

Paw Prints



The Newsletter of the Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

Summer, 2016

Big time Summer fun!

By Ursula Hoeft

It was described as a Meet and Greet - a Doggy Ice Cream Social might be another name for it - but whatever you want to call it, it was big time fun when Rand Parkers got together on July 12.

A virtual "pack" of Rand Park members and their dogs met in the parking lot of the Prospect Heights Dairy Queen on what turned out to be a beautiful evening. Every dog received a free "pup cup" of ice cream. There were a lot of happy canine faces seen as dogs devoured their treats - lots of happy people faces, too. People ice cream was available for purchase at half price. (I pigged out! Who can resist ice cream?) It was all thanks to Mary and Frank Laurie.

Kate, Gus and Teddy, our "granddog" who was staying with us while his mom and dad were away, wasted no time eating their cups of ice cream, as you can see in the photo. (Left to right, Teddy, Kate, Gus.)



Since Rand Park takes a vacation from formal training in the Summer, the Meet and Greet was a much welcomed opportunity to get together with folks - and dogs - we haven't seen in a while and may not see again until September. Listening to them talk, it seems people have been keeping busy doing exciting and impressive things with their dogs. Some of their accomplishments are listed in this issue of Paw Prints.

In an email that JoAnn Neville sent she fittingly described the get-together: "Lovely evening at the DQ with Rand Park. Great ice cream, great weather, great friends.

Everyone, human and canine, had a wonderful time. Thank you to Rand Park organizers and especially to Mary and Frank Laurie for their generosity and hospitality."

I think we all agree with JoAnn!

Classes Start September 6

Once the Fourth of July is over, Summer seems to fly by! It soon will be September again and time to get back to Tuesday night training. The Class Registration Form for 2016-2017 was emailed to members for whom we have email addresses. It also is included in this issue of Paw Prints. Note that the registration deadline is August 24, but it's best to get your registration, and check, to Kathy Baureis ASAP. Classes fill up fast.



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All Dogs Go To Heaven

Sad news ...



From Michelle Jaworski

My sweet, loving Trixie was diagnosed with Degenerative Myelopathy last Tuesday, and while that disease in and of itself isn't painful, the falls and crashes as her back end gave out while walking or going up or downstairs to go out were. She suffered from arthritis, but had meds and supplements to help with that. The decision to euthanize was so very difficult, as Trixie was her usual happy persona. But mom struggled helping her, and there was danger of her falling down the stairs or Trixie seriously hurting herself, and we went with that as the guidance.

Trixie was mom's companion, and I felt like I had a dog in every room because wherever I was, Trixie would struggle to get up and come to be right next to me. We have never heard of canine DM before (similar to MS or Lou Gehrig's disease - a neurological disorder that causes loss of feeling in the back end and progresses to the front; no cures at this point in time) but it is good to become aware of it.

From Pat Duryea

I said goodbye to this beautiful precious girl on July 5th. She gave the hystiocytic sarcoma a good fight. The CCNU kept it at bay for 3 months but when it decided to have its way, there was no stopping it. Ruby was an incredible dog that wanted nothing more than to please me. She was loved by everyone who met her - she was an incredible ambassador for the breed. Ruby loved to work - passing her tracking test in under 5 minutes, great scores in obedience and in fact was the Rand Park Companion Dog in 2015 (notably absent from the report in the newsletter). Ruby took a piece of my heart with her...hope she has found Ivy and they are together.



(Sorry that Ruby's Companion Dog of the Year 2015 award was not mentioned in the newsletter. - Ursula)

Not the least hard thing to bear when they go from us, these quiet friends,
is that they carry away with them so many years of our own lives.

John Galsworthy

Important message from Barb Krynski ...

Hi, all! I'm going to be working on getting Rand Park some Face Book exposure! We need you to "Like," and "Share"! The more people who see it, the more people will know about us.

If you have some cute pictures, post them! I'm going to try to keep it fresh and new, so don't be surprised if you see me with a camera on Tuesday nights!

Rand Parkers have a lot to brag about

From Joanne Baran

Cooper Khan of Arlington Heights BN, CGCA qualified for his 1st leg in Rally Novice on Saturday, June 18, at the Golden Retriever Club of Illinois show; then placed 2nd for his 2nd leg on Sunday, June 19, at the North Shore Dog Training Club's show, both held at the Libertyville Sports Complex in Libertyville.

And Cooper qualified for his Rally Novice title on Saturday, July 9, at the Greater DeKalb Kennel Club show held at Northern Illinois University Convocation Center in DeKalb. He tied for 2nd place, but the purebred Australian Shepherd had the better time, so he took 3rd.

From Patti Stitz

My boy Golden Grace BB's Legacy (Barney) got his AKC Rally Novice title on Sunday, June 19, with a qualifying score of 98 out of 100 and a third place.

From Karyn McCoy

We do have good news to share. Buddy and I went to the Fox River Valley Kennel Club's trial on June 4th. Buddy earned his 3rd leg for a Rally Advanced title under Judge Sandy Gould so we got to do the happy dance.



From Cindy Placko

Burberry and Dannie have been busy this summer. Dannie, the black Lab finished up Leg #3 in Rally Advanced and earned her RA title at the DeKalb show. She now has her BN, RN, RA titles.

Burberry, the Weimaraner earned Leg #1 for his CD Novice Obedience, with a 186 score. He also earned Leg #1 for his Rally Advanced at the DeKalb show. He has his CGCA, BN, RN and will hopefully add RA and CD to his name over the next few months!

(Burberry and Dannie are in the photo on the left.)

From Eleanor Goss

Mackenzie is having fun doing Barn Hunt. In February, Mackenzie earned her Barn Hunt Open title with first place in all three legs.

July 24, Mackenzie received her Barn Hunt Senior title with first place in two legs and one second place leg. (Eleanor and Mackenzie are in the photo on the right.)

From Mary Laurie

Our summer has been busy, Boxer busy! Oscar and Vinny have achieved a NASCW Nosework 1 title. The day of the trial was over 90 degrees but my boys went to work w/o complaint. Couldn't say the same for the handlers. It was hot!

Their sniffers have been working overdrive. Vinny has passed into Masters level in Barnhunt and Oscar is close to catching up to him.

We are now in serious training for the Boxer specialty in early August. Whew!



From Gloria Urquhart

Bill Urquhart and Tara now have the title of "RATS"

Bill and Tara had a very successful weekend at For Your K9 Barn Hunt Trial July 23 and 24th. They received three qualifying scores out of four trials with two Second Placements and one Third Placement!!! They will now work on RATM. Way to Go!!!!

Scarlet, on the other hand, wasn't "feeling it" at the trials. She confided in me (Gloria) that the rats' odor wasn't strong enough for her to identify them. We will keep working on our RATS title!!! But we are very PROUD of our big sister Tara!!!!

Consider helping at Rand Park's VST Test on October 9

Nancy Foster is Chair and she will be asking - begging! - for tracklayers. Also needed is a driver for the judges and someone to take care of food both days. It seems like a long way off, but please consider setting time aside to help with this two day event (Saturday October 8 and Sunday, October 9).

Nancy says, "This is a Rand Park event and we'd like to see lots of Rand Park members. Please put it on your calendar. Thanks much!"

To know more or volunteer contact Nancy at nfoster1080@sbcglobal.net or 847-838-0322

Food for Your Funny Bone

- A Canadian psychologist is selling a video that teaches you how to test your dog's IQ. Here's how it works: If you spend \$12.99 for the video, your dog is smarter than you. - *Jay Leno*

- We've begun to long for the pitter-patter of little feet, so we bought a dog. It's cheaper, and you get more feet. - *Rita Rudner*

- Why do dogs always race to the door when the doorbell rings? It's hardly ever for them. - *Harry Hill*

- A sign said, "Do not allow your dog to chase, injure, or worry wildlife." How is a dog going to "worry" wildlife? Run up to a bird: "Hey, I think you've got something on your beak. It could be a tumor."

- *Andy Kindler*

- I tell ya, my dog is lazy. He don't chase cars. He sits on the curb and takes down license plate numbers. - *Rodney Dangerfield*

- A woman called an airline customer-service desk asking if she could take her dog on board. "Sure," I said, "as long as you provide your own kennel." I further explained that the kennel needed to be large enough for the dog to stand up, sit down, turn around, and roll over.

The customer was flummoxed: "I'll never be able to teach him all of that by tomorrow!"

The "Dog Days of Summer" - or How I spent my Summer Days

By Gustav Zu Hoefft CD, CGC - a.k.a Gus

The other day I heard mom and the neighborhood ladies talking about the "dog days of summer." I didn't know what that was but it sounded like something good, maybe like Northbrook Days which seems to be a real fun event that's held in my town every August. I say "seems to be" because I've never actually been to Northbrook Days. I've only heard the music and the noise: kids screaming happily, lots of laughter, coming from the park near our house where it's held. And I've smelled the wonderful aroma of food, lots of delicious food that drifts all the way to my yard.

The reason I've never been to Northbrook Days is because a few years ago some ill-behaved dog lifted his leg and whizzed on a case of pop that was sitting next to a food vendor's booth. A serious faux paw! The miscreant committed this disgusting act right in front of a policeman! Not just any policeman, mind you, but the deputy chief. The DC likes dogs but he didn't like pee on his can of Coke, so he immediately had an ordinance passed prohibiting dogs from being in the park any time that food is served. That, of course, includes Northbrook Days. What a bummer!

But I digress. I wanted to know more about this "dog days of summer" thing, so, when I had a chance to get my paws on the computer, I did a Google search. According to Wikipedia, it was the Romans who coined the term "dog days" which they associated with hot summer weather and the star Sirius, the "dog star." The "dog days" originally were the days when Sirius rose just before or at the same time as sunrise, which is no longer true, due to "precession of the equinoxes." (*We all know what that means, don't we?*)

It seems that the Romans sacrificed a brown dog at the beginning of the "dog days" to appease the rage of Sirius, believing that the star was the cause of the hot, sultry weather. (*I don't even want to think about it!*)

Wikipedia also says, "Dog Days were popularly believed to be an evil time when the seas boiled, wine turned sour, dogs grew mad, and all creatures became languid, causing to man burning fevers, hysterics, and phrensies." (*I don't know what "phrensies" is, but it doesn't sound good - not the fun time I was hoping "dog days" would be.*)

And "A casual survey will usually find that many people believe the phrase is in reference to the conspicuous laziness of domesticated dogs (who are in danger of overheating with too much exercise) during the hottest days of the summer. (*Who are they calling lazy???*)

If you think I'm having a lazy summer, it ain't so! First thing every morning it's my job to get the newspaper from the end of the driveway and schlep it into the house. OK, OK, it isn't all bad. Mom always gives me a delicious treat when I hand her the paper but I'd prefer to do the newspaper fetching thing a little later in the day, after I've gotten more sleep!

Then, every morning, I have to take mom and dad for a walk. And now that she's part of the family, I have to take Kate along, too. Honestly, you'd think they could find the way on their own and let me crawl back into bed. Mom and dad have lived in our neighborhood for 40 years, obviously a lot longer than I have; they've got to know their way around by now! But, no, I always have to come along to lead the way.

And, of course, I still have to chase the mailman away every morning. Doesn't he take a summer break? And speaking of chasing, I've got rabbits and squirrels to chase - more of them in the summer than the rest of the year. It's exhausting!

As you can see, my "dog days of summer" are anything but lazy! I hope your summer is more relaxing and that you'll soon be "raring at the bit" to get back to training. If you haven't already done so, be sure to get your registration form to DOT Kathy Baureis a.s.a.p. See you in September!

The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs



Titles are nice, but here's the REAL REASON WHY WE OWN DOGS ...

... Their smiling faces make our lives happier!

Don't forget to send me your "Reasons Why" unless you want to keep seeing poodles! Ok, Ok, they're great looking dogs, but Paw Prints readers want to know why owning a dog makes **your** life better. Email your photos and captions to randparkpawprints@live.com. You can also send them by U.S. mail to Ursula Hoeft, 1814 Illinois Road, Northbrook, IL 60062.

Also be sure to send me your news - brags! - and other stuff that you think will be interesting to Rand Park members. But I can't print copyrighted material without the author's permission.

- Ursula

"Just A Dog"

From time to time people tell me, "Lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "That's a lot of money for just a dog."

They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and, in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy.

"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person.

Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me, and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a human."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile....because they "just don't understand."

- Anonymous

Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

Session:	Fall	Winter	Spring
Classes begin:	September 6, 2016	November 29, 2016	February 28, 2017
Orientation - Session Ends:	9/6/2016 – 11/22/2016	11/29/2016 – 2/21/2017	2/28/2017 - 5/16/2017
Registration Deadline:	August 23, 2016	November 15, 2016	February 9, 2017

Classes are filled on a "first come, first served" basis.

Note: late registrations will not be considered for any "special requests"

Training Fees, Proof of Rabies Vaccination, and Signed Waiver must accompany this form.

Training fees: Members: \$80 per class; two dogs \$120; three dogs \$140.00
Non-Members: \$100; two dogs \$150; Rally as a second class for any dog \$40.00
(To qualify, both dogs must be handled by the same person)

Mail this form and a check to:

Kathy Baureis 1680 Bedford Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 (dotrandpark@gmail.com)

Make checks payable to: Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

Note: Confirmation of class registration will be **mailed** during the week **following** orientation.

Registration Form

A separate form must be submitted for each dog. Please print legibly!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Dog's Name _____

Breed _____

Age _____ Sex _____

Instructors please check here **Session:** Fall Winter Spring

Class:

- _____ **Puppy – members and current trainees only. (See Note, below)**
- _____ **Beginners - for dogs that completed Puppy Class or dogs over 6 months of age (see Note, below)**
- _____ **Advanced Beginners - for dogs that completed Beginner Class**
- _____ **Novice – AKC Beginners Title**
- _____ **Intermediate - show preparation for Novice level**
- _____ **Pre-Open / Grad Novice - for dogs beginning and working on Open level training**
- _____ **Open - dogs must retrieve dumbbell and be consistently working ALL Open exercises**
- _____ **Pre-Utility / Utility - for dogs beginning and working on Utility level training**
- _____ **Rally – All Rally levels**
- _____ **Nosework**

Special requests _____

If you believe you are qualified to move up to the next class level, you may do so with the approval of the Director of Training. Instructors' recommendations will be honored.

Note: Do not use this form to register a new student/handler. All NEW students must be enrolled through the Registration Chairman at (847-208-3584), regardless of what class they start in. Existing students and members with new dogs may register through the DOT.

WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND HOLD HARMLESS INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I understand that attendance at, and participation in a dog training class, seminar, trial, workshop, show, or practice is not without inherent risks to myself, members of my family (or guests who man attend), and my dogs. I acknowledge that some dogs to which we may be exposed may be difficult to control and may be the cause of injury even when handled with the greatest amount of professional care.

I hereby waive and release RAND PARK DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC., its officers, directors, board members, trainers, instructors, volunteers, members, and anyone associated with them, from any and all liability of any nature and kind, for any injury or damage which I, or my dogs, may suffer, including but not limited to, any injury or damage resulting from the action or conduct of any dog, the condition, maintenance, and supervision of the premises, or the placement or choice of equipment. I expressly assume the risk of any such damage or injury while attending any class, seminar, workshop, or any other function, or while training with obstacles, or while upon the premises used for the training grounds or areas surrounding thereto.

In consideration of the acceptance of my application to participate in a function of the RAND PARK DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC., I hereby agree to indemnify and hold them harmless, including their officers, board members, directors, members, trainers, instructors, agents, and volunteers, from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, expenses, suits, actions, losses, recoveries, judgments, attorney fees, costs, or expenses arising out of or in connection with any injury or death or damage to property as a result of the use of said premises, or participation in the above described activities, by myself or my heirs, representatives, dependents, or invitees. By my signature which follows, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this agreement.

_____ Date: _____
Signature

Printed Name

Address

Proof of Rabies Vaccination

Annual Proof of Rabies Vaccination is required for all dogs. September session only, and for any dog starting in a later session without a September Proof of Rabies Vaccination on file. A copy of the veterinarian's receipt is acceptable.

Owner's name _____ Dog's Name _____
Rabies shot date _____ 1 yr. 3 yr. Tag # _____
Titer Test Date _____

Veterinarians Name _____ Phone number _____

Training Calendar - Year 2016/2017

Rand Park Dog Training Club

Fall Session	
September 6	Orientation
September 13	Training week 1
September 20	Week 2
September 27	Week 3
October 4	Week 4
October 11	Training Week 5 – Membership Meeting
October 18	Week 6
October 25	Week 7
November 1	Week 8
November 8	Week 9
November 15	Week 10
November 22	Evaluation
Winter Session	
November 29	Orientation
December 6	Training Week 1
December 13	Week 2
December 20	Week 3
December 27	Week 4
January 3	Week 5
January 10	Week 6
January 17	Training Week 7 – Membership Meeting
January 24	Week 8
January 31	Week 9
February 7	Week 10
February 14	Evaluation
February 21	Program
Spring Session	
February 28	Orientation - Membership Meeting
March 7	Training Week 1
March 14	Week 2
March 21	Week 3
March 28	Week 4
April 4	Week 5
April 11	Training Week 6 – Membership Meeting
April 18	Week 7
April 25	Week 8
May 2	Week 9
May 9	Week 10
May 16	Evaluation

Training hours: 6:15-7:05; 7:10-8:00; 8:05-8:55, 9:00-9:55, **Except** on October 11, January 17, February 28 and April 11. On those nights classes will be shortened to allow time for the Membership Meetings. Training hours will be 6:15 to 6:50; 6:55 to 7:35; 7:40 to 8:20; 8:25 to 9:05.

Meetings will immediately follow the last classes.

PLEASE KEEP THIS CALENDAR FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

Rand Park Dog Training Club Fun Matches

2016 Fun Match Dates

July 2, Sept 3 , October 1, November 5, December 3.

**At For Your Canine
1975 Cornell
Melrose Park, Illinois
(For Your Canine is air conditioned)**

Judging starts at 10:00 a.m.

No entries will be accepted after 12:00 p.m.

Fees: Pre-entry: \$8 (\$7 for second entry of same dog)

Gate entry: \$9 (\$8 for second entry of same dog)

**Classes Offered: Beginner Novice – Novice – Open – Utility
Enter Early – All classes are limited to 30 entries**

Mail entries to: Jean Eremo, 2511 N. 79th Ave., Elmwood Park, IL 60707

For more information: 708-453-5128 – JEANEREMO@AOL.COM

Make checks payable to: Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc. (RPDTC)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Breed: _____ Dog's Name: _____

Class: _____ Additional Class: _____ Jump Heights: _____

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc., its officers, directors and members against any and all claims or actions that may at any time be made or instituted against them or any of them by any person for the purpose of enforcing any cause or action growing out of or connected with my attendance or my dog's attendance at the Fun Matches conducted by the Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Clinic Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____

Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.