

Paw Prints

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



April 2013

Join Rand Park for camaraderie, good fellowship, and maybe an adult beverage or two.

Rand Park's Annual Awards Banquet is May 5 – 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 getting 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 raffle prizes.

The Banquet invitation is in this issue of Paw Prints. Be sure to fill it out and send it to Lois Breslow with your check. She needs to have reservations by April 27. 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.

By Ursula Hoeft

Please consider donating items for the Awards Banquet raffle. Jeneane Hinrichsen, Sonja Lund, and Mary Dellorto 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, Sonja and Mary will welcome donations of dog gear, of course, and 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 – be creative! 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), Sonja (773-622-7872) or Mary (773-338-8469) if you need to make other arrangements or want to know more about the raffle. They need items by April 23 to get everything ready for the Banquet.

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Coyotes: A serious concern in our area!

Henry And The Coyote

By Barbara Sciarra

On Friday, October 26, at around 10 p.m., I let Henry, my Scottish Terrier, out the back door into my floodlit fenced yard which is half woods and half lawn, and I returned to the library to watch the news on TV. About 15 minutes later, when I opened the door to call him, Henry was sitting right by the door. I offered him a treat, which I had often done when I called him and he came. But this time he wouldn't open his mouth. When I put my hand in his mouth to feel what might be wrong, my hand came out covered with blood. I assumed that he had cut his tongue on something, so off we went to the emergency vet clinic. At the clinic they promptly took him into an examining room. About twenty minutes later the vet came out and told me that Henry had been bitten and had eight puncture wounds on his neck. There was nothing wrong with his mouth.

We surmised that he had had an encounter with a coyote as I had seen one cross my driveway several days earlier. I also have many rabbits in my backyard so perhaps Henry and the coyote crossed paths, or the coyote went after him on his own. The vet wrapped Henry in Vet Wrap, covering all the puncture wounds, gave me antibiotics and pain meds and told me to take him to my vet the next day.

On Saturday, we saw my vet who removed Henry's wrappings, cleaned his wounds, and rewrapped him. Even though the clinic is closed on Sunday, he was coming in to do charts and met me to rewrap Henry again. This rewrapping continued for another day to allow the wounds to drain. After that, he got rewrapped every other day for a week. Of the eight wounds, two needed to be sutured, and Henry was outfitted with a T-shirt, courtesy of my 5-year-old granddaughter. A week later, the stitches came out and, apart from some bumpy areas on his neck and a lot of scabs on his back, Henry looked reasonable. I took him to my groomer and she groomed him nicely, blending in the shaved area with artful scissoring. Fortunately, Henry doesn't seem to have suffered any emotional trauma from the incident, but when he is in the back yard he now is very alert.

Lessons learned from this adventure: 1) Know the location of the 24/7 emergency vet clinic nearest your home; 2) Use a really good vet clinic on a regular basis; 3) Even if your yard is fenced in and lit at night, when it is dark, keep your dog on a leash and carry a flashlight with you; 4) If you let your dog out during daylight hours, stay with him all the time and be observant of activity around you.

Lucky dog – grateful owner – end of story.

(Barbara and Henry live in Winnetka, IL and are "regulars" at Rand Park's correction clinics; Barbara is a long-time member of the "dog sport world." We're glad to know that Henry came through this ordeal OK.)

Fond memories of Christmas past ...

It's Spring - at least that's what the calendar says - but the weather has been so cold and snowy lately that it's been feeling more like winter. With that in mind, it doesn't seem untimely to recall Rand Park's Christmas visit to Nazarethville nursing home last December 15. Members who were there with their dogs included Pat Beckstrom, Lois Breslow, Marge Kabala, Sonja Lund, Marion Meseth, Don Meseth, Sheryl Phelps, Barb Pische, and Nancy Schneider. They did some basic obedience, the dogs did some tricks and visited with residents for lots of "petting time." If you're interesting in participating in nursing home visits with your dog(s), information about various options is in the Membership Meeting minutes in this issue of Paw Prints. Rand Park does several visits every month. It's a very rewarding experience!

Rand Park's canine "elves" were a big hit at Nazarethville nursing home last Christmas. In the photo, they're showing residents how well behaved they are. They may have been especially good that night, thinking that Santa might be watching. Our dogs are too smart to take a chance on getting coal in their Christmas stockings!



The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs

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

Barb Krynski says ...

"They make every day a little brighter!"

At right: Bingo Krynski is gonna bring that tennis ball back to mom, Barb, come h-ll or high water!



Sonja Lund says *"the real reason ...*

... is watching the reaction of a child when reading to Skeeter. Skeeter is glued to her every word. We are members of Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy and do the Read to the Dogs program at Morton Grove Library."

At right: Skeeter listens intently to a story being read to him while mom, Sonja, watches.



Mary Kruse says ...

... her dog, Oscar, "is the perfect stress reducer."



"He is my pride and joy. He gets many compliments when playing Frisbee and we all know how good it feels when someone compliments us on our dogs! It makes me feel so good to see him play and have fun. He is the perfect stress reducer after a day at the office, plus he never complains and never talks back! I posted a picture of him on facebook recently with the caption "Wonder if he knows how good he is for me?"

These are all such great reasons for why our dogs are so special to us, I couldn't pick just one to include in this month's issue of Paw Prints. Thanks for sending them Barb, Sonja and Mary.

Please keep those reasons coming, folks!

And here's what Diane Lentine says

"Why do I love dogs? Because they come in ALL sizes!

"I love this photo of Cooper and my Reggie! It was taken last summer during the outdoor classes at the park.

"Cooper was always so gentle with Reggie. We worked next to each other often.

I love the contrast in their sizes ..."

(That's Cooper on the left.)



Member News

Mary Dellorto's Yellow Lab, Bliss, won a run-off for 2nd place in Open B with a score of 198 at the International Kennel Club show on February 22.



Following her retirement from the world of agility in December 2012, Nikki has moved on to Rally again! On March 10, Nikki earned her World Cynosport Rally Level 1 title and in the process earned an Award of Excellence! The AOE is given to dogs who earned their title with 3 scores of 190 or higher! At 14+ years old Nikki may even be the oldest dog to have earned this title!

World Cynosport Rally was previously known as APDT. The requirements are a bit tougher than AKC and the courses are wonderfully longer! Treats can be given at "stationary" signs too, but I always forget!



Barb Krynski and
ADCH MACH4 PACH U-GRACH Marla Pooch CD, U-
CDX, RE, U-RO1, RL1 AOE, XF, PAX, MXP2, MJB2,
MXPB, MJPB, EAC, EJC, EGC and a few CPE titles,
too.

Gail Kipp's Shih Tzu Fantasy's Almighty Bucky aka call name Buckley has been invited; ranked 15th place:
United Kennel Club 2012 Rally Obedience All Star
Finals Invitational Competition Thursday, June 13, 2013,
in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Gail says, "yes, we are going to go and have some more fun."

Welcome New Members ...

Pat McMahon, Lesley Spencer
and Beverly Koslowski

We hope you and your dogs will benefit from your association with Rand Park DTC. Rand Park is a very active, busy organization. Participating in club events will make your membership more beneficial and, we believe, more enjoyable. Member participation also is needed to ensure the club's continued success.

Bulletin Board

- **Membership Meeting - April 9**
Bring pet food donations - Cans and small bags are best.
Meeting Night class times:
6:15 to 6:55
6:55 to 7:35
7:35 to 8:15
8:15 to 8:55
Meeting immediately after.
- **Rand Park Obedience & Rally Trials - April 28.** Premium list and entry form are on our website:
<http://randparkdte.org> - Click "Forms"
Entries close April 10.
- **Needed: Rally Course Builder for the April 28 Trials.** Contact Laurie Ingstrup, Chief Ring Steward, to volunteer - (847) 470-0395 or iqueenbee1@aol.com
Laurie says "*thanks to all the people who volunteered to work at the trial.*"
- **Awards Banquet - May 5.** Be there or be square!
- **Canine Good Citizen test in May.** Watch for details at training and in next month's issue of Paw prints.

March 24 TD Test Results

Gina Femali, Chairperson /Chief Track layer

The weather on Sunday at Spring Creek Valley Headwaters Forest Preserve in Barrington Hills, IL was in the mid-thirties with winds that increased as the day progressed. Six teams were entered, and three passed!

Track 1 went to Ch. Czarcres'ts Bonnie Wee Blue Angel, a 4 year old female West Highland White Terrier handled by Susan Chapman. They worked through a couple of tough spots to find the glove! This dog now adds a TD to her other titles.

Track 2 went to Rush Lake's Put It On The Ritz, now TD, a 14 month old female Labrador Retriever handled by Mary Haley; owned by Cynthia Nauer. This dog took off from the start, checked a couple of turns, and pulled her handler to the glove!

Track 6 went to Jetoca's Wild Hollywood Nights, NJP, RN, now TD, a 3 year old female Golden Retriever handled by Darcy Grieger. This team had two nice recoveries, and they were ultimately rewarded by finding the glove! Both dog and handler were excited.

There was a heartbreaker on Track 5. Sandusky Tollhaus Tourist v Thistledown, a 5 year old female Bernese Mountain Dog handled by Pat Duryea worked steadily and carefully. However, at the last turn the dog went the opposite way, the same way the wind was blowing strongly. This team did not

find the glove this time, but I'm sure they will very soon.

The other two teams had a little trouble on their first legs, worked through it, but ultimately heard the whistle. It's just a matter of time before these teams pass.

Many thanks to the judges for this test, Wally O'Brien and Lois Leidahl-Marsh, who had to plot four tracks in an alternate area after learning that some of the test area was being burned on Saturday afternoon. It was a pleasure working with them.

Also many thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help so this test could be held:

Test Secretary: Pat McMahon;

Track layers: Terri Everwine, Ike Lichter, Judy Belluomini, Barb Larsen, Benita Theleen, and Margo Milde;

Hospitality crew: Karen Schaubel, Pat Beckstrom, and Diane Muzzey;

Driver: Mary Anne Fowler

Thanks to Lois Breslow for keeping track of the results during the test and bringing the board and magnets, to Barb Larsen for lugging the shelter around, and to Terri Everwine for bringing the equipment, and to others who jumped in when needed.



The three winning teams: From left to right, handler Susan Chapman with her five year old West Highland White Terrier, her tracklayer Terri Everwine, Judge Walter O'Brien, handler Mary Haley with Cynthia Nauer's one year old Labrador Retriever, her tracklayer Ike Lichter, Judge Lois Leidahl-Marsh, handler Darcy Greiger with her three year old Golden Retriever, and her tracklayer Margo Milde.



*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 5th, at 12 noon,
for complimentary Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres
Lunch to follow at 1 p.m. – Filet Mignon and Chicken Breast*

\$35 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 Sonja Lund at 773-622-7872 or slund3009@sbcglobal.net
to make other arrangements.*

*For more information, contact Lois Breslow:
847-966-7908 – lois8430@comcast.net*

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!



Uses of a Front Box in Beginning and Advanced Obedience

Part 2 – AKC Open and AKC Utility

March 25, 2013

By Margo Milde

Last month, I discussed use of the front box: general principles, Novice, and introduction to Open and Utility work. In this article, I will introduce more of the Open and Utility exercises, training for perfection using the front box. As always, make certain that the front box remains a safe, happy, and well-rewarded place to be for your dog for best results.

The Open Drop on Recall exercise can be a difficult one for the dog to perform correctly and consistently in the ring. Using a front box in training, a dog will have a much better understanding of the exercise from the beginning, and be less likely to develop bad habits that would lead to points off, or worse! The first introductory exercise is the one described in the previous article, a “fold back drop”, taught in the box. A second introductory exercise is the “moving drop”. For the moving drop, place the front box a good distance in front of you, with the open end directly facing the dog, then heel the dog towards the box. As soon as he enters it, have him down (drop) quickly inside the box without passing over the cross bar at the end. If you have taught the “folding drop” correctly (first exercise), you will find that that the dog downs quickly, folding back onto his haunches without continuing forward or creeping. Praise and treat, release from a down, heel away, and then repeat. The dog will soon learn that, as he enters the box, and the handler commands “down”, he should do so within the confines of the box. When the dog masters both the “folding drop” and the “moving (heeling) drop”, it is now try to put it all together. Set your dog up as for a recall, and – walking towards the opposite side of the ring, as you would do in the Recall exercise – place the box in the middle, equidistant from both ends of the training ring, the open end facing the dog. Stand facing the dog, directly in front of the front box. Call the dog to you. As the dog approaches the box, command him to “down” in the box, using the commands that you had used to teach the moving (heeling) drop. Praise and treat while in the down position, and release. As this exercise is perfected with you, the handler, standing directly in front of the box, slowly move further away until you are standing at the full length of the ring, and can drop the dog precisely in the front box in the middle of the ring mat, using either a verbal or hand signal (not both). If your dog starts to anticipate the drop, try some chase recalls with him running through, and not stopping in, the box.

Next, we have the Retrieve on the Flat and the Retrieve over the High. Ever notice how those pesky dumbbells love to take a funny bounce in the formal obedience ring, and – even if you have “proofed” your dog on offset retrieves in your practice – you still invariably get a less-than-perfect front as your dog angles in from one side or another? Using the front box when you practice straight retrieves, as well as proofed retrieves deliberately thrown to either side, will straighten those fronts no matter from which direction the dog retrieves the dumbbell. Start with the basic retrieve on the flat, with the box in front of you and a straight throw to encourage a good front. Later, throw first to the left side, and then to the right, and encourage the dog to retrieve and then give you a perfect front in the front box, directly in front of you as before. Practice this same sequence with the retrieves over the high jump to perfect those fronts, as well.

For the Broad Jump exercise, you can use the front box to obtain straight fronts and finishes after the dog has jumped.

Onward to Utility! There are probably as many ways to teach the Utility Directed Jumping exercise as there are successful handler/dog teams with a UD (Utility Dog title), but using a front box for this purpose has always been one of my favorites. (Fig. 2.) Set the front box up in the middle of the opposite wall or ring gate, with the open end facing the wall or gate, and approximately 3 – 4 feet away. This will give your dog enough room to turn and enter the box, as well as provide a good habit turning just before the gate or wall, without touching it. Start with the dog in heel position, facing the box about 4 or 5 feet away, with a very short leash or tab connected to the dog’s collar. Command and/or signal the dog (as you would in the ring) to “Go Out” using whatever command word you wish, then take the tab and gently guide the dog into the box facing you. Praise, treat, release, and start again. In time, as your dog finds the box on his own without your help, slowly move

your starting “go out” position further back until you and the dog begin the exercise from the other end of the ring, as you would at an obedience trial. Eventually add the directed jumping portion of the exercise to this “go out” portion; this should be taught separately in the beginning and not combined until later. You may, of course, use a second front box to emphasize a straight front at the conclusion of the exercise. Training hint: Never call a dog out of a “Go Out sit”; always go forward to him, release, and heel him out of position.

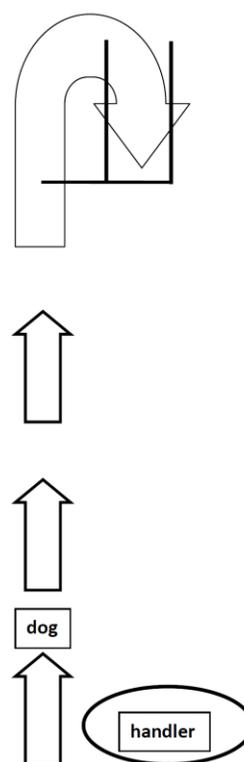
A front box can be used to introduce the Moving Stand exercise. Since you have already taught your dog the “moving drop” as a prerequisite to the Drop on Recall, the idea of stopping motion during heeling when arriving at the front box will not be a foreign one to the dog. As you did previously, heel your dog towards the open end of the front box, command and/or signal him (as you would in the ring) to stand and stay, and step away one or two paces. In the beginning, you may need to keep a tab on the dog’s collar and give it a gentle tug backwards as you give the “stay” command to emphasize that the dog is not to travel forward after this command. Go back to the dog, praise, reward, and release. Eventually have someone examine the dog when he is standing in the box. At first, practice the “call to heel” portion of the exercise separately by setting the dog up in a stationary stand, telling the dog to “stay”, walking away the required distance, and then calling the dog to heel. Ingraining both parts of the exercise as separate in his mind in the beginning will ensure that your dog does not step forward after you leave him, or anticipate the “call to heel”.

Similarly, you can use a front box to teach the Signals portion of the Utility Signals exercise. Remember all that work you did months earlier with stationary stands, sits, and downs in the front box? You will be reaping the rewards here! Heel the dog into the box and signal and/or command stay as you did for the Moving Stand, although with this exercise the final product will only allow you to give only signals, not voice. Here, you will remain stationary next to the dog in the stand for at least several seconds (until the judge would command, “leave your dog”); do not rush to leave after the Stay signal while practicing! When you’re ready, signal “stay”, walk out to face the dog when he is still standing in the box. Signal a down, then praise; signal a sit, then praise. Take a few steps back and signal the recall. In the beginning, you may find it easier to train with both voice and hand signals, and also gently guide the dog into the required positions using a tab or very short leash attached to the collar. The exercise order in the ring is: Stand – Leave – Drop – Sit – Recall. However, you will find it advantageous to vary the order of your signals in practice, at least occasionally, so the dog does not develop a tendency to anticipate. It is also helpful to reinforce each change of position with a treat, so the execution of each step is kept separate in the dog’s mind; this will also prevent anticipation later on. As with the Go Outs, you may wish to use a second front box at the end to obtain a straight front on the recall portion of the exercise.

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Next Month: AKC Rally and UKC Utility, and how to reduce the dog’s dependence on a front box in practice.

Fig. - Teaching the Utility Go-Out Using a Front Box



Legislative Liaison Committee Report

March 25, 2013

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.

“We cannot ensure success, but we can deserve it.” – John Adams letter to Abigail Adams, 18 February 1776.

Current Illinois Legislation and IFDCO position statements and talking points. Visit the IFDCO legislation webpage (click on Legislation 2013 on the right hand side of the home page) for updates, additional talking points, more bills, and links to the General Assembly webpage for each bill: <http://www.ifdco.org/>

HB83 Tethering – IFDCO OPPOSE - Filed January 9 by Rep Dan Burke (D) Chicago

- Would discriminate against the poor and those living in multiple-family housing.
- Would result in MORE dogs going to shelters and ultimately euthanized, in cases where dog owners do not have alternate means of confinement.

Update: IFDCO would be NEUTRAL with full adoption of our Amendment 2. Although Amendment 2 has been filed, it is unclear if the lead supporters of the Tethering bill, the Animal Rights group Animal Welfare Institute, are in agreement. Check the IFDCO website for further updates.

SB1532 False Animal Complaints- IFDCO SUPPORT – Filed Feb 13 by Sen. Chapin Rose (R) Champaign

- Discourages false or nuisance complaints, filed for harassment purposes.
- Conserves valuable Illinois Department of Agriculture resources.

SB 1639 Puppy Lemon Law - IFDCO OPPOSE - Filed Feb 13 by Sen. Dan Kotowski (D) Park Ridge

- As currently written, ANYONE who sells, gives away, or offers for sale or exchange ONE cat or dog in Illinois is included in this bill, regardless of whether or not they fall under current Illinois or USDA breeder licensing regulations.
- The bill requires that a seller who advertises over the Internet list the breeders contact information, including the address of their breeding facility. This opens up legitimate breeders to harassment and possible theft or vandalism by those who oppose ALL breeding.

Update: This bill in its present form does not appear to be moving out of its current Committee at this time.

HB 3336 Pet Adoption Inc. Tax Credit – IFDCO OPPOSE - Filed Feb 26 by Rep. Michael W. Tryon (R) Crystal Lake

- Does not provide methodology to substantiate and track adoption fees, potentially leading to fraudulent deductions.
- May encourage people to adopt animals they realistically cannot care for.

HB3284 Criminal Code Public Nuisance - IFDCO OPPOSE - Filed Feb 26 by Rep. Elgie R. Sims, Jr. (D) Chicago

- The rightful owner of the property would be enjoined from legal use of his/her property even before the guilt or innocence of those charged under these statutes is adjudicated in Court. The property owner does not have to be charged with any crime to lose rights to use and enjoyment of his/her property.
- With regards to real property, entire families, including infants, pregnant women, the elderly and the disabled, may lose use of their residential dwelling even before the case is heard in court, and have nowhere to turn except for homeless shelters, even if they had no knowledge of the alleged crime. This would place a burden on Illinois private and public social service agencies, which would have to assist these innocent individuals in finding new residences.

HB 2699 Bovine (Cattle) Tail Docking – IFDCO OPPOSE - Filed Feb 21 by Rep. Robert Rita (D) Blue Island

- Provides a "slippery slope" towards the passage of laws restricting or even criminalizing tail docking for additional livestock and "companion animal" species, including dogs.

HB2924 (Amd. 2) – Animal Adoption Disclosures – IFDCO OPPOSE - Filed Feb 25 by Rep. Laura Fine (D) Glenview

- The disclosures in the bill do not address the information that Illinois needs, which is the number of animals entering from out of state or other countries, interstate and intrastate transfers, euthanasia numbers of owner requested euthanasia and defined categories of the reasons for euthanasia.
- Contacting the former owner two days before an animal is to be euthanized does not address the possibility of the animal becoming ill, or an existing illness or injury being exacerbated while at the shelter. An ill or injured animal should either receive prompt veterinary treatment or be euthanized if the illness/injury cannot be addressed to avoid undue suffering.

Update: Although passed out of Committee (Amd. 2), the Sponsor states she is holding the bill pending formation of a working group represented by stakeholders, including IFDCO.

Further note on HB 2924-IFDCO vigorously opposed HB2924 as Introduced and later amended in the Amendment 1 version. These contained Animal Rights language highly objectionable to IFDCO and other organizations representing Illinois Animal Welfare Act (AWA) licensees, including:

Guardian (Guardianship): The “as introduced” version of HB2924 would have defined “Guardian” in our AWA, eroding the property rights of Illinois animal owners over their pets and livestock. Not an innocuous term from a legal standpoint, “guardians” in general legal terminology are to act in the favor of their “wards” (incompetent individuals unable to legally act for themselves), and may be removed and replaced by the Court as the Court sees fit.

Newly created enhanced “legal standing” of third parties: Contained in both the Introduced and Amd. 1 versions, this would have allowed any individual relinquishing an animal to a shelter, and who believed the shelter was not in compliance with the Disclosure requirements stated in this Act, to have legal “standing” for initiation of “civil action” to enforce all remedies and penalties against this shelter. In this bill, broadened “standing” was restricted to legal action against shelters only. However, allowing this legal concept to creep into our AWA could endanger the property rights of any licensee over his/her animals, should this idea be expanded to include other AWA licensees at a future date. At that point, any third-party Animal Rights activist, who may be backed by a well-funded an Animal Rights group, could initiate legal action in civil court against any AWA licensee, even when local law officers or humane investigators believed the charges unfounded.

Newly created Grounds for “Injunctive Relief” in the AWA to cover all licensees: Contained in both the Introduced and Amd. 1 versions, this would grant a third party the right to force involuntary dissolution of a business or corporation, and force forfeiture of a license or charter, thereby increasing liability for the officers and directors as well. Seizure of property (including real property, bank accounts, and animals) is also a risk and there is neither appeal process outlined nor any reference to due process actions. It has not been proven that this type of relief is indicated in Illinois.

Establishment in animal law of legal “guardianship” over animals (replacing “ownership”), “private right of action”, and enhanced “injunctive relief” in statutes are major goals of animal rights activists; these concepts are clearly written in to the Animal Rights group Animal Legal Defense Fund’s Model Law, which can be seen here:

http://aldf.org/downloads/ALDF_Model_Laws_v15_0.pdf

It is for this reason that animal owners should counter and oppose any statute containing such language, no matter how benign it may appear on the surface!

OBEDIENCE TRIAL DONATIONS

Once again it is time to consider supporting our club and exhibitors at the annual Obedience Trial. We will use the same format as last year – it really worked well.

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 the form and your donation made payable to:

**RAND PARK DOG TRAINING CLUB
C/O MARION MESETH
2128 FOX LANE
DES PLAINES, IL 60016**

**DONATION TO THE 20113 OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIAL
GENERAL FUND**

Name _____

Amount Enclosed _____



Rand Park Dog Training Club
Membership Meeting
Des Plaines Leisure Center
March 19, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE: Laurie Ingstrup, Ruth Shields, Forrest Shields, Bill Urquhart, Gloria Urquhart, Donna Barlow, Eileen Hennessy, Ursula Hoeft, Linda Geer, Lois Breslow, Joann Neville, Ann Mednick, Paul Koch, Vera Koch, Rudy Kuper, Mary Ann Gobo, Dominick Gobbo, Helene Wulff, Sonja Lund, Terri Everwine, Marion Meseth, Anita Wolney, Jerry Wulff, Jean Eremo, Rebecca Kay, Joan Pufundt, Karen Schaubel, Tom Woepse, Kris Carlsson, Cathy Anderson, Michelle Jaworski, Marge Kabala, Lois Leidahl-Marsh, Pat Hussey, Gail Kipp, Barbara Pische, Sheryl Phelps, Darlene Charmelo, Pat Beckstrom, Diane Muzzey, Joe Hahn, Kathy Hahn, Eleanor Goss, and Karyn McCoy.

SECRETARY –Linda Forman: absent / She’s working on the membership dues and list. They will be handed out at the next meeting or the brunch.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY – Laurie Ingstrup: The membership sign-up list & ring steward sign-up are being sent around.

TREASURER – Forrest Shields: Forrest gave the report on the state of our financial union.

ASSISTANT TREASURER – Eleanor Goss: no report

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING - Karen Korab: absent

DIRECTOR – Jean Eremo: She has premium lists, and they’re also on the web site. If anyone is training elsewhere, please bring premiums lists. Entries are coming in very slowly.

DIRECTOR – Karen Korab: absent

DIRECTOR - Diane Muzzey: no report

DIRECTOR – Gail Kellberg: absent

DIRECTOR – Lois Breslow: no report

DIRECTOR – Margo Milde: no report

Obedience Advisory Committee: Karen Korab / Jean Eremo / Terri Everwine/ Sonny Lund:
Training ran smoothly tonight.

Committees 2012-2013

Advertising & Publicity – Barb Krynski: absent

Agility Trial - Barb Krynski: absent / The place we were looking at is in conflict with another show. We didn’t make money last year. We won’t have an agility this year.

Audit & Finance - Jean Eremo / Pat Hussey / Barb Pische: everything looks good.

Banquet – Lois Breslow/ Marion Meseth: May 5th, \$35, noon, appetizers & cocktails included. We will be having a raffle. A flyer will be going out soon from Lois and Terri. From Sonny: donations for the raffle are welcome – anything. Think about places you go that might give you a gift certificate. Jeanene Henrichsen & Mary Dellorto are helping with the raffle items. Help is needed setting up Sunday morning.

Correction Clinics – Jean Eremo: No correction clinic this month because of the trial. They are going great. We always have a good turn-out. Jean goes home dead tired, but always happy.

Bylaws & Policies - Rudy Kuper: See Rudy for a copy of bylaws & policies if you need them.

Demonstrations – This is a great way to share your dogs with others.

#1 Lutheran Adult Day Care Center, 1:30, first Monday of each month – contact person Aliss South, #2 Ballard Nursing Home, 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of each month – contact person – Kathy Hahn, #3 Nazarethville 2nd Saturday 10-15-11-15 – contact person – Barb Pische..

Equipment - Bill Urquhart: all the equipment is at the facility. Help will be needed to fine- tune the set-up.

Historian - Ann Suwada: absent

Insurance – Eleanor Goss: The certificate of insurance was sent to the forest preserve for the up-coming tracking test.

Legislative Liaison – Margo Milde / Lois Leidahl-Marsh: Margo discussed recent bills and proposed legislation. Thanks to Margo for being so involved with IFCO.

Liaison to the Des Plaines Park District: Marion Meseth/Bill Urquhart/Dee Morrison: Kids are on spring break, but things will run on the regular schedule for training.

New Member Packets – Diane Muzzey: Two new members, packets to go out soon.

Paw Prints - Ursula Hoefl/Kathy & Joe Hahn: Please send her news. Legs & titles – anything new.

Obedience Trial (2012) – (4-28-13) Lois Breslow: Get entries in. Ring Stewards are still needed. Please see, call or email Laurie Ingstrup: 847-4470-0395 or iqueenbee1@aol.com.

Refreshments - Gloria Urquhart / Michelle Jaworski: Thanks to everyone for bringing goodies tonight.

Registration – Gloria Urquhart / Jackie Limosani: Things are slowing down. One packet for next September was sent out.

Tracking - Terri Everwine: Tracking test this weekend at Wichman Forest Preserve from around 8:30-11:00.

Training Hall Secretary -

TROPHIES/AWARDS

Trial Awards: Anita Wolney/Marion Meseth: She will be ordering the ribbons we need.

Special Awards: Marion Meseth/Anita Wolney: Everything is covered. Bill will give her the toys when she calls him.

Annual Awards: Eleanor Goss/Ruth Shields: The plates are ordered, as are other awards. Everything will be in place for the banquet.

Website – Greg & Ursula Hoefl: the most recent issue of Paw Prints is always on the website, as are the premiums for tracking & obedience tests.

Nominating Committee – Laurie Ingstrup / Eleanor Goss / Sheryl Phelps: Laurie presented the slate of officers nominated for the 2013-14 Training Year. They are:

President - Lois Leidahl-Marsh, Vice President – Marion Meseth, Advisor - Ruth Shields, Chairman - Rudy Kuper, Treasurer - Eleanor Goss, Assistant Treasurer - Forrest Shields, Secretary - Linda Forman, Assistant Secretary - Laurie Ingstrup, Returning Directors – Gail Kellberg, Karen Korab, Jean Eremo and New Directors – Lois Breslow, Gail Kipp, and Joan Pufundt.

No nominations were made from the floor.

Rudy Kuper moved to accept the slate of officers as presented, seconded by Forrest Shields. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: When the items were brought to the Food Pantry, the pet shelves were empty. It was suggested that smaller bags of food be donated as more people can be helped. We will have another pet food donation event soon.

Please let the next president know if you would like to be on a committee. We always need volunteers and it's a great way to get to know people.

ADJOURNMENT: Rudy Kuper & Forrest Shields

Our next General Membership meeting will be April 9.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Ingstrup

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Send us 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.

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Rand Park Dog Training Club Correction Clinics

2012-2013 Correction Clinic Dates:

May 4, June 8, July 6

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: 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: _____

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Signature _____ Date: _____

Clinic Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____

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