

Dog Bytes

WVSSA Newsletter

April 2006

2006 WVSSA Specialty

Coming at us at a breathless speed is the 2006 WVSSA Specialty. In a mere two months it will be June 30th. The show will be once again held outdoors on grass at the Dechutes County Fairgrounds. This year, like 2005 we are adding an All-Breed Obedience Trial (with limited entry).

Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club will hold three all breed agility trials, June 30, July 1st and 2nd and two all-breed dog shows and obedience trials, July 1st and 2nd on the same site. 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 and Junior Handling: Greg Anderson
- Sweepstakes: Sharon Stewart
- Obedience: Pam Weaver, specialty trial and Jim Thomson at the all-breed trial
- ESS judges for Mt. Bachelor KC: John Remondi and Loraine Boutwell

There will also be limited food service available at the Fairgrounds and restaurants within a 5 minute drive of the show site.

Raffle items and trophy donations are still needed. Please contact Susan Crane for raffle items at (503) 244-1464 or SGCCCPA@aol.com.

Jan Stum and Lisa Loeffler are trophy co-chairs, please send donations to Jan or contact her at (503) 590-6167 or Sturmj@aol.com

The Host hotel is the Comfort Inn Suites, Redmond, OR; 541-504-8900. Mention the Springer Show for a special rate. Reservations must be made by June 12, 2006.

We hope you will join us! For more information, contact: Carol Callahan, Show Chair
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Show Results

DFA of Oregon, 1/20

BOB CH Segre's *Thats All She Wrote*
BOS CH Ramblewood *Mister Magic*
BOW/WB Segre's *Black Ice*
WD Casatees Here'Slookin *4trouble*
RWD Ramblewood *Hippy Hippy Shakes*
RWB Ramblewood *Moonlight Lady*

DFA of Oregon, 1/21

BOB CH Ramblewood *Mister Magic*
BOS CH Segre's *Thats All She Wrote*
BOW/WD Casatees Here'Slookin
4trouble
RWD Shala's *American Dream*
WB Lakeview *Fancy's Chantilly Lace*
RWB Marcur's *Gem Ruby NAJ*

Tualitin KC, 1/22

BOB/BOW/WD Casatees
Here'Slookin 4trouble
BOS CH Oxbow's *Silver Lining*
RWD Shala's *American Dream*
WB Lakeview *Fancy's Chantilly Lace*
RWB Darkover *Georgianna Moon*

Braggs & Wags

- Oxbow's Heartstrings was BOS, WB for a major at the Saturday Chintimini show in Albany. These were her first points and were from the 12-18 class. Ali is owned by Dave and Janeé Kemp
- Ch Donahan's Definitely in Style, CDX ended 2005 tied for fourth place for all English Springer Spaniels in Open A in the US according to *Front & Finish* magazine. Duffy had 3 qualifying scores, all in the 190's to attain this placement. Duffy is owned by Don & Carol Callahan
- Cascadian's Touch the Sky got her first Open Standard Agility leg with a clean run. Skylar has got 2 Jumper Agility legs with clean runs. Skylar is owned by Carol Janen.
- CH Vanity Fair's Artful Dodger II, CD, TD earned the third leg of his CD with a third place at the Chintimini show on Friday. Art is owned by Betty and Larry Schwartz.

Linn County KC, 2/11

BOB CH Ramblewood *Mister Magic*
BOS CH Oxbow's *Silver Lining*
BOW/WB Ramblewood *Unchain My Heart*
WD Ramblewood *Hippy Hippy Shakes*
RWD Shala's *American Dream*
RWB Mar-Ric *Money To Burn*

Linn County KC, 2/12

GP3/BOB CH Pawmarc's *Northern Lights*
BOS CH Oxbow's *Silver Lining*
BOW/WD Shala's *American Dream*
RWD Mar-Ric *Roll On Texas Moon*
WB Pawmarc's *Beloved Keepsake*
RWB Marcur's *Gem Ruby NAJ*

Seattle KC, 3/11

BOB CH Amilyn's *Flying High*
BOS/WB Darkover *Georgianna Moon*
BOW/WD Casatees Here'Slookin
4trouble
RWD Avonleah's *Tradewind Traveler*
RWB Avonleah's *Next Top Model*

Seattle KC, 3/12

GP3/BOB CH Amilyn's *Flying High*
BOS CH Woodridge's *Chantilly Lace*
BOW/WD Casatees Here'Slookin
4trouble
RWD Esspecial *Honeymooner*
WB Darkover *Georgianna Moon*
RWB Majic *Dosey Do And Away You Go*

Peninsula DFC, 3/25

GP4/BOB CH Ramblewood *Mister Magic*
BOS/BOW/WB Mar-Ric *Money To Burn*
WD Casatees Here'Slookin *4trouble*
RWD Ramblewood *Country Club*
RWB Ramblewood *Chimes Of Freedom*

Peninsula DFC, 3/26

GP3/BOB CH Ramblewood *Mister Magic*
BOS CH Oxbow's *Silver Lining*
BOW/WB Ramblewood Here
Fortheparty
WD Casatees Here'Slookin *4trouble*
RWD Ramblewood *Country Club*
RWB Mar-Ric *Money To Burn*

Chintimini KC, 4/1

BOB/BOW/WD Bryden *Fairhaven Hidalgo*
BOS/WB Oxbow's *Heartstrings*
RWD Avonleah's *Tradewind Traveler*
RWB Aldwyn *Fairhaven Go With Grace*

Chintimini KC, 4/2

BOB CH Pawmarc's *Northern Lights*
BOS/WB Mar-Ric *Money Talks*
BOW/WD Bryden *Fairhaven Hidalgo*
RWD Pawmarc's *On Memory Lane*
RWB Esspecial's *Magenta Moon*

Future Meetings

The April/May meeting will be on April 29th, 12:00 noon at Godfather's Pizza in Tigard; 14200 SW Barrows Road; (503) 590-0900.

Directions

From I-5 or I-405 South take Hwy 26/Beaverton Exit. Exit onto Hwy 217. Take Scholls Ferry Exit (Exit 4B), turn right onto Scholls Ferry.

From I-5 North take Hwy 217 Exit. Take the Scholls Ferry Exit (Exit 4B), turn left onto Scholls Ferry.

From Scholls Ferry turn left onto Barrows Road. Stay on Barrows Road until you see the shopping center on the left side of the road (Albertsons is there). You can see Godfathers from Barrows Road.

June Meeting

The June meeting will be on Saturday, June 3rd. The location to be announced.

Coming Events

Conformation & Obedience

April 29-30, 2006

Walla Walla Kennel Club
Walla Walla, WA
Saturday: Judi Shurb
Sunday: Harold N. Engel, DVM

May 6-7, 2006

Olympia Dog Fanciers
Elma, WA
Saturday: Valerie Gervais
Sunday: Lowell K. Davis

May 13-14, 2006

Klamath Dog Fanciers
Klamath Falls, OR
Saturday: Arlene Davis
Sunday: Sandra Goose Allen

May 20-21, 2006

Rouge Valley Kennel Club
Merlin, OR
Saturday: Dorothy O. Hutchinson
Sunday: Noreen C. Cartwright

May 20-21, 2006

Mt. Baker Kennel Club
Lynden, WA
Saturday: William R. Russell
Sunday: Anne D Bolus

May 27-28, 2006

Spokane Kennel Club
Spokane, WA
Saturday: Carl Gene Liepmann
Sunday: Lawrence J. Sinclair

May 29-30, 2006

Coeur d'Alene Dog Fanciers
Coeur d'Alene, ID
Monday: Charles Francis
Tuesday: Dr. Dale D. Simmons

June 3-4, 2006

Yakima Valley KC
Union Gap, WA
Saturday: Arley D. Hussin
Sunday: Gretchen K. Schultz

June 10-11, 2006

Western Washington Cluster
Puyallup, WA
Saturday: Linda M. Riedel
Sunday: Marsha Hall Brown

June 13-14, 2006

Snake River Canyon KC
Filer, ID
Tuesday: Robert Stein
Wednesday: Houston Clark

June 15-18, 2006

Eastern Idaho Cluster
Blackfoot, ID
Thursday: Noreen C. Cartwright
Friday: James R. White
Saturday: Lowell K. Davis
Sunday: Helen Lee James

June 24-25, 2006

Clackamas Kennel Club
Canby, OR
Saturday: Thomas H. Bradley III
Sunday: Thomas J. Feneis

June 30, 2006

WVSSA Specialty
Redmond, OR
Breed: Gregory A. Anderson
Sweeps: Sharon Stewart

AKC Agility

April 29-30, 2006

Auburn, WA

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May 6-7, 2006

Auburn, WA

May 13 -14, 2006

Salem, OR
Spokane, WA

May 20-21, 2006

Graham, WA

May 26-29, 2006

Eugene, OR

May 27-28, 2006

Graham, WA

June 3-4, 2006

Canby, OR

June 8-9, 2006

Auburn, WA

June 10-11, 2006

Puyallup, WA

June 15-18, 2006

Blackfoot, ID

June 17-18, 2006

Auburn, WA
Canby, OR

June 23-25, 2006

Auburn, WA

June 30 - July 2, 2006

Bend, OR

Tracking

April 30, 2006

Sprague, WA
TR

May 7, 2006

Salem, OR
VST

May 7, 2006

Sprague, WA
TX

May 14, 2006

Yelm, WA
TX

May 14, 2006

Duvall, WA
TR, TX

May 21, 2006

Junctional City, OR
TX

Miscellaneous

Drop-In Conformation Classes

Pup-A-Razzi, Beaverton, OR
Every Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
For more information: www.pup-a-razzi.com or (503) 259-8978

Competition Obedience Classes

6:30 - 9:30 Mondays
Vancouver, WA
Contact joana@zoiedog.com

Drop-In Agility Classes

7:00 - 9:00 Tuesdays
Gresham, OR
Contact Barbara Stewart at
503-256-1779 for directions.

Guidelines for Responsible Breeders of English Springer Spaniels

Responsible Breeders

- Strive in each and every breeding to achieve the highest quality possible relative to the breed standard for conformation, excellence in hunting for field, trainability for obedience, tracking and the field, and temperament, in order to maintain our breed's characteristics.
- Use only physically sound, mature dogs of stable temperament for breeding. These characteristics are rarely, if ever, determined before the age of two for either males or females. A minimum breeding age of three is seriously recommended in order for breeders to determine with greater certainty that the parents are of good health and temperament.
- Continue to educate themselves regarding genetic diseases pertinent to the breed, including, but not limited to hip and elbow dysplasia, eye diseases, seizure disorders, allergies, heart disorders, and PFK, and information available as to their modes of inheritance. Make use of genetic tests as suggested by the needs of their individual dog(s) and close relatives thereof. Documentation of hip and eye screenings should be available to prospective puppy buyers. Hip screening documentation should consist of an OFA or Penn Hip report and/or a letter of evaluation from a board certified Veterinary Radiologist or Veterinary Orthopedist; eyes should be evaluated by a board-certified ACVO diplomate.
- Apply the same high standards to outside bitches sent to their stud dogs as they apply to their own breeding stock.
- Match each puppy's personality as carefully as possible with a compatible buyer/family. Temperament testing of a litter before puppies are offered for sale is encouraged.
- Take appropriate steps to have each puppy examined by a veterinarian for general health and examined by a veterinary ophthalmologist for congenital eye disease prior to placement. Each puppy should be vaccinated and wormed by or in consultation with a veterinarian. Proper documentation indicating normal health and eyes for the age of the puppy or specifying any health or eye problems found at time of examination should be furnished to puppy buyers.
- Encourage buyers of pet puppies to spay/neuter. Methods should include written spay/neuter contracts, limited registration, and/or spay/neuter rebates.
- Endeavor to gain personal knowledge of the temperament and health of every dog they breed, or to which they breed in order to gather information on which to base future breeding decisions. They share this information fully and honestly with other breeders and with prospective buyers.
- Sell breeding prospects to knowledgeable, ethical, and experienced persons or are willing to help educate and guide novices. They should at any time accept the return of any dog/bitch their breeding program produces and they should always help when relocation is needed.
- Do not engage in misleading or untrue advertising and do not use ESSFTA membership as a marketing tool.
- Do not sell, supply, donate or surrender any dog for which they are responsible to a pet shop, catalogue house, wholesale dealer in dogs, Humane Society, or nondiseased dogs to a laboratory. They should have reasonable assurance that each individual receiving a dog will provide a home with appropriate shelter, restraint, control and responsible care.
- Encourage puppy buyers to go to puppy and obedience classes to help their puppies to become better canine good citizens. The achievement of a Canine Good Citizen certificate should be encouraged.
- Participate and/or cooperate in research studies into heritable defects affecting the English Springer Spaniel.

Information provided by the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association (ESSFTA) website: www.essfta.org

Raffle Update

Raffle items are needed for the
2006 WVESSA Specialty
Please contact Susan Crane

A Short Guide to Assistance Dogs

Assistance dogs fall into the following categories:

Guide Dogs

These dogs are specifically trained to help the blind or someone who is visually impaired. Guide dogs can help them avoid obstacles, like an open manhole cover or a tree branch hanging in their path. They can also signal changes in elevation. The dogs will sit down or stop in their tracks in front of a curb or some kind of edge to let the owner know there's a step coming. They are also trained to wait at an intersection until it's safe to cross. These smart pups can even find objects on command, like an exit or a doorknob.

Hearing Dogs

Hearing dogs are trained to help someone who is deaf or hard of hearing. At home, the dog will wake up his owner when the alarm goes off by nudging him. Or they can lead the person to the front door if the doorbell chimes. These dogs can even bring the phone over to their owner if it should ring. If traveling, they'll warn when a smoke alarm beeps by taking the person to it; or if their owner is asleep, they'll nudge the person awake. If the cell phone or beeper sounds off, the hearing dog will grab it and bring it to their owner to answer.

Service Dogs

These talented canines are trained to help someone physically disabled, such as a paraplegic. These dogs can pull the wheelchair by a pull strap or help balance the person by leaning against his/her legs. Switching to a rigid handled harness will allow the person to pull himself up or brace against the handle to lift out of the chair. The service dog can bring in the groceries, fetch the mail or newspa-

per, dump the trash in the garbage can, turn on the lights, pull off socks without biting any toes, or even call 911 on a K-9 rescue phone by pushing the button with his nose. And that's only a partial list.

Alert/Response Dogs

Also known as seizure response or alert dogs, these critters are trained to work with people who have epilepsy, some other kind of seizure disorder, diabetes, or a psychological/psychiatric disability. Not only can they call 911, but these dogs can also fetch an insulin kit, a respiratory assistance device, or medication from a designated spot in the house. The medical response dog can also be trained to lie down on the owner's chest to produce a cough so she can breathe easier when the suction machine or caregiver isn't near by.

Therapeutic Companion Dog

The companionship this type of dog provides can have a therapeutic benefit on the life of anyone with a temporary or less limiting disability as well as the elderly or a special needs child. Often these dogs aren't used out in public and their skill level is fairly limited. They're taught the basic obedience skills (sit, stay, come, down, heel) and proper behavior (no aggression, nuisance barking, biting, or begging) and more. Therapy dogs and their handlers typically are thoroughly trained and screened to ensure their success in therapy programs. These dogs are well-behaved pets that can lift the spirits of someone who's suddenly alone, such as an elderly woman who recently lost her husband of fifty years. While some organizations don't technically consider these dogs service animals, there is no doubt that they can provide emotional support.

There are many more things these dogs can do than those listed above. For a complete list of trainable tasks, visit the International Association of Assistance Dog Partners website (www.ismi.net/iaadp).

Even Mutts Can be Heroes

Assistance dogs don't have to be pure bred or of a specific breed or size. In fact, half of the dogs trained for service is rescued from dog pounds and shelters. The other half is adopted from private families, according to ADAI. The only special consideration is for those service dogs that may have to do some heavy pulling or bracing to help their owners. These dogs should come from breeds with sturdier frames and larger structures.

In some cases, assistance animals don't even need to be dogs! Monkeys have been trained to assist the physically disabled, and miniature ponies have been trained to guide the visually impaired. Trainers are continually exploring the ways that animals can help people with needs.

How to Find a Canine Friend

There are many training programs and facilities throughout the United States that cater to individuals who need canine help. If you or someone you know is in need of an assistance dog, talk with your local veterinarian for recommendations for your specific needs, or contact one of the organizations above.

Although the law doesn't require a special public ID for assistance dogs, you can keep an eye out for them in public. They'll usually be wearing either a visible tag, vest, coat, harness, or backpack. If you come across someone with an assistance dog, remember—don't pet or distract the pooch. He's working.



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