year and a happy and healthy relationship with our dogs.

Till next time,

*Connie*

## **Minutes (November 3, 2015)**

submitted by Connie Cuff

A reminder that we will have no class until Dec. 29. Emails will keep everyone up-dated.

Marjean will begin a Star Puppy Class in January. Christmas party sign-up by Nov. 24.

A thank you was received from Mostly Mutts for a donation the club gave in memory of Attorney Robert Walsh.

Starting in January renewals are due on membership. Those joining after Oct. 1 will be covered for 2016. Our private Facebook is for STDTC members and anyone who is not current on membership will be removed from the site.

There is a visit at Elmcroft in Lewisburg on Nov. 9 at 6:30.



## Notes and Notices



**A reminder that dues for 2016 should be paid by March 1. Any shot records that have been up-dated should be given to us to keep records current. We need membership on file since our insurance only covers paid members each year.**

**I wish to thank everyone for their generous donations for my Christmas gifts. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and hope to give back to you this year a training class that will keep everyone busy.**

**Our Christmas party was very enjoyable and it was nice to see everyone (hard to remember faces without their dogs). I'm sure our best friends enjoyed their gifts and welcomed us home after our get together. Hope we can have more join us for 2016.**

**As everyone has been aware, Ticks are rampant with warm weather. You need to go over your dog often and keep up with tick prevention. Also, check yourself if you are doing outdoor activity with this warm weather.**

**Our sympathies to Kelly for the loss of her beloved Diesel. He spread so much love in his short years and everyone will miss him.**

**Congratulations to Chelsea Mensch and Bella for passing Canine Good Citizen.**

**Those completing the Star Puppy Class:**

**Connie & Jim Hepner, Labrador Retriever, Drake  
Katelyn Frontz, Golden Retriever, Victory  
Joe Stauder, Weimaraner/Terrier, Zena  
Amanda Henry, Doberman, Tazer  
Robert Henry, German Shepherd, Beret  
Melissa Shambach, Labrador Retriever, Mazie  
Dick Purnell, Shilo Shepherd, Gus**

**Those receiving Therapy Awards:**

<b>Myra Deitrich, TDIRVA Title, Toby</b>	<b>Jim Smith, TDIG Title, Georgie</b>
<b>Joan Smith, TDIA Title, Sadie</b>	<b>Arris F.E.N. Title Ryley</b>
<b>Gail Lorady, TDIG Title, 750 visits, Buffy</b>	<b>Mary Jane Purnell 50 ATD Mitch</b>
<b>Elaine Waltz, TDIA Title, Eddie</b>	<b>Cindy Cardennis 50 ATD Chachee</b>
<b>Phil Hallden TDIG Title, Tucker, TDIG Title, Sage</b>	
<b>Sally Bair, TDIA Title, Maggie, TDIRVA Title, Lacey</b>	

## UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

<b>Jan. 4 (Mon)</b>	<b>Penn Lutheran Village</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Jan. 6 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
	<b>Heritage Springs</b>	<b>11:15am</b>
<b>Jan. 7 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Grandview Nursing Home</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
<b>Jan. 12 (Tues)</b>	<b>Star Puppy Class begins</b>	<b>6:45pm</b>
	<b>CGC Class</b>	<b>7:15pm</b>
	<b>Beginner Training</b>	<b>7:15pm</b>
<b>Jan. 13 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
	<b>Heritage Springs</b>	<b>11:15am</b>
<b>Jan. 14 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Shamokin Hospital</b>	<b>12:45pm</b>
	<b>Life Geisinger</b>	<b>1:45pm</b>
<b>Jan. 18 (Mon)</b>	<b>Grayson View, Selinsgrove</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Jan. 19 (Tues)</b>	<b>Maximum Prison, Allenwood (NCIC only)</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Jan. 20 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
	<b>Heritage Springs</b>	<b>11:15am</b>
<b>Jan. 21 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Sunbury Community Hospital</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>Mansion Nursing Home</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>
	<b>Manor Care</b>	<b>2:45pm</b>
<b>Jan. 25 (Mon)</b>	<b>Bucknell University Library</b>	<b>6:00pm - 8:00pm</b>
<b>Jan. 27 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
	<b>Heritage Springs</b>	<b>11:15am</b>
<b>Jan. 28 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Bloomsburg University</b>	<b>9:00am - 11:00am</b>
	<b>Holy Family Convent</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>
	<b>Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>1:45pm</b>
	<b>Maria Hall</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>

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# January 2016

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 US Holidays

 Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

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27		28 CLASSES RESUME 6:15 PM Training 6:45 PM AKC STAR Puppy Class 7:15 PM Beginner Training	30 10:00 AM Riverwoods 11:15 AM Heritage Springs	31 1:00 PM Holy Family Convent 1:45 PM Geisinger Rehab-Health South 2:30 PM Maria Hall	1 New Year's Day	2
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