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Paw Prints

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

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Important Dates ...

- February 7 – Correction Clinic
- February 18 - Class Registration Deadline
- February 24 – Orientation & Membership Meeting
- April 25 & 26 – Rally and Obedience trials
- May 3 - Awards Banquet

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Send me your news, stories, anything of interest to "dog people."

News/articles received by the Editor by the 20th of the month will be included in the next month's issue of Paw Prints if suitable and space permits.

Visit Rand Park's Website:
<http://randparkdtc.org>

President's Message

I hope I don't jinx it, but this winter has been so much better than last year! I do hope it continues. The dogs and I have enjoyed being outside.

We are more than halfway through our winter obedience session. Time has been flying! Remember, if you cannot attend one of the Tuesday night classes, be sure to notify your instructor (or one of your instructors if you have two). Some instructors are coming just to instruct. They don't want to drive a long way to discover that none of their students are coming that night.

Our next membership meeting is on February 24, immediately following spring orientation. The meeting will start around 8 pm. I hope all of you will attend! It will be great to see you.

Soon it will be spring and it will be time for our Awards Banquet. Please save the date, Sunday, May 3. It will again be at the Elks Club in Des Plaines. More information is in this issue of Paw Prints.

Keep warm and healthy!

Lois Leidahl-Marsh

Suggestions from Diane Muzzey on how to keep dogs busy and happy on cold Winter days –

Just a couple ideas to keep the pups busy during the cold, snowy days when you can't spend much time outside. (We hope there won't be many more of those this year!)

I play a type of "shell game" with them to find things. Get three or more plastic cups or old cottage cheese cartons. Put your dog on a sit/down stay and hide a treat under one of them. Then release them to "go find" gets interesting seeing how the chow hounds will move them all over the floor or attack them!

Try teaching your dog to weave in and out of your legs or put on some music and have your dog follow your hand movements to create some doggy dancing moves! Be careful not to trip over them!!

Thanks, Diane!

Sad news

"Ivy" – Trillium Classique She's A Brickhouse, CD, RAE, NDD, BNDD September 2, 2005 to November 1, 2014

With great sadness, I said good-bye to my best friend on November 1, 2014. Ivy was with me for 9 years and it has been painful to adjust to life without her. Ivy was a goofy happy girl and I miss her every day. I miss her sleeping on my bed, miss her walking me, miss her reminding me that it is time for a treat, and most of all I miss her greeting me when I come home. She was always close to me. She was a wonderful teacher to Ruby's puppies and was sweet and gentle with my grandchildren.

My son, Jake, and I co-owned Ivy and, unfortunately, he is currently deployed by Air Force when she was diagnosed with Histiocytic Sarcoma in early September; however, we Skyped almost every day the last two weeks.

Ivy worked for everyone in the family. She got her Rally Novice title with Jake, her CD with my sister Lynn, Rally Advanced and Excellent and the RAE with me. At 8 years old, Ivy and I got her Draft title and then she went on the road with my sister Sue and got her Brace Draft Title with Sue's boy Will.

Ivy wasn't perfect but she was perfect for me. She will always be missed.

Pat Duryea



The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs

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

... they watch over us!

On the left: The Gobbo's dog, Baron, at training,
watching to make sure everything is in good order.

PLEASE send me your pictures and captions for "*The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs.*" I'm sure you all have wonderful pictures of your dogs and great reasons why they enhance your lives. Send them to me!

Email your photos and captions for "*The Real Reason Why*" to randparkpawprints@live.com. You can also send them to me via snail mail (Ursula Hoeft, 1814 Illinois Road, Northbrook, IL 60062) or give them to me at training on Tuesday nights.

– Ursula

Member News

From Dennis Erickson

My dog Kelly is Miss August in the 2015 Central Illinois Sheltie Rescue Calendar. All the dogs in the calendar are rescues from there. Samantha, my other dog, also is from the rescue and was in their calendar two years ago. So I live with two beautiful calendar girls!

Lucky Dennis!

(That's Kelly, aka Miss August 20, 2015, on the right)



From Karyn McCoy

Some good news to share. I had the 1st weekend in December off so Buddy and I went to the Skokie Valley KC show in Rosemont. Buddy received 2nd place in Beginner Novice A with a score of 189. And on Saturday he received 1st place with a score of 95 in Rally Novice A for his RN title (he was the only one in the class). We went back on Sunday and he passed the AKC Community Canine test for his CGCA title.

Congratulations, Karyn and Buddy!

(Photo on left: Buddy with his ribbons.)

"We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made"
--M. Facklam

Consider Helping With Tracking Tests

I know it's cold and wintry and hard to think about tracking, but it's already time to staff our 2015 trials. AKC requires paperwork months in advance.

Right now, we are looking for people to fill the following positions:

Spring VST Weekend of May 16-17 Chairperson Secretary is Barb Larsen

Fall TDX Weekend of Sept 19-20 Chairperson Secretary

Fall VST Weekend of Oct 3-4 Chairperson Secretary

Don't be afraid to try these positions, as we offer full help and support from more experienced trackers and instructors.

Please step up and get back to me as soon as possible so we can get our AKC requirements filed on time. Thanks!

Diane Muzzey

(Diane's email address is ctbrady97@yahoo.com/phone number is 630-924-5728)



**YOUR
club
needs
YOU!**

Help Wanted

There's no shortage of jobs that need to be filled at Rand Park's Obedience and Rally Trials on Saturday, April 25, and Sunday, April 26. They include:

- Gate Steward
- Table Steward
- Ring Steward
- Equipment Set-up, etc.
- And More

No experience needed – On the job training will be provided.

If you're new to the exciting world of dog obedience, stewarding is a great way to see what a Trial is all about.

To learn more about stewarding and/or to volunteer:

For Rally, contact Rally Chief Ring Steward Laurie Ingstrup by e-mail to iqueenbee1@aol.com or phone her at 847-470-0395.

For Obedience, contact Obedience Chief Ring Steward Barb Pische by e-mail to remi2332@sbcglobal.net or call her at 773-637-5491.

There will be plenty of people to help transport equipment, set up rings, jumps, etc. at our Trials, but we need an Equipment Chair to coordinate the work.

And, yes, there is such a thing as a *free lunch* ... for everyone who works at the Trials. No pay, though – sorry! But lots of gratitude.

*We need an Equipment Chair for our Trials in April. To learn more about this exciting, rewarding and **essential** "job," please contact me by phone (847-272-5545) or by e-mail to ursula@u.northwestern.edu, or see me at training.*

Ursula

Bulletin Board

- In the Fall, someone left a lady's beige leather jacket at training. In the pockets were Blue dog treats. Please get in touch with Sonja Lund at 773-622-7872, or by e-mail to slund2009@sbcglobal.net to claim it.
- The registration deadline for the Spring training session is February 18. It's best to sign up early – classes fill fast. The registration form is in this issue of Paw Prints.
- Please consider bringing dog and/or cat food to the February 24 Orientation/Membership Meeting. The food will be donated to a local food pantry where it will be made available to needy pet owners.
- Don't miss the Awards Banquet on May 3. It's always a good time. The reservation form is in this issue of Paw Prints.
- We want to again have an appealing assortment of raffle prizes at the Awards Banquet. Bring items you want to donate to training. Marge Karbala will be glad to receive them.
- Consider making a donation to the Obedience Trial General Fund. The Fund helps pay for the ribbons, etc. that will be awarded at our Obedience and Rally trials. A form is in this issue of Paw Prints.
- Jean Eremo can always use people to Steward at her monthly Correction Clinics. See the form in this issue of Paw Prints for dates. Send her an email to let her know that you're coming to Steward:
jeaneremo@aol.com

Legislative Liaison Committee Report January 7, 2015

Rand Park's Legislative Committee consists of Margo Milde, Chair mrm1206@yahoo.com and Lois Leidahl-Marsh berniersplus@comcast.net Please be sure to contact us with any pet legislation concerns or questions.

"As a man is said to have a right to his property, he may be equally said to have a property in his rights. Where an excess of power prevails, property of no sort is duly respected. No man is safe in his opinions, his person, his faculties, or his possessions." --James Madison, National Gazette Essay, 1792

And with the above quote, we'll head right into the hottest local topic that I've seen in some time, **the confiscation of a litter of 6-week-old Bulldog pups from the Bass family in Waukegan, IL, for failure to pay an obscure \$25 dog breeding license fee which can't even be found on the City of Waukegan website.** Various sources of the story, but I'll sum up from information posted on the Animal Legal Resources LLC Facebook page as posted by one of their attorneys, Sheila Kessler. The Bass family of Waukegan owns a female purebred Bulldog, and bred her with hopes of selling the puppies. They apparently were doing everything right: all needed veterinary care for the dam and her pups (the puppies had just had their 6-week checkups at the vet before all this occurred), raising the puppies in the home with the family, pending written contract sales to assure good homes for the puppies, and planning to not let the puppies leave their dam before 8 weeks of age. This was definitely no "puppy mill", and care for the dam and her pups was superb. On December 24, a sting operation was carried out by Waukegan Police Officer Lt. Kelly, who pretended to be a potential puppy buyer, and who was apparently accompanied by a person involved with a private rescue, Wags to Wishes of Joliet, IL. Lt. Kelly arrested Mr. Bass for not having a \$25 City of Waukegan dog breeding license of which he had been completely unaware. The six puppies were confiscated, and immediately taken in by the Wags to Wishes person for "adoption." Waukegan was very much taken aback by the negative fallout of this action, since the story hit nationwide. It didn't exactly help Waukegan's cause that Mr. Bass is a veteran, as well! Dog owners and breeders from across the United States rallied in very vocal protest, and Mr. Bass hired an excellent attorney to fight back. Concerned about the negative publicity his community was receiving, Waukegan Mayor Wayne Motley became involved, taking the side of the Bass family, and obtaining the return of all pups safe and sound to the Bass family home. Lt. Kelly is now "on vacation", and it was made clear that she did not have authority to arrest Mr. Bass nor confiscate the puppies. Attorney Kessler is assisting a Waukegan alderman in proposing helpful revisions to Waukegan animal law so this travesty of justice would not occur again. This was one happy ending! Animal Legal Resources LLC's Facebook page can be found at this link, where you can read all of the informative posts written by Attorney Kessler on this case, including those dealing with Constitutional issues which I found particularly fascinating reading:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Animal-Legal-Resources-LLC/150005925060837?fref=nf>

I have many more comments about this case than could fill up this entire issue of *Paw Prints*, so I'll just mention one here. Under Illinois state law, for their protection, puppies must be 8 weeks of age to be sold. (Mr. Bass had told potential buyers that he would not release the puppies before 8 weeks of age.) But when confiscated, these 6-week old pups were taken from their dam residing under very healthy home-raised conditions, and then sent to a foster home and exposed to God-knows-what diseases from other foster dogs--on what is just a technical licensing violation, and a petty (not criminal) offense? Really, I just don't get it. This was certainly not in the pups' best interests to be removed from that home. What on earth were they "rescued" for, anyway?

"Smartphone App Launched to Catch Animal Abusers" – or is that us? Animal owners, breeders, trainers, exhibitors and sportsmen are being warned about a new Smartphone App designed supposedly to more easily reveal animal abusive activities to law enforcement, but which could be just as easily aimed at legitimate and legal animal-related activities, and used as tools of harassment even when no laws are broken. Be very careful about letting unauthorized photographs of you and your dogs, especially on your property, or in hunting or

training activities, to be taken by anyone you do not know really well, since they may be used against you in the future. This new App is, of course, enthusiastically supported by the Humane Society of the United States. This was a big topic on pet legislation lists several months ago, and many consider the threat against us serious. http://www.officer.com/press_release/12012799/smartphone-app-launched-to-catch-animal-abusers

New AKC Government Relations -- 2015 Legislation Tracking webpage: Concerned about legislation here in Illinois or neighboring states or elsewhere for 2015? Then be sure to bookmark this link to AKC's 2015 Legislation Tracking page, and check it frequently for updates. They promise to update it "daily." <http://www.cqstatetrack.com/texis/viewrpt/main.html?event=49bfaef9bd>

Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners (IFDCO) will again be working hard for YOU in the upcoming legislative session! Be certain to check the IFDCO webpage often, and click on the Legislation tab (lower right of page) for updated information on 2015 Illinois bills to follow and take action on: <http://www.ifdco.org/>

Illinois Department of Agriculture has a new and easy to use webpage for finding all Illinois animal related laws: This webpage is very much easier to search than their previous one. If you have any question about Illinois animal law and need to do some research, this page, entitled "Animal Health / Welfare Laws, Division of Food Safety and Animal Protection Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare", will very much come in handy: <http://www.agr.state.il.us/laws/>

Obedience Trial Donations

Once again we ask that you consider supporting our club and exhibitors at our annual Obedience Trial.

Monetary donations to the General Fund of any amount are needed and appreciated as these pay for all the Ribbons, High In Trial and High Combined prizes and any placement awards offered. Please fill out the form below so that your name will appear in the catalog; mail it, and your donation, to Eleanor Goss. Your donation must be received no later than March 30 for your name to be included in the catalog.

DONATION TO THE 2015 OBEDIENCE TRIAL GENERAL FUND

Name(s): _____

Amount _____

**Mail to: Eleanor Goss
1863 Sycamore
Des Plaines, IL 60018**

To have your name included in the trial catalog your donation must be received no later than March 30.



Membership Dues

Rand Park Dog Training Club Annual membership dues ~~are~~ were-due
January 1, 2015

If you haven't yet paid your dues, please complete the form below and send it, along with your check to:

Linda Forman
505 Courtesy Lane
Des Plaines, IL 60018

Make checks payable to **Rand Park Dog Training Club (RPDTC)** –
Please fill in lower portion and return with dues.

If you are a new member and your dues were paid October 1, 2014 or later you do not need to pay 2015 dues. However, please return the form and write **NEW MEMBER** at the bottom.

Single membership \$20.00 Family membership \$30.00

Senior Citizen discount 25% (65 years or older) Single \$15 Family \$22.50

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Breed(s) _____

e-mail address _____

(Please print clearly)



*Come celebrate with us at the
Rand Park Dog Training Club's
Annual Awards Banquet
And Raffle*

Des Plaines Elk Club – 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL

*Join us on Sunday, May 3rd at 12 noon,
for complimentary Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres
Lunch to follow at 1 p.m. – Filet Mignon and Chicken Breast
\$38 per person*

Please RSVP by April 27



*Donations for the Banquet Raffle will be appreciated.
Bring your donations – gifts, gift certificates, money – to training,
or contact Marge Kabala at 773-750-9989 to make other arrangements.*

*For more information, contact Lois Breslow (847-966-
7908;lois8430@comcast.net) or
Marion Meseth (847-827-6530; demeseth@yahoo.com)*

Send your reservation(s), with your check payable to Rand Park DTC, to:
Lois Breslow, 8430 Major Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053

Name(s): _____

Number in party: _____ Check enclosed: \$ _____

Please seat me/us with: _____

Tables seat eight. Seating requests will be accommodated where possible.

No worries if you're not including a seating request – you'll be seated with interesting, fun people!



**Rand Park Dog Training Club Inc.
Training Calendar for Year 2014-2015**

Fall Session	
September 2	Orientation
September 9	Training Week 1
September 16	Training Week 2
September 23	Training Week 3
September 30	Training Week 4
October 7	Training Week 5 Membership Meeting
October 14	Training Week 6
October 21	Training Week 7
October 28	Training Week 8
November 4	Training Week 9
November 11	Training Week 10
November 18	Evaluation
Winter Session	
November 25	Orientation
December 2	Training Week 1
December 9	Training Week 2
December 16	Training Week 3
December 23	Training Week 4
December 30	Training Week 5
January 6	Training Week 6
January 13	Training Week 7 Membership Meeting
January 20	Training Week 8
January 27	Training Week 9
February 03	Training Week 10
February 10	Evaluation
February 17	PROGRAM
Spring Session	
February 24	Orientation Membership Meeting
March 03	Training Week 1
March 10	Training Week 2
March 17	Training Week 3
March 24	Training Week 4
March 31	Training Week 5
April 07	Training Week 6 Membership Meeting
April 14	Training Week 7
April 21	Training Week 8
April 28	Training Week 9
May 05	Training Week 10
May 12	Evaluation
May 19	CANINE GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Training Hours:

6:15 to 7:05;
7:10 to 8:00;
8:05 to 8:55;
9:00 to 9:55

**Except on October 7,
January 13, and
April 7.**

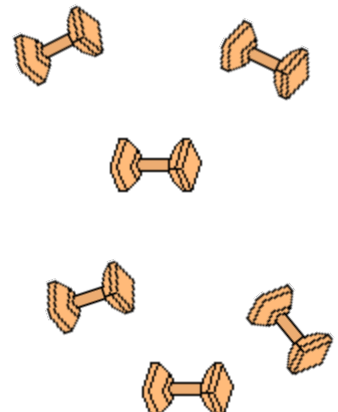
On those nights,
classes will be
shortened to allow
time for the
Membership
Meetings.

**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, Inc.

Check Session:	Fall	Winter	Spring
Classes begin:	September 9, 2014	December 2, 2014	March 3, 2015
Orientation - Session Ends:	9/2/2014 – 11/18/2014	11/25/2014 – 2/10/2015	2/24/2015 – 5/12/2015
Registration Deadline:	August 20, 2014	November 12, 2014	February 18, 2015

Classes are filled on a "first come, first served" basis. Members have first rights to any class.

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

Training Fees and completed Health Certificate (if required) 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)

Non-Members who have refused membership double the cost of classes

Mail this form and a check to:

Sheryl Phelps, 2533 S. Harvey Ave., Berwyn, IL. 60402-2613 630 546-8816

Barb Pische 773 637-5491

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 **Registering for 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

Special requests _____

If you believe you are qualified to move up to the next class level, you may do so with the OK 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, Gloria Urquhart (847-825-3318), regardless of what class they start in. Existing students and members with new dogs may register through the DOT.

Health Certificate

Annual Health Certificate is required for all dogs, **September session only**, and for any dog starting in a later session without a September Certificate 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 # _____

Vet's Signature _____ Phone number _____

Rand Park Dog Training Club Correction Clinics

2015 Correction Clinic Dates:

February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11

at

For Your Canine Annex

3312 Bloomingdale Rd (around the corner from 1975 Cornell Bldg)

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 correction clinics conducted by the Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Clinic Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____

Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

Sage advice from our dogs

- * When loved ones come home, always run to greet them;
- * Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride;
- * Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy;
- * Take naps;
- * Stretch before rising;
- * Run, romp, and play daily;
- * Thrive on attention and let people touch you;
- * Avoid biting when a simple growl will do;
- * On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass;
- * On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree;
- * When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body;
- * Delight in the simple joy of a long walk;
- * Be loyal;
- * Never pretend to be something you're not;
- * If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it;
- * When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently



The photo was taken by Karyn McCoy. Thank you, Karyn!

The advice is something I found on-line a few years ago and re-read periodically. I think I'll tape it onto my medicine cabinet so that I'm sure to read it again every morning to remind me what's important in life.

—Ursula