

# Paw Prints

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



Summer, 2011

## The Trekking Terriers: Trixie, Zap and Bingo

By Barb Krynski

The Terriers and I trekked to Kalamazoo, Michigan this year to attend the UKC Premier. For those who are not familiar with this event, it is the pinnacle of UKC Agility, Obedience, Rally-O, Conformation, Dock Diving, Terrier Races, and Lure Coursing. Yes, all at one place on the same weekend!!!!

One thing that makes UKC different from AKC is that the handlers of the Conformation dogs are all owners. No professional handlers! UKC also offers a Total Dog award on Saturday. This requires a dog to compete in Conformation AND two companion events, qualifying in them all! It's not unusual to see a dog in the Conformation ring in the morning, doing Rally-O or Agility in the afternoon, and Terrier Races or Lure Coursing in between. UKC prides itself on its motto "Real dogs for real people."

The UKC also has some very good junior handler programs. I was impressed with how many youngsters (some no taller than their dogs!) were competing in the Conformation ring! These kids were good! There were also many in other areas, too. It's a pleasure to see entire families participating, with the children playing with the dogs between ring times and helping with their care.

The Premier is held at the Kalamazoo Fairgrounds, located about three hours from the RPDTC area. They are extensive and really quite pleasant. Agility and Obedience are held indoors with air conditioning; all other events are held outdoors. Thankfully it was dry this

weekend even though it got pretty toasty at times. Personally, I'll take the sunny days instead of the downpours we'd been having! I understand that there was an AKC trial held there Memorial Day weekend and it was a muddy, swampy mess.



Artwork by Shot On Site Photography

This year the Lure Coursing offered a title for all breeds – Coursing Aptitude. This required dogs to run the course (in a five acre field!) to a degree that they "pass" the test three times. I am proud to say that Trixie and Bingo both earned this title, likely making Trixie the first SFT (Smooth Fox Terrier) to do so! They, along with Zap, also did Rally-O on Friday and Saturday. The Rally-O rings were outdoors, which really threw a lot of dogs off their game, mine included. Trixie finally

came around on her fourth course of the weekend, but Zap just had a meltdown. Bingo, well, he's just Bingo.... On Saturday they did have to run the RO3 course at the same time as the Terrier Racing was being held about 30 feet away so I am proud of the fact that they managed as well as they did. Trixie was in the running for High in Trial but got beat out by a 10th of a second!

The atmosphere is relaxed and pleasant, more like a big picnic or festival than a dog show. Everyone had a kind word for their fellow exhibitors and the staff had a smile ready and waiting to be shared with everyone! The grounds were under construction so things were a bit dusty but I was told they expect to have it completed for next year's event. I highly recommend this event to anyone who participates in multiple UKC sports or would like to. You get a lot of bang for your gasoline and hotel bucks and have a great time to boot!

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# ALL DOGS go to Heaven

*Sad news from Marion and Don Meseth ...*

"Sammy" when good.

"Samantha Elizabeth" when not so good.

April 30, 1999 – May 18, 2011

We got Sam at nine months of age. She was just too much dog for her previous owners. Our vet asked us if we would be interested in another Golden. At the time, we had Tracker and Babe. So we went out to see Sam, and all we saw was a very typical 9 month old Golden Retriever puppy...all over the place at ninety miles per hour.. On the way home, we discussed this girl, and felt that she was not a bad dog, nor was she a wild child, just a dog in a home that did not understand her.

We called back, and told the people we would like to see if she would get along with our current dogs, and they said OK. So home she came to meet the crew.

Babe, by now, was about 13 years old, and Tracker was about 9. The union was formed immediately...Babe in charge of course, and Sam and Tracker became great buddies.

Most of her life, Sam was a healthy well adjusted silly girl. Had anyone said that she would go as fast as she did, I wouldn't have believed them. Our only thoughts were for her comfort and a quick recovery, but that was not to be.

Sam passed away on May 18th. We knew she didn't feel well and we called the vet immediately about 8:15 A.M....got an appointment for 3 PM that same day. An hour later the vet called with news that someone had cancelled a visit for 10:30. We grabbed the appointment, knowing that our girl just was not herself. Sam always loved going to see "Dr. D." but that morning she was completely disinterested.

She was checked over thoroughly, and the problem appeared to be neurological---she would not "track" a finger with her eyes, and seemingly cared about nothing at all. After x-rays, she was to have blood work done, but walking from one lab to the next, she seemed disoriented and opted to just lay down. At this point we felt that our girl had more problems than we thought..

Doc said she wanted to observe Sam for a few hours, and that we should go home---she would call us with a progress report. At 1:30 that same day, Sam crossed over the Rainbow Bridge to be with Tracker, Babe, Wille, Guna, and all the others. The cause was a brain tumor. We were thankful she didn't suffer, but, going so fast, it hurt us deeply.

Our thanks to all who sent cards, and thoughtfully held off on the phone calls...we might not have been able to handle them. Love your pets while you have them, and be grateful for every day with them.

Marion and Don

*I have sometimes thought of the final cause of dogs having such short lives and I am quite satisfied it is in compassion to the human race; for if we suffer so much in losing a dog after an acquaintance of ten or twelve years, what would it be if they were to live double that time?*

*Sir Walter Scott*

# From the DOT

Wow, summer is half over and I'd like to thank all the instructors who came out and helped on Tuesday nights.

It's also time to get ready for the Fall Session. The class registration form is in this issue of Paw Prints. **It will be the only copy sent out before the August 23 deadline.**

**Instructors, please send your forms in ASAP as it makes class scheduling less difficult.**

Orientation is on September 6, at 6:30 with a short instructors' meeting following at 7:15.

Dee Morrison

## Braggs

### From Aliss South:

In the last two months Retief has earned the titles of URX – United Rally Obedience Excellent and UROC – United Rally Obedience Champion.

In canine scentwork he passed the odor recognition tests in birch and anise. He is now eligible to enter nosework trials.

Retief also was invited to participate in the UKC All-Star agility trials in Kalamzaoo, Michigan, open only to the top 50 agility dogs in the country. He was the only Akita in the all-stars. He made the all-stars in all three levels of agility. In Agility III, the most difficult level, he ranked number 11 in the country. I'm very proud of him.

### From Margo Milde:

Fly earned his Agility Excellent (AX) title at the German Shepherd Club trial on Sunday June 12, 2011, with a perfect score of 100 and 1st place in 16" Excellent A under Judge Mark Upshaw.

Thanks to Rand Park member Barb Krynski for her much needed advice the day before, which I put to use in earning Fly's third AX leg!

## 4th of July Parade

By Lois Breslow

It was quite warm the morning of the 4th of July. However, some hardy souls and their four legged friends came out for the Des Plaines Parade. Bill Urquhart called the commands. He did a good job of stopping the dogs in the shade and made the commands easy enough for all of us to follow. The dogs seemed to enjoy the clapping from the by-standers.

Our new advertising chairman came up with a great idea. Karyn Mc Coy made up hundreds of dog treats in small plastic bags with a sticker on each one with Rand Park information. These were given out to everyone with a dog. You should have seen Karyn and Gloria working the crowd! I hope we will see many of these dogs in classes in the fall.

It turned out to be a nice walk and I, for one, was surprised when we were at the end. Of course, I didn't refuse Marion's offer of a ride back to my car.

Next year it would be nice to see more people and dogs out. We always need people to carry the banner and drive a van.

Bill and Gloria Urquhart thank all the folks – and dogs – who marched in this year's Park Ridge Memorial Day parade. Rand Park's entry is always a hit. Photos are included in this issue of Paw Prints.

Karyn McCoy posted Memorial Day parade photos on [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com). To view them, go to their website and type in RPDTTC. The photos are terrific!



# Too much of a Good Thing!

By Ursula Hoeft

In May, when the temperature barely got out of the forties most days, I said "When we finally get some warm weather, I won't complain – no matter how hot it is!" I'm eating those words now! The intense heat we've had the last few days has not been fun, especially not for Gus, my very furry black poodle. I can hardly get him out of the air conditioned house!

Honestly, as far as I'm concerned, this intense heat is more confining than cold weather, no matter how cold it is. We can always put on more clothes. But there's a limit to how much we can take off. And our dogs are stuck with their fur coats no matter how hot it is.

While we've all heard about how dangerous hot weather can be for our pets, it's a subject that's well worth revisiting. Here are some hot weather cautions we should keep in mind.

- NEVER leave a dog in a parked car in warm weather. Even if it's only 85 degrees out, the temperature inside a car can quickly go up to 120.
- Avoid strenuous activity with your dog during hot weather. Limit long walks (jogging?) to early morning and evening hours.
- In hot, humid weather dogs shouldn't be left outside. No matter what the temperature, if a dog is left out-of-doors it should have a shady spot to go to – shelter in winter – and plenty of fresh water at all times.
- Remember that dogs with pushed-in noses (pugs, bulldogs, etc.), dogs with respiratory and other health conditions, older dogs, too, are at an increased risk of heat-related problems.
- Avoid walking your dog on hot asphalt or sand, which can burn its paws.

Watch for signs of heat stroke. A dog panting rapidly and showing signs of lethargy after being exposed to extreme heat may be suffering from heat stroke. A dog that's been overcome by the heat should be immersed in cool water. If that isn't possible, pour cold water over him. Call your vet immediately.

We've been hearing about cooling centers that have been set up throughout the Chicago metropolitan area where people can go to get relief from the heat. I made some calls to see if these facilities allow dogs and cats to accompany their owners. None of them permit pets, I was told, due to concerns about allergies, aggressive dogs, "accidents," etc. I hate to think that this would keep people from going to cooling centers or that they would leave their pets at home to suffer in the heat! It's another one of those unfortunate things that pet owners have to deal with.

Hopefully, the temperature will soon be more moderate so that we can enjoy the rest of our summer break. There are so many fun things to do in summer. Gus is looking forward to more dining alfresco on the patio, picnics, barbecues, trips to the doggy beach, splashing in the neighbors' kiddie pool, lazy hours outside just smelling the roses. But he has work to do, too. There are rabbits to hunt, chipmunks to chase, squirrels to run after. It's not just about lazy days for Gus, at least not once it cools down.

Be sure to sign up for training. September will be here before you know it. The deadline for getting your registration form in is August 23.



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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.

## Advances in Canine Medicine

We have Helene Wulff to thank for an interesting newspaper article about hi-tech veterinarian procedures now being performed in this area at the Buffalo Grove Veterinary Specialty Center. One such procedure is Hemodialysis for acute poisoning. Thanks to this advanced treatment, drinking antifreeze is no longer a death sentence for pets.

Another hi-tech procedure being performed at the Specialty Center is same-day stem-cell surgery which, as the article states, has been done for a few years but is new to Illinois. Based on the situation described in the article, this procedure can lessen the debilitating effects of arthritis, but it isn't effective in all cases.

According to the article, same-day stem-cell surgery is non-invasive and an animal can be in and out of surgery in five or six hours with no long recovery required. Animals that have had stem cell surgery usually show improvement within weeks. Stem cells are frozen and stored for future use in the event a setback occurs.

Costs for today's advanced medical procedures are high, as we all know. But at a mere \$2,500, stem-cell surgery is a bargain compared to a double hip-replacement which runs from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Hopefully, if people have pet insurance, procedures like these are covered!

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### *It's hard work but somebody's got to do it!*

It seems there's no end to the jobs dogs are expected to do because of their incomparable sense of smell. They've long been used to track down people as well as find dead bodies, to locate drugs and, more recently, to ferret out explosives. Studies have found that dogs' sense of smell enables them to identify certain cancers. And their sense of smell even enables dogs to recognize when an afflicted person is about to have a seizure, making it possible to keep the person from being injured. It seems that more ways in which man can utilize canines' scenting skills to his advantage are found all the time. There's no shortage of jobs for man's best friend!

Now a couple of Aussie winemakers have found another important use for dogs' sniffing skills. According to internet postings, Miss Louisa Belle, a Bloodhound, is saving her owners a fortune by sniffing out bad batches of wine before they spoil the rest of the lot. Important work! I wonder if Bella gets to sample the good stuff as a reward for her hard work.

– ed.

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*"Jokin' Jerry" Wulff sent me a plethora of jokes that had my husband and me in stitches.*

*Here are a couple of them. (Thanks, Jerry!)*

– ed.

Two horses were walking back to the paddock after a day of training. One horse said to the other, "I can't understand why we're so slow. We come from good stock, we have the best of food and great trainers, and yet we come in dead last in every single race."

A dog running alongside the horses overheard and said, "I know what your problem is. I've seen you two race and it looks to me as if you take off at the start really fast and use up all your energy and have nothing left for the finish. What you should do is pace yourselves, and when the other horses have tired themselves out, put in a spurt of energy. You're sure to win. What do you think of that?"

The two horses looked at each other and exclaimed, "Wow! A talking dog!"

A young man heard that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all walked on water on the 21st birthdays. So, on his 21st birthday, the young man and a friend went out to the lake. "If they could do it, so can I," he insisted.

The young man and his friend rented a boat and paddled to the middle of the lake. The young man stepped out of the boat, sank, and nearly drowned.

Ashamed, he later asked his grandmother, "Why can't I walk on water like my father, and his father, and his father before him?"

His grandmother took the young man's hands, looked into his eyes, and explained, "They were all born in January, dear. You were born in July."

# Legislative Liaison Committee Report

## June 20, 2011

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.

"Law and liberty cannot rationally become the objects of our love, unless they first become the objects of our knowledge." --James Wilson, Of the Study of the Law in the United States, 1790

**Our Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners (IFDCO) Initiative bill, Illinois SB 1637 "Animal Identification Scan" has passed both the House and Senate and heads to the Governor's Desk for his signature.** You can read our IFDCO initiative bill, SB 1637, at this link:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/97/SB/PDF/09700SB1637sam001.pdf>

According to the Illinois Constitution, one of four things could happen at this point:

1. Governor Quinn signs the bill into law.
2. The Governor does not sign the bill, but does not veto it. The bill would then become law in 60 days after arriving on the Governor's desk even without his signature.
3. The Governor vetoes the bill – we do not expect this to happen in this case.
4. Amendatory veto by the Governor – we do not expect this would happen, either.

**Check the IFDCO website (go to the Legislation page) for current information on all Illinois legislation:**

<http://www.ifdco.org/> The Illinois House and Senate are currently on Summer break except for possible special session called by the Governor, and we do not think anything of great importance pet-wise will happen in the Illinois legislature until the October – November Fall veto session.

**Reminder from the Illinois Department of Revenue regarding Illinois (IDOR) sales tax (Retailers' Occupation Tax and Use Tax) due on pet sales in IL.** IDOR is selectively mailing a notice to various Illinois licensed kennel and pet breeders in Illinois, reminding them about their obligation to remit Illinois sales tax on certain types of transactions involving sales of pets, as detailed in the linked IDOR document. It would appear that this notice would be of interest to anyone who breeds and sells pets in Illinois (not just dog breeders).

Please pass on this information to anyone that you feel might be affected by it:

<http://tax.illinois.gov/Publications/ComplianceAlerts/CA-2011-10.pdf>

Of course, anyone who has questions on these regulations and how they apply to their own pet breeding hobby or business should contact their tax attorney or tax accountant for further information.

**San Francisco discusses pet sale ban for goldfish by pet shops??!** Yes you read that right, and yes, now you have heard everything! Not only the sale of puppies and kittens by pet shops would be criminalized under this proposed ordinance, but the sale of any live pet produced by a pet breeder, which includes aquarium fish, as well as various small animals. No doubt suggested and encouraged by Animal Rights supporters, it shows how extremist and illogical these folks can be in attempting to rid our society of all purpose-bred pets.

[http://articles.sfgate.com/2011-06-15/bay-area/29659777\\_1\\_pet-stores-pet-sale-ban-goldfish](http://articles.sfgate.com/2011-06-15/bay-area/29659777_1_pet-stores-pet-sale-ban-goldfish)

**Nestlé Purina PetCare becomes the official pet food sponsor for Westminster Kennel Club's prestigious annual show.** Many purebred dog owners and breeders, some of whom even have exhibited dogs at Westminster's show, long had complaints about the previous sponsor's (Pedigree) use of their promotional airtime to encourage viewers to rescue or adopt a pet, instead of purchasing from a purebred dog breeder. Certainly rescue and adoption should be encouraged...but should this be emphasized during the most publicized and televised purebred dog show event seen by the general public? An overdue change has resulted, and Purina – a corporation long committed to support of purebred dog breeders – will be the news Westminster sponsor.

[http://www.stltoday.com/business/columns/lisa-brown/article\\_68dd45ec-9119-11e0-8510-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/columns/lisa-brown/article_68dd45ec-9119-11e0-8510-001a4bcf6878.html)

# 2011 Memorial Day Parade



## 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>September 13, 2011</b>	<b>December 13, 2011</b>	<b>March 13, 2012</b>
<b>Orientation - Session Ends:</b>	9/6/2011 – 11/22/2011	12/6/2011 – 2/21/2012	3/6/2012 - 5/22/2012
<b>Registration Deadline:</b>	August 23, 2011	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, Inc.**  
**Training Calendar for Year 2011–2012**

<b><u>Fall Session</u></b>	
September 6	<b>Orientation</b>
September 13	Training Week 1
September 20	Training Week 2
September 27	Training Week 3
October 4	Training Week 4
<b>October 11</b>	<b>Training Week 5 – Membership Meeting</b>
October 18	Training Week 6
October 25	Training Week 7
November 1	Training Week 8
November 8	Training Week 9
November 15	Training Week 10
November 22	<b>Evaluation</b>
November 29	Program

<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**

# **PawPrints**

**The Newsletter of the  
Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.  
1814 Illinois Road  
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**To:**

*"May we be as good, as noble, and as deserving as our dogs think we are."*



*Established  
in 1948*