

PAW PRINTS

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



November/December 2015

From the Director of Training

Happy Holidays to everyone! There are so many coming up that are observed by so many different people that I figure this encompasses all of them!

It's hard to believe that the Fall Session is almost over! I would like to thank everyone who came out and trained with Rand Park, and even more, thank everyone who volunteered to instruct. Without instructors all those students wouldn't have anywhere to train.

That said, during the Winter Session, we are down four instructors already. PLEASE consider instructing if you were hesitating to commit, and if you've never instructed we'd love to have you join us, too. You'll get lots of help from the more experienced folks you will be paired with.

A huge thank you to the weekly set up crew: Clyde Werner, Marge Kabala, Kathy Laspina, Sonja Lund, and Kathy Baureis, and an equally huge thank you to those folks who take down all the gates at the end of the evening. It's something that is very important and very much appreciated.

If anyone has any ideas for a specialty class for the Spring Session please share! Also, if anyone has any ideas for a week 12 activity, share that, too. This club is here for the benefit of YOU - THE MEMBERS AND STUDENTS!

Thank you all again, and keep those pups safe during the busy holidays ahead.

Barb Krynski
DOT

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Long-time Rand Park DTC member Margo Milde passed away on September 26.

Margo's many dog-related activities are detailed in this issue of Paw Prints. Her full obituary is posted on our website:
randparkdte.org

President's Message

This issue of Paw Prints contains two proposed By-Law changes.

The first proposal changes our membership protocol. Currently, a new person coming to the club for training must complete two full training sessions before being offered membership in the club. With our 12 week sessions and summer break, this means a person must be with the club for anywhere from 6 to 9 months before being eligible for invitation to membership. The invitation and acceptance of membership often takes at least another month to complete, essentially requiring a person to be enrolled in a third session before becoming a member.

In recent years, these "trainees" were supposed to be added to the club's newsletter mailing list in order to receive information about club events. Unfortunately, many have slipped through the cracks and have not been added to the mailing/emailing lists. In addition, many, if not most of our new trainees believe that by taking our classes, they are already members of the club. Commonly, people who do not train consecutive sessions are "lost." When they do come back for a second session, it may not be picked up in the DOT records that they have previously completed a first session and thus their invitation to membership is delayed yet again.

In order to remedy this problem and to be more welcoming to new people interested in dog training, the proposed change in our By-Laws would eliminate the "trainee" class and offer full membership to all who sign up for classes. The registration form will be revised to substitute "Membership dues" for "Registration fee." In this way, the Board feels that new people coming to our classes will feel more included in club activities from the start and this will also help streamline communications as all new people will automatically be added to the membership rolls. Becoming more

inclusive will also help the club get more new people to help with our various tests, trials and matches, something the club is constantly striving for. Eliminating the "trainee" period in favor of automatic membership provides a more welcoming front for the club which benefits both the club and all new students in our classes.

The second proposal would allow bitches in season to come to class, provided they wear protective panties. As many of us are already aware, conformation shows allow bitches in season to show. Obedience and Rally trials are frequently held in conjunction with conformation events and thus the opportunity to have to compete with bitches in season on the premises. Most tracking tests also allow bitches in season to compete.

It is the Board's feeling that allowing bitches in season to come to class presents two benefits. First, that the boys will learn to behave in the presence of attractive ladies, and secondly, that the girls will not lose out on training for the typical 6 weeks they are in season per year. While the previous By-Law disallowing bitches in season states that handlers are encouraged to attend class without their dogs, this rarely happens, and most student simply stay home with their dogs. Since most of our students come to class with spayed or neutered dogs already, it is unlikely that there will ever be a great number of bitches in season in attendance at any given time. The Board feels it is time to change this policy in order to include all dogs in all classes and thus present the opportunity for all dogs to learn to perform well under all circumstances.

The Board urges you to support both of these By-Laws changes with a Yes vote.

Terri Everwine

(By-Laws Articles III and V reflecting these proposed changes are in this issue of Paw Prints.)

Member News

Seen at White Sox Bark at the Park on September 16: **Eileen Hennessy and Annie** lined up for the "Pup Rally Parade" around the ball field prior to the game - Photo at right. A great time was had by humans and canines. And Sox won!



Jo Ann Neville's Guinness (Wheaten Terrier) got his NW1 - nosework level 1 - title on Sunday, September 6, in Hudson, Wisconsin

Tom Woepse and Tori earned her Barn Hunt RAT-S title and Barb Krynski and Zap earned his Barn Hunt RAT-O title on October 25! For anyone who isn't familiar with Barn Hunt, it's a sport that simulates a real vermin hunting scenario. Dogs climb hay bales, run under them thru tunnels, and in general have a great time while looking for a specific number of rats. The rats are VERY safely hidden in tubes and dogs need to use their noses only to find them. (Photo on right: Tom and Tori.)



Tom Woepse and Trixie earned her USDAA Agility Dog Champion Bronze title, too. This makes her the first Smooth Fox Terrier to achieve this title! (Photo on left: Barb Krynski and Trixie)

GCH Glory, owned by **Roni Szeliga, Terri Everwine and Beth Walker**, passed her TDX test at Pecatonica's test on October 18, ably handled by Beth Walker. (Photo on right: Beth Walker and Glory)

Rand Park Members did good at Car-Dun-Al on November 8!
Diane Thompson and Robbie placed First in Beginner Novice to complete their BN degree, and **Delores Velerio and Isolde** got their second leg in Novice B.



September 20 TDX Test

Unfortunately, only One dog passed.
Congratulations to Gail Ray and her 18-month old Golden, Bronson, on Barb Larsen's track!!!!

Thank you to our judges, Eibhlin Glennon and our Rand Park member/judge Lois Leidahl-Marsh. Special thanks to Sheryl Phelps for her work as secretary. Huge thanks to all of the volunteers - hospitality, Mary Ann Fowler and Barb Pische; track layers, Dee Morrison, Ike Lichter, Kevin O'Grady, Barb Larsen, Carlos Santos and Pat Hanley. Cross track layers pulled double duty: Buffy Cramer-Hammann, Mickey Tichawa, Bill Uruquart, Peg Hanley, Darlene Charmelo and Kathy Baureis.



From left: Judge Eibhlin Glennon, Gail Ray, Bronson TDX, Judge Lois Leidahl-Marsh, Barb Larsen

Thanks so much everyone!

Pat Duryea, TDX Test Chair

What Is An Obedience Title, Really?

By Sandy Mowery

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Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores; a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain.

And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable, and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

In addition, a title says that you loved your dog. That you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed and in the end your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return. And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend: volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name.

An obedience title is nothing less than true love and respect, given and received and recorded permanently.

Margo Milde

April 10, 1956 - September 26, 2015

Margo had many interests and talents. A dog owner since childhood, she obtained a female Staffordshire Bull Terrier, *Mischief*, from Virginia Antia (Largo, Florida) in 1988, and went on to put an American Kennel Club (AKC) breed championship and advanced obedience and agility titles on this Staffordshire in three different registries. Breeding this female in 1992 to a suitable Staffordshire Bull Terrier mate, Margo kept two of the puppies, who, under Margo's ownership, training and handling, went on to noteworthy accomplishments of their own: *Moose*, the first, and still only, AKC Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) Staffordshire Bull Terrier, completing this impressive title in the year 2000, and *Tiny*, who earned the first AKC Agility Championships MACH and MACH2 for the breed in 2001 and 2002. *Moose* also later earned his MACH as well.



Margo and Fly

After their passing, Margo obtained a Field Spaniel puppy, *Fly*, from Becki Jo Hirschy (Calico Kennels, Waukesha, Wisconsin) in 2005, and earned three breed Registers of Merit and a breed Hall of Fame for *Fly*'s accomplishments in the sports of AKC obedience, rally, agility, and tracking. *Fly* was also the first Field Spaniel dog to earn the coveted AKC Versatile Companion Dog 2 title. Margo was a member of Rand Park Dog Training Club (Des Plaines, Illinois) from 1980 until her death, and taught as an obedience instructor for that club from the late 1980s until her move to Pennsylvania in early 2014. Margo was ready to enter *Fly* in advanced AKC tracking tests in early 2014; unfortunately, Margo's final illness prevented this from happening.

Because of her ownership of Staffordshire Bull Terriers, a breed so unfortunately unfairly targeted and maligned by various Breed Specific laws, Margo became a staunch advocate for dog ownership and breeding rights on local, state, and national levels. Among her finest accomplishments, she ranked her key research and communication skills in helping to defeat the proposed Mandatory Spay/Neuter ordinance in Chicago, Illinois in July 2008 and again in March 2009. From 2010 until her death in 2015, she served on the Board of Directors for the newly formed AKC state dog owners' federation, Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners (IFDCO), whose motto, "Defending Dog Ownership," concisely sums up its objectives. She was particularly skilled in background research, legislation analysis, and report writing. Margo is proud that her work for IFDCO, along with that of other IFDCO Board and Members, served to defeat a number of particularly onerous Illinois bills during these years, thereby protecting the rights of Illinois dog owners to own and breed the dogs that they chose. She also was a long-time volunteer for the national organization Sportsmen and Animal Owner's Voting Alliance, and was the Pet Law and Legislation columnist for the canine sports publication *Front and Finish* from 2010 through early 2014. At the time of her death, she served as Legislative Liaison for five different AKC-affiliated dog clubs, including Rand Park DTC.

Combining her science background with her love for dogs, Margo was also a long-time advocate of canine health. She served as Health Chair for the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America, the AKC Parent Club for this breed, from 1997 until her death. One of her many accomplishments for this Club was overseeing the implementation of suggested health testing requirements for Staffordshire Bull Terriers in early 2014, making this breed an official AKC CHIC (Canine Health Information Center) breed, and encouraging breeders to post health testing results on the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals online database for the welfare and betterment of the breed.

To learn more about Margo, visit our website: <http://randparkdctc.org>



Make Sure Those Tails Keep Wagging During The Holidays!

By Ursula Hoeft



Thanksgiving is all about good food and good fellowship, but the winter weather that follows can be less than enjoyable. Unless you have a second home in a warm part of the country to escape to, winter may not be your favorite time of the year. I don't know about you, but the cold and all that snow and ice sometimes have me wishing I could stay inside under a blanket until next May. But, seriously, winter isn't all bad. There are lots of fun things we can do with our dogs in the snow. Most dogs, in fact, love playing in the snow. My dogs have a "ball" running and jumping in the white stuff, especially when it's fresh. And judging by the way they burry their noses in it, they must find lots of tantalizing smells. Why don't you let me know about outside activities that you and your dogs enjoy? I'll include them in the January issue of Paw Prints. I'm sure we'll have plenty of snow by then!

But enough about winter! For now, we have the holiday season to look forward to. Of course, as far as our dogs are concerned, every day is a holiday! But they still sense that there's something special going on at this time of the year. And they want to be part of it. But that can get them into trouble! There are a lot of things we need to be aware of to keep them safe and sound. You've probably read and heard plenty of holiday

safety reminders - most of them are common sense - but here are some that may not be as obvious as those we usually think about.

Spray-on snow/flocking, foil, plastic wrap/shrink wrap, plastic foam peanuts, tinsel, glass ornaments, liquid potpourri, batteries, electrical cords, are dangerous for dogs. Some can be life-threatening. And we all know that chocolate is toxic to dogs - it's not so good for our waistlines either! The same goes for holly and mistletoe, especially the berries. Even alcohol can cause a dog problems. *I know he's a member of your family, but when you're passing out glasses of champagne to toast the New Year, don't include Fido!* Remember that the Holiday season is a stressful time for dogs. If possible, keep to your normal schedule in spite of all the excitement.

And remember - remind your friends and family, too - that the holidays are not the time to bring a new dog into the home. New puppies and dogs require extra attention and a stable environment, which isn't gonna happen during the holiday season. Instead of giving a dog or puppy as a gift, give an item representing the dog to come, such as a toy, a leash, a bed. And it's probably best to let the recipient select his/her own BFF.

Food for your Funny Bone - Thanks to Jokin' Jerry Wulff

Lost: Small black and white dog. Answers to the opening of the (dog) cookie jar.

An elderly man, visiting his family, asked his granddaughter if he could borrow her newspaper. "This is the 21st century," she replied. "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad." The fly never knew what hit it.

One old man asked another, "Were any of your boyish ambitions realized?" "Yes," the other man replied. "When I was a child and my mother cut my hair, I often dreamed of being bald."

How The Love Affair Between Humans And Dogs Began

By Ursula Hoefl

Did humans domesticate the wolf, or did the wolf domesticate himself? It's a question researchers have long pondered.

While it's true that dogs descended directly from wolves - the two species can still breed with one another - how they came to be "man's best friend" is debatable. One theory is that early humans "wolf-napped" cubs and raised them, and that these wolves became domesticated over time, eventually evolving into dogs.

According to another theory, it wasn't people who made the first move toward the human/dog relationship, it was the other way around. Wolves chose to become domesticated.

Some researchers posit that less aggressive, less fearful wolves - maybe they were more glutinous too - ventured near humans' settlements to partake of their garbage. Sounds logical to me. Having a bunch of big juicy bones to be had for the taking had to beat killing some big mastodon or wooly mammoth to get a meal. Knowing how bright their descendents are (today's dogs) it's easy to buy into the idea that dogs' ancestors decided to give up hunting for their food and let people do the hunting for them. Pretty much what's still going on today, only we do our hunting at the supermarket.

The symbiotic relationship that soon developed between humans and wolves - I'm talking evolution time when I say "soon" - served them both well. Humans had faithful companions who helped them hunt, guarded their possessions and kept them safe. Wolves, or dogs, had food security; eventually also the warmth of their

humans' campfires and maybe they even got a chance to slip under their bear skin covers on cold nights.

But something else also developed between the two species: affection. Evidence that this occurred early on in their relationship was found in a twelve thousand year old grave site in Israel where archeologists discovered what is undoubtedly a dog embraced in death by a woman. Affection, it would seem, was a driving force in the human/dog relationship almost from the beginning.

It wasn't only in ancient times that people wanted to spend eternity with their dogs. Just this past June, Leona Helmsley's beloved Maltese, Trouble, was buried alongside her in her mausoleum crypt. When she died in 2007, the hotel heiress left Trouble a \$12 million trust fund and instructions in her will that he be buried with her.

To make sure that they will continue to enjoy the life they've been accustomed to, other über rich Americans also included their dogs in their wills.

Miami heiress Gail Posner left her mansion and a \$3 million trust fund to her three dogs.

Instead of leaving his money to his blond girlfriend, millionaire Sidney Altman left the bulk of his \$6 million estate to his blond cocker spaniel, Samantha.

I'd say those wolves who chose to join the human pack back in prehistoric times made a wise decision!

Proposed By-Laws Changes

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1

~~Upon application, anyone complying with these by-laws may become a member of the Club after due consideration by the Board of Directors and by payment of the annual dues in advance. Membership Dues shall be payable upon election~~ application to membership and on the first day of January in each year thereafter.

Section 2

The Club shall be composed of ~~trainees,~~ active and honorary members.

- a) Applicants for membership shall make written application on a form supplied by the Secretary, which application shall be referred to the Membership Committee together with current dues, training and registration fees.

~~After the initial training term and upon recommendation of the Training Committee and approval of the Board of Directors, such applicants shall become Trainees.~~

- b) Upon payment of dues, training and registration fees and ~~completion of the second training term and/or Novice Graduation, such trainees~~ applicants shall be entitled to active membership in the Club. ~~upon recommendation of the Training Committee and approval of the Board of Directors.~~
- c) Active members shall be entitled to all privileges and may participate in all benefits of the club; shall be of acceptable age (not under 16 years) and of good character.

Section 3

~~Applicants for membership, trainees and Active members currently training shall pay a current training fee per training term for the first dog, 50% of the current training fee for the second dog, 25% of the current training fee for the third dog, and 12 ½% of the current training fee for each additional dog. Bitches in season will not be permitted to attend classes, however, handlers will be permitted to attend. All training fees shall be payable in advance.~~

Section 4

~~An applicant who is a member of another dog training club may be considered for membership in this club; and training privileges may be extended to a member of another club (who is not a member of this club) upon approval of the Director of Training. Such training privileges shall be restricted to the owner of the dog or dogs being trained. All such training fees shall be payable in advance.~~

Section ~~5~~ 4

The Board of Directors may, in its discretion, consider exceptional cases. The Board of Directors may make adjustments in training fees in such cases as it shall deem equitable and in the best interests of the club.

Section ~~6~~ 5

Honorary members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club, except the right to vote or hold office. They shall be exempt from the payment of dues and training fees shall be created only by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The term of the Honorary Member shall be for one year, subject to re-election at the end of each term.

Section 7 6

In the case of married members, husband and wife, or other members of the immediate family, the dues shall be assessed for each member of the family actively participating, but only one registration fee shall be assessed.

Section 8 7

Members shall notify the Secretary, in writing, of any change of address.

Section 9 8

Membership may be terminated:

- a) By resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the club upon written notice to the Secretary, but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and they become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.
- b) By lapsing. A membership will be considered lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first day of the calendar year; however the board may grant an additional time to such delinquent members in meritorious cases, an additional sum to be determined by the Board shall be assessed for delinquency after 60 days, In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any club meeting whose dues remain unpaid as of the date of that meeting.
- c) By Expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article X of this Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE V

Director of Training

Section 3

The Director of Training (DOT) shall have complete charge of all trainers and training classes, and shall act to assure safety of the participants and their dogs during class hours. ~~He~~ The DOT shall have the right to cause any member to remove his or her dog from the class if, in his or her judgment, the best interests of the other members ~~of his or her dog~~ will be assured thereby. ~~He shall exclude bitches in season from training classes.~~

From the editor

Remember, folks, Paw Prints is **YOUR** newsletter! Please send me your news and anything else that you think will be interesting to "dog people." Brags are mandatory! But remember, I can't use copyrighted material without permission.

I want to continue the feature "the real reason why we own dogs" that was suggested by Dee Morrison. Send me your "reason" along with a photo.

Send items for Paw Prints via email to: randparkpawprints@live.com - preferred - or by U.S. mail to:

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REMINDER TO...

PLEASE PAY YOU RPDTTC DUES

Rand Park Dog Training Club Annual membership dues are due by
January 1, 2016

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

Make checks payable to **Rand Park Dog Training Club (RPDTC)**

Please fill in lower portion and return with dues.

If you are a new member and dues were paid October 1, 2015 or later you do not need to pay 2015 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 _____

Occupation _____ Hobbies _____

(Please print clearly)

Rand Park Dog Training Club Correction Clinics

2015-2016 Correction Clinic Dates:

**Nov 14, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 6, March 12, April 2,
May 7, June 4, July 2, Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3.**

at

**For Your Canine Annex
1975 CORNELL.
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: \$8 (\$7 for second entry of same dog)

Gate entry: \$9 (\$8 for second entry of same dog.)

Classes Offered: Beginner Novice – Novice – Open – Utility –

Enter Early – All classes are limited to 30 entries

Mail entries to: Jean Eremo, 2511 N. 79th Ave., Elmwood Park, IL 60707

For more information: 708-453-5128 – JEANEREMO@AOL.COM

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Breed: _____ Dog's Name: _____

Class: _____ Additional Class: _____ Jump Heights: _____

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc., its officers, directors and members against any and all claims or actions that may at any time be made or instituted against them or any of them by any person for the purpose of enforcing any cause or action growing out of or connected with my attendance or my dog's attendance at the correction clinics conducted by the Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Clinic Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____

Year 2015-2016 Training Calendar Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

Fall Session	
September 1	Orientation
September 8	Training week 1
September 15	Week 2
September 22	Week 3
September 29	Week 4
October 6	Week 5 – Membership Meeting
October 13	Week 6
October 20	Week 7
October 27	Week 8
November 3	Week 9
November 10	Week 10
November 17	Evaluation
Winter Session	
November 24	Orientation
December 1	Training Week 1
December 8	Week 2
December 15	Week 3
December 22	Week 4
December 29	Week 5
January 5	Week 6
January 12	Week 7 – Membership Meeting
January 19	Week 8
January 26	Week 9
February 2	Week 10
February 9	Evaluation
February 16	Program
Spring Session	
February 23	Orientation
March 1	Training Week 1 – Membership Meeting
March 8	Week 2
March 15	Week 3
March 22	Week 4
March 29	Week 5
April 5	Week 6 – Membership Meeting
April 12	Week 7
April 19	Week 8
April 26	Week 9
May 3	Week 10
May 10	Evaluation
May 17	Canine Good Citizenship Test

Training hours: 6:15-7:05, 7:10-7:55, 8:00-8:45, 8:50-9:35 EXCEPT on OCT. 6th, JAN.12th, MAR. 2nd and APR. 2nd. Classes will be shortened on those nights to allow time for the membership meetings. Training hours for those nights are: 6:15 to 6:55 – 6:55 to 7:35 -7:35 to 8:15 - 8:15 to 8:55

MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LAST CLASS.