



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

March 2019



Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

As some of us can remember in early years many dogs were trained using choke chains, prong collars, verbal and physical abuse. It worked because they suppressed the behavior. In the past decades we've learned the value of creating relationships with dogs built on voluntary cooperation, built on a foundation of mutual trust and respect.

Our canine companions not only share a wide range of emotions but they are capable of grasping and applying complex concepts and functioning on a higher cognitive level than we had known. Positive training came to value the role of

"relationship". Training is "relationship".

Our training classes are "good manners. Instead of obedience we "ask" or "help" our dog do a behavior rather than "make" him do it. It is our job to get our dogs to show us that they happily and eagerly want to do what we ask of them.

People sometimes question force-free training as we see some significant issues with stress, anxiety and high levels of arousal and low impulse control. This can be contributed to a function of societal change.

Life today is strictly regimented for many of our canine companions. They live in social isolation. Dogs are told what to do from the time they get up in the morning until they are put to bed at night. They have no control what happens in their world. Some dogs never get to run free, have playtime, or socialize with other dogs.

It is such a benefit in our club to come to class with our dogs each week so they are "socialized" and trained together which relieves stress when they are around other dogs.

As an example, I see the behavior of dogs in walking Patty in my neighborhood with dogs that are never walked or interact with another dog. They are living in a stressful environment and that is why we hear of so many dog bite issues.

It is with so much gratitude and thanks when I see our dogs in public and on therapy visits and knowing what a good job you have done in preparing them to be "Good Citizens."

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



It has been an issue the past few weeks with weather conditions, but I would rather cancel classes than see members having driving issues coming from a wide area.

As I have previously mentioned, dues for 2019 are due. I have just renewed our insurance policy to train at the Selinsgrove Center and Shikellamy State Park. To be covered by this policy, all members must be current for the year. Also, Facebook is for membership only.

We welcome new members Ruth Cantaluppi from Selinsgrove with Lady and Willow and Joe Fischer from Northumberland with Gelly.

We had to say good-bye to Gretchen Nash and her Pug, Ottis as they have moved to Florida. All good wishes on your new adventure.

We welcome a new member of the Brubaker family, Quinn, a Golden Retriever. I'm sure Kimber is happy with a new playmate.

Also Dusty, a Golden Retriever, has joined the Smith household as a playmate for Georgie and Sadie.

I welcome any suggestions to training, visiting, or speakers with our Club. STDTC has members from 8 counties, Snyder, Union, Northumberland, Montour, Lycoming, Schuylkill, Dauphin, so we cover a wide area of membership.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Mar. 4 (Mon)	Five Star	1:00pm
Mar. 6 (Wed)	Riverwoods & Buffalo Valley	10:00am
Mar. 7 (Thurs)	Bloomsburg Univ. (SSC) Maria Joseph Manor Geisinger Rehab, Health South	9:00am - 11:00am 1:00pm 2:00pm
Mar. 11 (Mon)	Elmcroft	6:30pm
Mar. 13 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Mar. 14 (Thurs)	Mt. View Manor	1:00pm
Mar. 17 (Sun)	HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY	
Mar. 19 (Tues)	Low Security (ALLENWOOD) NCIC only	12:00pm
Mar. 20 (Wed)	Riverwoods & Buffalo Valley	10:00am
Mar. 21 (Thurs)	Sunbury Hospital Mansion Manor Care	1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm
Mar. 25 (Mon)	Bucknell University (ATD only)	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Mar. 27 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
Mar. 28 (Thurs)	Bloomsburg University Nazareth Memory Geisinger Rehab, Health South	10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm 2:00pm

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 US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25 6:30 PM Grayson View	26 6:15 PM Training 7:15 PM Beginner Training	27 10:00 AM Buffalo Valley 10:00 AM Riverwoods	28 10:00 AM Bloomsburg Univ. 1:00 PM Emmanuel Rehab-Health South	1	2
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