

# Paw Prints

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



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**“May we be as good, as noble, and as deserving as our dogs think we are.”**

*A note from our Secretary:*

October starts our 2025 membership drive. Jill and I will be available during classes to help members ensure their contact information is correct.

New trainers: membership is offered to those who have trained in at least two sessions in 2024. Let us know if you'd like more information about the benefits of joining Rand Park Dog Training Club.

Our next Member meeting will be on September 24 at 9 pm, after training.

Sincerely,  
Martha Nelson  
[rpdtc-secretary@gmail.com](mailto:rpdtc-secretary@gmail.com)

Dates	
Sept 24, 9pm	Member meeting after class
Sept 3 - Oct 17	Session 5 training
Oct 29 - Dec 17	Session 6 training

# SUMMER FUN





**In the spirit of the Olympics, our canine champions tried the high jump, worked their core muscles on stability half-balls, and zipped through a tunnel. The dogs and handlers had a lot of fun.**



**Several of us met at Yorktown Mall. We started our day having breakfast outside with our Patio Pups. People were surprised at how well-behaved all 8 dogs were while we ate. Then, we all enjoyed an Olympic photo op.**

# Awards



**Congratulations to Debbie and Dallas on earning their Novice Title on August 4 at Stone City. Not only did they earn 1st Place, but they received a wonderful compliment from the judge. The judge said, "Dallas is the Best Novice A dog I have seen in a long time."**

**Congratulations to Vickie and Roxie for achieving their Beginner Novice title August 4th at Stone City Kennel Club, with first place and a score of one ninety two!**



**Congratulations to Sparti and Teena for achieving their DCAT Title at the Janesville-Beloit Fast Cat event in Roscoe on August 3.**



**Congratulations to Deb and Dallas on the NW1 Title!! With an amazing 6-second search, Dallas earned 1st Place in Containers.**

# Introducing Barn Hunt

<https://www.akc.org/sports/title-recognition-program/barn-hunt/>  
<https://www.barnhunt.com/index.html>

Barn Hunt events include a pass/fail instinct class for owners who want to familiarize their dog with the test. Courses are made increasingly difficult by adding more obstacles, additional diversions and more rats to find. There are several types of Barn Hunt titles your dog can earn:

- Novice Barn Hunt (RATN),
- Open Barn Hunt (RATO),
- Senior Barn Hunt (RATS),
- Master Barn Hunt (RATM),
- Barn Hunt Champion (RATCh),
- Master Champion (RATChX),
- Crazy 8s Bronze (CZ8B),
- Crazy 8s Silver (CZ8S),
- Crazy 8s Gold (CZ8G),
- Crazy 8s Platinum (CZ8P)



The Barn Hunt Association is an independent organization where titles earned can be recognized by The American Kennel Club. Titles earned in Novice and above will be recognized by The American Kennel Club. To apply for your dog's Barn Hunt title [simply complete the application](#).

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And from our very own member Margaret and her Barn Hunt pup Lena!

This past spring and summer, Lena and I tried out barn hunt for the first time, and we walked away with some fun memories and a new title! I've been owned by Border Terriers for 20 years, so I am well familiar with the traditional AKC "rat sport" for terriers: Earthdog. As a result, I was always reluctant to try barn hunt because I worried that it would not be as rewarding to my terriers as Earthdog, where they get to traverse tunnels buried in the ground. But when I saw that there were a few trials coming up, I decided to give Lena a try. We had a lot of fun! Lena always enjoys an outing, so she thoroughly enjoyed the nice people and dogs she got to meet, the smelly rats she got to find, and the treats she got for a job well done. Lena quickly finished her Novice title and already has

two legs toward her Open title. From our limited experience with barn hunt, here's what we learned:

- Barn hunts are open to dogs of all breeds, shapes, and sizes (they must be able to fit through an 18" wide tunnel made out of straw bales). It was interesting to see so many non-terriers with a similar hunting drive to a critter-crazy terrier!
- It takes a while for all of the dogs to run, so you have plenty of time to watch other dogs in their runs, meet new people, and spend quality time with your dog. There seemed to be many opportunities for exhibitors to volunteer and learn more about the sport while waiting for their class.
- There are specific rules in barn hunt that need to be followed. We were almost disqualified a couple of times because of novice handler mistakes. Listen carefully at the judge's briefing and read the rule book!
- As a handler, pay close attention to your dog! Some dogs let the whole room know, but others have very subtle "tells" when they've found the tubes with rats. I have to watch Lena's body language closely or I'm going to miss that she's found the rat.
- The entire sport, especially the higher level classes, is much harder than I realized!! Dogs really have to use their noses, their agility (to scale hay bales), and their brains to quickly work through the space to find rat tubes that are very well hidden. And they can't fall for the decoys, which are empty tubes or tubes filled with rat bedding but no rat. Watching the experienced dogs methodically work through the ring was very cool!
- If you are interested in entering a Barn Hunt trial, you need to register your dog with the Barn Hunt Association (<https://www.barnhunt.com/index.html>). As mentioned above, all dogs and breeds/mixed breeds are welcome.



# Fit Dog



**RPDTC AKC FIT DOG**



## **AUTUMN PACK WALK 2024**

Please join us for a “pack walk” at 10:15 am, Sat Oct 19, 2024

Weather permitting: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/HzqHqj7wKkiX3kue8>

**Busse Forest Elk Pasture  
N Arlington Heights Rd, north of E Higgins Rd  
Cook County, IL 60007**

**Alternate location is: Yorktown Mall, outside of Honey Berry cafe**

More info:

- Get more social with your class instructors and fellow students. This is fun! • Bottled water will be available.
- Sign and bring the waiver (see attached).
- **RSVP to Vickie Henderson @ 847-650-7883 or [vkbsa1541@gmail.com](mailto:vkbsa1541@gmail.com)** with contact information. We will notify you of last-minute changes
- The morning of the walk, please check the Facebook page for last minute instructions.

AKC rules...Collars, harnesses, leashes at activities, dogs may wear slip collars, buckle collars, Martingales, and body harnesses. They may not wear prong collars or e-collars. Muzzles may be worn only in events that permit muzzles. Head collars may be worn unless they are prohibited by a specific activity for safety reasons (e.g., when a dog is running the agility course, the only collars allowed are flat buckle or rolled leather collars). Leashes should be 4 ft. to 6 ft. long and should be made of fabric or leather. You can still participate with a prong, but it will not count toward a FIT dog title.

<https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-program/akc-fit-dog/akc-fit-dog-titles/>

<http://www.randparkdtc.org> Rand Park Dog Training Club Page | 9

Rand Park Dog Training Club Inc.  
Waiver Assumption of risk and hold harmless Indemnity Agreement

I understand that attendance at and participation in a dog training class, seminar, trial, workshop, show, or practice is not without inherent risks to myself, members of my family or guests who may attend, and my dogs. I acknowledge that some dogs to which we may be exposed may be difficult to control and may cause injury even when handled with the greatest amount of professional care.

I hereby waive and release Rand Park Dog Training Club Inc., its officers, directors, board members, trainers, instructors, volunteers, members, and anyone associated with them from any and all liability of any nature and kind for any injury or damage which I or my dogs may suffer including but not limited to any injury or damage resulting from the action or conduct of any dog, the condition, maintenance and supervision of the premises or the placement or choice of equipment. I especially assume the risk of any such damage or injury while attending any class, seminar, workshop, or other function or while training with obstacles or while upon the premises used for the training ground or areas surrounding there to.

In consideration of the acceptance of my application to participate in a function of the Rand Park Dog Training Club Inc, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold them harmless, including their officers, board members, directors, members, trainers, instructors, agents and volunteers from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, expenses, suits, actions, losses, recoveries, judgments, attorney fees, costs or expenses arising out of or in connection with any injury or death or damage to property as a result of the use of said premises or participation in the above described activities by myself or my heirs, Representatives, dependence, or invitees by my signature which follows I acknowledge that I have read and understand this agreement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# Senior Visitation Hours

- 2nd Saturday of the month, resuming in September
- 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 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](mailto:remi2332@sbcglobal.net)



# In Memoriam

**Our condolences to the Neville family on the passing of JoAnn. JoAnn was a long-time member of Rand Park. Her dogs, Guinness, Oliver, and Lily, were her joy. She loved to compete in Dancing Dogs and Nosework.**



# From the K-9 Kitchen

## Pumpkin Dog Biscuits

### Ingredients

- ½ cup of pureed pumpkin canned or fresh
- 2 tablespoons of coconut oil softened
- 4 tablespoons of water plus more if needed
- 2 cups of whole wheat flour
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon of baking powder
- 1 egg

### Instructions

1. Pre-heat oven to 350 degree F.
2. Mix the pumpkin, softened coconut oil, and water together in a large bowl.
3. Then mix in the flour, baking soda, and baking powder.
4. Mix it a bit and then stir in the egg.
5. Continue to stir until it's ALL combined. This might take a few minutes and feel free to add a touch more water in order to get all of the mixture into one solid, slightly sticky ball.
6. Once done, roll the dough out on a floured surface to ~1/4 inch thick.
7. Using a cookie cutter, cut out treats. These can be as small or as large as you want them (depending on the size of your dogs. I realize not everyone has giant dogs like me)
8. Place prepared dough treats on a lined or greased baking sheet and bake for ~30 minutes (depending on size) or until dough has hardened.
9. Let cool and enjoy your pups excitement!

### Notes

\*\*\*Important update!: If you don't cook these treats until they're totally dry and hard (like a traditional dog biscuit) then you need to store these in the refrigerator! Either way, it wouldn't hurt to put them in the fridge to store them.

# Upcoming AKC shows, Obedience, Rally and Tracking Fast Cat and Scent work

Find an event go to: AKC.ORG EVENT SEARCH COMPANION OR PERFORMANCE  
ALL AMERICAN DOGS PICK A STATE PICK DATES RETRIEVE EVENTS

CLUB	EVENT TYPE	LOCATION	CLOSING DATE
Oshkosh Kennel Club, Inc.	O	Oshkosh WI	09-Oct-2024,
Lakeshore Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club, Inc.	O	Lisle IL	16-Oct-2024,
Timber Ridge Obedience Club of Central Wisconsin	O	Amherst Junction WI	16-Oct-2024,
Glenbard All Breed Obedience Club	O	Crystal Lake IL	16-Oct-2024
Timber Ridge Obedience Club of Central Wisconsin	O	Amherst Junction WI	16-Oct-2024
Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club, Inc.	O	Huntley IL	23-Oct-2024
Marshfield Area Kennel Club	O	Marshfield WI	29-Oct-2024
Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.	O	St Charles IL	30-Oct-2024
Badger Kennel Club	O	DeForest WI	06-Nov-2024
Stone City Kennel Club	O	New Lenox IL	06-Nov-2024
Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club	O	Ixonia WI	13-Nov-2024,

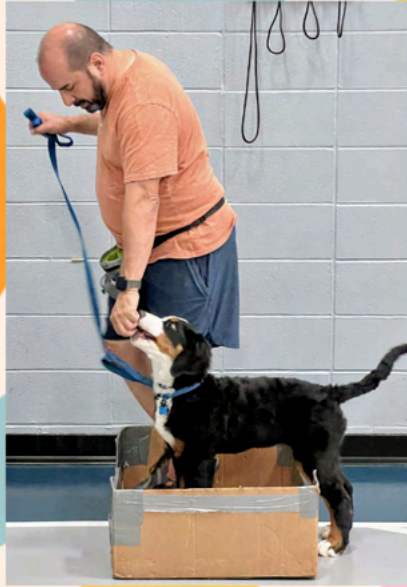
<b>Manitowoc County Kennel Club, Inc.</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Menasha</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>11-Sep-2024</b>
<b>Packerland Kennel Club, Inc.</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Menasha</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>11-Sep-2024</b>
<b>Sheboygan Dog Training Club</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Sheboygan</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>18-Sep-2024</b>
<b>Winnegamie Dog Club, Inc.</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Menasha</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>25-Sep-2024</b>
<b>Head of the Lakes Kennel Club</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Superior</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>25-Sep-2024</b>
<b>Mound City Obedience Training Club</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Caseyville</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>02-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Badger Golden Retriever Club, Inc.</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Ixonia</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>02-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Belle-City Kennel Club, Inc.</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Belleville</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>09-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Oshkosh Kennel Club, Inc.</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Oshkosh</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>09-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Lakeshore Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club, Inc.</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Lisle</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>16-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Timber Ridge Obedience Club of Central Wisconsin</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Amherst Junction</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>16-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Glenbard All Breed Obedience Club</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Crystal Lake</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>16-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club, Inc.</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Huntley</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>23-Oct-2024</b>
<b>St. Louis Collie Club, Inc.</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Caseyville</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>23-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Marshfield Area Kennel Club</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Marshfield</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>29-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>St Charles</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>30-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Manitowoc County Kennel Club, Inc.</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Manitowoc</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>06-Nov-2024</b>
<b>Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>St Charles</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>30-Oct-2024</b>

<b>Stone City Kennel Club</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>New Lenox</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>06-Nov-2024</b>
<b>Badger Kennel Club</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>DeForest</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>06-Nov-2024</b>
<b>Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Ixonia</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>13-Nov-2024</b>
<b>Oshkosh Kennel Club, Inc.</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Oshkosh</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>25-Nov-2024</b>
<b>Northwest Obedience Club, Inc. of Suburban Chicago</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>Crystal Lake</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>27-Nov-2024</b>
<b>South Side All Breed Dog Training Club, Inc.</b>	<b>RLY</b>	<b>New Lenox</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>15-Dec-2024</b>
<b>Dog Training Club of Champaign - Urbana</b>	<b>TR</b>	<b>Danville</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>19-Sep-2024,</b>
<b>Lyons Township Dog Training Club, Inc.</b>	<b>VST</b>	<b>Dekalb</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>19-Sep-2024,</b>
<b>Rand Park Dog Training Club</b>	<b>VST</b>	<b>Lincolnshire</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>26-Sep-2024,</b>
<b>Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club</b>	<b>VST</b>	<b>Delavan</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>03-Oct-2024,</b>
<b>Northern Flyway Golden Retriever Club of Wisconsin</b>	<b>TR</b>	<b>Waupaca</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>16-Oct-2024,</b>
<b>Northern Flyway Golden Retriever Club of Wisconsin</b>	<b>TX</b>	<b>Waupaca</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>09-Oct-2024,</b>
<b>German Shepherd Dog Training Club of Chicago, Inc.</b>	<b>TX</b>	<b>Elgin</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>10-Oct-2024,</b>
<b>German Shepherd Dog Training Club of Chicago, Inc.</b>	<b>TR</b>	<b>Elgin</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>10-Oct-2024,</b>
<b>Croix Valley Tracking Club</b>	<b>TX</b>	<b>River Falls</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>10-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Twin Cities Obedience Training Club, Inc.</b>	<b>TR</b>	<b>River Falls</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>17-Oct-2024</b>

<b>Moraine Tracking Club</b>	<b>TX</b>	<b>Eagle</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>31-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Capitol Canine Training Club of Springfield, Illinois</b>	<b>VST</b>	<b>Springfield</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>14-Nov-2024</b>
<b>Capitol Canine Training Club of Springfield, Illinois</b>	<b>TDU</b>	<b>Springfield</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>14-Nov-2024</b>
<b>Sheboygan Dog Training Club</b>	<b>FCAT</b>	<b>Sheboygan</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>18-Sep-2024</b>
<b>Oshkosh Kennel Club, Inc.</b>	<b>FCAT</b>	<b>Oshkosh</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>25-Sep-2024</b>
<b>Forest City Dog Training Club</b>	<b>FCAT</b>	<b>Rockford</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>25-Sep-2024</b>
<b>Badger Kennel Club</b>	<b>FCAT</b>	<b>Stoughton</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>02-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Cudahy Kennel Club</b>	<b>FCAT</b>	<b>Racine</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>19-Oct-2024</b>
<b>K-9 Obedience Training Club of Menomonee Falls</b>	<b>FCAT</b>	<b>Germantown</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>23-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Cream City Canines Agility of Milwaukee</b>	<b>SCWK</b>	<b>Greenfield</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>27-Sep-2024</b>
<b>Cudahy Kennel Club</b>	<b>SCWK</b>	<b>St. Francis</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>25-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club</b>	<b>SCWK</b>	<b>Ixonia</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>30-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Cream City Canines Agility of Milwaukee</b>	<b>SCWK</b>	<b>Franksville</b>	<b>WI</b>	<b>23-Oct-2024</b>
<b>Mound City Obedience Training Club</b>	<b>SCWK</b>	<b>Troy</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>13-Nov-2024</b>

# Humor





# Puppies



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

**Next Issue... Agility information!**

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

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