



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

October 2021



Old Friends

by Connie Cuff

As our weather changes, so does the activity of our dogs. They no longer lay in front of fans and air conditioners, have infrequent walks, and are content doing less activity. Now that the weather is cooler, they love being outside chasing squirrels, long walks sniffing the grass, or just having fun with outdoor games.

We should now be focusing on when they are doing something right - on walks are they walking without pulling, having some control over squirrels, waiting as we throw that ball for a retrieve? Yes, we must reward when they are doing something GOOD!

Compared to all the "official" training you learn - behaviors such as sit, down, come, stay - the moments when your dog is just being quietly GOOD seem like - nothing.

The moments when he receives a reinforcer for exhibiting a behavior you like, such as a sweet pat, a kind word, or a tiny treat, will let him think, "Ah!" Everything's always nice when I do this thing!

With our covid restrictions we are able to view actions our dogs exhibit and we can train behaviors we see in their daily lives. It is obvious to you how you want your dog to act. Reinforcing the behaviors you'd prefer to see your dog display gives him a bright trail to follow.

All of us have different rules and we need to allow our dogs to make more of its own choices for a behaviorally, healthier companion and a better relationship between the two of you.

Yes, have rules, but it should be up to you, it's your house, you get to make the rules.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



Star Pupy Graduates: Norine Armish with Nugget, Meg Martin with Tupelo, Julie Brosius with Winslow, Lydia Klingelter with Henry, Nick Roseth with Finley, Connie Hepner with Mabel

New Members: Ellen Roth with Lucy; Tammy Chamberlain with Finn; Jan Wilson with Stanley; Angie Myers with Milo; Steve and Debbie Tressler with Illianna; Kerry Davis with Minnie; Yoo-Na MacKay with McGee; Barbara Sluga with Abby.

Because of darkness on Tuesday evenings, all classes will be held on Sundays. Advanced at 1:00pm and Beginners at 2:00pm. We will continue classes until weather will not permit. Please keep checking the web site and emails for any up-dates.

Riverwoods in Lewisburg is now allowing Therapy visits. We can visit Memory Care, E Wing and Adams Center. C Wing is closed. You will be Temp checked, masked and using a shield.

Pets Need your Support - Proposed Xylitol Legislation:

Xylitol is an artificial sweetener used in many everyday products: sugar free gum, vitamins, cough drops, peanut butter, and more. It is highly poisonous to pets, especially dogs and is frequently not listed on the ingredient label. Xylitol impacts your pet's sugar levels, leads to liver failure and life threatening if not treated right away.

To address this issue and better inform pet owners of the risk, Representatives David Schweikert (R-Ariz.) and Greg Stanton (D-AZ-9) introduced the Paws Off Act of 2021 (H.R. 5261). This bipartisan legislation would simply require food containing Xylitol to include warning label specifying its toxic effects to dogs and other pets.

They need our help to ensure this important legislation passes for all pets. Please call or email your Representatives and ask them to support the Paws Off Act of 2021 (H.R. 5261)

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

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| Oct. 3 (Sun) | CLUB PICNIC | 1:00pm |
| Oct. 4 (Mon) | Five Star | 1:00pm |
| Oct. 6 (Wed) | Riverwoods | 10:00am |
| Oct. 7 (Thurs) | Stress Less with Pets, Bloomsburg U | 11:00 am - 1:00pm |
| | Kehr Union Bldg, outside; rain inside | |
| | Geisinger Rehab- Health South | 1:00pm |
| Oct. 9 (Sat) | Halloween Pet Parade at Grayson View | 1:30pm |
| | Dress our dogs, and if you like, we can costume too. | |
| Oct. 13 (Wed) | Riverwoods | 10:00am |
| Oct. 14 (Thurs) | Mt. View Manor | 2:30pm |
| Oct. 20 (Wed) | Riverwoods | 10:00am |
| Oct. 21 (Thurs) | Elm Croft, Lewisburg | 10:30am - 11:30am |
| Oct. 27 (Wed) | Riverwoods | 10:00am |
| Oct. 28 (Thurs) | Geisinger Rehab- Health South | 1:00pm |

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- US Holidays
- Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Advanced Training 2:00 PM Beginner Training | 27 | 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:20 AM Foundation Seminar Bucknell U. 5:45 PM Advanced Training 6:30 PM Beginner Training | 29 | 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Health South Geisinger | 1 | 2 |
| 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Club Picnic, Shikellamy State Park Marina | 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Five Star | 5 | 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods | 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Stress Less with Pets, Bloomsburg U | 8 | 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 PM Halloween Pet Parade at Grayson View |
| 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Advanced Training 2:00 PM Beginner Training | 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day | 12 | 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods | 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:30 PM Mountain View Manor | 15 | 16 |
| 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 PM Advanced Training 2:00 PM Beginner Training | 18 | 19 | 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods | 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Elmcroft - indoor large room | 22 | 23 |
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| 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halloween 1:00 PM Advanced Training 2:00 PM Beginner Training | 1 | 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election Day | 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Riverwoods | 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diwali 1:00 PM Health South Geisinger | 5 | 6 |