

# PAW PRINTS

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



September 2015

## School Days are here again!

By Ursula Hoeft



Is summer over already? Seems like we've only had brief samplings of it in-between spells of cold weather.

It always amazes me that the months of June, July and August go by so quickly while January, February and March seem to drag on forever. Here it is September already! The kids are back in school, and it's time for our dogs to get back to school, too!

I admit it's been a pleasant break being home on Tuesday nights. On the few nice evening we had this summer, we all - poodles Kate and Gus, husband, Greg - relaxed on the patio, sipped a cool gin and tonic or two (just Greg and me; Kate and Gus only got water) and grilled a quick burger or brat for dinner. It was great! Life was easy!

But that's all behind us now. Now we're ready to get back to our regular Tuesday night routine. In fact, we can hardly wait to get back to training. And Kate has promised me that she'll work hard this year to master those Novice class exercises. She's 12 years old, and she insists that you *can* teach an old dog new tricks. I know she's going to do her best, but I'm not counting on her being a straight A dog school student - not on making the Rand Park DTC Honor Roll either. I'll be happy if she just enjoys the time we spend together at training and working on our own. Getting three legs for a CD would make me happy, too.

Earning titles is nice, and there sure are enough of them these days! But I think spending quality training time with your dog, whether at Rand Park on Tuesday nights, at Tracking with Terri Everwine, or on your own - and, making it fun - will greatly enhance the relationship you and your dog(s) enjoy. And maybe that's the most important benefit to be gained from training. The titles are just the icing on the cake. Of course, having a well behaved dog is important, too. And then there are all the great Rand Park members you get to hang out with.

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## President's Message

Welcome to the fall training session! Orientation was held on Tuesday, September 1, with regular classes beginning on September 8. The year-long training calendar is in this issue of Paw Prints; also on our website: [randparkdtdc.org](http://randparkdtdc.org).

TDX tracking test chair Pat Duryea is looking for a few cross track layers for our test September 19-20th. Even if you know little to nothing about tracking, participating in a test is

easy and fun! You will be instructed to walk into a field at the lovely Spring Creek Headwaters forest preserve in Barrington Hills to lay a diversionary track. Tracks are plotted on Saturday, and then laid on Sunday for the dogs to run. If you've never seen a tracking event, come out and take a look and another wonderful activity for you and your dog! Contact Pat at [duryeaemj@comcast.net](mailto:duryeaemj@comcast.net) to volunteer.

Terri Everwine

## From the Director of Training

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and that you are ready to get back to training.

I am the new DOT, and Pat Beckstrom is the Assistant DOT. We look forward to helping Rand Park by scheduling classes, etc. We do ask that everyone be patient as this fall is our first time doing this job and there is, of course, a learning curve as with all new things.

We ask one favor of everyone though. PLEASE submit your registrations by the deadline. This session we received well over a dozen registrations after the deadline and after we had already set up classes based on the students we had at the deadline. I did my best to give everyone a spot but, of course, some just could

not be accommodated. I apologize if classes are too crowded in some cases but it is because of the late registrations. For the winter session we will have to adhere to the registration deadline - it's just not fair to folks who did submit their registration forms on time but are now in overly crowded classes.

If anyone has any ideas for our Week 12 programs please share them. I've thought about a Heartworm Test/Microchip/Vaccination clinic for the end of the winter session. Any other ideas out there? Also, any ideas for a specialty class and offers to teach one would be great!

Thank you to everyone for your patience, and I'll be seeing you on Tuesday nights!

Barb Krynski

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On September 11, 9/11 remembrance ceremonies will again be held around the country. Did you know that within hours of the attack on the World Trade Center specially trained dogs were on the scene, including German Shepherds, Labs and even a few little Dachshunds? How invaluable our wonderful canine companions are any time there's a disaster!



## Member News

### From Jean Richardson

On April 26, 2015 at Pecatonica Tracking Club, CH Immerlachen I'm Adele O Chief, "Addy," became the first Staffordshire Bull Terrier to earn the Tracking Dog Urban title.



Addy

### From Mary Laurie

Vinny, my 2-year-old Boxer, who had such a good time NQing at the North

Shore Dog Training Club's trial, received High in Trial at the AKC Boxer Specialty trial on Saturday August 1. He received his Novice title in obedience and Advanced Rally title.

Oscar, my 5-year-old Boxer, received High in Trial at the AKC Boxer specialty trial the next day, Sunday August 2. He also received his Novice title in obedience and Advanced Rally title.

Vinny and Oscar have been frolicking in the straw taking Barnhunt classes. What fun for them. They trialed last month. Vinny passed the Novice test. Mom and dad made some stupid mistakes and Oscar just missed his Novice title. We will try to do better by him next time.

I was recently recommended to get a contraption called the bike tow arm by a training buddy. So I did, and now the dogs (one at a time) and I are biking safely around our quiet neighborhood. It has become a favorite not too hot weather activity for all of us (even hubby).

### From Eileen Hennessy

Annie got her first leg in Rally Excellent at North Shore DTC's trials on June 14. Eileen says, "many thanks to our Rally instructors."

### From Alice South

Neskaya, got her Barn Hunt Novice title last weekend to formally become Rescue's Leronis of Neskaya, CGC, RN, RL1, CNW1, RAT1.





## From Gail Kipp

Attached is a letter from the AKC dated July 21, 2015 and Buckley's Award Certificate. This award is for recognition of dogs in the service of mankind. Buckley has been a therapy dog with Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy for nine years, since June 2006. Buckley also received his AKC Therapy Dog Title in 2007. We have worked in various programs in the last nine years with Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy: Schools, Libraries, Hospitals, and other institutions for special needs children. Special dogs for special kids.

Buckley loves his kids and thoroughly enjoys working with the children. He lights up the room with his love and energy, but it is emotionally draining for the dogs and he

sleeps for hours afterwards. Buckley has to be tested and certified yearly through Rainbow to continue our volunteer work.

As a team we keep developing our skills. It has been a very rewarding experience for both of us.

Hugs and Licks,  
Gail & Buckley



*That's Buckley in the photo. I didn't have room for the letter that Gail mentions. It is from the AKC Humane Fund and states, among other things, "Thank you for allowing us to share in Buckley's story and for participating in this initiative created to honor dogs." - ed.*

## Help Needed!

Carlos Santos, Chairman and Chief Tracklayer, needs volunteers for our October 4 VST test. Track layers and cross tracklayers are needed; also people to help with a variety of other "jobs."

The test will be held at the Lincolnshire Corporate Center, Lincolnshire, Illinois. Volunteers need to be at the site on Saturday, October 3, as well as on Sunday, October 4.

Please volunteer! Contact Carlos by email to [lordnitephire@gmail.com](mailto:lordnitephire@gmail.com) or call him at 847-962-8055

# Summer: If my dogs could talk, they'd say bah humbug!

By Ursula Hoefft

I hope you enjoyed Summer. It went by too fast for me, or maybe it just seems that way because there was so little of it. But then, Summer really isn't a great time for us because we have to limit the things we do with our dogs or eliminate them altogether - not the dogs, heaven forbid, just some of our activities.

For instance, we like to take long walks with our poodles, Kate and Gus, but in typical Summer weather - I'm talking hot days! - we walk only early in the morning and we the distance we cover way down. Even when our walks are abbreviated, it sometimes is hard to keep Kate, our 12-year-old going. When we get to a shady spot, she often plops down and wants to stay put. And one of our dogs' most favorite things in the world is going for car rides, especially if we're going food shopping. They don't mind waiting in the car while we're in the store,

knowing that we'll have a treat for them when we return.

Most food stores have samples for customers to try; we always hide some in a napkin and take them out to Kate and Gus. On Saturdays, the Sam's Club in Buffalo Grove has great stuff like bits of ham, sausage, sometimes even pizza, and we always "smuggle" a treat or two past the nice lady at the exit who counts the items in our cart and compares them to our receipt.

Of course, leaving dogs in a car is out of the question on warm Summer days so Kate and Gus have to stay home. It sure makes us feel bad to see their sad faces when they realize that they can't come along. And they're so good at making us feel guilty. I'm sure your dogs are, too!

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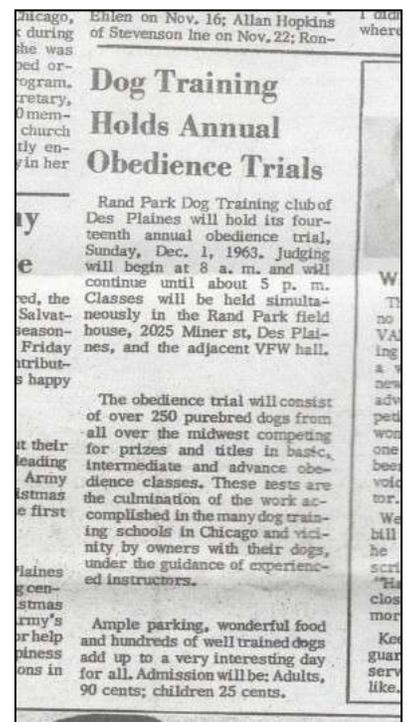
Here's a reprint of an interesting article that appeared in the Des Plaines Suburban Times about Rand Park's 1963 Trials. The article came from Marion Meseth who was Trial Secretary that year.

## Dog Training Holds Annual Obedience Trials

Rand Park Dog Training club of Des Plaines will hold its fourteenth annual obedience trial, Sunday, Dec. 1, 1963. Judging will begin at 8 a.m. and will continue until about 5 p.m. Classes will be held simultaneously in the Rand Park field house, 2025 Miner St., Des Plaines, and the adjacent VFW hall.

The obedience trial will consist of over 250 purebred dogs from all over the Midwest competing for prizes and titles in basic, intermediate and advance obedience classes. These tests are the culmination of the work accomplished in the many dog training schools in Chicago and vicinity by owners with their dogs, under the guidance of experience instructors.

Ample parking, wonderful food and hundreds of well-trained dogs add up to a very interesting day for all. Admission will be: Adults, 90 cents, children 25 cents.



## National Dog Day

In case you missed it, August 26 was National Dog Day. I'm embarrassed to admit it, but I didn't know that there was such a holiday as National Dog Day! But our wonderful canine companions certainly deserve to be recognized. And it seems that National Dog Day has been celebrated for 11 years. (Where have I been???)

Please note, though, that if you are going to observe National Dog Day next year, it is being moved to August 31, which is when it will be celebrated from now on so that it will not take away from Women's Equality Day which is observed on August 26. In case you didn't know, Women's Equality Day commemorates the granting of the vote to women in the United States on August 26, 1920 when the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was certified as law. Another important day to celebrate! (Isn't it great - all the important information you get by reading Paw Prints!)

Ursula

## Tail Talk!

By Ursula Hoefl

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, that he's confident..
- A tail wagging back and forth at a slow speed, what we often see, or hope to see at training tells us 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?

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## Legislative Liaison Committee Report

### August 25, 2015

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

"It is error only, and not truth, that shrinks from inquiry." -Thomas Paine, philosopher and writer (1737-1809)

**IFDCO-initiative bill regarding animal identification by Illinois private shelters signed by Governor Bruce Rauner on August 7, 2015!** IFDCO (Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners)-initiative bill Illinois HB 4029 Senate Amendment 4, Animal Welfare-Identify Owner, amending the Illinois Animal Welfare Act, passed both Houses and was sent to the Governor's desk for his signature on June 29, 2015. Governor Rauner signed this bill into law on August 7, 2015. This new law will help ensure that lost pets (dogs and cats) are returned to owners that are searching for them by requiring that private Illinois shelters and rescues examine the animal for owner ID (license tags, chips, tattoos etc.) on any stray/lost animal they take in within 24 hours of intake, and contact the owner. Any animal with ID would be turned over to the local municipal Animal Control facility if the municipal facility has the space to house the animal, or if not, the private shelter would be required to hold the animal for 7 days after owner contact is initiated. Secondary contacts, such as might be found on a chip (which could include a breeder, veterinary clinic, or previous owner) would be contacted if the primary owner cannot be contacted or refuses to reclaim the animal. Prior to transferring, euthanizing, or "adopting out" any stray for which no owner has been identified, a second search for ID on the animal must be made. Hold periods for animals without any ID would still be according to local ordinance. Currently, this 7 day hold period for animals with an ID had been required only of municipal Animal Control facilities. IFDCO wrote and supported the Animal Control version in 2011, when it was passed into law. Believe it or not, there is NO current requirement in Illinois that private shelters or rescues contact the owner regarding a lost or stray pet in their possession, even with clear ID on the animal. We have heard various stories of animals being adopted out from private shelters without the owner -- still searching for their pet -- having been contacted. We hope that this law will help to remedy this situation. Regulations concerning redemption of a lost pet by an owner from private shelters were also added in this bill. Additionally, this bill adds a clear definition of "owner" to the Animal Welfare Act where none existed and prohibits any representative of a private animal shelter from entering private property and removing an animal unless that individual is an approved Illinois Humane Investigator operating under the regulations of the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act. Both of these additions will further protect the rights of animal owners in Illinois. Finally, this bill will provide for better regulation of private animal shelters by the Illinois Department of Agriculture by preventing private shelter licensees from re-applying for a license for three years after revocation of a current license.

Thanks to everyone who contacted their legislators in support of HB4029!

AKC issued a press release on the signing of this bill, which you can read here:

<http://www.akc.org/news/il-federation-helps-lost-dogs/>

You can keep current with the status of this or any other Illinois bill on the [ilga.gov](http://ilga.gov) (Illinois General Assembly) website, on which you can also find the full text of any bill.

#### **An update on several other bills that IFDCO was watching during the Spring session:**

There are currently no active Illinois bills for which IFDCO is opposed.

**SB0125 House Amendment 4** - Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act so that an owner cannot place an animal in a prolonged life-threatening situation for which death or injury of the animal results. It was passed by both Houses, sent to the Governor's desk on June 29, and was signed by him on August 7 2015. While we (IFDCO) agree with the basic need for this bill, we had concerns that as written it may apply to owners with animals that are \*unintentionally\* injured during a weather emergency or other unforeseen occurrence over which the owner has no control. We took no position on this bill. Pet owners who largely house their pets

outdoors, or engage in sports or working activities in outdoor weather extremes with their animals, should be aware of this bill should it be signed into law.

**SB1389 Senate Amendment 2** - Amends the Illinois Criminal Code to allow for the use of a "facility dog" during certain Court proceedings involving the testimony of a minor or developmentally disabled individual for sex offense cases. It was passed by both Houses, and sent to the Governor's desk on June 19, and signed by him on July 21, 2015. IFDCO supported this bill.

**HB3231 Senate Amendment 1** - Amends the Humane Care for Animals Act to provide for additional penalties (\$250 fine and 100 hours community service) should "cruel treatment" of an animal take place in the presence of a minor. It was passed by both Houses, and sent to the Governor's desk on June 29 and signed by him on July 13, 2015. IFDCO took no position on this bill but chose to closely monitor it as it went through several changes on the way to the final version.

The Spring legislative session ended May 31; IFDCO will follow any legislative action affecting dog owners during the Fall session when it begins.

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## From the editor

I feel like I've been editing Rand Park's newsletter forever! And, with the start of a new training year, I decided that I needed to do something different with Paw Prints, give it a new look. For a start, I used a different typeface for this issue - did you notice?. I also left more white space than in the past, which I hope makes the newsletter more reader-friendly.

Remember, folks, Paw Prints is *your* newsletter! Please send me your news and anything else that you think will be interesting to "dog people." But remember, I can't use copyrighted material without permission.

I want to continue the feature "the real reason why we own dogs" that was suggested by Dee Morrison. Send me your "reason" along with a photo.

Send items for Paw Prints via email to: randparkpawprints@live.com - preferred - or by U.S. mail to:

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1814 Illinois Road  
Northbrook, IL 60062

My phone number is 847-272-5545, if you want to call me.

Visit Rand Park's Website: <http://randparkdtc.org>

## On a lighter note ...

Question from a dog: Why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray and the rabbit, but not ONE named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar, jaguar, mustang, colt or rabbit riding around in a car? We love car rides! Would it be so hard to rename the "Chrysler Eagle" the "Chrysler Beagle"?

Note to Jokin' Jerry Wulff: You're gonna keep seeing lame stuff like this if you don't start sending me jokes again!

# Rand Park Dog Training Club Correction Clinics

**2015-2016 Correction Clinic Dates:**

**Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 6, March 12, April 2,  
May 7, June 4, July 2, Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3.**

at

**For Your Canine Annex  
1975 CORNELL.  
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: \$8 (\$7 for second entry of same dog)**

**Gate entry: \$9 (\$8 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Year 2015-2016 Training Calendar Rand Park Dog Training Club, Inc.

<b>Fall Session</b>	
September 1	<b>Orientation</b>
September 8	Training week 1
September 15	Week 2
September 22	Week 3
September 29	Week 4
October 6	<b>Week 5 – Membership Meeting</b>
October 13	Week 6
October 20	Week 7
October 27	Week 8
November 3	Week 9
November 10	Week 10
November 17	<b>Evaluation</b>
<b>Winter Session</b>	
November 24	<b>Orientation</b>
December 1	Training Week 1
December 8	Week 2
December 15	Week 3
December 22	Week 4
December 29	Week 5
January 5	Week 6
January 12	<b>Week 7 – Membership Meeting</b>
January 19	Week 8
January 26	Week 9
February 2	Week 10
February 9	<b>Evaluation</b>
February 16	<b>Program</b>
<b>Spring Session</b>	
February 23	<b>Orientation</b>
March 1	<b>Training Week 1 – Membership Meeting</b>
March 8	Week 2
March 15	Week 3
March 22	Week 4
March 29	Week 5
April 5	<b>Week 6 – Membership Meeting</b>
April 12	Week 7
April 19	Week 8
April 26	Week 9
May 3	Week 10
May 10	<b>Evaluation</b>
May 17	<b>Canine Good Citizenship Test</b>

Training hours: 6:15-7:05, 7:10-7:55, 8:00-8:45, 8:50-9:35 EXCEPT on OCT. 6th, JAN.12th, MAR. 2nd and APR. 2nd. Classes will be shortened on those nights to allow time for the membership meetings. Training hours for those nights are: 6:15 to 6:55 – 6:55 to 7:35 -7:35 to 8:15 - 8:15 to 8:55

**MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LAST CLASS.**