



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

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Website announces Top 10 list of dog-friendly destinations

From: Sunbury Daily Item

Dogfriendly.com announced its 2005 list of the Top 10 dog-friendly destination cities in the United States and Canada.

The website annually compiles this list for people who want to take their dogs with them on vacation. This year, there is a separate list for larger cities and resort areas.

The rankings are determined by the DogFriendly.com staff and take into account the number and quality of dog-friendly accommodations, transportation, availability of interesting things to do with your dog and outdoor restaurants that allow dogs.

The list is as follows:

1. Chicago—Stay in an upscale hotel, take a boat tour, visit Navy Pier, enjoy the parks. Chicago has lots to do with your four-legged pal.
2. Vancouver—Visit Historic Gastown and Granville Island. Take your leashed dog on the local trains and buses. Visit nearby Victoria.
3. Boston—Walk the freedom trail, visit the Faneuil Hall marketplace and ride in a carriage. Your dog may ride the city subways with you. Visit nearby Cape Cod or Bar Harbor.
4. San Francisco—Excellent lodging and dog-friendly parks, ride the famous cable cars, visit the Fisherman's Wharf area for some shopping. The city's trains and buses allow your dog. Visit nearby dog-friendly Carmel or Lake Tahoe.
5. Seattle—Take a carriage ride through Pioneer Square or visit the Sculpture Garden. Your pet can ride the beautiful ferries and the city buses and trains.
6. Salt Lake City—Beautiful parks that welcome leashed dogs. Visit a small amusement park in Liberty Park or hike Ensign Peak Trail for a view of the city below. Visit Park City for the day.
7. San Diego—Dogs love the off-leash parks and especially the beaches. Try Dog Beach or Fiesta Island. Many dog-friendly outdoor restaurants. Visit nearby Julian or Temecula.
8. Tucson—Stay at one of the many nice dog-friendly hotels. Take your dog to Old Tucson Studios or the Pima Air and Space Museum. Visit Tombstone for a day.
9. Toronto—Visit Black Creek Pioneer Village, Centreville Amusement Park or the Toronto Islands Park. Take your dog on the city's subways and buses. View magnificent Niagara Falls nearby.
10. San Antonio—View the Alamo from outside with your dog, stroll the Riverwalk and visit Market Square marketplace for some shopping and a meal.

For more details on these places, visit www.dogfriendly.com/top10.

DogFriendly.com, founded in 1998 to provide dog travel information, offers a free website and publishes paperback books. DogFriendly.com's United States and Canada Dog Travel Guide is available at bookstores everywhere and at its website.

Minutes (June 1, 2005)

Submitted by: Lydia Storey

Our fourteenth monthly membership meeting was held on June 1, 2005 at approximately 7:50 PM at Shikellamy Marina Park.

Kelly Pastuszek, Vice President, called the meeting to order using our new electronic megaphone for the first time.

Connie Cuff, President, briefly thanked all club members for their love and support in the days since Dixon's death.

Secretary's Report - Please read the minutes of the May meeting in the newsletter. If there are any additions or corrections please advise.

Treasurer's Report – There is no Treasurer's Report this month due to the death of Mary Lou Walsh's sister.

We received a Thank you from the Danville P.S.P.C.A. Shelter for our \$130.00 donation. We also received a Thank you from Diane Grieser at the Columbia Mall for bringing our dogs to the Nifty after Fifty event in May.

There will be a therapy visit at Outlook Point in Lewisburg tomorrow night at 6:45 PM. This is the assisted living facility on Route 45. There is another therapy visit at Buffalo Valley Lewisburg next to the Farmers Market on Thursday, June 23rd, at 6:45 PM.

Cal Arter and his dog Winston go on therapy visits with the club. We were sorry to hear, Winston, a 5 year old Doberman died of a heart attack last Thursday while Cal was away on a vacation cruise. Cal is devastated by the loss and we have a sympathy card for club members to sign after the meeting. Fortunately, Cal adopted a Doberman mix at an S.P.C.A. in Florida where he was volunteering so he is not left without a dog at this difficult time.

Brandon Pastuszek, our newsletter editor, explained to the club that this month's newsletter was sent out by email for the first time. Anyone who wants to receive the newsletter by email just has to give Brandon their email address. Printed copies of the newsletter are available for those who do not have email.

Brandon also proposed that the club set up a Yahoo group for the club. The Yahoo group will allow us to post articles and information of interest to club members and in particular meeting cancellations can be posted there.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8PM.

Sherry's Corner

by Sherry Carpenter

Veterinarians are apparently having some disagreement concerning the bioavailability and the advantages of glucosamine and chondroitin sulfate in the diet for treatment and prevention of arthritis. Present studies seem to indicate that this supplement is most effective when given orally as a liquid. They also show that early supplementation before there are joint problems cuts down the amount of pain killing drugs needed for quality of life when a joint problem occurs. In my opinion it is doubtful whether dog food contains enough of either of these to make a difference and supplementation should be discussed with a veterinarian. Readers will also note that taurine is being added to many dog foods. While taurine is necessary for cats it is not essential for dogs--who can make their own-- according to Dr. Francis Kallfelz, a leading Cornell nutritionist.

Those who own older TDI dogs should be aware that pain (which may not be obvious) can change behavior. Growling and aggression toward other dogs has been reported in dogs who have cancer .

Both pesticides, plants can pose danger to pets

from Pottsville Republican & Herald

Gardens are beautiful, but underneath that beauty lurks real dangers that could kill your four-legged friends.

These dangers come in the form of pesticides and fertilizers, flowers, vegetables and fruits. A little knowledge about what is and isn't pet friendly can save the life of your four-legged friend down the road.

When buying and using pesticides and fertilizers, read the labels and follow the manufacturer's directions. Keep in mind that pesticides and fertilizers, read the labels and follow the manufacturer's directions. Keep in mind that pesticides and fertilizers can linger for days or weeks after the initial application, thereby causing extended exposure.

Newer products carry toxicity warning and there are chemical-free products on the market today. A new variety of coleus (dark green foliage and lavender leaves) is also available, which can be planted around vegetable and flower gardens. Its pungent odor will turn off dogs and cats, and as long as the leaves are not crushed, it will not bother humans.

For a safe alternative to pesticides, use plain old water. Spider mites, aphids or thrips are easy to dislodge with water, and after a day or two, they can be washed away. For a more serious problem, apply a teaspoon of fish soap to a gallon of water with a garden sprayer.

For fertilizer, use recycled kitchen and yard waste—it's free and readily available.

Some plants that are considered toxic are: Aloe, Avocado, Clematis, Coco bean shell mulch, Daffodil, Dieffenbachia (irritating to pets and people), Lily of the Valley, Nightshade, Oleander, Tulip, Yew (Japanese yew), Yucca.

Some non-toxic plants are: Acorn squash, African violet, Banana, Butternut, Camellia, Garden marigold, Hen and chickens fern, Irish moss, Mapleleaf begonia, Wild hyacinth.

While most fruits and vegetables pose few toxic hazards, there are some exceptions. Garlic, onions and cloves all contain compounds that can cause anemia, if ingested. Tomatoes and potatoes contain alkaloids that can cause nervous disorders and severe digestive upset. The leafy portion of rhubarb contains oxalic acid, which can crystallize in the kidneys, causing severe damage. Fruits, such as apples, plums, cherries, apricots and peaches, all contain seeds that have toxic chemicals and can cause fatal seizures if digested.

Here are some other hints that may prove helpful:

- If your dog chews on the sprinkler nozzle, put a coat of Vicks Vapour Rub on it. Dogs hate the taste and it is water resistant. You may need to repeat the application every couple of months.
- Try motion detection sprinkler systems. This will hopefully deter dogs as well as cats and other animals.
- To stop dogs from digging in the same place, bury their waste in the hole and cover it. They won't dig there again.
- For yellow areas in your yard that result from waste, douse them with water. It doesn't have to be done right away. Later on is OK, too.
- Cover your flower bed or garden with chicken wire or some sort of mesh covering to stop cats from digging around. Also try lemon or orange peels.

UPCOMING TDI VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

July 7th (Thurs)	Nottingham Village Lewisburg	6:45pm
July 19 (Tues)	Shamokin Elementary Shamokin	11:00am
July 21 (Thurs)	Emmanuel Danville	6:45pm
Sept 11 (Sun)	Club Picnic Marina	1:00pm
<u>Every Wednesday</u>	Riverwoods Lewisburg, PA	10:00am
<u>3rd Thursday</u>	Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home, Market St. Sunbury	1:00-1:30pm 1:45pm
<u>Last Thursday</u>	Geisinger Rehab—Health South	2:00-3:00pm

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