

Paw Prints



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

March 2012

Canine Massage: More than just a "feel good" experience

By Ursula Hoeft

On February 28, Jackie Limosani, a Nationally Certified Canine Massage Therapist and Rand Park member, presented an awesome program on canine massage, something about which she obviously is very passionate.

According to Jackie, the benefits of canine massage are nearly limitless. Besides being a "feel good" experience for your dog – this was obvious judging by the demo dogs' body language – and a great way to bond with him/her, among other things, massage promotes healthy skin and coat, improves and increases circulation, helps eliminate toxins and boost the immune system; it can relax and calm an anxious dog, improve athletic performance, heighten focus, concentration and alertness, and it can help relieve sore muscles after physical exertion. Massaging your dog will also help you detect health problems. But, Jackie cautioned, massage is not a substitute for veterinarian care. If you notice something concerning, you should consult your vet.

Jackie demonstrated various massage techniques and explained what they are intended to accomplish. She made it look easy, like something we can all do. Even if we're not able to get into the finer points of massage, just touching a dog, or "laying on of hands," is beneficial. And it's not just the dogs who benefit from physical contact. It's been found that massaging a dog tends to have a calming effect, not only on the dog, but also on the person doing the massaging. It can even lower blood pressure, Jackie said.

I could go on and on, but I think Jackie's brochure summarizes the benefits of canine massage perfectly in stating that it promotes your best friend's overall health and well being. If you want to know more, you can contact Jackie at jlimosani@yahoo.com or by phone at 847-698-6461.



Jackie massaging Snow (Lichter) while "dad" watches.



Piper (Phelps) saying "don't stop."



Oscar (Limosani), a perfect demo dog

From the D.O.T.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING *** SPRING TRAINING *** OBEDIENCE TRIAL

On March 6th there will be a Membership Meeting at 7:30 p.m. following orientation.

Spring training starts on March 13th. Training conformation letters will be available at the membership meeting. If you cannot attend, the letters will be posted that evening.

Thanks to all of the Winter instructors and those who substituted or came to help with set up and take down.

Just a "HEADS UP" to remind everyone that our annual **Obedience trial** will be held on April 29th at the Sportzone in Melrose Park. There are many ways to help out and committees will be asking for assistance soon. Please keep this date open. In addition to doing great work for the club, you will see wonderful dogs working in Obedience and Rally at all levels.

Dee Morrison, Director Of Training

From Aliss South

For years, Rand Parkers have done therapy dog visits at the Lutheran General Adult Day Care the first Monday of the month at 1:30 in the afternoon. Now we are down to 3 dog-human teams that visit and I'm going to have a double knee replacement in April and won't be able to drive for 2-3 months. We can really use some regulars to visit. We do meet-and-greet and show off the dog's tricks and talents. If you can join the group, we'd really love to have some more regulars. Call me for information. (Aliss' phone number is 847-255-8307)

As Retief ages and his agility career is realistically coming to a close, he is developing a new future in public appearances. I may have to get him some sunglasses, a limo and a publicist.

After visiting Springfield for a meeting of the state library association, in February he visited the Skokie Public Library in conjunction with a visit by Leslea Newman, author of the award winning Hachiko Waits. There were over 50 children and their parents standing in line to meet and pet a real Akita. Retief handled it like a pro, at times being petted by 4-5 children at once and showing his obedience skills with hand signals as he is now deaf.

There were many questions from the children, often the usual: age, weight, name, did he have puppies, etc. The most interesting question was from a very small boy who asked "Can he do handstands?"

Welcome New Members!

Rosemary Appelhans and her Lab, Molly
Pat and Bob Massaccesi and their Giant Schnauzer, Mia
David and Martha Nelson and their Toller, Chief
Mary Dellorto with her Doberman, Rivet and Lab, Bliss
Joan Pufundt and her Standard Poodle, Brandy
Julie and Ed Turner and their Maltese, Buttons
Diane Lentine and her Chihuahua, Reggie
Bonnie and Samuel Sherry and their Min. Schnauzer, Dutch
Colleen Heneghan and her Lab Mix, Dakota
Nancy Emery and her Shepherd Mix, Dora

We hope you and your dog(s) will benefit from your association with Rand Park Dog Training Club. Rand Park is a very active, busy organization. Participating in club activities will make your membership more beneficial and, we believe, more enjoyable. And your help is needed to ensure their success.

Hi Rand Parkers!

I am honored to report that "our" little Timmy earned his UDX on January 22, 2012 at the Chicagoland Dalmatian club under judges Nancy DeFiesta and Anna Lorenz. What a thrill it was! We went on to show at the Chicagoland Shetland Sheep Dog club on February 4 and received the "High Combined" score under judge Joy Pool, an old time member of Rand Park.

It was such a fun day at the Sheltie show, seeing friends and members of Rand Park, Karen Schaubel, Anne (Auntie Cookie) and Bob Suwada. Timmy's extra special friend, Jan Long, was there showing her beautiful dogs in Confirmation. I am ever so grateful to Jan for making it possible to have this extra special little guy.



Tiny Tim UDXOM1

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to Rand Park for all the love and support you have given us along the way, from the time we started our training. We love you guys!

Evelyn Gianos and Tomlynn's Tiny Tim UDXOM1



Sonja and Sassi

More good news ...

Congratulations!

From Sonja Lund:

Sassi received her United Kennel Club Rally Obedience Level 1 title on December 30, 2011 at For Your Canine.

And Congratulations to Lisa Wageman and Kris Carlsson on their Dalmatian conformation success at the International Kennel Club show.

Also seen at the IKC show:

Sheryl Phelps and Jan Long showing dogs; Karyn McCoy, Gloria Urquhart, Eleanor Goss and Ruth Shields with her granddaughters Paige and Morgan, who were busy taking pictures. (See photos in this issue of Paw Prints.)

As we were "going to press," we learned that Jerry Wolf just had surgery.

We wish him all the very best and hope that he will soon be fully recovered. We look forward to seeing "Jokin' Jerry" at the training hall again soon.

And best wishes to Lynn Cwynar. We hope that she will be out of the hospital soon and on her way to a full recovery.



We were sorry to learn that Darlene Charmelo's mother has passed away.

Our sincere condolences go to Darlene and her family.

From Gloria and Bill Urquart:

We are very happy to announce a new addition to our family. Tara Urquhart (*Imprimis Gone Like the Wind*), our new Airedale Terrier puppy, was born on December 17, 2011 along with her eight other litter mates (total of five girls and four boys). We picked her up from the breeder in Wisconsin on February 21. She may have started out as a "cheesehead Packer fan," but she will soon be rooting (or is that barking?) for the Bears.

Gloria and Bill say

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

"A new puppy gives us so much to look forward to."

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. Send me a picture of your dog(s) and the reason why owning a dog enhances your life. Please email your photo and caption to 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



Tara Urquhart



Who has the "prettier" facial hair, Tara or Bill?

If you're new to the exciting world of dog obedience, stewarding is a great way to see what an obedience trial is all about. And you'll have an opportunity to watch some terrific dog's in action.

But be careful! You might catch the obedience competition "bug" and will soon be entering trials with your own dog(s). Something we highly recommend!

Help Wanted

There's no shortage of jobs that need to be filled at Rand Park's Obedience and Rally Trials on Sunday, April 29. They include:

- Gate Steward
- Table Steward
- Ring Steward
- And more

Experience is not necessary – on the job training will be provided.

You don't have to work all day – shifts will be arranged.

Rand Park is an "equal opportunity employer." Ask your relatives, friends and neighbors to help, too.

To learn more about stewarding and/or to volunteer, contact Chief Ring Steward Laurie Ingstrup by email to iqueenbee1@aol.com or phone her at 847-470-0395.

And, yes, there is such a thing as a *free lunch* – for everyone who works at the Trial. No pay, though – sorry! But lots of gratitude.

Legislative Liaison Committee Report

February 20, 2012

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.

“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.”
~Thomas Paine (1737-1809)

Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners (IFDCO) -- “Defending Dog Ownership”

Check the IFDCO website frequently for updates as they are posted: <http://www.ifdco.org/>

Illinois General Assembly Bill Search: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/>

IFDCO POSITIONS with talking points as of 2/25/12 on active Illinois legislation Spring 2012

SB 3264 Dangerous Animals Act – Permit -- IFDCO OPPOSE

Filed 2/1/2012 by Sen. Heather A. Steans (D), 7th District, Chicago IL

- This bill would give law enforcement officers with the courts full power to classify any individual animal as a “dangerous animal”, even those which are not members of the taxa named explicitly in the bill. With this wording, it is possible that individual members of various common domestic species, such as dogs, may be designated as “dangerous”.
- This will would give the Illinois Department of Natural Resources full discretion to enact a ban on ownership, without the permit, on any and all members of the Boidae (Boa) Snake Family, including “boas, pythons, and anacondas”. This large group includes at least several harmless snake species frequently kept as pets by amateur snake fanciers and sold in the pet trade, such as the Ball Python (*Python regius*). Many others animals on the long list of prohibited species simply do not pose a measurable risk to the community.
- Since many species to be newly regulated are currently owned by individuals throughout Illinois, it is questionable what will happen to these animals now owned if their owners cannot afford the yearly permit fee (\$250) and liability insurance (up to \$1,000,000), or do not wish to subject their private residences to inspection as part of the permitting process.

HB 4033 Animals – Dogs – Tethering -- IFDCO OPPOSE

Filed 01/21/2012 by Rep. Michael J. Zalewski (D), 21st District, Summit IL

- Would discriminate against the poor and those living in multiple-family housing.
- Would result in MORE dogs going to shelters and ultimately being euthanized , in cases where dog owners do not have alternate means of confinement.
- Prohibiting night tethering creates an additional burden on Animal Control and local law enforcement agencies.
- Establishing tether length or chain weight in statute is unnecessary and doesn't take into account differences in breed or individual dogs.
- Adding specific tethering provisions to the Humane Care for Animals Act is redundant since this Act already requires owners to provide adequate food, water, and shelter for any dog, tethered or not.
- Tethering is a legitimate method of confinement. Responsible tethering can result in greater ease of movement and quality of life for dogs. A 2001 study conducted by Cornell University comparing penning vs. tethering of dogs found that canine welfare was equal in each, and neither was detrimental to the dogs' health and well-being.

http://www.ncraoa.com/PDF/Tethering/Cornell_study_on_tethering.pdf

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HB 5894 Dangerous/Vicious Dogs Registry -- IFDCO OPPOSE

Filed 2/16/2012 by Rep. John D. Cavaletto (R), 107th District, Salem IL

- Virginia's Dangerous Dog Registry law, enacted 2006, upon which the Illinois bill is closely modeled, now costs that state \$70,042 per year. On a per capita basis, Illinois' would cost \$111,329 per year, in

addition to the start up costs of the database. In times of fiscal austerity, Illinois simply cannot afford such a law.

- “Primary breed” and “secondary breed” would be included in this registry. Virginia’s registry shows a high preponderance of “pit bulls” and “German Shepherd Dogs”, despite most of the dogs included being mixed breeds of uncertain breed parentage. It would be all too easy for home-rule communities use such data, based upon mis-identification of breed, to justify enactment of Breed Specific Legislation.
- This information in the public database would be accessible to neighbors, landlords, employers, and insurance companies, creating social stigma for the owners, and risk for the dog.

HB 5228 Township Code – Registering Animals -- IFDCO OPPOSE

Filed 2/8/2012 by Rep. Ed Sullivan, Jr. (R), 51st District Mundelein IL

- This “fee” described in this bill would prove another burdensome fee on dog owners (and cat owners), without justification for this fee.
- This bill potentially could make feral cat colonies *de facto* illegal in a township, unless they could be confined on the property of their “caretaker”, leading to a higher rate of killing in the municipal shelter serving the township, certainly be inhumane for those cats, and lead to higher Animal Control expenses for the impoundment and euthanasia of those cats.

HB 4039 Humane Care – Police Dogs -- IFDCO SUPPORT

Filed 1/25/2012 by Rep. Dan Brady (R), 88th District, Bloomington, IL; Assistant Republican Leader

- Would give extra protection to police dogs, service dogs, search-and-rescue dogs, and fire accelerant detection dogs.

HB 1697 And 3 – Animals—Bovine Tail Docking -- IFDCO OPPOSE

Filed 2/16/ 2011 by Rep. Sara Feigenholtz (D) 12th District, Chicago IL; New Sponsor (1/31/12) Robert Rita (D), 28th District, Blue Island IL

- Under this bill, bovine tail docking could only be performed by a veterinarian "for a therapeutic purpose", to treat a sick or injured animal, where that treatment is deemed “medically necessary” by a veterinarian.
- While bovine tail docking is only infrequently performed, if even that, allowing restrictions on tail docking for cattle would provide a "slippery slope" towards the passage of laws restricting or even criminalizing tail docking for additional livestock and "companion animal" species, including dogs.

HB 5143 Animal Facility – Offenses -- IFDCO SUPPORT

Filed 2/8/2012 by Rep. Jim Sacia (R) 89th District, Freeport, IL Agriculture & Conservation; Republican Spokesperson

- Kennels appear to be “facilities” as defined under Illinois law. Therefore, this bill would give added protection to kennel owners and breeders, along with owners of other animal related “facilities”, against Animal Rights extremists who wish to damage their pet-related business, or even harm their animals.

From Margo Milde: The North Carolina Responsible Animal Owners Alliance is holding a "Joy of Pet Ownership" contest. To enter, send them a video or still photo of your pet(s) along with a short essay. First place prizes of \$150 Amazon Gift Certificates will be awarded for each category. You don't have to be a resident of North Carolina to enter.

If you're interested, you can learn more about the contest at:

http://www.ncraoa.com/contest_2012.html

Rand Park Dog Training Club AWARDS 2011

Call Eleanor Goss 847-807-9181 or email egoss3000@comcast.net

UD: AKC UTILITY DOG

Margo Milde Fly

UDX: AKC Utility Dog Excellent

Kathy Hahn Kappy

U-UD United Utility Dog/UKC

Patricia Ann Hussey Quincy

TDX: TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT

Lois Leidahl-Marsh Lena

Dee Morrison Paddy

VCD2: Versatile Companion Dog 2

Margo Milde Fly

BN: AKC Beginner Novice

Patricia Beckstrom Cruiser

Sonja Lund Sassi

CGC: CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Patricia Beckstrom Cruiser

TDI: Therapy Dog International

Ruth Shields Ceilidh

Clyde Wernen Rosebud

NFP: Novice Agility Fast Preferred/AKC

Patricia Beckstrom Daisy

NJP: Novice Jumper With Weaves Preferred/AKC

Patricia Beckstrom Daisy

OA: OPEN AGILITY/AKC

Terri Everwine Fizz

Margo Milde Fly

OAJ: Open Agility Jumper/AKC

Terri Everwine Fizz

Margo Milde Fly

AX: Agility Excellent/AKC

Margo Milde Fly

AXJ: Agility Excellent Jumper/AKC

Margo Milde Fly

RN: Rally Novice/AKC

Sonja Lund Sassi

Diane Muzzey Evie

RL1: APDT Rally

Joann Neville Oliver

RE: Rally Excellent/AKC

Patricia Beckstrom Daisy

RAE4: Rally Advanced Excellent 4/AKC

Patricia Ann Hussey Quincy

RAE7: Rally Advanced Excellent 7/AKC

Sonja Lund Skeeter II

URO1/UKC Rally Obedience 1

Patricia Ann Hussey Corbitt

Patricia Ann Hussey Quincy

Patricia Ann Hussey Vandy

Sonja Lund Sassi

URO2/UKC Rally Obedience 2

Sonja Lund Skeeter II

WCX – Working Certificate Excellent/AKC

Adele Schaffer Cruz

U-GRACH4, U-GRACH5, U-GRACH6, U-GRACH7

Patricia Ann Hussey Quincy

JH: Junior Hunter/AKC

Adele Schaffer Bella

TT: Temperament Tested

Margo Milde Fly

Honors

Highest Scoring Bedlington Terrier in Rally Obedience

From the Bedlington Terrier Club of America

Patricia Ann Hussey Quincy

Obedience Trial Donations

Once again it is time to consider supporting our club and exhibitors at the 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 still 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 the form, and your donation, to **Marion Meseth, 2128 Fox Lane, Des Plaines, IL 60018 - Telephone: 847-827-6530**

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Name(s): _____

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

RAND PARK DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

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Copy & payment must be received no later than March 30, 2012

Our thanks go to long-time member Mel Lloyd for his kind donation to the Paw Prints "postage fund." His generosity and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Postage has gone up again and it's getting more and more expensive to mail paper copies of Paw Prints. If you have email, you're already getting an electronic copy of the newsletter. Please let Kathy or Joe Hahn or me know if we can stop sending you a paper copy, too. It will save the club money!

Seen at the International Kennel Club Show on February 28

Ruth and Forrest Shields' granddaughters, Paige and Morgan Timmons, went to the International Kennel Club show along with grandma and several other Rand Park members.

Ruth says "they had a ball." Who wouldn't enjoy a dog show?

And, as you can see, they apparently wanted to "capture the moment" with photos.



All photos in this issue of Paw Prints were taken by Eleanor Goss.

Thank you, Eleanor!

Keep this page for future reference

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

<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 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:
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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 Correction Clinics

2012 Correction Clinic Dates:

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: _____

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Signature _____ Date: _____

Clinic Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____

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