

# Paw Prints

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



October 2012

## Important!

A Membership Meeting will be held next Tuesday, October 9th, immediately following the last classes.

**Classes will begin earlier than normal.** See times inside this issue of Paw Prints.

**Don't miss the meeting!**

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Send us your news, stories, anything of interest to "dog people."

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.

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<http://randparkdte.org>

## Tail Talk

By Ursula Hoeft

Tails! What wonderful appendages they are. It doesn't matter if they're short, long or in between, our dogs' tails speak volumes. They tell us SO much about what's going on in their heads. To be sure that I was reading my dogs' tails right, I googled "dog tails." Here's what I found on the Internet.

- This one's a "no brainer." A tail wagging energetically back and forth, sometimes accompanied by barking, means that the dog is happy – VERY happy. *This probably is your dog greeting you when you get home from work, or maybe when you get in late at night after a fun party and a few adult beverages. If you're like me, at times like that, the tail wagging is good; the barking not so much!*
- A raised tail moving slowly and rhythmically is a dog's way of telling you that he's comfortable with whatever is going on around him.
- A tail held upright, wagging decisively is how a dog tells the world that he's confident, sure of himself.
- A tail wagging back and forth at a slow speed is what we often see – or hope to see – at training when our dogs are concentration on an exercise they're trying to learn.
- A tail held in a downward position is a dog's way of saying "I'm not comfortable with what's going on around me. I've got to check things out."
- A tail tucked between a dog's legs tells us something we need to take seriously. The dog is telling us that he's more than just uncomfortable – he's scared! If your dog goes into this posture, find out what's frightening him and deal with it. If it's somebody else's dog, leave him alone or you may get bitten. This is "tail talk" we need to heed.

There's lots more to be said about dog tails but I'm running out of space – and time. There's just one more observation I've made about tails that I want to share. It seems especially meaningful right now.

Dog tails don't lie. I've never know a tail to deceive me. Wouldn't it be great if politicians had tails?

# The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs

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

***Gloria and Bill Urquhart say:***

*"... having two puppies makes our lives even better than having just one and gives us twice as much to look forward to ..."*

That's Gloria and Bill's newest new addition, Scarlet, on the right. How precious! Enjoy her – enjoy her sister, too.



## More about "tail talk"

By Ursula Hoeft

During our recent trip to Door County, we found the following sign on the wall of a restaurant:

*In times of joy, all of us wished we possessed a tail we could wag.* – W.H. Auden.

While Greg and I didn't have tails to wag, Gus and Kate's were wagging the whole time we were on our mini vacation. We stayed at a dog friendly Bed & Breakfast that had been written up in a travel magazine. It turned out to be perfect for us. The weather was perfect, too: sunny, not too hot, not too cold, and the leaves had just started to change to their beautiful autumn colors. We did a lot of great trekking through the woods. We found plenty of interesting, scenic free walking trails thanks to information we got at a local tourist information office – they're in every town; be sure to stop at one if you go to Door County. And we found a dog park in Sister Bay where Kate and Gus made some new friends.



Kate having fun at the dog park.



Gus, Kate and me at Cave Point



Gus checking out a new friend.

**Training hours for October 9th:** Classes will be shortened to allow time for the Membership Meetings. The hours will be: 6:15 to 6:55; 6:55 to 7:35; 7:35 to 8:15; 8:15 to 8:55. **The meeting will immediately follow the last classes.**

# ATTENTION RAND PARK MEMBERS

**DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR AWARD FORMS ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 8, 2013.**

Put them in the award box on Tuesday night or mail them to:

Eleanor Goss

1863 Sycamore St

Des Plaines, IL 60018

**E-Mail:** [egoss3000@comcast.net](mailto:egoss3000@comcast.net)

RPDTC members who earn any AKC, UKC and/or Canadian Kennel Club Obedience and/or Tracking titles will receive an Annual Award. RPDTC member will receive an Annual Award for all Agility and/or Rally titles accomplished during the year. RPDTC members will receive an Annual Certificate for all other achievements accomplished during the year. To qualify for Annual Award or Certificate you must:

1. Be current on your membership dues
2. Have completed one (1) of the following during the year for which the award is to be presented (Combinations are allowed)
  - a. Two memberships meetings (Date of meetings attended \_\_\_\_\_) or
  - b.  Work a full day at our obedience trial (currently equivalent to two trials – Date worked \_\_\_\_\_) or
  - c.  Work two days at one of our tracking trials (Date trial/s worked \_\_\_\_\_) or
  - d.  Work two days at our agility trial (Date trial/s worked \_\_\_\_\_) or
  - e.  Work two correction clinics (the entire day – Clinic date worked \_\_\_\_\_)
3. Have completed one (1) of following:
  - a. Attended training in a 12-week session (obedience, rally or tracking – training date \_\_\_\_\_) or
  - b. Instructed a session (Enter session date \_\_\_\_\_)
4. Turn in properly completed award form for each award/certificate to be received.

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## RPDTC AWARDS/TITLES EARNED 2012

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Show/Trial: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Show/Trial: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Show/Trial: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle one) AKC Canadian UKC States  
(Circle one) Obedience Agility Tracking Rally

**Name of Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

Scores: 1<sup>st</sup> Leg \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Leg \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Other Achievements

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## Legislative Liaison Committee Report September 25, 2012

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

“There is but one straight course, and that is to seek truth and pursue it steadily.” --George Washington

**USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) Response to SAOVA's FOIA request regarding the Proposed Rule.** The Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance (SAOVA) with their director Susan Wolf diligently continues to fight against the proposed APHIS Rule which would change the definition of “retail pet store” to include many residential hobby dog breeders under USDA's Animal Welfare Act purview. SAOVA was especially interested in obtaining any APHIS documents that would support the following two sentences included as support in the USDA's proposed Rule's Docket: *“In fact, in recent years, APHIS has noted a number of reports and complaints concerning the welfare of such animals”*, and *“In addition, APHIS has received complaints directly from members of the public concerning the welfare of dogs and other pet animals sold at retail.”* APHIS returned the following response to SAOVA regarding this FOIA request:

Dear

Ms.

Wolf:

This is in response to your July 16, 2012, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of complaints concerning the welfare of dogs and other pets received by APHIS directly from members of the public as referenced in that statement. Animal Care (AC) employees conducted a thorough search of their files and did not locate any information responsive to your request. AC has informed this office that they have no records concerning the welfare of dogs and other pets received by APHIS directly from members of the public as referenced in the APHIS issued Regulatory Impact Analysis & Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Proposed Rule, APHIS-2011-0003 RIN 0579-AD57 because they do not record complaints regarding retail sales as it is not an Animal Welfare Act (AWA) covered activity. You may appeal our no record determination. If you chose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter.

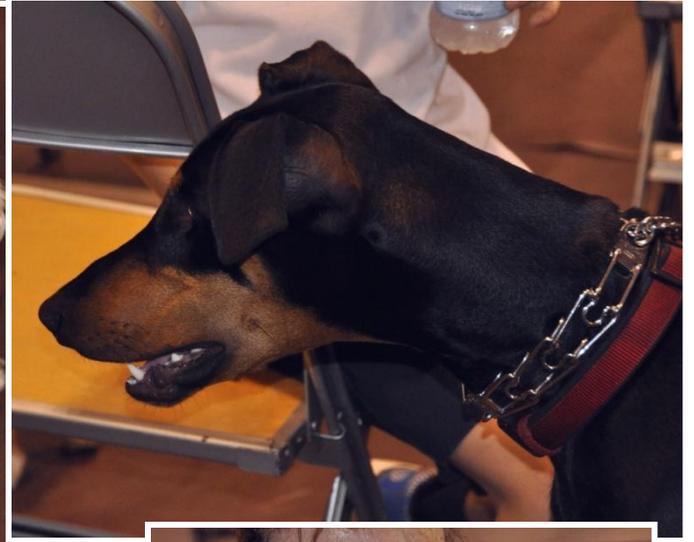
No surprise, is it, that APHIS lacks the support for these statements alleging the so-called “complaints” that supposedly drove the entire Rule Making process?! Ah, yes, we knew it all along. And yes, SAOVA will continue to follow up and appeal this decision. For more information, Read SAOVA's September 16 2012 News Briefs here: <http://forums.ukcdogs.com/showthread.php?s=730e749539ecccfaa683952060d71501&threadid=928270402>

**Do you live in the Illinois 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, having Peter Roskam as your Representative in the congressional House?** If so, you will be no doubt displeased to learn that he has signed on as a co-sponsor to the onerous federal PUPS (Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act, (HR 835) bill that would (similar but not identical to the APHIS Proposed Rule) place a great many residential hobby dog breeders under AWA regulations. Since the AWA was written specifically for large commercial kennels only, very few residential dog breeders could comply with its requirements, and would be forced to end their breeding hobby or small business. Be sure to contact Rep. Roskam and let him know your great displeasure with this action, and why he should remove his name as a co-sponsor. Better yet, due to Rep. Roskam's relatively high ranking in the House, anyone in Illinois should take time to write him, as well. (I've already written him on behalf of the five clubs I represent at Legislative Liaison.) If you need a refresher on why PUPS is bad for dogs, dog breeders, and rescuers (since in the PUPS language, yes, rescue is included), refer to our state Federation's statement about this bill:

[http://ifdco.homestead.com/3-12-11\\_IFDCO\\_position\\_statement\\_on\\_PUPS3\\_modified\\_3-2011.pdf](http://ifdco.homestead.com/3-12-11_IFDCO_position_statement_on_PUPS3_modified_3-2011.pdf)

**Governor Quinn signs into Illinois law a bill giving full recognition to mini-horses as Service Animals in this state.** Although the current Americans With Disabilities Act regulations only give partial recognition to horses as service animals (only service dogs are given full recognition under the updated 2010 federal ADA interpretation), Illinois has wisely gone ahead and put into effect a new law which would give these needed assistance animals together with their owners full legal protection as Service Animals in Illinois, similar to the legal protection given service dogs in this capacity. Generally, although dogs will no doubt remain the preferred type of service animal used, benefits of mini-horses versus service dogs include superior strength (especially useful for a large human adult handler) and longer lifespan. Don't be surprised if you now see these animals with their disabled owners out and about in public situations in our state. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/08/15/illinois-mini-horse-servi\\_n\\_1784249.html?utm\\_hp\\_ref=chicago](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/08/15/illinois-mini-horse-servi_n_1784249.html?utm_hp_ref=chicago)

# Orientation Night At The Training Hall



**Dogs and owners, all anxious for classes to begin!**

Photos by Eleanor Goss – thanks, Eleanor!

## Jokin' Jerry (Wolf) is back! Thank goodness – we need some laughs!

"I can't find a cause for your illness," a doctor told his patient during a consultation. "Frankly, I think it may be due to drinking."

"In that case," replied the patient, "I'll come back when you're sober!"

A fisherman just off the lake went into a fishmonger's shop and told the owner, "I'd like some fish to take home with me. Can you make them look like they were caught today?"

"How many?" the owner asked.

"Three or four – perch, let's say – a decent amount, without seeming to exaggerate."

"You should take trout instead."

"Why is that?"

"Your wife was here this morning and said that if you came in, I should recommend trout. It's her favorite."

A husband, the owner of a brand new car, was reluctant to let his wife drive his prized possession, even to a grocery store only a few blocks from their house. When she insisted, he finally gave in. As she drove off, he cautioned her, "remember, if you have an accident, the newspapers will print your age!"

It's good to see Jerry back at training and looking fit as a fiddle!

### Sick Halloween Jokes

What do you call someone who puts poison in a person's corn flakes? A cereal killer.

What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman? Frostbite.

What do you get when you cross a werewolf and a vampire? A fur coat that fangs around your neck.

What does a vampire never order at a restaurant? A stake sandwich.

What do you call a witch in the desert? A sandwich.

What does a vampire fear the most? Tooth decay.

Where did the vampire open his savings account? At a blood bank.

What do you get when you cross Bambi with a ghost? Bambo.

Why did the witches' team lose the baseball game? Their bats flew away.

What happened to the guy who couldn't keep up payments to his exorcist? He got repossessed.



Mackenzie, left, and her mother, Ms. Poppy

Photo by their mom, Eleanor Goss

**Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!**



# Rand Park Dog Training Club Correction Clinics

**2012-2013 Correction Clinic Dates:**

**September 8, November 17, December 8, January 19,  
February 9, March 2, May 4, June 8, July 6**

**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: 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](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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