



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

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Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

This month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and I am sure things may be different than the past with so many restrictions. As some of you gather with your families there are blessings we can be thankful for. One being our dogs. Many of you can relate the feelings of having our dogs with us that bring much joy and comfort through these trying times. As we look back on all the dogs that have graced our lives, let us remember them in a special way.

When thinking of our Thanksgiving dinner there are foods you should NOT give your dog:

Gravy, stuffing, ham, marshmallow, bones/fat/skin, desserts, onions/garlic, grapes/raisins, chocolate, mushrooms, mashed potatoes, eggs(raw), cooked green beans (some are in a sauce) .

What you CAN give your dog:

Cooked Turkey (white meat the best, no skin, gravy or seasoning) sweet potatoes, raw green beans, pumpkin, apples, eggs (cooked), (any of the above without seasoning)

Be sure to secure the garbage pail! Scraps can be very tempting. Aluminum and plastic with food remnants can be very dangerous if ingested.

With all the preparation, we must not forget to give our dog daily exercise, if for no reason to keep him out of trouble.

Your obedience skills can be put to good work. Teaching your dog basic manners makes you happier and improves your dog's emotional and physical state. A place cue for a mat or crate is helpful when guests are present, they need a quiet place away from the activities and a nyla bone stuffed with peanut butter helps them with stress levels.

May everyone enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving and be thankful for all the love our pets give us.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



We are now moving into cooler weather but have been able to continue our training at the Marina on Sundays at 1:00pm. I plan on continuing this until it is not feasible. The Center is not allowing any outside activities and I feel it would not be safe inside with a large group at this time. Hopefully we can get back to a regular schedule in 2021.

I wish to congratulate Mary McCarthy with Gunner, Karen Sorick with Henley, and Lori Zerbe with Peyton Rose for passing the CGC.

Best wishes to Dave Crawl for a quick recovery from his knee surgery.

Josette Zielinski has mentioned to me that she recently learned of a product she is using which is helping her older Huskies. You can get it on line and it is called Ruff Greens. She feeds her dogs only half of the dose. Her Vet reviewed it and is now using it on her dog.

We had a nice group of 15 that walked for the Bucknell University sponsored walk that donated \$10 to the Geisinger Children's Hospital.

Thanks to everyone who is participating in our outdoor nursing home visitations. We received a nice thank you from Buffalo Valley letting us know how much the residents enjoyed the visit.

We wish Heather Schnepf well on her move to Oklahoma. Hope she continues her training to have Stella certified as a therapy dog.

We welcome new members: Melissa Yankoski with her Yellow Labrador Retriever, Remington; Joe Mentrikoski with Mastiff, Bronn; Damien Malfara a mix, Bogart; Lori Steele with Golden Retriever, Sadie.

If anyone has any stories that they would like to share on the Newsletter, please email me. Also keep checking emails for any changes in our training schedule.