



Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

April 2017

Old Friends by Connie Cuff



Service Dog or Therapy Dog?

As you may have noticed, there are people who are using their dogs for THEIR emotional support. We train our dogs as therapy dogs to offer emotional support to OTHERS in nursing homes, hospitals, etc. to make people feel better. This is a good time to educate and let people know what our dogs do for everyone.

Over the years dogs have been trained as service dogs to assist people with disabilities - diabetics, narcolepsy, autism, wheelchair assist, hearing impaired, guide dogs for the blind. People pay a very high price for a well-trained dog with prices ranging from \$30,000 - \$50,000. Some owners do their own private training and work and learn together.

A business can ask "Is your dog a service animal?" If the owner says "yes" then they can ask, "What task does that dog do for you". Then the owner has to give a specific task. They cannot ask your diagnosis but you must answer that question. It is a federal law. Answering that the dog provides emotional support does not qualify it as a service dog, meaning it cannot legally enter any public venue. Dogs that accompany you everywhere and make you feel better by its presence is a pet not a service dog under the law.

A "service dog" must be "in control" and "housebroken" if out in public. Business owners can ask the owner to leave if the dog is misbehaving.

There is a trend that is causing a problem now since psychologists and psychiatrists are writing prescriptions for emotional support dogs and owners think that means they can take it anywhere, including on airplanes. They still have to be trained and people will say "This is my emotional support dog" and all the business owners are afraid they will get sued by the Justice Dept. if they don't let them in. That's not true.

If anyone needs to check out these rules you can Google it and read how to keep out untrained Emotional Support Dogs. It's really that simple.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



There will not be any classes at the Selinsgrove Center April 11, 18, 25. Classes will resume at the Center on May 2. We will continue our classes at the Center until an announcement is made to move to the Shikellamy State Park Marina.

Marjean will begin her Star Puppy Class at the Center on Tues. May 2, at 6:30pm. Pre-registration is required.

I will have sign-ups for our visit at the Emergency Preparedness Day at the Allenwood Training Center Complex on Thursday, May 18 from 9:30am - 12:00pm. We will meet children from different schools and programs with a table set up for dog bite prevention.

There is a Free Dog Bone Easter Egg Hut at Kohl's Stony Hill Tree Farm, Sunday, April 9 from 1pm-4pm. 2 groups - under 25 lb. starting at 2:30pm; over 25lb. Starting at 3:15pm. All dogs must be registered.

Congratulations to Star Puppy Graduates: Penny Gaugler with Sam; Ginny & Dave Jurewicz with Finn; Ethan Lockwood with Tootsie; Larry Long with Bear; Alissa Aungst with Apollo; Katie Hoffman with Maya; Barbara Reed with Moe; Chris & Amanda Fanning with Gordie; Chris Wert with Finley.

Congratulations to Logan & Kaitlyn Scholl with the birth of their baby boy Emmit (also Grandma, Tracy Heimbach).

It is nice to see such a great group of dogs each week at class. Socialization is so important in our dog's lives and getting together each week brings out the best in them. As I have said, "I do not train the dogs. I train you train to train your dog."

If anyone has any new dog experience or article that may be of interest to our group, please share it with me.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

April 3 (Mon)	Bloomsburg University, Student Services Center	2pm - 4pm
April 5 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
April 6 (Thurs)	Bloomsburg University, Student Services Center Vintage Knolls Geisinger Rehab, Health South	9am - 11am 1:00pm 2:00pm
April 10 (Mon)	5 Star, Sunbury Nottingham Village	1:00pm 6:30pm
April 11 (Tues)	Maximum Prison, Lewisburg (NCIC Only) NO CLASS SELINGROVE CENTER	12:00pm
April 12 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
April 13 (Thurs)	Shamokin Hospital VNA Life Geisinger	12:15pm 1:15pm 2:00pm
April 18 (Tues)	Stayman Apartments, Shamokin Dam NO CLASS SELINGROVE CENTER	10:00am
April 19 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
April 20 (Thurs)	Sunbury Hospital Mansion Nursing Home Manor Care	1:00pm 1:45pm 2:15pm
April 22 (Sat)	Spring Fest - Bloomsburg University Upper Campus	11am - 5pm
April 24 (Mon)	Grayson View, Selingsgrove	6:30pm
April 25 (Tues)	Medium Prison, Allenwood NO CLASS SELINGROVE CENTER	12:00pm
April 26 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs Bio Medical Engineering Building, Bucknell U. (Therapy Dogs Only)	10:00am 11:15am 1pm - 3pm
April 27 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
May 1 (Mon)	Bucknell University Library	6pm - 8pm

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■ Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club
 ■ US Holidays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 ■ 6:00 PM Bucknell University Library	28 ■ 12:00 PM Allenwood Maximum Penitentiary ■ 6:15 PM Training ■ 7:15 PM Beginner Training	29 ■ 10:00 AM Riverwoods ■ 11:15 AM Heritage Springs	30 ■ 1:00 PM Holy Family Convent ■ 2:00 PM Geisinger Rehab-Health South	31	1 April Fools Day
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