

# Paw Prints

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



Fall 2018

## From the Director of Training

What a long, hot summer it has been. Hope you enjoyed the break from "dog school." (But judging by the "brags" in this issue of Paw Prints, lots of folks didn't take a break from dog activities.) Now it's time to get back to Tuesday night training.

Our Meet and Greet was wonderful. A good time was had by all. We had a lot of new people join us. Thank you, again, to Mary and Frank Laurie for being such great hosts.

I would like to welcome new member Barbara Stelk and her dog Bailey. We also have three new instructors. Teena Horne will be instructing Advanced Beginners, Don Fester will be instructing Novice, and Diane Stark will be instructing Rally. Thank you for volunteering, Teena, Don and Diane.

This year we will be updating our training manual and the structure of our classes to provide more interaction with our new students and encourage them to show their dogs.

I would like to thank several people who are "behind the scenes" but do a lot for our club.

**Linda Forman.** Linda has been our club secretary "forever." She keeps our club organized and informed, handles our notices, by-laws, membership roster, and much more. She is the "go to" person for answers to any questions.

**Gloria Blanton,** our club treasurer. Gloria was quick to learn our accounting system. She makes

sure our expenses are reimbursed quickly and keeps our finances in good order. She makes time to come to training to collect paperwork. And Gloria gets us all the reports we need.

**Ursula Hoefft** is our newsletter editor. She is able to pull together a great newsletter with little help. She also sends out reminders and notices for our club. I am lucky to have her; she makes all my letters sound well written

**Valerie Manning.** Valerie has taken on the enormous job of being our webmaster. You can now access current information on our website and see many photos. You can find us when you do a search.

Thank you also to our Board and the many Committee members who work tirelessly to keep our club running; to our instructors who volunteer their time every week; to our tracking people who make our tracking tests happen.

Remember, we are a volunteer organization. Please thank these people for making our club possible.

We are always looking for more people to help. Please consider giving some of your time.

Thank you to all who volunteer. I look forward to a great training year.

Kathy Baureis

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New training Year,  
that is!

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## Sad news from Kerrie Kuper



Heartbroken to announce the passing of my father Rudolph F. Kuper, September 4, 2018 just a few weeks short of 91 years old. My biggest cheerleader, supporter and giver of unconditional love. He loved life, family, extended family and friends and especially his nearly 60 year membership in Rand Park Dog Training Club, where he held all offices.

Many of you in the dog world knew him. We attended many dogs shows together, and he loved chatting and visiting with everyone, especially the ladies...!!! Both my parents got us started in Whippets in the 1960s. One of his proudest moments in the dog world was seeing us win a Best in Show in Michigan with MBIS CH Karasar's Audacity. He loved to read, especially science fiction and retired from work as a systems analyst, and LOVED watching the cartoon channel, which made me crazy at times.....!!!

I want to especially thank all my friends for their patience and understanding these past months as much of my spare time was spent with him. He is pictured here in May of this year at my sister-in-law's house. How blessed I was to have him in my life all these years and how I am going to miss him.

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### **Daisy will be missed**

Pat Beckstrom's dog Daisy died recently. She was 16 1/2.

Pat says Daisy "loved going to Rand Park" ... she was with me for many things. I will miss her."

### ***Join us to share our dogs with others!!!***

A demo is scheduled for 1:30 on September 27 at Presence Resurrection Nursing Home in Park Ridge (Oakton and Greenwood). It will be held in their dining room and last approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours. To learn more, call Gloria Urquhart at 847-825-3318.

### **New Dog for an Old Member**

By Mary Ann Gobbo – 55 year member of Rand Park

I have been without a dog for almost two years. It has been difficult as I have had a dog all my life, even growing up at home. My house seemed so empty, but having a bad knee and going thru surgery and rehab, I had to wait to walk better before thinking of another dog.

A miracle happened. My granddaughter, Melanie, moved in with me and brought her 5-year-old Hungarian hunting dog named Stevie Nix, after the female singer. She has become such a comfort to me and gives me doggie things to do. Of course, she sleeps with me, as I have taken over feeding, grooming, exercising, chasing ball and how to live on a lake.

Vislas are called Velcro dogs as they stick to you all day and want to sit in your lap, and want lots of attention and love of which I have lots to give. Don't believe you can't teach an old dog new tricks, as she has learned many things, like, dog in and dog out, making a doggie door by going thru my screens, won't stop barking at squirrels and begging for food. I guess I had better get busy and forget that she is not a perfect Shepherd (tongue in cheek), but when my knee gets stronger and I walk better you may see us at Rand Park.

## News from Pat Duryea

As many of you know, after a whirlwind search for a home in Georgia, we packed up the pups and moved - under 30 days from search to closing/move. The thing I miss most about Illinois is the great training opportunities and my training friends. I have found a great trainer for obedience and I have not been without some accomplishments here in Georgia!

"Cookie" - CH Tollhaus Through the Years, CGC

The day after we closed on the new house, off I go to a dog show and Cookie picked up her 2nd 5-point major. As many of you know, Cookie is an anxious dog but she has done a great job her limited showing and has now finished and is a Champion. We continue to work on obedience and I will give her a try in Beginner Novice in the coming months.

"Cami" - Campana Hard River, BN

Will give conformation a try this fall. We have been focusing on obedience and she is awesome. Cami earned her Beginner Novice title (in spite of her handler taking a spill in the ring!) Looking forward to continuing her obedience training.

"Sunni" - Tallpine's Blinded By the Light

Sunni was a baby when I left Illinois; she was in the puppy class with Gloria and we didn't get to finish it! But she is the beauty queen! The show the day after we closed on the house, Sunni was in the 4-6 month class and went Best Puppy in Show. Then in late February we went to an International Conformation show for practice as it is difficult to find places to train conformation here. There were four Sieger-style shows in two days. In each show, Sunni went BOB, Group 1 Working Group Puppy and Best in Show Puppy. At the end of the 4th show, all of the Best In Show Winners (about 20 dogs) from all four shows are brought together to be judged by four judges (AKC/UKC judges) to determine the BEST In Sieger Winner...that was Sunni! What a thrill! Finally, Sunni made her AKC All-Breed show debut in late July, the first day taking a 4-point major and then a 5-point major at the Piedmont Bernese Mountain Dog Club of South Carolina Regional Specialty.

If anyone is heading down this way, we are North of Atlanta and would love to see you! Please visit

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### *From the editor:*

I would like to add a new Paw Prints feature, "dogs we have loved," to honor dogs that are no longer with us. Sadly, dogs' lives are short and most of us have suffered the loss of a beloved canine companion, some of us more than one. The new feature would let us revisit them via our memories and send them a note in doggie heaven, which is where they all are, isn't it?

Here's the first "dogs we have loved," a note to my dog, Kate, who left us a couple of years ago.

*Air Mail to Doggie Heaven*

*Please deliver to Kate, the smiling silver standard poodle*

*Kate, I can't tell you how much we miss you! We've had several dogs - sadly dogs' lives are so short - but you were our first "girl" dog. You came to us unexpectedly. Your first mom died suddenly, leaving you orphaned. When we met you, you were locked up in the basement of a local police station. You were dirty, your hair was long and matted and hung over your eyes. You looked so sad. After you had a bath and a haircut you were beautiful! We were thrilled when it turned out that we would be able to keep you. You were already a "senior citizen" when you became part of our family and you were with us for far too short a time. You are still missed.*



Send your stories for "dogs we have loved" by email to [randparkpawprints@live.com](mailto:randparkpawprints@live.com) or by US mail to Ursula Hoeft, 1814 Illinois Road, Northbrook, IL 60062 – Send me news too, especially brags!

## Rand Parkers have a lot to brag about!

### *From Gloria and Bill Urquhart*

Scarlet found five rats, did her tunnel and climb in 2:03 minutes (time allotted was 4:30). Scarlet is on a roll. She received her 4th "Q" toward her RATCH and third place in her class. So proud of her! (Note the rat in the picture.) Now she has to sit down and have a talk with her sister, Tara, to motivate her.



Photo on the left:  
Scarlet with her high in Class First Place ribbons (If you look very carefully you'll see the rat on the wall facing her.)  
Photo on the right:  
Scarlet having just received her 4th "Q"



### *From Kathy Baureis*

Skye received her NACSW Elite Title! (3rd place overall and 3rd place on vehicles.) Kathy says, love this Girl!

Skye is in the photo on the right.

### *From Karyn McCoy*

Buddy and I went to Sheboygan, WI last week with Sunny and Scheiss. The Sheboygan Dog Training Club put on a wonderful four day Sniff & Splash (barn hunting & dock diving) . I would absolutely recommend this



the trial to everyone. The grounds are beautiful, the dogs are crated in a building with a/c. It is very well organized. All the members wore ID badges so you knew who you could go to with any questions. There were four days of raffles, food trucks in the afternoon and a few vendors. Buddy ran in Crazy 8s and added a few points to his record. It took us several tries but Buddy got his 1st leg in the senior class. And it was good enough for a blue ribbon. They also had trick dog testing and farm dog certification. So Buddy earned his novice trick dog title and farm dog certification while we were walking the grounds.

That's Buddy in the photo on the left.

*More "brags" on the next two pages -  
Congratulations to all!*

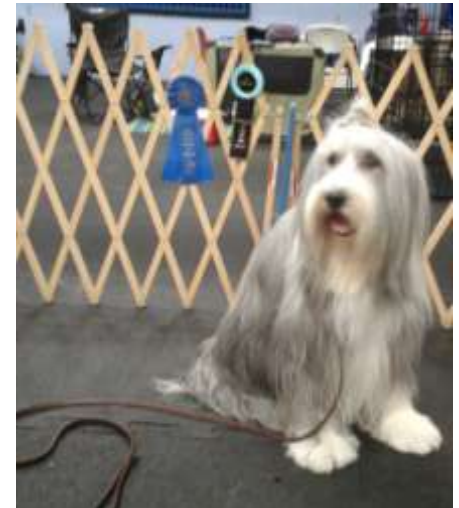
**From Patti Stitz**

Barney got his AKC Rally Intermediate title on June 17; he also got his Barn Hunt Open Title on July 21 with a 1st place and high in class. That's Barney in the photos.



**JoAnn Neville**

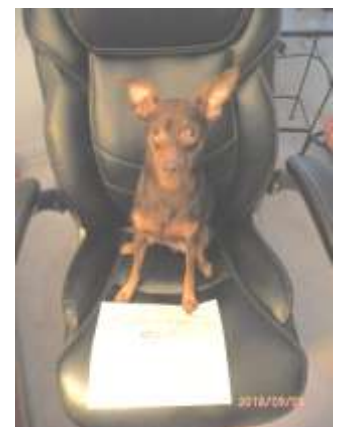
Oliver got his NACSW NW3 title and his NW3-vehicle element title and NWe-E Exterior element title on August 19 in DeLand, IL. And on September 1 Oliver got his AKC Novice Standard agility title in Chicago Ridge. Oliver is in the photo on the right.



**From Sonja Lund**

In August, we went to the Sheboygan DTC to do barnhunt. Besides getting points in barnhunt, Scheiss earned her AKC Advanced Trick title and her AKC Farm Dog Certificate. It was a fun 4-day event.

Sonja and Scheiss are in the photo on the left.



**From Barb Krynski and Tom Woepse**

- Tori, handled patiently and persistently by Tom Woepse, earned her Barn Hunt RATCH-X title!
- Trixie (and Barb Krynski) earned her World Cynosport Rally Level 1 Champion, Level 2 Champion, and Level 3 Champion titles, along with her Rally Champion Excellent title!
- Ralphie (and Barb Krynski) earned his World Cynosport Rally Level 3 title, and a Level 3 Award of Excellence! He also earned an AKC Excellent Jumpers with Weaves (AXJ) title!

Photos: Clockwise, Trixie, Ralphie, Tori



***From Terri Everwine***

Here in North Carolina, shows are fewer and way farther between, but at 7 months old, Kali's second weekend out, she won a 5 point major going WB/BOW/BOS!

Kali is in the photo on the right



***And last, but certainly not least, here is good news from Teena Horne which should have been in the Summer issue of Paw Prints. Sorry, Teena! – ed***

***From Teena Horne***

Spartacus earned his first Fast Coursing Ability Title (FCAT B) on Saturday July 14 at the Cudahy Kennel Club FCAT trials in Oak Creek, WI. He is clocked at running over 25 mph and completing a 100 yard dash chasing a lure in 8.19 seconds! In five trials he earned over 150 points which is required to qualify for this title.

He is now Spartacus CGC CGCA BN CD TKN TKI CA BCAT.



Spartacus with his ribbons



*Airedales are multi-talented. And while Scarlet was chasing rats, her sister, Tara, was getting ready for the Winter Olympics.*

***Haven't gotten any jokes for Paw Prints from Jokin' Jerry Wulff in "forever"! Here's one from several years ago.***

One old man asked another, "Were any of your boyish ambitions realized?"

"Yes," the other man replied. "When I was a child and my mother cut my hair, I often dreamed of being bald."

*Note to Jerry: Would love to get some of your "lame" jokes again! – ed*

# What Is An Obedience Title, Really?

By Sandy Mowery

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Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores; a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain.

And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable, and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

In addition, a title says that you loved your dog. That you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed and in the end your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend: volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name.

An obedience title is nothing less than true love and respect, given and received and recorded permanently.



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**REMINDER TO...  
PLEASE PAY YOU RPDTC DUES**

Rand Park Dog Training Club Annual membership dues are due by  
**January 1, 2019**

Send dues to: Linda Forman  
505 Courtesy Lane  
Des Plaines, IL 60018

Make checks payable to **Rand Park Dog Training Club (RPDTC)**  
Please fill in lower portion and return with dues.

If you are a new member and dues were paid October 1, 2018 or later you do not need to pay 2019 dues. However, please return the form and write **NEW MEMBER** at the bottom.

Single membership \$20.00                      Family membership \$30.00

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