

# Dog Bytes



WVSSA Newsletter

April/May 2002

## Club History

by Carol Callahan

Willamette Valley English Springer Spaniel Association began informally in the fall of 1977 when a group of springer fanciers got together for a fun match and potluck. Best In Match went to 3-month-old Aggie (later to become CH Donahan's Agatha Christie) under judge Dr. Dale Simmons. Aggie's proud owner/handlers were Don & Carol Callahan. Some of those attending this first get together included Sue Stevens-Smith, Norm Pierce, Fred & Jan Willer, Jan Czekala, Hilde Farrell.

The club officially formed on March 8, 1980 under the name of Oregon Trail English Springer Spaniel Association. This name was later changed when the American Kennel Club declined to accept the club name stating that the name encompassed too great of an area. AKC's suggestion of the English Springer Spaniel Club of Greater Albany was soundly turned down in favor of the present Willamette Valley ESSA.

On September 7, 1980 the club held their first 'official' fun match with an entry of 35 dogs. On December 6, 1980 decorated a club bench at the Portland Kennel Club show and held a potluck lunch for springer exhibitors. The first Awards Dinner was held on January 23, 1982.

On August 17, 1986 the club held their first Sanctioned A-OA Match with Charles Palm judging breed and Bobbie Andersen judging obedience. The match was held at Mission Park outside of Salem, Oregon. There was an entry of 28 in breed, obedience and junior showmanship. Best in Match went to Donahan's Joshin' Remark, owners Kris Berg & Carol Callahan. Best of Opposite Sex to Phylwayne's Lucky Be Mine, owner Carol Jansen & David Steinke. High in Match went to Sportingdown's Merry Maker, owner Molly Clark. Best Junior was Megan Wilaby.

Our Second A-OA match was held June 28, 1987 at Minto Island Park outside of Salem with an entry of 28 springers. Judges were Rene Stewart for breed and Carol Callahan for obedience. I am sorry to report that my catalog from that match was not marked so I cannot report on the winners.

Dr. Dale Simmons officiated in the breed ring at the club's first AKC Sanctioned show on November 5, 1988 at the Chumaree Inn in Salem, Oregon. He had an entry of 92 breed and juniors. Sweepstakes was judged by Bonnie Watts and had an entry of 30. Jill Jones judged all obedience. Jill had an entry of 23 dogs. Best in

Sweeps went to Marcur's A Taste of Honey, owners Curt & Marsha Caldwell. Best of Opposite to Best in Sweeps was Give My Regards to Broadway, owner Jan Czekala. Best of Breed was CH Springerlane's Ridgewyn, owners Patti Nelson, Don Kelley and Cherrie Spring. Winners Dog and Best of Winners was Cantuff's Wizard of Ahh's, owners Richard Ewing & Rebecca Zullo. Best of Opposite Sex was Whitestar's Rare Essence, owners Ed & Kathleen Snyder. Winners Bitch was Ridgewyn's Iffervesant, Owners Cherrie Spring & Gary Zayac. Brandy Valentine Velvet, CDX was High in Trial from the Open B class with a score of 197.5. Once again, I did not have Best Junior marked (SORRY!)

The club has held annual shows ever since 1988, In 1999 WVSSA hosted the National Specialty at the DoubleTree Inn in Portland, Oregon.

*Editor's Note: In upcoming issues we will feature individual members and their stories of how they got involved with English Springer Spaniels.*



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## Future Meetings

The May meeting will be held at Ken and Cathy English's house. The time will be announced after the judging schedule for the Vancouver Kennel Club show has been released.

Ken and Cathy will be providing a barbecue. Please RSVP Cathy at (360) 887-8129 or e-mail her at englishkc@aol.com. Cathy would like to have a head count, so please let her know ASAP.

### Directions:

When you are coming out of the Clark Co. Fairgrounds main exit/entrance, turn left onto Delfel Road. Then turn right onto 179th street. At the second light turn left onto 10th street. Then turn Right onto 194th street (Spinal Fitness Sign on corner, street is hard to see). At the top of the hill turn Left onto 17th Ct. (private drive). We are the second house on Left. Color is light brown with white trim.

### June/July Meeting

The June/July meeting will be held June 29th at Don and Carol Callahan's after the Mt. Bachelor show.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Dean Bolinger. Dr. Bolinger will speak on new developments in the reproduction field. Dinner will start about 5 PM with our speaker following.

The Callahans will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, all the fixings, and salads. Members can bring drinks, chips and dessert. A head count would be appreciated. Please RSVP to Carol at (541) 388-4808 or e-mail her at donahan@aol.com.

### Directions

From the fairgrounds in Redmond, go south on Hwy 97 for approximately 8 miles to Deschutes Junction. At Deschutes Junction there is an overpass (the only one after leaving Redmond). Turn right onto Deschutes Mkt Rd. At the stop sign, turn left and go over the overpass over Hwy 97. At the end of the overpass, turn right onto Deschutes Market Rd. You will immediately cross the railroad tracks. Go 4 miles to the stop sign at Hamhook Rd. Left on Hamhook and go 1.5 miles to stop sign at Butler Market Rd. Left on Butler Market for 1.5 miles. Peterman Lane turns to the left. We are the second house on the left 63215 Peterman Lane. You may want to park along the driveway below the house.

The Callahans have a large fenced, grassy dog area where everyone is welcome to exercise their dogs. But they ask that you please do not exercise dogs on lawn around the house.

## Puppy Protection Act Dropped

*by the American Kennel Club*

The American Kennel Club is pleased to report that the House-Senate Farm Bill Conference has taken very positive action and agreed to drop the PPA from the final bill.

The AKC opposed the Puppy Protection Act because no hearings were held, no debate occurred, and no opportunities were offered to discuss puppy protection issues and enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act. These issues deserve extensive study so effective and enforceable resolutions can be proposed. This must be done through normal legislative procedures and the AKC will gladly take a leadership role in that process.

The House-Senate Conference agreement comes as a result of the hard work by dog fanciers across the country who responded to AKC's numerous calls to action since this issue first arose in October 2001. Responsible breeders nationwide let their members of Congress know that the PPA was bad public policy and would weaken the Animal Welfare Act rather than improve it.

The AKC worked directly with conferees in both the House and Senate to explain the shortcomings of the PPA. Numerous meetings on the Hill and letters and phone calls to the conferees helped achieve our goal.

The Conference Report now goes to the House and Senate for final approval before being presented to the President.

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## WVSSA Fall Specialties

Don't forget our own specialties. We need raffle items, trophy donations, and volunteers. Please contact Janeé Kemp about the raffle, Christy Will about trophy donations, and Jan Martin about volunteering.

## 2002 National Specialty

WVSSA is sponsoring two breakfasts during the National. We need volunteers to run the brunch on Friday ONLY from 6 a.m. until 9 a.m.. Please contact Jan Sturm at sturmgj@aol.com or call her at (503) 590-6167.

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# Three Days

by Martin Scot Kosins

If you ever love an animal, there are three days in your life you will always remember...

The first is a day blessed with happiness when you bring home your young new friend. You may have spent weeks deciding on a breed. You may have asked numerous opinions of many vets, or done long research in finding a breeder.

Or, perhaps in a fleeting moment, you may have just chosen that silly looking mutt in a shelter—simply because something in its eyes reached your heart.

But when you bring that chosen pet home and watch it explore and claim its special place in your hall or front room—and when you feel it brush against you for the first time—it instills a feeling of pure love you will carry with you through the many years to come.

The second day will occur eight or nine or ten years later. It will be a day like any other, routine and unexceptional. But, for a surprising instant, you will look at your longtime friend and see age where you once saw youth. You will see slow deliberate steps where you once saw energy. And you will see sleep where you once saw activity. So you will begin to adjust your friend's diet—and you may add a pill or two to her food. And you may feel a growing fear deep within yourself which bodes of a coming emptiness. And you will feel this uneasy feeling, on and off, until the third day finally arrives.

And on this day—if your friend and God have not decided for you, then you will be faced with making a decision of your own—on behalf of your lifelong friend and with the guidance of your own deepest spirit. But whichever way your friend eventually leaves you—you will feel as alone as a single star in the dark night.

If you are wise, you will let the tears flow as freely and as often as they must. And if you are typical, you will find that not many in your circle of family or friends will be able to understand your grief, or comfort you.

But if you are true to the love of the pet you cherished through the many joy-filled years, you may find that a soul—a bit smaller in size than your own—seems to walk with you, at times, during the lonely days to come.

And at moments when you least expect anything out of the ordinary to happen, you may feel something brush against your leg—very very lightly.

And looking down at the place where your dear, perhaps dearest, friend used to lay—you will remember those three significant days. The memory will most likely be painful, and leave an ache in your heart. As time passes the ache will come and go as if it has a life of its own. You will both reject it and embrace it and it may confuse you. If you reject it, it will depress you. If you embrace it, it will deepen you. Either way, it will still be an ache.

But there will be, I assure you, a fourth day when—along with the memory of your pet—and piercing through the heaviness in your heart—there will come a realization that belongs only to you. It will be as unique and strong as our relationship with each animal we have loved and lost. This realization takes the form of a Living Love—like the heavenly scent of a rose that remains after the petals have wilted, this Love will remain and grow—and be there for us to remember. It is a love we have earned. It is the legacy our pets leave us when they go. And it is a gift we may keep with us as long as we live. It is a Love which is ours alone. And until we ourselves leave, perhaps to join our Beloved Pets—it is a Love that we will always possess.

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## Over the Rainbow Bridge

Our sympathy to the two families who lost loved ones recently.

Donna and Randy Helsing's 'Chelan', Chelan's Summer Arbor.

And Don and Carol Callahan's 'Dash', CH Donahan's Morse Code, CD, CGC.

They shall be missed.



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## Braggs & Wags

- A/C CH Marcur's Ariel Lovely Rita and Michelle and A/C CH. Marcur's Ariel Michelle both got OFA "good" ratings on their recent hip x-rays. Rita and Michelle our proudly owned by Marsha and Curt Caldwell.
- Tris-ste's Queen Ann and Donahan's Designer Label, CDX, NA, NAJ have three puppies born on April 15th, 1 b/w male and 2 l/w females. Annie is owned by Gretchen Patterson and Calvin is owned by Don and Carol Callahan.
- Gretelyn's Ruby Wine was Reserve Winners Bitch at Chintimini KC on March 17th. Ruby is owned by Gretchen Patterson
- Debway's Razz Ma Jazz and Blues finished beginning obedience in March. Jazz is owned by Kelly Callahan.
- The Donahan clan (Doc, Calvin, Jeanie, and Duffy) CERF'd. And Duffy's preliminary x-rays were OFA good. The Donahan clan is owned by Don and Carol Callahan.
- The Bee puppies from Kelly Priestly's last litter turned 6 months and made their debut at the Tye Kennel Club shows in Mill Bay, BC. They were the only puppies entered the first two days, with Kelly's bitch Laurel taking the point over her brother Max on Friday and Max taking the point over his sister on Saturday. On Sunday they were both winners, with Max going WD over a senior puppy and Laurel going BOB, BOW for two points. Both showed well and enjoyed visiting everyone, albeit were just a little tired by the end of the weekend.

## Show Results

### Timberland Dog Fanciers, 3/9

BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir Uprising  
BOS CH Ramblewood Centerfold  
BOW/WB Gold Camp Majic Of Aurora  
WD Ariel And Marcur Sportin' Life  
RWD Majic Good Til The Last Drop  
RWB Majic Wilbec American Dream

### Timberland Dog Fanciers, 3/10

BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance  
BOS CH Ramblewood Centerfold  
BOW/WD Brians JP Windie  
RWD Majic Good Til The Last Drop  
WB Majic Wilbec American Dream  
RWB Ramblewood Music of My Heart

### Chintimini KC, 3/16

GP2/BOB CH Ridgewyn N  
Belvoir Uprising  
BOS CH Ramblewood Fancy  
Lady of Choice  
BOW/WB Ramblewood Music of  
My Heart  
WD Brians JP Windie  
RWD Hijinks Mocha Madness  
RWB Vanity Fair's Stand Pattie

### Chintimini KC, 3/17

GP4/BOB CH Avonlea's Ruff N Regal  
BOS/BOW/WB Marlincourt Ruff  
Cut Diamond  
WD Ariel And Marcur Sportin' Life  
RWD Donahan's Definitely In Style  
RWB Gretelyn's Ruby Wine

### Peninsula Dog Fanciers, 3/23

GP3/BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance  
BOS CH Gold Camp Majic Of Aurora  
BOW/WD Dalco's I Am A Gem  
RWD Darkover Q Continuum  
WB Ramblewood Ain't Missbehavin  
RWB Majic Wilbec American Dream

### Peninsula Dog Fanciers, 3/24

GP2/BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance  
BOS CH Gold Camp Majic Of Aurora  
BW/WB Majic Wilbec American Dream  
WD Ramblewood Hold On My Heart  
RWD Woodridge's Say Hey Luke  
RWB Pawmarc's Night Lights

### Ephrata Moses Lake KC, 4/13

GP2/BOB CH Avonlea's Ruff N Regal  
BOS/BOW/WB Farwell's Embrace  
WD Bondir's Braveheart  
RWD Majic Good Til The Last Drop  
RWB Majic Wilbec American Dream

### Ephrata Moses Lake KC, 4/14

GP1/BOB CH Avonlea's Ruff N Regal  
BOS/BOW/WB Farwell's Embrace  
WD Bondir's Braveheart  
RWD Majic Good Til The Last Drop  
RWB Woodridge Colorfull Sage

### Palouse Hills Dog Fanciers, 4/19

GP1/BOB CH Avonlea's Ruff N Regal

### Palouse Hills Dog Fanciers, 4/20

GP2/BOB CH Avonlea's Ruff N Regal

### Lewis-Clark KC, 4/21

GP3/BOB CH Avonlea's Ruff N Regal

### Lewis-Clark KC, 4/22

BOB CH Avonlea's Ruff N Regal

### Walla Walla KC, 4/26

GP1/ BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance  
BOS/BOW/WB Farwell's Embrace  
WD Dalin G&J's Chant Of Nakai  
RWD Woodridge's Say Hey Luke  
RWB Gilchrist G And J's E-Chota

### Walla Walla KC, 4/27

GP2/ BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance  
BOS/BOW/WB Farwell's Embrace  
WD Majic Good Til The Last Drop  
RWD Dalin G&J's Chant Of Nakai  
RWB Pawmarc's Night Lights

### Yakima Valley KC, 4/28

GP2/ BOB CH Ridgewyn N  
Belvoir Uprising  
BOS CH Ramblewood Centerfold  
BOW/WB Farwell's Embrace  
WD Majic Good Til The Last Drop  
RWD Shalimar's First Flight  
RWB Ramblewood Rumor Has It

### Yakima Valley KC, 4/29

GP1/BOB CH Ridgewyn N  
Belvoir Uprising

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# Coming Events

## Conformation & Obedience

### May 25 & 26, 2002

Spokane Kennel Club  
Spokane, WA  
Saturday: Lewis W. Bayne  
Sunday: Richard M. Chashoudian

### May 27 & 28, 2002

Coeur d'Alene Dog Fanciers  
Coeur d'Alene, ID  
Monday: Mrs. Lee Canalizo  
Tuesday: Richard G. Beauchamp

### June 1 & 2, 2002

Vancouver Kennel Club  
Ridgefield, WA  
Saturday: Jeannette McGinnis  
Sunday: Raymond McGinnis Jr.

### June 8, 2002

Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers  
Puyallup, WA  
William Bergum

### June 9, 2002

Tacoma Kennel Club  
Puyallup, WA  
John F. Redmondi

### June 11 & 12, 2002

Snake River Canyon KC  
Filer, ID  
Saturday: Clinton M. Harris  
Sunday: Dr. Harry Smith

### June 13 & 14, 2002

Pocatello Kennel Club  
Blackfoot, ID  
Saturday: Dick Webb  
Sunday: Sharon Francis

### June 15 & 16, 2002

Eagle Rock Kennel Club  
Blackfoot, ID  
Saturday: John R. Lawreck  
Sunday: Richard J. Quaco

### Saturday, June 22, 2002

Clackamas Kennel Club  
Canby, OR  
Saturday: Carl Gene Liepmann  
Sunday: Thomas J. Tracy

### June 29 & 30, 2002

Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club  
Redmond, OR  
Saturday: Robert J. Moore  
Sunday: Barbara Dempsey Alderman

### June 29 & 30, 2002

Bell Vernon Kennel Assoc.  
Mt Vernon, WA  
Saturday: Linda M. Reidel  
Sunday: Janet R. Wilcox

### July 6 & 7, 2002

Coos Kennel Club  
Bandon, OR  
Saturday: Robert S. Forsyth  
Sunday: Mrs. Robert D. Smith

### July 13, 2002

Portland Kennel Club, Inc.  
Ridgefield, WA  
Dr. Daniel W Dowling

### July 14, 2002

Greater Clark Co. Kennel Club  
Ridgefield, WA  
Erik Bergishagen

### July 21, 2002

Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.  
Banks, OR  
Margaret L. Braun

### July 27 & 28, 2002

Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club  
Sequim, WA  
Saturday: Christina Hubbell  
Sunday: Richard E. Beckwith

### July 30 & 31, 2002

PSESSA  
Olympia, WA  
Conformation: Judith Anderson  
Sweeps: Anne Hutchinson

### August 1-3, 2002

ESSFTA  
Olympia, WA  
Conformation: Susanne E.B. Burgess  
Sweeps: Monica Collins

## Agility

### July 13 & 14, 2002

NADAC Agility  
Corvallis OR  
Contact: Vicki Benenga at  
vbeninga@msn.com

### July 13 & 14, 2002

AKC Agility  
Shoreline, WA

### July 20 & 21, 2002

AKC Agility  
Ferndale, WA

### July 29, 2002

AKC Agility  
Olympia, WA

## Tracking

### July 27 & 28, 2002

AKC Tracking (VST, TD, TDX)  
Olympia, WA

## Miscellaneous

### June 16 - 22, 2002

AKC Field Trial  
Klamath Falls, OR  
Contact: John (781) 321-1880

### June 22, 2002

Heart Clinic  
Canby, OR  
Contact: Joy (503)255-3960 or  
mystiwind@msn.com

### July 20, 2002

Frisbee Competition  
OSU Lower Campus Park,  
Corvallis OR  
Contact: (541) 757-6363

### Saturday, August 17, 2002

Patricia McConnell Seminar  
Ellensburg, WA  
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