

# Paw Prints

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



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## Looks Can Be Deceiving

By Ursula Hoeft

Poodles have long been an "ingredient" in small mixed breed dogs (think cockapoo, schnoodle), but the craze for goldendoodles and labradoodles (Poodle and Golden Retriever/Lab mixes) is a relatively recent phenomenon. People are paying huge prices for these dogs. The folks who buy them expect to get a dog that has the desirable qualities of the Poodle parent, but they often are disappointed. When you cross-breed dogs you can't be sure how their offspring will turn out. A couple of years ago, my neighbors bought two eight-week-old goldendoodle puppies from the same litter. They now could be "poster dogs" for why you can never know what you're gonna get when you buy one of these mixes. One dog has the wiry coat usually seen with this cross-breeding while the other dog has a smooth blond coat and could easily pass for a Golden Retriever. And they shed!

So why don't people just buy a Poodle when they want a dog that's hypoallergenic, non-shedding, extremely intelligent, doesn't have a doggy odor, and is a great companion? I think it's because Poodles suffer from bad image management, the result largely of how they are groomed when they're shown in conformation. When you mention Poodle to some people – to a lot of people, actually – they see a strange-looking dog with "pom-poms" on its shaved butt, "bracelets" on skinny legs (also shaved), a massive amount of hair on its chest and head, and a colored ribbon holding its "do" in place. For people who have seen Poodles mainly when watching coverage of the big dog shows, that's the image that sticks in their minds. And lots of them are turned off by it. They might find it less off-putting, though, if they knew that the cut had a utilitarian beginning.

According to historians, modern-day Poodles are the descendents of rugged dogs that were bred to retrieve

game from waterways. These dogs are seen in pictures and are mentioned in books from as early as the 15th century. The name Poodle is believed to come from the German word "pudeln," which means "to splash in water." The predecessors of today's Poodles were powerful swimmers and the cut that evolved into what we see in the show ring today was designed to maximize their ability to perform in water.

The area behind the rib cage was shaved to give the dog more freedom of movement when swimming; small tufts of hair were left on the hindquarters to cover the joints and keep them warm; tufts of hair on the otherwise bare legs were also intended to provide some warmth without hampering the dogs' swimming ability. The hair was left long on the neck, shoulders, ribs and chest to protect the heart and give the dog more buoyancy when swimming; the abundant thick hair also provided it warmth when the dog emerged from the water with its prey. The ribbons served a practical purpose, too. Pulling the forelock back and fastening it kept the hair from falling into the dog's eyes and allowed it to see better. And, by using different colored ribbons, hunters were able to locate their dogs and keep track of them when they were working in the water. It all makes a lot of sense, doesn't it?

Based on its origin, I wonder how the Poodle ended up in the AKC's non-sporting Group. Maybe one of our knowledgeable Poodle folks will let us know.

A few Poodles – very few – are still used for hunting today. But I doubt that they're groomed like the Poodles in the show ring. The cut is much too hard to maintain! Most poodles look like the ones we see at training – handsome!

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# All dogs go to Heaven

## R.I.P. Rootin' Tootin' Trudy

UGACH, UCDX, URO3 Truly Delightful of Carloway VCD2, RAE, MX, AXJ (10/24/98-4/18/12)



In center: Karen and Trudy on November 9, 2008 when Trudy earned her TD

Trudy died last night. She had a number of physical ailments, the worst being Cushings so her passing wasn't unexpected, but she had just enjoyed her dinner and had seemingly been fine up until an hour later. I am thankful that she died quickly and peacefully, while I stroked her and told her I loved her.

Trudy was a very obedient girl but was known to speak her mind, especially when it came to her mealtime, or when she thought her mealtime should be. And she always had a lip to show any dog that got too close to her. But what I got to enjoy was a willing companion who was quick to learn and easy to live with. She taught herself the formal retrieve while watching me working with Rusty. She learned all kinds of tricks and used them to her advantage and mine. Trained thru utility later in life, when the jumping got too much she easily earned her RAE and URO3 as well as

APDT Rally titles. When Rusty went to the bridge last year the loss of her life-long companion affected Trudy greatly; she mourned him and was depressed for months.

I will miss our friendship and having you in my life Trudy-rudy, my little huntress. Use your skills to find Rusty at the bridge. Thank you Trudy for sharing your life with me.

She lived up to her name – she was truly delightful.

Karen Schaubel, with my Maya and new kid Cole, and Rusty running at the bridge (shelties all)

## Don't miss the Awards Banquet on May 20

**Be there of the square!**

If you haven't yet sent in your reservation, do it today! Lois Breslow needs to receive it by May 12. Another invitation/reservation form is in this issue of Paw Prints.

Don't worry about filling in the "seating request" section. You'll be seated with fun people – we guarantee it!

## Attention Rand Parkers!

Anyone interested in marching in Park Ridge's Memorial Day Parade, please meet us at Talcott & Prospect at 10 a.m. on May 28.

Questions?

Call Bill Urquhart - 847-825-3318

## More Raffle Prizes are URGENTLY Needed!

**So far, donations have been meager.**

It's not too late to donate items for the Awards Banquet raffle. Jeneane Hinrichson and Sonny Lund are in charge, and they want to have as much "stuff" as possible to raffle off without dipping into the Club's treasury. To do that, they need your help!

Jeneane and Sonny will welcome donations of dog gear, of course, but they'll also be glad to get just about anything else you care to donate. Money donations will also be gratefully accepted.

Bring your raffle donations to the training hall or call Jeneane (847-823-6155) or Sonny (773-622-7872) if you need to make other arrangements or want to know more about the raffle.

***Jeneane and Sonny need items by May 8 to get everything ready for the Banquet – May 8 is coming up quick!***

# The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs

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

***They keep us on track – in more ways than one.***

*Hey folks – I need your help here! I'm beginning to feel like a one-man show. No one sent me a photo and caption for this month's "The Real Reason Why." This is a picture that was sent to me last month but I didn't have room for it in the April issue of Paw Prints. I was glad to have it to use this month. But remember, we want YOU to take part in this monthly feature. It should be easy. I'm sure you all have wonderful pictures of your dogs and great reasons why they enhance your lives. Send them to me!*

*Ursula*



**Maisie making sure that mom, Barb Larsen, finds the glove.**

Please email your photo and caption for "The Real Reason Why" 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

## From the DOT

We will wrap up Spring training on May 22. FREE summer training will be held at Prairie Lakes Park in Des Plaines from June 5th to July 24. Flyers will be available in the Training Hall in late May.

**INSTRUCTORS:** The signup sheet for summer will be on the table on the stage May 1. Thanks for your help.

Hope to see you at the banquet on May 20. Lots of Fun and Good Food!!!

Dee Morrison  
Director of Training

## Canine Massage

If you missed the awesome program Jackie Limosani presented to Rand Park members on February 28th, we're happy to report that she has recently launched a website ([www.pawsitivelypeacefulcaninemassage.com](http://www.pawsitivelypeacefulcaninemassage.com)) where you can learn all about the benefits of canine massage. Even if you were at the training hall for Jackie's program, you might want to visit her website anyway to review the information she gave us.

In addition to interesting information about canine massage, there are great photos on her website of demo dogs enjoying her "gentle hands." There also is a link to her Facebook page – lots of good information is exchanged there. Jackie welcomes you to "like" her Facebook page (Pawsitively Peaceful Canine Massage).

## Seen at the April 29 Obedience Trial

Our thanks go to Forrest Shields for having his birthday on April 29th – good planning!  
The birthday cake and other "goodies" were delicious! All low calorie, of course!



The Trial was a success, thanks to the work done by "a cast of thousands." Making sure that everything went smoothly was more challenging than ever this year. (I'm sure needing to get to the Sport Zone at 5 in the morning was more of a challenge than the folks who volunteered to help with set-up bargained for!) All those who worked at the Trial – and worked to prepare for it – deserve a **BIG THANK YOU**. Names will be in next month's issue of Paw Prints. Without the support of our members, the club wouldn't be able to hold a Trial. (Don't forget to send me your "brags.") – Ursula

## Legislative Liaison Committee Report April 20, 2012

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.

“The most erroneous stories are those we think we know best -- and therefore never scrutinize or question.” - Stephen Jay Gould, paleontologist, biologist, author (1941-2002)

### **IFDCO works hard to oppose adverse pet ownership bills that would affect you!**

We've had quite a successful Spring! In some cases working together (through our lobbyist) with other organizations favoring animal ownership rights, and also with non-animal interests organizations with whom we share common goals, we've managed to hold off all five legislative bills that concerned us earlier this year! Each of these five has been “re-referred to Assignments” (Senate bill) or “re-referred to Rules Committee” (House bills), which means that for all practical purposes, they will not be re-appearing this spring. Since the Fall legislative session has an election mid-way through, most likely non-essential bills that haven't made it onto the floor of their respective House by this time are dead for the year. But this is still Illinois, and anything can happen, so we continue to monitor Springfield closely. The five bills we have been successful in opposing are:

#### **SB3264 DANGEROUS ANIMALS ACT-PERMIT (Exotic animals)**

**Latest Action (3/9/12):** Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments

#### **HB1697 - ANIMALS--BOVINE TAIL DOCKING**

**Latest Action (3/30/12):** Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

#### **HB4033 - ANIMALS-DOGS-TETHERING**

**Latest Action: (3/30/12):** Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

#### **HB5228 - TOWNSHIP CODE - REGISTERING ANIMALS**

**Latest Action (3/9/12):** Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

#### **HB5894 - DANGEROUS/VICIOUS DOG REGISTRY**

**Latest Action (3/9/12):** Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

**Illinois non-animal bill now has animal-related amendment:** IL HB 5101, which would be a prohibition on texting while driving, now has Amendment 1 added, which would prohibit a driver from having a pet on his or her lab while driving. Most of us view this as common sense; it should not have any material impact on our ability to own and manage our pets. Since it is not really a pet-related bill, IFDCO has no position on this bill at this time. You can read the text of the added Amendment here:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/97/HB/PDF/09700HB5101sam001.pdf>

**Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) receives a “D” from Charity Watch.** HSUS uses 48 cents for direct fund-raising expenses out of every dollar collected, a grossly inefficient level when compared to other charitable organizations that do much more on far less. While this announcement comes as no surprise to us, HSUS continues to rake in dollars hand over foot (or is that paw over claw?) from contributors who don't yet understand that HSUS' real mission is not a betterment of animal welfare, but rather abolishment of animal ownership entirely, as well as enrichment of their own pockets. You can read the Charity Watch full report here:

<http://www.agcouncil.com/sites/default/files/April-May2012CharityWatchGuide.pdf>

HumaneWatch.org (the HSUS' “watchdog”) has some terse comments about HSUS' new rating, saying:

*“Maybe there's a reason for all those sad-looking, abandoned dogs and cats in HSUS's ads. They know that after HSUS scams Americans out of their doggie dollars, local shelters will hardly see a dime.”*

[http://humanewatch.org/index.php/site/post/hsus\\_earn\\_some\\_detention/](http://humanewatch.org/index.php/site/post/hsus_earn_some_detention/)

**Feld (Ringling Brothers) sues HSUS et al. for legal fees in connection with defense against earlier HSUS' lawsuit against Feld which was later tossed out of court.** There is a rather long history behind this lawsuit, but in a nutshell, back in 2002, HSUS, ASPCA, and several others filed a lawsuit against Feld Corp. (Ringling Bros.) alleging animal abuse of Ringling elephants. The case was dismissed in 2009, and ASPCA/HSUS exhausted all avenues for appeal. It appears that HSUS, ASPCA, and several other organizations and individuals financially supported a Feld elephant handler so that he could make false accusations against Feld in court, which provided major grounds for dismissal. In 2010 Feld filed a lawsuit against HSUS and related parties alleging - among others - civil violation of RICO statutes, money laundering, and illegal witness payments connected with the original HSUS/ASPCA lawsuit against Feld. This new lawsuit, filed April 12 2012 ("Defendant's Motion for Entitlement to Attorney's Fees") by Feld against HSUS/ASPCA (the original parties) claims legal fees incurred by Feld defending itself in the first lawsuit initiated by HSUS/ASPCA. **These fees may total \$20 million dollars!** Let's wish Feld all the best with this, not just for themselves, but for all of us. If you like to read and study animal law-related court cases, this is a good one! Longer summary of this entire case and related legal actions can be found here:

<http://www.keepouranimals.com/feld-corporation-current-lawsuit.html>

Link to current Feld lawsuit for attorney's fees:

[http://www.naiaonline.org/uploads/Main\\_Upload\\_Directory/FeldFilesForFees.pdf](http://www.naiaonline.org/uploads/Main_Upload_Directory/FeldFilesForFees.pdf)

For further reading, Feld has a webpage set up with links to all court documents:

<http://www.ringlingbrostrialinfo.com/>

## Training Calendar

| <u>Spring Session</u> |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 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.**

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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.

Visit Rand Park's website: <http://randparkdctc.org/>



*Come celebrate with us at the  
Rand Park Dog Training Club's  
Annual Awards Banquet  
And Raffle*

*Des Plaines Elk Club – 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL*

*Join us on Sunday, May 20th, at 1 p.m.  
for complimentary Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres  
Lunch to follow at 2 p.m. – Filet Mignon and Chicken Breast*

*\$35 per person*

*Please RSVP by May 12th*

*Raffle donations will be welcomed by  
Jeneane Hinrichsen and Sunny Lund*



*For more information, call Marion Meseth: 847-827-6530*

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To make your reservation(s), please return this portion with your check payable to: RPDTC

Name(s):

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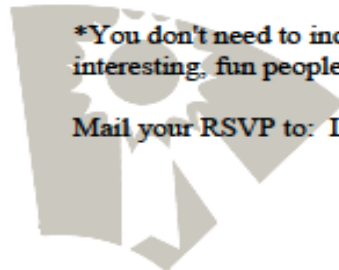
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Eight people per table.

Seating Request\*: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*You don't need to include a seating request. We will be glad to seat you with interesting, fun people!*

Mail your RSVP to: Lois Breslow, 8430 Major Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053





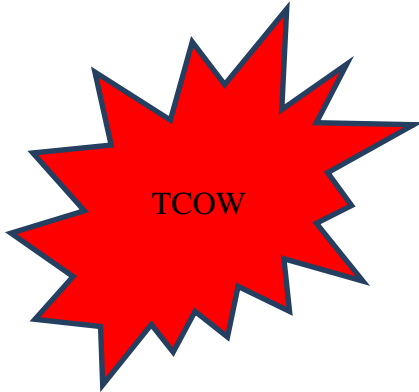
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**WORKSHOP**

JUNE 9 & 10, 2012

UW – Whitewater  
800 W Main St., Whitewater, WI

8:00 am till 4:30 pm



DAY 1 – Beginner to Intermediate Trackers –Includes information about scent theory, teamwork, motivation, line handling, urban elements , transitions and track laying.

DAY 2 – Advanced Trackers – Includes information about communication, trust, article indication, distractions, avoidance behaviors and track laying.

FEE - \$75 per day for working participants (Limit of 10 teams)  
\$50 per day for auditors (Unlimited)

Instructor: **Terri Everwine** began tracking in 1979, just before the TDX title was born, with a German Shorthaired Pointer. After earning her TD, she pursued obedience, field trials, and hunt test titles. After attaining Senior and Master Hunter titles on her GSPs, she returned to tracking and earned the TDX on her original GSP. She also titled her other GSPs, poodles and Flat coated Retrievers to TD and TDX titles. She has finished 2 CT titles, with an owner bred and handled miniature poodle and a flat coated retriever and has coached many others to tracking titles and CTs. She began judging tracking tests in 1991, and was honored to have been chosen to judge the 2009 AKC National Tracking Invitational.

For more information and a registration form, contact: Lynn Tamms ([tamms@athenet.net](mailto:tamms@athenet.net))

**A lite breakfast and lunch will be available.**



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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