

Dog Bytes

WVSSA Newsletter

September/October 2002

WVSSA Specialties Are Almost Here!

The Specialties are not far off. Our Back to Back Specialties will be on Saturday and Sunday, October 5th & 6th at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Vancouver, Washington. The show will start at 10:00 a.m., please arrive between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. for setup. As always we can use your help with setting up and tearing down and helping us keep the site clean. Please pickup after your dogs.

The Judges

Saturday

- Sweeps: Pat Wilaby
- Breed: Dawn Dankemeyer Stafford
- Obedience: Jill K. Jones

Sunday

- Sweeps: Joan Savage
- Breed: Ms. Pluis Davern
- Obedience: Pamela Weaver

Hope you can make the show.
Best of luck to all.

Help Our Raffle

The club still needs raffle items for the fall specialty. Please contact Dave or Janeé Kemp by phone 503-663-1335, or by e-mail at djkemp@teleport.com.

Trophy Donations

Trophy donations are still being accepted. If you would like to help the club please contact Christy Will at 360-748-7957 or willcokennel@earthlink.net. As we all know, with a club this size we all need to pitch in and work together to make our specialties a success. The donation of food, trophy donations, catalog ads, and most especially your time is greatly appreciated.

Host Hotel

Our host hotel is the Best Inn in Vancouver. Rates are \$69.00 per night (\$59.00 room, \$10.00 nonrefundable dog deposit). Call (360) 696-0516 or gm@vanbestin.com. Most rooms have kitchens. There is a grassy area to exercise the dogs. Tell them you're with the Springer Spaniel Show for these rates.

Hospitality

There will be hospitality at the show site on Saturday and Sunday morning. There will also be a wine and cheese party Saturday evening after the show. We need to have the following donations from our members.

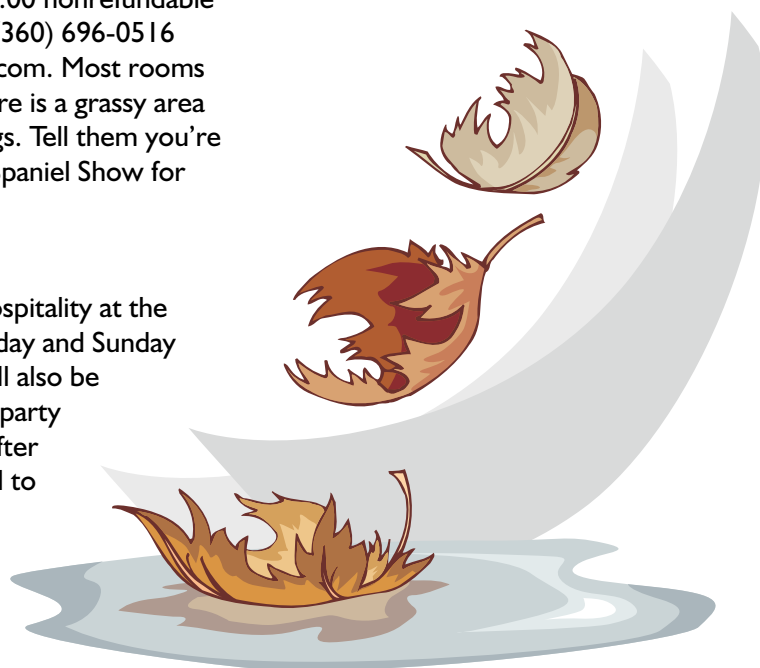
Morning Hospitality

- Danish
- Fruit
- Orange Juice

Wine and Cheese Party

- A Variety of Chips
- A Variety of Dips

Please contact Donna Muffley at (503) 659-1727 or e-mail her at DufurBob@aol.com



Future Meetings

The November meeting will be Saturday, November 9th from 2:30 to 4:30 at Baja Fresh in Tigard.

Directions

From I-5 north or south, take the Hwy. 217 exit and head towards Tigard. Stay on Hwy. 217 until the Scholls Ferry/Progress exit, (the exit right after Greenburg Road). Make a Left turn onto Scholl Ferry Road, stay on Scholls Ferry until right after the 5th stop light. After the 5th stop light there will be a mall called Greenway Town Center on the left side of Scholls Ferry, go to the 2nd entrance into Greenway Town Center. The Baja Express is the 2nd business (right next to Baskin & Robbins Ice Cream) after coming in the entrance. If you go past McDonald's you've have gone too far.

December Meeting

The December meeting will be our annual Christmas brunch. We will be at a new location and a new time.

Sunday, December 8th, at 2:00 p.m. at Parkrose Elmers. The address is 10,001 Sandy Blvd, Portland.

Please RSVP to Jan Sturm at least one week in advance at sturmgj@aol.com or call her at (503) 590-6167.

Directions

From I-205 take the Columbia Blvd/US 30 By-Pass exit. Turn east on Columbia/Sandy Blvd. Elmer's is on the North side of Sandy.

Are You A Dogaholic?

Good Evening. My name is Tyvonia and I AM a dogaholic. I would like to welcome all of you to this month's meeting of Dogaholics Anonymous. Some of you are here tonight because a friend or relative brought you here. You may be sitting here thinking that you are OK and that you really don't need any help. It is not easy to admit that you are a dogaholic, and it is even harder to bring yourself to a DAA meeting for help. DAA is here to assist you. I have some questions to ask. If you can answer YES to more than three of the following, you have come to the right place.

- Can you say "Bitch" in public without blushing?
- Do you drive a station wagon, van or 4x4 when everyone else drives a real car?
- Do you have more than one car? One for you and one for the dogs?
- Do you spend your vacations and holidays going to shows, specialties and seminars when everyone else goes on a cruise?
- If you do go overseas, is it to London in March to attend Crufts?
- Do you discuss things at the dinner table that would make most doctors leave in disgust?
- Do you consider formal wear to be clean jeans and freshly washed tennis shoes?
- Is your interior decorator R.C. Steele?
- Was your furniture and carpeting chosen to match your dogs?
- Are your end tables really dog crates with tablecloths thrown over them
- Do you know the meaning of CD, CDX, UD, CGC, HIC, WC, JH, MH, CH, and OTCH?
- Is your mail made up primarily of dog catalogs, dog magazines and premium lists?

- Do you get up before dawn to go to training classes? Dog shows? Seminars?
- If you do have dresses or skirts, do they all have pockets?
- Do those pockets of contain freeze dried liver, Rollover or squeaky toys?
- When you meet a new person, do you always ask them what kind of dog they have and pity them if they don't have one?
- Do you remember the name of their dog sooner than you remember their name?
- Do you find non-dog people boring?
- Do you subscribe to an internet dog mailing list?

If you answered yes to one of the above, there is still hope. If you answered yes to two, you are in serious trouble. If you answered yes to three or more, you have come to the right place.

My advice to all of you with three or more "Yes's" is to sit back and smile, turn to the smiling person next to you and know that your life will always be filled with good friends and good dogs, and it will never be boring!



CH Lilley's Holiday Cheer, CDX

Meet the Donahans (or Callahans)

by Carol Callahan

For us, a life long love affair (some might call it an addiction) with English Springer Spaniels began in late 1959 when Don decided that the springer most closely fit the dog he wanted for a hunting companion. We began the search and ending up buying a puppy from the Camas area for what was then a huge sum of money, \$50. This dog, which we named Irish Ruff Velvet, was out of mainly field lines and his grandsire was a field champion. We later purchased a female companion (Miss Velvet Britches) for Ruff. Our first litter of puppies was born in 1965.

Along the way Don decided that an obedience class would help with Ruff's fieldwork so we enrolled both Ruff and Missy in a local obedience class. Meanwhile we formed a friendship with a co-worker of Don's who was just starting to show a Brittany in dog shows. They suggested that we should give dog shows a try.

Off we went to our first dog show, the Portland Kennel Club bench show. With Missy entered in Novice A, myself handling her and Ruff entered in Novice B with Don showing him, we came home with a third place ribbon on Missy and I was 'hooked'.

We then tried showing Ruff a few times in the breed classes. While he was a handsome pet, we soon learned he wasn't show material. Emil and Lillian Bingham of Fircrest Springers took us under their wing and started mentoring us. They suggested that if we wanted to show dogs, we should start with a good foundation bitch. They suggested that we look for a puppy out of CH Geiger's Chief Geronimo so we contacted Tillie Geiger, his owner. After waiting for a puppy from a litter than did not materialize she put us in touch with Daisy Lilley who had a litter out of Chief.

When time came for us to make our choice, we made our choice in a very "scientific" manner. The puppies were already named so I picked the one with the name I preferred! Luck was with us and she became our foundation bitch CH Lilley's Holiday Cheer, CDX. Cheer was owner handled to her championship despite our novice handling. Early photos show us just how much Cheer had to overcome in the way of our handling errors.

Just a few weeks after finishing her championship, we entered Cheer in the 1969 National Specialty in Sacramento, California. At that time, CH Salilyn's Aristocrat was the top-winning springer and one of the top-winning dogs in the nation. It was expected that "Risto" would win the national, so many of the top name handlers of that era were in the ring handling bitch specials — Ray McGinnis, Walt Shellenbarger, Jo Shellenbarger, Paul Booher, Joyce Nielson. Judge, Ray Beale, selected "Risto" for Best of Breed. Much to the surprise of a lot of people, Cheer, owner-handled by Don, was Best of Opposite Sex. What a thrill that was. We were so new to the dog game, that we really didn't have anyone to share this with at the show.

Over the years we have done a limited amount of breeding and we have been fortunate to have bred several group winning dogs and a multiple Best in Show, Specialty winning dog, Am/Can CH Donahan's Mark Twain, CD. To date there have been about 30 champion dogs with the Donahan kennel name.

We always strive to breed sound, healthy dogs with temperament being our number one priority. No matter how pretty they are or how much they win, if you are unable to live with a dog because of dominance or other temperament issues, the dog is worthless in our estimation.

While having winning show dogs is a big thrill, I honestly think that our biggest joy comes from hearing about the dogs that live out their lives as beloved pets. Christmas time always brings cards and photos of the various "grandpups". Many of these pet owners are also a major source of our puppy requests referrals.

Owning springers has led to many friendships throughout the USA and Canada. This is just one of the many benefits. While our dog population and exhibiting has dropped over the years, I still cannot imagine being without one in our home for years to come. We currently own 5 dogs, 2 of which are 12 years and older.

Don has come full circle and returned to training two of our dogs for fieldwork. He is looking forward to bird hunting season this year. He even tried his hand at a Hunt Test in August. I continue to show occasionally in obedience. I am hoping that when I go to part time employment in 2003 I will find even more time to train.

Besides being active in the ESSFTA, Parent Club, the WVESSA club and our local all-breed kennel club, Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club, we also enjoy movies, reading, watching our grandchildren play sports and family. I love working crossword puzzles and Don, is a "dyed in the wool" OSU Beaver football fanatic. When there is a conflict between OSU football and a dog show or other dog event, there is no decision — OSU football always wins out!



Don bathing Ruff with Tide!

Show Results

Coos Kennel Club 7/6

GP4/BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance

Coos Kennel Club 7/7

BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
WD Marlin Court Shining Knight
RWD Hijinks Jack Of Hearts

Portland KC, 7/13

GPI/BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
BOS CH Farwell's Muse
BOW/WD Woodridge's Say Hey Luke
WB Ramblewood Music Of My Heart
RWB Pawmarc's Neon Highlights

Greater Clark Co. KC, 7/14

BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
BOS CH Farwell's Muse
BOW/WD Gleneire's Soaring Above
RWD Dalin G&J's Chant Of Nakai
WB Ramblewood Music Of My Heart
RWB Majic Wilbec American Dream

Tualatin Kennel Club, 7/21

BOB/BOW/WD Donahan's Definitely
In Style
BOS CH Marcur's Ariel Michelle
RWD Ramblewood Eye Of The Tiger
WB English's Diamond Daisy
RWB Flightline's Pocket Rocket

Hurricane Ridge KC, 7/27

BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
BOS/BOW/WB Majic Wilbec
American Dream
WD Wilbec's Paint It Black
RWD Majic Wilbec Patriot

Hurricane Ridge KC, 7/28

BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
BOS Majic Wilbec American Dream
BOW/WD Ramblewood Eye
Of The Tiger
RWD Wilbec's Paint It Black
WB Majic Wilbec American Dream

PSESSA, 7/30

BOB CH Springbrook Tagalon-
myownmagic
BOS CH Keswicke Say No
More MX AXJ
BOW/WD Amilyn's Flying High
RWD Dalin's Tug At The Heart
WB Ramblewood Music Of My Heart
RWB Cedarwood's Animation Annie

ESSFTA, 8/2

BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir Uprising
BOS CH Ramblewood Centerfold
BOW/WD Salutaire's Sunset Strip
RWD Darkover Jerusalem Ridge
WB Silverhill Pass The Flame
RWB Hunter N Joels Kiss This

Nisqually KC, 8/10

GPI/BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir
Uprising
BOS CH Ramblewood Centerfold
BOW/WD Ramblewood Get Offof
My Cloud
RWD Ramblewood Eye Of The Tiger
WB Eldamar's Age Of Aquarius
RWB Cirion's Sabrina

Nisqually KC, 8/11

GPI/BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir
Uprising
BOS CH Ramblewood Centerfold
BOW/WD Woodridge's Say Hey Luke
RWD Ramblewood Eye Of The Tiger
WB Pawmarc's Neon Highlights
RWB Cirion's Sabrina

Olympic KC, 8/17

GPI/BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir
Uprising
BOS Cirion's Sabrina
BOW/WD Ramblewood Get Offof
My Cloud
RWD Gleneire's Soaring Above
WB Cirion's Sabrina
RWB Eldamar's Age Of Aquarius

Olympic KC, 8/18

BIS/GPI/BOB CH Ridgewyn N
Belvoir Uprising
BS/BW/WB Woodridge Colorfull Sage
WD Gleneire's Soaring Above
RWD Ramblewood Eye Of The Tiger
RWB Cirion's Sabrina

Sammamish KC, 8/25

BOB CH Ramblewood Centerfold
BOS Desire's Wish Upon A Star
BOW/WB Eldamar's Age Of Aquarius
WD Desire's Wish Upon A Star
RWB Desire's Sweeter Than Wine

Umpqua KC, 8/30

BOB/BW/WD Hijinks Mocha Madness
BOS/WB Hijinks Trick Or Treat
RWD Hijinks Jack Of Hearts NA

Umpqua KC, 8/31

GP4/BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
BOS/WB Hijinks Trick Or Treat
BOW/WD Marlincourt Eye
Of The Tiger
RWD Marlin Court Shining Knight
RWB Marlincourt Ruff Cut Diamond

Longview-Kelso KC, 8/31

BOB CH Vanity Fair's Artful Dodger TD
BOS CH Ramblewood Centerfold
BOW/WB Ramblewood Ain't
Missbehavin
WD Dalin G&J's Chant Of Nakai
RWD Vanity Fair's Vision Quest
RWB Pawmarc's Neon Highlights

Southern Oregon KC, 9/1

GPI/BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
BOS/WB Devonshire 'N Showboat
Our Town
BOW/WD Hijinks Mocha Madness
RWD Marlin Court Shining Knight
RWB Marlincourt Ruff Cut Diamond

Longview-Kelso KC, 9/1

GP2/BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir
Uprising
BOS CH Ramblewood Centerfold
BOW/WD Dalin G&J's Chant Of Nakai
RWD Vanity Fair's Vision Quest
WB Ramblewood Anticipation
RWB Ramblewood Ain't Missbehavin

Southern Oregon KC, 9/2

GPI/BOB CH Salilyn's Turbulance
BOS/WB Devonshire 'N Showboat
Our Town
BOW/WD Hijinks Mocha Madness
RWB Devonshire My Girl Olivia

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Eugene KC, 9/5

GPI/BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir
Uprising
BOS Cirion's Sabrina
BOW/WD Amilyn's Flying High
WB Cirion's Sabrina
RWB Pawmarc's Neon Highlights

Eugene KC, 9/6

GP2/BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir
Uprising
BOS/BOW/WB Cirion's Sabrina
WD Amilyn's Flying High
RWD Marlin Court Shining Knight
RWB Woodridge's Chantilly Lace

McKenzie Cascade DF, 9/7

GP3/BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir
Uprising
BOS CH Ramblewood Music
Of My Heart
BOW/WD Marlin Court Shining Knight
RWD Dalin G&J's Chant Of Nakai
WB Pawmarc's Neon Highlights
RWB Woodridge's Chantilly Lace

McKenzie Cascade DF, 9/8

GPI/BOB CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir
Uprising
BOS CH Marcur's Ariel Michelle
BOW/WD Marlin Court Shining Knight
RWD Woodridge's Say Hey Luke
WB Pawmarc's Neon Highlights
RWB Cirion's Sabrina

Coming Events

Conformation & Obedience

September 21-22, 2002

Gig Harbor Kennel Club
Shelton, WA
Saturday: Patricia V. Trotter
Sunday: Debbie Campbell

September 28-29, 2002

Richland Kennel Club
Kennewick, WA
Saturday: Pending
Sunday: Dorothy M. Macdonald

October 5-6, 2002

WVSSA
Ridgefield, WA
Sat. Sweeps: Pat Wilaby
Regular: Dawn Dankemeyer Stafford
Sun. Sweeps: Joan Savage
Regular: Pluis Davern

October 12, 2002

Portland Kennel Club
Portland, OR
Elliott B. Weiss

October 17-18, 2002

Idaho Capital City Kennel Club
Boise, ID
Thursday: Carolyn Thomas
Friday: Paula Nykiel

October 19-20, 2002

Lizard Butte Kennel Club
Saturday: Christina Hubbell
Sunday: Betsy A. Yakes

November 2-3, 2002

Willamette Valley Kennel Club
Albany, OR
Saturday: Barbara J. Young-Smith
Sunday: Karen C. Wilson

November 16-17, 2002

Whidbey Island Kennel Club
Monroe, WA
Saturday: Walt Shellenbarger
Sunday: Donald B. Harris

November 30 - December 1, 2002

Inland Empire Kennel Club
Spokane, WA
Saturday: Wayne Morris Thompson
Sunday: William R. Russell

January 10-11, 2003

Tacoma KC/Sammamish KC
Puyallup, WA
Saturday: Howard Falberg
Sunday: Madeleine B. Fish

January 13, 2003

Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers
Puyallup, WA
James R. White

January 17-21, 2003

Rose City Classic
Portland, OR
Friday: Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine
Saturday: Marjorie Martorella
Sunday: Charlotte Clem McGowan
Monday: Sharon R. Lyons

Agility

September 21-22, 2002

AKC Agility
Hillsboro, OR

September 24, 2002

AKC Agility
Everett, WA

September 25-26, 2002

AKC Agility
Hillsboro, OR

September 28-29, 2002

AKC Agility
Redmond, OR

September 28-29, 2002

AKC Agility
Sequim, WA

AKC Tracking

September 22, 2002

VST
Portland, OR

Braggs & Wags

- Vanity Fair's Miracle, CD, TD earned her first leg in Open at the PSESSA Specialty. Joy is owned by Larry and Betty Schwartz.
- CH Ramblewood Music of My Heart was WB at the PSESSA Specialty for a 5 point major, finishing her championship. She was also 2nd in Open at the ESSFTA Specialty. Her dam CH Ramblewood Music of the Night was 1st in Brood Bitch class at ESSFTA, with Emily as one of the get. Emily is owned by Dave and Janeé Kemp.
- CH Ramblewood Windsong had nine puppies on June 14th. Five males and four females, both colors. CH Ramblewood Honkie Tonk Beau is the sire. Bea is also owned by Dave and Janeé Kemp.
- Donahan's Definitely in Style went WD, BOW and BOB at Tualatin Kennel Club. Duffy placed 3rd at PSESSA in Open Dog. Duffy is owned by Carol and Don Callahan.
- Donahan's Designer Label placed 3rd in Veteran Obedience at PSESSA and ESSFTA Specialties. Calvin is also owned by Don and Carol Callahan.
- The Sophisticated Ladies placed 1st in Team Obedience at ESSFTA. The Ladies include club member Carol Callahan, Sue Carlson and Marti Nickoli.
- Ch. English's Satin Brocade AX, AXJ, CGC, WD, Katie earned the 1st leg of her CD at the PSESSA and her 2nd leg at the ESSFTA National Specialty. She also earned her 6th MX agility leg at the Bearded Collie Club of America Agility Trial held the weekend before the National. Katie is owned by Elaine Resner, Cathy and Debbie English.
- Hijinks Jack of Hearts, Jack earned the 1st leg of his Novice B Standard Agility Title and a 3rd place at the Bearded Collie of America Agility Trial. He also earned his 2nd leg at the ESSFTA National Agility Trial with a 2nd place.
- Hijinks Dream a Little Dream, Sundance was expertly handled by Curt Caldwell to 4th place at PSESSA. Sundance is owned by Carolynne Webber.
- Hijinks Mocha Madness, Mocha owned and beautifully handled by Mona Dew took 4th place at the ESSFTA National specialty.
- Hijinks Trick or Treat, Colleen made the cut in a beautiful Bred By Exhibitor Class at the ESSFTA National Specialty. Colleen is owned by Martha Mullis and Elaine Resner.
- Dalin's G & J's Chant of Nakai was WD at Longview-Kelso KC on Saturday, August 30th. He was WD & BOW on Sunday, August 31st bringing his total points to 6. Owners Gary & Jan Sturm.
- CH Ramblewood Music of My Heart was BOS at the McKenzie-Cascade Dog Fanciers Show on Saturday, September 7th. Owners Dave & Janeé Kemp.
- Lisa Loeffler's "honorary" springer, Knollbrook's Like Ya Know (Bunny) was WB at the shows in Central Point on August 31st and September 1st. Bunny is usually disguised as a Brittany!

New Dog Cross Breeds

The following breeds are now recognized by the AKC:

- Collie + Lhasa Apso. Collapso, a dog that folds up for easy transport.
- Spitz + Chow Chow. Spitz-Chow, a dog that throws up a lot.
- Pointer + Setter. Poinsetter, a traditional Christmas pet.
- Great Pyrenees + Dachshund. Pyradachs, a puzzling breed
- Pekingese + Lhasa Apso. Peekasso, an abstract dog
- Irish Water Spaniel + English Springer Spaniel. Irish Springer, a dog fresh and clean as a whistle.
- Labrador Retriever + Curly Coated Retriever. Lab Coat Retriever, the choice of research scientists.
- Newfoundland + Basset Hound. Newfound Asset Hound, a dog for financial advisors.
- Terrier + Bulldog. Terribull, a dog that makes awful mistakes.
- Bloodhound + Labrador. Blabador, a dog that barks incessantly
- Malamute + Pointer. Moot Point, owned by....oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway.
- Collie + Malamute. Commute, a dog that travels to work.
- Deerhound + Terrier. Derriere, a dog that's true to the end.
- Bull Terrier + ShihTzu. Oh never mind...



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