

# Paw Prints



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

April 2012

## Rand Park's Annual Awards Banquet is on May 20 – Don't miss it!

By Ursula Hoeft

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 enjoy a delicious meal, and you'll bask in the good fellowship that's always abundant when Rand Park members get together.

And you'll be inspired – 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. You'll be motivated, too, 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 will receive a gift. (I don't know what it is – it's a secret. But I'm sure it will be something good.) And with a little luck, you'll win one of the terrific prizes that will be raffled off.

In case you've misplaced your invitation, a copy is included in this issue of Paw Prints. Be sure to fill it out and return it, with your check, by May 12th. 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!

## Awards Banquet Raffle: No multi-million dollar winners, but the odds are a lot better than Lotto.

Please consider donating items for the Awards Banquet raffle. Jeneane Hinrichsen 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.

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 5 to get everything ready for the Banquet.

*Inside:* Welcome New Member – Brag – "Lame" Joke – Request for More Stewards – Memorial Day – The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs – Dog Demonstration Teams – Anniversary Awards/Pins – Tracking Report – Awards List – Membership Meeting Minutes - Legislative Liaison Committee Report – Training Calendar – Awards Banquet Invitation – Variable Surface Tracking Workshop Information – Correction Clinic Form

## *Welcome New Member!*

Lisa DiBenedetto and her Havanese, Roxi

We hope you and Roxi will benefit from your association with Rand Park Dog Training Club. Rand Park is a very active, busy organization. Participating in club activities will make your membership more beneficial and, we believe, more enjoyable. And your help is needed to ensure their success.

## *Good News From Gail Kipp*

Buckley earned his United Kennel Club Rally Obedience Level 1 Title – URO1 Title in two days March 9 and 10, 2012 at *For Your K9*, Melrose Park, Illinois.

March 9 – 1st Trial – 94 Points - 2nd Place– 1st Leg  
March 9 – 2nd Trial – 94 Points – 2nd Place– 2nd Leg  
March 10 – 1st Trial - 94 Points – 2nd Place– 3rd Leg  
March 10 – 2nd Trial – 98 Points – 1st Place

Buckley also earned his AKC-Rally Novice title on February 24 at International Kennel Club/Blackhawk Kennel Club, Inc.

*Congratulations Gail and Buckley!*



**Buckley admiring his ribbons.**

## **"Lame" Joke of the Month**

A grandfather was driving his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past them. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian. The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep the crowds back," said one child. "No," said another, "he's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

*We have Forrest Shields to thank for this interesting dog fact – also for the chuckle we hope it gave you!*



## ***Memorial Day will be here before you know it!***

Rand Park members – with their dogs - will march in the Park Ridge Memorial Day Parade again this year. Consider joining in if you're in town on May 28. Our dogs are always a hit. Look for more information in next month's issue of Paw Prints.

## **If you haven't yet volunteered to Steward at our Obedience Trials on April 29, you're in luck! A few "Jobs" are still available.**

***To learn more about stewarding and/or to volunteer, contact Chief Ring Steward Laurie Ingstrup by email to [iqueenbee1@aol.com](mailto:iqueenbee1@aol.com) or phone her at 847-470-0395.***

If you're new to the exciting world of dog obedience, stewarding is a great way to see what an obedience trial is all about. And you'll have an opportunity to watch some terrific dog's in action.

But be careful! You might catch the obedience competition "bug" and will soon be entering trials with your own dog(s). Something we highly recommend!

# The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs

Mary Dellorto says ...

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

*" Seeing the joy they bring to peoples' lives. "*

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"The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs" is a monthly Paw Prints feature. We want YOU to participate. Send me a picture of your dog(s) and the reason why owning a dog enhances your life. Please email your photo and caption to randparkpawprints@live.com. You can also send them to me via snail mail (look for the editor's address in this issue of Paw Prints) or give them to me at training on Tuesday nights. - Ursula



Mary's Dobermans Genna and Shayna  
(Rivet's mom) at *I am Me Burn Camp*

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## Dog Obedience Demonstration Teams

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 is 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 Greet" 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.

### Anniversary awards/pins will be presented to the following members at the Awards Banquet.

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| Awards for 50 Years: | Paul Koch, Don Meseth, Marion Meseth                                     |
| Awards for 25 Years: | Tom Woepse, Lisa Wageman   |
| Pins for 10 Years:   | Pat Hussey, Lois Leidahl-Marsh, Ike Lichter, Roger Martini, Dee Morrison |

If you think you should be receiving a 10, 25, 50 year award, call Marion Meseth, 847-827-6530

# Tracking Report

By Diane Muzzey

Rand Park held it's spring TD on Sunday, March 25, at Spring Creek Headwaters. To many of us, it is the old "Wichman Forest Preserve.". For a few years now, it has been being restored through the efforts of many volunteers, and the open fields are a beautiful sight compared to the overgrowth that had accumulated.

Saturday was our plotting day, and judges Pam German and our very own Lois Leidahl-Marsh did an outstanding job laying out the tracks. The preserve has changed so much since the restoration that it was like working in a brand new site .... in more ways than one. We were greeted with fields that had been burned off in recent weeks, creating a very modest growth of grass in many areas and made some fields altogether not useable. That, combined with the heavy rainfall we had, created ponds and stagnant water, and oh yes, ticks! (Did I mention the lack of a port-a-potty on Saturday???) But they managed to plot eight very solid tracks after a very long day.

On Sunday the weather started out coolish and breezy, but turned to very warm in the sun. We had a wonderful entry with most dogs performing very well, but only two managed to earn their TDs that day. One was Lesley Spencer's golden retriever, Birdie, and the other was Barb Larsen's bloodhound, Maisie. Two other dogs worked like champs but failed to find the glove so close to the end that it was heartbreaking! I'm sure they will have success their next time out.

We have to give a great round of thanks to our judges and, of course, our tracklayers who also plunged through the fields. They were Barb Pische, Theresa Higgins, Sue Stuckey, Joe Hahn, Kris Carlsson, Kevin O'Grady, Darlene Charmelo, and Bev Kozlowski. Bravo!! And what would a tracking trial be without a great hospitality crew? Thanks to Patti Beckstrom, Karen Schaubel and Margo Milde for the wonderful breakfasts and lunch!

And always behind the scenes there are people who contribute but don't often get acknowledged, so I'd like to give a warm thank you to Barb Pische for lugging the flags over, and Lois Breslow for bringing all the "other lunch stuff" and transporting people to their tracks. If it weren't for this great crew we would not have run smoothly. So on behalf of Cathy Thrasher and myself, we just want you to know that you were all appreciated.....a lot!!

Diane Muzzey, Chairman  
Cathy Thrasher, Secretary



**From Left: Lesley Spencer and Birdie (golden retriever), Judges Pam German and Lois Leidahl-Marsh, Barb Larsen and Maisie (bloodhound)**

**Barb Larsen and Maisie**

## Rand Park Dog Training Club AWARDS 2011

Please review, this is the last chance to make any corrections.

Call Eleanor Goss 847-807-9181 or email [egoss3000@comcast.net](mailto:egoss3000@comcast.net)

### BN: AKC Beginner Novice

Patricia Beckstrom..... Cruiser  
Sonja Lund ..... Sassi

### CD: AKC Companion Dog

Anita Wolney ..... Pogo

### CDX: AKC Companion Dog Excellent

Anita Wolney ..... OV

### UD: AKC Utility Dog

Margo Milde..... Fly

### UDX: AKC Utility Dog Excellent

Kathy Hahn..... Kappy

### UCD: UKC Companion Dog

Anita Wolney ..... Pogo

### UCDX: UKC Companion Dog Excellent

Anita Wolney ..... OV

### UUD UKC Utility Dog

Patricia Ann Hussey ..... Quincy

### TDX: Tracking Dog Excellent/AKC

Lois Leidahl-Marsh ..... Lena  
Dee Morrison..... Paddy

### VST: Variable Surface Tracker/AKC

Sally Bushwaller..... Cassie

### CT: Champion Tracker/AKC

Sally Bushwaller..... Cassie

### VCD2: Versatile Companion Dog 2

Margo Milde..... Fly

### NFP: Novice Agility Fast Preferred/AKC

Patricia Beckstrom..... Daisy

### NJP: Novice Jumper With Weaves Preferred/AKC

Patricia Beckstrom..... Daisy

### OA: Open Agility/AKC

Terri Everwine..... Fizz  
Margo Milde..... Fly

### OAJ: Open Agility Jumper/AKC

Terri Everwine..... Fizz  
Margo Milde..... Fly

### AX: Agility Excellent/AKC

Margo Milde..... Fly

### AXJ: Agility Excellent Jumper/AKC

Margo Milde..... Fly

### RN: Rally Novice/AKC

Sonja Lund ..... Sassi  
Diane Muzzey..... Evie

Anita Wolney ..... Pogo

### RA: Rally Advanced/AKC

Jean Ermo ..... Jazz  
Anita Wolney ..... Pogo

### RL1: APDT Rally Level 1

Joann Neville..... Oliver  
Anita Wolney ..... OV  
Anita Wolney ..... Pogo

### RL2: APDT Rally Level 2

Anita Wolney ..... OV  
Anita Wolney ..... Pogo

### RE: Rally Excellent/AKC

Patricia Beckstrom ..... Daisy

### RAE4: Rally Advanced Excellent 4/AKC

Patricia Ann Hussey ..... Quincy

### RAE7: Rally Advanced Excellent 7/AKC

Sonja Lund ..... Skeeter II

### URO1/UKC Rally Obedience 1

Patricia Ann Hussey ..... Corbitt  
Patricia Ann Hussey ..... Quincy  
Patricia Ann Hussey ..... Vandy  
Sonja Lund ..... Sassi  
Anita Wolney ..... Pogo

### URO2/UKC Rally Obedience 2

Sonja Lund ..... Skeeter II

### U-GRACH4, U-GRACH5, U-GRACH6, U-GRACH7

Patricia Ann Hussey ..... Quincy

### CGC: Canine Good Citizen

Patricia Beckstrom ..... Cruiser

### TDI: Therapy Dog International

Ruth Shields ..... Ceilidh  
Clyde Werner ..... Rose Bud

### WCX – Working Certificate Excellent/AKC

Adele Schaffer..... Cruzler

### JH: Junior Hunter/AKC

Adele Schaffer..... Bella

### TT: Temperament Tested

Margo Milde ..... Fly

### Honors

#### Highest Scoring Bedlington Terrier in Rally Obedience

#### From the Bedlington Terrier Club of America

Patricia Ann Hussey ..... Quincy

**Rand Park Dog Training Club**  
**Membership Meeting**  
**Des Plaines Leisure Center**  
**March 6, 2012**

The Membership Meeting of the Rand Park Dog Training Club was called to order by President Ruth Shields at 7:40PM.

Corrections to the January 10, 2012 Meeting minutes: Michelle request minutes be corrected to correct the title Vice President to read President in the call to order of the meeting. Lois Breslow MOVED to accept the minutes as corrected. Sonja Lund SECONDED the MOTION. MOTION carried.

**ADVISOR** – Marion Meseth: no report

**CHAIRMAN** – Rudy Kuper: no report

**PRESIDENT** – Ruth Shields: Ruth requested that Agenda items for our next Board meeting be submitted by the evening of Sunday, March 11.

**VICE PRESIDENT** –Lois Leidahl-Marsh: no report

**SECRETARY** –Jackie Limosani: Jackie thanked everyone for coming out for her presentation of Therapeutic Canine Massage. She reminded everyone to submit their dues tonight.

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY** – Michelle Jaworski: no report

**TREASURER** – Forrest Shields: Forrest read the financials report from January.

**ASSISTANT TREASURER** – Eleanor Goss: no report

**DIRECTOR OF TRAINING** - Dee Morrison: We are all set for the Spring session. We have a lot of dogs registered for Open. While we will not be scheduling a Pre-Open class, we'll try to accommodate everyone's needs. We'll be discussing the Summer Training schedule at an upcoming Board meeting. We'll be using the Prairie Lakes Park site in DesPlaines again this year.

**DIRECTOR** – Kathy Hansen: no report

**DIRECTOR** – Bill Urquhart: Bill advised that he's working towards obtaining our judges for the 2013 trial. We currently have 5 judges who will try to keep the date open for us.

**DIRECTOR** - Diane Muzzey: no report. Ruth thanked Diane for getting together an events calendar. Ruth or Diane will forward it to Ursula to post to our website.

**DIRECTOR** – Karyn McCoy: no report

**DIRECTOR** – Dee Morrison: no report

**DIRECTOR** – Lois Breslow: no report

**Committees 2011-2012**

**Advertising & Publicity** – Karyn McCoy: Karyn is putting together a letter to send out to shelters. She will enclose pamphlets and business cards.

**Agility Trial** - Karen Schaubel (2011)/Barb Krynski(2012): no report. Ruth requested that we help out at this and our other trials and correction clinics. The Agility trial will be held October 13<sup>th</sup>

**Audit & Fin.** – Bill Urquhart/Rudy Kuper/Jerry Wulff/ Jeneane Hinrichsen: Bill reported they will be having a meeting a week from Thursday to review the November and December records, to close out 2011.

**Banquet** – Lois Breslow/ Marion Meseth: Lois advised that our Banquet will be held Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>. She noted that there is a VST trial scheduled that morning, and to accommodate those participating in it, we'll schedule the cocktails (open bar) at 1PM, and lunch will be served at 2PM. The price will be \$35. The food is great, and it's fun to get together. Look in the next Paw Prints for further information.

Marion added that we need donations for the raffle. They don't need to be dog related – donate those extra gifts you have around the home! Jeneane Hinrichsen and Sonja Lund are collecting the donations.

**Bylaws & Policies** - Rudy Kuper: Rudy made some corrections to the Bylaws and has copies. The Policies will be reviewed by the Board at an upcoming Board meeting.

**Correction Clinics** – Jean Eremo: Jean reported having 90 entries at our last clinic, many of which were for Beginner Novice. She asked that we come out and help – workers are always needed! She noted that you'll see many of the top handlers in the Midwest at the clinics, and even if you don't enter your dog, you can learn a lot by observing. Our next clinic is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please see Paw Prints for information. She added that workers get a free lunch and a free run-through with their dog. Workers should try to get there at 9:45 if you'd like to run your dog.

**Demonstrations** - Gloria Urquhart/ Cheryl Pacyna/ Annie Pacyna: Gloria advised that while none are scheduled at this time demonstrations are normally held at the following times: On the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month, from 1:30-2:30 there is a demo at the Lutheran General Adult Day Care (just north of Ballard, and on the east side of Potter). On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, the demo team goes to the Ballard Nursing Home. See Gloria for more information.

Barb Pische added that there is a demo on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at the Nazarethville Nursing Home, which is located behind Holy Family Hospital on River Rd. in Des Plaines. They meet from 10:15-11:15.

**Equipment** - Bill Urquhart: Bill reported that he's secured a truck for the trial. Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> is our setup night for ring gates, jumps, chairs. No heavy lifting. We need workers to set up on Saturday night and help after the trial to take the equipment down. Lois Breslow added that she will be setting up a sweet table for the judges and workers.

**Historian** - Ann Suwada: absent

**Improvement** - Lois Breslow: no report

**Insurance** - Barb Pische: Barb said that our insurance is paid up for the year, and we have confirmations for our two tracking tests.

**Legislative Liaison** – Margo Milde/Lois Leidahl-Marsh: no report

**Liaison to the DesPlaines Park District:** Marion Meseth/Bill Urquhart/Dee Morrison: no report

**New Member Packets** - Barb Pische: Barb reported that February was a very busy month for new member packets. The following new members and their dogs were introduced:

Rosemary Appelhans and her Lab, Molly  
Pat and Bob Massaccesi and their Giant Schnauzer, Mia  
David and Martha Nelson and their Toller, Chief  
Mary Dellorto with her Doberman, Rivet and Lab, Bliss  
Joan Pufundt and her Standard Poodle, Brandy  
Julie and Ed Turner and their Maltese, Buttons  
Diane Lentine and her Chihuahua, Reggie  
Bonnie and Samuel Sherry and their Min. Schnauzer, Dutch  
Colleen Heneghan and her Lab Mix, Dakota  
Nancy Emery and her Shepherd Mix, Dora

**Paw Prints** - Ursula Hoefft/Kathy & Joe Hahn: Ursula explained that the club newsletter is your newsletter! Please send her anything of interest to dog people (with the exception of copyrighted material, unless permission has been granted). Send her stories, information, and consider contributing to our new feature – The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs! Send a caption and photo.

**Obedience Trial (2012)** –Kathy Hansen: Ruth introduced Laurie Ingstrom, our Chief Ring Steward who is signing up stewards. Kathy added that we need to help Bill with setup and take down. She reminded everyone to see Laurie to sign up for stewarding. Laurie said to look out for her and her pink clipboard on Tuesday nights! Or, see Paw Prints for her contact information. The Premium List will be available around March 20<sup>th</sup>. Michelle added that the form for advertising in the Trial catalog is printed in the March issue of Paw Prints. Please consider advertising your business, or creating a well wisher ad!

**Refreshments** - Gloria Urquhart / Michelle Jaworski: Gloria thanked everyone for bringing treats, and a special thank you and congratulations to Buckley for the wonderful cake we shared in celebrating his Rally Novice achievement!

**Registration** – Gloria Urquhart: Gloria reported that we've sent out 12 packets, and 9 have come back!

**Tracking** - Terri Everwine: absent. Diane Muzzey reported that our TD (Tracking Dog) match is scheduled for March 24 & 25, and we need assistance for track layers and refreshments. This Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> is scheduled as a certification day. Lois Leidahl-Marsh and Terri Everwine will certify dogs so that they can enter into tests.

**Training Hall Secretary** – Jerry Wulff: absent. Rudy said that Jerry's surgery went well, and is returning home.

#### **Trophies/Awards –**

**TRIAL AWARDS:** Anita Wolney/Marion Meseth: Marion asked everyone be generous donating to the awards fun. See Paw Prints for the donations form. The toys have been ordered, and because we had received a good deal we have toys for this year's trial and next years as well! Ribbons will be ordered.

**SPECIAL AWARDS:** Marion Meseth/Anita Wolney: Marion said we will have awards for Member of the Year, 10 and 25 year and (3) 50 year pins – over 250 years of combined dog training experience! The names will be posted in Paw Prints – please check it for accuracy, and contact Marion or Anita if the spelling is not correct or you do not see your name listed.

ANNUAL AWARDS: Eleanor Goss/Ruth Shields: Eleanor said that the awards list is listed in Paw Prints. Please check it for accuracy.

**Website** – Greg & Ursula Hoeft: Ursula said she is looking for someone to take it over. Ursula added a link to the latest copy of Paw Prints. We'll be adding the events calendar, but help is needed.

**Nominating Committee** - Board Chairman Forrest Shields/Lois Breslow/ Marion Meseth (alternate) and floor members Jean Eremo, Gail Kipp/Ursula Hoeft (alternate): Forrest advised that the committee met and the following members were nominated for the 2012-2013 Board.

Advisor – Marion Meseth

Chairman – Rudy Kuper

President – Ruth Shields

Vice President – Lois Leidahl-Marsh

Secretary – Linda Forman

Assistant Secretary – Karyn McCoy

Treasurer – Forrest Shields

Assistant Treasurer: Eleanor Goss

Director – one year, to replace Karyn McCoy: Lori Ingstrom (new)

Director – Jean Eremo (new)

Director – Karen Korab (new)

Director – Gail Kelberg (new)

Director – Diane Muzzey

Director - Lois Breslow

Returning Directors – Diane Muzzey and Lois Breslow

Ruth noted that Board members who are stepping down have been asked to assist the new members for the first couple of months to ensure a smooth transition.

Nominations were opened for the floor. No additional names were offered, and nominations were closed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

Bill Urquhart MOVED to adjourn the meeting. The MOTION was seconded by Rudy Kuper. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at PM. 8:45

**Our next General Membership meeting will be April 10, following training classes at approximately 9PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Jaworski

Assistant Secretary

## Legislative Liaison Committee Report

### March 20, 2012

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

"It is error alone which needs the support of government. Truth can stand by itself." --Thomas Jefferson

#### **Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners (IFDCO) -- "Defending Dog Ownership"**

**Check the IFDCO website frequently for updates as they are posted:** <http://www.ifdco.org/>

Illinois General Assembly Bill Search: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/>

IFDCO has had a very successful legislative session, halting for now 4 out of 5 major bills introduced for which IFDCO was opposed! Current bill status for bills important to IFDCO (see IFDCO's 2012 Legislation webpage for detailed reasons why IFDCO opposed):

**SB3264 – Dangerous Animals, Permit.** IFDCO very actively worked against this bill, together with "exotic" animal owners. SB3264 bill did not get out of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and was re-referred back to Assignments. It is unlikely to be brought back this year, but we may see a new version at the start of the next General Assembly (early 2013.) It is important to note that SB3264 as written would NOT be limited to just "exotic animals", one of the several reasons why IFDCO opposed!

**HB4033 Animals-Dogs-Tethering.** IFDCO very actively worked against this bill. HB4033 was never called for a vote in the House Agriculture committee, and therefore was re-referred back to the House Rules committee. It is unlikely to return anytime this session. This bill would have had disastrous effects on any dog owner who is unable, for any reason, to secure his dogs through fencing; it is also redundant, since our Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act mandates proper care be provided all dogs at all times.

**HB 5228 Township Code. Registering Animals.** IFDCO worked for, and received, concessions in this bill through amendments which would make HB5228 considerably less onerous for feral cat caretakers, and which would also prevent the possibility of dual pet licensing by both county and township. However, IFDCO still believes this bill is unnecessary and remains opposed, but continues in discussions with the bill sponsors. This bill has been (at least temporarily) tabled. (Note: in answer to a question asked me, IL statute already allows for incorporated cities to charge a pet licensing fee in addition to that which is charged by the county; this is already in IL law and has been for many years, and IFDCO cannot do anything about it at this time.)

**HB5894 Dangerous/Vicious Dogs Registry.** IFDCO actively worked against this bill, which would have had a tremendously adverse effect on any pet owner whose pet was involved in even a minor bite incident. IFDCO also presented research which demonstrated that HB 5894's model, the Virginia Vicious Dog Registry (enacted 2006), required over \$70,000 per year to operate, despite the large annual fees assessed the so-called "vicious" dog owners. Pro-rated per capita, a similar Illinois vicious dog registry would have cost over \$110,000 per year in addition to high set-up costs the first year. This bill also was not called for a vote in the House Agriculture Committee, and was also re-referred back to Rules. It is unlikely to reappear during the remainder of this session.

**HB1697 Bovine Tail Docking.** IFDCO worked together with the Illinois Farm Bureau in opposing this bill, which – while not including dogs at this time – may have serious implications for dogs down the line. This bill, introduced in early 2011, has a convoluted history and, under a third amendment, a committee change to a committee (Business and Occupational Licenses) which may have been more favorable for its advancement. Unfortunately, that committee did allow it to pass, but due to clear opposition from legislators associated with agriculture, its future remains uncertain. IFDCO will continue to actively work against this bill.

**New head at Chicago Animal Care and Control:** Cherie Travis, Animal Rights activist and Animal Law professor at De Paul University, was fired from her position as Director of Chicago Animal Care and Control (CACC) suddenly on March 23 by Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel. She has been replaced with the highly experienced Sandra Alfred, who had worked for CACC for a number of years, including two previous stints as CACC Acting Director. "Mismanaged" is probably a mild word for how CACC was operated during Travis' tenure, and calls for her resignation or firing had been heard almost from when the day she started in November 2008. Word has it that she was in support of a strict Chicago dog breeder law, having co-written a proposal for this purpose in 2008 with Jordan Maytas (then head of IL HSUS), but the ordinance was never introduced. Travis had been appointed to the CACC post by Mayor Richard Daley over the head of then-acting director Alfred. Pet columnist Steve Dale applauds Alfred as new CACC Director, writing in a comment to his blog that "this (change)...corrects a political move."

<http://www.chicagonow.com/steve-dales-pet-world/2012/03/change-at-animal-care-and-control-in-chicago/>

**Why DO they do THAT in Springfield, anyway!!** Do the Springfield legislative procedures seem a bit odd to you? Why do committees get bills that appear to have nothing to do with the committee's function? Why is the legislative calendar not always accurate? How can Amendments alter a bill's intent without open public knowledge? What are "shell bills" used for? A good article entitled "Lawmaking Process at Statehouse can be Peculiar" answers these questions and more, and with a dash of humor besides: <http://www.sj-r.com/top-stories/x1907503331/Why-does-the-Ag-Committee-vote-on-abortion-And-other-Statehouse-questions>

**Legislative processes in the US Congress and Illinois General Assembly:** Ever wonder about the circuitous path that some bill seem to take before being finally voted down, or passed? This webpage hosted by the University of Illinois (Urbana) Library, "From a bill to a law: federal vs. Illinois process", explains how this works: <http://uiuc.libguides.com/content.php?pid=34217&sid=251270>

**Is tail docking in working dogs cosmetic only or actually beneficial in prevention of tail injuries as an adult?** A number of spaniel and terrier breeds, and several working breeds, often have tails docked during early puppyhood to prevent serious and painful tail damage as an adult. Unfortunately, Animal Rights activists seeks to remove this option in places such as Scotland, where this news story originated. Where tail docking has been outlawed, a growing number of adult tail injuries have been observed, and people are increasingly viewing a ban on tail docking as counter to the goals of animal welfare, as this article ("Gamekeepers Association Calls for End to Tail Docking Ban", March 20 2012) explains:

<http://www.northern-times.co.uk/News/Gamekeepers-Association-call-for-end-to-tail-docking-ban-23032012.htm>

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## Training Calendar

| <u>Spring Session</u> |                                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| April 10              | Training Week 5 – Membership Meeting |
| April 17              | Training Week 6                      |
| April 24              | Training Week 7                      |
| May 1                 | Training Week 8                      |
| May 8                 | Training Week 9                      |
| May 15                | Training Week 10                     |
| May 22                | 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 January 10, March 6 and April 10. 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.**

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*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 20th, at 1 p.m.  
for complimentary Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres  
Lunch to follow at 2 p.m. – Filet Mignon and Chicken Breast*

*\$35 per person*

*Please RSVP by May 12th*

*Raffle donations will be welcomed by  
Jeneane Hinrichsen and Sunny Lund*



*For more information, call Marion Meseth: 847-827-6530*

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To make your reservation(s), please return this portion with your check payable to: RPDTC

Name(s):

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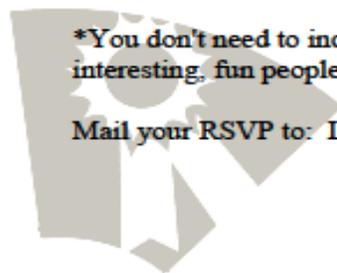
Number of reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

Eight people per table.

Seating Request\*: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*You don't need to include a seating request. We will be glad to seat you with interesting, fun people!*

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





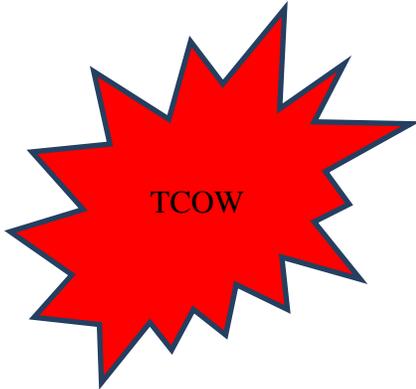
The TRACKING CLUB OF WISCONSIN presents

**VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKING**  
**WORKSHOP**

JUNE 9 & 10, 2012

UW – Whitewater  
800 W Main St., Whitewater, WI

8:00 am till 4:30 pm



DAY 1 – Beginner to Intermediate Trackers –Includes information about scent theory, teamwork, motivation, line handling, urban elements , transitions and track laying.

DAY 2 – Advanced Trackers – Includes information about communication, trust, article indication, distractions, avoidance behaviors and track laying.

FEE - \$75 per day for working participants (Limit of 10 teams)  
\$50 per day for auditors (Unlimited)

Instructor: **Terri Everwine** began tracking in 1979, just before the TDX title was born, with a German Shorthaired Pointer. After earning her TD, she pursued obedience, field trials, and hunt test titles. After attaining Senior and Master Hunter titles on her GSPs, she returned to tracking and earned the TDX on her original GSP. She also titled her other GSPs, poodles and Flat coated Retrievers to TD and TDX titles. She has finished 2 CT titles, with an owner bred and handled miniature poodle and a flat coated retriever and has coached many others to tracking titles and CTs. She began judging tracking tests in 1991, and was honored to have been chosen to judge the 2009 AKC National Tracking Invitational.

For more information and a registration form, contact: Lynn Tamms ([tamms@athenet.net](mailto:tamms@athenet.net))

**A lite breakfast and lunch will be available.**

# Rand Park Dog Training Club Correction Clinics

**2012 Correction Clinic Dates:**

**May 5, June 2, July 7**

**Correction Clinics are held at  
For Your Canine  
1975 Cornell Ave.  
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: \$7 (\$6 for second entry of same dog)  
Gate entry: \$8 (\$7 for second entry of same dog.)**

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

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

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