

Paw Prints



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

September/October 2021

It's Good to be Back!

It's great to see everyone back on Tuesday nights! We have a HUGE beginner class, as well as a very large puppy class. Lots of cuties all around!

Hopefully the "numbers" will drop low enough soon so we can get those darn masks off. Everyone stay safe and enjoy the beautiful fall colors.



Ralphie says meet my new little brother, Coal!

Important! Please note.

If training needs to be cancelled because of bad weather or for any other reason, instructors will call the students in their classes to notify them.

Notice of training cancellation will also be posted on the Club's website:

<http://www.randparkdctc.org> and Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/RandParkDTC>

2021 TD/TDX Trial

Rand Park held our 2 TD/ 4 TDX test on Sunday, Sept. 26. Becky Johnson and Lois Leidahl-Marsh were the judges. Lori Buckley was the chair and Buffy Cramer-Hammann was the secretary. Barb Krynski was hospitality.

It was a perfect day! Not too hot, not too windy, beautiful blue sky and sunshine! It was great to see everyone out and enjoying the weather and a huge thank you to all who worked so hard to make this a success. The work involved is phenomenal, and no matter what the weather is it still needs to be done. This year was a good one. The crew was at the site all day, until after 7 p.m. on Saturday, to prepare and it showed!

2 dogs were entered in the TD (Tracking Dog) test and both passed! Donna Kircher and her German Shepherd Dog, Krystal's Grady TDU had the first track. Picture: Birgit Mantilla (tracklayer), Becky Johnson (judge), Donna with Grady, Lois Leidahl-Marsh (judge).



Carol Schmidt's Rottie, RACH Players Girl Just Wants To Have Fun CDX MXP MJP handled by Barbara Palm.

Picture: Carol Schmidt (owner), Becky Johnson (judge), Barbara Palm (handler),

Lois Leidahl-Marsh (judge), tracklayer not pictured was Kati Delafont)



For the TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) test, we had 2 out of 4 dogs pass.

Donna Garske's Rottie, GCH Glen Oaks Adele CD RE TD passed on the first track. Donna's pass was especially sweet for her.... Picture: Becky Johnson (judge), Donna Garske, Lois Leidahl-Marsh (judge), tracklayer not pictured was RP member, Pat Hanley, cross-track layers not pictures were Mickey Tichawa and Nancy Henderson



Beth Comstock's Belgian Tervuren, Northern Skye's Revontulet TD passed on the fourth track. Picture: Jane Wiedel (tracklayer), Becky Johnson (judge), Beth Comstock, Lois Leidahl-Marsh (judge), cross-track layers not pictured were Lori Buckley and Jess Anichini.

Kati Delafont and Jane Wiedel are not members of Rand Park. Jess Anichini is not a member yet, but she just started tracking with us this fall. We hope they'll join our Rand Park DTC family!

WAGS & BRAGS

I KNOW there are other brags out there! Please send them so we can all celebrate your accomplishments with you! Send them to klevr-k9@att.net



Lois Leidahl-Marsh has some awesome brags! Artio earned her VST (Variable Surface Tracking) title on April 18th at Moraine Tracking Club's test in Lincolnshire. By earning her VST title, she is now a Champion Tracker. Thanks to all the members of my Rand Park tracking group who helped to train her! (The picture was taken when she found the last article at the end of the track which is the reason for posing in front of a green box.)

Freya earned her TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) title on May 2, 2021, at Lyons Township Dog Training Club's TD/TDX test at Burlington Prairie Forest Preserve. The ground was like concrete. It was hot and windy. She managed to find her way through high and medium cover, trees and cat-tails. I was very proud of her, especially since she was the only dog to pass that day.



Barb Krynski's Ralphie earned his RAE and RM2! He unfortunately is convinced that taking his picture will steal his soul so this expression is as good as it gets....



Recipe Corner

Salmon Morsels (Kong Stuffing)

7 oz. Salmon

½ c. yogurt

4-8 spinach leaves

¼ c. blueberries

1/8 tsp. ginger (optional)

Mix in ninja/food processor to a smoothie texture, stuff your Kong, and freeze! If you put a solid treat in the end of the Kong it keeps the filling from leaking....

New Products

For those of us who like to wear leggings but can't carry treats while training, I discovered this great little product! <https://www.therunningbuddy.com/products/>. It's magnetized so you just slip it over the waistband and it stays in place!



Students having fun and learning!



Rally stars in progress!



Beginner students hard at work



Ursula Hoeft sent us this lovely article of days gone by written by her sweet Gus:

The Dog Days of Summer ... or
How I spent my Summer Days
By Gustav ("Gus") Hoeft

The other day I heard mom and the neighborhood ladies talking about the "dog days of summer." I didn't know what that was but it sounded like something good, maybe like Northbrook Days which seems to be a real fun event that's held in my town every August. I say "seems to be" because I've never actually been to Northbrook Days. I've only heard the music and the noise, kids screaming happily, and lots of laughter, coming from the park where it's held. And I've smelled the wonderful aroma of food, lots of delicious food, that drifts all the way to my house. The reason I've never been to Northbrook Days is because a few years ago some ill-behaved dog lifted his leg and whizzed on a case of pop that was sitting next to a food vendor's booth. A serious faux paw! The miscreant committed this disgusting act right in front of a policeman! Not just any policeman, mind you, but the deputy chief. The DC liked dogs but he didn't like pee on his can of Coke, so he immediately had an ordinance passed prohibiting dogs from being in the park any time that food is being served. That, of course, includes Northbrook Days. What a bummer!

But I digress. I wanted to know more about this "dog days of summer" thing, so, when I had a chance to get my paws on the computer, I did a google search. According to Wikipedia, it was the Romans who coined the term "dog days" which they associated with hot summer weather and the star Sirius, the "dog star." The "dog days" originally were the days when Sirius rose just before or at the same time as sunrise, which is no longer true, due to "precession of the equinoxes." (*We all know what that means, don't we?*)

It seems that the Romans sacrificed a brown dog at the beginning of the "dog days" to appease the rage of Sirius, believing that the star was the cause of the hot, sultry weather. (*I don't even want to think about it! Let's just say that I'm sure glad I'm black!*)

Wikipedia also says, "Dog Days were popularly believed to be an evil time when the seas boiled, wine turned sour, dogs grew mad, and all creatures became languid, causing to man burning fevers, hysterics, and phrensies." (*I don't know what "phrensies" are, but it doesn't sound good. Not the fun time I was hoping "dog days" would be.*)

And, "A casual survey will usually find that many people believe the phrase is in reference to the conspicuous laziness of domesticated dogs (who are in danger of overheating with too much exercise) during the hottest days of the summer. (*Who are they calling lazy???*)

If you think I had a lazy summer just because we didn't have training, it ain't so! I worked my tail off! Every day I had to get out of bed early - before 7 o'clock in the morning - and, after a quick trip to my dog run (my "toilet"), I had to run upstairs to the bedroom to get my collar, and before I had even finished my first cup of coffee, I had to run down the driveway to get the Tribune, which luckily for me, but not so good for the Tribune company, isn't as big as it used to be and schlep it into the house to give to mom. OK, OK, it wasn't all bad. Mom did always give me a delicious treat when I handed her the paper but I would have preferred to do the newspaper fetching thing a little later in the day, after I'd gotten more sleep!

Then, every morning, I had to go for a walk with mom and dad. Honestly, you'd think they could find their way on their own and let me crawl back into bed. They've lived in our neighborhood for more than 30 years, obviously a lot longer than I have - they've got to know their way around by now! But, no, they always needed to have me go along.

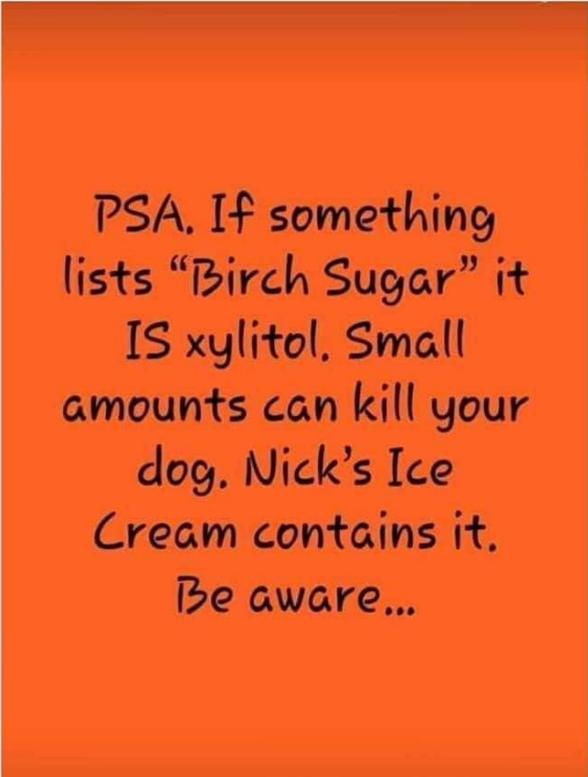
Then there were the squirrels, chipmunks and rabbits I had to chase out of our yard. Sometimes I even chased those pesky rabbits out of our neighbors' yards, too. It was exhausting! And with all the little critters I had to deal with, I still had to chase the mailman away, too, whenever he came to the door, just like I do all year long. I hardly had a moment to relax! There are skunks in my neighborhood, too, but I didn't have to chase them. In fact, going after them was strictly verboten by both mom and dad.

It wasn't like I got a rest from training over the summer either. No! Mom decided to go with "home schooling" during our break. Like the walking, critter chasing, paper fetching, and all the other helpful stuff I did wasn't enough! This "schooling," stuff really kept me hopping - jumping, actually, and retrieving, and heeling. You know the drill!

Mom also taught me to do something called "scent discrimination." It's a fancy name for finding the dumbbell-like article - leather was what we worked with - that smelled like mom and was one of several other articles that all looked exactly the same, but that she hadn't touched. Sounds harder than it is. I caught on pretty fast. Now she wants me to do it with a metal article! Just between you and me, from what I've observed, humans are pretty clueless when it comes to body language. You'd think mom would know by the fact that my teeth are clenched tight and I stand motionless staring at that metal thing when she tells me to get it that it's just not gonna happen and she should give up on it! Metal touching my teeth gives me the shivers!

(We know how much Gus is missed.....)

PSA - Birch Sugar = Xylitol. They've renamed / rebranded it but it is still deadly to our pets.
Very common in 'sugar free' products.



PSA. If something lists "Birch Sugar" it IS xylitol. Small amounts can kill your dog. Nick's Ice Cream contains it. Be aware...

If you have earned a title this year, remember to fulfill all the qualifications so you can be honored at our annual Banquet next May 15. If you have any questions, email Lois Leidahl-Marsh at bernersplus@comcast.net

ATTENTION RAND PARK MEMBERS

DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR AWARD FORMS ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 25, 2022.

Give them to me on Tuesday night or mail them to:

Lois Leidahl-Marsh

2485 S. Scott St.

Des Plaines, IL 60018

E-Mail: bernersplus@comcast.net

Please note that you cannot submit award forms for another person. There will be **no exceptions** to the deadline.

RPDTC members who earn any AKC, UKC and/or Canadian Kennel Club Obedience, Rally and/or Tracking titles will receive an Annual Award. RPDTC members will receive an Annual Certificate for all other achievements accomplished during the year. To qualify for Annual Award or Certificate you must:

1. Be current on your membership dues
2. Have completed one (1) of the following during the year for which the award is to be presented (Combinations are allowed)
 - a. Two memberships meetings (Date of meetings attended _____) or
 - b. Work two days at our obedience/rally trials (Date _____) or
 - c. Work two days at one of our tracking trials (Date trial/s worked _____) or
 - d. Work two correction clinics (the entire day – Clinic date worked _____)
3. Have completed one (1) of following Rand Park functions:
 - a. Attended training in a 12-week session (obedience, rally, nosework or tracking – training date _____) or
 - b. Instructed a session (Enter session date _____)
4. Turn in a properly completed award form for each award/certificate to be received (one title per page).

RPDTC AWARDS/TITLES EARNED 2021

If it is an AKC obedience title of CD, CDX or UD, go to the AKC site and print your results and submit that. If it is anything else, please complete this lower part and submit a copy of your title certificate.

Owner's Name: _____ Breed: _____

Call Name: _____

Show/Trial: _____ Judge _____

Date: _____

Show/Trial: _____ Judge _____

Date: _____

Show/Trial: _____ Judge _____

Date: _____

(Circle one) AKC Canadian UKC States

(Circle one) Obedience Tracking Rally

Name of Title: _____

Scores: 1st Leg _____ 2nd Leg _____ 3rd Leg _____ Place _____

Other Achievements

Do you have a plaque already? Yes No (circle one)

They're BAAAACK!

RAND PARK DOG TRAINING CLUB

OBEDIENCE FUN MATCHES 2021

DATES ARE:

SEPT 4TH, OCT 9TH, NOV 27TH, 2021

**FOR YOUR CANINE
706 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE
ELMHURST, 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: \$10 (\$9 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 DTC

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., 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 FUN MATCH conducted by the Rand Park Dog Training Club.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Clinic Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____