

# Dog Bytes

WVSSA Newsletter

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## A Short History of English Springer Spaniels

Excerpt from the ESSFTA Spaniel Manual

Histories hint that dogs of the Spaniel type have populated the civilized world for many centuries. The Spaniel is thought to have originated in Spain and was perhaps introduced to ancient Britons by the Roman legions. The Spaniel was known in pre-Christian Britain, and is mentioned by name in an ancient law of Wales as early as 300 AD.

Prints and paintings from the 16th and 17th centuries show dogs of similar type to today's English Springer Spaniel, some with docked tails. The dog was used to spring (flush) or start game, both feathered and fur bearing, for hawks, coursing hounds, and nets. The invention of the wheel lock firearm in the 17th century made "flying shooting" possible, and the Spaniel was highly successful at flushing game for this style of hunting.

Throughout the 19th and early 20th century in Britain, smaller dogs in the same litter would be used to hunt woodcock; they were called "cockers." Larger littermates, used to flush (or "spring") game, were called "Springers." The Sporting Spaniel Society of Britain decided upon the name "Springer" in 1902.

The first English Springer Spaniel in North America of traceable lineage was imported from England to Canada in 1913. In little more than a decade, the breed had risen from the ranks of the unknown to become numbered among the most popular of the breeds eligible for American Kennel Club registration. Early importers and breeders were both careful and selective in their breeding practices, and many field trialers enjoyed exhibiting their Springers in conformation competition. The English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, the parent club of the breed in the United States, was founded in 1924. In those days, dogs might emerge from a day of heavy field work to be presented in conformation competition the next day.

"Dual type" Springers - those capable of competing in both conformation and field trial competition - became a part of history by the early 1940's, when the last dual championship was earned. Field trial enthusiasts began selecting those qualities in their dogs which produced top caliber performance,

while the show-minded endeavored just as earnestly to breed dogs consistent with the breed's written standard, successful as conformation competitors.

The true beauty of the English Springer Spaniel can be found in its original purpose, that of a companion gundog. The diverse appearance of today's show and field bred Springers is due to specialization, and to the choices breeders make to achieve success in their endeavors. Competitive field trial Springers are the ultimate in athleticism and performance. Competitive conformation Springers are breathtaking examples of breed type, soundness, and symmetry.



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## Future Meetings

### April Meeting

Saturday, April 12th at 2PM at Baja Fresh Mexican Grill, 12286 SW Scholls Ferry Rd, Tigard OR, 503-590-9789.

To reserve the party room club members must spend a total of \$100 on food and drinks. Come prepared to order something!

### 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. Head west on 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.

### May Meeting

There is no May meeting set at this time.

## Braggs & Wags

- Oxbow's On to Silverado has been having a good run with handler Molly Exner-Howell. WD, Rose City Classic; WD,BOW, a major, Seattle KC-Sat.; WD, BOW, Seattle KC-Sun; WD, BOW, Chintimini KC-Sat.; WD, Chintimini-Sun. Kenny is owned by Phil Erickson, Dave and Janeé Kemp.
- Oxbow's On To Silverado is a new champion by going WD for his last major at the Timberland Show on Saturday, April 5. Kenny is owned by Phil Erickson, Dave and Janeé Kemp
- G & J's Tehya Wind Dancer was WB, BOW, OS on Saturday and on Sunday at the Chintimini KC shows in Albany, OR. Tehya is owned by Susan Crane.
- CH Oxbow's Silver and Gold went BOB on Saturday at the Linn County shows in Albany. Garth is owned by Dave and Janeé Kemp
- Oxbow's Heartstrings was WB, BOW at the Linn County show on Sunday. Ali is owned by Dave and Janeé Kemp.

## Show Results

### Linn County KC, 2/9

BOB CH Oxbow's Silver And Gold  
BOS/BOW/WB Laurelwyn Element  
WD Laurelwyn All About Me  
RWD Pawmarc's Speed Of Light  
RWB Majic Temptation Brazen Virtue

### Linn County KC, 2/10

BOB CH Darkover Can'Tyahear me callin'  
BOS CH Marcur's Gem Ruby NAJ  
BOW/WB Oxbow's Heartstrings  
WD Pawmarc's Speed Of Light  
RWD Laurelwyn All About Me  
RWB Majic Temptation Brazen Virtue

### Seattle KC, 3/8

BOB CH Bryden Fairhaven Hidalgo  
RA NA NAJ  
BOS/WB Pawmarc's By Candlelight  
BOW/WD Oxbow's On To Silverado  
RWD Pawmarc's Moonlight Seduction  
RWB Ridgewyn Vintage

### Seattle KC, 3/9

BOB CH Darkover Can'Tyahear me callin'  
BOS/WB Mar-Ric Kayndee Legacy  
BOW/WD Oxbow's On To Silverado  
RWD Beswin Ynot Achey Breaky Heart  
RWB Pawmarc's By Candlelight

### Chintimini KC, 3/15

BOB CH Cerise Signature Of Telltale  
CD RN  
BOS/BOW/WB G&J's Tehya Wind Dancer  
WD Oxbow's On To Silverado  
RWD Laurelwyn All About Me  
RWB Ridgewyn Constellation

### Chintimini KC, 3/16

BOB CH Cerise Signature Of Telltale  
CD RN  
BOS/BOW/WB G&J's Tehya Wind Dancer  
WD Oxbow's On To Silverado  
RWD Lakeviews Twilight Magic  
RWB Majic Temptation Brazen Virtue

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## 2008 Specialty

The 2008 Specialty is changing. The date will be Friday, July 18th at the Portland Expo Center. The show is in conjunction with the Stumptown Combine Specialties and Portland Kennel Club.

Puppy and Veterans Sweepstakes, will be judged by Dianne Kroll. Specialty Conformation will be judged by Carl Liepmann.

Portland's judges are James S. Covey and Dr. Robert Zammit.

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# Coming Events

## Conformation & Obedience

### April 12-13, 2008

Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club  
Moses Lake, WA  
Saturday: Linda M. Riedel  
Sunday: Arley D. Hussin

### April 18-21, 2008

Nez Perce Cluster  
Lewiston, ID  
Friday: Elaine E. Mathis  
Saturday: Eugene Black  
Sunday: Joe Taker  
Monday: Leslie Belfit

### April 26-27, 2008

Walla Walla Kennel Club  
Walla Walla, WA  
Saturday: Henry J. Williams  
Sunday: Suzanne Dillin

### May 3-4, 2008

Olympia Dog Fanciers  
Elma, WA  
Saturday: Carla M. Mathies  
Sunday: Elizabeth Muthard

### May 8-11, 2008

Southern Oregon Cluster  
Klamath Falls, OR  
Thursday: Jon R. Cole  
Friday: Robert Stein  
Saturday: William Bergum  
Sunday: Lester R. Mapes

### May 17-18, 2008

Rogue Valley KC  
Merlin, OR  
Saturday: Donna J. Buxon  
Sunday: Kenneth A. Buxon

### May 17-18, 2008

Mt. Baker Kennel Club  
Lynden, WA  
Saturday: Eva E. Berg  
Sunday: Dr. Dale D. Simmons

### May 24-25, 2008

Spokane Kennel Club  
Spokane, WA  
Saturday: Michele L. Billiangs  
Sunday: Robert Stein

### May 26-27, 2008

Coeur d'Alene, Dog Fanciers  
Coeur d'Alene, ID  
Monday: Mrs. Robert S. Forsyth  
Tuesday: Dr. Harry Smith

### May 30 - June 1, 2008

Yakima Valley Kennel Club  
Yakima, WA  
Saturday: Robert J. Whitney  
Sunday: Debbie Campbell

### June 7, 2008

Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers  
Puyallup, WA  
Lia E. Weiss

### June 8, 2008

Tacoma Kennel Club  
Puyallup, WA  
Cheryl A. Lend  
June 10-11, 2008

### Snake River Canyon KC

Filer, ID  
Tuesday: Eugene Black  
Wednesday: Charles E. Trotter

### June 12-15, 2008

Blackfoot Circuit  
Thursday: Richard G. Beauchamp  
Friday: Dolores H. Maltz  
Saturday: Charles E. Hunt  
Sunday: Nancy A. Byrd

### June 21-22, 2008

Clackamas KC  
Saturday: Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine  
Sunday: Nancy D. Simmons

### June 28-29, 2008

Mt Bachelor KC  
Redmond, OR  
Saturday: Betsy Horn Humer  
Sunday: Arley D. Hussin

### June 28-29, 2008

Bell Vernon KA  
Mt Vernon, WA  
Saturday: William Bergum  
Sunday: William R. Russell

### July 5-6, 2008

Coos Kennel Club  
Bandon, OR  
Saturday: Charles E. Trotter  
Sunday: Patricia V. Trotter

### July 5-6, 2008

Inland Empire KC  
Spokane, WA  
Saturday: Jerry M. Watson  
Sunday: Harold J. Pybus

### July 18, 2008

WVSSA  
Portland, OR  
Breed: Carl Gene Liepmann  
Sweepstakes: Diane Kross

### July 19-20, 2008

Portland Kennel Club  
Portland, OR  
Saturday: James S. Covey  
Sunday: Dr. Robert Zammit

### July 26-27, 2008

Hurricane Ridge KC  
Sequim, WA  
Saturday: Paula Hartinger  
Sunday: Robert Stein

### August 2-3, 2008

Umpqua KC  
Roseburg, OR  
Saturday: William Bergum  
Sunday: Bettie L. Krause

### August 15, 2008

PSESSA  
Enumclaw, WA  
Breed: Michael H. Faulkner  
Sweepstakes: Gary Zayac

### August 15-16, 2008

Olympic KC  
Enumclaw, WA  
Saturday: Honey Anne Glendinning  
Sunday: Howard Falberg

### August 24, 2008

Sammamish KC  
Redmond, WA  
Sunday: John R. Lawreck

### August 30-31, 2008

Longview-Kelso KC  
St. Helens, OR  
Judges: TBA

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# Coming Events Cont'd

## AKC Agility

**April 19-21, 2008**

Albany, OR

**April 25-27 & May 3-4 2008**

Auburn, WA

**May 9-11, 2008**

Spokane, WA

**May 16-18, 2008**

Auburn, WA

**May 23-26, 2008**

Eugene, OR

Graham, WA

**May 30 - June 1, 2008**

Sequim, WA

Canby, OR

**June 7-8, 2008**

Puyallup, WA

**June 12, 2008**

Blackfoot, ID

**June 13, 2008**

Moscow, ID

**June 14-15, 2008**

Canby, OR

Auburn, WA

Blackfoot, ID

**June 20-22, 2008**

Monroe, WA

**June 27-29, 2008**

Redmond, OR

**July 5-6, 2008**

Monroe, WA

**July 11-13, 2008**

Auburn, WA

**July 18-20, 2008**

Lynden, WA

**July 25-28, 2008**

Enumclaw, WA

Central Point, OR

**August 2-4, 2008**

Lakebay, WA

**August 8-10, 2008**

Sequim, WA

Hood River, OR

**August 15 & 17, 2008**

Enumclaw, WA

**August 22-24, 2008**

Spokane, WA

Redmond, WA

**August 29-31, 2008**

Auburn, WA

## Tracking

**April 13, 2008**

Eugene, OR

TR

**April 20, 2008**

Yelm, WA

TX

**April 27, 2008**

Sprague, WA

TR

**May 4, 2008**

Sprague, WA

TX

**May 4, 2008**

Salem, OR

VST

**May 18, 2008**

Junction City, OR

TX

**May 18, 2008**

Seattle, WA

Shoreline, WA

VST

**June 15, 2008**

Bellingham, WA

VST

**July 27, 2008**

Cheney, WA

VST

## Hunting Tests

**May 3, 2008**

Rochester, WA

JH, SH, MH

**May 4, 2008**

Rochester, WA

JH, SH, MH

## Miscellaneous

### Drop in Handling Classes

Dog Days Dog Training,

Vancouver, WA

Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm.

[www.pennyking.com](http://www.pennyking.com) or

(360) 737-6439

**Raffle Items Needed**  
**Please drop off your raffle items**  
**at the next meeting or contact**  
**Debbie Kirsh**  
**and let her know what items you**  
**are donating to the raffle.**

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# How to Earn a Canine Good Citizen Certification

by Janet Ford

## Introduction

Earning a canine good citizen certification (or CGC) for your dog is viewed as a reward from AKC for properly training your dog to become a valued member of both family and community. There are 10 steps to this test and I'd like to share with you what they are.

## Things You'll Need

- Brush or comb
- Leash
- Buckle or slip collar

## Test Steps

### Accepting a friendly stranger.

During this test, the dog is ignored while a friendly stranger approaches the dog's owner while dog at their side. They will shake hands and exchange greetings. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness, and must not break position or try to go to the evaluator.

### Sitting politely for petting

During this test, a friendly stranger will approach the dog while at his/her owner's side and gently pet the dog on the head and body. The dog must not act resentful or shy and stand still for the entire exercise.

### Appearance and grooming

This test is to demonstrate that the dog will allow someone such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend to gently groom the dog. The handler will provide a brush or comb and the examiner will gently groom and inspect the dog, also lifting each paw and examine the ears. The condition of the dog is also part of the grade in this test. The handler may talk to the dog to offer reassurance and comfort.

### Out for a walk (walking on loose lead)

This test is to show that the handler is in control of the dog. The examiner will give directions to the dog/handler team as to where to move. There will be a right turn, a left turn, an about turn and a stop in between and at the end. At all times, the dog should display attentiveness to its handler.

### Walking through a crowd

This test is to prove that the dog will be well behaved in pedestrian filled areas and is kept under control by its handler. The dog/handler team will walk around and closely pass at least 3 people. The dog is allowed to show interest and curiosity in the people but should never act overly shy, resentful or shy. They should not strain on their leash or attempt to jump up.

### Sit and down on command and staying in place

This test should demonstrate that the dog has been trained to both sit and go into a down position on command. The dog will be on a 20' lead for this part of the test. It's the handler's choice of which position the dog will be left in for the section of the test where the dog is expected to demonstrate the stay command. The owner will instruct the dog to stay then walk away at the length of the lead, turn and return to the dog at a natural pace. The dog must hold its stay (changing positions is allowed) until the examiner instructs the handler to release the dog from the stay.

### Coming when called

The handler will walk 10' from the dog (instructing the dog to stay or simply saying nothing are both allowed), turn and then face the dog before offering the come command.

### Reaction to another dog

Two handler/dog pairs will approach one another from about 20'. They will shake hands, exchange pleasantries and continue to walk together for about 10'. During this time the dogs should not go to the other dog nor the other handler though a curiosity over them is acceptable.

### Reaction to distraction

The evaluator will select two different types of distractions such as dropping a chair, having someone jog by the dog or rolling something by the dog. The dog may express natural interest and curiosity and/or may appear slightly startled but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness, or bark.

### Supervised separation

This test is to show that the dog will retain its proper training and behavior when left with a trusted care giver. The examiner will ask something such as "Would you like me to watch your dog?" and then take the dog's leash in hand. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not bark incessantly, whine, or pace unnecessarily nor should they display anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness.

## Overall Tips & Warnings

- Owners/handlers may talk to their dog during the tests .
- Dog will fail if they eliminate during the test so be sure to have your dog eliminate before the test begins.
- No bait or toys allowed during the test
- If the dog growls, barks or attacks a person or another dog, they will be dismissed. Don't bring your dog unless you are convinced of their ability to handle these stresses.



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