



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

January 2019

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



As a New Year begins for the STDTC, I hope it will be filled with good relationships with our members and dogs as well. I am always open to new ideas as animal training goes and changes over the years. To all the members, thanks for making new members feel welcome, as we are here to help one another.

Each person comes to class with the hope of training their dog to have good manners and work toward the Canine Good Citizen. Dogs are not born with good behavior, they need to be educated through basic training using positive reinforcement. If your dog is not paying attention to you, even the simplest exercise will take longer for the dog to learn. If you want undivided attention from your dog, give him your undivided attention. Keep a mental picture of your last training class and ask yourself did I improve from the last class, if not why. Don't be afraid to ask for help if you do not understand an exercise. A small tip can make a big difference in getting your dog back on

track.

A dog's mission in life is to make his world work for him; his goal is to get as much "good stuff" as possible. He spends a good part of his time figuring out how to manipulate his humans into making "good stuff" happen.

Every moment you are with your dog, one of you is training the other. We as the trainer must pay attention to what our dogs are doing and reinforcing behavior we like and not reinforcing those we don't. All of this training only works when every member of the household participates in making it work.

Focusing on your relationship with your dog is the most important aspect of living with him. We love our dogs as friends and as family members. Being with them enhances our life in unique ways.

Remember a well-trained dog takes an obvious joy in what he is doing because he knows he is pleasing someone he loves - his owner.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



We will resume our regular schedule of classes on Tues. Jan. 8.

Dues for 2019 are due by March 31. Membership is \$15 a year. Please review your date of Rabies and copy if renewed at your last Veterinarian visit. Also your Dog License is due for 2019.

I wish to thank Judy Brubaker & Sally Bair for working with a group on Nosework. The dogs seem to enjoy a change of pace and it is nice that we have someone to teach the class.

Sympathies to Jim & Joan Smith with the loss of Jim's Dad.

Congratulations to the Star Puppy Graduates:

Taylor Litchard & Mookie; Delores Kerstetter & Bear; April Trommeter & Chloe; Diane Ambrose & Cassie; Tiff Kalejta & Benji; Hannah & Colten Kerstetter & Rem



Congratulations to Carla Minori and Stella for receiving the CGC.

A special thanks to Marjean Krech for teaching our Star Puppy classes; Sara Fry & Jim Hepner for evaluating dogs for therapy work; Myra Deitrich for scheduling visiting events; Brandon Pastuszek for doing the Newsletter; Kelly Pastuszek for keeping me up-dated with my emails.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Jan. 2 (Wed)	Buffalo Valley Riverwoods	10:00am 10:00am
Jan. 3 (Thurs)	Maria Joseph Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
Jan. 7 (Mon)	5 Star Nottingham Village	1:00pm 6:30pm
Jan. 8 (Tues)	Dog Classes resume at the Selinsgrove Center	
Jan. 9 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Jan. 10 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital VNA Mt. View Manor	12:15pm 1:15pm 1:15pm
Jan. 16 (Wed)	Riverwoods Buffalo Valley	10:00am 10:00am
Jan. 17 (Thurs)	Sunbury Hospital Mansion Manor Care	1:00pm 1:45pm 2:45pm
Jan. 21 (Mon)	Buffalo Valley	6:30pm
Jan. 23 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Jan. 29 (Tues)	Medium Prison Allenwood (NCIC only)	12:00pm
Jan. 30 (Wed)	Riverwoods Buffalo Valley	10:00am 10:00am
Jan. 31 (Thurs)	Bloomsburg Univ. Nazareth Geisinger Rehab, Health South	10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm 2:00pm

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 US Holidays

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 New Year's Day	2 10:00 AM Riverwoods 10:00 AM Buffalo Valley	3 1:00 PM Maria Joseph 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South	4	5
6	7 1:00 PM 5 Star 6:30 PM Nottingham Village	8 Classes Resume 6:15 PM Training 7:15 PM Beginner Training	9 10:00 AM Riverwoods	10 12:15 PM Shamokin Hospital 1:15 PM Mt. View Manor 1:15 PM VNA	11	12
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