



# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

March 2013

## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



From time to time I receive calls from people trying to rent and they have dogs. Renters are reluctant to have dogs as tenants in their facilities. By familiarizing you with some suggestions it may help you or someone you know in how to prepare your dog to find a dog friendly landlord.

First, you should train your dog to have good manners and have it pass the Good Citizen Test. This certificate also is your ticket to a summer vacation and traveling in trying to find a motel that will accept pets. Believe it or not that surpasses Therapy Dog since they are more familiar with the CGC. As a note those driving in New Jersey are required to have their dogs in a seat belt or crate. You can be fined by not complying.

Second, keep your dog up-dated with flea prevention treatment.

Third, have your dog current on his shots and always keep his records copied and on hand for examination.

Fourth, references from former landlords, pet sitters, veterinarians, and trainers who can attest to your dog's good behavior and health.

You will probably be asked for a pet deposit and in some cases an extra "pet rent" fee added to your monthly rent for keeping a dog or cat.

There are always people who are discourteous and some who do not clean up after their dogs who ruin it for everyone else. As a rightful pet owner, we must set a good example with our dogs and also educate those who may try to abuse privileges which make it difficult for the well-mannered dog.

One example is the pet bag policy at the Shikellamy Marina, which was established by Dixie years ago. The park was about to shut down pets from being walked there, and he placed stations to be used by pet walkers for clean up. Now it is a wonderful place to walk and socialize your dog. Thanks to Giant who donates bags for me to place there.

### **Old Friends (Continued)**

A little bit of education by our members, even talking to children, can go a long way to make our pets acceptable as family members.

Till next time,

*Connie*

## **Minutes (February 5, 2013)**

submitted by Kelly Pastuszek

The meeting of the STDTC will come to order.

### **Report of the President:**

Membership is due for 2013. I would appreciate if you would renew as soon as possible since we would like to prepare our roster for the year. If you have any updates in phone numbers, E-mail address or dogs, please let Kelly know. We have just paid our insurance which covers current members training at the Selinsgrove Center and Shikellamy Marina Park. If dues are not up-dated by March 31, you will be removed from the list.

I received a notice about Pit Bull spay neuter from Haven to Home. If you know of anyone with an income of under \$35,000 with this breed they are able to get assistance to have it spayed or neutered. You can make contact with [www.haventohome.org](http://www.haventohome.org) or [h2hevent@ptd.net](mailto:h2hevent@ptd.net) or call 884-5067.

As I mentioned in my Newsletter, if you know of potential people who would like to join us in training, would you have them E-mail or call me, so I will expect them and have paper work ready.

I wish to thank Sally Grottini for coming to class and addressing some dog issues in training. Also Cindy Cardennis who gave some fun activities we can do with our dogs.

If anyone is experiencing a problem with any exercise at class, please let me know as I will help you at the end of class.

**Secretary's Report:** In the Newsletter

**New Business:** I received an application for the 4th of July Parade. I will send it in but the day of the parade, anyone who signed up to walk will be notified if the weather is too warm for the dogs.

I have a sign-up for an event at the Susquehanna Valley Mall on Saturday, March 2nd. Anyone who can help that day would be appreciated.

We have Grayson View on Thursday at 6:30 pm. Bucknell University on Monday, February 11th. Please dress dog for Valentine's Day. If you plan on coming would you let me know.

No class at the Center on April 2, 9 and 16th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Pastuszek



## Notes and Notices



**Club dues are due by April 1. A new list will be printed and those not on the list will not be covered by the club insurance.**

**For anyone who may be concerned about disasters and where you can turn when you have pets go to <http://www.pasart.us/> and click on your county and see who to contact for information. In most cases when people go to the Red Cross with pets they can direct them to SART. In our area it is CART.**

**Those of you that plan ahead on your calendars for club activities these are scheduled:  
Thurs. April 25 9am to 2pm Emergency Prep at the Allenwood Prison Complex Training Center  
Sat. April 27 10am to Noon Healthy Kids Day YMCA Sunbury  
Sat. May 11 12:00 noon Demo for Mt. Carmel Lions Club Street Fair**

**We have scarves to be used at class for dogs in training that have a problem with socialization. Please make use of them so everyone can feel comfortable at class.**

**Try to teach your dog a trick. By practicing at class it puts fun into your dog's training.**

## UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

<b>Mar. 2 (Sat)</b>	<b>Girl Scout Expo, Susquehanna Valley Mall</b>	<b>10am - 1pm</b>
<b>Mar. 4 (Mon)</b>	<b>Nottingham Village</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Mar. 6 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Mar. 10 (Sun)</b>	<b>Daylight Saving Begins, Turn your Clocks forward 1 hr.</b>	
<b>Mar. 12 (Tues)</b>	<b>Maximum Prison, Allenwood (NCIC only)</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Mar. 13 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Mar. 14 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Shamokin Hospital Northwestern Academy (note time change and no Life Geisinger)</b>	<b>1:15pm 2:30pm</b>
<b>Mar. 17 (Sun)</b>	<b>Happy St. Patrick's Day</b>	
<b>Mar. 20 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods First Day of Spring!</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Mar. 21 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Sunbury Community Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Sunshine Corners</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm 2:45pm</b>
<b>Mar. 25 (Mon)</b>	<b>Emmanuel Nursing Home, Danville</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Mar. 27 (Wed)</b>	<b>Riverwoods</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Mar. 28 (Thurs)</b>	<b>Holy Family Convent, Danville Geisinger Rehab, Health South</b>	<b>1:00pm 2:00pm</b>
<b>Mar. 31 (Sunday)</b>	<b>Happy Easter</b>	
<b>April 2, 9, 16 (Tues)</b>	<b>NO CLASSES AT THE SELINGROVE CENTER</b>	

# March 2013

- Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
- US Holidays

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