

# Paw Prints

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



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## As The Tail Wags

By Ursula Hoefl

### How did the love affair between humans and dogs begin?

Did humans domesticate the wolf, or did the wolf domesticate himself? It's a question researchers continue to ponder.

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 laying there for the taking had to beat killing some big mastodon or woolly 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 (dogs) - 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.

And, 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.

And Oprah's dogs – five of them – will stand to inherit \$30 million if they outlive her.

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

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# From the D.O.T.

**WINTER SESSION REGISTRATION:** The winter registration form is in this issue of Paw Prints and is also available at the training Hall. Classes closed early last session, so send your forms in as early as possible. If you are not sure what class you should sign up for, ask your instructor. Instructors' recommendations will be honored.

**INSTRUCTORS:** please send your registration forms in as early as possible so that I can lay out the classes.

**REMINDER TO FALL TRAINEES ONLY:**  
Non-member fees are \$90 for the first dog and \$40 for a second dog. Members who trained in fall, \$72 for the first dog and \$32 for the second dog.

If you are interested in learning to instruct, contact me and I will set you up in a class with instructors who will teach you what to do.

Dee Morrison  
Director of Training  
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*Welcome to our new members!*

Gail Kipp and her Shitzu, Buckley  
Jung Regan and her Maltese, Alexander  
Judy and Craig Richter and their St. Bernard, Copper

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.

## *From Gina Femali*

Skip passed his TDX test at the Pecatonica Tracking Club's test on October 23. It was our first entry in a TDX test, and he did a FANTASTIC job! I'm so proud of him.

Allie earned her Novice Agility title at Rand Park's agility trial on October 15. She had a score of 100 and was in 3rd place. Skip earned his first Open Standard leg at this trial with a score of 100 and a 1st place finish!

And Allie got her Rally Novice title at the Lakeshore Welsh Corgi Club Specialty on October 28.

(Both Skip and Allie are Pembroke Welsh Corgis.)

*Congratulations Gina, Skip and Allie!*



L - R: Carol Rettig, tracklayer; Judge Eibhlin Glennon; Gina Femali and Skip; Judge Carol Ruthenberg

## Legislative Liaison Committee Report October 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.

"In planning, forming, and arranging laws, deliberation is always becoming, and always useful." --James Wilson (1742-1798) – Delegate to US Constitutional Convention (1787) and Signer of the Declaration of Independence (1776)

**New AKC tools in their government relations toolbox:** A creative flyer entitled "Cuddle This" is a new addition. It pictures a dog made from machined metallic parts and contains the snappy caption, "If we spay and neuter every dog and shut down all U.S. dog breeders, where will we get the next generation of responsibly-bred pets? Preserve your rights to own and enjoy your best friend." Download here: [http://www.akc.org/pdfs/canine\\_legislation/CuddleThis\\_Horizontal.pdf](http://www.akc.org/pdfs/canine_legislation/CuddleThis_Horizontal.pdf)

Additionally, the AKC has once again computed the economic value of dog shows and purebred dog ownership in each state. What is it for Illinois? According to the AKC, "Based on our findings, it is estimated that over \$36.7 million is generated annually within the Illinois economy from spending on purebred dogs in the state." This is very useful information to know and share, both on a state and local level, when battling adverse dog legislation. You can access the entire document here: [http://www.akc.org/pdfs/canine\\_legislation/states/2010/IL.pdf](http://www.akc.org/pdfs/canine_legislation/states/2010/IL.pdf)

For the entire AKC Government Relations Toolbox, go to this link: [http://www.akc.org/canine\\_legislation/full\\_resources.cfm](http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/full_resources.cfm)

**Bensenville group "Pits for Patriots" is now training "pit bulls" for use as service dogs for veterans!** This is good for these dogs, the breeds, and the veterans who receive them. According to the dogs' trainer, Kelly Yearwood, "The qualities in the pit bull that people use for bad are the same qualities that we use to teach them the good"; she listed such qualities as a keen desire to please its owner, loyalty, tenacity and strength. This is a good article to keep on hand next time a local community proposed a law banning or restricting pit bulls. While Illinois state law prohibits municipalities from enacting "breed specific legislation" (BSL), home rule communities are not bound by this law and may still institute BSL. (Note: Thanks to the Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners and the many dog owners who contacted their legislators, IL HB 1080, which would have removed from Illinois law the prohibition for BSL, was not allowed to advance in the Illinois House earlier this year.) <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2011/10/01/pit-bulls-used-as-service-dogs-for-wounded-veterans/>

**Why your involvement local government affairs regarding animal control law is so important:** In 2009, both Highland Park and Park Ridge proposed excessively restrictive ordinances regarding dog ownership. Thanks to several Rand Park members, and other dog owners, these two proposed ordinances were greatly changed to become more favorable for pet owners and their dogs. Minneapolis, MN, is an example of everything that can go wrong when adverse pet ordinances are proposed...and passed. Their 2010 vicious dog ordinance allows any dog to be classified as dangerous upon the testimony of a so-called "victim", even when the "victim" was not injured. But the real "victims" are the dogs – a 12-week old Golden Retriever puppy was declared "dangerous" and ordered euthanized after it nipped a child who fell on top of it, and another dog was ordered euthanized simply because it barked at the mailman. While a local Minneapolis animal welfare group has established a fund for a constitutional challenge to this law, it would be preferable to stop such a law from being passed in the first place. Unfortunately, passage of this type of harsh law appears to be a trend.

<http://www.animalarkshelter.org/animal/ArkArticles.nsf/AllArticles/811D42EA971ACE6886257914007D740D?OpenDocument>

**Yet another study may show adverse health consequences from spaying and neutering.** Mast Cell Tumors (MCTs) are at least occasional in a number of dog breeds, and common in several. MCTs can prove fatal despite the best of treatment. A recently published paper reveals that spayed females were 4.11 times as likely as compared to intact females to develop MCTs while neutered males were 1.37 times as likely to develop these tumors as intact males. This study shows yet another potential adverse effect that should be considered in the spay/neuter decision, since – at least for MCTs in dogs – spay/neuter may not always be to the dog’s benefit. Spaying/and neutering should be an individual decision made for each dog between the owner and their veterinarian, with that dog’s well-being kept paramount in the decision-making process. Therefore, a “one-size-fits-all” approach, such as Mandatory Spay/Neuter laws dictating that the procedure be performed by a fixed age in the dog’s life, and often at such a young age as 4 months, may prove injurious to many dogs’ health later on. Source: <http://www.jaaha.org/content/early/2011/04/15/JAAHA-MS-5621.short>

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## **Rand Park Dog Training Club has a Facebook page!**

If you're a Facebook user, "Like" our page and let us know what you and your dogs are up to!

Share photos. Post your show results. Share links to interesting dog related articles and sites.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rand-Park-Dog-Training-Club/196843603679968>

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## **Did you know?**

- The U.S. has the highest dog population in the world. France has the second highest.
- The most dogs ever owned by one person were 5,000 Mastiffs – owned by Kubla Khan.
- Ancient Egyptians revered their dogs. When a pet dog died, its owners shaved off their eyebrows, smeared mud in their hair, and mourned aloud for days.
- Pekingese and Japanese Chins were so important in the ancient Far East that they had their own servants and were carried around trade routes as gifts for kings and emperors. Pekingese were even worshipped in the temples of China for centuries.
- Dog nose prints are as unique as human finger prints and can be used to identify them.
- During the Middle Ages, Great Danes and Mastiffs were sometimes suited with armor and spiked collars to enter a battle or to defend supply caravans.
- The phrase “raining cats and dogs” originated in seventeenth-century England. During heavy rainstorms, many homeless animals would drown and float down the streets, giving the appearance that it had actually rained cats and dogs.
- One kind of Pekingese is referred to as a “sleeve” because it was bred to fit into a Chinese empress’ sleeves, which was how it was often carried around.
- President Franklin Roosevelt created a minor international incident when he claimed he sent a destroyer to the Aleutian Islands just to pick up his Scottish Terrier, Fala, who had been left behind.



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

Rand Park Dog Training Club Annual membership dues are due by  
**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, Inc. Training Calendar for Year 2011–2012

<b><u>Fall Session</u></b>	
September 20	<b>Orientation</b>
September 27	Training Week 1
October 4	Training Week 2
<b>October 11</b>	<b>Training Week 3 – Membership Meeting</b>
October 18	Training Week 4
October 25	Training Week 5
November 1	Training Week 6
November 8	Training Week 7
November 15	Training Week 8
November 22	Training Week 9
November 29	<b>Evaluation</b>

<b><u>Winter Session</u></b>	
December 6	<b>Orientation</b>
December 13	Training Week 1
December 20	Training Week 2
December 27	Training Week 3
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>

<b><u>Spring Session</u></b>	
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 October 11, 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.**

**Please keep this Calendar for future reference**

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

<b>Check Session:</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>
<b>Classes begin:</b>		<b>December 13, 2011</b>	<b>March 13, 2012</b>
<b>Orientation - Session Ends:</b>	11/20/2011 – 11/29/2011	12/6/2011 – 2/21/2012	3/6/2012 - 5/22/2012
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>		November 22, 2011	February 21, 2012

**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.

### 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.**

### 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 Clinics

## 2011–2012 Correction Clinic Dates:

November 12, December 10,  
January 21, 2012, 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](mailto: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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