

Dog Bytes

WVSSA Newsletter

November 2006

Winterizing Your Dogs

Harsh winter weather brings a wide variety of concerns to responsible dog owners. Bitter cold, numbing wetness, biting winds and salt can cause much grief for that special dog in your life. To assure your canine companion stays healthy and safe through the long, winter months, follow these guidelines.

- Wind chill causes colder conditions than what is read on a thermometer. Dogs shouldn't be left outside for long periods of time. Even a half hour in frigid temperatures can cause problems. Be sure to keep a sharp eye on your dog's body temperature and never leave him in the yard for more than 10 minutes when temperatures dip below freezing.
- Always be sure your dog has adequate shelter where it will be warm and dry. Be sure that he isn't lying in a drafty area. Place his bed, blanket or pillow on tile and wood floors.
- Groom your canine companion on a regular basis. A coat that is well maintained is well insulated. Short-haired dogs and those with coarse coats get cold easily. Consider purchasing a blanket, coat or sweater to keep your dog warm.
- Trim excess hair from footpads and toes of longhaired dogs. This makes it easier to remove ice and snow. Be careful not to injure your dog's foot when trimming hair.
- If you own a working dog, or if your canine companion spends hours outdoors, feed it extra calories. In winter, dogs need extra energy to regulate body temperature. Extra food provides necessary nutrients to see your dog through the most frigid days.
- If your dog gets wet when out in inclement weather, towel or blow-dry his coat. Be sure to dry his paws well to prevent footpads from cracking. If your canine companion's footpad becomes dry, moisten it with petroleum jelly.
- Use caution if you and your dog are walking, playing or working around frozen creeks, rivers, lakes or streams. If your dog jumps or slips into frigid water, his body temperature will drop quickly. Dogs can die from hypothermia, just as humans can.

- Never leave your dog alone in a vehicle. If the engine is off, he can die from hypothermia. If the engine is left running, he can be overcome with carbon monoxide fumes.

Winter Health Tips

- Always wash your dog's paws after a winter walk to remove salt.
- Anti freeze that leaks onto driveways and roads smells and tastes good to dogs. However, it is highly poisonous and can be lethal to your canine companion if ingested.
- Your dog's ears, feet and tail are highly susceptible to frostbite. Limit his time outdoors, if possible.
- Dogs can become dehydrated in winter. Make certain he always has plenty of fresh water available. Snow is not an efficient alternative to water.
- Like humans, dogs are more likely to experience health problems in winter. If your dog is listless, lethargic or experiences symptoms of illness, such as coughing, take him to the veterinarian as soon as possible.
- Woodstoves, fireplaces and portable heaters can cause severe burns to your canine companion. Be sure your dog stays away from all heat sources.



Future Meetings

November Meeting

The November meeting will be at approximately 1:30 at Carol Jansen's, 4850 Justice Way S., Salem, Oregon.

Carol will pick up Pizza and Salad, members will need to supply their own drinks. Please RSVP to Carol Jansen cajansen1@comcast.net for Pizza. Members will be splitting the cost of Pizza and salad.

Directions

From I-5 South take Kuebler Blvd exit. Turn right go 3.7 miles. Turn right on Croisan Scenic Way, go one block turn right on Justice Way S. and go two blocks. The house is on the right.

From I-5 North take commercial Street exit. From commercial take a left on Kuebler, go 2.1 miles to Croisan Scenic Way. Turn right on Croisan Scenic Way, go one block turn right on Justice Way S. and go two blocks. The house is on the right.

December Meeting

The December meeting is the Annual Christmas Party on December 3rd at the Parkrose Elmers 2:00 p.m. The address is 10,001 Sandy Blvd, Portland.

RSVP to Cathy English Englishkc@aol.com ASAP or call her at (360) 887-8139.

If you want to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift of \$10.00 - \$15.00.

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

January Meeting

The January meeting is the Annual Awards Banquet at Saylor's Old Country Kitchen on January 20th. See page 3 for further details.

Braggs & Wags

- CH Donahan's Definitely in Style CDX, WDX, JH earned his Working Dog Excellent in one try and his Junior Hunter title in 4 consecutive tries. Duffy was handled by Richard Matzke to his titles. Duffy is owned by Don and Carol Callahan.
- CH Salilyn's Turbulance passed his CERF exam for the 9th time. Stuey won 1st place in Vet Sweeps and 1st place in Vet classes (7 year to 9 years) at the 2006 Nationals. From the Vet class he went on to win a coveted award of merit. Stuey is owned by Art and Sharon Stewart.
- Springer wannabe Bunny starred in the upcoming movie "The Feast of Love" with Greg Kinnear and Morgan Freeman. The movie will come out in 2007. Bunny is owned by Lisa Loeffler.
- G&J's Tehya Wind Dancer placed 2nd in her class in Sweeps at the Nationals. She also placed 3rd in her class in regular classes. There were 12 in her sweeps class and 23 in her regular class. Teyha is owned by Susan Crane, Jan and Gary Sturm.
- CH Vanity Fair's Mystic sunrise earned her first Rally leg from Novice B at the first Vancouver Show.

2007 Dues are Due January 1st

The dues are \$30.00 for family, \$20.00 for single (voting). Associate (non-voting) dues are \$20.00 for family and \$15.00 for single.

Show Results

Longview-Kelso KC, 9/2

BOB CH Ramblewood Mister Magic
BS/BW/WB Mar-Ric The Color of Money
WD Mar-Ric Kayndee Ring Of Fire
RWD Ramblewood's Magic Illusion
RWB Ariel's Trust Your Heart

Longview-Kelso KC, 9/3

GP2/BOB CH Amilyn's Flying High
BOS/BOW/WB Ariel's Trust Your Heart
WD Ramblewood's Magic Illusion
RWD Mar-Ric Kayndee Ring Of Fire
RWB G&J's Tehya Wind Dancer

Eugene KC, 9/7

GPI/BOB CH Ramblewood Johnny B. Goode
BOS/WB Mar-Ric The Color Of Money
BOW/WD Hijinks Neiman Marcus
RWD Ramblewood Capture The Magic
RWB Ariel's Trust Your Heart

Eugene KC, 9/8

BOB CH Amilyn's Flying High
BOS/WB Ariel's Trust Your Heart
BOW/WD Ramblewood Soulful Strut
RWD Ramblewood Capture The Magic
RWB Ramblewood lenjoybeingagirl

McKenzie Cascade DF, 9/10

BOB CH Ramblewood Johnny B. Goode
BS/BW/WB Mar-Ric The Color of Money
WD Mar-Ric Kayndee Ring Of Fire
RWD Ramblewood Capture The Magic
RWB Ariel's Trust Your Heart

Gig Harbor KC, 9/23

BOB CH Silverhill N Hunters All In
BOS/WB Ariel's Trust Your Heart
BOW/WD Mar-Ric Kayndee Ring of Fire
RWB Mar-Ric The Color of Money

Gig Harbor KC, 9/24

BOB/WB Ariel's Trust Your Heart
RWB Kadrian's Spot O' Pixie Dust

Idaho Capital City KC, 10/12

BOB CH Ramblewood Mister Magic
BOS/WB Ariel's Trust Your Heart
BW/WD Ramblewood Capture The Magic
RWB Foxboro N Justice For All

Idaho Capital City KC, 10/13

GPI/BOB CH Ramblewood Mister Magic
BOS/WB CH Ariel's Trust Your Heart
BW/WD Ramblewood Capture The Magic
RWB Foxboro N Justice For All

Annual Awards

All club members are responsible for applying to receive an annual award. Applications must be received no later than January 4, 2006 and should be mailed to the awards chairman: Carol Callahan at 63215 Peterman Lane, Bend, OR 97701 or e-mailed to donahan@aol.com.

Awards for titles earned will only be given to those who apply for the award(s). It is not necessary to apply for Springer of the Year, Best of Opposite Sex to Springer of the Year, Obedience Springer of the Year, Agility Springer of the Year or Junior Handler of the Year.

2006 Awards Application

Dog's Registered Name: _____

Title Earned: _____

Date Completed: _____

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Date Completed: _____

Owner's Name: _____

Mail To:

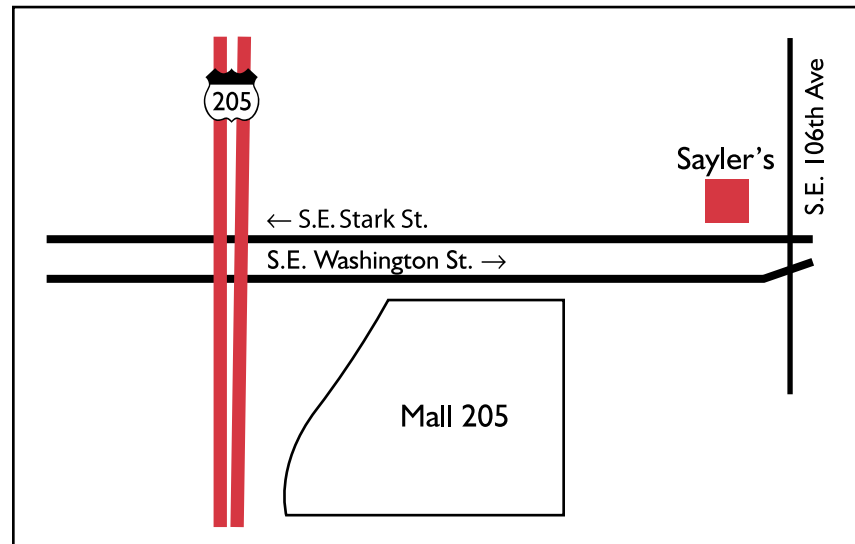
Carol Callahan, Awards Chairman
63215 Peterman Lane
Bend, OR 97701
(541) 388-4808 • email: donahan@aol.com

The Annual Awards Dinner

The Annual Awards Dinner will be Saturday, January 20th at Sayler's Old Country Kitchen. Cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. RSVP Cathy English at (360) 887-8139 or Englishkc@aol.com by January 12th.

Sayler's address is 10519 SE Stark Street, Portland. The instructions might seem confusing, but Stark and Washington are one way only streets.

From the North take I-205 South, take the Glisan/Stark Street exit, turn left on Washington Street, left on 106th and left on Stark Street. From the South I-205 take the Washington Street exit, turn right on Washington, left on 106th and left on Stark Street.



WVSSA Annual Awards

There shall be five awards:

- Springer of the Year
- Best of Opposite Sex to Springer of the Year
- Obedience Springer of the Year
- Agility Springer of the Year
- Best Junior Handler of the Year

Information for these awards shall be derived from the American Kennel Club Gazette only. Information will be obtained starting from the January Gazette and running through the December Gazette.

To be eligible for these awards, a Springer must be owned by a club or associate club member at the time competing and at the time these awards are presented. If a dog is co-owned and the co-owner(s) is not a club member, the dog must reside with the club member for a minimum of nine months of the year.

Members should notify the awards chairman in writing of all wins if they feel they are eligible for any awards.

Springer Of The Year

Shall be based on points earned only in AKC approved dog shows. Points earned by winning the following:

1. **Winners Dog** – One point for each class dog competing, minus one for himself.
2. **Winners Bitch** – One point for each class bitch competing, minus one for herself.
3. **Best of Winners** – One point for each class dog and each class bitch competing, minus one.
4. **Best of Opposite Sex** – One point for each Springer defeated of the same sex. If BOS is the same sex as Best of Winners, then shall receive one point for each class dog and bitch defeated.
5. **Best of Breed** – One point for each Springer competing, minus one.

Best of Opposite Sex to Springer of the Year

Shall be awarded to the Springer with the most points that is of the opposite sex to the Springer of the Year.

Obedience Springer of the Year

Shall be awarded to the Springer with the highest average of all qualifying scores earned in AKC obedience trials, with a minimum of three scores necessary to be eligible.

Agility Springer of the Year

Shall be based on qualifying scores and points earned for difficulty and speed.

Difficulty Factor (DF) is a multiplier applied to qualifying scores to account for increasing difficulty from Novice to Open to Excellent.

The DF for Standard and Jumpers with Weaves classes at the respective levels are:

- Novice 1 point
- Open 5 points
- Excellent 7 points

Speed Factor (SF) is a multiplier applied to qualifying scores to give credit for speed at each class level. The speed factor is measured in yards per second (yps). Speed Factor for all levels of Standard classes is:

- 3.4 yps and above 1 point
- 3.7 yps and above 2 points

Speed Factors for all levels of Jumpers with Weaves classes are:

- 4.3 yps and above 1 point
- 4.9 yps and above 2 points

There is no limit to the number of scores that may be accumulated from any class or level.

Junior Handler of the Year

Handlers will be awarded points for wins at AKC approved shows in the Junior Showmanship competition according to the following schedule:

One point for each handler defeated. Best Junior Handler winners shall win one point for each handler entered, minus one point for his/herself.

To be eligible for this award, the handler must be exhibiting an English Springer Spaniel.

In addition to the five awards listed above, the club shall give awards to any dog that earns an American Kennel Club or Canadian Kennel Club title during the calendar year. Eligibility rules will be the same as for the five annual awards with the exception that the titles do not have to be derived from the American Kennel Club Gazette. Club members are responsible for reporting any title(s) earned to the Awards Chairman 30 days prior to the annual awards dinner.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee made the following recommendations: President – Marsha Caldwell; Vice President – Ken English; Recording Secretary – Janeé Kemp; Corresponding Secretary – Cathy English; Treasurer – Carol Callahan. Board of Directors: Melissa Ratzlaff, David Kemp, Carol Jansen, Susan Crane, and Debbie Kirsh.

No nominations were made from the floor. The new officers and board of directors will be voted in at the November meeting and take over their positions in December.

Coming Events

Conformation & Obedience

November 11-12, 2006

Willamette Valley Kennel Club
Salem, OR

Saturday: Howard Falberg

Sunday: Jerry H. Weiss

November 18-19, 2006

Whidbey Island Kennel Club
Monroe, WA

Saturday: Leta B. Graham

Sunday: Terry M. DePietro

January 12-14, 2007

Western Washington Cluster
Puyallup, WA

Friday: Ms. Denny C. Mounce

Saturday: David Allan Feller

Sunday: Dana P. Cline

January 19-20, 2007

Rose City Cluster

Portland, OR

Friday: Gale Young

Saturday: Anne D. Bolus

Sunday: Joan V. Savage

Monday: Erik Bergishagen

February 10-11, 2007

Linn County Kennel Club
Albany, OR

Saturday: Gretchen K. Schultz

Sunday: Marilyn C. Spacht

March 10-11, 2007

Seattle Kennel Club

Seattle, WA

Judges: TBD

March 17-18, 2007

Chintimini Kennel Club

Albany, OR

Saturday: Jeffrey G. Pepper

Saturday: Frank N. Summerside

March 24-25, 2007

Peninsula Dog Fanciers

Bremerton, WA

Saturday: Gloria Geringer

Sunday: Sam Houston McDonald

AKC Agility

November 18-20, 2006

Ridgefield, WA

November 24-26, 2006

Olympia, WA

December 2-3, 2006

Longview, WA

December 9-10, 2006

Elma, WA

December 30, 2006 -

January 1, 2007

Elma, WA

January 12-15, 2007

Puyallup, WA

January 19-22, 2007

Portland, OR

February 3-4, 2007

Ridgefield, WA

February 17-19, 2007

Elma, WA

February 23-25, 2007

Lynden, WA

March 3-4, 2007

Auburn, WA

March 9-11, 2007

Moscow, ID

Seattle, WA

March 16-17

Caldwell, ID

Monroe, WA

Albany, OR

March 23-25, 2007

Auburn, WA

Canby, OR

March 30 – April 1, 2007

Moses Lake, WA

Rigby, ID

Tracking

November 12, 2006

St. Paul, OR

TR, TX

November 12, 2006

Bow, WA

TR, TX

November 19, 2006

Bow, WA

Rickreall, OR

TR

November 26, 2006

Seattle, WA

VST

December 3, 2006

Yelm, WA

TX

March 4, 2007

Bow, WA

TR

March 18, 2007

Palisades, WA

TR, TX, VST

Miscellaneous

Drop in Handling Classes

A Dog's Life Daycare, Vancouver, WA

Every Tuesday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

www.pennyking.com or

(360) 737-6439

Begining Obedience/Novice Rally/

Conformation Classes

Cascade Obedience, Tigard, OR

Obedience: 7:00 p.m.

Rally/Conformation: 8:00 p.m.

Info: (503) 639-4513 or

(503) 654-7661



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