

# Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

June 2026



## Old Friends

by Connie Cuff



With Summer, our dogs spend a lot of time outdoors, which means more time for them to need bathing. Some of you have shampoos for deshedding, allergies, dry skin, etc.

What can you use if you happen to have none on hand? One soap that can be used safely is Dawn and it should always be diluted with water. It isn't something to be used in an ongoing basis and it is a degreaser if that is a need. Be sure to keep out of dog's mouth, eyes and ears and make sure to rinse thoroughly.

You may think of using human shampoo but some of the ingredients can be harsh and irritating. This can also be true of baby shampoos, so not everything safe for humans is necessarily safe for dogs.

At times, our dogs may **encounter a skunk** and this is a formula which is highly recommended: 32oz of 3% hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup baking soda, 1-2 teaspoons liquid dishwashing soap (Dawn).

Clean the dog in a well-ventilated area, using rubber gloves. Lather into coat, messaging down to the skin. Leave the lather on for 10-15 minutes. Rinse thoroughly, repeat once if necessary. Can follow with white vinegar or apple cider rinse. Avoid dog's eyes and genitalia. Do not apply hydrogen peroxide to areas with broken skin. You should spray irritated eyes with water or saline solution.

To remove skunk odor it should be made fresh. Do not make and keep it stored. Keep ingredients separately to be used in case of an emergency.

**A way to manage bees around your home**, you can mix a natural spray:

Fill an empty spray bottle nearly to the top with water. Add a few teaspoons of liquid

dish soap. Add a few drops of peppermint essential oil (what you can readily smell) 1/8 teaspoon each of cinnamon and cayenne pepper. Shake well.

**A summer treat for your dog:**

3 cup plain non-fat yogurt, 1 cup peanut butter, 1 tablespoon honey. Pour in ice cube tray and freeze for at least 2 hours. Pop and serve.

Till next time

*Connie*



## Notes and Notices



Congratulations to the following **Star Puppy Graduates**:

**Chris Schmader** with Labradoodle, **Wren**

**Karen Schouder** with Labradoodle, **Daisy**

**Toni Rice** with Golden Retriever, **Rosie**

**Renee Garcia** with Boxer, **Willow**

**Belle Ebright** with Black Labrador Retriever, **Reese**

Sympathies to **Joan Marquette** with the passing of **Abby**, a Golden Retriever. She spent a lifetime doing Pet Therapy and shared her love with everyone.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Some of you have been aware of road work which will begin June 1 on the two bridges on the Island between Sunbury and Northumberland. As Penn Dot has explained, all traffic will need to enter the Island from Sunbury. **NO** traffic will be coming toward the Island from Northumberland.

**Our classes at the Marina will begin June 2 with *Advanced at 6pm* and *Beginners at 7pm*.** We will see how things will work out for us during the construction period.

Anyone coming from Lewisburg, Danville, Northumberland or Selinsgrove area must use the Veterans Memorial Bridge from Shamokin Dam to Sunbury then cross the bridge to the Island, to the entrance of the Shikellamy State Park Marina.

Leaving the Marina, **ALL** traffic must turn **LEFT** towards Northumberland.

This work is scheduled for the month of June. We will keep everyone posted if there are any changes. Plan for extra travel time with the anticipated increase in traffic due to the one-way detour in place for the month of June. As always, please check the website and watch for emails for any cancellations due to weather when in doubt before you head to class at the Marina.

## UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

June 2 (Tue)	<b>CLASSES START AT THE MARINA</b>	
	<b><i>Advanced</i></b>	6:00 pm
	<b><i>Beginners</i></b>	7:00 pm
June 3 (Wed)	Heritage Springs	10:00 am
	Buffalo Valley	10:45 am
June 4 (Thur)	Federal Prison Volunteer Picnic @ Lewisburg (Badged and RSVP'd only)	12:00 pm
June 4 (Thurs)	Special Olympics @ PSU (ATD only)	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
June 5 (Fri)	Special Olympics @ PSU (ATD only)	11:00 am - 3:00 pm
June 8 (Mon)	Lewisburg Federal Prison (Badged & limit 5) Grayson View, Selinsgrove	11:20 am - 1:00 pm 6:00 pm
June 10 (Wed)	Riverwoods Bucknell Staff Wellness (ATD only) (Elaine Langone downhill entrance patio)	10:00 am 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
June 11 (Thurs)	Mt. Carmel Senior Living Facility Mountain View Manor	10:30 am - 11:30 am 1:30 pm
June 12 (Fri)	Allenwood (Low) Fed. Prison Children's Day (Badged/NCIC)	12:00 pm - 2:30 pm
June 15 (Mon)	Gino J. Merli Veterans Center, Scranton (ATD) Columbia County Prison (Certified only)	8:00 am - 1:00 pm 1:15 pm
June 17 (Wed)	Heritage Springs Buffalo Valley	10:00 am 10:45 am
June 18 (Thurs)	Mansion	10:30 am

June 22 (Mon)	Summer STEAM @ Shamokin Elementary (ATD only)	9:00 am - 10:00 am
June 24 (Wed)	Riverwoods	10:00 am
June 25 (Thurs)	Allenwood Federal Prison Max indoors (Badged only)	12:00 pm
June 26 (Fri)	Allenwood Federal Prison Med Children's Day (Badged/NCIC)	12:00 pm - 2:30 pm
June 29 (Mon)	Summer STEAM @ Milton Middle School (ATD only)	9:00 am - 10:00 am
June 30 (Tue)	Penn Lutheran	10:00 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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