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



November 2023

We hope you had a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Save the date: December 5, 2023, 9pm membership meeting at the Des Plaines Leisure Center at 2222 Birch St, Des Plaines, IL 60018

- New email for secretary: rpdtc.secretary@gmail.com
- Got any news, brags, or recipes? Email them to rpdtc.pawprints@gmail.com
- Rand Park Dog Training Club is selling **Lou Malnati's** frozen pizza vouchers for \$15 each. Please consider purchasing to support our club! Our goal is to save up for leasing a building. Each pizza voucher may be redeemed at any area Lou Malnati's location for one 9" FROZEN pizza (sausage, pepperoni, cheese, or spinach). Available at training on Tuesday nights or email the secretary for more details. In order to have voucher(s) by the holidays, orders must be placed by 12/5.
- We have this green themed gift basket up for Raffle...worth more than \$40, you can have a chance to win for just \$1. Drawing on last night of class December 19 @5:30 pm. And YES that is GUMBY!



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BRAGS from September and October



Brooke and Marge Tuesday night photo op



Roxie Hart and Vickie Morton Arboretum Table event

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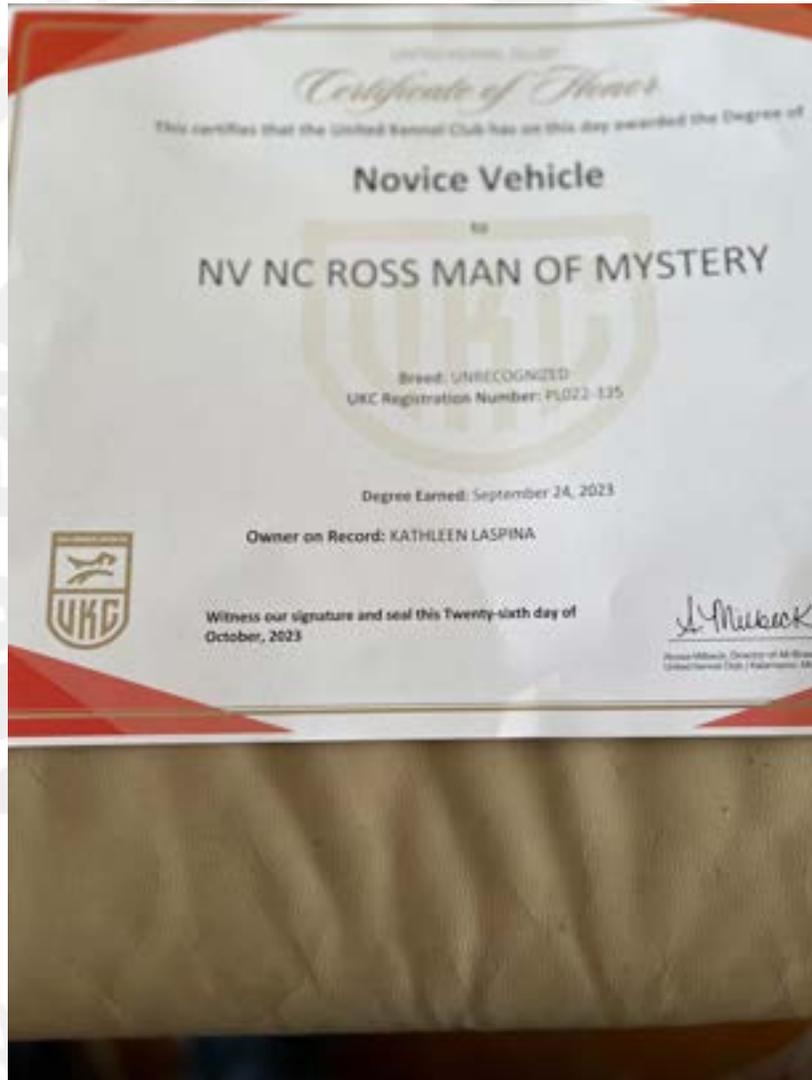


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Coy and Teena Beginner Novice
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Kathy and Ross Novice Vehicle

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Barb & Maestro 1st 🏆 place out in Novice A

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Noah and Rex and Birgit Rex earned 1st place in novice with a 198.5, and Noah earned his 1st OTCH point with a 197.5 & 3rd place in utility.

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Noah and handler Birgit Mantilla earned third place at this year's AKC Rally Nationals!

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**Appa and Monroe had a fun weekend playing in barn hunt.
Monroe earned 1st Place and Appa earned a 4th place.**

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Demonstrations

Senior Visitation Hours - 2nd Saturday of the Month

- Dogs must be comfortable around other dogs in tighter space
- Dogs must be comfortable being petted by several people
- Dogs must not be fed by the residents at any time

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

Please contact Barb Piche if interested prior to attendance:
872-276-3331 or email: remi2332@sbcglobal.net



Thanks to the Rand Park volunteers who brought their dogs to our monthly visit to the nursing home. The seniors always enjoy the visit from our pups.

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EVENTS

Fits dog walks quarterly

We had wonderful weather in October

January 20th Annettsburger loop if weather permits-
alternate location is Northbrook Court 10:15 AM more info to come



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HEALTH AND WELFARE

[Get Free Dog Food Recall Alerts | Dog Food Advisor](#)

[Pet expert Steve Dale offers an update on mysterious dog illness \(stevedalepetworld.com\)](#)

'Tis NOT the season for dogs!

Peppermint candies, Hot Cocoa, Sugar Cookies, Pretty Poinsettias, Glass ornaments that look so good to eat, big meals, crowded rooms, present chaos, and sweet smelling Christmas Trees (and Tree Water), Latkes, Little Dreidels that spin and look fun, candy, and Sufganiyot are all things we as humans SAVOR about the holidays. But whether you are celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or Festivus for the Rest of Us – there are just too many toxic things for pets around this time of year and us humans are often too busy to notice. From knocking over Christmas Trees to eating peppermint, it's important we stay vigilant this time of year as our pets sometimes take a back seat to our holiday preparations and activities.

Here are the “12 Woofs of Christmas” to consider while keeping your pet's safe this holiday:

1. Be sure to put candles up high where they (or their tails) cannot reach (and make sure (for your own fire safety) that you put them out before leaving a flame unattended.
2. Consider putting a gate around your Tree or larger decorations/wrapped gifts or things your pets might get into that could cause them harm.
3. Glass ornaments and décor – our pets are not always gentle around the tree and sometimes they are attracted to low hanging items – maybe that ornament looks like a stuffed toy – maybe it has a squeaker in it? Don't let your dog wonder or play the game “let's find out”. Ensuring you have a sturdy base on your tree and ornaments are above their reach will help ensure your pet's safety especially as glass ornaments and such pose a major threat to their paws.
4. Did you think about your pet's habits when putting up your holiday décor? Placement of decorations such as in front of the bay window – might look good to the neighborhood but may also pose a threat to dogs who tend to bark or watch the neighborhood from that spot regularly. To avoid knocking over your precious heirlooms or savored ornaments, we recommend considering your pet's behaviors and habits to find the best place where your decorations will best not be disturbed,

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5. Keep poisonous plants (poinsettias, holly, mistletoe, lily flowers, or Hanukkah flowers) out of the home or up and away where dogs cannot get them. If the leaves start to drop it is time to discard the plant.
6. For tree-trimmers: consider fur/spruce/pine trees but be sure to watch the tree's water bowl as sap, pesticides, and other toxins are in the water and should not be ingested by our dogs. Pine needles can also cause chaos if ingested. Watch that your tree is not drying out or opt for a faux tree with a sturdy base instead.
7. Tinsel Town and Garland abound. Small strung décor such as tinsel, garland, and popcorn strands can look fun and festive but if your pet ingests them may cause a trip to the ER.
8. A Dreidel can look fun to dogs – its small, it spins, and they want to play! We recommend keeping small items, toys and gifts under supervision and encourage guests to put them away when not in use to avoid choking and ingestion hazards.
9. Watch your pets around candy, cookies, sugary goods, and other toxins such as chocolate/chocolate coins, and peppermint,
10. Consider keeping your dogs out of the present room during any gift opening. Sometimes the sounds, movement, and general chaos can cause stress which may cause pets to become reactive. They would much prefer a calm, safe spot.
11. Speaking of calm and safe – guests galore can be overwhelming to some pets. Especially after the covid years our pets may need some time to adjust to company again. Make sure your dog has a safe space or crate to go to escape and find solace. Let your guests and children of guests know to leave your pet alone when they are in that space. Creating a safe space for your pet can encourage the positive relationships we want with our pets while giving them time to ease back into navigating guests in our homes.
12. Don't forget your dogs – they want your attention as always and sometimes feel left out around the holidays. From the run around and less pet time, to not getting a present when everyone else does, they know things are different this time of year. Sometimes giving them a special walk or attention does just the trick to make their season Bright!

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Recipe of the month

DIY Paw Wax ...

- 4 tsp. beeswax pellets
- 2 Tbsp organic shea butter
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp coconut oil
- 1 tsp Vitamin E oil

Fill a small pot or pan about 1/3 to 1/2 with water. Heat on low until water gets warm. Place a small glass mixing bowl or measuring cup or mason jar in the water to create a double boiler. Add the beeswax inside the glass cup stirring often for about 5 minutes. When the beeswax is melted slowly add in shea butter, olive oil and coconut oil. Mix until well blended. Remove from heat and add vitamin E oil (warning – glass will be hot!). Mix well Pour the mix into a storage container(s) & allow mixture to cool (about 1-2 hours). Cover with a cap and label the container **Gift card tins work great!**



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AND OTHER STUFF!

No two dogs have the same nose print, similar to human fingerprints.

Limerick , by Bing AI

There once was a dog with a grin,
Whose tail wagged under his chin.
He'd run and he'd play,
All throughout the day,
And his happiness was felt from within.