



RAND PARK DOG TRAINING CLUB

PAWPRINTS

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

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COMING 2026! RPDTC HAS A NEW HOME!

See details on pages 4 & 5

There's still time to join in on
the AKC FIT DOG Turkey Trot 5k!

<https://shop.akc.org/products/fit-dog-turkey-trot-medallion>

Virtual 5k Run or Walk with your pup.
Complete on your own or with
a group. Preorder your medal
to get started.

Event Ends Nov. 30th



Announcing The 5th Annual



AKC FIT DOG
Turkey Trot

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING DEC. 16TH / 7:30PM

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Letter from the President

CHASIN' THE DREAM!

*So keep your eyes on the prize, don't let it slip away,
gonna chase that dream, come what may.*

*Through the storm and the struggle,
keep the fire clean, and always keep chasin'*

KEEP CHASIN' THE DREAM!

"The Digital Cowboy"

The dream is no longer a dream! Rand Park Dog Training Club has a building!

Wow! I would like to thank the RPDTC BOD and committee member Tom Merlin, for all of their hard work and dedication to our club achieving this monumental goal. I would also like to thank all of our members, past and present, who helped in their own way so the dream could become a reality. We have much work ahead of us to prepare for the opening. We will keep you updated on all of the progress and we will be reaching out for a helping hand.

A huge shout out to our students! Tuesday evenings are fun with all of you. And to our instructors.....the backbone of our program, my gratitude for your dedication to our students and your hours of service to them. It is a joy to see how far our students have come this past year.

Wishing each and every one of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year 2026. No matter how big or small your training goals are.....
"Keep Chasin' The Dream"!!!

*Keep chasin' the dream through the high and lows,
Even when it's hard you gotta let it show.
No matter how tough, no matter the dream.....*

JUST KEEP CHASIN' THE DREAM!

Happy New Year and Cheers!

Birgit



Letter from the Secretary

Sometimes we identify with our dogs, and this Oct 31st was one of those days. A small group of us emptied the Club's storage locker and moved the contents to our new building. We went from a generic storage unit to the beautiful, bright lights of an open raw space. It's full of potential, and it is very exciting to make progress on a long-worked-for goal.



And this is where I feel like the dog that caught the car -- Now what?

One thing I'm certain about is that working with Club members makes even the most challenging project much more enjoyable. Before, we'd only be able to chat between classes on Tuesdays, but now we'll have a comfortable, dedicated space to train our dogs - on safe flooring, at a reasonable temperature, and with a lot of great conversation as we make improvements.

That's the best part of being a member - the camaraderie of training with dog lovers who enjoy each other's company. As always, active members receive a tuition discount, vote in elections, receive PawPrints, and are welcome to join committees. Associate members receive PawPrints and are welcome to join committees. You should have already received an email with the link to Cheddar Up - a website that allows you to select your membership and update your contact information with the club. You do not create an account with Cheddar Up. Please email me if you have any questions.

You can conveniently pay your dues on that website with a credit card, or you can pay by check on a training night, or mail it to Rand Park Dog Training Club, 1749 West Golf Road #340, Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056

I am thankful for our Club members; we have 75 years worth of members who live the motto of "May we be as good, as noble, and as deserving as our dogs think we are". May you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Respectfully,

Martha Nelson

rpdtc.secretary@gmail.com

COMING 2026! OUR NEW HOME!



1530 LEE ST, DES PLAINES, IL 60018



- 6,000 SQ. FT SPACE
- 12 FT CEILING
- BATHROOM FACILITIES
- PLENTY OF PARKING
- STREET VISIBILITY & SIGN MARQUEE
- WALKING DISTANCE FROM CHASE BANK, JEWEL, WENDY'S, O'REILLY, DMV & MORE!
- PROPER HEAT & AIR CONDITIONING!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS ON WHEN WE WILL OFFICIALLY MOVE CLASSES TO THE NEW BUILDING WILL BE PROVIDED VIA EMAIL OR BY YOUR INSTRUCTOR SOON! STAY TUNED!



A huge shout out to this amazing crew who emptied the storage unit and hauled it to the new building!! They got it all done and we saved having to pay November's rent. Martha Nelson (crew leader), Lois M Yep, Bill Urquart, Todd D., Tom Merlin, Paul Straka, David Nelson (Martha's hubby helped too and drove the U-Haul)



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome New Rand Park Handlers & Pups!

We're so glad you're here. You're joining a community of dog lovers, dedicated handlers, and supportive teammates who all share the same goal: helping our dogs learn, grow, and succeed. Whether you're brand new to training or a seasoned pro, we're excited to have you with us and can't wait to see what you and your dog accomplish together!



Jamie & Collin Peters with their Labrador Retrievers
"Doug" & "Louie"



Sue Bowman with her Rottweilers
"Byng", "Vega", & "Wren"



Allison Hogue with
her dog "Ozzy"

OCTOBER'S MEMBER MEETING MINUTES



DRAFT - TO BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

RAND PARK DOG TRAINING CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Des Plaines Leisure Center

DATE: 10/07/2025

Meeting Called to Order: 7:34PM – Motion: accept the minutes of March 11, 2025, made by Gloria Urquhart, seconded by Jill Spooner, motion carried.

The next Members Meeting: December 16th at 7:30PM for the annual meeting.

Members Present: Bill Urquhart, Gloria Urquhart, Candio Martinez, Jackie Montero, Jill Spooner, Cherie Sykora, Danielle Sofia, Paul Straka, Todd Doerpinghaus, Audrey Drechsler, Kathy Baureis, Maria Divane, Lois Mayer Yep, Margaret Henning, Susan Luebker, Sue Bowman, Debbie Egan Bolton, Birgit Mantilla, Martha Nelson

PRESIDENT: Birgit Mantilla -

Birgit thanked the BOD and Committee member Tom Merlin for meeting, researching, and advising on many things over the last few months. The big news.....

We've made tremendous progress getting a building! We have retained a real estate agent and a lawyer, and are in negotiations with a landlord. Tom helps us with the bullet points and details to figure out how to make it work. He's a great project manager, keeping us informed about issues that need to be addressed.

We need to expand our current programs and offerings, including:

- Nosework
- More beginner classes
- Other Programming

Please be prepared to volunteer to do new tasks. We'll also need volunteers for specific projects, so watch your email for opportunities to help out the Club!

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VICE PRESIDENT: Kathy Baureis - No report

SECRETARY: Martha Nelson -

The 2026 Membership drive is officially open. Existing members will receive an email from rpdtc.secretary@gmail.com, which will contain a link leading to Cheddar Up. Please fill out the contact information so we can keep our records current. Please pay your dues by credit card; it will make bookkeeping much easier and is a secure method. If you prefer to pay for your dues with a check or cash, please bring it to a training session and make sure you get a receipt, or mail it to the Club's mailbox at 1749 West Golf Road #340, Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056

TREASURER & INSURANCE: Candido Martinez -

The actual amounts were announced at the meeting; we no longer post those amounts in the minutes. Please contact the President or Treasurer for more information.

- Checking *****
- Savings *****
- Paypal *****

We will be opening up new banking accounts at WinTrust in Des Plaines, IL. They offer superior small business services, making it easier to keep our finances in good order.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Todd Doerpinghaus - No report

DIRECTOR: Maria Divane - No report

DIRECTOR: Lisa Merlin - No report

DIRECTOR: Kari Sheridan - Absent, no report

COMMITTEES 2025

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING: Jackie Montero –

Our members have earned many new titles since the previous Members' Meeting. You can read all about them in the September and November editions of Paw Prints.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRAINING: Kathy Baureis - No report

AUDIT & FINANCE: Martha Nelson, Deborah Egan Bolton, Jill Spooner – No report

BANQUET: Annice Coughlin, Wendy Mejia - No report

BYLAWS & POLICIES: Kathy Baureis, Wilson Mantilla, Tom Merlin - No report

DEMONSTRATIONS: Barb Pische – October 11th @ 10 am

Please wear costumes to celebrate Halloween. The residents love to see the dogs (and humans) dress up.

EQUIPMENT: Al Baureis - No report

FACEBOOK: Birgit Mantilla, María Divane - Keep sending your photos so we can share your accomplishments

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FIT DOG CLUB: (CHAIRPERSON NEEDED) - We will be seeking a person to lead our Fit Dog Club once we move in to our new building.

IMPROVEMENT: Wilson Mantilla, Paul Straka

Report by Tom Merlin -

It's an adventure. This new building is 6,000 SQ. FT, with no poles in the interior. It is about 6 minutes from the Leisure Center. It shares a parking lot with Jewel. All the other neighboring businesses close at 6 pm, so there are no problems with parking. There is a little green area between the building and the street, and we'll put up some fencing.

We will put up perforated window film to create privacy. We'll install a flexible locking system and security system to allow ring rental. There exists a sign above the building that we can put our logo on; the building has significant exposure to a bustling street (Oakton). The building has air conditioning!

A top-priority challenge is to run enough classes to build and retain interested trainers, which will help pay the bills. Our club is about to grow its membership, expand the offered programming, and increase the number of days we teach. The bonus is that once we are set up, we can leave everything up - we won't have to keep rolling and unrolling mats - they will stay put!

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: Birgit Mantilla - No report

LIAISON TO PARK DISTRICT: Kathy Baureis - No Report

MARKETING & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: on hold until we move into the new building.

NEW MEMBER PACKETS: Martha Nelson – no report

OBEDIENCE TRIAL: Erin Straka & Birgit Mantilla - Note: We have changed the location of the trials! New venue: Forest City in Rockford.

Renting Forest City for 3 days is less expensive than the WAGS facility was for 2 days. This gives us an extra day's worth of income and allows more trainers to compete.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Rally trials (2 trials) Friday, April 24th, 2026 - Judges: Loretta Lazarra & Mary Simpson
- Obedience trials (1 trial each day) Sat/Sun April 25th & 26th, 2026
Judges: Loretta Lazarra & Wayne Koutsky

We have two positions that need to be filled:

- Rally Chief Ring Steward with two trials on just Friday. The Steward coordinates the volunteers and ensures the judges are well cared for.
- Obedience Chief Ring Steward on Saturday and Sunday. Margaret Henning has volunteered to run this.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Tom Merlin - We will review and update approval limits.

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PAW PRINTS: Danielle Sofia - Received wonderful feedback about September's Paw Prints. Looking forward to continuing providing future issues.

REGISTRATION: Birgit Mantilla - People are beginning to register for the October classes. Registration is open for current students, and emails have been sent out to all students.

TRAINING COMMITTEE: Jackie Montero, Birgit Mantilla, Kathy Baureis - We had an instructor's meeting, where we shared many good ideas about techniques and identified ways to support our Instructors.

Thanks again to our current instructors; they do great work!

TRIAL, SPECIAL AND ANNUAL AWARDS: Lisa Merlin and Erin Straka - We'll be counting ribbons and placing an order in December when Hodges has their yearly sale once we get a building, we'll close our storage unit and move the contents to the building.

WEBSITE: Todd Doerpinghaus - Keeping things updated as they come in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

We are working to move the books online. We are consulting with our CPA to explore ways to manage expenses and streamline account management, ultimately simplifying tax preparation.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations from the floor for the 2026 BOD slate

The 2026 BOD slate is as follows:

- **President:** Birgit Mantilla
- **Vice President:** Kathy Baureis
- **Secretary:** Martha Nelson
- **Treasurer:** Todd Doerpinghaus
- **Assistant Treasurer:** Paul Straka
- **Director:** Lois Mayer Yep
- **Director:** Lisa Merlin
- **Director:** Jill Spooner

DOT: To be voted on by the 2026 BOD after the election



ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Todd made the motion to adjourn, and Candido seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

CURRENT CLASS SCHEDULE

SESSION #5

October 28th-December 16, 2025

October 28 th	WEEK 1
November 4 th	WEEK 2
November 11 th	WEEK 3
November 18 th	WEEK 4
November 25 th	NO CLASS - Happy Thanksgiving!
December 2 nd	WEEK 5
December 9 th	WEEK 6
December 16 th	WEEK 7 - Annual/Membership Meeting @ 7:30pm & Holiday Gathering Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Thank you!!

December 23rd & December 30th *HOLIDAY BREAK*

Class Schedule on Membership Meeting Night:

- 5:15 - 5:50PM
- 6:00 - 6:40PM
- 6:45 - 7:25PM
- 7:30 - 8:10PM - Members Meeting
- 8:15 - 8:50PM

SESSION 1 BEGINS JANUARY 6TH, 2026



SAVE THE DATES!

OUR ANNUAL SPRING OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIALS 2026

Friday, April 24th, 2026 – 2 Rally Trials

JUDGES: Loretta Lazarra & Mary Simpson

Saturday April 25th – Obedience Trial

Sunday April 26th – Obedience Trial

JUDGES: Loretta Lazarra & Wayne Koutsky

LOCATION

Forest City Dog Training Club, Rockford



***Thank you to our members
who volunteered for
the trial committees.***

***We will be in need of
stewards all 3 days to
make our trials a success!
Please mark your calendars.***



2026 OBEDIENCE/RALLY SHOWS HELD FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

JANESVILLE BELOIT KENNEL CLUB

SAT & SUN, JANUARY 24 & 25 - OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIAL

<https://janesville-beloitkennelclub.com/>

FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026 - 2 RALLY TRIALS

SAT & SUN, MARCH 28 & 29 - OBEDIENCE TRIAL ONLY

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



RAND PARK DOG TRAINING CLUB

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 - 2 RALLY TRIALS

SAT & SUN, APRIL 25 & 26 - OBEDIENCE TRIAL ONLY

<https://randparkdtc.org/>



FOREST CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 - 2 RALLY TRIALS

SAT & SUN, SEPTEMBER 19 & 20 - OBEDIENCE TRIAL ONLY

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

UPCOMING AKC EVENTS!



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB™

OBEDIENCE

NAME	CITY	STATE	EVENT DATE	CLOSING DATE
Happy Tails Ranch Working Group Club of Island Lake, IL	Island Lake	IL	12/7/25	11/19/25
Northwest Obedience Club, Inc. of Suburban Chicago	Crystal Lake	IL	12/13/25	11/26/25
South Side All Breed Dog Training Club, Inc.	New Lenox	IL	12/31/25	12/17/25
South Side All Breed Dog Training Club, Inc.	New Lenox	IL	1/1/26	12/17/25
Cudahy Kennel Club	St. Francis	WI	1/17/26	12/31/25
Paw Power Blues Agility Club of N.W. Indiana	Lowell	IN	1/24/26	1/7/26
Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club	Loves Park	IL	1/24/26	1/7/26
Paw Power Blues Agility Club of N.W. Indiana	Lowell	IN	1/25/26	1/7/26
Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club, Inc.	Huntley	IL	1/31/26	1/14/26
Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club, Inc.	Huntley	IL	2/1/26	1/14/26
Central States Collie Club	Huntley	IL	2/14/26	1/28/26
Topline German Shepherd Dog Club of Illinois, Inc.	Hanover Park	IL	2/14/26	1/28/26
German Shepherd Dog Training Club of Chicago, Inc.	Hanover Park	IL	2/14/26	1/28/26
Central States Collie Club	Huntley	IL	2/15/26	1/28/26

RALLY



NAME	CITY	STATE	EVENT DATE	CLOSING DATE
Stone City Kennel Club	New Lenox	IL	11/21/25	11/14/25
Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club	Ixonia	WI	11/28/25	11/12/25
Happy Tails Ranch Working Group Club of Island Lake, IL	Island Lake	IL	12/5/25	11/25/25
Happy Tails Ranch Working Group Club of Island Lake, IL	Island Lake	IL	12/6/25	11/25/25
Northwest Obedience Club, Inc. of Suburban Chicago	Crystal Lake	IL	12/14/25	11/26/25
South Side All Breed Dog Training Club, Inc.	New Lenox	IL	12/30/25	12/17/25
Cudahy Kennel Club	St. Francis	WI	1/17/26	12/31/25
Cudahy Kennel Club	St. Francis	WI	1/18/26	12/31/25
Paw Power Blues Agility Club of N.W. Indiana	Lowell	IN	1/23/26	1/7/26
Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club	Loves Park	IL	1/25/26	1/7/26
Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club, Inc.	Huntley	IL	1/31/26	1/14/26
Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club, Inc.	Huntley	IL	2/1/26	1/14/26
Central States Collie Club	Huntley	IL	2/14/26	1/28/26
Central States Collie Club	Huntley	IL	2/15/26	1/28/26

Ask your instructor for more info about trials!
Fun to watch, more fun to do!



FAST CAT

NAME	CITY	STATE	EVENT DATE	CLOSING DATE
Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club	Roscoe	IL	4/25/26	4/19/26
Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club	Roscoe	IL	4/26/26	4/19/26
American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc.	Rockford	IL	5/2/26	3/25/26
American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc.	Rockford	IL	5/3/26	3/25/26

AKC SCENTWORK



NAME	CITY	STATE	EVENT DATE	CLOSING DATE
Fox River Field Spaniel Club	Ixonia	WI	1/3/26	12/20/25
Fox River Field Spaniel Club	Ixonia	WI	1/4/26	12/20/25

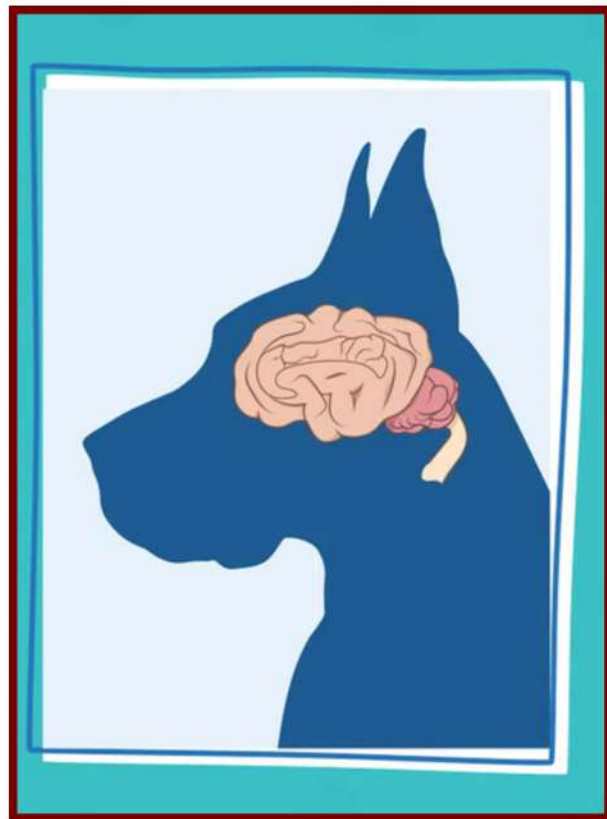
Want to plan more dates? Looking for a premium?
Search here! webapps.akc.org/event-search/#/search

COMMON INSTRUCTOR TERMS

MUSCLE MEMORY

Muscle memory is a form of procedural memory that involves consolidating a specific motor task into memory through repetition, which has been used synonymously with motor learning. When a movement is repeated over time, the brain creates a long-term muscle memory for that task, eventually allowing it to be performed with little to no conscious effort. This process decreases the need for attention and creates maximum efficiency within the motor and memory systems - from Wiki Muscle memory is for humans as well as dogs.

The handler learns to stand in a specific way so as to minimize extra commands, and the dog knows exactly where to position himself in a recall.



HANDLER HELP

Also known as “Body English” or “ballet”, handler help are the extra commands, both verbal and physical, given after the initial command. Example: the handler recalls the dog but then bends at the waist, puts his hands down and points to where he wants the dog to sit in front of him.

Handler help is common when teaching a new command, but should taper off after the dog masters the command, and be gone during a trial.

TRIAL

A competitive event with a judge.
Implies no handler help.

TRIAL PICTURE

“Trial picture” is how we want to best perform in front of a judge. No extra handler help. Issuing a command only once. Keeping the dog’s attention at all times.

[Creating the Trial Picture \(myschutzhundlife.com\)](http://myschutzhundlife.com)

TRAIN IN DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS

Our dogs can heel perfectly during class & inside the gym -- But they must also perform well in a park, at the farmer’s market, and when company comes to visit.



PROOF

“Proofing,” in dog training parlance, means practicing a behavior in different environments and situations until your dog generalizes the desired behavior and can do it anywhere, even with distractions. Most dogs can easily learn and perform behaviors at home or in places that are familiar to them. However, when we take them out into the rest of the world, there are novel sights and sounds. Dogs are very good at discrimination, but they don’t generalize all that well. For instance, your dog will recognize that the front door is different from the back door. But if presented with an unfamiliar door (say at a neighbor’s house), your dog might not initially know that it’s a door. When learning a behavior, dogs take note of their entire environment and associate the behavior with that environment. But when that environment changes, they are no longer sure of the behavior that is being asked of them. That’s why you need to proof the behavior.

<https://bestfriends.org/pet-care-resources/dog-training-tips-how-proof-behaviors>

SENIOR VISITATION

TO PARTICIPATE:

- 2nd Saturday of the month**NEXT DATE DEC. 13th • 10AM**
- 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

LOCATION:

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

Interested in participating? Before attendance, please contact Barb Pische at 872-276-3331 or remi2332@sbcglobal.net

Our gratitude to the Rand Park members and students who are giving up their Saturday morning to visit with the seniors at the nursing home. Thank you Marge, Kathy, Clyde, Lois, Judy and our program leader Barb! Photos from the October 11th visit (courtesy of Kathy Laspina):





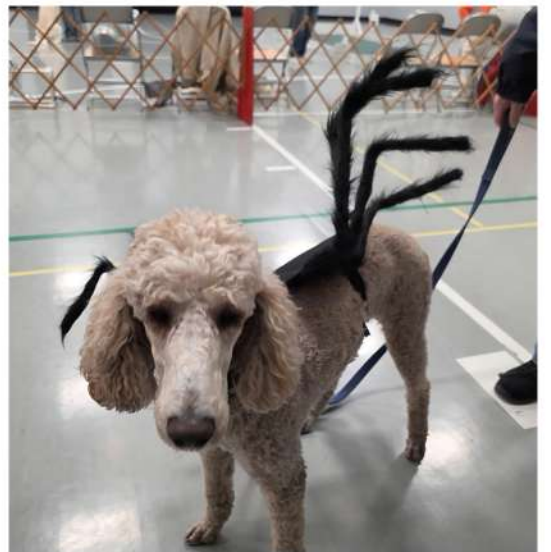
A SPOOKY GOOD TIME!



Howl-o-ween fun at training class! Our pups showed off their best costumes — from spooky to silly — and every tail was wagging.

Everyone went home with treats, both two-legged and four-legged alike!





CANINE GOOD CITIZEN



The Canine Good Citizenship tests are given to students at the end of the current session.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CURRENT CGCA & CGC GRADUATES!



6PM Class - CGCA: (Left to Right) Susan & Sacchi,
Allison & Ozzy, Joe & Kya, Sue & Wren, Nancy & Smokey



CGC:
John & Billy



CGC: Peters Family
Doug & Louie



CGC:
Charlie

BARK & BRAG GALLERY



August 23rd in Joliet - Vickie & "Roxie" qualified in Novice Vehicle, Advanced Vehicle, Exterior Advanced & Interior Advanced. A beautiful day at Joliet Community College.



Congratulations to Marge & Brooke. With a 2nd & 4th place, Brooke earned 2 Interior Excellent legs and 2 Master Container legs



Barney earned his AKC Fetch Intermediate title on 09.21.25



Congrats to Hattie for earning her Rally Advanced title with a 95 & 99, both 1st place



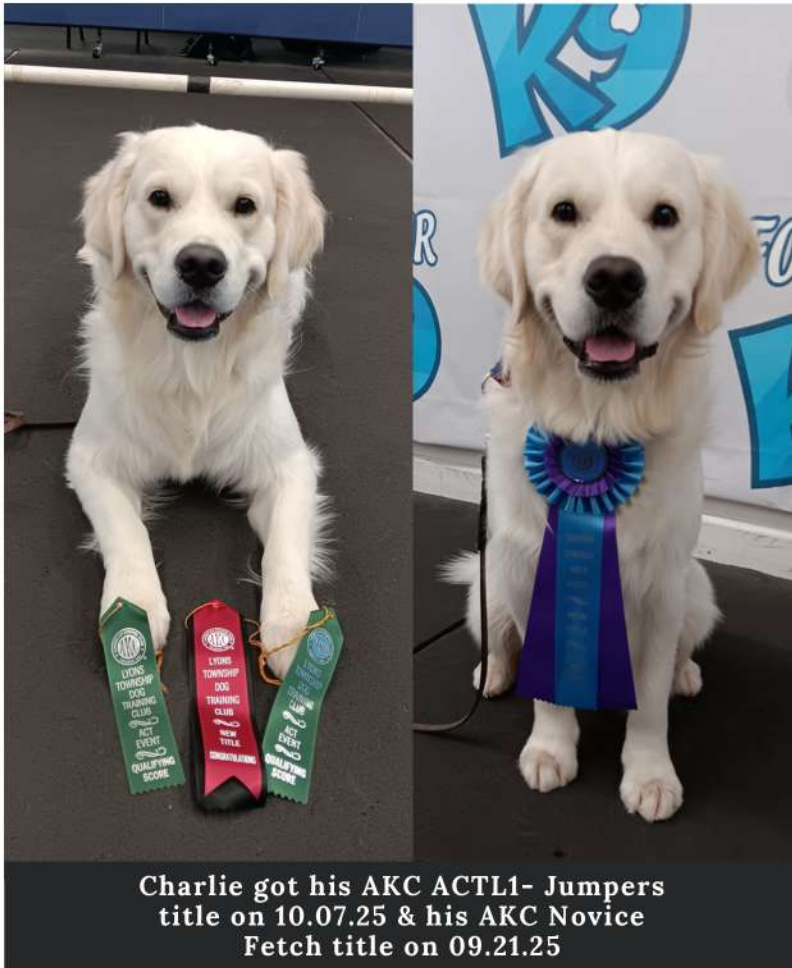
Hattie also earned a 3rd place & her 1st leg for her Rally Advanced Title



Congratulations to Audrey & Mochi on his NACSW NW3 Title



**Congratulations to Team Buzz!!
Buzz earned his NACSW NW1**



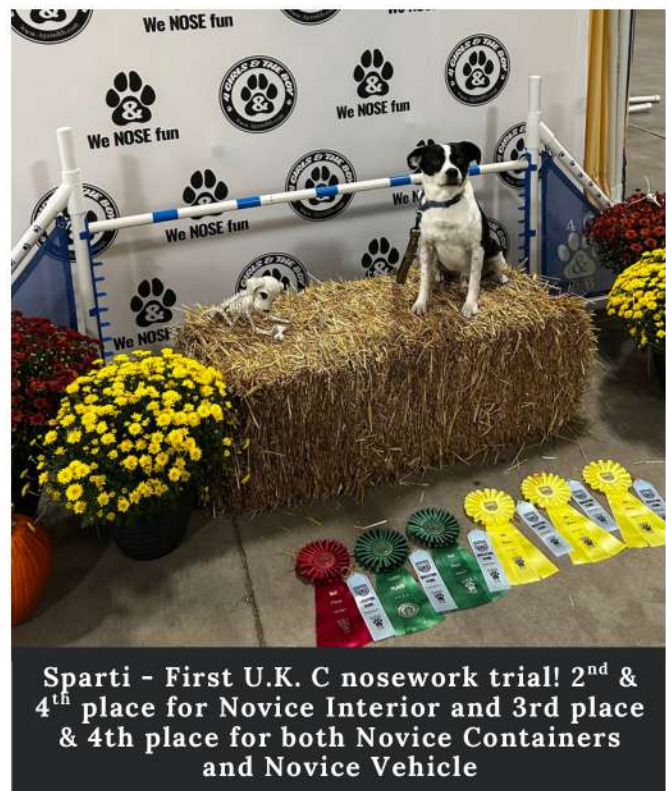
Charlie got his AKC ACTL1- Jumpers title on 10.07.25 & his AKC Novice Fetch title on 09.21.25



Puppy Pequin is ready to learn!



Ann & Rosie



Sparti - First U.K. C nosework trial! 2nd & 4th place for Novice Interior and 3rd place & 4th place for both Novice Containers and Novice Vehicle

PAW-SOME PARTNERS SPOTLIGHT!

LIANA & "PIBE"

My name is Liana, and I have a 4-year-old Poodle. His name is Pibe. I have had him since he was 3 ½ months old.

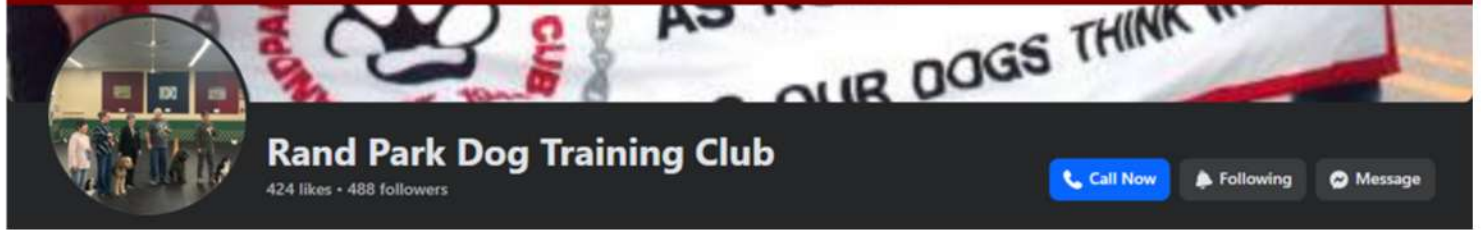
I never trained my other dogs; they passed away. Unfortunately. I was not able to really enjoy them because I never knew how to train them. But when I decided to get Pibe, I was so fortunate to find The Rand Park Dog Training Club. I did not have any experience training a dog nor did I even know about getting titles. I was able to take him every Tuesday to training classes and it has been helping me tremendously. I can enjoy his company and I learned how to give him commands. Seeing him learn good behaviors has been very rewarding. Pibe has titles in obedience (CGC & CGCA and Beginner Novice), and he is also now a Therapy Dog. He is going to bring so much happiness to many people and that makes me happy. Pibe is a very affectionate dog.

I would also like to add that I am very grateful to my wonderful trainer, Birgit. Pibe and I have come this far because of her!

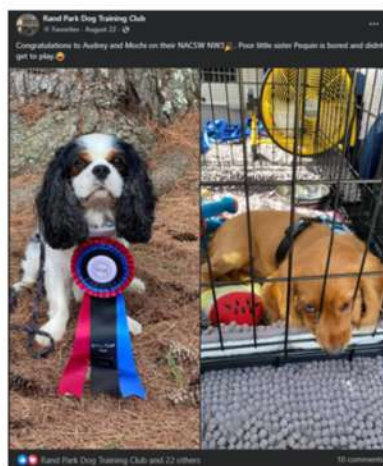
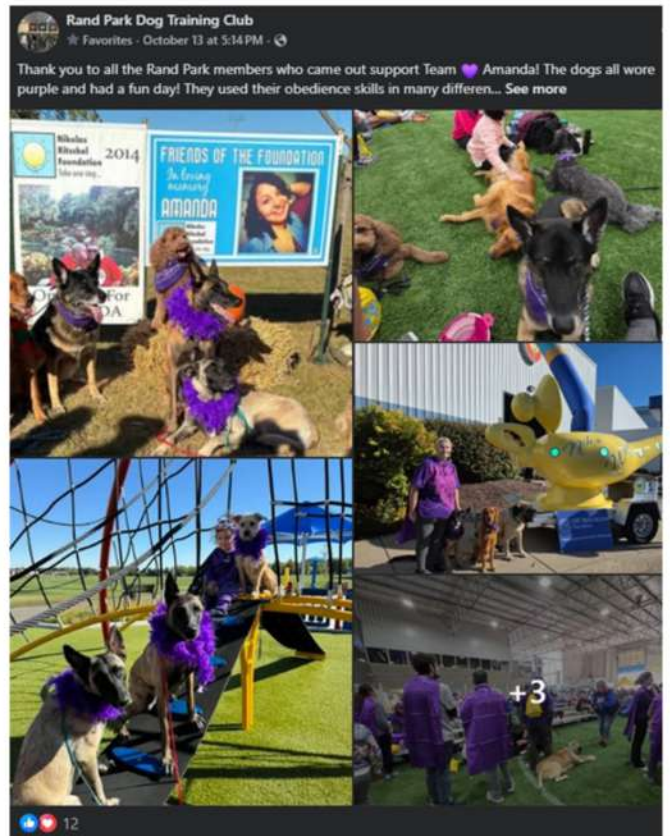


To share your story about you & your four legged family, send an email with subject line "Spotlight" with photos you'd like included to: rpdtc.pawprints@gmail.com to be featured in a future issue of pawprints.

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Be sure you're following along the club's Facebook page for more updates! Check out some of our more recent posts!



NO BAKE PUMPKIN DOG TREATS

INGREDIENTS:

- ¾ Cup Coconut Oil
- ⅓ Cup 100% Pumpkin Puree
- 2 Tablespoons Ground Ginger
- Silicone treat mold of choice



SERVINGS: *approx. 10 Treats*

DIRECTIONS:

- Place the coconut oil and pumpkin in a sauce pan and heat on low until the coconut oil is fully melted.
- Stir the pumpkin mixture well so that the oil takes on an orangish tint and absorbs some of the pumpkin flavor.
 - Place your paw silicone mold on a flat surface
 - Put a pinch of ginger in each paw of the mold before spooning in some of the heated pumpkin.
 - Spoon in the pumpkin into each cavity, then proceed to gently spoon in rest of the oil to fill the cavities almost to the brim.
 - Place in the freezer for an hour. Once the treats are solid, they are ready to serve! Store any unused treats in an airtight container in the freezer.

www.sunnydayfamily.com/2019/11/pumpkin-no-bake-treats-for-dogs.html

THE PLAYROOM

DOG FRIENDLY PLACES

STORES

Hobby Lobby/Micheal's
Five Below
TJ Maxx / Marshalls
Home Goods
Nordstrom / Macy's
The Gap / Old Navy
Barnes & Noble
Dick's Sporting Goods
The Container Store
Petco/Petsmart
Pet Supplies Plus
Apple Store

Ace Hardware
Lowes
Home Depot
Bass Pro Shop
Tractor Supply
Blaine's Farm & Fleet

DINING (PATIO)

Lazy Dog - inside patio
The Patio
Mission BBQ
Paradise Pup

MALLS & PUBLIC AREAS

Yorktown Center Mall
Oakbrook Center Mall
Deer Park Town Center
Chicago Riverwalk

LOCAL PARKS

Schiller Woods - Chicago, IL
Common Park West - Glenview, IL

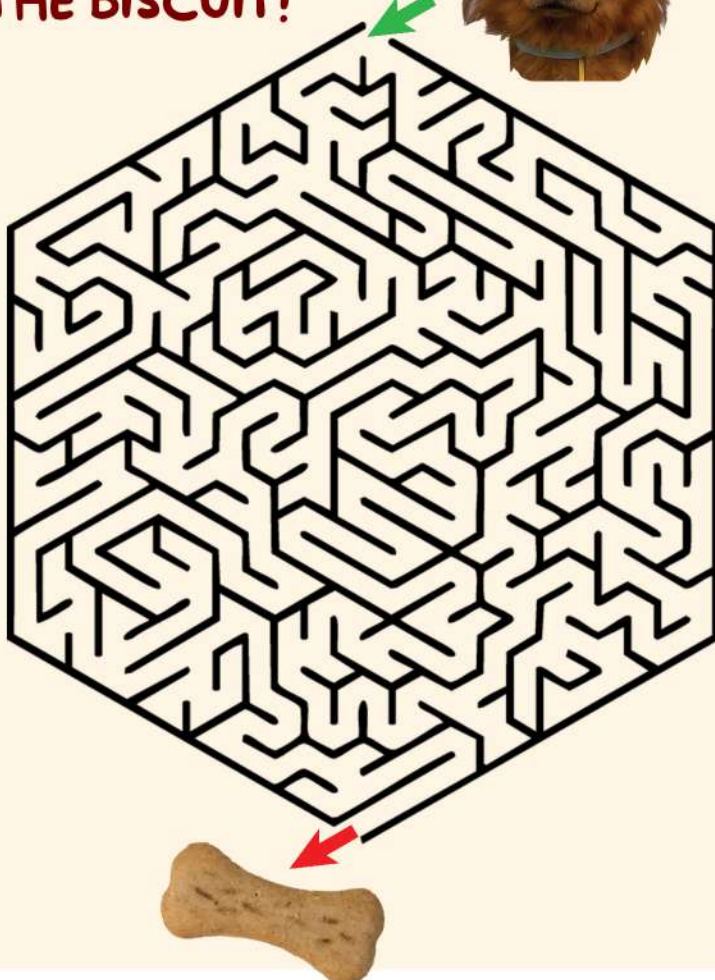
STATE PARKS

Starved Rock State Park - Oglesby, IL
Matthiessen State Park - Oglesby, IL
Turkey Run State Park - Marshall, IN

When visiting any store with your dog, it's always a good idea to be aware of any specific store policies: While many stores are dog-friendly, some may have specific rules or restrictions. Their policies may change without warning.

It's always a good idea to call ahead to confirm the individual store location's current pet policy rules.

**HELP BUZZ
SNIFF OUT
THE BISCUIT!**



DOG PHONE APP PLUG



SNIFFSPOT

Avoid public dog parks? Don't have your own backyard for off-leash playtime? 🐾 Try Sniffspot! It's an app that connects you to safe, private spaces where your dog can run, play, & train — stress-free. From fenced backyards & open fields to pools & farm properties, you'll find the perfect spot for your pup to explore. Private. Safe. Fun — for both you & your dog!



CHECK YOUR APP STORE

OFF-LEASH HUMOR

The secret to life is to handle every situation like a dog: If you can't play with it, eat it or bury it, just pee on it and walk away.



DOG TRAINING

you're doing it wrong



FACEBOOK.COM/OFF THE LEASH DAILY DOG CARTOONS



LET'S GO MINGLE WITH THAT GROUP OF HUMANS.
WHAT'S THE WORST THAT CAN HAPPEN?



THOUSANDS OF YEARS LATER...



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