

Paw Prints



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

March 2021

Pet Food Drive! by Barb Krynski

2020 and 2021 have been very difficult years for many people due to the pandemic. Rand Park has decided to hold a pet food drive to benefit the Palatine Township Food Pantry. This location services many people by allowing them to place an order based on what is available, and pet food is one of the supplies they are offering - but only if they have pet food available.

If you are able to donate, please bring pet food (for dogs AND cats) in 6 lb bags or canned moist food to Rand Park on Tuesday evenings **now thru April 27**. A box is located at the entryway to the training hall. Or, if you are not currently attending classes, you may arrange for an order to be delivered directly to my home via Amazon or Chewy.com. My address is 2403 Robin Lane/Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. So far we have had over 200 lbs of pet food donated by our members! Thank you for your donations, in advance!



Bingo and Trixie showing off a little Luck o' the Irish!

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

Wags and Brags!



Terri Everwine: Kali earned her virtual Rally Novice title, and I've received notice from three judges that she has also qualified in all three Intermediate courses but we're still waiting for AKC confirmation of her RI title! All scores in the 90's!

Mary Dellorto: A new family member joined her crew on 12/4! Meet Kya, a Labrador Retriever bred by Linda Waco and Sue Sommer (Bliss' breeder). She is very sweet and a joy to train!



Patti Stitz: Ernie earned his UKC Interior Novice (nose work) title on 11/7/20



Sonja Lund: Scheiss has been invited to the UKC Premier in June! She was ranked 32nd of 50! I am very proud!!!!



Wags and Brags, cont.

Judith Bush: Nathan Bush, 3 year old golden is a proud recipient of his RN (Rally Novice) AKC designation. We are now working on his second leg of the RI (Rally Intermediate) title.

He recently received his CGC and Therapy Dog credentials as well!

Originally Nathan came to me with severe emotional issues. He constantly hid behind furniture, never wagged his tail, trembled constantly, spun in circles, uncontrollable urinating, blank staring, afraid of everything. He never barked, hid under our chair at training for months. Wouldn't let anyone touch him, including me. And he was twenty pounds underweight! I had no intention of ever returning him to the breeder, and thought hopefully one day at a time, he will relax and feel safe.

And then a year later he received a life changing gift: an 8 week old Golden Retriever puppy, Ben, who changed his life. Incredibly, Nathan now zooms around the yard chasing Ben, eats well and gained weight, loves people, absolutely wonderful and loves going to training. He wants to give a hug to everyone he meets.

Its too bad Ben's name can't be on the AKC certificates too, because he helped Nathan earn that title and change his life.



Nathan is on the left, Ben is on the right

Those That Are Gone Too Soon....

"Lilly"

Queen Liliuokalani Brown Eyed
Girl

CW-SP- Level 1; CW-SD – Level
2; CCSS-Level 1

Gotcha date 4/30/2017 End of Life
11/12/2020

Shattered
In a world filled with pain
Broken
Left to struggle in vain.

You were used to make puppies
Who were taken away
Never loved, never cuddled
Never learning to play.

I'm so thankful they got you
Out of that place
But the damage inflicted
Was too much to erase.
You loved me and bonded
Right from the start
With hugs and with kisses
You gave me your heart.

At the bridge with the rainbow
You will now learn to play
And be with your babies
Who were taken away.

I'll miss my sweet angel
With a loss felt so deep
But the love and the memories
Forever I'll keep.

I long to be with you
Reunited one day
To hold you and kiss you
Forever to stay.

By JoAnn Neville



It came to me that every time I lose a dog, they take a piece of my heart with them. Every new dog that comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are.
By Anonymous, submitted by Sonja Lund



(Skeeter and Sassy)

Those That Are Gone Too Soon.... Cont

"Gus"

"Not the least hard thing to bear when they go from us, these quiet friends, is that they carry away with them so many years of our own lives."

— John Galsworthy

Gus left us on January 12th. He took 14 years of our life with him. And we would gladly give him 14 more but, sadly, we have no control over the number of years we are allowed to have our canine companions with us.

We made many memories together. We participated in Obedience events and completed the requirements for a CD degree. Gus even won a couple of trophies. He didn't complete the requirements for a CDX. degree but he learned to bring us the right articles in scent discrimination, which often made for a well-received party trick. And he ran down the driveway every morning to get our newspaper for us, something we have to do ourselves now.

Gus traveled back and forth between Illinois and Arizona with us. He was a wonderful traveler. And he adapted perfectly to both houses and to the two locations. He made many friends in both places. Everybody loved him.

We miss him very much.

Greg and Ursula Hoeft



Rand Park extends our condolences to all.





*Come celebrate with us at Rand Park Dog Training Club's
2019 and 2020 Awards Ceremony*

*At the Des Plaines Park District Leisure Center's gymnasium
(RPDTC's Training Hall)*

2222 Birch St. Des Plaines, IL

Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.

*Because there is a limit on the number of people who can
be in the gym (maximum of 50) we need you to RSVP by
May 4th at the latest!*

First come, first served basis.

For more information contact

Lois Leidahl-Marsh at 847-635-9263

E-mail your reservation(s) to:

Lois Leidahl-Marsh at berniersplus@comcast.net

*Please include the number of and names of those
attending.*

*We will have very few tables. If you want a table, you may want to bring a
small one or TV tray.*



Recipe Corner

Liverwurst Puffs (also known as I-Think-I-Have-Found-the-Key-to-My-Dog's-Heart-Treats)

1 – 12 oz package of Liverwurst
4 Large Eggs
2 Tablespoons of Olive Oil
2 Heaping Tablespoons of Tapioca Flour
Silicone drip baking mats



https://www.amazon.com/Southern-Homewares-SH-10083-2PK-Silicone-Non-Stick/dp/B0777Z6YF7/ref=sr_1_5?dclid=1&keywords=kitchenaid+silicone+drip+mat+red&qid=1617033220&sr=8-5

Directions:

Mix and bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. With so much egg in them these puff up like tiny little souffle's. They deflate a little bit as they cool.

Chicken Treats:

10 oz can of Chicken, with liquid
2 Eggs
1 Cup Tapioca Flour
½ cup White Flour
1 Tablespoon Oil

Directions:

Blend chicken and eggs to puree. Pour into a bowl and add the flours and oil. Pour ½ into 1 mold and bake for 12 minutes at 350 degrees. You can use any shape mold.

New Products

From Diane Muzzey: OXO fur lifting brush, distributed by OXO Intl. They call it GG Furlifter Self Cleaning Garment. My friend got it for me from Amazon, approx. \$14.99. Best money I ever spent on that type of brush. Check it out!

From Karen Schaubel: If you're looking for clever dog items, for yourself or as gifts, check out mydogsocks.com! Great products at great prices, and owned by a fellow Sheltie lover!

March 2021- Roving Reporter

(Written from the perspective of Paisley Bandana and her sidekick Banjo Oh' Suzannah – the two best All-American Bandit buddies that were)

::sniff:: ::sniff:: Do you smell that?

Is that?... SPRING! It's coming... I think...I hope... I don't quite know. There's too much snow! I can't reallllly tell! But although I have a hard time getting through the yard these days (I'm not sure if it's the covid-"19 pounds" I've gained or that I just can't jump that high), I sure do like to jump really "high" and stick my head way deep down to smell the grass... and mice... and worms... just like a coyote does!



Tracking got canceled around Valentine's day because Miss Barb loooveees us and wants to keep us all safe :D but we dooo miss her T.R.E.A.T's. (Maybe she's replenishing ::licks chops:: if I'm lucky!) Or mayyybeee it was just "too cold" for the Berners and Airedales of the group 🐾 🐾 🐾 ...jusssssst kidding! But seriously, (between you and I), I am pretty sure even though Miss Barb wants to keep us safe mama is a big part of that "us" lol. My mama is so fat... oh wait...wrong crowd (hahaha) anyways, she *would* fall through a snow drift at the edge of the parking lot... or she'd have to dig a way into the field... but boy I would pay to watch that though because - she is so clumsy!!!! (You should have seen her running through the snow drifts after me - haha! Two words: "cheap. Entertainment."

Anyways - all jokes aside - It *IS* cold. Mama won't let us stay out too long on those cold February days but I would just stay there for hours if I could. My inner husky comes out this time of year! Unfortunately, because the snow is **so** deep, my belly gets PINK and frost bitten! Mama has resorted to rubbing mushers paws on my paws, belly, and my little bare spot on my heart. But, of course, then I feel like super dawg and want to just stay out there furrrever! Banjo on the other hand. He is like one of those fainting goats. It's like: he gets cold, falls over, then cries about it. Silly thinks mama is going to then carry all 102 lbs of Banjo inside... But someday's he's a running fool who won't come in gets to the far corner of the lot and falls over. Even with mushers paws. He can't help it he's too pretty for the cold. Anyways. Mama *did* cary him once. *That* was a sight for sore eyes!

Speaking of Banjo, he is a silly boy. He scratched the wall (almost through the dryway) to go outside. Mama = NOT Happy. He now has a special tape on the floor. Mama calls it his "penalty box" and makes him sit there waiting to go out until *she's* ready amd taped balloons to the door so he won't scratch anymore. Side note: sometimes I really gotta peeeeeeeee and it does take her furrrever to get outside! I mean gosh! She keeps telling me I gotta wait for boots, coat, hat, scarf on, plus leashes and baggies. Ugh. I just GOTTA GOooooooo! I mean sheesh I can't cross my paws furrrever... but I know you guys know what I'm talking about right!?!?



Then, let's talk about how the snow is yellow and I just miss my grass... ahhhh... grass. Spring. Is. Coming. I. Can't. Wait.

But I know she won't let us just run without her first looking thoroughly through the yard and bushes for those wiley coyotes. Remember everyone to be safe... It's their frisky season! Now that I think about it- thaaaats why she has bacon in her pocket... so I followwww her and don't go too far and come back when I'm called... Huh... sneaky mama. She *tricked* me! But I have been frisky myself. When I want to stay out I learned this GREAT game called "tug-of-leash" where I tug and pull mama down the icy stoop and then run away. Then Banjo follows. Then mama has to chase us for a bit before we want to come inside! We also learned a game called "ring-around-the-fire-pit" where I run around the opposite side of the pit and mama has to try to catch me- its SNOW much Fun!

Otherwise, until spring comes Banjo and I are prepping for some beach time, working on our "summer bods" and excited for our leprechaun and egg hunts to come!

Stay safe! And [snow my gosh] don't forget to give us hugs and pets and kisses and **treats**- afterall we like staying in and getting fat'n'sassy during winter season (even if I was caught pushing the exercise ball closer to mama to imply *she* should use it 🐾!)



Let the shedding begin! (Fur or covid "19 lbs") 🐾 ♡ Paisley the roving reporter

Upcoming Events by Teena Horne

Occasionally Rand Park likes to notify members about upcoming dog sporting events in case anyone is curious or interested. The purpose is to remind and encourage our members to check out all of the opportunities out there to have fun with our dogs. While we are an obedience club, we also offer a few other types of activities to engage with your dog in (such as rally, tracking, and nose work) and we encourage folks to go out and try anything and everything with their dogs! The point is that while obedience is awesome, there is also a lot more you can go out and do and most importantly enjoy with your dog.

Have a suggestion on an event we should put on our list and send out a notification about? Let us know at randparkdtc@gmail.com and put 'event recommendation' in the subject.

March

Beverly Hills Dog Show – Conformation, March 6-7th will air on NBC

<https://kennelclubofbeverlyhills.org/our-next-shows/>

AKC National Agility Championship – You can watch this exciting event on March 26-28 on AKC TV!

<https://AKC.TV> – <https://www.akc.org/sports/agility/events/akc-national-agility-championship>

April

Beverly Hills Dog Show 4/5 12:30pm to 2pm ET on NBC sports

May

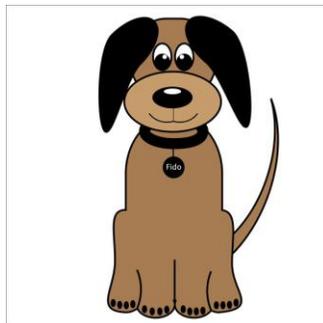
Omaha Speedracers flyball 8th AKCTV (having trouble finding a schedule for this event, may be cancelled this year due to covid. But keep an eye out in case it airs)

June

Masters Agility Championship 11th

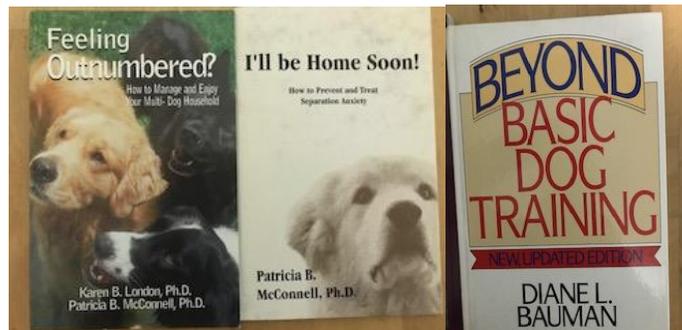
<https://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/2021-dog-show-information/exhibitor-information/the-8th-annual-masters-agility-championship-at-westminster>

Westminster Dog Show, 12 - 13 on fox sports 1



Books Free to Good Homes!

Contact Barb Krynski at klevr-k9@att.net if interested!



Why You Want to Eat This Baby Up: It's Science

Researchers are beginning to ask why some people want to squeeze puppies and others want to sniff babies.

By Pagan Kennedy (Submitted by Ursula Hoeft)

Here is an excerpt from an article with the above headline that appeared in the New York Times on March 15, 2019. Thought you would find it interesting. It certainly "speaks" to me. /Ursula

It's dogs that drive her cute-crazy. "Round, floppy puppies that look like cotton balls," she told me. "I feel like I want to squeeze them until they want to pop — but, of course, I don't really want them to pop."

This made me realize that I have my own peculiar trigger. When my dog, Sonny, sprawls on the floor, I will massage the soft flesh of her belly and tell her how I'd like to eat her stomach with a spoon because it's like pudding. Which is weird.

But here's something even weirder: I love to smell her paws.

When I confessed this to Dr. Stavropoulos, she said, "I'm happy you brought that up." She said that she, too, likes to smell her dogs' paws. The aroma reminds her of corn chips, and like me, she finds it to be the "cutest smell ever," even though this makes no sense at all because "objectively, what's cute about the smell of a Frito?"

Our conversation reminded me of my friend Mary, who adores the smell of a baby's head. Am I feeling the same thing when I huff my dog's paws?

Save the Date!

**Rand Park Dog Training Club
Obedience and Rally Trials
May 1 and 2, 2021**

To be held at:
WAG Training Facility
2807 US-12
Spring Grove, IL 60081

We need YOU to make this trial the success it always is!

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