

Paw Prints

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



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Class info and registration form... [Rand Park Dog Training](#)

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

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From our President

It's hard to believe we are in the 2nd half of 2024 already! I hope everyone, especially your pets, has survived the onslaught of fireworks. Here's to quieter evenings for the rest of the summer.

Summer classes are going well. Students enjoy practicing their skills and learning Rally while training outside. Thank you, Martha, Vickie, Lois Mayer, Audrey, and Kathy, for volunteering to instruct the summer session.

Registration for fall classes will open on Monday, July 22nd. Those who were registered for spring & summer will receive an email with the information first. Once current students are registered, any available spots will be opened up to the membership.

We are also moving forward in our search for a building. We are contacting a real estate agent to help with this exciting endeavor. Step by step, we are making progress.

Enjoy the beautiful weather and have fun with your dogs!

Birgit

BRAGS!!!!

Congratulations to Kathy Baureis and Mila (*right*) on their 2nd Place Overall win at the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) Elite Trial held June 1st in Davenport, Iowa. They placed in 2 out of the 4 searches with a 1st & 2nd place



Congrats to Teena Horne and Coy (*left*), who scored a 191.5 on their 3 leg in Beginner Novice B class, a second place, and earned Their Beginner Novice B title at the Golden Retriever Club of IL Trial at Wags!





**Congratulations
Jill Spooner & Lacey!
Lacey earned her
Distance Master
Advanced title in Dock
Diving!**



Congrats to Vickie Henderson and Roxie, who scored 191.5 in Beginner Novice -A class, second place, and earned their second leg at the North Shore Dog Training Club Trial!

Beginner Novice:

The letters BN may be added after a dog's name when it has been certified to have received qualifying scores in Beginner Novice classes at 3 licensed or member obedience trials.



Roxie is having a very busy summer...My Roxie Hart earned her BCAT at the Winnebago Labrador/Rockford Freeport Kennel Club trial!

FAST CAT DEFINED: Fast CAT is an outdoor pass/fail test that consists of a 100-yard dash using a straight course or track. Dogs run singly and are required to reach the finish line. The dog's time to complete the course is converted into MPH and then to points based on height by using a handicap.

BCAT:
Requires 150 points earned at Fast CAT® events.



Congratulations Team Noah!!
After earning a 1st 🏆 place,
2-2nd places 🏆 &
30 OTCH (Obedience Trial
Champion) points June 15-16.
Noah is enjoying a day at the
beach 🏖️ Enjoy your day off!

**1st place in Utility B & 2-2nd places also in
Utility B for a total of 30 OTCH points for the
weekend at the Golden Retriever and North
Shore trials on June 15th & 16th**

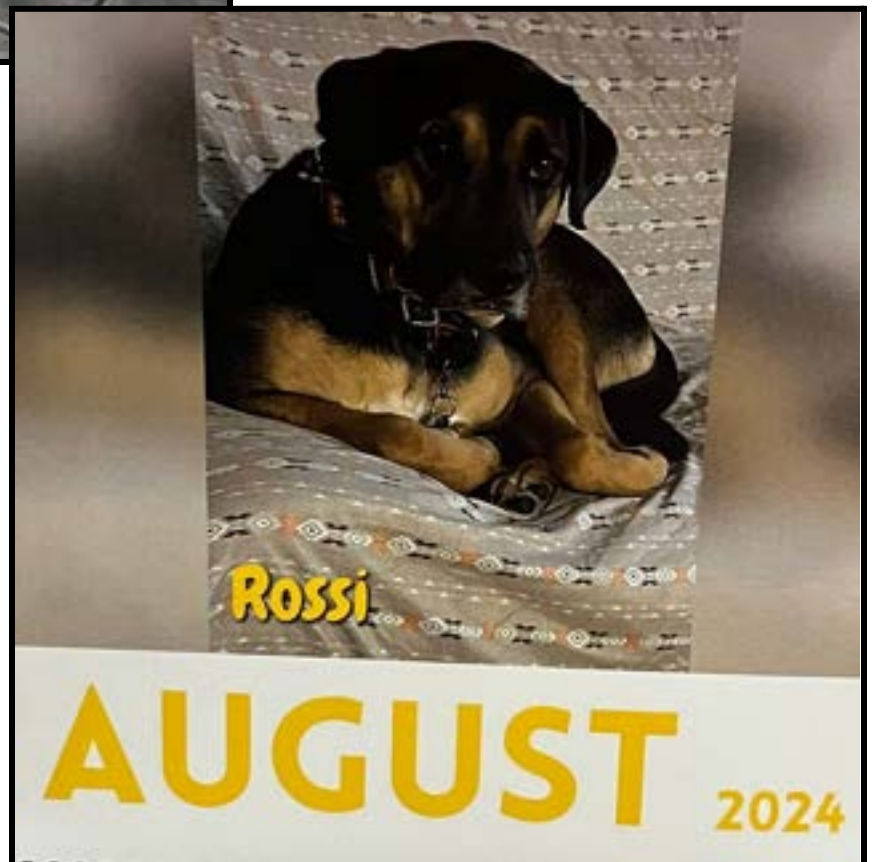




Freya earned her RAE (Rally Advanced Excellent) title on Saturday June 15 at the Golden Retriever Club of Illinois obedience/rally trials. She earned her RM(rally master) at our national specialty in April. You go girl!!

Rossi is on the paw print calendar in the month of August. Kathy Laspina sent the picture in for fun & just found this out!

**Submit your pup here!
<https://thepawprint.store/>**



**Congratulations to Audrey Drechsler & Bear!
Bear earned his BCAT at the Stone City Fast Cat Trial.**



**Congratulations
Margaret Henning &
Lena!
Lena earned her barn
hunt novice title. After
finding her rats, she
loved the yummy treats
available to exhibitors.

More info on Barn Hunt
next issue!**



Congratulations Brooke and Marge Kabala. She earned her second Intermediate leg at the Elkhound Specialty Sun with a score of 94 and 3rd place. Brooke's instructor, Lois Yep, was there stewarding and supporting her.



Congratulations to Debbie Egan-Bolton & Dallas. Dallas went to her 1st scentwork trial and earned 4 placements at the Common Scents AKC Trial July 6-7 2nd place, 2-3rd places & 4th place Way to go 😊 Dallas!!



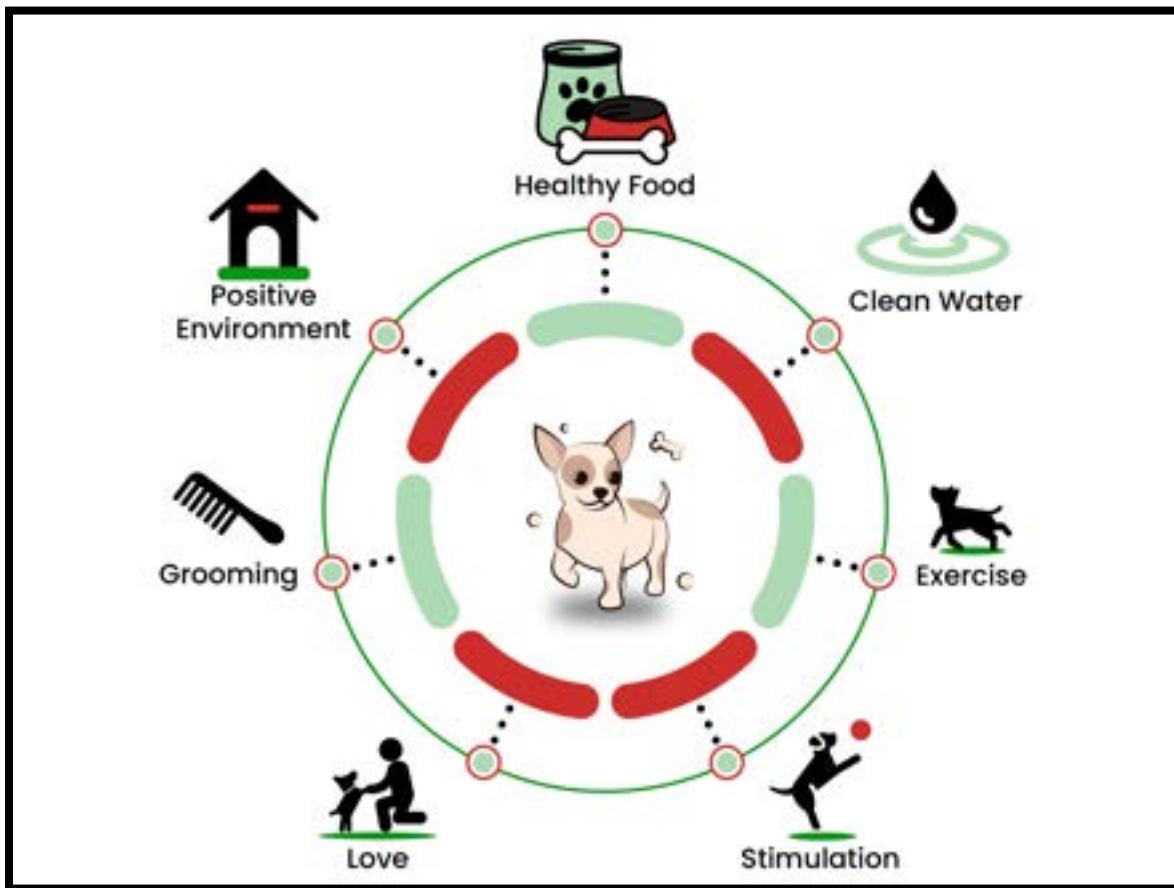


And our last cool dog stuff....It was shark week....Coal, the Little Black Dog's weekend at the CPE (Canine Performance Events) Lucky Dog Agility Trial July 13-14, 9 out of 10 qs (that is very good), and he mostly did the non-traditional Jackpot but skipped a pole! Coal was also High in Trial in the regular classes! BTW Barb is heading up the 2025 and 2026 Obedience trials for Rand Park Dog Training Club, and I (Vickie) get the help!

Health and Wellness

Recent Dog food recalls:

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



<https://fetchnplaytoys.com/blogs/fetch-n-play-blog/7-basic-needs-of-a-dog-heres-how-to-take-care-of-your-dog>

Dogs have about 1,700 taste buds. Humans have between 2,000 and 10,000. No wonder they will eat anything in the backyard! <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/dog-facts/>
<http://www.randparkdte.org> Rand Park Dog Training Club Page | 10

What is Scent Work?

Fascinating fact: Dogs have a sense of smell that's between 10,000 and 100,000 times more acute than ours! The sport of Scent Work celebrates the joy of sniffing and asks dogs to sniff to their heart's content, turning your dog's favorite activity into a rewarding game. It is a terrific sport for all kinds of dogs and is a wonderful way to build confidence in a shy dog.

In so many dog sports, the handler is in control, but this isn't true in Scent Work. Neither the dog nor the handler knows where the target odor is hidden. The handler has to rely on the dog and follow the dog's nose to success. In Scent Work, the canine is the star of the show.

The sport of Scent Work is based on the work of professional detection dogs (such as drug dogs), employed by humans to detect a wide variety of scents and substances. In AKC Scent Work, dogs search for cotton swabs saturated with the essential oils of Birch, Anise, Clove, and Cypress. The cotton swabs are hidden out of sight in a predetermined search area, and the dog has to find them. Teamwork is necessary: when the dog finds the scent, he has to communicate the find to the handler, who calls it out to the judge.

Interested??? Talk to Kathy Baureis for more information.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nosework>

<https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-scent-work/>

<https://bestfriends.org/pet-care-resources/dog-nose-work-scent-training-sport-dogs>

Dog Heros

“What’s the matter, Lassie? Did Timmy fall down the well?” For those old enough to remember the book, film, or television series, [Lassie](#) was always on the spot to protect or save her family from danger. But canine heroics are not just the stuff of fiction. In real life, dogs have been known to rescue humans under extraordinary circumstances; provide warnings of danger; soothe and comfort; and perform challenging, heroic tasks.

Setting aside our tendency to anthropomorphize our dogs, some experts believe that dogs can exhibit true bravery. This isn’t just behavior that a dog, or specific breed, has been bred to display. It is the ability to assess danger and act, even if he’s putting himself in harm’s way. This behavior may be linked to dogs’ evolution from wolves who formed tight social family units, or “packs.” Our dogs become socialized and emotionally bonded to us as their pack. And a pack member must be protected and defended, no matter what the cost. We think these dogs are all heroes.

On September 11, 2001, Michael Hingson, along with his guide dog for the blind, Roselle, was working as usual on the 78th floor in Tower One of the World Trade Center....

Kathie Vaughn, who has paraplegia, was trapped in her van when it caught fire, and was unable to assemble her wheelchair and get out....

Read more about fascinating dogs at:
<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/real-life-tales-of-heroic-dogs>

Dog runs four miles to get help for owner who crashed car into Oregon ravine, Brandon Garrett was driving solo with his four dogs near where his family was camping, when he failed to navigate a turn....

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/article/2024/jun/08/dog-saves-owner-oregon-crash>

Read all about these heroes!

<https://www.google.com/search?q=heroic+dog+stories+book>

Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL)

What AKC events may a PAL dog participate in? The Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program is designed to allow dogs to participate in AKC Companion and Performance Events. The AKC Events that a PAL dog can participate in are:

- [Agility Trials](#) (All Breeds)
- [Canine Good Citizen](#) (All Breeds)
- [Coursing Ability](#) (All Breeds)
- [Earthdog Trials](#) (Small Terriers and Dachshunds – [eligible breeds](#))
- [Farm Dog](#) (All Breeds)
- [Fast Cat](#) (All Breeds)
- [Fit Dog](#) (All Breeds)
- [Herding Tests and Trials](#) (Herding Breeds and [eligible breeds](#))
- [Hunt Tests](#) ([Retriever Test-eligible breeds](#), [Pointing Test – eligible breeds](#), [Spaniel Test – eligible breeds](#))
- [Junior Showmanship](#) (All Breeds)
- [Lure Coursing](#) (Sighthounds – [eligible breeds](#))
- [Obedience Trials](#) (All Breeds)
- [Rally Trials](#) (All Breeds)
- [Scentwork](#) (All Breeds)
- [Title Recognition Program](#) (All Breeds)
- [Therapy Dog](#) (All Breeds)
- [Tracking Tests](#) (All Breeds)
- [Trick Dog](#) (All Breeds)
- [Temperament Test](#) (All Breeds)

Once enrolled in the PAL program, entering AKC events is as easy as with a registrable dog. The only difference is that instead of an AKC registration number, you would list the dog's PAL number on the Entry form.

<https://www.akc.org/register/information/purebred-alternative-listing-pal/>

Who has the tiniest Dumbbell?



**“I am Augie
and I have
the smallest
dumbbell”.**
**This shank is
about 3” long.**

Who has the Largest Dumbbell?



**It's me! Hercules, I
had to have my
dumbbell
custom-made!**

A new trainer asked me why some of our dogs are holding sticks in their mouths, and yeah, it does look a little weird at the beginning. Here's a brief explanation about retrieving equipment.

As part of higher-level dog obedience, dumbbells are considered "articles." The dog will retrieve them after jumping over a gate, or the dog will identify and retrieve the specific article the trainer handled as part of scent discrimination. Teaching your dog to retrieve is a great way to relieve dog and human boredom and to extend your handling skills.

A dog's first article is a simple dowel - $\frac{3}{8}$ " through $\frac{3}{4}$ " of an inch in diameter and a length two or three inches wider than his bite. After the dog learns to take and hold the dowel properly, behind his canines, decide which ready-made dowel is the correct size.

A dumbbell has three components:

- The end height of the ends has to be big enough so the dog can pick the bar up but not too big so it is heavy or blocks his vision. The end heights go from $1\frac{3}{4}$ " to $3\frac{3}{4}$ ",
- The bar diameter is similar to whatever you found worked best when using the dowel rod. The wrong size will be uncomfortable to hold, and the dog will roll the dumbbell in its mouth to find a more comfortable hold. Bars come in diameters of $\frac{3}{8}$ " to $\frac{3}{4}$ "
- The bar length is the most important factor in correct fit. If it is too short, the dog cannot pick it up properly, and if it is too long, the dog likely will carry it crooked and may possibly drop it. Bar lengths are available in quarter-inch increments from $1\frac{3}{4}$ " to $3\frac{3}{4}$ " inches.

Beginner dumbbells are plastic-coated because they are lighter and easier to clean. Wooden dumbbells work well, but some dogs like to chew them. Try the ready-made ones first, and if those don't fit, especially for bully breeds, custom-sized ones are commercially available.

Your DOT and instructor will give you a lot more information about how to work with your dog to pick up, hold, and finally build a solid retrieve. Some breeds instinctively know how to retrieve an object, but with good training, every dog can enjoy this skill.

From the K-9 Kitchen

Dog-Safe Ice Cream

This refreshing dog ice cream is perfect for warm days and includes nutritious fruits like bananas and blueberries.

Ingredients:

- 1 ripe organic banana
- ½ cup organic blueberries
- 1 cup organic Greek or plain yogurt, or any unsweetened dairy-free alternative
<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/nutrition/can-dogs-eat-yogurt/>
- ½ tsp cinnamon if desired
<https://www.petmd.com/dog/nutrition/can-dogs-have-cinnamon>

Directions:

1. Cut the ripe banana into small pieces.
2. Blend the banana, blueberries, cinnamon, and yogurt until smooth.
3. Pour the mixture into dog molds and freeze until solid.

Are homemade treats good for dogs? Homemade treats are good for dogs because you can control the ingredients and avoid harmful additives, ensuring your fur baby enjoys safe, healthy, and tasty snacks that meet their dietary needs.

Upcoming AKC shows, Obedience, Rally, and Tracking, Scentwork and FCAT

Event Date	Event	Closing Date	Club	Location
Aug 2 - 4	Rally / Ob	July 26	Stone City Kennel Club	New Lenox, IL
Aug 3 - 4	FCAT	July 24	Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club	Roscoe, IL
Aug 9 - 11	FCAT	July 31	Greater Racine Kennel Club	Union Grove, WI
Aug 10 - 11	SCWK	Aug 2	Cudahy Kennel Club	Union Grove, WI
Aug 17 - 18	FCAT	Aug 7	Forest City Dog Training Club	Rockford, IL
Aug 23 - 25	Rally / Ob	Aug 7	Car-Dun-AI Obedience DTC	Huntley, IL
Aug 24 - 25	SCWK	Aug 14	Greater Chicago Area Scent Work Association	Lockport, IL
Aug 31, Sept 1	FCAT	Aug 21	Stone City Kennel Club	New Lenox, IL
Sept 7 - 8	FCAT	Aug 21	Car-Dun-AI Obedience Dog Training Club, Inc.	Woodstock, IL
Sept 8	TX TR	Aug 22	Fox Valley DTC	Elgin, IL
Sept 14 - 15	FCAT	Sept 4	WI-IL Agility Club of Spring Grove, Illinois	Spring Grove, IL
Sept 15	VST	Sept 5	Moraine Tracking Club	Lincolnshire, IL
Sept 21 - 22	SCWK	Sept 7	Common Scents K9 Scent Work Club of Elgin	Elgin, IL
Sept 21 -23	Rally / O	Sept 4	Forest City Dog Training Club	Loves Park, IL
Oct 5 - 6	FCAT	Sept 25	Forest City Dog Training Club	Rockford, IL
Oct 6	VST	Sept 26	Rand Park Dog Training Club	Lincolnshire, IL
Oct 31 - Nov 1	Rally / O	Oct 16	Lakeshore Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club, Inc.	Lisle, IL

Fit Dog

Fit Dog events are flexibly planned: we identify both an outdoor meetup location and a backup indoor location, as well as a backup date should the weather be extraordinarily terrible. So far, we've found walkable terrain with nearby washrooms in lovely settings.

It's a great way to train your dog in new situations and enjoy chatting with other Club members.

Rand Park DTC is a Fit Dog Club.

If you'd like to learn more about getting a Fit Dog Title or just learn more about its goals, check out: www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/

Participants Guide:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/28131350/p-FINAL-FIT-Guide-JANUARY-2023.pdf>

Please note: participating dogs must not be reactive.

Stay tuned: the Fall Fit Dog walk will be planned for October. Stay tuned for more details!

For more information, please email Vickie Henderson at vkbsa1541@gmail.com or Teena Horne at tinyang@earthlink.net



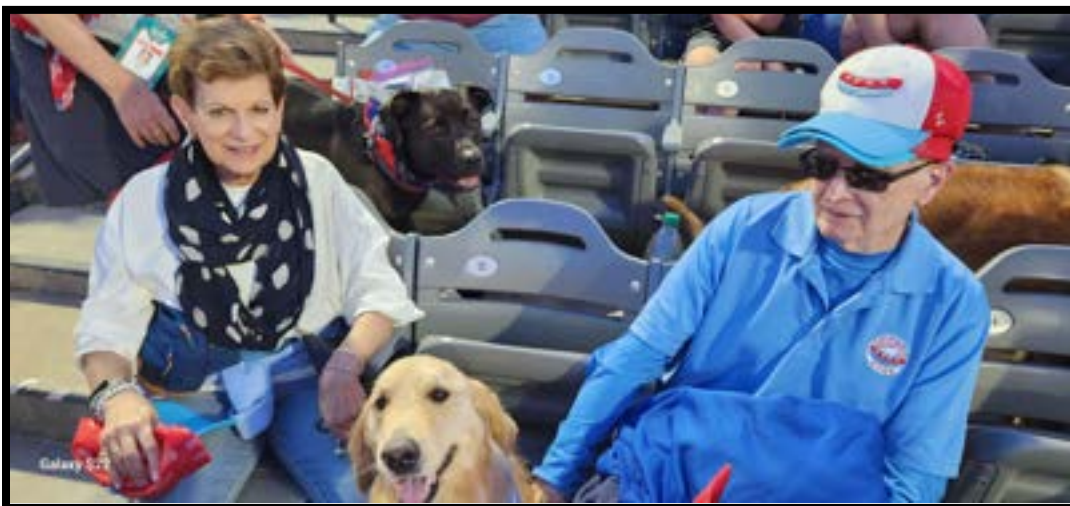
July 14th, Yorktown Mall

Teena, Coy and Sparty, Vickie and Roxie, Cheri and Roo and Sue and Simon!

Events



On May 31, Club members and their dogs attended the “Bark at the Ballpark” at Impact Field in Rosemont, IL. The Chicago Dogs beat the Cleburne Railroaders, 6-0, in a good game!





The team gave humans Chicago Dogs hats and dogs got bandanas.





Summer School



Walking over obstacles and walking backward.

Senior Visitation Hours

Resumes in the fall

- 2nd Saturday of the month
- Dogs must be comfortable around other dogs in tight spaces
- Dogs must be comfortable being petted by several people
- Dogs must not be fed by the residents at any time
- You must be a member or a current trainee

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

Humor

Living with a dog consists of 90% following each around, watching each other go potty, and wondering what the other has in their mouth.



Thanks

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Next submission deadline is September 5, 2024, for the September 15th issue

Next Issue... Barn Hunt information!

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

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