

Paw Prints

The Newsletter of the Rand Park Dog Training Club Inc.



November 2024

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

A note from the Club's Secretary:

Our membership drive for 2025 continues! Active members can pay their dues by:

Bringing a check to class or mail it to:

RPDTC, 1749 West Golf Road #340, Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056

or

Use PayPal or a credit card at the Club's website at <https://randparkdte.org/>

Dues are \$50 for one member, \$75 for a two-member family where both members train. Senior rates are \$37.50 or \$56.25.

Membership allows for a training discount, priority registration, and participation in the annual awards banquet. It's a great way to socialize with other dog-training friends.

I'm very thankful for all the humans and dogs in the club!



Dates	
Nov 26	Thanksgiving - no class
Dec 10	Membership meeting at 7:30 - see website for class time changes.
Jan 7	Training Session #1 for 2025
April 26-27	Rand Park Obedience Trial!

From the Club's President

As the year draws to a close and I reflect on this past year, little did I know that my Noah was going to be in the fight for his life. A day after Christmas last year, Noah landed in the ER, barely able to breathe. It took him 2 months to recover from pneumonia and several weeks of physical therapy and conditioning to gain his strength back. Our dogs mean the world to each and every one of us! I could not have imagined starting 2024 without him.

I also think about how far our training club has come in the past year. Online registration has been huge for us. The BOD has worked diligently to update many aspects of the club. We also continue to move forward in obtaining a building to lease. Thank you to the BOD for your continued service to Rand Park DTC and our members.

I'd like to give a big thanks to our students and their dogs, who make Tuesday evenings fun and a joyous adventure. And to our instructors.....my gratitude for their dedication to our students and their countless hours of service.

I hope this year's holiday season brings you the things that mean the most to you and energizes you to maybe earn a title or two in the New Year!

Wishing each and every one of you a Happy Thanksgiving a wonderful holiday season and in the year ahead may your dreams become a reality. Happy New Year 2025!

Cheers!

Birgit



Braggs



Congratulations Hattie! Hattie earned her Rally Novice title at Car-dun-al Obedience Dog Training Club. Lois did an amazing job with her rescue girl!



What a great weekend for Birgit and Noah. 1st Place in Utility B today with a 198 and 3rd place yesterday with a 195 at the Glenbard Obedience Trial. Well deserved for a hard-working Team!

Congratulations to Barb and Maestro on their NACSW NW3.

The National Association of Canine Scent Work tests the dog and handler's ability to detect and recognize an unknown quantity of hides and overcome distractions during the test.



Benita and Harper had a phenomenal weekend. They earned their NACSW NW 3 on Saturday and their Tracking TDX on Sunday.

Congratulations to our nosework instructor 🎉
Kathy! Kathy and her dog Kobi earned their NACSW
NW2 today at Common Scents K9 Scent Work Club.
There were 42 teams entered, and only 9 passed.
Congratulations ✨ on earning this title and your
wonderful teamwork!



Congrats to Teena and Coy for achieving the Herding Instinct
Test certification today!





Congratulations 🏆🏆 to our tracking instructor Lois and her dog Freya. On Sunday, October 13, 2024, Freya passed the VST (Variable Surface Tracking) test and earned the title of Champion 🏆 Tracker. What an amazing 🌟 accomplishment for a giant breed!

It was a banner day for Hattie on her 1st day of obedience & rally trials. Hattie earned 2 Q's with 1st 🏆 place in both her beginner novice runs with scores of 196 & 194.5. She also earned 2 Q's, with 1st place in both rally trials in which she competed. Congratulations to Lois & Hattie on your wonderful day! 🌸🌸🌸 This rescue has truly come out of her shell since being adopted 🌸 by Lois.



Congratulations to Jackie and her Huskies. 🐾😊🐾 They had a great time at their 1st agility trial hosted by the Stone City Kennel Club.

***Monroe earned 1st place and a Q in Novice JWW (Jumpers with weaves).**

***Appa earned 1st place and 2 Q's in Novice JWW and a 1st place/Q in Novice Standard.**

Well done!!! 🍌🍌🍌



Congratulations to Birgit & Noah. 2nd place in Utility B at Forest City Dog Training trial.



Lacey earned her elite excellent title in dock diving. What an amazing little jumper! Congratulations, Jill & Lacey



Congrats to Cole and Barb Krynski

First weekend of **USDAA!
United States Dog Agility
Association Inc. 8 for 8 in
Advanced!!! It was so fun to
run at my favorite venue again!
Flint Creek Dog in Antioch!**

Introducing AGILITY

Agility is one of the fastest-growing dog sports in the country—and for good reason. It's an incredible exercise for you and your dog, and it forges an even deeper relationship between you. Watching your dog nimbly and quickly crawl through tunnels, weave around poles, and leap through tires is exhilarating! Here's everything you need to know to get started in Agility:

Understand the Basics

Dog agility is a sport in which you direct your dog through a pre-set obstacle course within a certain time limit. Courses typically have between 14 and 20 obstacles, which can include tunnels, weave poles, tire jumps, seesaws, and pause tables where the dog must stop for a set amount of time. At each trial, you and your dog will race around the unique courses designed for that day. All this is done with your dog relying solely on the cues and body language you use to direct them on course.

All breeds, including [mixed breeds](#), can participate in Agility—from the smallest to the largest dogs.

If you've never seen Agility in person, we highly recommend that you attend a competition (or "trial") to see it firsthand.

Make Sure the Sport of Agility Is Right for Your Dog – and You Take a Class

Practice at Home Using Your Own Equipment

[Regulations for Agility.](#)

Consider Competing!

[AKC Agility Course Test \(ACT\).](#)

[Find an Agility event near you.](#)

To be eligible to compete in Agility, your dog must be:

- Fifteen months of age or older.
- Registered with the American Kennel Club or listed with the [AKC Indefinite Listing Privilege \(ILP\)](#) program, which allows unregistered dogs of registerable breeds to compete in AKC Performance and Companion Events.
- Mixed-breed dogs can be registered through the [Canine Partners program](#) to be able to compete.
- Spayed or neutered dogs are eligible to compete.
- In sound health and up-to-date on vaccinations.

[Read the regulations for AKC Agility trials here.](#)

OR

<https://www.usdaa.com/usdaa/about-us.cfm>

Serious and Fun

Serious

It's very upsetting when our animals suddenly become ill—they can't tell us what they got into, nor can they tell us how they feel. At this time of year, neighbors use poison to kill mice. Affected mice wandering in the open are interesting to our pets and wild animals.

Holiday food (and alcohol!) is attractive to our pets, and the symptoms can be sudden and terrifying.

The AKC and many veterinarians recommend contacting the Pet Poison Helpline for quick, accurate information and treatment recommendations. The service is available 24/7, and the current fee is \$85.

<https://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/>

(855) 764-7661



Dog Food Recalls & Warnings

Keep up with the most current FDA recalls of dog food at:

<https://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-recalls/>

The site also offers reviews of different foods for dogs with allergies and other medical issues (but check with your vet, too.)

Fun

AUTUMN PACK WALK 2024 Busse Forest Elk Pasture It was just a beautiful day for a pack walk and so much fun to see the Elk! Our next Fit Dog Walk will be in January, watch for more information.



Where is Phoebe?

October 12, 2024, was a beautiful day for Rand Park Dog Training to support the Nikolas Ritschel Foundation Run/Walk.

They provide wishes for young adults with cancer. For more information about this charity, go to <https://nikolasritschelfoundation.org/>



Go Team Amanda 

Senior Visitation Hours

To participate:

- 2nd Saturday of the month
- Dogs must be comfortable around other dogs in tight spaces
- Dogs must be comfortable being petted by several people
- The residents must not feed dogs at any time
- You must be a member or a current student and your dog must be well behaved and non-reactive to participate in Demonstrations

Ascension Living Nazarethville Place
300 N River Rd Des Plaines IL 60016

If interested before attendance, contact Barb Piche at
872-276-3331 or remi2332@sbcglobal.net



From the K-9 Kitchen

TURKEY PUP TARTS



[Dr. Karen Becker - These turkey tarts are the perfect pet treats this Thanksgiving! Whip up some for your pet so they can enjoy the holiday too. 🐾 #PetTreat #Recipe #ThanksgivingTreat #HealthyPets For more pet treat recipes check today's free guide: <http://bit.ly/3TQOUMJ> | Facebook](#)

Upcoming AKC shows: Obedience, Rally, Fast Cat and Scent work

Mark your calendars! Rand Park Dog Training Club's Obedience Events are on Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, April 27, 2025.

OBEDIENCE

CLUB	LOCATION		EVENT DATE	CLOSING
Oshkosh Kennel Club Inc.	Oshkosh	WI	14-Dec-24 15-Dec-24	27-Nov-2024
Northwest Obedience Club Inc. of Suburban Chicago	Crystal Lake	IL	14-Dec-24	27-Nov-2024
South Side All Breed Dog Training Club Inc.	New Lenox	IL	31-Dec-24 1-Jan 25	15-Dec-2024
Oshkosh Kennel Club Inc.	Oshkosh	WI	11-Jan-25 12-Jan-25	25-Dec-2024
Cudahy Kennel Club	St. Francis	WI	18-Jan-25 19-Jan-25	01-Jan-2025
Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club	Loves Park	IL	25-Jan-25 26-Jan-25	08-Jan-2025

RALLY

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Oshkosh Kennel Club Inc.	Oshkosh	WI	13-Dec-2024	25-Nov-2024
Northwest Obedience Club Inc. of Suburban Chicago	Crystal Lake	IL	15-Dec-2024	27-Nov-2024
South Side All Breed Dog Training Club Inc.	New Lenox	IL	30-Dec-2024	15-Dec-2024
Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club	Ixonia	WI	5-Jan-2025	18-Dec-2024
Oshkosh Kennel Club Inc.	Oshkosh	WI	10-Jan-2025	25-Dec-2024
Cudahy Kennel Club	St. Francis	WI	18-Jan-2025 19-Jan-2025	01-Jan-2025
Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club	Loves Park	IL	26-Jan-2025	08-Jan-2025
Timber Ridge Obedience Club of Central Wisconsin	Amherst Junction	WI	05-Dec-2024	15-Jan-2025
Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club Inc.	Huntley	IL	1-Feb-2025 2-Feb-2025	15-Jan-2025
Timber Ridge Obedience Club of Central Wisconsin	Amherst Junction	WI	1-Feb-2025 2-Feb-2025	15-Jan-2025
Stone City Kennel Club	New Lenox	IL	8-Feb-2025	22-Jan-2025

FAST CAT Resumes in March 2025

AKC SCENTWORK

CLUB	LOCATION		EVENT DATE		CLOSING
Mound City Obedience Training Club	Troy	IL	7-Dec-24	First Received	13-Nov-2024
Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club Inc.	Algonquin	IL	7-Dec-24	Random Draw	27-Nov-2024
Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club Inc.	Algonquin	IL	7-Dec-24	Random Draw	27-Nov-2024
Mound City Obedience Training Club	Troy	IL	7-Dec-24	First Received	13-Nov-2024
Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club Inc.	Algonquin	IL	8-Dec-24	Random Draw	27-Nov-2024
Mound City Obedience Training Club	Troy	IL	8-Dec-24	First Received	13-Nov-2024
Mound City Obedience Training Club	Troy	IL	8-Dec-24	First Received	13-Nov-2024
Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club Inc.	Algonquin	IL	8-Dec-24	Random Draw	27-Nov-2024
Greater Chicago Area Scent Work Association	Elmhurst	IL	29-Mar-25	First Received - No Hand Deliveries	19-Mar-2025
Greater Chicago Area Scent Work Association	Elmhurst	IL	29-Mar-25	First Received - No Hand Deliveries	19-Mar-2025
Greater Chicago Area Scent Work Association	Elmhurst	IL	30-Mar-25	First Received - No Hand Deliveries	21-Mar-2025
Fox River Field Spaniel Club	Ixonia	WI	12-Apr-25	First Received	04-Apr-2025
Fox River Field Spaniel Club	Ixonia	WI	13-Apr-25	First Received	04-Apr-2025

***Want to plan next year's dates? Looking for a premium?
Search here!***

<https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/#/search>

Humor

This is how extra I am with my dog



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The next submission deadline is January 5, 2024 for the January 15th issue.

Next Issue... Flyball

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

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