



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

March 2018

Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



Many of us at class have been training for quite some time and I am pleased that we all get together with the dogs to socialize. Homework should be watching our dog daily for times when we can reinforce good behavior. We can always work on tricks or a new exercise which will keep him motivated when working in class.

Our dogs are manipulated with verbal commands, collars we use, and physical prompting. His "homework" via constant reminding or telling him "NO" all the time, and using leash manipulation to keep him in line, he will not have learned the skills needed to function in every day life.

Dogs, like children, must learn to problem solve when life comes to them and provide a motivation to perform behaviors through reward will help him learn those skills. In order for this to happen, he will need different, and well-practiced behaviors that give him the answer to the question. If your dog spirals out of control and inattentive or reactive, he has very few tools from which to choose.

When your dog has a limited number of tools, he will continue to use the ones that are the most readily available since those are easy to grab from his tool box. Those old tools will always be there, but as you teach your dog that he will be rewarded for calm and relaxed behaviors, those old tools will be buried at the bottom of the tool box.

Don't over train. Science has shown that animals retain better when taught in short (5-15 min.) spurts. Dogs not only fill up on treats, they also get bored during training sessions. If you over train your dog, he will not be excited about doing an exercise next time. When training count out 20-40 treats and stop when they are gone. This will keep you on track with limiting the amount of time you train.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



We have been doing well in our new location at the R.E.C. building in Selinsgrove. Our classes, have worked well with Marjean and Judy doing Star Puppy Classes. I have signed up for the month of March and will keep you informed with future plans for classes. Since we are confined to a smaller area for training, we will not take any new memberships until we move to either the Selinsgrove Center or the Marina.

A big Thank You to Gail, Rick & Buffy for their donation of \$50.00 for use in the rental of the R.E.C. building.

I will be taking Membership Dues until the end of March. If dues are not paid at that time, you will be removed from our email and Facebook page. Our Club insurance covers only those that are Current paid members.

Congratulations to the following for passing the CGC test:

**Chris Fanning and Gordie
Monica Wilson and Meeka
Faith Bastian and Pepper
Edna Weinrich and Leo**

If anyone has any questions or concerns please contact Connie via email or through Brandon on our web site.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

March 1 (Thurs)	Nazareth at the Emmanuel Center Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
March 5 (Mon)	5 Star Sunbury Nottingham Village	1:00pm 6:30pm
March 7 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
March 8 (Thurs)	Bloomsburg University Shamokin Hospital VNA	9:00am - 11:00am 12:15pm 1:15pm
March 14 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
March 15 (Thurs)	Sunbury Hospital Mansion Manor Care	1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm
March 17 (Sat)	HAPPYT ST. PATRICK'S DAY	
March 19 (Mon)	Buffalo Valley	6:30pm
March 21 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
March 22 (Thurs)	Bloomsburg University	9:00am - 11:00am
March 28 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
March 29 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent (Our last visit - Sisters are moving to N.J.)	1:00pm
	Geisinger Rehab, Health South	2:00pm

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February 2018



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-  Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
-  US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26 6:30 PM Elmcroft	27 6:30 PM Training 7:15 PM Beginner Training	28 10:00 AM Riverwoods	1 1:00 PM Nazareth - Emanuel 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab, Health South	2	3
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