

# Paw Prints

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



January, 2012

## Canine Massage and Meeting Sweet Minnie

By Jackie Limosani

It was a warm August day when I volunteered to work at a Dalmatian Rescue Reunion party. The event was held at a private home with beautiful sprawling lush green lawns. Everything was enclosed so the dogs were able to run free. What a magnificent sight to see all these wonderful rescued dogs playing, romping, and interacting with humans and other Dalmatians. We were there to do canine massage on the dogs attending the party.

I was walking to the gate of our hostess' property when I noticed a woman taking out a wagon and placing it next to her vehicle. The woman bent over and picked up a white bundle. I felt a sudden pang of sorrow when I saw an emaciated dog with her bones sticking out and fur covering her tiny body. From the moment I saw Minnie I felt an irresistible urge to touch her. She captured my heart! I told my friend, who knew the pet parents, that I'd work on Minnie free of charge. I had to do something! I could offer her a gentle, loving touch from someone who wanted to make her feel better. When Minnie's parents brought



her over for a massage, I asked to work on her. I had an awesome opportunity to work on this beautiful, loving creature.

Minnie is the result of a puppy mill. Her front legs are tangled/mangled from being caged. She walks on her ankles, which have calloused over. Her poor little body is skin and fur over bone. Minnie is such a gentle, loving creature. I found myself tearing up as I gently glided my fingers over her emaciated body. When her 20 minutes were up, I didn't stop. I couldn't take my hands off this sweet girl. She's been through so much in her young life and accepts her fate. Minnie's pet parents are awesome! They adopted her and treat her like the princess she is. If they hadn't rescued her, she wouldn't be alive today.

This beautiful little girl has taught me and all who come into contact with her so much about life. Thank you sweet Minnie for allowing me to work on you and for touching my life! God speed my little Minnie.

In case you don't know her, Jackie Limosani is Rand Park DTC's Secretary. She began training her three Standard Poodles, Bailey (cream), Molly (black) and Oscar (black & white parti), at the Park Ridge Park District where she met Gloria and Bill Urquhart, Mary Ann Gobbo and Paul Koch of Rand Park DTC. At Gloria and Bill's suggestion, Jackie took a few classes at the club and was hooked on dog training. She then became the editor of Paw Prints for a year and a half and then the Secretary of the club.

If you ask Jackie about her passion in life, she responds, "Dogs!" Ever since she was a little girl, Jackie has loved dogs and to that end, she has pursued a second career as a canine massage therapist. Having received Obedience titles on Bailey and Oscar, she began studying canine massage therapy through Canine Massage Chicago and is currently studying for the national certification exam. She is often seen volunteering for agility trials, rescue events, and loves to "get her hands on" any dog she can. Jackie says, "having seen firsthand the benefits of massage on all stages of life and bringing them comfort, relief, and relaxation, well, this is what I want to do with my life. If I could spend my days working on (and being with dogs), I'd be the happiest person in the world!"

**Keystone's Simply Smashing, CD, TDI (Call Name Miss Daisy)**

**October 1, 2000 - December 8, 2011**



Daisy

*IN OUR HEARTS* – Author Unknown

We thought of you with love today

But that is nothing new

We thought about you yesterday

And days before that too.

We think of you in silence

We often speak your name

Now all we have is memories

and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is our keepsake

With which we will never part.

God has you in His keeping

We have you in our heart!

Miss Daisy you were a very Special Girl and will be missed by many! We will always love you!!!

**BILL & GLORIA URQUHART**

---

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



*Even the baby knows that petting a dog will make you feel better.*  
(She was cutting a tooth).

We plan to make "*The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs*" an ongoing Paw Prints feature by including one photo, with caption, every month. And we want YOU to participate by sending us a picture of your dog(s) along with a reason why the dog enhances your life. Please email your photo and caption to [randparkpawprints@live.com](mailto:randparkpawprints@live.com). You can also send them to me via snail mail (look for the editor's address in this issue of Paw Prints) or give them to me at training on Tuesday nights.

– Ursula

We have Dee Morrison to thank for this wonderful idea.

---

## From Aliss South

At the end of October the Illinois State Library Association met in Springfield. One of the speakers was Leslea Newman, author of *Hachiko Waits* winner of the ASPCA Henry Bergh Children's Book Honor.

It is the story of Hachiko, an Akita pup that accompanied his master, Professor Ueno, to the train station every morning and returned in the evening to meet the train on which the professor returned. One day the professor died at work and never returned. Hachiko continued to meet the train from 1926 until his death in 1935. Hachi became a national symbol for loyalty and faithfulness and even today there is a statue of Hachiko at the Shibuya Station.

Leslea asked Akita rescue if there was a well-behaved Akita who could handle crowds to come to the presentation and book signing to represent the breed, as many people have never seen an Akita. Retief was honored to be asked to represent Akitas. He was petted, admired, and photographed by many people and totally enjoyed the attention.



Retief and Leslea Newman

Retief added a few more letters to his name:

URX - United Rally Obedience Excellent

UROC - United Rally Obedience Champion

ThD - AKC Therapy Dog (for having done over 50 visits - he has now completed 99 visits)

CD-C - Companion Dog from the Companion Dog Sports Program (formerly St. Hubert's)

Neskaya passed the Nosework Odor Recognition Test on birch and is now eligible to enter trials

---

## From the D.O.T.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

We have been fortunate so far with good winter weather. Should we have bad conditions on a Tuesday, you will be notified by phone if classes are cancelled. The website (randparkdtc.org) will also post information. The Park District will usually not make a decision until 4 p.m., but we will notify you ASAP if we find out that classes have to be cancelled.

Dee Morrison  
Director of Training

---

### From Lois Leidahl-Marsh

Lena earned her Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) title on November 20, 2011 in Pecatonica Tracking Club's test at Love's Park. She was on a mission and worked the track as fast as possible. I was gasping for breath and very happy when she would stop to indicate an article. Her only problem was the last turn where she followed the scent down the hill. She worked her way back to the turn near the top of the hill and took me through the woods to the final glove.

Thanks to Dee Morrison, Diane Muzzey, Barb Larsen, Ike Lichter, Gina Femali and Kathy Brandt for laying challenging tracks during our classes to get Lena ready for the TDX test.



From left: Lynn Earhart, tracklayer, Lois, Judges Wally O'Brien and Pam German

*Congratulations Lois and Lena!*



---

### Congratulations to Gail Kipp and Buckley!

They got their first Novice A Rally leg and second place – with a score of 97 – at Skokie Valley Dog Training Club's trial on December 9. It was the first time Gail and Buckley competed in an obedience trial! I hear she can't wait to enter her next show. Sonny Lund says, "I think she's addicted."

That's Gail and Buckley with Judge Ed Haas in the photo on the left.

#### **Advice for the new year from a wise lady: Ann Landers**

Let this coming year be better than all the others. Vow to do some of the things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time for. Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge, and replace it with some pleasant memories. Vow not to make a promise you don't think you can keep. Walk tall, and smile more. You'll look ten years younger. *And your dog will heel better!* (The last sentence is from me. I don't think Ann Landers knew about dog obedience. / Ursula)



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

Rand Park Dog Training Club Annual membership dues were due  
**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Rand Park Dog Training Club AWARDS 2011** (Last chance to make corrections)  
Call Eleanor Goss 847-807-9181 or email [egoss3000@comcast.net](mailto:egoss3000@comcast.net)

**BN: Beginner Novice**

Patricia Beckstrom Cruiser

**UD: AKC UTILITY DOG**

Margo Milde Fly

**UDX: AKC Utility Dog Excellent**

Kathy Hahn Kappy

**TDX: TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT**

Dee Morrison Paddy

Lois Leidahl-Marsh Lena

**VCD2: Versatile Companion Dog 2**

Margo Milde Fly

**CGC: CANINE GOOD CITIZEN**

Patricia Beckstrom Cruiser

**NFP: Novice Agility Fast Preferred/AKC**

Patricia Beckstrom Daisy

**OA: OPEN AGILITY/AKC**

Margo Milde Fly

Terri Everwine Fizz

**OAJ: Open Agility Jumper/AKC**

Margo Milde Fly

Terri Everwine Fizz

**AX: Agility Excellent/AKC**

Margo Milde Fly

**AXJ: Agility Excellent Jumper/AKC**

Margo Milde Fly

**RE: Rally Excellent/AKC**

Patricia Beckstrom Daisy

**VST: Variable Surface Tracker/AKC**

Sally Bushwaller Cassiopeia

**CT: Champion Tracker/AKC**

Sally Bushwaller Cassiopeia

**WCX – Working Certificate  
Excellent/AKC**

Adele Schaffer Cruzer

**JH: Junior Hunter/AKC**

Adele Schaffer Bella

**TT: Temperament Tested**

Margo Milde Fly

---

## Legislative Liaison Committee Report December 20, 2011

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

“Facts are stubborn things.” – John Adams (1735 – 1826; 2nd President of the United States, 1797-1801)

### **Retired Chicago cop and Vietnam Vet finds pit bull mix service dog not welcome in small Iowa town:**

Retired 30-year Chicago cop and Vietnam veteran Jim Sak suffered a debilitating stroke in 2008. His pit bull mix, named Snickers, actively participated throughout two years of his rehabilitation sessions at the University of Illinois hospital, during which it was trained to retrieve household items beyond his reach, and assist him when he falls. His safety, mobility, and ability to function in the home still depend upon this dog's services. There has never been any indication of any aggressiveness in the dog, either towards people or towards other animals. In November of this year, Sak and his wife moved to the small Iowa town of Aurelia, so she could help her ill 87-year old mother, an Aurelia resident. Unfortunately, Aurelia has a ban on ownership of “pit bulls” and similar breeds, and, in a special town council session convened on December 14, Saks was ordered to have his dog Snickers removed permanently from the town within 24 hours, or it would be seized and euthanized. What Aurelia council members must not have realize, or perhaps just arrogantly think doesn't apply to them, is that in 2010 the US Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a Final Rule relating to the Americans with Disabilities Act

(ADA) saying, in effect, enforcement of any BSL (Breed Specific Legislation)-type law against a service dog was not allowable under the ADA – here’s a brief quote from the DOJ Final Rule:

The Department does not believe that it is either appropriate or consistent with the ADA to defer to local laws that prohibit certain breeds of dogs based on local concerns that these breeds may have a history of unprovoked aggression or attacks. Such deference would have the effect of limiting the rights of persons with disabilities under the ADA who use certain service animals based on where they live rather than on whether the use of a particular animal poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others..From: [http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleII\\_2010/reg2\\_2010.html](http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleII_2010/reg2_2010.html)

Assisted by Animal Farm Foundation, a national organization dedicated to overturning BSL-type laws, Sak has begun a legal challenge against Aurelia’s breed discriminatory ordinance as it applies to service dogs such as his. Said Sak, “I lost my helper, I’m not looking for special treatment, I just want to be safe, and I need my service dog for that.” The Animal Farm Foundation is featuring updates of this case on its home page, including links to court documents, press releases, and news articles: <http://www.animalfarmfoundation.org>

**A very quick review of Illinois laws and licensing:** Very recently, a Rand Park member came up to me after class with a excellent question that I believe deserved expanded coverage in this column. Her question concerned a new pet-related business entity that recently opened in her neighborhood, how could she know it was legitimate? Here’s the answer:

Under Illinois law, all pet-related businesses or services, including pet shops which sell animals, shelters and rescues, foster homes (licensed under the overseeing shelter they work with), kennels, breeders having more than five intact female breeding cats or dogs, and other animal-related entities as well, must be licensed under the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA). Such licensure indicates that the entity is in compliance with IDOA standards relating to that particular sector of pet business, and is inspected on a regular basis. You, as the consumer, have a perfect right to (politely, of course) ask to see the license of any pet-related business needing IDOA licensing. Or, you can look up the business on the public list of licensees on the IDOA webpage set up just for that purpose (go to the category to which the business belongs):

<http://www.agr.state.il.us/regulation/licenses.php> (There might be a time lag for new licensees, but the attempt is to keep this posted list current.) Additionally, relevant Illinois laws pertaining, in general, to these businesses include the Illinois Animal Control Act, the Animal Welfare Act, and the Humane Care For Animals Act. Any licensed business must abide by regulations in these laws that pertain to them. You can look up these laws here: <http://www.agr.state.il.us/AnimalHW/regs/index.html>

Of course, any observed incident that involves the endangerment of a domestic animal should be immediately reported to the local police, who are best equipped to investigate. However, should you have further questions of less urgency relating to an Illinois pet-related business, or if it appears that the business or service might not be properly licensed as it should be, or in compliance with Illinois animal laws, IDOA welcomes your inquiries and is ready to assist you, with contact information on their Contact page:

<http://www.agr.state.il.us/about/contacts.html>

**How do you know if an animal related charity is legitimate?** While an IRS 501(c)(3) designation does not necessarily mean that the money is going to where the charity says it is, making certain that the IRS states that the charity is eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions is a good start, and the IRS has an easy-to-use search page where you can do just that: <http://www.irs.gov/app/pub-78/> (Note: some religious groups may be exempt.)

Beyond this, you should investigate the ratings of the charitable organization with a reliable charity evaluation service, such as CharityNagivator.com which, for example, gives Morris Animal Foundation a “4 star” (tops) rating, but PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) only a “2 star” rating. (Other online charity-ranking organizations include Guide Star and the BBB Wise Giving Alliance). However, even these don’t tell all, as a recent Wall Street Journal article reports: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122963299671419401.html>

Best advice, once you know they are a recognized charity by the IRS: Do your own personal investigation, talk with people who have personal knowledge of their operations, and become involved yourself before you give. It is only then will you have reasonable assurance that your hard-earned dollars are going to support the purpose you intended.

*Keep this page for future reference*

## Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc. Training Calendar for Year 2012

<u>Winter Session</u>	
January 3	Training Week 4
<b>January 10</b>	<b>Training Week 5 – Membership Meeting</b>
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	<b>Evaluation</b>
February 28	<b>Program</b>

<u>Spring Session</u>	
March 6	<b>Orientation – Membership Meeting</b>
March 13	Training Week 1
March 20	Training Week 2
March 27	Training Week 3
April 3	Training Week 4
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Training Week 5 – Membership Meeting</b>
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 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.randparkdte.org>.

Send news and articles to:  
Ursula Hoef, Paw Prints Editor  
1814 Illinois Road  
Northbrook, IL 60062  
Phone: 847-721-2882  
E-mail: [randparkpawprints@live.com](mailto:randparkpawprints@live.com)  
"Snail mail" distribution: Kathy & Joe Hahn

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 Correction Clinics

**2011–2012 Correction Clinic Dates:**

**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.