

Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club

October 2016



Old Friends by Connie Cuff

It is nice to have a change of pace and be back training at the Selinsgrove Center. We always have a nice group of dogs that are here to socialize and hone in on their skills. It is important for dogs to keep up with training, which can last a lifetime, and that they behave when we take them out into the community and to social events. Your dog enjoys staying busy and can actually keep him healthy and mentally fit. Guess that goes for us as well.

We all want that "perfect dog". Each dog has his or her own personality and there are a lot of things each of them does well. Sometimes we focus too much on what is wrong and do not notice what is right. We become frustrated, at times, on our dog's behavior, but all in all we know we do have an awesome dog.

If there are behavior issues that you simply can't live with, then of course you should teach your dog to behave differently. But if you feel you need to work on a behavior just because you think that's what is expected of your dog, then just leave it alone and carry on. It's far more important that you and your dog enjoy the time you spend together.

There is no such thing as a "perfect dog" and no official rule book that states how every dog should behave. We get to make up most of those rules based on what works for us and our own dog.

If your dog is good enough for you, and you're able to make the most of those dog years, then you're already a winner.

Till next time,

Connie



Notes and Notices



Please keep Gail Lorady in your thoughts and prayers as she undergoes surgery Oct. 11.

Congratulations to Gunner owned by Larry & Sue Walter for passing the CGC test.

Congratulations to Joan Marquette with Abby and Paula Gustafson with Bo for passing their therapy dog test.

On Oct. 27 from 5-9pm there is a Pints for Paws at the Rusty Rail, Mifflinburg. Dogs must be well-behaved, leashed and vaccinated.

I have scheduled our Christmas Party at the Hotel Edison on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 5:00pm. More details will come. We will have a sign-up at class or you can email us at STDTC.org.

Our picnic was a huge success with over 50 people attending. Our Chinese Auction brought in \$170 and it helped defray the cost of our reserved pavilion and picnic supplies. Hope more can join us next year.

Anyone interested in participating in the Halloween Parades in Sunbury, Thurs. Oct. 20 and Northumberland, Wed. Oct. 26, please get in touch with us. Our theme is Ghost Busters.

UPCOMING THERAPY VISITS AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Oct. 3 (Mon)	5 Star, Sunbury Nottingham Village	1:00pm 6:30pm
Oct. 4 (Tues)	Lewisburg Penitentiary (NCIC only)	12:00pm
Oct. 5 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
Oct. 6 (Thurs)	Emmanuel Nursing Home Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm
Oct. 12 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs Graham Building Pavilion, Bucknell	10:00am 11:15am 12:30pm
Oct. 13 (Thurs)	Bloomsburg University, Mental Health Awareness Day on the Quad Shamokin Hospital VNA Shamokin Life Geisinger	9:00am 12:15pm 1:15pm 2:00pm
Oct. 19 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs	10:00am 11:15am
Oct. 20 (Thurs)	Sunbury Halloween Parade Forming Sunbury High School, Walnut St. (no Hospital, Mansion or Manor Care visits)	6:00pm
Oct. 26 (Wed)	Riverwoods Heritage Springs Northumberland Halloween Parade Forming at the Park	10:00am 11:15am 6:00pm
Oct. 27 (Thurs)	Holy Family Convent Geisinger Rehab, Health South	1:00pm 2:00pm

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