

# Paw Prints

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



February, 2011

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

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

## Annual Award Criteria and the Death of the Rand Park Certificates

By Lois Leidahl-Marsh

[whose committee has just been eliminated ☺]

As I reported to you at a couple of membership meetings, the reason for the Rand Park Certificates was to get more people volunteering. This did not happen so the Board moved to eliminate the Rand Park certificates and to accept the following criteria for receiving an award or certificate for 2011 and beyond:

To qualify for an 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 membership 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 the following:
  - a. Attended training in a 12-week session (obedience or tracking) or
  - b. Instructed a session
4. Turn in a properly completed award form for each award/certificate to be received

This is a slight variation on the old Annual Award/Certificate criteria. In the past, number 2 only included two membership meetings. Now, you have more options to fulfill these criteria. When it is stated that combinations are allowed, a couple of examples are (a) you could attend one membership meeting and work a half day (the equivalent of one trial) at our obedience trial, or (b) you could work one day at one of our tracking trials and work one day at our agility trial. For number 3, tracking does have a longer session than obedience, but the minimum would be a 12-week session.

Remember the Rand Park Certificates expire 18 months after the date on the certificate.

If you have any questions, please ask me in person or contact me at [berniersplus@comcast.net](mailto:berniersplus@comcast.net).

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## About Tracking ...

# The Perfect Handler

By Terri Everwine

You get to the start flag. Your dog pauses long enough to get scent from the article you show him. You are organized, the line laid out untangled. You give a quiet command to track, and the dog leaves the flag. You wait to see the dog's level of commitment before you move. You know your dog's typical start behavior and know when to follow. You play out line to the required distance and set off.

You study your dog as he moves along the track, and at the same time you're aware of your surroundings. You recognize your dog's tracking behavior and follow. You stop and wait for him to sort things out when his head comes up and he seems confused. You don't wander aimlessly behind him when his head is up in the air and he's obviously broken off from his typical tracking behavior.

You know when to give verbal cues to get his mind back to business, and you know when to be quiet and let him work. You notice the dog's head tip at one point, and remember it in case you find the dog has possibly overshot a turn. You recognize your dog's loss of scent cues, and are able to encourage the dog to search and work back to a turn. You've trained for this, you know your dog will search for and find the track again without any help from you other than a willingness to follow.

You also know how far beyond a turn your dog will usually give you that loss of scent indication, so you have a good idea of how far back the turn could be, and

once you're beyond that distance you trust that the dog's continued forward motion is correct. You don't restrain or force him back to investigate just because you think there could be a turn.

When the dog does indicate a turn, you follow. You don't make the dog repeat the turn indication over and over before going with him. You know by his attitude when he's got the track, and that knowledge may be confirmed by your initial notice of something as subtle as that head tip. You also realize when the dog breaks off after making a turn that it's also possible that it wasn't a turn, after all. You let the dog decide and don't push or pull. You follow. You look ahead, noticing things that might affect your dog's behavior on the track.

A change of cover to the left, a woods to the right. A fence up ahead that may draw your dog. You notice, but make no decisions, allowing the dog to make the choice.

You react to your dog's cues of potential articles nearby. You have taught an article indication so you know the articles belong to the track.

You keep a consistent tension on your line, and give and take with the dog's motion to maintain it.

Above all, you know your dog, are patient and willing to wait while your dog figures out the scent puzzles along the way. A good handler is almost like a dance partner. You follow, the dog leads. You understand each other and know what to expect of each other.

You let the dog decide and don't push or pull.  
You follow.

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## Volunteers Needed For Rand Park's March Tracking Test

Volunteers are needed for our 10- dog March 27th Tracking Test (TD) at Spring Creek Headwaters Forest Preserve (aka Wichman) in Barrington Hills, Illinois. We are looking for tracklayers and hospitality staff. Tracklayers must make a two day commitment and be present on Saturday for the plotting of their track and again on Sunday to lay the track and follow it with the exhibitor. No experience necessary, we will teach you, and we can work around your schedule.

Hospitality is responsible for coordinating breakfast and lunch on Saturday and/or Sunday. Reminder to all currently enrolled tracking students: In order to continue with classes you must work at least one tracking test per year. Worker credit is given for priority entry draws in our tests! To volunteer or get answers to questions contact test chairman Sally Bushwaller 773-777-8505 or [sally@bushwaller.org](mailto:sally@bushwaller.org)

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## From the D.O.T.

The Spring registration form is in this issue of Paw Prints. Forms, payment and updated health certificates are due on February 17. INSTRUCTORS, please turn yours in ASAP as it makes scheduling much easier. All forms can be mailed or given to me on Tuesday nights.

On **MARCH 1**, at 7 p.m., we will be conducting a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Test. If you can help out that night, please let me know. We need a small crowd, people to sit with dogs, some people to help with distractions, and a gate steward to keep the dogs moving.

**MARCH 8** will be Orientation followed by a **MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 7:15.**

**Dee Morrison**  
Director of Training

## Help Wanted!

- Advertising Chair
- Chief Ring Steward ...

... for Rand Park's 2011 Obedience Trials.\*

**Experience is not necessary –  
"On the job" training will be provided.**

To volunteer, please contact Kathy Hansen,  
847-437-5458, kathy\_hansen@juno,  
kathyhansen516@gmail.com

\* This year, Rand Park will hold two  
Obedience Trials in the same day,  
Sunday, May 1.

In addition to these two "jobs," Stewards also  
will be needed, so save the date.

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## Here's what the American Kennel Club says about its Canine Good Citizen Program:

Started in 1989, Canine Good Citizen is a certification program that is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club.

Many dog owners choose Canine Good Citizen training as the first step in training their dogs. The Canine Good Citizen Program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, tracking, and performance events. As you work with your dog to teach the CGC skills, you'll discover the many benefits and joys of training your dog. Training will enhance the bond between you and your dog. Dogs who have a solid obedience education are a joy to live with—they respond well to household routines, have good manners in the presence of people and other dogs, and they fully enjoy the company of the owner who took the time to provide training, intellectual stimulation, and a high quality life. We sincerely hope that CGC will be only a beginning for you and your dog and that after passing the CGC test, you'll continue training in obedience, agility, tracking, or performance events.

Before taking the Canine Good Citizen test, owners will sign the *Responsible Dog Owners Pledge*. We believe that responsible dog ownership is a key part of the CGC concept and by signing the pledge, owners agree to take care of their dog's health needs, safety, exercise, training and quality of life. Owners also agree to show responsibility by doing things such as cleaning up after their dogs in public places and never letting dogs infringe on the rights of others.

To pass the CGC test, dogs must

- Accept a friendly stranger
- Sit politely for petting
- Be inspected for appearance and grooming
- Demonstrate that it is under the control of its handler when out for a walk
- Demonstrate that it can move about politely among pedestrians and is under control in public places.
- Stays in place on sit and down commands
- Comes when called
- Demonstrates that it behaves politely around other dogs.
- Demonstrates that it is confident when faced with common distracting situations.
- Demonstrates that it can be left with a trusted person and will maintain training and good manners.

All tests must be performed on leash. For collars, dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain. Special training collars such as pinch collars, head halters, and electronic collars are not permitted in the CGC test.

# Rand Park Dog Training Club AWARDS 2010

(Corrections Call Ruth Shields 847-898-5460)

## CD: AKC Companion Dog

Jean Eremo ..... Jazz  
Mikki Freund ..... Sylvie  
Ursula Hoefft ..... Gus  
Patricia Ann Hussey ..... Vandy  
Jacqueline Limosani ..... Bailey  
Jacqueline Limosani ..... Oscar

## CDX: AKC Companion Dog Excellent

Margo Milde ..... Fly  
Dee Morrison ..... Paddy

## UD: AKC Utility Dog

Evelyn Gianos ..... Timmy

## UDX: AKC Utility Dog Excellent

Patricia Ann Hussey ..... Quincy

## U-CD: UKC Companion Dog

Patricia Ann Hussey ..... Vandy

## TD: Tracking Dog

Lois Leidahl-Marsh ..... Lena  
Margo Milde ..... Fly  
Diane Muzzey ..... Evie

## TDX: Tracking Dog Excellent

Dee Morrison ..... Harlee

## WC: Working Certificate

Dee Morrison ..... Paddy  
Adele Schaffer ..... Bella

## AWC: Advanced Working Certificate

Dee Morrison ..... Paddy

## UH: Upland Hunter

Dee Morrison ..... Paddy

## SHR: Started Hunting Retriever

Adele Schaffer ..... Bella

## VCDI: Versatile Companion Dog 1

Patricia Beckstrom ..... Daisy  
Margo Milde ..... Fly

## CGC: Canine Good Citizen

Mikki Freund ..... Sylvie  
Eleanor Goss ..... Mackenzie  
Lois Leidahl-Marsh ..... Lena

## Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Dog

Mikki Freund ..... Sylvie  
Eleanor Goss ..... Mackenzie

## Novice Agility/AKC

Patricia Beckstrom ..... Daisy  
Margo Milde ..... Fly

## Novice Agility Jumper/AKC

Margo Milde ..... Fly

## Open Agility Jumper/AKC

Patricia Beckstrom ..... Daisy

## Agility Excellent/AKC

## UKC / Grand Agility Champion 3

Patricia Ann Hussey ..... Quincy

## UKC / Grand Agility Champion 4

Aliss South ..... Retief

## Rally Novice

Lois Leidahl-Marsh ..... Lena  
Marge Kabala ..... Christia

## Rally Advanced

Marge Kabala ..... Logan

## Level 3 Rally Championship

Aliss South ..... Retief

## Top Rally Dog Of The Siberian Husky Club Of America

Sheryl Phelps ..... Piper

## Top Obedience Dog Of The Bedlington Terrier Club Of America

Patricia Ann Hussey ..... Quincy



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## REMINDER! PLEASE PAY DUES NOW

**SEND DUES TO:** Lois Breslow  
8430 Major Avenue  
Morton Grove, IL 60053

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, 2010 or later you do not need to pay 2011 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: If membership is not paid by February 1, 2011 you will not be on the membership list.**

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### Rand Park Dog Training Club Membership Meeting Minutes January 11, 2011

**IN ATTENDANCE:** See attendance list.

The General Membership Meeting of the Rand Park Dog Training Club was called to order by Ruth Shields, President, at 9:03 PM.

Corrections to the October 12, 2010 Meeting minutes: Marion Meseth made corrections to the names of the members of the Audit and Finance committee, which should include the names of Bill Urquhart, Rudy Kuper, Jerry Wulff and Jeneane Hinrichsen, as well as a correction to the spelling of Mary Ann Gobbo's name, incorrectly spelled Marion, under the Historian's report. Lois Breslow **Moved** that we approve the minutes as corrected. **MOTION** seconded by Sonja Lund. **MOTION** carried.

**ADVISOR** – Marion Meseth: no report

**CHAIRMAN** – Rudy Kuper: no report

**PRESIDENT** – Ruth Shields: no report

**VICE PRESIDENT** –Terri Everwine: absent

**SECRETARY** –Lois Breslow: no report

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

**TREASURER** – Forrest Shields: absent

**ASSISTANT TREASURER** – Barb Pische: Barb read the Treasurer's report.

**DIRECTOR** – Jean Eremo: absent

**DIRECTOR** – Kathy Hansen: no report

**DIRECTOR** – Bill Urquhart: no report

**DIRECTOR** – Lois Leidahl-Marsh: Lois explained the Board voted to eliminate the current certificates program, effective Dec. 31, 2010. (Certificates will continue to be honored for 18 months from their date of issuance.) Lois read the four requirements for receiving new awards, noting that the information will also be published in Paw Prints.

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The rules will go into effect January 1, 2011.

**DIRECTOR** – Dee Morrison: no report

**DIRECTOR** – Jo Ann Neville: absent

**DIRECTOR OF TRAINING** – Dee Morrison: We will hold a CGC program at 7PM on March 1<sup>st</sup> and our judges will be Kathy, Sheryl and Barb. See Dee or Ruth for pamphlets explaining CGC if interested. Dee has Spring registration forms if anyone needs them, and they are due by Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. The forms are also available in Paw Prints.

## **Committees**

**Advertising & Publicity** – Mary Ann Gobbo/ Karen Korab: absent

**Agility Trial** - Sally Bushwaller (2010)/Karen Schaubel (2011): absent

**Audit & Fin.** – Bill Urquhart/Rudy Kuper/Jerry Wulff/Jeneane Hinrichsen: Bill requested that the proper income and/or expense forms are included when checks or receipts are turned in.

**Banquet** – Lois Breslow: Everything is set to go for our Awards Banquet on May 15<sup>th</sup>. We need to get the flyers out and into Paw Prints. Sonja Lund and Jeneane Hinrichsen will be collecting items for the raffle. The brunch will be May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Bylaws & Policies** - Rudy Kuper: if anyone needs a copy, we have them in the storeroom

**Correction Clinics** – Jean: absent. A discussion was held, noting that the last clinic was well-attended.

**Demonstrations** - Gloria Urquhart:/ Cheryl Pacyna/ Annie Pacyna: no report

**Equipment** - Bill Urquhart: no report

**Historian** - Ann Suwada: absent

**Improvement** - Lois Breslow: no report

**Insurance** - Barb Pische: Barb gave Marion a copy of the insurance certificate to give to the Park District.

**Legislative Liaison** – Margo Milde/Lois Leidahl-Marsh : No news as our representatives and senators haven't taken office yet. Margo passed out membership applications for IFDCO.

**Liaison to the DesPlaines Park District**-Marion Meseth/Bill Urquhart/Dee Morrison: Marion will submit the insurance certificate to the Park District.

**New Member Packets** - Barb Pische: Barb sent out 3 new membership packets in December to Laura Brutto, Ken Matlak, Sharon Ghilarducci.

**Paw Prints** - Ursula Hoeft: absent. Ursula called Ruth, and thanked everyone for their contributions. Ruth requested that we send in brags about our dogs, articles, etc.

**Obedience Trial (2011)** –Kathy Hanson: Kathy is looking for the 2011 show application. Kathy asked that we forward the form to her in the event someone has it, adding that we normally do this online, but need to do this via paper because we've changed our show to two on Sunday. Kathy also needs a chief ring steward for the trial.

**Rand Park Certificates** - Lois Leidahl-Marsh: See the Director's report.

**Refreshments** - Gloria Urquhart/ Michelle Jaworski: Michelle thanked everyone for their donations.

**Registration** – Gloria Urquhart/Jackie Limosani : Gloria has received phone calls, and has sent out 3 or 4 packets.

**Tracking** - Terri Everwine: absent. Lois Breslow advised that the new session starts on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> and our application has been approved for the TD trial.

**Training Hall Secretary** - Rudy Kuper/Jerry Wulff: Jerry is looking for copies of the awards forms, which in turn go into the box on the training hall table. It was noted that the deadline for this year's awards is past, and the forms are also available in Paw Prints.

## **Trophies/Awards**

**TRIAL AWARDS:** Marion Meseth: Marion advised that the awards will primarily be ribbons, and she will submit a note to Paw Prints to request donations.

**SPECIAL AWARDS:** Marion Meseth/Anita Wolney (absent): Marion will try to get in touch with Anita.

**ANNUAL AWARDS:** Ruth Shields Ruth went through the awards slips, and will post the information in the February Paw Prints. Please review for any omissions or corrections and let Ruth know if corrections are required. Ruth noted that it was difficult to decipher some of the handwriting and because of that, the titles earned. The March Paw Prints will reflect the final award information.

**Website** – Greg Hoeft will assist Rand Park with the web site.

**Nominating Committee** – The following members volunteered to join the Nominating Committee: Mary Ann Gobbo (not in attendance at meeting, but advised Marion in advance), Jerry Wulff and Sonja Lund as alternate. A vote was not

required, as we had a total of 3 members offer to join. Marion MOVED that we cast one unanimous ballot, including the slate of Mary Ann Gobbo, Jerry Wulff and Sonja Lund as alternate. Lois Breslow SECONDED and MOTION carried. At the December Board meeting, the following Board members were voted for the Committee: Bill Urquhart (Chairman), Dee Morrison and alternate, Barb Pische. They will be meeting soon.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dee Morrison requested copies of the Rand Park brochures for distribution at her vet's office. The Fun Match brochure reflects the wrong date of the 13<sup>th</sup>. It should read Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.

## NEW BUSINESS

Sonja mentioned that we have a lot of issues with coyotes, and urged caution. Do not leave dogs outside unattended – coyotes can easily scale fences. Marion Meseth noted that if we hang a light on our dog, wild animals are normally afraid of lights and this might protect our dogs.

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Jerry Wulff, SECONDED by Lois Leidahl-Marsh. MOTION carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 8, 2011 AT THE DES PLAINES LEISURE CENTER AT 9:00PM AFTER TRAINING.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michelle Jaworski  
Assistant Secretary

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## Legislative Liaison Committee Report January 20, 2011

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

“Great things have been affected by a few men well conducted.” – George Rogers Clark (1752-1818)

**How did Year 3 (2010) of Mandatory Spay Neuter (MSN) go in the City of Los Angeles?** Even worse than it did the first two years, and those were nothing but abominable. Blogger Brent Toellner of KCDogBlog gives us the statistics and the links to the original reports in his blog (so you can go look at the actual numbers yourself.) Here are the numbers for shelter dog intakes and euthanasias in LA City –MSN passed in early 2008 in Los Angeles, making 2008 the first year to see the effects:

2005 Intake: 25,740	Euthanized: 8,127 (-19%)
2006 Intake: 24,999	Euthanized: 6,949 (-15%)
2007 Intake: 25,792	Euthanized: 6,051 (-13%)
2008 Intake: 30,813	Euthanized: 7,518 (+24%)
2009 Intake: 31,869	Euthanized: 7,624 (+1.5%)
2010 Intake: 33,396	Euthanized: 8,210 (+7.7%)

Cats fared just as badly.

Read Brent's full coverage and analysis here in his aptly titled piece, “Los Angeles MSN -- year 3 -- when can we expect it to start working?”:

<http://btoellner.typepad.com/kcdogblog/2011/01/los-angeles-msn-year-3-when-can-we-expect-it-to-start-working.html>

By compounded statistics, which I just did, City of Los Angeles dog intakes are 29.5% higher in 2010 than in 2007 (the last year before MSN), and 2010 dog euthanasias are 35.7% higher than in 2007. And – as most of you remember – Chicago's MSN (first proposed in 2008, and again in 2009) was to be modeled on that of Los Angeles, even “borrowing” several portions of the Los Angeles law for use in the proposed Chicago MSN ordinance.

MSN supporters had claimed that MSN will reduce the numbers of both shelter intakes and euthanasias wherever it is enacted. Sure didn't work in Los Angeles...but then, where has it worked? Nowhere! Problem is, despite the dismal failure of these laws, they're still proposed – and occasionally passed – in communities throughout the U.S. Do you think that maybe, just maybe, “animal welfare” isn't the purpose of these laws, after all?

**Hartford Financial Group to start offering home owners insurance to owners of AKC registered American Staffordshire Terriers and Rottweilers, two breeds which had previously excluded a home owner from coverage, provided these dogs have earned their AKC CGC.** While it was not good that these breeds were excluded in the first place, at least Hartford is now trying to partially make up for the lost business the company incurred since several major insurance carriers do not exclude based upon breed. Read the full press release here:

<http://alpha.insurancenewsnet.com/article.aspx?id=242256&type=propertycasualty>

**The American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB) has come out with a long statement against the use of “punishment” (adversives), in which they include choke chains and pinch collars, for the purpose of “behavior modification in dogs”:**

[http://www.avsabonline.org/avsabonline/images/stories/Position\\_Statements/Combined\\_Punishment\\_Statements.pdf](http://www.avsabonline.org/avsabonline/images/stories/Position_Statements/Combined_Punishment_Statements.pdf)

Who these folks are or what they really represent isn't as important as the possibility that their statement will be considered as “factual”, so that appropriate, time-tested dog training tools and methods will not only fall out of favor, but actually become criminalized under law. It's already happening in England, where electronic dog collars were made illegal several years ago, and with serious talk about prong collars being next on their banned equipment list. When you use “adversives” (since most of us do), make certain to use them properly, and don't hesitate to explain to your family and friends the benefits of these important training tools in a comprehensive training program.

**January 2011 AKC's Taking Command is now out.** The link to this newsletter is below:

<http://links.mkt2242.com/servlet/MailView?ms=MzI5OTU1OQS2&r=MTM3NTA3NDE2OTMS1&j=MTAzNjQ2OTk1S0&mt=1&rt=0>

In this current issue, AKC Government Relations director Sheila Goffe, in her column “Director's Letter”, has some important words for all of us about the need for us to all monitor our local “lawmaking process” and become involved when necessary. I'll quote her directly here:

“Threats to the rights of dog owners come from a variety of sources. As pet owners, hobbyists and breeders, we often think the greatest challenge comes from outside groups, but there's another challenge just as big and just as dangerous – indifference and the belief that someone else will fight the battle for us.

Most of us are not activists by nature. We live busy lives and devote our free time to our families and caring for our dogs. Given the choice, few of us would spend a day at the state capitol, an evening at a county commission meeting, or an hour sending emails to our lawmakers. But *the future of our dogs demands that everyone become involved.*

One of the best ways to do this is by monitoring the lawmaking process in your own community. Read your local newspapers and follow city and county websites to learn about proposed ordinances *before* they are enacted. Let AKC GR know about potential problems, too. We can help you communicate your concerns to your elected officials and share information with fellow dog owners in your community.”

**The AKC PAC made contributions to four of our most helpful Illinois elected officials in 2010.** They are:

- State Senator Kyle McCarter (R-51)
- State Representative Brandon Phelps (D-118)
- State Representative David Reis (R – 108)
- State Representative Jim Sacia (R-89)

While a number of Illinois Representatives and Senators worked to protect our dog ownership and breeding rights, these four were outstanding! And – good news for us – these four all won their re-election bids back in November, so will continue to serve us over the next term. According to the AKC, 85% of the candidates nationwide that received AKC PAC donations won their elections, and the AKC PAC donated a total of \$36,000 to candidates in 2010 in various races across the U.S. The full list for all states can be found here:

[http://www.akc.org/pdfs/canine\\_legislation/PAC\\_Recipients\\_Dec\\_2010.pdf](http://www.akc.org/pdfs/canine_legislation/PAC_Recipients_Dec_2010.pdf)

Nebraska, anyone? Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman (R) states that he personally will “Kick HSUS’ butt” should that group attempt to organize a ballot initiative regarding agricultural practices in that state. Brownfield Ag News further quotes Heineman’s speech at a recent Nebraska Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska:

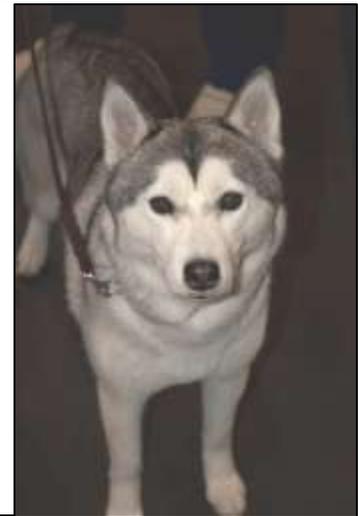
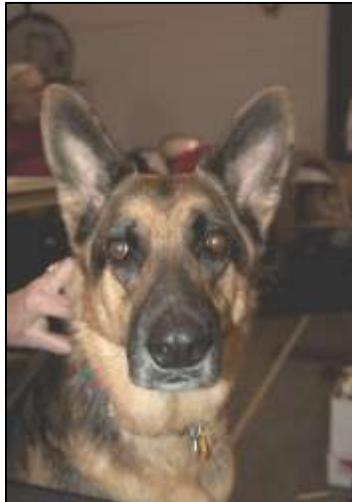
“You (HSUS) come to Nebraska and you’re going to have the fight of your life. If you think you can intimidate Nebraskans, you’re kidding yourself. I’ll organize the whole state if that’s what it takes. And then I’ll go to every state in the nation...”

<http://brownfieldagnews.com/2011/01/21/nebraska-governor-not-backing-down-on-hsus/>

(My question: can Gov. Heineman be cloned?!)

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## How Many of these Rand Park Members do you know?



## RAND PARK DOG TRAINING CLUB REVISED TRAINING CALENDAR FOR YEAR 2010-2011

### Winter Session

February	01	Week 8
February	08	Week 9
February	15	Week 10
<b>February</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>Program</b>

### Spring Session

<b>March</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>Orientation - Membership Meeting</b>
March	15	Training Week 1
March	22	Week 2
March	29	Week 3
April	05	Week 4
<b>April</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Week 5 - Membership Meeting</b>
April	19	Week 6
April	26	Week 7
May	03	Week 8
May	10	Week 9
May	17	Week 10
<b>May</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>

**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 12, January 11, March 29 and April 19. 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.**

*Please keep this Calendar for future reference*

### **Important!**

If training needs to be cancelled because of bad weather or for some other reason, trainers 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>

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

Session: Spring  
Classes begin: March 15, 2011  
Orientation - Session Ends: 3/8/2011 - 5/24/2011  
Registration Deadline: February 22

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 second class for any dog \$40

(To qualify, both dogs must be handled by the same person)

Mail this form and a check to:

Dee Morrison, 933 Alfini Dr., Des Plaines, IL 60016-6113

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

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

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**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 – Off lead work and show preparation for Novice level
- Pre-open - for dogs beginning and working on Open level training
- Open - dogs must retrieve dumbbell and be consistently working **ALL** Open exercises
- Pre-Utility - for dogs beginning and working on Utility level training
- Utility - dogs must be consistently working **ALL** Utility exercises
- Rally – All Rally levels - class starts at 8:45

**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.**

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**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 yr.  3 yr. Tag # \_\_\_\_\_

DHLPP shot date \_\_\_\_\_ or Titer Test Date \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

# **RAND PARK DOG TRAINING CLUB CORRECTION CLINIC**

## **2010-2011 CORRECTION CLINIC DATES**

**FEB 12<sup>TH</sup>, MAR 5<sup>TH</sup>, APR 2<sup>ND</sup>, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>,  
JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, JULY 16**

**AT**

**FOR YOUR CANINE (AIR CONDITIONED) -**

**1975 CORNELL AVE**

**MELROSE PARK, IL 60160**

**Please note:**

**this is For Your K-9's new location.**

**Judging Starts at 11:30 A.M.**

**NO WALK-INS AFTER 1:00 P.M.**

**FEE: PRE-ENTRY: \$7 (\$6 2<sup>ND</sup> ENTRY SAME DOG)**

**GATE ENTRY: \$8 (\$7 2<sup>ND</sup> ENTRY SAME DOG)**

**CLASSES OFFERED - NOVICE---OPEN---UTILITY**

**ALL CLASSES LIMITED TO 30 ENTRIES**

**MAIL PRE-ENTRIES TO: JEAN EREMO, 2511 N 79<sup>TH</sup> AVE., ELMWOOD  
PARK, IL 60707 708-453-5128**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY/ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_ **BREED** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOG'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS** \_\_\_\_\_ **ADDIL CLASS** \_\_\_\_\_ **JUMP HTS** \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless RAND PARK DOG TRAINING CLUB, 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.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLINIC DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMT PD** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.**