

Paw Prints



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

October/November 2013

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- *November 12 – Winter training registration deadline.*
- *December 3 – Winter training begins.*
- *January 1, Dues are due, but your payment will be happily accepted earlier.*

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Send me your news, stories, anything of interest to "dog people."

President's Message

We are still in need of a volunteer who would take over the position of Legislative Liaison from Margo Milde when she leaves us next year. This would be the time to learn the job from Margo! Please stamped to my email "box" (berniersplus@comcast.net) with your names ☺

It seems like the fall session has just started yet you will find the registration form for the next session of obedience and rally in this issue of Paw Prints. This will be our last issue of Paw Prints for the year so we needed to include the registration form for you. Remember that the deadline for registration is November 12. The first class will be December 3. If you are interested in tracking, please contact Terri Everwine. The next session won't start until January, but she can put you on the list.

You will also find the dues renewal form in this issue. Again, we needed to get it to you because this is our final issue of Paw Prints for this year. The renewal deadline is January 1.

We have a membership meeting October 8 at 9 pm immediately after the classes. I hope I will see all of you there!

Lois Leidahl-Marsh
President

Note from the Editor:

Please consider bringing pet food for the Des Plaines Food Pantry to the Membership meeting next Tuesday (October 8). Your donation will be greatly appreciated. Cat food, as well as dog food, is needed. While large bags of food are cost effective, food pantries prefer small bags or cans. They allow them to provide food to more clients.

As Lois mentioned, this will be the last issue of Paw Prints for the year. If there's news that needs to be gotten out, we'll do an e-mail "blast." And if training needs to be cancelled because of inclement weather or for some other reason, this, too, will be conveyed via email. It will also be posted on the Club website, randparkdctc.org.

Summer seemed too short, to me, at least, but there are lots of good times to look forward to: Halloween, Thanksgiving, the Holidays. I hope you and your dogs enjoy them! – Ursula

We were saddened to learn that long-time Rand Park member Don Wegman passed away on September 25. Our condolences go to Lisa and the Wegman family.

Condolences to Karyn McCoy on the death of her father.

From Adele Schaffer

We lost our Cruzer boy to bloat on August 4 – I have such a great hole In my heart.

SHR,UH, Merganser The Midnight Duel,CD,TD.JH,WCX,CGC –
Cruzer
January 7, 2004 – August 4, 2013

Cruzer was by far the happiest dog with the happiest eyes I have ever owned. He made everyone around him happy because he was happy. When it was time to go tracking, obedience or field training he was the first one out the door – come on Adele what's taking you so long?? He taught Bella all of his tricks, like chasing squirrels out of his tree, licking the beaters after baking a cake, sharing bed time and cuddling with mom and dad before retiring to their own beds. He was my first field dog, and oh the mistakes we made! But we had so much fun making and learning from them, and opening doors into a new wonderful world.

All of the joy we shared: Keeping the couch warm, even if it meant we had-to sit someplace else – attention getter, teaser, guest greeter, cook's helper, floor cleaner and lover.

We all grieve in different ways, private and personal, but we share in the loss of our canine companions that we have loved and always will as they are always a part of us.

Owned ad loved by Adele, Larry, Brad, Ryan, Derek and Bella Schaffer



From Jean Eremo

I want to thank all our members and non-members who have volunteered as judges and stewards to help make our Correction Match the "Best in the Midwest," – according to our exhibitors.

Our matches are usually held the first Saturday of every month except for August, which means we are asking for volunteers 11 months of the year, which amounts to three judges and nine-plus stewards per month, totaling 33 judges and 99 stewards a year. That figure boggles my mind!

To all members and non-members who have given of their time to help make us so successful, we can't thank you enough.

We not only have a great match, but we also have lots of laughs, get to know the exhibitors and our fellow members, and nibble all day on Lois Breslow's goodies. Oh yes, we are tired at the end of the day, but it is a good tired. Good sportsmanship seems to flourish at our matches (with a few exceptions) thanks to our volunteers.

THANK YOU ALL – YOU ARE WONDERFUL!!!!

Member News

From Mary Dellorto

Bliss won High in Trial on July 7 at DeKalb KC show, with a 197.5 in Open B, and also on Sep 22 with a 198.5 in Open B.

(At right: Mary and Bliss)

From Jo Ann Neville

Guinness (Guinness' Sharp Dressed Man) received his RL1 (APDT rally level 1) title at For Your Canine on August 11, 2013.



The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs

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

They make snow fun!

And snow will soon be here.

Sorry, but I warned you that you'd see more poodles if you didn't send me pictures of your dogs for "The Real Reason" feature. That's Charlie, Max and me in the snow several years ago. – Ursula



PLEASE send me your pictures and captions for "*The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs.*" I'm sure you all have wonderful pictures of your dogs and great reasons why they enhance your lives. Send them to me!

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

Welcome new members ...

Cindy and John Placko
Donna Nowak

We hope you and your dog(s) will benefit from your association with Rand Park DTC.

Rand Park is a very active, busy organization. Participating in club activities will make your membership more beneficial and, we believe, more enjoyable. Member participation also is needed to ensure the club's continued success.

Get Well wishes to .

*Sonny Lund and
Jo Ann Neville*

While you're "mending," enjoy a good book, a comfortable chair, and the companionship of your dogs.

September 22 TDX Test Results

Patrick McMahon, Chairman/Chief Track layer

The weather at Spring Creek Valley Headwaters Forest Preserve in Barrington Hills, IL was absolutely delightful for our Tracking Dog Excellent test. The early morning tracklayers venturing out into the fields were barely able to locate the reference points for their tracks that had been plotted the previous day.

As we gathered before the 9:15 AM drawing for tracks, three resident ungulates stood watching our invasion of their privacy with very great suspicion while beams of sunlight began to break through the rising fog.

After the tracks were drawn and the fog had lifted, we were pleased to enjoy a truly beautiful early fall tracking day. The ground held the moisture from rains that had fallen in recent days, the temperature rose into the range of 65 degrees, the skies were clear, and the breezes remained mild, creating ideal conditions for our tracking dogs.

Our sincere thanks go out to our judges for this test, Connie Austin and Ulysses "Ule" James. Connie and Ule plotted some very challenging tracks for our six teams of entrants. As always, it was a pleasure working with them.

(In photo at right: Judges Connie Austin and Ule James with Tracklayer Teresa Higgins watching Debra White and Her Canaan Dog examine a turn. Photo by Patrick McMahon)

Although six teams entered our test, regrettably none successfully completed their tracks, in spite of their excellent efforts.

Track One went to a very energetic two year old Golden Retriever that sadly was not up to the challenge this day.

Track Two was drawn by a two-year-old Belgian Tervuren, that worked at a steady deliberate pace through the fields and well into the woods before the track was lost.

Track Three was run by a six year old Canaan Dog but a turn was missed and the dog meandered into some heavy brush and was unable to recover.

Club member Jean Richardson drew Track Four. Her six year old Staffordshire Bull Terrier was up to the challenge. Jean & Ella made it through her many

turns, plodding over hundreds of yards of thick underbrush, and marsh, and almost completed the track when her little terrier, after becoming exhausted, finally cried "uncle," 30 yards from the final glove.

On Track Five, another Golden Retriever certainly did enjoy his adventure when he worked his way into a creek and had just too much fun splashing in and out of the water to get back to his track.

Our final entrant was the mightiest of all. This two year old Dachshund did a great job contending with the heavy brush that had dwarfed her, but was unable to complete the track.

Many thanks also go to our enthusiastic crew of volunteers whose contributions made the test possible. Special thanks go to Sheryl Phelps who as secretary organized the test and kept all the records in order. Finally, a standing ovation is in order for Lois Breslow who took the helm as Hospitality Chair and



presented a delightful breakfast including, amongst other delights, Lox, cream cheese, and bagels. Her breakfast was only outdone by the succulent lunch of hot beef brisket sandwiches that she presented. Wow!

You guys are the greatest!

Our volunteers included:

Test Secretary: Sheryl Phelps;

Hospitality hostess: Lois Breslow;

Track layers: Lois Leidahl-Marsh, Denise Morrison, Teresa Higgins, Beverly Kozlowski, Joe Hicks, and Birgit Mantilla;

Cross-track layers: Terri Everwine, Kris Carlssen, Lesley Spencer, Ike Lichter, and Barb Larsen; and

Driver: Vicky Marhefke

Legislative Liaison Committee Report

September 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.

“You have enemies? Good; that means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life.” - Winston Churchill

USDA Animal and Plant Health inspection Service (APHIS) Final Rule Released September 10, 2013 amending the definition of the “retail pet store” licensing exemption in the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) Regulations. USDA APHIS released their Final Rule on September 10, 2013, which amended the longstanding definition of the “retail pet store” licensing exemption in the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) Regulations. Under this new definition, individuals and business entities must sell pets only in “face to face” transactions in order to be eligible for this exemption. At the same time, APHIS increased from three (3) to four (4) the number of intact “breeding females” a breeder is allowed to have and still be able to utilize another exemption from AWA licensing, should they no longer be eligible to use the “retail pet store” exemption as it is now worded. Most of you remember the extended 90-day public comment period that was given the proposed draft of this Rule from May 16 to August 15, 2012. (I had submitted a Comment on behalf of Rand Park Dog Training Club, but thanks to those of you who submitted personal comments on your own behalf). Based on the over 70,000 Comments received, USDA APHIS did make some changes the wording of the Final Rule, including modification of the “retail pet store” definition from last year's proposed draft. While APHIS officials have stated that their interpretation and enforcement of these Regulations would take into account other Comments received during this period, exact interpretation and enforcement of these changes has yet to be seen.

It is critical that every pet breeder/seller read and understand the Final Rule to learn how or if they are impacted by those changes in the AWA Regulations. Even if you don't breed or sell pets, but simply are a pet owner, this Rule will impact you as well somewhere along the way. With that in mind, here are some links to additional information on this topic that I urge all of you to review, even if you think it doesn't affect you:

USDA APHIS Docket (9/10/13)

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/2013/09/pdf/pet_retail_docket_2011-2003.pdf

USDA APHIS FAQ on Final Rule (9/10/13)

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/2013/09/pdf/faq_retail_pets_final_rule.pdf

AKC Resource Page on USDA APHIS (check back often; AKC updates this with new information as available)

http://www.akc.org/governmentrelations/usda_aphis.cfm

Sportsmen's and Animal Owners Voting Alliance (SAOVA) webpage on the Final Rule

http://www.saova.org/APHIS_rulemaking.html

Integrated Final Rule with the AWA Regulations, along with a comparison of the Proposed Rule with the Final Rule, courtesy of the Cat Fanciers Association:

<http://www.cfa.org/Portals/0/documents/legislative/APHIS-FirstRuleAnalysis.pdf>

Many of the implications of this new Rule for pet sellers and breeders have yet to be worked out, but I will try to summarize the basics for which there is no uncertainty at this time:

- Covered animals included under the AWA Regulations include dogs, cats, and small mammals, such as gerbils or hamsters, when sold as pets. Excluded are all birds, sold as pets or for any other purpose, and all cold-blooded animals. Livestock are also exempt, provided their sale and breeding is that of traditional livestock purposes (such as for food and fiber), and not as “pets.”

- Any breeder/pet seller who **only** engages in “face to face” retail transactions of **all** pets they sell will remain entirely unaffected by this change in the AWA Regulations. “Face to face” indicates that the purchaser views the animal at some point prior to the actual sale and/or takes custody of it after the sale, and meets in person with the seller; location may be the residence or business of the seller, or (unclear) any other location at which the seller and purchaser can meet face-to-face and where the purchaser takes custody of their purchased pet.
- As in the previous Regulations, should a breeder sell any pet to an intermediary that is not the end purchaser, such as to a broker or pet store, they will lose the “retail pet store” exemption, unless they own “four or fewer” (increased from “three or fewer”) breeding (intact) females of any covered pet species.
- The number of pet animals owned by a breeder (except for the number of breeding females of all covered species, should they have “sight unseen” sales), or how many puppies (or other pet animals) produced or sold, has no bearing on whether or not a breeder needs to be APHIS licensed. This is unchanged from before. A breeder would only come under the purview of the AWA Regulations when they sell a puppy or any other animal wholesale as a pet, and (new wording) if all of their sales are retail but they fail to use a “face to face” sales model in all retail transactions.
- If they conduct any pet sales “sight unseen”, such as shipment of a puppy to a purchaser in a distant state who did not see that puppy previously in person, they generally will lose the “retail pet store” exemption under the new Regulations. Selling *just one puppy* for pet purposes “sight unseen” will trigger a requirement to obtain APHIS licensing (typically as a Class A Dealer) under the AWA, unless a breeder meets the “four or fewer breeding females” exemption, and sell only animals born and raised on their own premises.
- The APHIS inspector (not the breeder) will determine which of the intact females owned is a breeding female for purposes of the Regulations. *Any* intact female of any pet species owned or housed on the premises of a breeder may be counted to arrive at the magic “four or less” number.
- The method of initial or subsequent buyer contact (Internet, telephone, in-person, or by traditional postal mail) has no bearing on whether or not a breeder is required to obtain licensing. A breeder/seller can still advertise their kennel on the Internet, or any other media, and still be exempt from licensing, should other conditions be met.
- This Final Rule will not have any impact on traditional brick-and-mortar pet stores, where purchasers enter onto the premises to view and purchase their pets. Nor will it have an impact on larger commercial dog breeders who sell to brokers or to pet stores, since they already are required to be licensed under the AWA. What could happen, unfortunately, is that APHIS may reduce the resources given to enforcement of the AWA for these larger commercial pet breeding entities, using APHIS employees and money instead to inspect and license small dog breeding operations which were traditionally classified as home hobby breeders, who previously did not need AWA licensing.

A reminder to Intermediate and Pre-open students from Barb Pische, Co-DOT

All students who signed up for these classes said they were working for a title. Students in Intermediate classes are required to go to fun matches as they get ready to enter a show. We put on one fun match every month, or you can go to other clubs that offer fun matches.

Pre-open students should have two legs toward their CDs. We will also accept one leg and marked fun match score cards. You will not be able to stay in Pre-Open if you do not show that you are working toward a title and making an effort to finish your CD.

There are many shows around Chicago in November and December. If you need help finding out about the shows, ask at class or look on the table on the stage for premium lists.

ATTENTION RAND PARK MEMBERS

DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR AWARD FORMS ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 7, 2014.

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 (Date of meetings attended _____) or
 - b. Work a full day at our obedience trial (currently equivalent to two trials – Date worked _____) or
 - c. Work two days at one of our tracking trials (Date trial/s worked _____) or
 - d. Work two days at our agility trial (Date trial/s worked _____) or
 - e. Work two correction clinics (the entire day – Clinic date worked _____)
3. Have completed one (1) of following:
 - a. Attended training in a 12-week session (obedience, rally or tracking – training date _____) or
 - b. Instructed a session (Enter session date _____)
4. Turn in properly completed award form for each award/certificate to be received.

RPDTC AWARDS/TITLES EARNED 2013

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

On a lighter note, thanks to Jokin' Jerry Wulff

"Can I have a dog for Christmas?" a boy asked his mother.
"Absolutely not!" she answered. "You'll have turkey like everyone else."

For Christmas I want something that can go from zero to 220 in four seconds," a man told his wife, so she gave him a scale.

If you could have Bill Gates' entire fortune or solve world hunger, what color would your Lamborghini be?

A state trooper pulled a biker over. After inspecting his license and registration, he informed him that he was going to have to spend the night in jail

"What's the charge?" the biker demanded to know.

"None," replied the officer. "It's free."

Obedience Trial Donations

Once again it is time to consider supporting our club and exhibitors at our 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 it, and your donation, to Anita Wolney.

DONATION TO THE 2014 OBEDIENCE TRIAL GENERAL FUND

Name(s): _____

Amount _____

**Mail to: Anita Wolney
10734 Whispering Pines Way
Rockford, IL 61114
815-885-4175**

To have your name included in the trial catalog your donation must be received no later than March 30.



**REMINDER TO...
PLEASE PAY YOU RPDTC DUES**

Rand Park Dog Training Club Annual membership dues are due by
January 1, 2014

**Send dues to: Linda Forman
 505 Courtesy Lane
 Des Plaines, IL 60018**

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 dues were paid October 1, 2013 or later you do not need to pay 2014 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 _____

(Please print clearly)

Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.
Registration for Training Classes

Check Session:	Fall	Winter	Spring
Classes begin:	September 10, 2013	December 3, 2013	March 11, 2014
Orientation - Session Ends:	9/3/2013 – 11/19/2013	11/26/2013 – 2/25/2014	3/4/2014 – 5/20/2014
Registration Deadline:	August 21, 2013	November 12, 2013	February 18, 2014

Classes are filled on a "first come, first served" basis.

Note: Late registrations will not be considered for any "special requests"

Training Fees and completed Health Certificate (if required) must accompany this form.

Training fees: Members: \$80 per class; two dogs \$120; three dogs \$140
Non-Members: \$100; two dogs \$150; Rally as a 2nd class for any dog \$40
(To qualify, dogs must be handled by the same person)

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

Mail this form and a check to: **Sheryl Phelps, 2533 S. Harvey Ave., Berwyn, IL 60402-2613**

Questions? Sheryl Phelps: 630-546-8816 or Barb Pische: 773-637-5491

Note: Confirmation of class registration will be **mailed** during the week **following** orientation.

Registration Form - A separate form must be submitted for each dog. Please print legibly!

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
E-mail address _____ Dog's Name _____
Breed _____ Age _____ Sex _____
Instructors please check here **Registering for Session:** Fall Winter Spring

Class:

- Puppy – members and current trainees only. (*see Note, below*)
- Beginners – for dogs that completed Puppy Class or dogs over 6 months of age (*see Note, below*)
- Advanced Beginners – for dogs that completed Beginner Class
- Novice – AKC Beginners Title
- Intermediate – Show preparation for Novice level
- Pre-Open/Grad Novice – for dogs beginning and working on Open level training
- Open – dogs must retrieve dumbbell and be consistently working **ALL** Open exercises
- Pre-Utility/Utility – for dogs beginning and working on Utility level training
- Rally – All Rally levels

Special requests _____

If you believe you are qualified to move up to the next class level, you may do so with the OK of the Director of Training. Instructors' recommendations will be honored.

Note: Do not use this form to register a new student/handler. All **NEW** students must be enrolled through the Registration Chairman, Gloria Urquhart (847-825-3318), regardless of what class they start in.

Existing students and members with new dogs may register through the DOT.

Health Certificate

Annual Health Certificate is required for all dogs, September session only, and for any dog starting in a later session without a September Certificate on file. A copy of the veterinarian's receipt is acceptable.

Owner's name _____ Dog's Name _____
Rabies shot date _____ 1 year 3 year Tag # _____
Veterinarian's Signature _____ Phone number _____

Rand Park Dog Training Club Inc.

Training Calendar for Year 2013-2014

Keep this Calendar for future reference.

Fall Session	
September 3	Orientation
September 10	Training Week 1
September 17	Training Week 2
September 24	Training Week 3
October 1	Training Week 4
October 8	Training Week 5/ Membership Meeting
October 15	Training Week 6
October 22	Training Week 7
October 29	Training Week 8
November 5	Training Week 9
November 12	Training Week 10
November 19	Evaluation

Spring Session	
March 4	Orientation/ Membership Meeting
March 11	Training Week 1
March 18	Training Week 2
March 25	Training Week 3
April 1	Training Week 4
April 8	Training Week 5
April 15	Training Week 6 / Membership Meeting
April 22	Training Week 7
April 29	Training Week 8
May 6	Training Week 9
May 13	Training Week 10
May 20	Evaluation

Winter Session	
November 26	Orientation
December 3	Training Week 1
December 10	Training Week 2
December 17	Training Week 3
January 7	Training Week 4
January 14	Training Week 5/ Membership Meeting
January 21	Training Week 6
January 28	Training Week 7
February 4	Training Week 8
February 11	Training Week 9
February 18	Training Week 10
February 25	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 8, January 14, March 4, April 15. On those nights, classes will be shortened to allow time for the Membership Meetings.

Training hours for those will be :
 6:15 to 6:55; 6:55 to 7:35; 7:35 to 8:15; 8:15 to 8:55
 Meetings immediately follow the last classes.

If training needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather or for some other reason, notice will be posted on the Club website:
randparkdtc.org

Rand Park Dog Training Club Correction Clinics

2013-2014 Correction Clinic Dates:

**October 12, November 23, December 7, January 25,
February 8, March 8, May 3, June 7, July 5**

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: _____

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.