

Paw Prints

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



December 2011

Keep Those Doggy Tails Wagging During The Holidays!

By Ursula Hoefl

Unless you have a second home in a warm part of the country to escape to, winter may not be your favorite time of the year. I don't know about you, but the cold and all that snow and ice sometimes have me wishing I could stay inside under a blanket until next May. But, seriously, winter isn't all bad. There are lots of fun things to do in the snow with our dogs. Why don't you let me know about outside activities that you and your dogs enjoy. I'll include them in the January issue of Paw Prints. I'm sure we'll have plenty of snow by then!

For now, we have the holiday season to look forward to. Of course, as far as our dogs are concerned, everyday is a holiday, but they still sense that there's something special going on during the holidays. And they want to be part of it. But that can get them into trouble. There are a lot of things we need to be aware of to keep them safe and sound. You've probably read and heard plenty of holiday safety reminders by now – most of them are common sense – but here are some that may not be as obvious as those we usually think about.

- Spray-on snow/flocking, foil, plastic wrap/shrink-wrap, plastic foam peanuts and ribbon can all be life-threatening if your dog ingests them. Don't forget about tinsel and glass ornaments.
- If you have a live tree, sugar-based tree preservatives or plant food in the tree water can harbor dangerous bacteria. A thirsty dog may decide to use the tree stand as a drinking bowl – if the bathroom door is closed. Use fresh water and change it often.
- Be careful with liquid potpourri. The smell is wonderful, but the liquid can cause irritation and corrosion of the eyes, mouth, throat and esophagus.

- Don't forget about batteries. They're always a danger, but there usually are more of them around at holiday time. Batteries are extremely toxic if chewed or swallowed. Acid burns from chewing them are common; so are cuts from the metal casing. Small batteries can be swallowed, causing internal burns.
- Watch out for electrical cords. Pets often try to chew them and may get badly shocked or electrocuted. Place wires out of reach.
- And we all know that chocolate is toxic to dogs; so are alcohol, holly and mistletoe, especially the berries. Don't forget to keep them out of reach.
- The holiday season is a stressful time for dogs. Try to keep a normal schedule during all the excitement.

And remember – remind your friends and family too – that the holidays are not the time to bring a new dog into the home. New puppies and dogs require extra attention and a stable environment, which the holiday season doesn't permit. Also, a puppy is not a toy or gift that can be returned. Instead, the AKC suggests giving a gift representative of the dog to come, such as a toy, a leash, or a bed.



*Best wishes for a warm and fuzzy
Holiday Season
and a New Year filled with
happiness and cold wet noses.*

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The following article is being reprinted with the permission of the author, Dr. Mark Howes, DVM

Prepare Your Pet For Winter Weather

By Dr. Mark Howes, DVM
Berglund Animal Hospital, Evanston, IL

Most of us know that we must follow certain procedures to prepare our homes and vehicles for the cold winter weather. But did you know that your pets also need your help to be prepared for the winter weather ahead?

Having proper shelter is a necessity for both humans and pets. If your dog likes to spend long periods of time outdoors you must be certain that their shelter is warm, dry and windproof. Years ago dogs were exclusively outdoor pets until we recently welcomed them into our homes. Remember where Snoopy used to sleep? Doghouses can be custom built with a raised platform, insulation and even a simple heating system or heating pad for warmth. There are many plans for doghouse construction available on the Internet and building a doghouse together as a family can be a fun project. The doghouse must be large enough for the dog to turn around in but small enough not to disperse his body heat. The entrance must be covered with heavy burlap or plastic to retain heat. Clean straw or cedar wood shavings as bedding are preferred to fabric blankets because blankets can become wet and freeze solid. Note that some large breeds of dogs such as Malamutes and Huskies are very happy in the winter and prefer to live outside. However, even those breeds should have an alternative shelter. Note that dogs that are outside for long periods of time need to be fed a little more food because they use more calories to generate heat for themselves by shivering. Finally, never use metal bowls for water because your dog's tongue can stick to the frozen metal causing fear and injury. Instead, purchase a ceramic or plastic bowl for your pooch.

Frostbite can and does occur in cats and dogs. Thankfully, it is rare in healthy pets unless there are extenuating circumstances. Frostbite happens when ice crystals form on the tips of the ears, tail and/or paws. Frostbitten areas typically appear gray, red or white and may peel. If you suspect your pet has suffered frostbite soak the affected area in warm water for 20 to 30 minutes. Then wrap the animal in a blanket and transport it to the nearest veterinarian. If you live near a lake, river or pond do not allow your dog to run onto frozen areas because he may fall through the ice. Don't leave your dog unsupervised when outdoors in these areas.

Salt and other chemicals that are used to melt snow are a threat to your pet's health. If your dog or cat travels through salt-treated areas be sure you wash the animal's paws thoroughly to remove the salt. Booties are an effective method for protecting your dog's feet and are recommended for hunting dogs.

Although most cats can survive outdoors in the winter I recommend they be kept indoors. Outdoor cats will often self-regulate their exposure to the cold. Cats instinctively seek heat to stay warm and will often crawl into a vehicle's engine compartment. If both your car and your cat are kept outdoors I suggest you routinely give a firm thump to your vehicle's hood with your hand or a brief toot of the horn to startle an animal out from under your car before starting the engine. Speaking of cars, both dogs and cats are attracted to anti-freeze that contains ethylene glycol, a chemical that is highly toxic. Now there are other types of anti-freeze available that contain propylene glycol which is a safer alternative. Fall is a common time to change a vehicle's antifreeze so care must be taken with its disposal. Be sure your car isn't leaking anti-freeze and if it is, wipe it up immediately.

When your dog or cat comes inside after walking in the snow always check the pads of its paws for cuts and irritation and remove any ice from between the pads.

Shorthaired and small dogs may be more comfortable wearing a coat when outside in cold temperatures. There is a wide selection of outerwear available to fit any size dog and the materials and fabrics are equal in protection to human clothing. If it's exceptionally cold, take your pet for frequent walks but for short periods of time. This is especially important for senior dogs with arthritis and joint problems.

Your pet's nutritional needs and diet should be adjusted during the winter months. Unless your dog is extremely active you may want to slightly decrease the amount of food you are feeding him to avoid his becoming overweight. Another issue related to dry winter air is dry skin. I recommend feeding your dog a 1000 mg Omega-3 fish oil capsule once a day if he weighs more than 50 pounds. For dogs under 50 pounds and for cats use the liquid Omega-3 fish oil in a spray bottle and add a couple of squirts to your pet's food once a day. Make sure your pet has plenty of fresh water to help keep him adequately hydrated. And remember to continue your pet's annual veterinary examinations.

Following these guidelines will ensure that your pet remains healthy and happy throughout the cold winter months.

Dr. Mark Howes, DVM, is the Medical Director and owner of Berglund Animal Hospital in Evanston, Illinois. Berglund Animal Hospital was founded in 1955.

From the DOT

Thanks to all our Fall instructors for a great job. We also have a great group that substituted: Lois Leidhal-Marsh, Barb Pische, Marge Kabala, Sheryl Phelps and Lois Breslow.

Here we go into Winter Session. Please be very mindful of your dogs coming in and out of the hall. There will be coat racks in the entry way and on the stage. Keep your dogs on a short leash as you hang or pick up your coats.

If training needs to be cancelled because of bad weather or for some other reason, instructors will call the students in their classes to notify them. Notice of training cancellation will also be posted on the Club's website: <http://www.randparkdte.org>. Let's hope Mother Nature is good to us.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kathy Hahn and Kappy for finishing their UDX!! WELL DONE!!

Dee Morrison
Director of Training



Kappy, UDX

News from Diane Muzzey

On Friday, October 28, Evie made her obedience debut at the Corgi Regional Specialty in Crystal Lake. I was a bit tentative about this, but decided to "trust my dog," as I always teach my students. Now I know that's great advice!

Evie was entered in Novice B Rally and in the first trial that day, she showed me just how to approach Rally. She earned a score of 99 and got Second Place! The second trial was also looking very good, but her handler NQ'd her by missing a sign! Now I know that I definitely need more practice than Evie does!

We both made up for it on November 5 at Glenbard's obedience trial. In Rally Novice B that day, Evie beat 20 other dogs with a perfect score of 100 and First Place!

I am very, very proud of this little girl who joined my household with the baggage of a rescue dog and the overwhelming desire to please. We're looking forward to earning the last leg of the RN title in the very near future.

Congratulations, Diane and Evie!

**We were saddened to learn of
Vicky MacKay's death.
Our condolences go to her family.**

Barb Krynski discovered a worthwhile cause that helps members of the military care for their pets. It's called Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet.

According to the organization's website, its Mission Statement is "Supporting our Military, Veterans, and their beloved Pets to ensure the pets are reunited with their owners following a deployment (combat or peace-keeping mission) in harm's way to fight the global war on terrorism or unforeseen emergency hardship impacting their ability to retain their pet's ownership rights."

To learn more about it, go to their website

www.guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org

Legislative Liaison Committee Report

November 20, 2011

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

"The battle is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave." --Patrick Henry

Illinois Legislative Fall Veto Session over, with no changes in animal laws: Your state federation, Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners (IFDCO), along with the IFDCO lobbyist, closely monitored proposed changes to Illinois animal laws being discussed during the Fall Veto session, and shared input on several items considered with the legislators. I'm pleased to report that there were *no* deleterious pet-related bills passed, or even new legislation introduced. Although the Illinois legislature is only in session for a handful of days in October and November, these can be dangerous times since lawmakers are often eager to push major legislation through, with little-examined amendments quickly added on to existing bills and voted on before anyone has time to take notice. That said, the Spring session is just around the corner, when our vigilance (as in the Patrick Henry opening quote) must start anew.

Kansas Sen. Jerry Moran speaks out on HSUS influence on USDA: It appears more and more that USDA APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, an arm of the USDA) is falling under HSUS influence. This has not gone unnoticed; in early November, Kansas Senator Moran made a particularly hard-hitting speech calling the USDA to task for not living up to their responsibilities and mission statement to promote agriculture, and allowing HSUS dictates to reign when finalizing plans for an APHIS animal welfare forum.

The speech can also be read directly on Sen. Moran's own website:

<http://moran.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/speeches?ID=caf22968-d7fe-41f3-9244-5a9ed4632b34>

Sen. Moran may be seen on YouTube giving this speech:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nodVyu0vIRk&feature=share&noredirect=1>

Quote from the speech:

"The ironic thing about this forum is that there's little science involved. It is nothing more than, in my view, the Department of Agriculture spending taxpayer dollars on a forum to provide the Human Society of the United States [HSUS] a public forum to espouse its anti-agricultural views..According to the memo, HSUS is going to set the agenda for this forum. Even if the agriculture industry is later invited to the event, agriculture would already have the cards already stacked against them. I think it's important for most Americans to understand that HSUS is not your local animal shelter; HSUS is a national lobbying organization that spends most of its budget to lobby against farmers and ranchers that provide us with the food and clothing that we enjoy in this country. In fact, tax documents show that HSUS spends less than 1% of its budget on grants to animal shelters."

HSUS' 2010 Tax Return Revealed; direct animal care less than 0.5% of budget: Senator Moran (see above) knew exactly what he was talking about. In October, the Center for Consumer Freedom's (CCH) HumaneWatch.org (HW) released its own investigation of HSUS' last three tax returns (2008 - 2010), which it appropriately titled, "Not Your Local Humane Society." Here's a quote from HW's press release:

"HSUS's advertisements employ the images of downtrodden dogs and cats to tug at the heart strings and wallets of America's pet lovers. But CCF's new analysis finds HSUS is a "Humane Society" in name only, sharing a meager \$527,566, or 0.4 percent of its \$120 million budget with sheltering organizations nationwide in 2010. In the same year, HSUS spent an astounding \$47 million in fundraising-related costs (37 percent of its total budget) and parked \$32 million in hedge funds."

Source: http://humanewatch.org/index.php/site/post/press_release_watchdog_report_2011/

How much of that \$527,566 in 2010 direct animal care was spent here in Illinois? A meager \$3,000. See summary for the three years by state on p. 23 of this report; individual shelters receiving these funds are named in the previous pages:

http://www.humanewatch.org/images/uploads/NotYourLocalHumaneSociety_2011.pdf

And here's another insightful quote from the same HW report:

"During that three-year period, HSUS's complete giving to pet shelters totaled less than \$50,000 in 40 states even though they generated more than \$300 million in revenue. Even taking all 50 states into account, HSUS still put four times more money into its executive pension plan than it put into these shelter grants... In 2010 HSUS spent nearly 90 times more on fundraising than it did on grants to support sheltering. HSUS also received a "D" grade from the charity watchdog American Institute of Philanthropy."

One more bit of news: How much did HSUS' CEO Wayne Pacelle make in 2010? How does \$287,786 grab you? In fact, according to HW, 29 HSUS employees earned over \$100,000 each that year. Review the actual tax return for yourself here: <http://humanewatch.org/images/uploads/HSUS-2010-IRS-return.pdf>

Just as they said, "*Not Your Local Humane Society*." Please remember to direct your pet-related holiday charity giving accordingly.

ATTENTION RAND PARK MEMBERS

DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR AWARD FORMS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 27TH.

Put them in the award box on Tuesday night or mail them to:

Eleanor Goss

1863 Sycamore St

Des Plaines, IL 60018

E-Mail: egoss3000@comcast.net

RPDTC members who earn any AKC, UKC and/or Canadian Kennel Club Obedience and/or Tracking titles will receive an Annual Award. RPDTC member will receive an Annual Award for all Agility and/or Rally titles accomplished during the year. RPDTC members will receive an Annual Certificate for all other achievements accomplished during the year. To qualify for Annual Award or Certificate you must:

1. Be current on your membership dues
2. Have completed one (1) of the following during the year for which the award is to be presented (Combinations are Allowed)
 - a. Two memberships meetings or
 - b. Work a full day at our obedience trial (currently equivalent to two trials) or
 - c. Work two days at one of our tracking trials or
 - d. Work two days at our agility trial or
 - e. Work two correction clinics (the entire day)
3. Have completed one (1) of following:
 - a. Attended training in a 12-week session (obedience, rally or tracking) or
 - b. Instructed a session
4. Turn in properly completed award form for each award/certificate to be received.

RPDTC AWARDS/TITLES EARNED 2011

Owner's Name: _____ Breed: _____

Call Name: _____

Show/Trial: _____ Judge _____

Date: _____

Show/Trial: _____ Judge _____

Date: _____

Show/Trial: _____ Judge _____

Date: _____

(circle one) AKC Canadian UKC States
(circle one) Obedience Agility Tracking Rally

Name of Title: _____

Scores: 1st Leg _____ 2nd Leg _____ 3rd Leg _____ Place _____

Other Achievements



REMINDER TO ...
PLEASE PAY YOU RPDTTC DUES

Rand Park Dog Training Club Annual membership dues are due by
January 1, 2012

Send dues to:
Jackie Limosani
711 S. Cumberland Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068

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

If you are a new member and your dues were paid October 1, 2011 or later you do not need to pay 2012 dues. However, please return the form and write **NEW MEMBER** at the bottom.

Single membership \$20.00

Family membership \$30.00

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

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Breed(s) _____

e-mail address _____

Keep this page for future reference

**Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.
Training Calendar for Year 2011–2012**

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| <u>Winter Session</u> | |
| December 6 | Orientation |
| December 13 | Training Week 1 |
| December 20 | Training Week 2 |
| December 27 | Training Week 3 |
| January 3 | Training Week 4 |
| January 10 | Training Week 5 – Membership Meeting |
| January 17 | Training Week 6 |
| January 24 | Training Week 7 |
| January 31 | Training Week 8 |
| February 7 | Training Week 9 |
| February 14 | Training Week 10 |
| February 21 | Evaluation |
| February 28 | Program |

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| <u>Spring Session</u> | |
| March 6 | Orientation – Membership Meeting |
| March 13 | Training Week 1 |
| March 20 | Training Week 2 |
| March 27 | Training Week 3 |
| April 3 | Training Week 4 |
| 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 October 11, 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.**

Important Reminder

If training needs to be cancelled because of bad weather or for some other reason, instructors will call the students in their classes to notify them. Notice of training cancellation will also be posted on the Club's website: <http://www.randparkdtc.org>.

Send news and articles to:
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Paw Prints is YOUR newsletter. Send me your news. Club members want to know about your accomplishments. Your "brags" will inspire others.

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.



**Rand Park Dog Training Club
Membership Meeting
Des Plaines Leisure Center
October 11, 2011**

The Membership Meeting of the Rand Park Dog Training Club was called to order by Vice-President Lois Leidahl-Marsh at 9:05 PM.

Corrections to the April 12, 2011 Meeting minutes: Lois Leidahl-Marsh requested we clarify the minutes regarding patches we have to include the word "have," e.g. we *have* patches for the obedience title CD. Lois Breslow MOVED to accept the minutes as corrected. Sonja Lund SECONDED the MOTION. MOTION carried.

ADVISOR – Marion Meseth: absent

CHAIRMAN – Rudy Kuper: no report

PRESIDENT – Ruth Shields: absent

VICE PRESIDENT –Lois Leidahl-Marsh: no report

SECRETARY –Jackie Limosani: absent

ASSISTANT SECRETARY – Michelle Jaworski: no report

TREASURER – Forrest Shields: absent

ASSISTANT TREASURER – Eleanor Goss: Eleanor advised she has the checkbook in case we need to submit expenses.

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING - Dee Morrison: Dee explained that because we've lost one evening for training during this session anyone who is training in the Fall session will receive a rebate of \$8 with their Winter registration. Those who are not returning for the next session will receive a refund. Non-members for the Winter session will pay \$90.00, and members will pay \$72. Non-members will pay \$40.00 for a second dog, and members will pay \$32.00. Details also appear in the October issue of PawPrints.

Registration forms are ready for the December session. Please submit them as soon as possible.

DIRECTOR – Kathy Hansen: no report

DIRECTOR – Bill Urquhart: absent

DIRECTOR – Karyn McCoy: no report

DIRECTOR – Dee Morrison: We have the judges for the 2012 Obedience trial, and we are working on the judges for the 2013 trial.

DIRECTOR – Lois Breslow: no report

Committees 2011-2012

Advertising & Publicity – Karen McCoy: Lois Leidahl-Marsh advised that we are now a member of the DesPlaines Chamber of Commerce, and have a presence on their website. She noted that Eleanor Goss was instrumental in getting coverage in the DesPlaines Journal.

Agility Trial Karen Schaubel/Barb Krynski: Karen requested that volunteers help at the trial at For Your Canine this weekend. Barb advised we'll have about 300 runs per day, and entries are almost filled. Barb asked that we help Lois with the food donations.

Audit & Fin. – Bill Urquhart/Rudy Kuper: Rudy said they'd had a meeting and everything is fine.

Banquet – Lois Breslow/ Marion Meseth: Lois advised that for those who've never attended the banquet, it's an awards banquet that's open to everyone, and there's great food and an open bar.

Bylaws & Policies - Rudy Kuper: Rudy said we'll have an updated version of the policies in a few weeks.

Correction Clinics – Jean Eremo: Jean said we had few entries in novice, and it was difficult to obtain volunteers and judges. The next clinic will be Nov. 12th. We will not have one in January because of other shows scheduled there that day.

Demonstrations - Gloria Urquhart/ Cheryl Pacyna/ Annie Pacyna: absent

Equipment - Bill Urquhart: absent

Historian - Ann Suwada: absent

Improvement - Lois Breslow: Lois explained we'd love to find a building, but we'd also need to have people who'd want to work there, too.

Insurance - Barb Pische: Barb received the premiums, and forwarded them to Forrest.

Legislative Liaison – Margo Milde/Lois Leidahl-Marsh : Lois Leidahl-Marsh advised that the Board approved the renewal of our membership with IFDCO. Margo advised that the Governor signed the bill SB1637, and this IFDCO-initiate bill will go into effect January 1st. There are concerns with SB1631. Reference <http://www.ifdco.org> for details.

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

New Member Packets - Barb Pische: Barb reported that she'd sent out 3 packets during late summer. The names were published in PawPrints.

Paw Prints - Ursula Hoefl/Kathy & Joe Hahn: absent, but Ursula told Rudy in advance that she needs information sent in.

Obedience Trial (2012) –Kathy Hansen: Kathy said that trials are scheduled for April 29th, and we're in need of a chief ring steward.

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

Registration – Gloria Urquhart: absent

Tracking - Terri Everwine: absent.

Training Hall Secretary – Rudy: no report

Trophies/Awards –

TRIAL AWARDS: Anita Wolney/Marion Meseth: absent

SPECIAL AWARDS: Marion Meseth/Anita Wolney:

ANNUAL AWARDS: Eleanor Goss/Ruth Shields: Eleanor advised that the form is available, and will be placed in the red box at the training hall. Sonja noted that there are new obedience titles.

Website – Greg & Ursula Hoefl: absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lois Leidahl-Marsh asked for an update on how our clinic went. Karen Korab wished we would have made a little more money on it. We'll be holding it earlier next year.

Lois Breslow said we'd received positive comments, and noted that one of her dogs, which did not work out in the forest preserves, came up positive for Lyme's disease. The heartworm and tick-borne disease tests were inexpensive, and well worth it.

Lois Leidahl-Marsh inquired whether a Facebook account was set up. It was confirmed that Terri Everwine had it set up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rudy Kuper MOVED to adjourn the meeting. The MOTION was seconded by Kathy Hansen. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Jaworski

New AKC Class

By Ursula Hoeft

Beginner Novice is a new class introduced by the AKC in 2010. The Beginner Novice class is an option much like the pre-novice class but it enables participants to earn a title, which participation in pre-novice classes does not. For a Beginner Novice (BN) title, a dog must receive a qualifying score in three trials under two different judges. Like other obedience classes, 200 is a perfect score and points are deducted for less than optimal performance.

Exercises included in the BN class are Heel on Leash, Figure 8, Sit for Exam, Sit Stay, and Recall.

Heel on Leash is done with signs used to indicate turns, pace, halt/sit, much like in Rally class.

The Figure 8 exercise is similar to what is required in Novice class.

According to the AKC, Sit for Exam *"is meant to be performed on leash and act as a training tool towards the Novice Stand for exam. The dog will need to be on a 6 foot leash and the judge will approach the dog from the front, and touch the dog's head with only his fingers."*

For the Sit Stay exercise, *"the leash will remain on for this behavior but be placed on the ground. The owner will leave the dog on the judges command and walk the perimeter of the ring. When the owner returns to the heel position the exercise is complete."*

And the Recall is done *"off leash and approximately 25 feet from the dog. The owner will call the dog and the dog should sit in front. No finish is required for this behavior."*

Additional commands cannot be given, but the handler is allowed to express encouragement once during the Heel on Leash and Figure 8 exercises; i.e. *good job, yes, nice, super, great, atta boy/girl, etc.*

I got a firsthand report on the BN class from a friend – a terrific trainer and obedience "old timer" – who had watched it at a show recently. She told me that she thinks it's an excellent additional titling class, "a great class for Rally people who would like to go into Novice," and "a good class for people who are not quite ready for Novice."

Rand Park Dog Training Club Correction Clinics

2011–2012 Correction Clinic Dates:

December 10, February 11, March 3, 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: _____

Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.