

Paw Prints

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



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<http://randparkdct.org>

Massaging Tiger Lily

By Jackie Limosani

Canine Massage:
It's about helping dogs.

Tiger Lily is a sweet six-pound Maltese I have had the pleasure of massaging. I met Lily and her dad, Clyde Werner, at Park Ridge Park District dog training classes a few years ago. Recently, when Lily would get excited, her breathing increased to the point of hyperventilation. On January 10, 2011, little Lily had what her vet called a spinal stroke that affected her back legs. The vet gave Lily steroid

injections and Valium. No one knew if Lily would ever be the same again. Luckily, Lily's dad is a nurse. He began range of motion exercises on her back legs and eased up on the Valium because it was making her unstable. Lily's housemate, Rosebud, who is also a Maltese, would walk or run next to Lily to hold her up and support her diminutive frame. Over time, Lily's tiny legs began moving again. When Lily gets excited her breathing increases and she makes a strange barking (honking) sound. In order to calm her breathing and lessen her anxiety, massaging and a lot of TLC help.

I started to massage Lily after Clyde and his wife attended a canine massage therapy demonstration I gave for Rand Park DTC earlier this year – the Werners and I are all members. The first time I massaged Lily, I was amazed at the rigidity of her ribs. She had this tiny little body with hard, distended ribs. I began to massage her gently. Lily was very receptive to the massage and after a few sessions she calmed down quicker, her breathing slowed, and the honking stopped. Whenever I went to their home, I was initially greeted with excitement, barking and heavy breathing. I used a variety of massage techniques to calm her and after a short time she relaxed, her breathing slowed, and she melted into my lap.

At a recent party her pet parents had at their home, Lily became over stimulated and began her usual "honking," which increases with her level of excitement. Clyde handed Lily to me and I immediately began massaging her. Holding her in my hand, close to my body, I began stroking her tiny body and talking softly to her. Within a short time, her breathing slowed and the honking ceased. For me, this is what it is all about...helping animals! And, if I can enhance their lives in any way I can – this is what I want to do with the rest of my life.



Rosebud (left) and Lily

To learn more about canine massage,
go to Jackie's website: www.pawsitivelypeacefulcaninemassage.com

Don and Marion Meseth

RPDTC Bio

By Marion Meseth



Marion and Don Meseth

(All we wanted was a dog to come when called!)

We enrolled our first dog, a miniature schnauzer, in September 1961, but before classes started we lost him in a car accident. By December of 1961 we started with another new puppy. Pam was born at the end of that year, so now we had two little ones to cope with. (*For those who don't know them, Pam is Marion and Don's daughter.*)

Don started with the training, and I came just to watch. The first 12 weeks went well; graduated from beginners, and Don signed up for the March 1962 session.

Since summers were "down-time" for training, and sometime during the second session Don's instructor, Bill Claude, asked if I had some spare time to address some envelopes (he said it's good work for a "nothing to do" housewife). Bill, by the way, was the chairperson for our next obedience trial in December. Green as we were, we never know what was involved in an obedience trial.

Somewhere around September 1962 Bill said that, as his secretary, I would need to fill out a few forms for the AKC. So I did. Three weeks later, I was informed by the AKC that I was in charge of the paperwork, catalogue, premium list (*the what???*), mailing list, etc., etc., etc.

So we organized work parties, and typed up all the entries, proof-read them, and then off to the printer's they went.

It was about three weeks before the trial, and every night Don would sit and coach me and question me on AKC rules and regs. Got pretty good at it. Now, the next thing was to go and see a dog show to see how it all ran, and what really had to be done. WOW!!! Now I was really in a bind! Bill had the ring stewards, set ups, kitchen, trophies, ribbons, and a scoring committee all set to go. At one of the board meetings it was brought up that only Don had applied for membership and it was necessary for the Trial Secretary (I found out that was my official title) to be a club member, so in October of 1962 I became an official RPDTC member.

That was our start in dog training. From there it stayed a part of our lives. Pam grew up in an obedience home with her furry brother, Snoopy. If a committee position was missed, or a board position, or office, I don't know what it was. Fifty years have gone by faster than we thought possible, but we've had a great time with great friends at RPDTC, and we are proud to say we are the first husband-wife team to receive the 50 year award. Thank you all!

Addenda to Meseth 50 Bio

Advisor to the Board – 5 years

Chairman of the Board – 5 years

President – 5 years

Vice President – 4 years

Secretary – 2 years

Assistant Treasurer – 3 years

Director of Board – 6 years

Assistant Director of Training – 4 years

Annual Banquet – 3 years

Special Awards Committee – 7 years

Trial Scoring Committee – 15 years

Trial Secretary – 1 year

Trial Awards Committee – 3 years

Miscellaneous other Committees (Can't count that high)

Rand Park Members have a lot to brag about!

Mary Anne Fowler's Wirehaired Dachshund, Bauz, at age 1 year and 1 day, finished her AKC Conformation Championship, and two weeks later finished her Beginner Novice Obedience title. She began her obedience training in Rand Park's great Puppy Class last year. She is now chasing Grand Champion points for that title and working on her regular Novice Obedience title. Her buddy, Meg, took High in Trial at the Dachshund Specialty on June 16. Her other buddy, Hannah, is now retired and living the life of Riley.

Gail Kipp's Shih Tzu, Fantasy's Almighty Bucky THD, RN, RA, earned his 3rd leg and placed 4th to earned his Rally Advanced Title June 15, under Judge Sandy Gould at Little Fort Kennel Club of Waukegan at Lake County Fairgrounds, Grayslake, Illinois

Barb Krynski's, Rat Terrier, Zap earned his CDX title at the Great Lakes All Terrier Associate trial on June 16! He also finished his RE title at the same show.

Aliss South's Akita, Neskaya, got her Canine Good Citizen award.

Margo Milde's Field Spaniel., Fly, earned his 10th AKC Master Agility Excellent (MX) leg and Title on July 7, 2012 at the Stone City Kennel Club trial at Chicago Ridge, under judge Amanda Moller! He is now Calico's Flying High VCD2 UD MX AXJ!

Congratulations to all!



From left: Margo, Fly, Judge Amanda Moller



Best wishes to Donna Barlow for a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

From the D.O.T.

Hi! I am Karen Korab, Rand Park's new Director of Training!

After several years of dedicated service Dee Morrison has taken a break and we offer her our deepest thanks.

A Training Advisory Committee has been created so that each performance level will have someone to be available to troubleshoot problems and offer assistance and I will have people I can go to for information and help. The Committee members are Terri Everwine, Jean Eremo, Lois Breslow, Sunni Lund and Marion Meseth.

To see if we can more efficiently use training space, time slots and instructors, we have made a change to the classes available.

The Utility class has been replaced with *Competition* – Competition is for those who are actively competing in Open B & Utility. Competition will enable students to work both Open & Utility exercises so that they do not have to enroll in two classes. To enroll in the Competition class, dogs must know all Utility exercises.

Instructors: I have been making phone calls to find out who is available to teach the Fall Session. We need a few more volunteers to maintain our high level of teaching. Please call or e-mail me at 847.671.6499 or marlis16@comcast.net

The Fall Registration form is in this issue of Paw Prints.

Thanks Everybody!

All Rand Park Trackers !!

Due to an unforeseen incident, we are in need of a chairperson for our TDX trial to be held the weekend of September 22–23. The assignment involves getting tracklayers, a refreshment crew, making sure equipment is at the trial, and being present both on Saturday for plotting and on Sunday for the trial.

If you have never helped out in this capacity, don't worry; there are mentors and many helping hands along the way! Benefits include breakfast and lunch, earning worker draw privileges, and our gratitude for your spirit of volunteerism!

Please contact Diane Muzzey for more information.

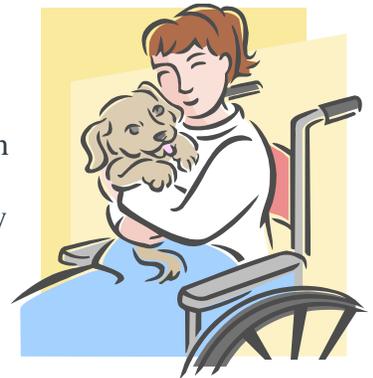
Phone: 630-334-5690 – E-mail:
ctbrady97@yahoo.com

Demo Team needs new leader

After many years of organizing Rand Park DTC demo visits to nursing homes and adult day care centers, Gloria Urquhart has decided that it's time to pass the baton on to another club member. Gloria says organizing demos is easy 'cause Rand Parkers are generous about sharing their dogs with others; a number of them are "regulars" on the demo team. To learn more about what's involved, call Gloria at 847-825-3318.

"Happiness is a warm puppy."
-- Charles Schulz

When we visit nursing homes with them, our "pups" bring happiness into the residents' lives. It's a very rewarding experience.



The Real Reason Why We Own Dogs

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

Diane Muzzey says, "To help us with our gardening chores!"

This is a very young Brady, who just loved helping me with my yard work and flowers. I always said he had a new title, GD, for Gardening Dog. He used to dig holes, steal trowels, steal garden gloves, eat worms, etc. He still steals my gloves once in a while. (Can't break an old tracking dogs of that habit!) God bless him; if all stays the same, he will be celebrating his 15th birthday on August 16 this year. – Diane



Brady helping mom, Diane Muzzey

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

All Dogs Go To Heaven

CH. JESTAR MAGIC TRICKSTER, RA, TD, CGC, TDI, ATT October 15, 1998 – July 2, 2012

I first saw and fell in love with Tricks when she was 3 ½ weeks old. I made the five-and-a-half hour drive to Wisconsin three times to see the litter and had eyes only for her. At seven-and-a-half weeks old she came home to me.

On that Monday she had a photo shoot for eight hours resulting in a center fold, cover and one other picture in the April 1999 issue of Dog Fancy.

Tricks was always a real ham. She was in the Marshall Field's August 1999 wedding fashion show, later she appeared in the movie Fred Claus with Vince Vaughn. She also was in the book *Siberian Husky* by Lynn Stone.



Tricks loved going into the conformation ring and announcing to all that she had arrived. Obedience was not her forte. Rally was more to her liking; her Novice title including a perfect 100. The group who followed on her tracking trail saw her kill a mouse along the way, flipping it up then being ordered to drop it, and FIND her glove. The story has since grown to millions of mice along the way.

Tricks had a litter of five including my Colby who has been a joy to own. I still hear from the other owners who adore their pups.

Perhaps the best thing I can say about Tricks is that she touched the hearts of many who met her and left them with a smile. Few who knew her will easily forget her.

Mom and Koda will meet her on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge.

Loved by,
Sheryl, Pat, Colby, Piper, and Dancer

It's time to get ready for Rand Park's annual agility trial!

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: randparkdte.org)

Legislative Liaison Committee Report July 25, 2012

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

“The essence of Government is power; and power, lodged as it must be in human hands, will ever be liable to abuse.” – James Madison, speech in the Virginia constitutional convention, 1829

USDA Animal And Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)-Docket No. APHIS-2011-003 Proposed Rule. Comment period extended; now ends August 15 2012! Should this proposed Rule be enacted as currently written, pet breeders will only have three choices:

1. Have each and every pet purchaser enter into the breeder premises in connection with a pet sale; or
2. Own, maintain, and co-own four or fewer “breeding females” (intact females six or more months of age, whether you intend to breed them or not) of any pet species, whether on or off premises; or
3. Become UDA licensed under the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA), which would essentially preclude home breeding and rearing of puppies.

If you are a breeder, this will greatly limit your opportunity to find buyers for your puppies, especially if you maintain specialized lines bred for a specific purpose, and not just as a “pet.” If you are a pet owner, especially if you purchase a dog to compete in performance events, or are interested in owning a pup of a “rare breed”, this would greatly limit your choice of breeder, or even breed, since you would be obligated to drive to their house to purchase the dog. Additionally, since these changes will force many breeders to end their breeding hobby or business, you will have far fewer choices than previously. If you rescue, this will limit your ability to re-home dogs. Uncommon or rare breeds will be especially hard hit by this Rule, since the abilities of purchasers to buy, or breeders to sell, or breeders to exchange breeding stock with each other will be greatly limited. No doubt this would be the final push that sends some of these rare breeds off the cliff into extinction forever.

This Rule will *not* impact brick-and-mortar pet stores that sell pets, who will remain exempt under the AWA “retail pet store” exemption. Nor will it impact commercial (wholesale) breeders, USDA licensed or not, whether or not substandard or adequate in the care provided their animals. But it *will* harm a large percentage of smaller breeders, including most responsible purebred hobby breeders, who sell “retail” to the final purchaser. **The beneficiaries of this proposed Rule will be the pet stores, licensed commercial breeders, and the illegally unlicensed breeders, as well as the Animal Rights groups who want to see pet breeding ended.** We will definitely not benefit in any way. Nor will our animals benefit, either.

APHIS has especially expressed interest in comments that would show a negative impact on individual breeders' ability to carry out their breeding hobby or business under the proposed Rule, or limitations that a buyer would face, as well as questions regarding the Regulations and Definitions terminology used in the proposed changes. That's right; they want to hear from YOU! *You have only until August 15, 2012, to comment! If you don't speak up for yourself now, no one else will do it for you.*

Comment here on APHIS portal:

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0003-0001>

You can also submit it by mail to the following mail address, provided it arrives by August 15:

Send your comment to: Docket No. APHIS–2011–0003,

**Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS,
Station 3A–03.8,
4700 River Road Unit 118,
Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.**

For further reliable information see: SAOVA (Sportsmen's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance):

http://saova.org/APHIS_rulemaking.html

AKC Legislative Alert: http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4656

Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders: <http://virginiafederation.org/introduction>

Don't think we're in trouble yet, and "your" comment isn't important? Maybe these two items will let you know the danger we are in:

1. Christie Vilsack is wife of USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack. This year, she is running as Democrat for US Representative Seat (4th) in their home state of Iowa. On May 16, her election committee received a \$1,000 donation from Humane Society Legislative Fund PAC (that's the Humane Society of the United States' PAC). Coincidentally (or not), May 16 was also the date that the proposed APHIS Rule was published in the Federal Register. Donation details here:
<http://query.nictusa.com/cgi-bin/dcdev/forms/C00466813/791382/sb/ALL>
2. The Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) didn't think their comments weren't important; they had their legal firm formally weigh in in support of the proposed Rule. Click on pdf image on this page to view their letter: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0003-9531>
In short, ALDF's suggestions included allowing for *no* exemption of any kind from APHIS licensing; and suggests allowance for "private right of action with fee shifting". What this latter means is that they, ALDF, knowing that APHIS does not have adequate funds to enforce the AWA, would be happy to do so at their own expense. How would *you* like to be inspected by an Animal Rights group such as this?

A dog's Last Will and Testament

Before humans die, they write their Last Will and Testament, giving their money, home, and all possessions to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could write a Will, this is what I would leave.

To a poor and lonely stray I would give:

- My happy home
- My bowl and cozy bed, soft pillows and all my toys
- The lap, which I loved so much
- The hand that stroked y fur and the sweet voice that spoke my name.

I would Will to a sad, scared shelter dog the place I had in my humans' loving hearts, which seems to be boundless.

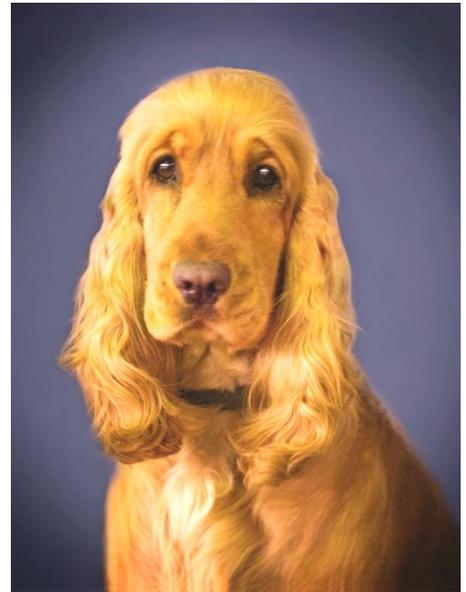
So, when I die, please do not say, "I will never have a dog again, for the loss and pain are more than I can stand."

Instead, go find an unloved dog, one whose life holds no joy or hope and give MY place to HIM.

This is to only thing I can give – the love I leave behind.

– Author unknown

(Our thanks to Jackie Limosani for sending this beautiful message for publication in Paw Prints.)



Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.
Registration for Training Classes (Corrected Dates)

Check Session:	Fall	Winter	Spring
Classes begin:	September 11, 2012	December 4, 2012	March 12, 2013
Orientation - Session Ends:	9/4/12 – 11/20/12	11/27/12 – 2/26/13	3/5/13 – 5/21/13
Registration Deadline:	August 21	November 20	February 19

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: \$90 per class; two dogs \$120; three dogs \$140
 Non-Members: \$100; two dogs \$150; Rally as a 2nd class for any dog \$40.00
 (To qualify, both dogs must be handled by the same person)

Mail this form and a check to: **Karen Korab, 3771 Ivanhoe Circle, Schiller Park, IL 60176**

Make checks payable to: Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

Note: Confirmation of class registration will be emailed or mailed 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
- Competition – this is for those who are actively competing in Open B & Utility. It replaces Utility to enable students to work both Open & Utility Exercises. Dogs must know all Utility exercises.
- Rally – All Rally levels classes start 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 students NEW to Rand Park Obedience must be enrolled through the Registration Chairman, Gloria Urquhart (847-825-3318).

Current students and members with new dogs may register through the DOT.

Health Certificate

A Health Certificate is required for all new dogs before their first session and proof of Rabies is required for all dogs. A copy of the veterinarian's receipt is acceptable.

Owner's name _____ Dog's Name _____
 Rabies shot date _____ 1 year 3 year Tag # _____
 DHLPP shot date _____ or Titer Test Date _____
 Veterinarian's Name _____ Phone number _____

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.