

Paw Prints

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



October 2011

As the Tail Wags

By Ursula Hoeft

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Be sure to attend the
October 11
Membership Meeting.
See Training Calendar for
changes in class times for
that night.

There was a lot of tail wagging going on last Tuesday when Fall training finally began after having been delayed for two weeks due to work that was being done at the leisure center.

The first night of training after a summer break is always exciting. It was great to see Rand Park friends again, and just as great to see many new faces, both human and canine. Hopefully, those who are new to training will be bitten by the obedience bug and will make training an ongoing part of their relationship with their dogs. How about making every Tuesday night a "night out" for you and your best friend, a night to bond and spend quality time together?

While I loved seeing *all* the dogs I was absolutely enthralled by the puppy class! I've never seen so many adorable puppies! There was Lisa Wageman's "too cute" Dalmatian pup, Sheryl Phelps' darling Siberian Husky, Mary Anne Fowler's sweet little Dachshund, Mary Dellorto's very handsome young Dobe. They're just a few of the puppies that were in the class. The others were no less adorable – I just don't have their owners' names. That's Lisa and her new addition on the right. Other pictures that I took at training on September 27 are in this issue of Paw Prints.



It seemed that the classes during the 7:05 to 7:55 time slot, which was when Gus and I were there, were bigger than usual. And, as they always do, instructors worked their tails off to give each participant plenty of attention. It got me thinking, again, how fortunate we are to have such dedicated and skilled instructors. I've trained with other clubs in past years and, while my experiences with them were positive, I think Rand Park's program is the best training opportunity around, mainly because of the outstanding instructors who give so generously of their time and talent. Those of us who benefit from their obedience training expertise owe Dee Morrison, Director of Training (DOT), and the rest of the training team a debt of gratitude.

Remember, all instructors are volunteers. The only pay they get is an all-too-infrequent "thank you" and the satisfaction of knowing that they've helped a dog become a better companion and good canine citizen. If the folks for whom training is a new experience get hooked on the wonderful sport of dog obedience, that's icing on the cake.

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.

Paw Prints is *YOUR* newsletter. Send me your news. Club members want to know about your accomplishments. Your "brags" will inspire others.

From the DOT

Thank you all for your patience with the change in dates for training this session. We will be up and running by the time this issue of Paw Prints is out.

In this issue you will find the Winter registration form. We have had a number of classes close early so please send your registration information in as quickly as you can. The deadline for winter session is November 22.

INSTRUCTORS, PLEASE SEND YOUR INFORMATION IN AS EARLY AS YOU CAN SO I CAN LAY OUT THE SCHEDULE.

BECAUSE WE LOST ONE WEEK OF TRAINING THIS FALL, ALL THE PEOPLE WHO TRAINED A DOG DURING THE FALL SESSION WILL BE REBATED AS FOLLOWS:

NON-MEMBERS FOR WINTER SESSION WILL PAY \$90.00
MEMBERS FOR WINTER SESSION WILL PAY \$72.00
NON-MEMBERS WILL PAY \$40.00 FOR A SECOND DOG
MEMBERS WILL PAY \$32.00 FOR A SECOND DOG.

Minutes of the September 20 Instructors Meeting:

Advanced Beginners and Beginners, release your classes on the East side of the ring so everyone can go straight out the door to the parking lot. Also, the Beginners class is full but the Advanced Beginners class is light so if there are handlers and dogs that can move to Ring 1 Advanced Beginners please make the move. As we still will have the old matting, do not do reverse and call exercise as the footing isn't great. You can demo it, carefully, so handlers can practice at home.

Puppies are coming in at 7:05; please help in the aisles and corridor the first night until everyone sees how the set up is at the training hall.

Novice instructors, after basics are covered please do more off lead (light line) work as we have a number of dogs that are very close to being ready to show. Also, if you have time, the jumps are available to start the dogs in a little Open work. Fun Match forms will be on the bulletin board for those who are getting ready to show.

Demo dogs: be sure if you are going to use a dog for a demo in class that it is registered with me (health cert.) and it is not disruptive in class. You can bring a dog in for demo and then take it back to the car or crate it on the stage.

We need more instructors, so if you find someone in your class that would be willing, let me know and we can set them up for Winter session with experienced instructors who can help them learn the ropes.

At the end of the Fall session turn in your attendance sheets with recommendations for the Winter session.

Discussion of rebates for the Fall Trainees.

Last item as DOT: If you have any phone, e-mail or address changes, please notify our secretary, Jackie Limosani. (Jackie's email address is jlimosani@yahoo.com; phone 847-698-6461.)

HAPPY HEELING

Dee Morrison

Results of the September 25 TDX Test

By Terri Everwine

Judges Carol Ruthenberg and Ulysses James presided over the fields at Spring Creek Headwaters (aka Wichman) in Barrington Hills, Illinois on September 25. Although we were promised rain by the weather reporters, none materialized throughout the weekend. Test day was cloudy and cool, the heavy overcast prompting us to erect the pop-ups for cover "just in case," but perhaps doing so kept the rain away, much like carrying an umbrella might. The fields were primarily moderate cover, with some standing water in areas. Restoration work in the preserve over the last several years has greatly improved the area and it is now in excellent shape for tracking!

Tracklayers Dee Morrison, Lois Leidahl-Marsh, Teresa Higgins, Jason Sheldon and Kris Carlsson were joined by crosstrack layers Pat McMahon, Diane Muzzey, Roni Szeliga, Pat Duryea, Nancy Foster, Ike Lichter, and Wendy Parr in preparing the five challenging tracks for our five exhibitors.

Lois Breslow and Terri Everwine handled hospitality, Lisa Wageman acted as secretary for the event, and Terri was also chairman and chief tracklayer. Roni, Jason, Terri and Diane also helped with driving duties. Huge thanks to all who offered their time and talent for this event!

Both judges were highly complimentary of the way in which the test was run, and our efforts were rewarded with three passes! Kris, Teresa and Lois each took home a "Stinky Foot" award for their passing exhibitor's tracks.

Our passing tracks were #s 2, 3 and 5.

Track 2 was run by a Weimaraner dog owned by Beth Schofield of Louisville, Kentucky. The end of this track was visible from our headquarters area, and we all watched as the team struggled with the final turn and finally prevailed to earn their title. Congratulations to

Mystik 3-B's Quintessential Legacy, VCD1, OA, OAJ, RE, and now TDX!

Track 3 went to a Golden retriever owned by club member Cathy Thrasher of Grayslake, Illinois. Firststar Would He Be the One?, CD, TD, RE, NA, NAJ, aka "Woody," fairly flew through his track to earn the TDX title with a large gallery following behind the team. Judge Ule James recounted Woody's track:

"This dog just went, started great, went through patches of woods, and where the judges had gone on hands and knees getting thru one piece, the dog smartly went around that patch. He didn't look at cross tracks, and the only trouble spot was where open woods met denser woods. At the fourth turn, he was heading in the wrong direction when the leash got tangled. Frustrated, [Cathy] dropped the leash briefly in these woods and untangled. [Cathy] re-scented the dog and off the dog went in the correct direction. The last leg was up a slight hill and the dog drifted downhill about 15 feet to the left of article. All of a sudden, the dog caught a whiff of the article and up he went to the glove and a pass!!"

Track 5 was run by another golden retriever, Blazin Blue Golden Bear, TD, owned by Beverly Koslowski of Antioch, IL. This dog was reported by the judges to have made short work of all the hard parts of the track, including two creek crossings, only to take his time on the straightaways checking out deer lays, a dead snake and several other interesting diversions before zipping through more difficult elements again to pass.

A collie and a giant schnauzer each encountered a problem on their way to the gloves on their tracks, but both gave very creditable performances and will have their day in the limelight soon.

(Pictures are on the next page.)

More pictures from the September 25 TDX test can be found at:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/115309785069409143809/25Sep11RandParkTDX?authkey=Gv1sRgCL23oJDW89uu0wE>

September 25 TDX Test



Above, clockwise from top: Kathy Thrasher, Judges Ule James and Carol Ruthenberg with Firststar Would He Be the One?, CD, RE, NA, NAJ, and now TDX; Standing Judge James, tracklayer Lois Leidahl-Marsh, Judge Ruthenberg with Beth Schofield and Mystik 3-B's Quintessential Legacy, VCD1, OA, OAJ, RE, and now TDX; Standing: Judge James, tracklayer Kris Carlsson, Judge Ruthenberg with Beverly Koslowski and Blazin Blue Golden Bear, now TDX – Below: more pictures of Woody et al.



REMINDER TO...

PLEASE PAY YOU RPDTTC DUES

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 _____

Stewards Needed

For Rand Park's Agility Trials on October 15 and 16

at

For Your K9

1975 Cornell Avenue

Melrose Park

Working at an Agility Trial is easy.

Experience is not necessary!

If you're new to the exciting world of dog sports,
stewarding at the trials is a great way to see what Agility is all about.

To volunteer, contact Karen Schaubel by email to lunaria22@yahoo.com.

You can also leave a message on her home phone, 847-699-0442,
or call her work number, 847-671-6844.

Seen September 27 at the Training Hall



Legislative Liaison Committee Report

September 20, 2011

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.

"Here comes the orator! With his flood of words, and his drop of reason." --Benjamin Franklin

St Louis (MO) faces possible Mandatory Spay/Neuter (MSN) ordinance, which includes a \$200 per year fee for each pet kept intact, as well as a requirement for "inspection" of the owner's premises (read, the private homes of hobby breeders). As we've seen in Los Angeles (CA), Memphis (TN), Montgomery County (MD), and King County (WA), and a long list of other municipalities and counties, MSN not only does not reduce shelter intakes and euthanasias, but does the opposite, and thereby adds to the animal control expenses for that locale, as well. But some people just don't get it...as in St Louis. Might an ulterior motive be involved here, like, ending the breeding of purebred dogs and cats, or even an eventual abolishment of pet ownership entirely?!

Read more about St Louis:

<http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Mandatory-spay-and-neuter-law-discussed-for-St-Louis-city-129959093.html>

Pet Point Inc., makers of shelter software increasingly in use by shelters throughout the United States and Canada, see a marked decrease in shelter intakes, and euthanasias, of both dogs and cats! This is definitely not exactly what the Animal Rights supporters tell us in their push for laws to restrict pet ownership and breeding. According to the report, "Stray intakes of dogs and cats declined 3% and 10% respectively year on year...At the same time, euthanasia of dogs and cats declined 4% and 10% respectively, marking the twelfth consecutive month of declining year on year euthanasia of cats." Read the entire report here:

http://www.marketwatch.com/story/stray-intakes-of-dogs-and-cats-declining-according-to-august-petpoint-report-2011-09-19-1732520?reflink=MW_news_stmp

"Blue Cross" (Britain's premier pet charity) shows that Britain's Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) laws are not working and encourages their repeal. Says Blue Cross,

"The emphasis needs to change from certain breed - which is what it is at the moment, just four of these banned breeds - to the people on the other end of the lead. Dog owners should be held responsible for the actions of their dogs, and they are largely responsible for the way their dogs grow up to behave. Any dog potentially can be dangerous, and conversely any dog potentially can be a safe and loving pet. Therefore the focus of the law and the emphasis needs to change from the dog to the owner."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/mobile/uk-14514961?SThisEM>

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announce new puppy import rules, and await your comment (comment period ends October 31). Certainly the flood of unthrifty puppies into the United States, whether by so-called rescues or pet wholesalers, needs to be better controlled, which this new rule purports to do. However, purebred dog breeders are concerned, and perhaps rightly so, that they would also be prohibited from importing a puppy for use in their own breeding program, and service dog organizations are fearful that their importation options will also be severely restricted. The details of the proposed rule are too involved to discuss here, but Sportsmen's and Animal Owner's Alliance (SAOVA) offer some good discussion on this issue, which should be read by everyone involved with purebred dogs: <http://saova.org/federal.html>

Sage advice ...

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to it.

Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc. Training Calendar for Year 2011–2012

<u>Fall Session</u>	
September 20	Orientation
September 27	Training Week 1
October 4	Training Week 2
October 11	Training Week 3 – Membership Meeting
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	Evaluation

<u>Winter Session</u>	
December 6	Orientation
December 13	Training Week 1
December 20	Training Week 2
December 27	Training Week 3
January 3	Training Week 4
January 10	Training Week 5 – Membership Meeting
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	Evaluation
February 28	Program

<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 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

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

Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

