

# Dog Bytes

WVSSA Newsletter

April 2007

## 2007 WVSSA Specialty

We are just a little over 2 months away from the 2007 WVSSA Specialty. The show will be once again held outdoors on grass at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. This year we will be holding an All-breed obedience and Rally obedience trial in conjunction with the specialty.

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:  
Laurence J. Libeu
- Sweepstakes and Junior Handling:  
Wendy Galbreath
- All-breed Obedience: Alvin W Eng
- All-breed Rally: Sue Cox
- ESS judges for Mt. Bachelor KC:  
Judith Goodin and Pete Dawkins

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](mailto:SGCCCPA@aol.com).

Jan Stum is the trophy chairman, contact her at (503) 590-6167 or [Sturmj@aol.com](mailto: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 13, 2007.

We hope you will join us! For more information, contact: Art Stewart, Show Chair  
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### Volunteers Needed

To work at the Obedience and Rally trials, at our Specialty show in Redmond this year.

If you can help please e-mail Cathy English at [englishkc@aol.com](mailto:englishkc@aol.com)

New members, this is a fun way to learn about obedience and rally.



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## Future Meetings

The April meeting will be on Saturday the 21st.

11:00am – Clark County Fairgrounds to watch the Columbia Agility Team (CAT) trial for an hour or so. Meet at horse arena, west side of fairgrounds.

Horse arena is on the west side of the fairgrounds. The equestrian gate is west of the main gate.

1:00pm – Club meeting at the English's. Bring your lunch or snack.

The English's, 19500 NE 17th Ct., Ridgefield, WA

### Directions to Fairgrounds

Take I-5 exit 9 (in Washington) and head west on 179th for 1/2 mile. Turn left onto NE 2nd Ave, and then left again at Gate 7. The horse arena is on the right at the end of the road.

### Directions to the English's:

From the Fairgrounds turn right onto 179th and left on WA-502/NE 10th Ave. Turn right onto NE 194th St. At the top of the hill turn Left onto 17th Ct. (private drive). They are the second house on Left. Color is light brown with white trim.

## May Meeting

The May meeting will be on the 19th at the Callahan/Reed house, 5305 NE 70th Circle, Vancouver, WA. Time to be announced.

### Directions

From I-5 North take 78th street exit, travel east on 78th. At Padden Parkway/78th Street split (1 block past St. Johns Blvd.) stay to right. Turn right on 55th, right on Issler, left on 53rd.

From I-205 take Padden Parkway West exit. Cross Andreson and turn left at 1st light past Andreson. Drive straight at stop sign, right on Issler, left on 53rd.

Dark blue house on corner of 53rd and 70th Circle.

## Braggs & Wags

- Oxbow's Heartstrings was WB, BOW for her second major at the Chintimini KC show on Sunday, March 18th. She also received her OFA Good status and Elbows-normal. Ali is owned by Dave and Janeé Kemp.
- CH. ESSpecial's Magena Moon was BOS both days at CKC, on March 17-18, 2007. Gena is owned by Jan and Gary Sturm.

Vote by May 1st  
Vote for your  
preference for the  
2008 WVESSA  
Specialty.

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## Show Results

### Linn County KC, 10/28

GP1/BOB CH *Salilyn's Turbulance*  
BS/BW/WB *Ramblewood High Hopes*  
WD *Ramblewood Iwanttotalkaboutme*  
RWD *Oxbow's On To Silverado*  
RWB *Oxbow's Heartstrings*

### Linn County KC, 2/11

GP1/BOB CH *Salilyn's Turbulance*  
BS/BW/WB *Ramblewood Let Me Let Go*  
WD *Ramblewood Iwanttotalkaboutme*  
RWD *Mar-Ric Kayndee Walk The Line*  
RWB *Oxbow's Heartstrings*

### Seattle KC, 3/10

BOB CH *Silverhill N Hunters All In*  
BS/BW/WB *Ramblewood*  
*lenjoybeingagirl*  
WD *Pawmarc's Speed Of Light*  
RWD *Gleneire's Elvis Presley*  
RWB *Ramblewood High Hopes*

### Seattle KC, 3/11

GP4/BOB CH *Foxboro Paid In Full*  
BOS CH *Ramblewood lenjoybeingagirl*  
BOW/WD *Mar-Ric Kayndee Walk The Line*  
RWD *Pawmarc's Speed Of Light*  
WB *ESSpecial Over The Moon*  
RWB *Majic Dosey Do And Away You Go*

### Chintimini KC, 3/17

GP1/BOB CH *Silverhill N Hunters All In*  
BOS CH *Esspecial's Magena Moon*  
BOW/WD *Avonleah's Tradewind Traveler*  
RWD *English's Mighty Bruce*  
WB *Majic Dosey Do And Away You Go*  
RWB *Oxbow's Sweet Dreams*

### Chintimini KC, 3/18

GP2/BOB CH *Silverhill N Hunters All In*  
BOS CH *Esspecial's Magena Moon*  
BOW/WB *Oxbow's Heartstrings*  
WD *Avonleah's Tradewind Traveler*  
RWD *Donahan's Orion*  
RWB *Ramblewood Moonlight Lady*

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# Coming Events

## Conformation & Obedience

### April 20-23, 2007

Nez Perce Cluster  
Lewiston, ID  
Friday: Nancy A. Byrd  
Saturday: Charles E. Doran Jr.  
Sunday: Richard L. Byrd  
Monday: Diane L. Malenfant

### April 28-29, 2007

Walla Walla Kennel Club  
Walla Walla, WA  
Saturday: Terry Stacy  
Sunday: Lawrence J. Sinclair

### May 5-6, 2007

Olympia Dog Fanciers  
Elma, WA  
Saturday: John F. Remondi  
Sunday: Valerie J. Brown

### May 10-13, 2007

Southern Oregon Cluster  
Klamath Falls, OR  
Thursday: Carol Esterkin  
Friday: Dolores H. Maltz  
Saturday: William R. Russell  
Sunday: Robert S. Forsyth

### May 19-20, 2007

Rogue Valley KC  
Merlin, OR  
Saturday: Jon R. Cole  
Sunday: Norton Moore

### May 19-20, 2007

Mt. Baker Kennel Club  
Lynden, WA  
Saturday: Karin B. Ashe  
Sunday: Carol Esterkin

### May 26-27, 2007

Spokane Kennel Club  
Spokane, WA  
Saturday: Judith Goodin  
Sunday: Cliinton M. Harris

### May 28-29, 2007

Coeur d'Alene, Dog Fanciers

Coeur d'Alene, ID  
Monday: Nancy D. Simmons  
Tuesday: Martha M. Olmos-Olivier

### June 2-3, 2007

Yakima Valley Kennel Club  
Yakima, WA  
Saturday: Dr. Wanda V. Spediacci  
Sunday: Dorothy O. Hutchinson

### June 9-10, 2007

Puyallup Valley DF/  
Tacoma Kennel Club  
Saturday: Keke Kahn  
Sunday: Bernadette F. Cox

### June 12-13, 2007

Snake River Canyon KC  
Filer, ID  
Tuesday: Christina Hubbell  
Wednesday: Patricia A. Gellerman

### June 14-17, 2007

Blackfoot Circuit  
Blackfoot, ID  
Thursday: Donald M. Booxbaum  
Friday: Cindy Vogels  
Saturday: Dorothy M. Macdonald  
Sunday: Robert J. Moore

### June 23-24, 2007

Clackamas Kennel Club  
Canby, OR  
Saturday: Michael H. Faulkner  
Sunday: Betsy Horn Humer

### June 29, 2007

WVESSA Specialty  
Redmond, OR  
See Front Page

### June 30-July 1, 2007

Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club  
Redmond, OR  
Saturday: Judith Goodin  
Sunday: Pete Dawkins

### June 30-July 1, 2007

Bell Vernon Kennel Ass.  
Mt. Vernon, WA  
Saturday: Kenneth A. Buxton  
Sunday: Gloria Geringer

### July 7-8, 2007

Coos Kennel Club  
Bandon, OR  
Saturday: William Bergum  
Sunday: Helen Lee James

### July 7-8, 2007

Inland Empire Kennel Ass.  
Spokane, WA  
Saturday: Brent Wright  
Sunday: Elizabeth Huthard

### July 21-22, 2007

Portland Kennel Club  
Portland, OR  
Saturday: Joan V. Savage  
Sunday: Jack H. Ireland

### July 28-29, 2007

Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club  
Sequim, WA  
Judges: TBA

## AKC Agility

### April 27-29 & May 5-6, 2007

Auburn, WA

### May 12-13, 2007

Spokane, WA  
Salem, OR

### May 18-20, 2007

Auburn, WA

### May 25-28, 2007

Eugene, OR  
Graham, WA

### June 2-3, 2007

Canby, OR

### June 8-10, 2007

Puyallup, OR  
June 14-17, 2007

### Blackfoot, ID

June 16-17, 2007  
Auburn, WA  
Canby, OR

### June 29-July 1, 2007

Redmond, OR

### June 30-July 1, 2007

Moscow, ID

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## Events Cont'd

### Agility Cont'd

**July 7-8, 2007**

Monroe, WA

**July 13-15, 2007**

Auburn, WA

**July 20-22, 2007**

Lynden, WA

**July 27-30, 2007**

Enumclaw, WA

Central Point, OR

### Tracking

**April 22, 2007**

Yelm, WA

TX

**April 29, 2007**

Sprague, WA

Duvall, WA

TR

**May 6, 2007**

TX – Sprague, WA

VST – Salem, OR

**May 20, 2007**

TX – Junction City, OR

**June 17, 2007**

Bellingham, WA

TX, VST

**July 29, 2007**

Cheney, WA

VST

## Be An Advocate for Responsible Breeding Practices

Whether talking to someone interested in an English Springer Spaniel, or any breed of dog, it is important to advocate responsible breeding practices. Your best ammunition is knowledge. Here are a few talking points.

### Pet Shops

- Pet shops sell pups as merchandise to anyone who will pay. Doesn't screen buyers and will sell to inappropriate homes.
- Obtains stock from sources who breed for profit, often from puppy mills or local people who mate inferior specimens to sell at low cost. Reputable breeders never place in pet shops.
- Pups are often from breeding stock that has had poor health care and/or living conditions. Breeding stock not screened for genetic problems.
- Health guarantees are minimum prescribed by law. Sales personnel unwilling or unable to discuss diseases or genetic problems a breed may be prone to.
- Sales staff often doesn't have in-depth knowledge of all breeds sold.
- Pet shop display limits the socialization, exercise, and affection individual pups need at a critical point in development.
- Pet shop offers AKC registration papers as proof of quality. Doesn't mention that AKC accepts registrations without checking if breeding stock is sound and true to type.
- Pet shops unwilling or unable to produce pedigree, or name, address, and phone number of breeder prior to sale.
- Price at high end of local range for what are usually generic specimens and may be breed deviations.

- Pet shop owner doesn't care about welfare of pup after purchase. If, after some time, you have training or health problems with the pup, you're on your own.

### Puppy Mills

- Produces more than the standard number of litters per year (which is 2). Puppy mills usually breed more than two breeds of dogs.
- Do not test for any diseases or disorders or attempt to produce puppies of a higher quality than the breeding animals for the purpose of profit.
- The documented problems of puppy mills include overbreeding, inbreeding, minimal veterinary care, poor quality of food and shelter, lack of socialization with humans, overcrowded cages, and the killing of unwanted animals.

### Casual/Backyard Breeders

- Motive for breeding: "fun", "good for kids", or make money. Doesn't screen buyers and seldom refuses to sell.
- Breeds family pet to any convenient pet of same breed just to have purebred puppies. Has no concern for genetics, bloodlines, or breed improvement.
- Though pet may be well-loved, it wasn't x-rayed for hip dysplasia nor checked for other inheritable problems.
- Offers no health guarantees beyond proof of shots. Unqualified to give help if problems develop.
- Seller has little knowledge of breed history or AKC breed standard. may claim this doesn't matter for "just pets."

- Might be selling “rare” colors and/or sizes. These “rare” colors are might not be accepted by the AKC. AKC. national and local breed club do not recognize “teacup” as an actual size. This is a term invented to sell puppies.
- Pups raised in makeshift accommodations indicating lack of long-term investment in breeding.
- Even when selling “just pets”. may produce AKC papers or “championship pedigree” as proof of quality. Yet seller doesn’t increase own knowledge through participation in national or local breed club.
- May be unwilling to show entire litter or to introduce dam of litter. Can’t/won’t critique puppies or puppies’ ancestors.
- Prices at low end of local range since has to move pups rapidly.
- No concern for individual pup’s and breed’s future. Doesn’t use AKC limited registration or ask for spay/neuter contract to guard against breeding of substandard pets. if you can’t keep the pup, tells you to take it to the dog pound or sell it.

## Responsible Breeders

- Dedication to producing quality dogs is serious avocation. Has so much invested in dogs that struggles to break even, not make profit. However, will only sell pups to approved buyers.
- Can explain how planned breeding to emphasize specific qualities through line-breeding, out-cross-

ing, or more rarely, inbreeding.

- Has breeding stock x-rayed for hip dysplasia and tests for other genetic faults. Can produce certification to prove claims.
- Lifetime commitment to replace a dog with proven genetic faults or to help owner deal with problem.
- Loves breed and can talk at length about its background, uses, and ideal type.
- Has a serious investment in dog equipment such as puppy pens, crates, grooming tables — and knows how to use it.
- Is member of local or national dog club, indicating a love for the sport of dogs. Exhibits own dogs as an objective test of how stock measures up.
- Shows off litter and dam in sanitary environment. Helps buyer evaluate and choose pup. Explains criteria for “show picks” versus “pet picks.”
- Will answer your questions about the breed, their dogs, their expectations of buyers.
- Will ask buyers questions. Lots of questions. Responsible breeders will ask about the buyers expectations, family, children, house/yard situations, etc.
- Prices will be at high end of local range, not cut-rate. Price won’t reflect all that’s invested in the pups.
- After purchase, will help with grooming or training problems. Will take back pups you can’t keep rather than see it disposed of inappropriately.
- Sells pets with spay/neuter agreement or AKC limited registration for welfare of the breed, reputation based on your satisfaction.

# ESSFTA National Trophy Donation

Donations of \$25 or more to the 2007 Bench National Trophy and Rosette Fund will receive a CD of the 2006 ESS On-Line Magazine.

April Harry has made this generous offer available and will forward your CD to you once Florence Giles (Trophy/Rosette Chair) confirms she has received your check.

If you have never viewed the on-line magazine, we certainly encourage you to review it at [essonlinemagazine.com](http://essonlinemagazine.com). The 2006 issues will be disappearing soon, so this your opportunity to keep them forever.

Donations should be mailed to Florence Giles, 57 Old Jasmine Hill Road, Wetumpka, AL 36093-3424.

Donors will be recognized in both the National catalog and in the ESS On-Line Magazine. Please be sure you include the names to be listed in the National Catalog (Name(s) and Kennel).

Thank you in advance for your wonderful support of our national specialty.



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