

Dog Bytes

WVSSA Newsletter

March/April 2003

2003 WVSSA Specialty

The 2003 WVSSA Specialty will be held Friday, June 26th. Because the ESSFTA National Specialty will be held one week before our regular show dates, we will hold a single specialty in 2003. The show will be held outdoors on grass at the new Dechutes County Fairgrounds. On the same weekend and at the same site, Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club will hold three all breed agility trials, June 27th, 28th, and 29th, and two all-breed dog shows and obedience trials, June 28th and 29th. This will give exhibitors a chance at multiple agility runs, obedience legs, and majors. WVSSA will support the entries at the all-breed shows.

- Specialty Breed Judge: Mr Frank Washabaugh, Ringoes, NJ
- Sweepstakes: Mr. Hank J. Williams, Amboy, WA
- Obedience: Mrs. Alane Gomez, Pipe Creek, Texas
- ESS judges for Mt. Bachelor KC: Dr Robert Berndt & Everett Dean

Due to Fairground policy the club will not be able to offer their free morning hospitality. There will be limited food service available on the show grounds the day of the specialty. There is also restaurants available within 5 minutes of the show.

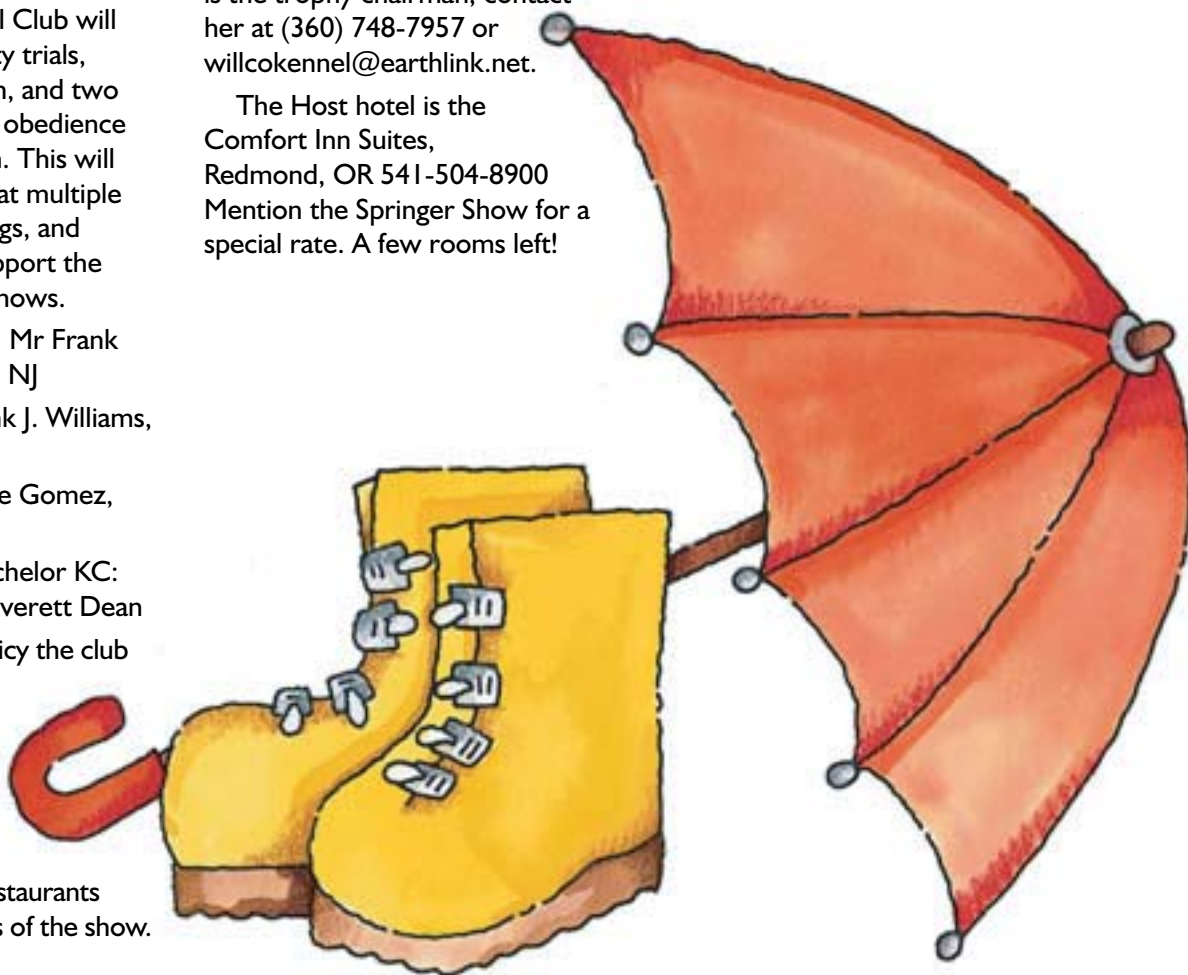
The club will offer free wine and light hors d'ourves Friday evening at the host hotel to all exhibitors.

Raffle items and trophy donations are still needed. Please contact Gretchen Patterson for raffle items at (503) 864-8606 or gretelyns@aol.com. And Christy Will is the trophy chairman, contact her at (360) 748-7957 or willcokennel@earthlink.net.

The Host hotel is the Comfort Inn Suites, Redmond, OR 541-504-8900 Mention the Springer Show for a special rate. A few rooms left!

We hope you will join us!

For more information, contact:
Lisa Loeffler, Show Chair
3110 SW Knollbrook Ave
Corvallis OR 97333
541.758.4402, or
LisaLoeffler@earthlink.net.



Future Meetings

The Saturday, April 5th meeting will be at 12 p.m. at Sue Carlson's club house. We will be having a speaker from the Veterinary School of Oregon State University.

The address is 15005 SW Village Lane. We will be having a pot luck.

- A-K Dessert
- L-S Main Dish
- S-Z Salad

Directions

From Highway 217 take Allen Blvd. (stay in the center lane) and travel across Murray. Allen then changes into Davis road. Stay on Davis for a couple blocks until you come to 150th where you turn right. In a couple more blocks you come to Village Lane and turn left. The club house will be on your right.

From Highway 26 take the Murray Blvd. exit and go south past TV Highway (also known as Hwy.8) and past Farmington Highway (also known as Hwy. 10). Just before you come to the next stop (which is Allen) you need to turn right onto Village Ln.. Continue for a couple blocks to the club house on your right

Please remember to bring plates, silverware and drinks.

May Meeting

The May meeting will be May 10th at Ken and Cathy English's.

From I-5 take the Clark Co. Fairgrounds exit, northbound go straight, southbound left at Delfel Road then left onto 179th. 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.

Show Results

Tualatin KC, 1/17

BIS/GP1/BOB *CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir Uprising*
BOS/WB *Ramblewood Ain't Missbehavin*
BOW/WD *Wil-Orion's Heart Of The Matter*
RWD *Barcath Zoot Suit Riot*
RWB *Fairhaven Aldwyn Bee Mused*

Greater Clark County KC, 1/18

GP2/BOB *CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir Uprising*
BOS/BOW/WB *Woodridge Colorfull Sage*
WD *Pawmarc's Marquee Lights*
RWD *Barcath Zoot Suit Riot*
RWB *Ramblewood There's Your Trouble*

DFA of Oregon, 1/19

BOB/BOW/WD *Barcath Zoot Suit Riot*
BOS *CH Ramblewood Centerfold*
RWD *Donahan's Definitely In Style*
WB *Ramblewood A Rose For Emily*
RWB *Fairhaven's Autumn Laurel*

DFA or Oregon, 1/20

BOB *CH Salilyn's Turbulance*
BOS *CH Ramblewood Centerfold*
BOW/WB *Jo-El's Going Sky High*
WD *Hijinks Jack Of Hearts NA NAJ*
RWD *Barcath Zoot Suit Riot*
RWB *Fairhaven Woods Of Autumn*

Seattle KC, 2/1

BOB *CH Vanity Fair's Artful Dodger TD*
BOS *CH Ramblewood Centerfold*
BOW/WD *Wil-Orion's Heart Of The Matter*
RWD *Woodridge's Say Hey Luke*
WB *Ramblewood I'Mnotthatkindofgirl*
RWB *Fairhaven Aldwyn Bee Mused*

Seattle KC, 2/2

BOB *CH Ridgewyn N Belvoir Uprising*
BOS *CH Ramblewood Centerfold*
BOW/WB *Circle Games Surprise*
WD *Wil-Orion's Heart Of The Matter*
RWD *Darkover Jerusalem Ridge*
RWB *Fairhaven's Autumn Laurel*

Linn County KC, 2/8

BOB/BOW/WD *Hijinks Jack Of Hearts NA NAJ*
BOS *CH Ramblewood Music Of My Heart*
RWD *Ramblewood Johnny B. Goode*
WB *Ramblewood Ain't Missbehavin*
RWB *Hijinks Trick Or Treat*

Linn Co KC, 2/9

GP4/BOB *CH Ramblewood Honkie Tonk Beau*
BOS *CH Ramblewood Music Of My Heart*
BOW/WD *Ramblewood Johnny B. Goode*
RWD *Dalin G&J's Chant Of Nakai*
WB *Fairhaven Aldwyn Bee Mused*
RWB *Ramblewood I'Mnotthatkindofgirl*

Comfort Suites is the host hotel for our Specialty in June of 2003. A block of rooms has been reserved for June 26-27-28. Those wishing to reserve a room should indicate they are with the Willamette Valley English Springer Spaniel Association to get the special rate of \$70.00 for single or double, \$80.00 for a triple and \$85.00 for a quad. The telephone number is 541-504-8900.

Braggs & Wags

- CH Salilyn's Turbulance received an Award of Merit at Westminster Kennel Club. Stuey is owned by Sharon and Art Stewart, and superbly handled by Randy Schepper.
- CH Salilyn's Turbulance is the sire of a new litter of pups out of Alysine's Jazz in the Park.
- CH/Int. CH Vanity Fair's Artful Dodger II, TD got two group 1s in Adult, three Group 1's in Bred-By Adult, and one Reserve Bet Bred-by in International Shows. Art passed his CERF in January and was BOB at Seattle KC. Art is owned by Betty and Larry Schwartz.
- Art also passed his CERF in January.
- Art and Mystic's Peridiem, CD have two puppies. Sarah is also owned by Betty and Larry Schwartz.
- Donahan's Definitely in Style was OFA Good, elbows normal. Duffy is owned by Don and Carol Callahan
- A/C CH Marcur's Ariel Lovely Rita has 7 new puppies (4 boys, 3 girls. 6 b/w, 1 l/w) The proud father is CH ESSpecial Hollywood Blvd. Rita is owned by Curt and Marsha Caldwell.
- CH Ramblewood Music of My Heart was BOS both days at Linn County KC shows. Emily is owned by Dave and Janee' Kemp.
- Hijinks Jack of Hearts was Winners Dog at the Rose City show, Best of Breed and Winners Dog at the Linn County KC show on Saturday. Jack is owned by Elaine Resner.
- Hijinks Trick or Treat was RWB at the Linn County KC show on Saturday. Colleen is owned by Martha Mullis and Elaine Resner.

Coming Events

Conformation & Obedience

April 12-13, 2003

Ephrata-Moses Lake KC
Moses Lake, WA
Saturday: Linda M. Riedel
Sunday: Anne Katona

April 18-19, 2003

Palouse Hills Dog Fanciers
Lewiston, ID
Friday: Dr. Alvin W. Krause
Saturday: Bettie L. Krause

April 20-21, 2003

Lewis-Clark Kennel Club
Lewiston, ID
Sunday: Lawrence J. Sinclair
Monday: Merlin J Van De Kinder

April 25-26, 2003

Walla Walla Kennel Club
Walla Walla, WA
Friday: Marian Mason Hodesson
Saturday: Houston Clark

April 27-28, 2003

Yakima Valley KC
Yakima, WA
Sunday: Kimberly Anne Meredith
Monday: Dr. Ronald I. Spritzer

May 3-4, 2003

Olympia DFA
Elma, WA
Saturday: Elizabeth W. Matchett
Sunday: Beatrice P. Goodman

May 10-11, 2003

Klamath Dog Fanciers
Klamath Falls, OR
Saturday: Helen Miller Fisher
Sunday: D. Roy Holloway

May 17-18, 2003

Mt. Baker KC
Lynden, WA
Saturday: Dr. Joanne (Jodi) Engel
Sunday: Pluis Davern

May 17-18, 2003

Rogue Valley KC
Merlin, OR
Saturday: Christina Hubbell
Sunday: Dr. Dale D. Simmons

May 24-25, 2003

Spokane KC
Spokane, WA
Saturday: Noreen Cartwright
Sunday: Douglas Shipley

Agility

April 12-13, 2003

AKC Agility
Moses Lake, WA

April 19-20, 2003

AKC Agility
Roy, WA

April 28-29, 2003

AKC Agility
Hillsboro, OR

May 3-4, 2003

AKC Agility
Auburn, WA

May 10-11, 2003

AKC Agility
Spokane, WA

Tracking

April 13, 2003

TR
Eugene, OR

April 27, 2003

TR, TX, VST
Vancouver, WA

May 4, 2003

TR, TX
Chattaroy, WA

“Socialization” Nature and Nurture Combine to Make Great Pets

by Norma Bennett Woolf

The puppies rolled and chased and tumbled over each other in mock battle. A squeal here and there, a tiny growl as two pups wrestled with a soft toy, a yip as an ear got bit or a pup stepped on a littermate.

The breeder watched, gently moving a bullying pup away from its squealing sibling, introducing a new toy to a stand-offish pup, and encouraging each pup in turn to come to her for a treat or a belly rub.

Yesterday the pups were introduced to puddles on the sidewalk and a stiff breeze that pushed the rain clouds far to the east. Today they were enjoying the sun; tomorrow they'd take their first ride to the veterinary clinic for vaccinations, and a few days later they'd get their first grooming lesson.

Before long, potential buyers would arrive to visit the pups and make a final decision about which one to take home — if the breeder and the family agreed on which pup (if any) was suitable for their circumstances. Within days, each pup would go to a new home, meet new people and other pets, walk on new surfaces, and experience a whole new world of surprises and adventures. Within weeks, the pup would have all of its vaccinations and head off to puppy kindergarten class.

This initial period of puppy handling and training is known as “socialization.” While it makes good sense to provide such stimulation and limits on an animal that must blend into a cross-species (human and canine) family, “socialization” has taken on a mystique that goes far beyond this simple principle. Some experts blame every

behavior problem on “lack of socialization” and exhort new puppy owners to socialize their puppies to avoid behavior problems. But socializing is simply shorthand for learning how to get along with people and other animals in a variety of circumstances that benefit the human-canine association.

A Good Foundation

Dogs are social creatures genetically designed to operate in a pack for maximum opportunity to survive. Descended from wolves, they maintain highly-evolved patterns of behavior that help them fit into a human or dog family, but those behaviors must be triggered and nurtured in order to fully develop.

In the wild, wolf mothers teach their cubs to submit to more powerful pack members and to hunt for food. Cubs leave the den, romp together and with other pack members, and experience extremes of weather and variations of terrain. A wolf's life involves limited contact with other animals, however; after the hunt, the pack plays and sleeps together, but there is no need for them to cope with interspecies communication and adjust to a broad and expanding set of experiences that confront dogs every day. Therefore, an early period of teaching puppies how to learn and survive in their environment — also known as socialization — is critical to building the bond between human and dog and assuring that the dog becomes comfortable in his surroundings.

Thoughtful breeders begin the process by handling puppies from the moment they are born. They weigh each pup in a baby scale, move them gently when cleaning the whelping box, provide blankets of different textures as padding, and make sure every puppy has an equal opportunity to nurse. As the weeks go by and the pups can see, hear, and get around, breeders expose them to normal household sounds, music, different surfaces and temperatures, a variety of toys, and people and accustom them to a daily routine that involves outside exercise time, a bit of grooming on a table, playtime that increases interaction with human family members, short trips in the car, and other experiences.

Since dogs are already social animals, we don't need to teach them to interact with other dogs unless they were denied opportunities to play with littermates and Mom as puppies and have become fearful or aggressive as a result.

As social animals, dogs are programmed to interact with people as well, but they also need opportunities to do so as young puppies. Dogs of the guardian and other breeds that are aloof and suspicious of strangers need more such occasions than dogs developed to serve as companions to avoid behavior that is over-protective or aggressive. Terriers and high-drive dogs of a feisty nature can be more difficult to socialize in families with small children and those with a sedate lifestyle. Individual dogs that are shy or fearful also need additional attention to help them adapt to family life.

Continued on page 5

Continued from page 4

Unless a puppy is very shy or fearful, this introduction to life among humans should suffice as a foundation for a career as a pet, show dog, or working dog. However, it is only a foundation; the puppy buyer must follow-up with more learning opportunities, including broader exposure to the world, introduction of limits on unacceptable behaviors, and training for good manners at home and abroad.

Life is different for each dog owner, so the socialization of each dog is an individual matter once the dog goes home. A dog living in a family with small children must learn to cope with the sounds and motions of child play and the visits of other

children without fear or over-reaction. A dog living with elderly family members must learn not to get underfoot. A dog with a future as a service dog must be accustomed to the sights, sounds, and confusion of life in the public eye. A dog that will compete in conformation, obedience, or other contests must get along well with other dogs and learn to handle the noise and crowds at indoor and outdoor dog shows.

Hints

Puppy buyers can make socialization easier by:

- Selecting a puppy from parent dogs that are mentally and physically sound and from a breeder who lays the foundation for learning in the pup's first seven or eight weeks.

- Waiting until the pup is at least seven weeks old before bringing it home so that it has plenty of opportunity to interact with litter-mates and learn basic dog-to-dog manners.
- Enrolling in a puppy kindergarten class that provides play time for puppies as well as opportunities to teach basic commands and ask lots of questions.

Copyright 2003 by Canis Major Publications at www.canismajor.com/dog, All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Julie Kay Seminar

by Pat Wilaby

We are very excited to have finalized plans to provide our members as well as WVESSA an opportunity to attend a FREE seminar offered by PSESSA featuring Julie Kay. Julie will reveal her techniques in grooming *and* handling skills which has afforded her multiple Best In Show Springers. You won't want to miss this exciting opportunity to learn from a professional. Details of the seminar are as follows:

- Win-Star Bed & Biscuit, 3602 112th St. E, Tacoma, WA, (253) 531-0779
- Saturday, April 19th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Grooming Techniques. We have 6 dogs scheduled to come, however you are welcome to bring your dog in case we need extras
- Sunday, April 20th, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Handling Techniques. Brings your dogs. This will be divided into 2-3 parts hands on training.

- We haven't finalized the lunch, but be prepared to bring a salad or desert if we decide on a pot-luck. We are also working on box lunches for a nominal price. There will be coffee and donuts provided in the morning and pop for lunch.

Directions

Coming from the North and South on I-5 take SR512 to the Portland-Midland Exit. Right on Portland-Midland, left on 112th St. E. Win-Star Bed & Biscuit is about 3/4 of a mile on the south side of 112th St E.

Coming South on SR167 to SR512 SR512 West to Canyon Rd Exit, left on Canyon Rd. Right on 112th St. E Follow 112th St. E to our facility, which will be on the left side (south) of the street.

Hotels

- Holiday Inn Express 253-848-4900
- Best Western 253-848-1500

Thanks to many of you who have confirmed they are coming. Space is limited, so if you are planning to come for the weekend, let me know ASAP. Although, I will be out of town next week on vacation. Hope I've covered everything.

Pat Wilaby
425-482-1707
Pawmarc@earthlink.net



Dog Bytes is bi-monthly newsletter published by the Willamette Valley English Springer Spaniel Association.

Any questions, comments, or article submissions can be forwarded to the editor. The editor reserves the right to edit or to refuse any copy.

Kelly J. Callahan, Editor
8904 N.E. 15th Ave., D26
Vancouver, WA 98665
(360) 834-8005
callahankj@earthlink.net

Kelly J. Callahan, Editor
8904 N.E. 15th Ave., D26
Vancouver, WA 98665

2002 Officers

Dave Kemp, President

33730 S.E. Francis St.
Gresham, OR 97080
(503) 663-1335 • djkemp@teleport.com

Larry Schwartz, Vice President

P.O. Box 219 • 606 NW Cross St.
Seal Rock, OR 97376-0219
(541) 563-5765 • vanityfr@teleport.com

Melissa Ratzlaff, Corresponding Sec.

P.O. Box 1179
Veneta, OR 97487
(541) 935-8465 • Mjratzla@pscnet.com

Janeé Kemp, Recording Secretary

33730 S.E. Francis St.
Gresham, OR 97080
(503) 663-1335 • djkemp@teleport.com

Carol Callahan, Treasurer

63215 Peterman Lane
Bend, OR 97701
(541) 388-4808 • donahan@aol.com

Board of Directors

Includes all officers plus:

Marsha Caldwell

(503) 620-9810
marcur@teleport.com

Lisa Loeffler

(541) 758-4402
lisaloeffler@earthlink.net

Gretchen Patterson

(503) 864-8606
gretelyns@aol.com

Jan Sturm

(503) 590-6167
Sturmgi@aol.com

Christy Will

(360) 748-7957
willcokennel@earthlink.net