



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

March 2022



Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

We are looking forward to spring and the dogs included. Seeing daffodil sprouts and robins making an early return wants me to think of our return to classes. I am hoping we can be back in April at the earliest and with a time change in March we should be back to a regular schedule on Tuesday nights.

As we get back to training and socializing our dogs, I am sure with covid our dogs have taught us many new things after spending so much time with us.

In training dogs as trainers it is important to perceive the active dog in front of you. Every dog is unique in its personality and only you as an owner can figure it out. As a

"dog whisperer" you: Pay attention to the dog you are working with; create structure in daily life; understand and respond appropriately to canine body signals; communicate cheerfully and clearly to them with consistent cues and body language; reinforce behaviors you want, we are on the lookout all the time for that good behavior. The moment he checks in with you, you reinforce it. It is easy to notice the bad stuff; set the dog up to succeed, have patience with a behavior change. It takes time, we are working against habits.

One note to remember, all family members should join in with what we are trying accomplish. Everyone should abide by the rules we are trying to convey to our dogs.

A good trainer can anticipate what may happen that may make the world work for him. Think of leaving food on the counter or your waste basket without a lid. These behaviors are a potential power grasp and simply work for him.

It is time to stop and think about our dogs as adversaries and just relax and enjoy life with them as our cooperative partners and companions.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



We will have a Star Puppy Class beginning May 10 at 6:30pm. Pre-registration is required. Class size is limited so apply ASAP. You can register by going to STDTC.org and Brandon will forward your email to me.

I received a message for a Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Walk at Southern Columbia High School on Sat. May 14. I will give you more information as it becomes available.

A notice will be sent out through our web site and email when classes will begin at the Marina. We will be training on Tues. evenings, and I will await weather and evening light to make my decision.

When we begin our classes, membership for 2022 will be taken. In order to be a member of our private Facebook, you must be a Club member. Dues are \$15 a year. Up-dated shot records will be accepted at that time.

If anyone is interested in a pouch for your ATD card and visitations, I have them available.

There is an indoor place outside of Watsontown called "Soggie Doggie" where your dog can do water dives. If your dog loves the water and retrieving, he may enjoy visiting there.

There was an article published in Whole Dog Journal about excessive copper in dog food that can cause a medical condition in the liver. All foods contain small amounts of copper which is essential in your dog's diet. Your dog food bag should state an AAFCO statement which indicates your food is complete and balanced, indicating that it has met one of the two AAFCO nutritional adequacy protocols.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

March 2 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
March 3 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm
March 7 (Mon)	Five Star	1:00pm
March 9 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
March 10 (Thurs)	Mt. View	1:30pm
March 14 (Mon)	Montour County Prison	1:00pm
March 16 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
March 17 (Thurs)	Elm Croft Mansion Nursing Home, Sunbury	10:30am 1:30pm
March 23 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
March 24 (Thurs)	Bloomsburg University	5:00pm - 7:00pm
March 30 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00am
March 31 (Thurs)	Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm

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February 2022							March 2022							April 2022						
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- US Holidays
- Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Advanced Training 2:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Beginner Training 	28	1	2 Ash Wednesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Health South Geisinger 	4	5
6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Advanced Training 2:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Beginner Training 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Five Star 	8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Mountain View Manor 	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Advanced Training 2:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Beginner Training 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Montour County Prison 	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	17 St. Patrick's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Elmcroft - indoor large room 1:30 PM Mansion Nursing Home 	18 Holi	19
20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Advanced Training 2:00 PM Cancelled until further notice - Beginner Training 	21	22	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Bloomsburg University 	25	26
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