

Paw Prints

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



April 2015

President's Message

This is my last president's message. It's amazing how fast two years fly by. Everything that we have accomplished wouldn't be possible without you, the members of Rand Park.

I would like to thank Sheryl Phelps and Barb Pische, our co-directors of training, for all of their hard work. More times than not, they were the substitutes if instructors didn't come to teach their classes. Most of the time, both of them were present on Tuesday nights from before 6 to 10 pm. They did the scheduling, even though another member had volunteered to do it and then backed out. The director of training is one of the hardest jobs to do. Working as a team, they made it look easy. Regarding training, another behind the scenes person who does a ton of work and we never think about is Gloria Urquhart, our registration chair. She answers questions about the Club from the public and makes sure registration of new students is smooth and painless. Gloria, Sheryl and Barb have made orientation an enjoyable evening.

Another person that I want to thank, and hope you will do so as well, is Ursula Hoefl. She has been

our editor, person in charge of the website even though she would love to get rid of the job, and chair of our obedience and rally trials for the past two years. Her performance has been superb in all three positions. She has contributed a huge amount to Rand Park. I also thank her for her patience with me because I am usually slow sending her this message.

To all the other Board members and Committee chairs, like Jean Eremo, who did their jobs efficiently and quietly but were willing to step forward when the Club needed something to be done, I thank you for making these two years easier for me. I'm leaving out many names, but don't think for a moment that I don't appreciate what you have done for Rand Park. Volunteering for Rand Park makes it a viable, enjoyable club.

Let's all celebrate this past year and the accomplishments of our fellow members at our annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, May 3. It's right after our Rally and Obedience trials and right before our VST tracking test – volunteers needed.



Have a great spring and summer!
Lois Leidahl-Marsh

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We were very saddened to learn that Donna Nowak passed away suddenly on March 16. For those who didn't get to know her, Donna was "dog mom" to Golden Retriever Pretzel, and to Hunter, a Golden puppy that recently joined the Nowak family.

Donna was an active and enthusiastic member of Rand Park DTC. She was always ready to help our club. She was so helpful, in fact, that she even volunteered her family to work at our Trials last year. Donna will be greatly missed.

Our sincere condolences go to Donna's husband, John, and sons Jonathan and Brandon.

Don't miss Rand Park's Annual Awards Banquet on May 3!

By Ursula Hoeft

It's that time again – time for our annual Awards Banquet. Don't miss it! Folks who have attended in past years know what a good time it is. If this will be your first time at a Rand Park Awards Banquet, you'll be surprised by how nicely we all clean up and what fun and how social Rand Park members are. But knowing peoples' names may be a challenge! At training, it's dogs' names that are important and we tend to know people as Oscar's mom, Vinnie's dad, Buddy's mom, Wizard's mom, etc.

You'll enjoy a delicious meal at the banquet, maybe an adult beverage or two, 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.

If you haven't yet sent in your reservation, a Banquet invitation is in this issue of Paw Prints. Be sure to fill it out and send it to Lois Breslow or give it to her at training. Lois needs to have reservations by April 27.

Don't worry about filling in the "seating request" section of the Banquet invitation. The folks in charge 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 prize, but– with your help – lots of great stuff to win!

By Ursula Hoeft

Please consider donating items for the Awards Banquet raffle. Marge Kabala is in charge, and she wants to have as much "stuff" as possible to raffle off without dipping into the Club's treasury. To do that, she needs your help!

Donations of dog gear will, of course, be appreciated as will just about anything else you care to donate. Here's a fun idea: donate items to include 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. Think of others – be creative!

Consider sponsoring a whole basket – maybe ask someone to partner on it with you. Small items will also be appreciated. They'll be included in baskets and will make for more variety. Ask businesses you frequent to donate a gift certificate. Money donations will also be gratefully accepted.

Bring your raffle donations to the training hall or call Marge (773-750-9989) if you need to make other arrangements or want to know more about the raffle. Marge needs items by April 23 to get everything ready for the Banquet.

The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs

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

Barb Krynski says ...

... everything is just a little more special when they're with us.

That's Jester and Nikki in 2013 in the photo, both lost in September 2014. I miss them every single day.

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

– Ursula



Happy News

Clyde And Marilyn Werner welcomed home a new puppy, "Little Lilly." She was born on December 28, 2014 and recently weighed in at whopping 2.1#. Lilly loves to run, play and carry things in her mouth. Clyde says, "I'm sure she will be great in obedience. We are looking forward to Puppy Class."

That's Little Lilly on the right

From Karen Schaubel:

On Sunday, February 1, in the snowstorm, we drove from Des Plaines to Car-Dun-Al in Huntley. We got there just in time, earned our legs and drove home again in the snowstorm.

People thought I was nuts to leave the house. I just told them dog people are crazy.

Maya and Cole are in the photo on the right. Karen didn't mention the blue ribbon. Guess she's used to her dogs getting them.



All Rand Parkers are invited

Anyone interested in marching in this year's Park Ridge Memorial Day Parade, please meet us on the south side of Talcott east of Fairview Avenue at 9:30 a.m. on May 25.

Questions? Call Bill Urquhart - 847-825-3318

(The photo above was taken at last year's Memorial Day parade)

March 22, 2015 TD/TDU Test Report

Patrick McMahon, Secretary

This combined test was originally scheduled to include four Tracking Dog (TD) and four Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) entries. The TDU segment of our test was only the second TDU test ever held by the Rand Park Dog Training Club.

Possibly due to the extended winter conditions and lingering snow cover that plagued the Chicago land area, many entry level tracking teams may not have been able to put in the necessary practice time to prepare for the TD test. As a result we received only three TD entries for the test.

However, we received a total of ten TDU entries and, using the AKC exchange policy, we were able to expand the number of TDU tracks to include five TDU entries.

The weather for our test at the Lincolnshire Corporate Center was cold (in the upper twenties), slightly overcast, and breezy. However, that did not diminish the enthusiasm of our competing teams. Of the three TD entries and five TDU entries, we had two teams that successfully completed their tracks earning their Tracking Dog Urban titles.



Marla Richardson entered the TDU test with her little Italian Greyhound, Annie. This was both Marla and Annie's first entry into a tracking test of any sort. To brave the cold, bitterly breezy weather, Annie wore a very fashionable jersey over which her harness was fastened. Once Marla placed Annie on the ground at the start, it appeared as if Annie was thinking "the sooner I get through with this tracking stuff, the sooner I can get back in the car to warm up." When Annie's feet touched the ground, she took a good sniff of the start article and was off to the races, true to her Greyhound instincts. Annie never slowed down, with her nose glued to the ground, she navigated the entire track in near record time. Seldom was she more than

a few feet from the track. Wow, what a display!!

Ziggy, the "Circus Dog" was our next TDU title earner. With Terri Everwine on "lead," the Miniature Poodle did a masterful job of thoroughly searching what appeared to be virtually every inch of his tracking grounds to assure that nothing was missed. Handler Terri relied on her vast tracking experience to masterfully read Ziggy's every subtle indication as the little guy worked diligently through one of the toughest TDU courses of the day. After 412 yards of track, which included two very difficult turns on islands in a parking lot, Ziggy came to a halt, turned, sat down and faced Terri, as if to say, "here it is." Terri walked over to pick up the final glove article that Ziggy had located and earned a Rand Park member's first ever TDU title. Great job Terri and Ziggy!!



Our sincere thanks go out to our judges of this test: Dr C. Danae Steele of Neenah, WI, and our own Lois Leidahl-Marsh. They plotted some challenging tracks for our eight teams of entrants. It was indeed a pleasure working with them.

Many thanks also go to our enthusiastic crew of volunteers whose contributions made the test possible. Our TDU tracklayers, who braved the early chill to put in some excellent tracks were Gina Femali, Ike Lichter, Bev Kozlowski, Barb Larsen, Teresa Higgins, Diane Muzzey, Benita Theleen, and Nancy Foster. Wojtek Rybicki and Roni Szeliga volunteered as drivers making sure that the judges and entrants were shuttled to the start of the tracks in a timely fashion. Hospitality was graciously provided by Alysa Slay and Lois Breslow. Finally, special thanks again go to Gina Femali, who served as our Test Chairperson and Chief Tracklayer, for assuring that the test ran smoothly. You guys are the greatest!



From left, Judge Leidahl-Marsh, Marla with "warmed up" Annie, Judge Steele and tracklayer Teresa Higgins.



Tracklayer Diane Muzzey, Judge Leidahl-Marsh, Terri Everwine, "Circus Dog" Ziggy, and Judge Steele.

Important information is shared when Rand Park members get together.

"Normal" people tend to talk about fun stuff like sports, films, music, travel, etc., but, after a long Winter, what tends to dominated conversation when "dog people" gather is "poop" – dog poop, of course! – and how much of it shows up when the snow finally melts. Most people wouldn't spend a "New York minute" on a gross topic like poop, but it kept several of us engaged in serious discussion for the better part of an hour at training recently.

As most of us know, it's not easy to deal with the after-winter clean up, especially for those who have more than one dog – one member who took part in the conversation has five! – and I think we all will agree that suggestions for ways to take care of this vital job is important information to share. Also, maybe the camaraderie that comes with knowing that we all have this task to tackle makes it just a little easier.



Of course, by the time you receive this newsletter your yard probably will be free of dog poop – or as free of it as it ever is! – and your grass will be green again. Enjoy the beautiful daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, and other Spring flowers that now are abundant.

Seems to me that if we didn't have to endure the Midwest's long, cold, snowy and dreary Winters, we wouldn't enjoy Spring so much – almost makes it worth it. Almost!

Happy Spring!
Ursula

2015-2016 Slate of Officers

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	Gail Kellberg

Bulletin Board

The Premium List for our April 25 and 26 Rally and Obedience Trials is on our website: randparkdtc.org. It's not too late to enter, but entries must be received by 6 p.m. on April 8.

Volunteer to Steward at our April trials. Contact Laurie Ingstrup (iqueenbee1@aol.com; 847-470-0395) or Barb Pische (remi2332@sbcglobal.net; 773-637-5491)

Consider making a donation to our Trials. The form to us is inside this issue of Paw Prints.

If you can't remember how you did in a trial two years ago – or last month, or whenever – you can get the score by going to: dogshowscores.com

Jean Eremo can always use people to Steward at her monthly Correction Clinics. See the form in this issue of Paw Prints for dates. Send her an e-mail to let her know that you're coming to Steward: jeaneremo@aol.com.

Legislative Liaison Committee Report

March 14, 2015

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

"A sacred respect for the constitutional law is the vital principle, the sustaining energy of a free government." -- Alexander Hamilton, Essay in the American Daily Advertiser, 1794

IFDCO (Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners) continues to work with YOUR interests in mind.

To date, we are actively opposing the following Illinois bills in the current Spring legislative:

HB2589 – Do Not Adopt Registry [Sponsor: Tabares]

HB3773 – Animal Abuse Registry [Sponsor: Tabares]

SB108 – Animals – Veterinary Kennels [Sponsor: Silverstein]

SB1362 – Animal Control – First Responders/Vicious Animals Database [Sponsor: Silverstein]

Several new bills have just appeared in the past week, and IFDCO will be taking action, if warranted, on these as well. Updates will be posted on the IFDCO website: <http://www.ifdco.org/>

And – Good news! – we have an IFDCO initiative bill which we of course SUPPORT. It is:

HB4029 – Animal Welfare – Identify Owner [Sponsor: Conroy]

HB4029 would amend the Illinois Animal Welfare Act to require better identification of cats and dogs under the care of Illinois shelters and rescues to better enable these animals to be returned to owners before the animal is transferred to a different shelter, adopted out, or euthanized. It is a sister bill to SB1637 from 2011, another IFDCO initiative bill, requiring similar for Animal Control agencies under the Illinois Animal Control Act, which we had passed and enacted into law in 2011! Go to the Illinois General Assembly HB4029 webpage for current status and full text of HB4029:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=4029&GAID=13&DocTypeID=HB&LegId=90246&SessionID=88&GA=99>

American Pet Products Association's US 2014 Pet Industry Market Size and Ownership Statistics are now available:

Interesting to review - I personally found the following worth noticing:

1. Estimated expenditures on pets in the US in 2014 (\$58.51 million) are almost 3 1/2 times larger than expenditures on pets only 20 years ago, in 1994 (just \$17 million) - this includes food, supplies, vet care, boarding, and pet purchases.
2. 68% of US homes owned one or more pets in 2013-14, while in 1988, only 56% did so.
3. While in 2014, more homes owned dogs (56.7 million) than cats (45.3 million), more cats (95.6 million) were owned than were dogs (83.3 million). (Most popular in numbers? Freshwater fish, with 145 million total owned, yet only 14.3 million homes owned freshwater fish.)

So, who says that pets are not as popular as they had been in recent years? These numbers dispel that myth. They are also helpful to use should your community attempt to enact any anti-pet laws, since it shows the beneficial economic impact that pet ownership has.

Go to the link to see what other interesting statistics you'll find.

http://www.americanpetproducts.org/press_industrytrends.asp

New federal House bill (HR 749) introduced that would allow pets to travel on Amtrak trains with their owners in a new pilot program: The AKC, in full support of this bill (as we all should be), discusses the details in a recent Legislative Alert on the topic:

<http://www.akc.org/government-relations/legislative-alerts/2015-amtrak-march/>

According to the AKC, this bill would require "...Amtrak, when feasible, to designate at least one car where passengers may transport a dog or cat if the pet is in a kennel that can be stowed according to Amtrak's

requirements for carry-on baggage. The bill would also allow passengers to transport dogs or cats as cargo if the pets are in a kennel and the cargo area is temperature controlled. Passengers would be required to pay a fee to transport their pets on trains. This would not preclude those already permitted to travel with legitimate service animals.” Actually, this entire bill is a comprehensive reformatting of Amtrak services and funding, of which the “pets on train” section is only a small portion (Sec. 210. Amtrak pilot program for passengers transporting domesticated cats and dogs) found on pp. 46-48 of the bill:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr749rfs/pdf/BILLS-114hr749rfs.pdf>

Please contact your Congressman today and ask him to support this bill!

How to protect yourself as a dog owner and a breeder: The recent well-publicized breeder puppy seizure in Waukegan, Illinois, became the opening comments for an excellent article on protecting your rights as a dog owner and breeder. This article, written by Stormy Hope, the German Shepherd Dog Club of America’s Legislative Liaison, gave several good suggestions, including:

1. Make certain all of your dogs are identified by microchip or tattoo;
2. Know your puppy buyer, and ask for background references if needed;
3. Know your local community’s animal ordinances;
4. Know your rights should you be paid a visit by your local Animal Control officer;
5. Do not sign your dogs away in order to avoid arrest!
6. Call your lawyer immediately and follow his/her advice. Don’t say anything without getting advice first;
7. Have lots of dated photos of your home or kennels; and finally,
8. Obey the law!

This article also has a section on what to do should one of your dogs escape, and links to other well-written sources on the topics discussed in this article. Very worthwhile reading...and saving for future use.

<http://gsdca.org/german-shepherd-dogs/dog-legislation/stormys-blogs>

Obedience Trial Donations

Support Rand Park DTC by making a donation to our annual Obedience and Rally Trials on April 25 and 26, 2015.

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 and mail it, with your donation, to Marion Meseth.

Donation To The 2015 Obedience Trial General Fund

Name(s): _____

Amount _____

Mail to:
Marion Meseth
2128 Fox Lane
Des Plaines, IL 60018

For those who missed the program on February 24, here is information about the important topic that was addressed. Even if you were there, you will probably want to review what was discussed to be sure that you have everything in place to insure your dog(s) well-being if you're not around.

The information comes from the National Rescue Committee, Golden Retriever Club of America, Inc. website (www.grca-nrc.org) and is being reprinted with their permission. It was not edited; therefore "Golden," or variations of it, appear throughout the text.

If something Happens to you: Providing for your Golden

In this day and age, we need to prepare for eventualities that could impact the care of our beloved Golden.

Suppose you were in an automobile accident en route home from shopping.

Suppose your sudden accident was fatal.

Have you made emergency or long-term provisions for the care of your Golden?

Your golden deserves your careful thought and planning.

There are both short-term and long-term provisions to be considered. The following is a "quality care checklist" of steps to be taken to care for those four-footed furry love bugs with which you share your home.

Short-term Emergency Care

1. Put a notice on your door alerting emergency personnel that you have dog(s) in the house so that firemen or other emergency personnel will be alerted to look for an animal cowering under the bed or somewhere else out of sight.
2. Put a Pet Alert Card in your wallet, adjacent to the "Emergency Information Card" in most wallets, alerting emergency personnel to the fact that you have dogs at home that need care. Include at least two phone numbers of family, friends or neighbors who can be called to provide short-term care for your pets should you be unconscious or so injured you are unable to address this need. Alert these temporary care-givers to the fact that you are doing this and instruct them where your pets are to be boarded should you be hospitalized and they are unable to provide daily care. Alert your boarding kennel to the fact that you are doing this and assure them that you have made appropriate financial provisions to cover boarding costs.
3. Alert your executor to your pet provision concerns and include financial provisions in your will for temporary boarding of your pets. In the event of your demise, your family's primary concern will be your funeral arrangements, not pet care. You may also wish to make use of a Letter of Instruction or a trust (see below.) Make it easy for everyone by reviewing your wishes with those concerned and making the proper provisions.
4. In the event of your death leave specific instructions as to the ultimate care of your Golden. A Letter of Instruction is not a legal document, but if it includes your wishes for your funeral arrangements, it will, most likely be read! In this document you can specify how you wish the care of your pet(s) to be handled. BUT, as a letter of instruction is not legally binding, you might include the phrase, "As I have indicated in my will, I wish the following provisions to be carried out on behalf of my pets." This alerts people to the fact that there is also a LEGAL document addressing the subject! Then spell them out exactly as you have it in your will. This is especially important if you are leaving money to someone.

To be absolutely certain your wishes will be followed, you need to include provisions in your will and let all concerned - family, friends and executor - know that you are very serious about this! Designate a person you can trust to be sure your wishes are carried out in this regard. Unfortunately, pets sometimes get disposed of before anyone bothers to read the will! In other instances, interim care may be required until the will has been admitted to probate and the executor receives the authority to proceed. By the way, it is not necessary to rewrite a will every time you lose a pet or add another one if the will simply states that the provisions you are making apply to "my dog or dog(s) at the time of my death or incapacity." In some states, pet trusts are permissible, but caveat emptor, they are subject to change and sometimes unenforceable. (see below.)

5. Be specific about the placement of your golden. Leave nothing to chance. You may have a relative or friend who has indicated they would take your dog, but suppose at the time of your demise (and you're not going to rewrite your will every year) you have more than one dog and your relative or friend doesn't want two new charges. Or perhaps, the party's circumstances have changed, a spouse doesn't want a pet, the landlord won't permit a pet, etc. Spell out a sequence of scenarios in your will, i.e. your pet(s) are to go to Person A, but if this party is unable to care for them, then to Person B or to your local Golden Retriever Rescue organization. (More about this later!) If you signed a contract with the dog's breeder specifying that the dog is to be returned to him or her, be certain to make note of this. Then talk to your breeder about this - should there be a family member who might be close to the dog and really want to care for it.

6. Including your pet in your Power of Attorney may be advisable if you have designated someone to act in your behalf while you are still alive, but incapacitated. Provisions for pet care can be spelled out in a Power of Attorney statement. You may also draw up a separate Power of Attorney form for your chosen pet care provider. Copies of this form should be given to your pet care provider, your veterinarian, your boarding kennel and your executor.

7. Write out important information about your dog and instruct someone where this document may be found. A file folder should include medical records, licensing information, special food needs, etc. But perhaps even more important, write a personality profile of your pet - its likes and dislikes, its good and its bad habits, its favorite playtime activity, the fact that it loves to chew ice cubes! Give the new owner all the information possible to facilitate your pet's transition to a new home.

8. Euthanasia is usually not a legal option. You may think that your pet cannot survive without you or that you have no family or Rescue group to which your Golden can be left, but do not leave instructions that the dog is to be euthanized in the event of your death because most courts have invalidated such instructions. Deal with it! Make provisions! Don't leave your Golden's fate hanging in the air. There are always viable options. Be advised, however, that if you leave your Golden to a friend or relative, that person becomes the legal owner and that person has the right to euthanize your pet.

Including Your Pet in Your Will

Dogs have a different status in different states. If a dog is considered "property" in your state, you cannot leave money for its care nor can you establish a trust for its care. Property cannot inherit property. In many states, if you leave money to an individual or organization for the care of your pet, that money will be subject to inheritance taxes. Talk to your lawyer about your state laws before you write provisions for pet care into your will. Always specify that the cost of food, veterinary care, transportation or temporary boarding care for your pet, while permanent arrangements are being made, will be taken from your estate funds.

1. Providing funds for pet care through cash or a trust must be done in accordance with state law. Most states do not permit any part of an estate to be left directly to an animal. Money can be left to a caretaker for your pet's care, but the care taker is under no legal obligation to use the money for that purpose. If a large amount of money is left to someone for this purpose, others may challenge the will unless an interim clause is included in

the will. Such a clause insures that if someone unsuccessfully challenges the will, said person cannot then receive property under any provision of the will.

2. Pet Trusts or Honorary Trusts can be another vehicle of care, however, they are expensive to administer. A trust that is separate from a will has certain advantages. It can be written to exclude the probate process and to provide for your pet in the event of your long-term illness. A Revocable Living Trust can be cancelled or changed while you are still alive. But you will have to pay a trustee to administer it. And, once again, you must ascertain if your state will recognize the validity of such a document when an animal is the beneficiary. As of January, 2005, there are State Pet Trust Statutes of one form or another on the books in 26 states: (AK, AZ, CA, CO, DC, FL, IL, IA, KS, ME, MI, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OR, TN, UT, WA, WI, WY.) When writing your legal documents, you will need to verify these statutes to determine if they have been amended or repealed, or if they are classified as "unenforceable."

In May, 2001 an effort was made by Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Oregon) to create federal legislation (HR 1796) that would permit pets to be named as income recipients of charitable remainder trusts. It was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee, however, as of March, 2005, no action had been taken on this bill.

Designating a Rescue Organization to Care for Your Golden

1. A Rescue Organization can provide the best care for your Golden if you do not have a close relative or family member who truly cares for your dog.

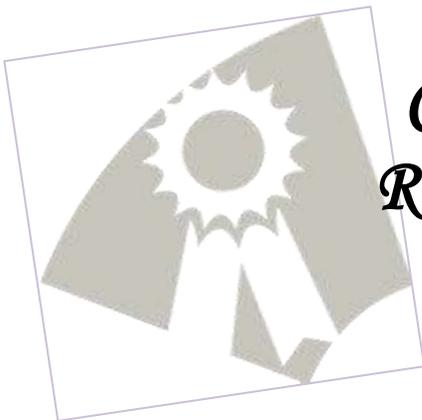
There are nearly 100 such organizations in the United States and a full roster of these Rescue groups can be found on the website of the National Rescue Committee. But not all Rescue groups are equal. Some are new and some have long track records. Research your local Rescue group thoroughly. Ask questions. Ask to see their financial statements. Ask for references from their participating veterinarians. You want to feel reasonably certain that the group is going to be around when you need it! You may find that you need to go out of state to find a Rescue organization with which you are comfortable. Talk to the group's officers in advance, let them know of your wishes, and plan ahead as to how your dog will be transported to them when the time comes. And once again, remember to provide the finances for this transportation.

There are many advantages to stipulating that your Golden go to a Rescue group because most Rescue groups do home visits to carefully screen would-be adopters. Ask about their adoption procedures. Ask about their placement record for senior Golden as your dog may be a senior when the need for placement arises. Rescue groups are run by volunteers who truly care about the breed and about securing "forever homes" for their charges. A Golden is not just any dog to a Rescue volunteer - it is a unique animal to which they are committing many volunteer hours in an effort to find loving homes for Golden in need.

2. You should provide a bequest in your will if you elect to specify that your Golden go to a Rescue organization.

Be sure that the organization you elect has 501 c 3 charitable organization status to avoid the payment of inheritance taxes. Don't leave money to the organization "for the care of Rusty" because it creates problems the organization cannot manage. They can't adopt out a dog "with a dowry" because they would have no means of monitoring expenditures. The new owners can't be expected to go to the Rescue organization for payment of every vet bill - nor should they. Here is where faith and good will have to come into play. Leave your bequest to the Rescue organization for the care of Golden in need. If YOUR Golden subsequently requires major medical care, you have to trust that the organization will provide it if the new owners are unable to do so. Your bequest is a statement of faith that you trust the organization to do right by your dog, if needed, and if not, to help other Golden in need.

Your dog has given you its full trust and unconditional love. You must reward that faith by taking the necessary steps to provide for its well-being should you be unable to do so.

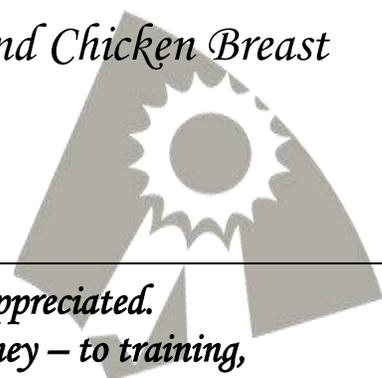


*Come celebrate with us at the
Rand Park Dog Training Club's
Annual Awards Banquet
And Raffle*

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

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

Please RSVP by April 27



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

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

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

Name(s): _____

Number in party: _____ Check enclosed: \$ _____

Please seat me/us with: _____

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

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



"Food for thought" from Sonja Lund:

If your dog is fat,
you aren't getting enough exercise. --Anonymous

There is something to be said
about how quickly a dog makes friends
in comparison to a human. --Anonymous

**Rand Park Dog Training Club Inc.
Training Calendar for 2015**

Spring Session	
February 24	Orientation Membership Meeting
March 03	Training Week 1
March 10	Training Week 2
March 17	Training Week 3
March 24	Training Week 4
March 31	Training Week 5
April 07	Training Week 6 Membership Meeting
April 14	Training Week 7
April 21	Training Week 8
April 28	Training Week 9
May 05	Training Week 10
May 12	Evaluation
May 19	CANINE GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Paw Prints is YOUR newsletter!

Send news, brags, anything that would be of interest to "dog people," to Ursula Hoefl, Paw Prints Editor, 1814 Illinois Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, or by e-mail to:
randparkpawprints@live.com

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

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

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

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

**Training hours
will be:**
6:15 to 6:50;
6:55 to 7:35;
7:40 to 8:20;
8:25 to 9:05

**Meetings will
immediately follow
the last classes.**

**Please keep this
Calendar for
reference**



Rand Park Dog Training Club Correction Clinics

2015 Correction Clinic Dates:

May 2, June 6, July 11

at

For Your Canine Annex

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

Melrose Park, Illinois

(For Your Canine is air conditioned)

Judging starts at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Classes Offered: Beginner Novice – Novice – Open – Utility

RALLY ALL CLASSES

Enter Early – All classes are limited to 30 entries

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

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

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

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

Class: _____ Additional Class: _____ Jump Heights: _____

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

Signature _____ Date: _____

Clinic Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____

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