

Dog Bytes

WVSSA Newsletter

October 2010

Phew... That's a Relief!

Well we pulled it off and I believe we did it in style. I have heard nothing but great comments about the National.

People seemed to like the Expo site, the hotels and the food. And the marionberry pie was a big hit.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the National.

The things that stand out in my mind are:

- The Silent Auction / Raffle
- The Decorations and the Banquet Gifts
- The Flags
- The friendliness of the people in Oregon
- And of course the Weather.

Thank you again.

— Art Stewart

First of all I want to thank all of our members who worked so hard to make the 2010 National a success. I think we succeeded with only a few minor "bumps" during the week.

Two of the activities that I participated in were the Super Pet contest and, of course, The Sophisticated Ladies obedience team.

I heard many, many favorable comments about Super Pet so I know it was one of the highlights of the week. I believe the exhibitors appreciated a chance to just have fun and not be participating in a regular show activity. There were over 100 entries into the various contests and the proceeds of \$100 plus were donated to ESRA. The crowd loved the hot dog toss and the dressing contest. I still am amazed that 3 springers actually brought back their hot dog totally intact with almost no teeth marks. And the costume class brought out some fantastic costumes and over 20 entrants. My personal favorite was the eventual winner the bunny. Who would think that a springer could "spring" itself on its hind legs around an entire big ring?

And, speaking for the "Ladies" on the obedience team. We had a blast! We even made Utube with our entrance. Who knew that I could lift my 70 year old knees that high or that Carol J. and Cathy could do perfect wheelies with their walkers? And, last but not least, Sue Carlson's trip across the ring with her knees together was perfect.

— Carol Callahan



Future Meetings

October Meeting

Saturday, October 30th, TBD at Ken and Cathy English's.

Directions

From I-5 North take Exit 9, drive straight through the light. From I-5 South take Exit 9, turn left at end of ramp and left again onto 10th. 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), second house on Left. The color is light brown with white trim.

November Meeting

There is no November meeting set at this time.

2011 Slate

The 2011 Nominating Committee has been working hard to compose the slate of Officers and Board Members for 2011. The Nominating Committee consisted of Kelly Callahan, Debbie Kirsh and Susan Crane.

The slate is as follows: Ken English, President; Marcia Moquin, Vice President; Carol Callahan, Treasurer; Recording Secretary, Carol Jansen Corresponding Secretary, Elaine Resner. Board Members: Debbie Kirsh, Betty Schwartz, Janeé Kemp, Susan Smith, and Barbara Stonewall. Many thanks to the slate for volunteering for the positions.

Nominations from the floor will also be heard at the October meeting.

Duffy Achieves Versatile Award

ESSFTA Presented CH Donahan's Definitely in Style, UD, JH, NAJ, WDX with a 2009 Versatile Springer Award

by Carol Callahan

Our journey with Duffy began when we bred his litter and planned to keep a black and white bitch from the litter. Despite our plans, we found that our eyes kept returning to the only liver & white male in the litter. We finally decided that he would be our keeper.

Duffy was shown to 10 points, one major by Don before surgery ended his ability to show dogs or finish field training. With the help of a handler, Duffy finished his championship and Carol began obedience work. When he had completed his CDX title, Richard Matzke offered to complete his field work and after 6 weeks of training, Duffy finished his Junior Hunter and his WDX titles in one 4 day event.

Carol then went back to work on his Utility training. His UD did not come quickly, but once he managed to qualify he finished in 5 shows. On to agility training, after 10 lessons, Carol realized that her back would not stand up to the running required, so a friend offered to run him. He quickly finished his Novice Jumpers title in 3 shows with perfect 100 scores each time.

Duffy has proved to be a loving, companion capable of multi-tasking. We are so proud of him.

Titles

- 2004: Champion; Companion Dog
- 2005: Companion Dog Excellent
- 2006: Working Dog Excellent; Junior Hunter
- 2009: Utility Dog; Novice Agility Jumper



Show Results

PSESSA, 8/20

BOB GCH Otein Cap'N Jack Sparrow
BOS GCH Cerise Tender is The Night
SD CH Oxbow's On To Silverado
SB GCH Stardoms Miss Peggy Chew
BOW/WD Darkover N Topsail
 Tangled Up N Blue
RWD Serenade's Grand Prix Of A Lynn
WB Ramblewood Make A Memory
RWB Majic Azuma Its All About Me

Sammamish KC, 8/29

BOB GCH Darkover Don'T Dream
 It's Over
BOS GCH Mar-Ric Kayndee Legacy
SD CH Oxbow's On To Silverado
BOW/WD Mar-Ric Gentleman's Game
RWD Darkover Back Up And Push
WB Ramblewood Make A Memory
RWB Mar-Ric Sweet Inspirations

Longview-Kelso KC, 9/4

BOB CH Oxbow's Gold Medal
BOS GCH Mar-Ric Kayndee Legacy
BOW/WD Laurelwyn Springlerlane
 Continuum
RWD Vanity Fair's Guilty As Charged
WB G&J's Apache Spirits

Longview-Kelso KC, 9/5

GP1/BOB GCH Darkover Don'T
 Dream It's Over
BOS GCH Mar-Ric Kayndee Legacy
SD CH Polesitter's M3
BOW/WD Laurelwyn Springlerlane
 Continuum
RWD Legendary Tlc Little Mr Bonsai
WB G&J's Apache Spirits
RWB Marcur's Dear Prudence

Eugene KC, 9/11

BOB GCH Darkover Don'T Dream
 It's Over
BOS GCH Mar-Ric Kayndee Legacy
SD CH Segre's Brown Derby RA
BOW/WB M' Classic & Hijinks Hot Legs
WD G&J's Spirit Of Cochise
RWD Kawin's Blessed Prophet
RWB Marcur's Dear Prudence

Eugene KC, 9/12

GP2/BOB CH Segre's Brown Derby RA
BOS GCH Mar-Ric Kayndee Legacy
BOW/WB M' Classic & Hijinks Hot Legs
WD Vanity Fair's Guilty As Charged

Wenatchee KC, 9/18

GP3/BOB GCH Darkover Don'T
 Dream It's Over
BOS CH Ramblewood Make A
 Memory
BOW/WD Darkover Back Up and Push
RWD Vanity Fair's Guilty As Charged
WB Topsail Catch A Tradewind
 To Emerald
RWB Ramblewood High Hopes

Gig Harbor KC, 9/25

BOB/BOW/WB Fairhaven Wildrose
 Read My Lips!
BOS/WD Darkover Back Up And Push
SB CH Majic Temptation Brazen Virtue
RWB Majic Azumawilbec Holiday
 Connection

Richland KC, 10/2

BOB CH Ramblewood Make a Memory
BOS CH G&J's Navajo Spirits RN
BOW/WD Ramblewood Sharp
 Dressed Man
RWD Ramblewood Don't Stop Believin
WB Ramblewood Luck Be A Lady II
RWB Pawmarc's Highland Fling

Richland KC, 10/3

BOB CH G&J's Navajo Spirits RN
BOS CH Ramblewood Make a Memory
BW/WB Ramblewood Luck Be a Lady II
WD Ramblewood Don't Stop Believin
RWD Ramblewood Sharp Dressed Man
RWB Pawmarc's Highland Fling

ESSFTA 10/9

BOB CH Cerise Jesse James
BOS CH Crossroad Crownroyal Miracle
SD CH Silverhill Sea Dog Go
SB GCH Cerise Tender is The Night
BW/WB A Lynn's Solitaire TD MH AX AXJ
WD Beswin Ynot Triple Play
RWD Springbrook Dream's Insane
 Asylum
RWB Dartek's Chocolat Bliss



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Braggs and Wags

- English's Might Bruce earned his first leg on is Advanced Rally title at the Stumptown Show. Bruce is owned by Debbie and Cathy English.
- English's Diamond Daisy earned a High in Trial at the WVESSA specialty with a 195 score. She received 2 legs toward her CD title and one leg toward her Rally Novice title at the Stumptown Cluster. Daisy is owned by Cathy and Debbie English.
- CH Cascadian's Touch the Sky MX, MXJ, OF, RA earned her first leg for her CD and two legs on her Rally Advanced title. Skylar is owned by Carol Jansen.
- Hijinks Esprit de Corps earned her 1st leg in Rally Novice and 2nd place at the Stumptown Specialty.
- CH Polesitter's M3 had a great four days at the Bismark Kennel Club Show. Thursday Beemer and Anna were Best Junior & Group 3. Friday 3rd in Jr's & Group 4. Saturday 2nd in Jr's & Best in Show and Sunday 2nd in Jr's & Group 3. Beemer is owned by Art & Sharon Stewart and Anna Gilles.
- Ch Donahan's Definitely in Style, UD, JH, NAJ, RN was a recipient of the Parent Club's Versatile Springer Award for 2009. He was one of only two dogs in the Parent Club to earn this award for 2009. Duffy is owned by Don & Carol Callahan.
- The Sophisticated Ladies won second place in team obedience at the National. The team included Carol Callahan and Duffy; Cathy English and Daisy; Carol Jansen and Skylar; and Susan Carlson and Gus. What fun we had!

Coming Events

Conformation & Obedience

October 30-31, 2010

Vancouver Kennel Club

Ridgefield, WA

Saturday: Terry Stacy

Sunday: Patricia E. Robinson

November 18-21, 2010

Wild River Cluster

Roseburg, OR

Thursday: Mary Ann Alston

Friday: Virginia L. Lyne

Saturday: Lester R. Mapes

Sunday: Dr. Gerard C. Penta

November 20-21, 2010

Whidbey Island Kennel Club

Monroe, WA

Saturday: Mareth K. Kipp

Sunday: Dr. Bob G. Smith

December 11-12, 2010

Greater Clark County KC

Ridgefield, WA

Saturday: Dana P. Cline

Sunday: Carl Gene Liepmann

January 15-17, 2011

Western Washington Clubs

Saturday: Carol Jean Hathaway

Sunday: Dr. Karen M. Ericson

Monday: Sheila Smith

January 20-23, 2011

Rose City Cluster

Thursday: Beth G. Speich

Friday: Pluis Davern

Saturday: Elliott B. Weiss

Sunday: Karen C. Wilson

AKC Agility

October 29-31, 2010

Auburn, WA

Central Point, OR

Rigby, ID

November 6-7, 2010

Auburn, WA

November 12-14, 2010

Auburn, WA

November 19-21, 2010

Ridgefield, WA

December 10-12, 2010

Auburn, WA

December 17-19, 2010

Elma, WA

January 1-2, 2011

Elma, WA

January 7-9, 2011

Ridgefield, WA

January 14-16, 2011

Auburn, WA

January 20-23, 2011

Portland, OR

Tracking

October 31, 2010

TD: Bow, WA

TDX: Sprague, WA

November 14, 2010

TD, TDX: Bow, WA

November 21, 2010

TD, TDX: Monmouth, OR

November 28, 2010

TDX: Yelm, WA

December 12, 2010

VST: Eugene, OR

What Is A Title Really?"

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher Title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores.

A Title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard. And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a Title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A Title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed. And a Title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that in the end your faith was justified.

A Title proves that your dog inspired you to have the special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a Title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return. And when that dear short life is over, the Title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name.

A Title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received permanently.

— Author Unknown

Ask AKC with Lisa Peterson

Dear Lisa: I recently saw some cool Halloween costumes for dogs in a catalog. I want to buy one that looks like a devil but I'm worried my Pug bitch might not like it. Will she tolerate the costume? — "Boo" Hound

Dear Boo: Halloween costumes for dogs may be very cute and adorable but they can be hazardous in terms of safety and the emotional well-being of your dog.

I just got a catalog in the mail and saw all the costumes on page two. There was the devil dog costume you spoke of, the Lil' scarecrow, the angle and the bad dog in a jail outfit complete with ball and chain.

I've always wondered if the dogs really like to wear these potentially embarrassing outfits. However, I don't think the dogs would be embarrassed, and really we do it for our enjoyment. I know many of us think of our dogs as members of the family, so dressing them up and going trick or treating with the kids is pretty commonplace today. But when I was a teenager costumes were rarely used on dogs, once I dress up my Schipperke mixed-breed as Santa Claus complete with white beard for Christmas. So I guess this tradition does go back quiet a ways!

Safety Concerns

If you are going to dress up your pet, my main concern would be the dog's safety. Many times young dogs may chew it up, eating parts of the costume like wires to hold up those angle wings or synthetic fiberfill to make those devil horns stand out. And I can just see a puppy gnawing away on the straw sticking out of the arms of that scarecrow. So if you must dress for Halloween success, I would insist that you always keep your dog supervised when in the costume so she doesn't ingest any parts. Never leave her alone in her crate with the costume on either. And limit the time you keep it on her to no more than a half hour.

My other concern might be that your dog is afraid or spooked (ouch!) by wearing one. Some designs might be uncomfortable such as hats, cape or booties with elastic cuffs or bands. If the costume has multiple parts, I would introduce them one at a time, rather than throwing the whole outfit on at once. And once you dog is used to one part, remove it and try another. When she's comfortable walking and running around with all the parts separately, then I would put the ensemble together.

If you are going to a party, watch out other dogs don't tug on necklines or belts that might cause choking or injury to your little girl. Happy Halloween!





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