

Paw Prints

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



September 2012



**Classes start September 11
Orientation September 4**

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Dogs better than pills? Maybe!

By Ursula Hoeft

Nobody has to tell us that dogs are great companions that shower us with unconditional love. We all know it from personal experience. But it seems there's more to the "feel good" stuff we get from our dogs than is obvious. It's good for our health! That's what recent studies have found.

A National Institutes of health publication reported that an NIH-funded study showed that people who owned pets were found to have lower heart rates and blood pressure when tested than those without pets. And – *and this peaked my interest* – pet owners were also found to have milder responses to stress and a quicker recovery from stress when they were with their pets than with a spouse or friend. (*Interesting! So will I be able to give up my blood pressure medicine if I spend more time with Gus and Kate than I spend with Greg?*)

The study also found that of 421 adults who had suffered heart attacks, dog owners were significantly more likely to be alive a year later than those who did not have dogs, no matter how severe the heart attack had been.

Also, according to the NIH publication, "Several studies have shown that dog owners may get more exercise and other health benefits than the rest of us. One NIH-funded investigation looked at more than 2,000 adults and found that dog owners who regularly walked their dogs were more physically active and less likely to be obese than those who didn't own or walk a dog. Another study supported by NIH followed more than 2,500 older adults, ages 71-82, for three years. Those who regularly walked their dogs walked faster and for longer time periods each week than others who didn't walk regularly. Older dog walkers also had greater mobility inside their homes than others in the study.

"Man's best friend may help you make more human friends, too. Several studies have shown that walking with a dog leads to more conversations and helps you stay socially connected. And studies have clearly shown that people who have more social relationships tend to live longer and are less likely to show mental and physical declines as they grow older."

In the article, Dr. Sandra Barker, director of the Center for Human-Animal Interaction at Virginia Commonwealth University, is quoted as saying "It's hard to walk a dog and not have someone talk to you or interact with you, compared to walking alone." *We all know that to be true too, don't we?*

If you want to read more about how we benefit from the human-canine bond, you'll find the NIH News in Health publication I'm quoting at <http://newsinhealth.nih.gov/2009/February/feature1.htm>

The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs

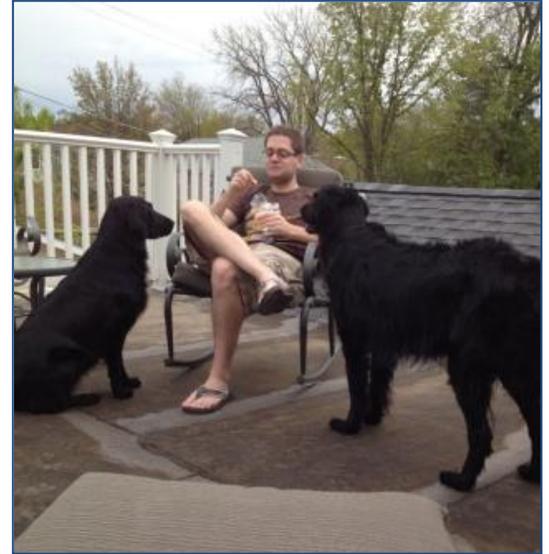
Titles are nice, but here's the REAL REASON WHY WE OWN DOGS ...

**Adele Schaffer says,
"to enjoy an occasional treat together."**

PLEASE send me your pictures and captions for "*The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs.*" I'm sure you all have wonderful pictures of your dogs and great reasons why they enhance your lives. Send them to me!

Email your photos and captions for "*The Real Reason Why*" to randparkpawprints@live.com. You can also send them to me via snail mail (look for the editor's address on the front page of this issue of Paw Prints) or give them to me at training on Tuesday nights.

– Ursula



Adele's son, Derek, with Bella and Cruzer enjoying a treat together. But is Derek hogging the treats? Those dogs look awfully hungry!



From Ruth Shields: "Maltese Specialty held at Panera's on Saturday Mornings." L-R: Ruth and Forrest Shields, Clyde and Marilyn Werner with a plethora of Maltese.

Rand Park's annual agility trial is right around the corner!

Club members are needed to fill key positions.

The trial is being held at the wonderful For Your K9 facility in Melrose Park, just steps away from our obedience trial location. It's being held on October 13 and 14.

Even if you are not running a dog in agility, we need your help. There is a tremendous amount of work involved with putting on an agility trial! We have a job for everyone, whether they have never even seen agility or are a pro!!!!

Please contact Sonja Lund at slund2009@sbcglobal.net if you can give us a little of your time.

Thank you for your help, in advance.

Barb Krynski, Trial Chair

(The Premium List and entry form for the agility trial are on Rand Park DTC's website: randparkdttc.org)

Well-phrased signs:

On a fence: *Salesmen welcome – dog food is expensive.*

In a veterinarian's waiting room: *Be back in five minutes. Sit. Stay.*



Bragging rights!

On August 26, at Bong State Park (Wisconsin), Dee Morrison's UH Willowrose Shillelagh (Pitiful Paddy) earned her UKC Hunting Retriever title.

Dee says *"yee ha!!!"*

***Congratulations
Dee and Paddy!***

Legislative Liaison Committee Report August 25, 2012

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.

"If we can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretense of taking care of them, they must become happy." --Thomas Jefferson, letter to Thomas Cooper, 1802

USDA Animal And Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)-Docket No. APHIS-2011-003 Proposed Rule.

Comment period ended August 15 2012. As of this date (August 25, 2012) APHIS is still posting comments on their website, due to the many that flooded the APHIS comment Portal during the final days before the end of the comment period. 14,833 comments have been posted so far. As Legislative Liaison, I posted a comment on behalf of Rand Park as I did for other clubs for which I'm Legislative Liaison; you can read Rand's at this link (Click on the pdf or doc icon on the right side of the page for the full comment):

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0003-8774>

To read particular comments from any one person, or organization, or on a certain topic, use the search box on this page (don't forget to check "Public Submissions" to view comments); you can also organize comments by date, or alphabetical order of author:

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;rpp=25;po=0;D=APHIS-2011-0003>

The comments were running about 1:1 for-against overall, but as can be expected, the comments submitted that were against the proposed Rule were much more detailed and substantive than the ones posted against the Rule. APHIS now has three choices at this time: 1. Re-write the Final Rule, with suggestions gleaned from the Comments. 2. Throw out the Rule entirely. 3. Finalize the Rule as written. It may take a year or more before we learn what APHIS will do.

"Opposed" comments worth reading include:

American Kennel Club <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0003-14684>

SAOVA <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0003-7673>

NAIA <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0003-14551>

USSA (sporting dog alliance) <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0003-14744>

Cruelty to bees?! Is that for real!? When a real estate agent arrived to show a home in Queens, New York, she found a number of managed bee hives in the property owner's back yard, and called authorities. NYPD Detective Anthony Planakis came out to investigate (guess they must not have much crime in NY City, huh!), and had the hives confiscated. Detective Planakis termed keeping many bees "cruelty to bees" (exact quote), calling it was similar to having "45 dogs in an apartment" (another exact quote). As experienced beekeepers on pet legislation lists quickly pointed out, should bees feel overly crowded or confined, or in an unsuitable environment, they will move away from the hive in a "swarm" to establish a new hive elsewhere; the fact they did not do so indicated they found their backyard hives abode quite adequate

for their needs. Maybe the NYPD cops should go back to investigating *real* crimes, where they truly may have some expertise, instead of investigating situations involving “cruel treatment of bees”. Read the story here (and the comments): http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/queens/case_of_hives_hbxvkfo5iHKgc0G0eG7QYL#ixzz24NtAC2qr%3E

Pet ownership declines in the United States: According to a recent study conducted by the American Veterinary Medical Association on pet ownership in the US, ownership of both dogs and cats is substantially down for the current year when compared to 2006. This change seems to be due at least part to the recent recession (people can't afford to own pets, and we all know from personal experience that pet ownership costs have substantially increased), as well as changing demographics (more single people, elderly people, and couples without children, all of whom are less likely to own pets.) This represents the first decline seen in pet ownership levels since 1991. However, dogs still seem to be favored by pet owners over cats.

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-08-06/pet-ownership-down/56882786/1>

AKC Enhances Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy. In a smart move to fend off additional anti-breeder legislation especially involving AKC purebred breeders, AKC has strengthened its “Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy”, effective June 1, 2012. AKC has conducted over 55,000 inspections in AKC breeder kennels since the year 2000. Unlike USDA APHIS and other commercial federal and state breeder regulations, AKC's policy is based on “performance standards” (not engineering standards), and therefore can be readily modified to be applicable for both the large commercial kennel as well as the residential hobby breeder. http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4634



**Rand Park Dog Training Club
Membership Meeting
Des Plaines Leisure Center
April 10, 2012**



The Membership Meeting of the Rand Park Dog Training Club was called to order by President Ruth Shields at 9:10.

45-Year member Jerry Wulff, on the behalf of himself and his wife Helene, thanked everyone for their cards and support while he was recuperating. Many thanks, too, from the Club for all the wonderful treats they brought for our meeting, further thanking everyone for their support

Corrections to the March 6, 2012 Meeting minutes: None. Marion Meseth MOVED to accept the minutes. Marianne Gobbo seconded the MOTION. MOTION carried.

ADVISOR – Marion Meseth: no report

CHAIRMAN – Rudy Kuper: no report

PRESIDENT – Ruth Shields: no report

VICE PRESIDENT –Lois Leidahl-Marsh: no report

SECRETARY –Jackie Limosani: absent

ASSISTANT SECRETARY – Michelle Jaworski: no report

TREASURER – Forrest Shields: Forrest reported the financials on the year to date.

ASSISTANT TREASURER – Eleanor Goss: no report

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING - Dee Morrison: no report

DIRECTOR – Kathy Hansen: absent

DIRECTOR – Bill Urquhart: no report

DIRECTOR - Diane Muzzey: absent (Ruth added Diane added all of the tracking dates to the Board)

DIRECTOR – Karyn McCoy: no report

DIRECTOR – Dee Morrison: no report

DIRECTOR – Lois Breslow: no report

Committees 2011-2012

Advertising & Publicity – Karen McCoy: no report

Agility Trial - Karen Schaubel (2011)/Barb Krynski(2012): Barb advised that we've hired a provisional judge, from PA. Barb explained that she has to judge a number of trials before she can become a regular judge, and the provisional judge offered to cover her own travel expenses as a donation to the club.

Audit & Fin. – Bill Urquhart/Rudy Kuper/Jerry Wulff/ Jeneane Hinrichsen: Rudy reported that they'd had a meeting and everything is fine.

Banquet – Lois Breslow/ Marion Meseth: Lois advised that she's receiving the banquet reservations, and hopes that she'll be receiving more soon.

Bylaws & Policies - Rudy Kuper: Rudy advised that the bylaws are fine, and has copies should anyone want one. We're working on policy revisions, and they will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Correction Clinics – Jean Eremo: The next correction clinic will be in May. Jean asked for volunteers to assist.

Demonstrations - Gloria Urquhart/ Cheryl Pacyna/ Annie Pacyna: no report

Equipment - Bill Urquhart: Bill asked for help for Saturday night April 28th at 7PM to help set up, noting that there was a clipboard for volunteer sign-up.

Historian - Ann Suwada: absent

Improvement - Lois Breslow: Lois would still like to find a building we could afford, and added that in the interim, we need to hold onto our funds, in case we ever lose this site.

Insurance - Barb Pische: Barb advised that we have received a confirmation for insurance for the Sports Zone. Lois Breslow added that we also have insurance coverage for the tracking test.

Legislative Liaison – Margo Milde/Lois Leidahl-Marsh: Margo reported that the bills IFDCO was working against have been held back. The bills could resurrect in the Fall, but hopefully with the election coming up, they won't.

Liaison to the DesPlaines Park District: Marion Meseth/Bill Urquhart/Dee Morrison: Marion will see if we can get the parking lot site at Prairie Lakes for the summer training. Ruth explained that we have outdoor summer training on Tuesday nights, free.

New Member Packets - Barb Pische: no report

Paw Prints - Ursula Hoeft/Kathy & Joe Hahn: Ursula advised she tries to send PawPrints out as close to the 1st of the month as possible, and asked that we alert her if we're not receiving it. She thanked Kathy and Joe Hahn for sending the newsletter out to those who do not have e-mail, and reminded everyone to send in information to include in PawPrints.

Obedience Trial (2012) –Kathy Hansen: Marion noted that Laurie is in need of additional assistance for stewarding.

Refreshments - Gloria Urquhart / Michelle Jaworski: Michelle thanked everyone for bringing treats and a special thank you to Helene and Jerry Wulff for their generosity.

Registration – Gloria Urquhart: Gloria said she'd received a few inquiries and sent out packets.

Tracking - Terri Everwine: Lois Breslow reported that two Rand Park folks passed. She noted that the ticks are out. A "porta potty" had to be ordered as the forest preserve didn't provide one, and we'll try to get our money back on the rental of it.

Jerry Wulff described the roles of the track layer and added a note of congratulations to Joe Hahn, who laid tracks at our tracking trial. The person who ran his track passed the test, and thus earned Joe the official/unofficial title of Stinky Feet! Joe Hahn received his first "stinky foot" award as a track layer.

Training Hall Secretary – Jerry Wulf: no report

Trophies/Awards –

TRIAL AWARDS: Anita Wolney/Marion Meseth: Anita said she'd ordered the ribbons and will be picking them up. Someone printed up the stickers nicely in the past with the date, and location, AM/PM and wondered who'd done them. Barb Krynski will assist Anita. Marion noted we only received 6 donations, and we only have until the 11th to submit the catalogue.

SPECIAL AWARDS: Marion Meseth/Anita Wolney: Marion said that the special awards committee has met, and the Pres, Chairman of Board and Advisor will meet to discuss the Hinrichsen awards.

ANNUAL AWARDS: Eleanor Goss/Ruth Shields: Eleanor advised that the orders have been placed and we'll have them in two weeks.

Website – Greg & Ursula Hoeft: Ursula reported that she added a link on the homepage to the latest issue of PawPrints.

Nominating Committee: Forest read the slate of nominees, that ran unopposed. Marion MOVED that we cast one unanimous vote to accept the slate of office. Jerry Wulff seconded the MOTION. All in favor, MOTION carried. The slate of officers includes the following:

Advisor – Marion Meseth
Chairman – Rudy Kuper
President – Ruth Shields
Vice President – Lois Leidahl-Marsh
Secretary – Linda Forman
Assistant Secretary – Karyn McCoy
Treasurer – Forrest Shields
Assistant Treasurer: Eleanor Goss
Director – one year, to replace Karyn McCoy: Lori Ingstrup (new)
Director – Jean Eremo (new)
Director – Karen Korab (new)
Director – Gail Kelberg (new)
Director – Diane Muzzey
Director - Lois Breslow

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Ruth advised that Sonja Lund went to a Rally seminar, along with Pat Beckstrom to learn about upcoming changes to Rally.

Mary Ann Gobbo MOVED to adjourn the meeting. The MOTION was seconded by Rudy Kuper. MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Jaworski
Assistant Secretary

Rand Park Dog Training Club Correction Clinics

2012-2013 Correction Clinic Dates

**September 8, November 17, December 8, January 12,
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

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.