

Paw Prints

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



April, 2011

Rand Park's Annual Awards Banquet

By Ursula Hoeft

It's the best deal in town!

With the price of gasoline skyrocketing, taxes going up, and the cost of just about everything rising, Rand Park DTC's Board decided to do something almost unheard of in this day and age. They lowered – **yes, lowered!** – the cost to attend this year's Awards Banquet to \$20 per person. May 15 is the date. Be there or be square!

If you've never been to a Rand Park Awards Banquet, don't miss it this year! (*Those who have attended in the past know what a good time it is!*) You'll have time to visit with other Rand Park members, imbibe in an adult beverage, or a non-alcoholic drink, if you prefer, and enjoy a delicious meal. And you'll bask in the good fellowship that's always abundant when Rand Park members get together.

You'll be inspired, too, – I always am! – when you see all the fantastic awards that will be presented to Rand Park members for their achievements during the past year. And you'll be motivated to dedicate more time to training so that you'll be among the folks receiving awards next year.

But you won't go home empty handed even if you're not receiving an award. Everyone who attends will receive a Rand Park polo shirt. And with a little luck, you'll win one of the terrific prizes that will be raffled off. Jeneane Hinrichsen and Sunny Lund are again in charge of the raffle, which is an important Club fundraiser. You can use any Rand Park Certificates you have left to buy raffle tickets – this will be the last time they can be used. Look for information in this issue of Paw Prints about how you can help make the raffle as successful as possible.

Also included in this issue of Paw Prints is an invitation with details about the Awards Banquet. Be sure to fill it out and return it, with your check, by May 9th. Bring your family and friends. But if you're not coming with a group, don't worry about filling in the "seating request" section. The folks in charge of the Banquet will seat you with interesting and friendly folks. It's easy to do – all dog lovers are interesting and friendly!



Just a few of the awards that were presented last year for titles earned.

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

Send me your news. Club members want to know about your accomplishments. Your "brags" will inspire others.

From the DOT

Our CGC Test on March 1st was very successful thanks to our wonderful judges Kathy Hansen, Sheryl Phelps and Barb Pische. Our helpers were outstanding, and I would like to thank Gloria, Bill and Daisy Urquhart, Jerry Wulff, Joe and Kathy Hahn (Kathy was exceptional with her walker after months of practice), Ike Lichter, Carole Burns, Marion Meseth, Ruth Shields and Karen Mc Coy.

There were many who contributed refreshments, and I would also like to thank Gloria Urquhart and Michelle Jaworski for their efforts in setting up and cleaning up after the test.

Dee Morrison, Director of Training

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW CGC TEAMS!

Susan Burgo and Cheyenne
Sonja Lund and Sassi
Ruth Shields and Ceilidh
Clyde Werner and Rosebud
Dorothy Dokey and Trapper
Pat Beckstrom and Cruizer
Mary Kruse and Oscar
Linda Forman and Suka
Adele Schaffer and Bella
Eileen Hennessy and Annie
Donna Barlow and Kenzie
Sal Storniolo and Bella
Julie Rutkowski and Pixie
Doug Erikson and Che
Karen Shaubel and Maya
Diane Mussey and Evie
Nancy Schneider and Franklin

Help Wanted

There's no shortage of jobs that need to be filled at Rand Park's Obedience and Rally Trials on Sunday, May 1. They include:

- Gate Steward
- Table Steward
- Ring Steward
- And More

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

You don't have to work all day – Shifts will be arranged.

Rand Park is an "equal opportunity employer," so ask your relatives, friends and neighbors to help, too.

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, contact Chief Ring Stewards Pat Beckstrom (847-934-9630) or Dee Morrison (847-827-7120 - dlvslabs@comcast.net)

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.

(The Trials will be held at Sports Zone, 1956 Cornell Ave., Melrose Park.)

Help is also needed with set-up on Saturday evening before the Trial and break-down when the Trial is over on Sunday.

For more information, or to volunteer, please see Bill Urquhart at training or call him at 847-825-3318.

The following Anniversary Pins will be presented at the Awards Banquet.

If you feel that you are also eligible for a 10 or 25 year pin,
please call Marion Meseth at 847-827-6530.

10 Year Pins: Kevin O'Grady
Eileen O'Grady
Joe Hahn

25 Year Pins: Linda Manrose
Sheryl Phelps

50 Year Pin: Rudy Kuper

The More Raffle Prizes The More Fun!

Please consider donating items for the Awards Banquet raffle. Jeneane Hinrichson and Sonny Lund are in charge, and they want to have as much "stuff" as possible to raffle off without dipping into the Club's treasury. To do that, they need your help!

Jeneane and Sonny will welcome donations of dog gear, of course, but they'll also be glad to get just about anything else you care to donate. Some of the items they receive will be included in baskets geared to a particular theme, so you might consider things for gardening, scrapbooking, picnicking, reading, a romantic evening at home, to mention just a few. You'll think of others – use your imagination! Small items will also be appreciated;

they'll be included in baskets and will make for more variety. Consider sponsoring a whole basket - maybe ask someone to partner on it with you. Money donations will also be gratefully accepted.

You'll be able to use Rand Park Certificates to buy raffle tickets. It's the last time you'll be able to use them.

Bring your raffle donations to the training hall or call Jeneane (847-823-6155) or Sonny (773-622-7872) if you need to make other arrangements or want to know more about the raffle. They need items by May 10 to get everything ready for the Banquet.

Dog Obedience Demonstration Team

By Gloria Urquhart

Our dogs are always a hit when we visit nursing homes and adult day care centers with them.

Many of our members are unaware of the parameters for participating in the Demo Team when a demonstration is scheduled. All we request of you, as the handler, is that your dog can be under control and pleasant when visiting nursing homes and other similar facilities. Most of our dogs have very good manners and we insist that they use them during visits.

At times we put on a formal obedience demonstration and at other times we conduct what is known as a "Meet and Greet" session. For the formal demonstration we do a limited amount of heeling, sits and downs, recalls and figure eights. But for the "Meet and Greets" all we do is walk around the facility, visit with the residents and let them pet our dogs and ask any questions about them that they have.

At this time we have three scheduled visits that we do every month:

1. Lutheran General Adult Day Care – 1st Monday of every month at 1:30.
2. Ballard Nursing Home – Fluctuates from 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2:00.
3. Nazarethville – 2nd Saturday of every month at 10:15 (excluding the summer months of June, July and August).

Please consider sharing your dog(s) with people at these facilities (mostly seniors) and you'll realize what joy our pets bring to them!!

For more information about visits #1 and #2, call Gloria Urquhart - 847-825-3318.

For more information about visit #3, call Barb Pische - 773-637-5491.

Bios submitted by the four candidates running for the three Director offices that need to be filled are on the next two pages. Diane Muzzey, Lois Breslow and Karyn McCoy were slated by the Nominating Committee; Terri Everwine was nominated from the floor at the March 8 Membership Meeting.

See the minutes of the March 15 Membership Meeting in this issue of Paw Prints for the complete slate.

Be sure to attend the April 12 Membership Meeting to cast your vote.

Meet the Candidates for Director

Slated by the Nominating Committee:

Diane Muzzey

As a candidate for director of Rand Park Dog Training Club, I've been asked to introduce myself. My name is Diane Muzzey and I grew up with dogs, mostly German Shepherds. I began training my ILP German Shepherd, Amber, in basic obedience at the park district with Marion Meseth in 1983. Eventually we joined Rand Park in 1985 and I continued obedience with my Shepherd mix and even tried tracking. I earned my first CD with Amber.

The competitive bug hit me hard around 1988, and that's when I bought my first pedigreed dog, a Belgian Malinois. Brie was eager to please so we worked hard and got our CD, CDX, and we were trialing in utility when an injury forced me to retire her from jumping. She had earned her TD in between and then I decided to try out the "new" tracking event, Variable Surface Tracking. When Rand Park began offering classes at Fort Sheridan, I decided to jump on board.

I quickly became addicted to tracking and in 1997 purchased another Malinois, Brady, so I could have twice the fun! A couple years later, another Malinois,

Rox. I continued training in obedience but tracking became my specialty. The culmination and most thrilling moment of all my years of training was the moment that Brady found that leather coin purse on his VST to become a Champion Tracker!!

Besides all the training, I have instructed obedience and tracking classes for years at Rand. I've served on various committees, including hospitality, banquet, nominating, and building. For the past several years, I've been responsible for obtaining judges, chairmen, and secretaries for Rand's tracking trials. I've consistently volunteered to assist at our obedience and tracking trials because I believe it's necessary to support the club – we need active members, not passive ones.

Good friends and comrades, good times, good events, good food, sharing wonderful memories with our beloved dogs, have all made Rand Park a very important part of my social life over the years. That's why my newest doggie addition, Evie (Pembroke Corgi rescue), will also be trained in the Rand Park tradition.

Lois Breslow

I joined Rand Park over 30 years ago and have been working for the club ever since that time. I have served the Board as Chairman of the Board, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and Director. I have worked on almost every obedience trial, tracking trial, and agility trial since I joined the club. I hope that soon I will be back teaching obedience and for now I will continue to teach in the tracking program.

I have been instrumental in getting our sites for both Variable Surface Tracking and the fields for tracking tests. I hope someday I can say that I helped get a site for obedience and agility training (our own building.) It may not be in my lifetime but I will continue to work to increase our building fund so one day it will be possible. I would like to continue to be your representative on the board as a Director.

Karyn McCoy

I have been a member of RPDTC for just under a year. I have two "pound pooches." Katie is an 11 year old tan schnauzer-type and Buddy, a 2 year old gray schnauzer with natural ears that stand up and make him look like a jack rabbit.

I discovered RPDTC a year and a half ago when I began looking for obedience classes for Buddy. He is now enrolled in the novice obedience and rally classes. I have been lucky enough to meet and train with some really talented people through RPDTC. I have an unforgiving work schedule so I make it to the classes

and correction clinics that I can. I enjoy working with the dogs and the good company of folks at training on Tuesday nights. I try to come to class early to watch and talk with the experienced handlers as well as with new people like me who might not ever compete but want a well behaved dog.

Both of my dogs are AKC Canine Partners and APDT registered. I would like to enter them in rally trials when my schedule allows. As far as obedience, I still need some work.

Director Candidate Nominated From The Floor:

Terri Everwine Candidate for Director



Terri pictured with CT Sid

Terri Everwine has been a member of the Rand Park Dog Training Club since 1976. Currently serving as Vice President, she has held board positions for many of

her years in the club, including President, Advisor to the Board, Director and Director of Training. She has served the club in numerous other capacities, and is currently Tracking Director for the club's extensive and renowned tracking program and is the board liaison for the Legislative committee. She has been Trial Secretary for our obedience trial, secretary or chairman for many tracking tests and has chaired the awards scoring committee for our obedience trials.

Terri has taught obedience classes for the club since 1979, at all levels from beginners through Utility. She is a tracking instructor and an AKC approved Judge of both Tracking Tests and Hunt Tests for Pointing breeds. Over the years she has earned obedience, conformation, tracking, field and agility titles on her miniature poodles, German Shorthaired pointers and flat coated retrievers.

Terri states: "It is both an honor and a privilege to serve the club in the capacity of board member. If elected to the position of Director, I will continue to serve and promote the club in order to maintain the high standards for which the club is known in both training and the quality of our events."

Spring Session Training Calendar

April	05	Week 4
April	12	Week 5 - Membership Meeting/Election of Officers
April	19	Week 6
April	26	Week 7
May	03	Week 8
May	10	Week 9
May	17	Week 10
May	24	Evaluation

Training Hours: 6:15 to 7:05; 7:05 to 7:55; 7:55 to 8:45; 8:45 to 9:35 **EXCEPT** on October 12, January 11, March 29 and April 19. On those nights classes will be shortened to allow time for the Membership Meetings. Training hours for those nights will be: 6:15 to 6:55; 6:55 to 7:35; 7:35 to 8:15; 8:15 to 8:55. **Meetings will immediately follow the last classes.**

Please keep this Calendar for future reference



Rand Park Dog Training Club AWARDS 2010

Last chance to make corrections – Call Ruth Shields 847-698-5460

CD: AKC Companion Dog

Jean Eremo Jazz
Mikki Freund Sylvie
Ursula Hoeft Gus
Patricia Ann Hussey Vandy
Jacqueline Limosani Bailey
Jacqueline Limosani Oscar

CDX: AKC Companion Dog Excellent

Margo Milde Fly
Dee Morrison Paddy

UD: AKC Utility Dog

Evelyn Gianos Timmy

UDX: AKC Utility Dog Excellent

Patricia Ann Hussey Quincy

U-CD: UKC Companion Dog

Patricia Ann Hussey Vandy

TD: Tracking Dog

Lois Leidahl-Marsh Lena
Margo Milde Fly
Diane Muzzey Evie

TDX: Tracking Dog Excellent

Dee Morrison Harlie

WC: Working Certificate

Dee Morrison Paddy
Adele Schaffer Bella

AWC: Advanced Working Certificate

Dee Morrison Paddy

UH: Upland Hunter

Dee Morrison Paddy
Adele Schaffer Cruzler

SHR: Started Hunting Retriever

Adele Schaffer Bella

VCD1: Versatile Companion Dog 1

Patricia Beckstrom Daisy
Margo Milde Fly

CH (Champion)/AKC

Karen Taylor Carson

CH (Champion)/UKC

Karen Taylor Carson

CGC: Canine Good Citizen

Mikki Freund Sylvie
Eleanor Goss Mackenzie
Lois Leidahl-Marsh Lena

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Dog

Mikki Freund Sylvie
Eleanor Goss Mackenzie
Sonja Lund Skeeter

Novice Agility/AKC

Patricia Beckstrom Daisy

Margo Milde Fly

Novice Agility Fast/AKC

Karen Taylor Enya

Novice Agility Fast Preferred/AKC

Karen Taylor Enya

Novice Agility Preferred/AKC

Karen Taylor Enya

Novice Agility Jumper/AKC

Margo Milde Fly

Open Agility Jumper/AKC

Patricia Beckstrom Daisy

Novice Weavers/Nadac

Karen Taylor Enya

UKC / Grand Agility Champion 3

Patricia Ann Hussey Quincy

UKC / Grand Agility Champion 4

Aliss South Retief

Rally Novice/AKC

Lois Leidahl-Marsh Lena
Marge Kabala Christia
Karen Taylor Carson

Rally Advanced/AKC

Marge Kabala Logan

Rally Advanced Excellent/AKC

Karen Taylor Enya

Rally Advanced Excellent 6/AKC

Sonja Lund Skeeter

Level 3 Rally Championship/AKC

Aliss South Retief

Rally Novice/UKC

Karen Taylor Carson

Honors

Top Rally Excellent Dog

Of The Siberian Husky Club Of America

Sheryl Phelps Piper

Top Obedience Dog Of The

Bedlington Terrier Club Of America

Patricia Ann Hussey Quincy

UKC Top Ten

Karen Taylor Carson

Tracking Dog (TD) Test Report

On Sunday, March 27, Rand Park held a TD test at Spring Creek Head Waters Forest Preserve. Four Rand Park members were entered out of the six dogs who ran the test. They were Mary Ann Fowler, Tammie Caswell, Elizabeth Raiman, and Barbara Bonner. Only one person passed the test on this cold and windy day and that was Liz Raiman with her Weimaraner Arnstadt's Liberty Bell.

I want to thank the tracklayers who came out to help with the test. They were Lois Leidahl-Marsh, Diane Muzzey, Joe Hahn, Kevin O'Grady, and Jason Shelton. Lois Breslow and Terri Everwine were out both days giving their help.

Sally Bushwaller was the test Chairman, and Sunday breakfast was served by Pat Duryea.

Terri Everwine gets special thanks for hosting the judges at her house for the weekend.

Everyone's help made my job as test Secretary much easier. Thank you all again.

Barbara Pische



Liz Rainman with Weimaraner Arnstadt's Libery Bell; Judges Ule James and Connie Austin; tracklayer Kevin O'Grady.



Rand Park Dog Training Club
Des Plaines Leisure Center
Membership Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE: See attendance list.

The General Membership Meeting of the Rand Park Dog Training Club was called to order by Ruth Shields, President, at 7:35 PM, and new members were welcomed.

Corrections to the January 11, 2011 minutes: Sonja Lund MOVED that we approve the minutes.
MOTION seconded by Lois Leidahl-Marsh. MOTION carried.

ADVISOR – Marion Meseth: no report

CHAIRMAN – Rudy Kuper: Rudy described his role as Chairman of the Board, noting that he offers advice.

PRESIDENT – Ruth Shields: Ruth encouraged everyone to register for the brunch, adding that the fee for the brunch will be \$20, payable by cash or check. While the Rand Park certificates cannot be used to cover that fee, they can be used to purchase raffle tickets at the event. Ruth also noted that while many people will state that they have “no report” in a particular role at the time, they’ve engaged in other areas and committees, whose reports will be covered.

VICE PRESIDENT –Terri Everwine: no report

SECRETARY –Lois Breslow: no report

ASSISTANT SECRETARY – Michelle Jaworski: Michelle encouraged members to place a well-wishers ad into the Obedience Trial catalog, referring them to Paw Prints for the form.

TREASURER – Forrest Shields: Forrest gave the highlights of the year-end report.

ASSISTANT TREASURER – Barb Pische: Barb explained that she is in charge of insurance for our various club events, and also signs checks.

DIRECTOR – Jean Eremo: no report

DIRECTOR – Kathy Hansen: no report

DIRECTOR – Bill Urquhart: no report

DIRECTOR – Lois Leidahl-Marsh: no report

DIRECTOR – Dee Morrison: no report

DIRECTOR – Jo Ann Neville: no report

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING – Dee Morrison: Dee thanked Kathy Hansen, Barb Pische and Cheryl Phelps who worked as judges for our CGC program and everyone else who participated, noting that they all did a great job. She reminded everyone to pick up their training assignment letters after the meeting. Those letters not picked up will be mailed out the next day. She added that because this is the time of year we all go to our vets for heartworm tests, members can help advertise the club by dropping off brochures while at the vet. Dee noted that we’re working on securing the site for our summer training program, and explained that there is no summer training fee.

Committees

Advertising & Publicity – Mary Ann Gobbo/ Karen Korab: Mary Ann explained that while we’ve spent money for advertising in newspapers, we’ve had little response.

Agility Trial - Sally Bushwaller (2010)/Karen Schaubel (2011): Ruth will follow up with Karen regarding the contracts for the Agility trial at 4 Your Canine.

Audit & Fin. – Bill Urquhart/Rudy Kuper/Jerry Wulff/Jeneane Hinrichsen: Bill advised that we’ve finished checking last year’s books, and they have been turned back to Forrest.

Banquet – Lois Breslow: Marion reported that she will be checking out the space accommodations at the Elks Club, and encouraged everyone to sign up as soon as possible. The awards brunch is scheduled for Sunday May 15th, and everyone is encouraged to attend. Sonja Lund asked for raffle donations, which can be brought in on Tuesday training nights. They don’t have to be dog-related.

Bylaws & Policies - Rudy Kuper: Rudy advised that he has extra copies of the policies and by-laws.

Correction Clinics – Jean Eremo: Jean had approximately 90 entries for the clinic last Saturday, and asked for additional help as stewards for upcoming fun matches. Jean explained that with a correction clinic, we try to simulate a show, to get the dogs and the handlers used to a show environment. Dogs can be on leash and it gives dog and handler practice before entering a show.

Demonstrations - Gloria Urquhart:/ Cheryl Pacyna/ Annie Pacyna: Gloria explained that they set up meet and greets, and give demonstrations of basic obedience. There are two demos scheduled every month, one at Lutheran General and one at Ballard Nursing home. Barb Pische added that on the 2nd Saturday of the month, they go to the Nazarethville Nursing Home.

Equipment - Bill Urquhart: Bill has the truck reserved for the trial, and needs to know how many rings we'll be needing. Set up help is needed for Saturday night and break down for Sunday night. Ruth added that we need help for the trial.

Historian - Ann Suwada: no report

Improvement - Lois Breslow: no report

Insurance - Barb Pische: no report

Legislative Liaison – Margo Milde/Lois Leidahl-Marsh : Margo sent a report in advance of the meeting, which was passed around during the meeting for review.

Liaison to the DesPlaines Park District – Marion Meseth/Bill Urquhart/Dee Morrison: Marian will check with the park district to see if we'll have the same facility as we'd used last summer for outdoor training next summer.

New Member Packets - Barb Pische: Barb received a list of 6 new names, and has so far sent out 5 packets.

Paw Prints - Ursula Hoeft: Ursula explained that she sends PawPrints out via e-mail, close to the first of the month. It is also mailed out to those who do not have e-mail. PawPrints explains what the members are doing, titles earned, as well as any information that might be of interest to dog-people. Dee urged everyone to let her know if they're not getting PawPrints, and to make sure that our e-mail programs aren't throwing the newsletter – which comes from the name **Editor RPDTC**– into a SPAM folder.

Obedience Trial (2011) –Kathy Hanson: Kathy explained that she's chaired the trial for many years, and that there's a lot of work involved in putting on the trial, and many volunteers are needed. One of our judges, Suzanne Mayborne, just pulled out. Dee Morrison scrambled to find a replacement judge and contacted 56 judges, and obtained Bob Self Jr. Notices will need to be sent out to advise everyone of the change in judges, as well as a clarification of entry fees, as we're holding two trials on the same day. We have AKC approval for the trial. Dee Morrison and Pat Beckstrom are our Chief Ring Stewards. Pat has a signup sheet for ring steward volunteers, and explained the functions of the ring stewards.

Refreshments - Gloria Urquhart/ Michelle Jaworski: Gloria thanked everyone for their contributions.

Registration – Gloria Urquhart/Jackie Limosani : Gloria noted that we're getting a lot of new people.

Tracking - Terri Everwine: Terri explained that we are one of the largest tracking groups in the Midwest, with a total of almost 40 dogs. The object of tracking is to follow human scent, and finding articles. Please see Terri if you are interested in tracking, and everyone is welcome to come out on Sunday mornings to watch. There are two tracking sessions each year. Our next trial will be March 27th in Hoffman Estates.

Training Hall Secretary - Rudy Kuper/Jerry Wulff: Jerry explained that he presents the dog literature (e.g. catalogs, show Premiums, AKC Gazettes) on training nights. It's in a basket on the table.

Trophies/Awards:

TRIAL AWARDS: Marion Meseth: Marian said that it appears we have enough of the qualifying ribbons, but we will need to order ribbons for the classes. If we present 1st-4th ribbons in every class, and toys, we'll need to spend approximately \$1,200 towards this. Marian asked for donations towards the awards.

SPECIAL AWARDS: Marion Meseth/Anita Wolney: Marion stated that we'd vote tonight for the Member of the Year award. Please see Marion if you've earned special recognition, and may be eligible for the 10, 15, 25 or 50 year pins. Ballots were distributed and members placed their votes for Member of the Year.

ANNUAL AWARDS: Ruth Shields and Eleanor Goss: Ruth will be working with Eleanor.

Website – <http://randparkdte.org/> Greg Hoeft is assisting Rand Park with the web site. Ruth thanked the Hoefts. Ursula Hoeft explained that Premiums for events are there, as well as entry forms for the correction clinics, health clinics, etc. If you are getting PawPrints in the mail, but can receive it electronically, please let Ursula know as it is expensive to mail out.

Nominating Committee – Bill Urquhart presented the slate of officers.

President: Ruth Shields

Vice-President: Lois-Leidahl Marsh

Secretary: Jackie Limosani

Assistant Secretary: Michelle Jaworski

Treasurer: Forrest Shields

Asst. Treasurer: Eleanor Goss

Chairman of the Board: Rudy Kuper

Advisor to the Board: Marion Meseth

Directors:

Dee Morrison

Lois Breslow (new)

Bill Urquhart

Kathy Hansen

Diane Muzzey (new)

Karyn McCoy (new)

Nominations were opened for the floor. Karen Korab nominated Terri Everwine as a director, and the nomination was accepted by Terri. We'll vote at the next General Membership Meeting, Tuesday April 12th. Dominick Gobbo MOVED to close the nominations and the MOTION was seconded by Lisa Wageman. All voted, MOTION carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Health clinic – Lois Breslow/Terri Everwine/Karen Korab: Lois noted that the information for the clinic is on our website (<http://randparkdte.org/>). We may use one Rand Park certificate for each test a dog is registered for. The prices are very reasonable. Karen noted the advantages to getting screening in advance to give doctors a base line of information should medical information be needed, e.g. for surgery. The eye examination offers certification for breeders, and serves as a check up for our pets as well. Heartworm medication can be purchased there as well. The clinic will be held April 13th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Urquhart MOVED to adjourn the meeting. The MOTION was seconded by Lisa Wageman. MOTION carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM.

THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD APRIL 12, 2011 AT THE DES PLAINES LEISURE CENTER AT 9:00PM AFTER TRAINING.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Jaworski
Assistant Secretary

**You're invited to attend the
Rand Park Dog Training Club
Annual Awards Banquet**

Des Plaines Elks Club—495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL

Please join us on Sunday, May 15, 2011

at 12:00 pm for

**Complimentary Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvers
Luncheon to follow — Filet Mignon & Chicken Breast
Includes a Rand Park Polo Shirt**

\$20.00 per person

Please RSVP by May 9, 2011

Donations for the Raffle are being accepted by

Jeneane Hinrichsen and Sonny Lund

(Rand Park "Bucks" may be used for the Raffle)

For More Information call Marion Meseth 847.827.6530

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Please return this portion with your check payable to RPDTC

Name(s): _____

of Reservations: _____ **Polo Shirt Size(s):** _____

8 People Per Table

S, M, L, XL, XXL

Seating Request: _____

Mail RSVP to: Lois Breslow; 8430 Major Ave; Morton Grove, IL 60053

Legislative Liaison Committee Report

March 20, 2011

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.

“The penalty good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.” - Plato

Our IFDCO Initiative bill, SB 1637 “Animal Identification Scan” – passes the Illinois Senate Agriculture Committee and now moves to a vote on the floor of the Senate! You can read our IFDCO initiative bill, SB 1637, at this link:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/97/SB/PDF/09700SB1637sam001.pdf>

Five improvements SB 1637 would make to Illinois shelter policies law are:

1. All impounded animals would be scanned and checked for other ID within 24 hours of intake. Currently, there is no time limit that impounding agencies have to do this.
2. In addition to scanning for microchips, all impounded animals would be checked for other forms of ID, including license tags, identification tags, and tattoos. Currently, a shelter is only required to scan for microchips.
3. In addition to mailing the owner a notification of a found animal, shelters would be required to attempt to contact the owner by email or telephone, if this contact information is provided by the pet identification source. Currently, regular mail is the only means of owner contact specified in the law.
4. Prior to euthanization or transfer to another shelter at the end of a holding period, an animal must be scanned again for a microchip, and checked for other forms of identification, to be certain that the same information (or lack of information) is obtained.
5. Finally, if a microchip is present, and the primary contact cannot be contacted or refuses the animal, the shelter must contact the chip implanter, and any secondary contacts listed by the chip database, to see if they would redeem the animal. Currently, only the primary contact is mailed the notification.

Illinois Legislative Highlights from our IFDCO Lobbyist, Brittan Bolin, as of March 18, 2011 (the BSL/Dangerous Dogs section refers to the much-opposed HB 1080, which would have permitted BSL to again be initiated in non-Home Rule communities in Illinois):

☐ Senate Bill 1637 advances: SB 1637, IFDCO's initiative to provide for additional identification procedures and scans for dogs by animal control prior to transfer, adoption or euthanization was amended and approved by the Senate Agriculture & Conservation Committee this week on a unanimous vote. The sponsor has agreed to additional changes that will incorporate references to “owner, agent or caretaker” in the bill.

☐ The following legislation was not acted on by the 3/17/11 committee deadline: HB 240 and SB 65 (trap, spay/neuter release for dogs); HB 840 (feral cat “clean up” legislation); HB 1147 (humane investigators/enhanced penalties); HB 1166 (hoarding); HB 1697 (bovine tail docking), and HB 1080 (BSL). With the exception of HB 840, all these measures were opposed by IFDCO.

☐ BSL/Dangerous Dogs: Representatives of IFDCO, Animal Control, and Illinois Humane met with Rep. John Bradley this week to discuss proposed alternatives to breed specific legislation. County Animal Controls of Illinois, who are developing a draft bill, are soliciting input from stakeholders and will be circulating a draft bill prior to filing by the sponsor.

☐ HB 1840 (Holmes) which would require pet stores to charge a fee on the purchase of animals for deposit into the Pet Population Control Fund, was amended in committee this week to change the recipient fund and give certain powers to the State Comptroller. The amendment was an initiative of State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka. Although the bill was approved in the Senate Agriculture & Conservation Committee, the sponsor indicated that the bill will likely be amended to make the additional fee voluntary (rather than mandatory).

• Spring Break: The House and Senate will observe a spring break next week. Both chambers will reconvene on Tuesday, March 29 to take up floor action on measures approved by standing committees.

Check the IFDCO website (go to the Legislation page) for current information on all Illinois legislation:

<http://www.ifdco.org/>

Aurora, Colorado City Council to take a new look at their “pit bull” ban – but continues to perpetuate false data and illogical argument in arguments to uphold their BSL law. Aurora, Colorado may have started to see the light after

the US Department of Justice issued a ruling last year concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act, saying the DOJ would not allow discrimination against particular breeds when such a dog is used as a service dog. However, the City Council apparently still supports some type of restriction on ownership of “restricted breeds” (“pit bulls” and related breeds.)The current Aurora Colorado BSL has resulted in the euthanaization of any hundreds of dogs over the past five years, many of them family pets. Aurora is now seeking public input into revising this breed ban. You can read a news article here:

http://www.aurorasentinel.com/email_push/news/article_021d7c3c-511d-11e0-9fd8-001cc4c03286.html

However, Aurora, Colorado continues to cite inaccurate statistics when claiming that their breed ban was helpful in limiting the number of dog bites which occurred in that community. KCDogBlog and StopBSL blogs have run calculations using Aurora’s figures showing that their logic is faulty. StopBSL points out that the City of Aurora provided different data for years past in 2011 than they had done previously, not explaining the differences; intermingled dog-on-dog bites with dog-on-human bites in data for earlier years but did not attempt to breaks these numbers out separately; and claimed (without providing any basis) that non-restricted breed bites are less severe than are restricted breed (e.g., “pit bulls” and related breeds) bites. Write the StopBSL blogger:

It is not clear how the city can declare the ordinance a public safety ”success” when they don’t have any numbers to prove it. I would also think last year’s 188 victims of non-restricted breeds’ bites would have something to say about the purported success (namely, “What about us?”). Aurora city officials have nevertheless staunchly recommended that the ban remain in place. The proposal to “loosen the ban” or eliminate it altogether has been met with much skepticism from city officials and council members.

<http://stopbsl.com/2011/03/14/aurora-co-council-to-consider-breed-ban-revisions-march-17/>

Writes Brent in KCDogBlog:

In the most recent article, the Denver Post tries to help them defend the breed bans by noting that in 2005, there were 35 dog bites regarding restricted breeds. In 2010, there were only 6. These numbers are accurate enough, but ignored that there were 188 bites by non-restricted breeds - -up from 110 in 2005.

Oops... So the city council continues to try to justify their law -- even to the point of hiding and making up numbers to support themselves. And even though all of these numbers are available to the public, the mainstream media has yet to pick them up and make them widely available....thus allowing the city to waste taxpayer dollars and give the city free-reign to harass pet owners and people with service dogs of a particular type.

It's time for the city council to own up to their mistake and fix it...and for the mainstream media to do what they are supposed to do which is hold city officials accountable.

<http://btoellner.typepad.com/kcdogblog/2011/03/aurora-co-continues-to-look-at-loosening-breed-restrictions-media-perpetuates-fuzzy-math.html>

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) Virginia shelter 2010 kill statistics just released: According to official shelter reports filed with the Commonwealth of Virginia (where the PETA "shelter", if you want to call it that, is located), in 2010, the AR group PETA took in 2345 animals, of which 44 were adopted out, 2,200 were killed (euphemistic word used in report is "euthanized"), and 63 were transferred out of the shelter. PETA's kill rate in 2010 was thus 93.81%.

Copies of Official Commonwealth of Virginia reports here for 2010 back to 1998:

<http://petakillsanimals.com/downloads/PetaKillsAnimals.pdf>

According to the combined yearly totals (since 1998), PETA has taken in 29,823 animals into their "shelter", and killed 25,840 of these for a kill rate of 85.1% - a rate that I would suspect is among the highest in the country (even shelters in the deep South typically don't have a kill rate above 60%, if that.)

And PETA is telling breeders, farmers, etc what they should be doing??!!

ConsumerFreedom.com has some hard-hitting words about these numbers, saying:

These new statistics bump PETA’s body-count up to 25,840 since 1998. Conversely, the Virginia Beach SPCA, just down the road from PETA’s Norfolk headquarters, manages to adopt out the vast majority of the animals in its care (85% adoption rate in 2009). Talk about the difference that “going the extra mile” could make for helping an unwanted pet find a new home. Years of public outrage still have not been enough to convince PETA to eliminate its pet eradication program. Sadly, we are not expecting 2011 to be any more promising for homeless cats and dogs condemned to live out their last days on PETA’s version of “death row.” Instead of investing in the lives of the adoptable pets in its care, PETA prefers to spend a sizeable chunk of its \$33 million annual budget on glitzy media campaigns telling Americans—especially impressionable young children—that eating meat, drinking milk, fishing, hunting, wearing leather shoes, and benefiting from medical research performed on lab rats are all “unethical.”

http://www.consumerfreedom.com/news_detail.cfm/h/4407-yes-peta-still-kills-animals

No-Kill leader and advocate Nathan Winograd has even more biting words on this subject, writing about how other “animal rights” organizations are complicit in PETA’s killing since they refuse to speak out against it:

And despite the fact that PETA’s annual killing of thousands of dogs and cats has been common knowledge among the leaders of our nation’s animal welfare and animal rights groups for years, most of these so-called “leaders” have chosen to look the other way. In fact, HSUS invites Newkirk and her cronies to give presentations at their national animal sheltering conference. Two years ago, Newkirk gave a video presentation on what amounted to why Pit Bulls should be killed and this year, one of her devotees will share PETA’s strategy for how to engage in “damage control” and “public relations spin” when a shelter or community which kills is challenged by No Kill proponents. Why are groups like HSUS supporting her? Do they hate the movement to end the systematic killing of shelter animals which No Kill represents so much that they are willing to embrace a person and organization this zealous in support of the killing of dogs and cats? The “enemy of my enemy is my friend” can’t be it, can it? Is HSUS so threatened by No Kill that they are willing to embrace an organization which appears to be working to undermine their other platforms? With friends like these, the animals truly do not need enemies.

http://www.nathanwinograd.com/?page_id=166

“Humane Relocation” – a.k.a. shelter transports – again in the news. The State of Maine Public Radio recently had a feature concerning rescue dogs from the South being transported into Maine in increasing numbers. For example, Coastal Humane, of Brunswick, Maine, just transported 30 dogs from Alabama for “adoption” in Maine. In the program, however, two Maine vets voiced concerns over the lack of oversight over these transports, including Maine State Veterinarian Donald Hoenig, who stated:

"I'd been getting some reports from individuals who had adopted some dogs from the South and veterinarians who had treated them, and dogs that had arrived here either debilitated or very sick, or soon after arriving here got very sick, and in some cases died," Hoenig says...Concern that some of the dogs might be bringing diseases into Maine led to legislation requiring all rescue dogs coming into Maine for adoption to have a health certificate. The document shows they've been vaccinated against diseases such as distemper, parvo and rabies, and tested for heartworm, Lyme disease and other conditions. In addition, rescue organizations are required to get annual permits so authorities can keep track of the number of dogs they adopt out. But because of state budget cutbacks, Hoenig says the state is down two-and-a-half animal welfare inspectors. And the director of the state's animal welfare program, who retired recently, has yet to be replaced. Hoenig's worried there are as many as 30 organizations without state permits who may be violating screening procedures like those carried out at places like Coastal Humane. "We have an adequate regulatory structure, pretty much, but we don't have the ability to really enforce it," Hoenig says. "Does it represent a threat to the pet population in Maine? You'd have to say that I'd be very suspicious of that."

Not just Maine veterinarians are concerned. Connecticut has also seen such an increase in the numbers of transported rescue dogs, often with health problems. Recently, a bill was proposed address these concerns, Connecticut HB 5368, the stated purpose of which would be “...*the general statutes be amended to extend pet shop licensee requirements concerning animals for sale to animals for adoption and to establish an animal importer license requirement*”. This bill is based on the belief that there are sufficient rules in that state to ensure the health of dogs transported in from out-of-state for sale by pet shops, which are heavily regulated, but such laws are very much lacking in the shelter transport business. You can read HB 5368 here:

http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&bill_num=5368&which_year=2011&SUBMIT1.x=15&SUBMIT1.y=8&SUBMIT1=Normal

Connecticut veterinarians are very much in support of HB 5328, and a representative of the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) testified in its favor when it was being heard in the CGA Environment Committee in February 2011, saying:

Dogs enter the transport network from out-of-state municipal pounds, private out-of-state brick-and-mortar shelters, private out-of-state individual “rescue” organizations or through individuals associated with such groups, individuals or groups involved with a particular breed “foster” care and from sales directly from commercial breeding operations. Indeed, some animals are bred specifically for transport and characterization of these animals as needing rescue is misleading.

A close look at pet transport reveals a plethora of unintended and negative consequences including inhumane animal welfare practices, circumvention of disease control regulations and questionable financial transactions that harm Connecticut animal owners and animals. These include:

1. Animals arrive with undisclosed diseases & deformities and new owners are subject to unexpected and unrecoverable costs of veterinary care, as well as exposing animals they already own to disease. Novel diseases

may travel with these animals and these pose an emergent risk to animal and/or public health, risks local veterinarians and physicians may not immediately recognize. Animal owners often have no recourse and may also feel guilty about complaining about an animal's undisclosed medical conditions. Some of these animals are then surrendered to animal shelters here.

2. Connecticut-source animals located in Connecticut brick & mortar shelters and municipal pounds are passed over for adoption when large numbers of out-of-state animals are imported. Connecticut citizens thus indirectly subsidize mitigation of animal control issues in exporting states while our animal control costs are higher, because Connecticut source animals remain in shelter longer and are harder to find homes for. Some of these must wait long periods for adoption and/or are euthanized.

You can read the entire CVMA testimony here:

http://www.naiaonline.org/articles/connecticut_hb5368.html

Yes, the CMVA veterinarians were even brave enough to even mention the dirty little secret that many of us knew...dogs are actually being bred to supply the "rescue" trade!! The blog of the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) jumped on this CVMA admission that this practice is occurring, writing:

Wow. Speaking of bold, I wanted to find a word that could accurately describe the kind of shameless cynicism that goes into such marketing, but was worried it'd break the thesaurus. The idea that there are commercial breeding operations creating "shelter dogs" as a product to be sold to well-meaning prospective pet owners is so repugnant the first reaction isn't horror -- it's often disbelief, even anger toward the messenger. In fact, this is a subject we are very careful about bringing up, because it is so hard for a decent person to wrap their head around.

"Nobody could do something that despicable! How could *you* say such a horrible thing?"

<http://naia.typepad.com/naia/2011/03/humane-relocation-on-the-brain.html#tp>

The American Shelter System, the bad and the ugly. Also in the news in various blogs are revelations of the horrific, unspeakable events that have taken place in animal shelters (mostly municipal) in recent months. While nothing new, this issue is finally getting the air time that it deserves, since shelters should be a place of haven and respite for the animals they house, not of cruelty, abuse and mistreatment. A South Carolina (Chesterfield County) shelter that shot 22 dogs to kill them and beat to death cats with a pipe as a way of "euthanasia"...a New York shelter (Town of Hempstead) whose employees taunted and mocked a defenseless kitten and practically hanged it with a noose before killing it...the Dallas Texas municipal pound at which a wayward cat got stuck in between wall partitions inside the shelter building, mewing plaintively for several days before dying, and was only removed after its demise because it began to smell...a suffering, ill dog in a Kansas City shelter who died after a lingering illness for which shelter employees provided no treatment or even veterinary attention...a five-month-old puppy euthanized at the Franklin County, North Carolina shelter before its holding time was up, even after its family had called to alert the shelter that it was missing from their yard. But the good news is these occurrences are finally being disclosed, and in many cases action against negligent employees has been taken, albeit after-the-fact, to prevent these situations from being repeated. Here are articles by three bloggers on this topic, how this happens, and what we need to do to improve our shelters and the care they provide the animals they are supposed to be compassionately caring for:

KCDogBlog, "This is Your American Shelter System"

<http://btoellner.typepad.com/kcdogblog/2011/03/this-is-you-american-shelter-system.html>

YesBiscuit!, "Chesterfield CO. Taxpayers Paying ACO's to Torture Pets?"

<http://yesbiscuit.wordpress.com/2011/03/11/chesterfield-co-taxpayers-paying-acos-to-torture-shelter-pets/>

Nathan Winograd, "Bear Witness to the Ugly Truth"

<http://www.nathanwinograd.com/?p=5337>

Life lessons learned from a dog

- If you stare at someone long enough, eventually you'll get what you want.
- Be direct with people; let them know exactly how you feel by peeing on their shoes.
- Be aware of when to hold your tongue, and when to use it.
- Leave room in your schedule for a good nap.
- Always give people a friendly greeting. A cold nose in the crotch is most effective.
- When you do something wrong, take responsibility (as soon as you're dragged shamefully out from under the bed).
- If it's not wet and sloppy, it's not a real kiss.

(I know it's not the high quality humor folks are used to seeing in Paw Prints, but I didn't get anything from Jokin' Jerry Wulff this month so I had to resort to the Internet. – ed.)

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2010-2011 CORRECTION CLINIC DATES

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