

Dog Bytes

WVESSA Newsletter

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Little precious, Precious

by Sara

Her life flashed before my eyes. When she first came to her temporary home; to when she took her first steps: to when she explored a bigger world. Ever since I first held her and she looked up at me with her small brown marble eyes, I knew she was going to be my favorite. All those times we have had together are all going to slowly fade away into a memory. Now that her and her three sisters are twelve weeks old they are all becoming too hard for one person to handle. So they are going to be

taken care of by a dog show handler, when the right family comes along and sees her they will choose her and she will hopefully have a happy life in her forever home. I will NEVER forget the last time I saw my puppy precious.

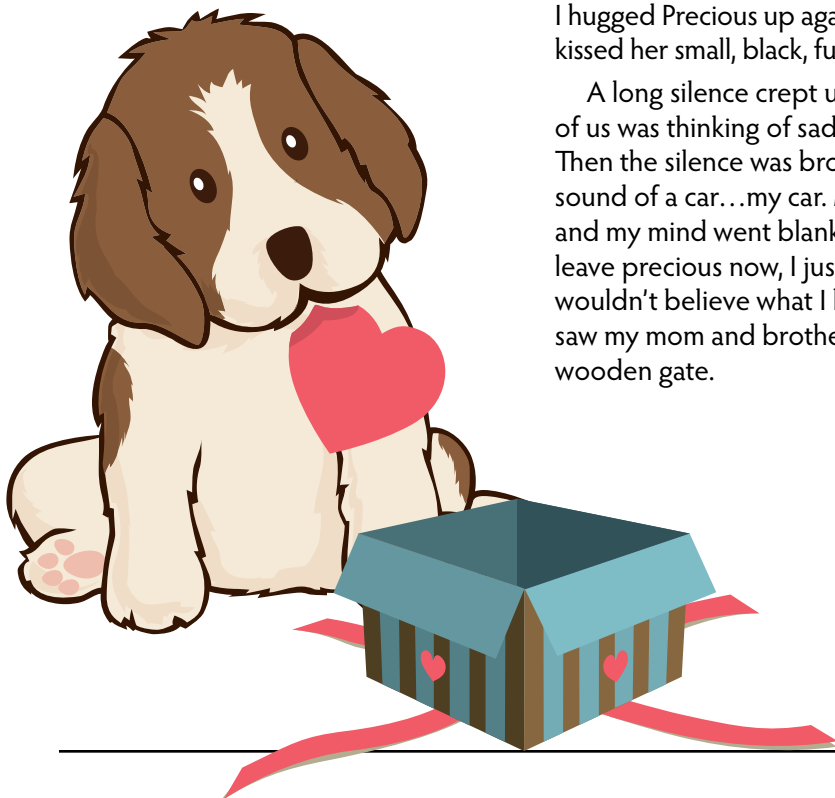
I felt the softness and warmth of her fur nestled against my arms, and her sharp paws digging in to my coat. After a little while I could feel a sharp pain in my arm from her claws. But I wasn't going to put her down, not yet. "I can't believe she has to leave today!" my voice echoed through the air and bounced off the deck and grass in pats small back yard. Pat looked up at me with sympathy written all over her face. I hugged Precious up against me and kissed her small, black, furry head.

A long silence crept upon us. Each of us was thinking of sad thoughts. Then the silence was broken by the sound of a car...my car. My heart sank and my mind went blank. I couldn't leave precious now, I just couldn't. I wouldn't believe what I heard until I saw my mom and brother at the tan wooden gate.

I stood up and all the other puppies ran to me. I gave precious a long hug and a kiss and I set her down on the deck, and walked down the cement steps to the gate. I put my arm over pats shoulder to give her quick hug so I could get out of there before anybody could see me cry. I turned my back and was about to take a step over the gate when I saw my little precious running my way, her black and white wavy fur brushed back by the wind that was rushing past her, her four white paws were taking turns pushing off the ground, her black ears were flapping up and down like a butterfly and her face was pure sadness like she new something was wrong.

I knelt down to pick her up right when she reached my feet. I lifted her up with a small grunt and swung her around in my arms. She licked my face and rubbed up against me. I held her close, so close almost squeezing her hoping I wasn't hurting her. "She really does love you!" my brother Jared said with amazement. I've always known that she loved me. Pat once told me "you don't pick the dog, the dog picks you."

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My brother and my mom turned around and walked back to the car and I followed. Just before I reached my car I heard a small whimper and I looked back and saw my little girl staring up at me with sad eyes. I took a deep breath and held it until I felt light headed, then I let it out with a sigh full of grief. I started to cry but I fought back as hard as I could to push back the tears. I chattered my teeth and locked my knees, goose bumps appeared on my arms from the chilly wing blowing past me. I started to shiver, but not because I was cold, rather because of the pain inside of me. Precious continued to look at me as if she were saying her own goodbye. Even though she was just a puppy she knew what was going on and she longed for it not to happen. "goodbye precious, I love you!" I whispered to myself. Then one of her sisters came and tackled her and she ran off and played with her like a puppy does.

I slowly turned around, reached out my shaky arm to open the gold car door sat down and we drove away.

...Not all stories have happy ending...

Sara helped Pat Kent and Susan Smith with Tri-Ste Donahan Ruby Slippers x CH Bryden Fairhaven Hidalgo CD RE OA NAJ 2010 litter



Braggs and Wags

- CH Donahan's Definitely in Style, UD, JH, NAJ, WDX added a new title to his list when he finished his Rally Novice title in 3 shows. His first leg was earned at Richland KC on the way to the National Specialty in Albany. His last 2 legs were earned at the ESSFTA trials and included a third place with a score of 98 right behind two of his offspring. Duffy is owned by Don and Carol Callahan
- Mar-Ric Sir Jackson Stonewall got his first major at the Dec. 12th Clark County show in Ridgefield. He now has 14 points and only one major to go! Thank you to all the club members at the show who were cheering him on! Jackson is owned by Barbara and Gary Stonewall.
- Ch Tri-ste's And My Daddy Is CGC finished his BN title, his RN title with a 98 and a 4th Place and got his 1st leg on his Rally Advanced title at Vancouver KC in October.
- Ch. Cascadian's Touch the Sky MX, MXJ, OF, RA, CD earned two legs towards her CD and completed her CD at the ESSFTA National. Skyler also completed her Rally Advanced title at the national a received one leg towards her Excellent Rally Title. She was in a run off for first place, receiving a second place in Excellent A Rally. The most fun was being a part of the Sophisticated Ladies Team and placing second at the national. Skylar is owned by Carol Jansen
- CH Coffel's Tracking You Down, CD, NA, NAJ, TDX received his Novice Agility title on October 4th, his CD and VCD1 on November 8th. Quincy is owned by Linda Coffel.
- Betty and Larry Schwartz's Vanity Fair's Guilty As Charged was RWD, and BOW/WD in Southern California in December.

Future Meetings

January Meeting

Saturday, January 29th, TBD at The Best Little Roadhouse at 1145 Commercial St. SE in Salem, OR.

Directions

From I-5 South take Exit 260A, merge onto Salem Expressway. Turn right on Commercial. From I-5 North take Exit 249. Keep left at the fork, merge onto Commercial. A slight right Commercial becomes Liberty. Turn left at Owens St. and left onto Commercial.

February Meeting

February 12th in Albany, OR after Springers are judged. Place TBD.

March Meeting

The March meeting is the Annual Awards Banquet on March 19th. Details are on the next page.

2011 Officers and Board

The 2011 Nominating Committee Slate was nominated and elected into office at the December meeting.

The new officers and board 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.

Rainbow Bridge

Brooke Moquin's beloved Mikey (Jo-El Sunlaine Turbulent Sky) passed over the bridge unexpectedly this week. He was greatly loved and will be missed.

Annual Awards

All club members are responsible for applying to receive an annual award. Applications must be received no later than February 19, 2011 and should be mailed to the awards chairman: Carol Callahan at 5310 S. Bates Rd., Spokane Valley, WA 99206 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, Rally Springer of the Year, Amateur Handler of the Year, or Junior Handler of the Year.

WVESSA now gives awards to dogs awarded a CGC. If you earned a Canine Good Companion award in 2010, please fill out the form.

2010 Awards Application

If your dog had any wins outside of the Pacific Northwest, please provide the show and date. This will help with tabulating points.

Dog's Registered Name: _____

Title Earned: _____

Date Completed: _____

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Date Completed: _____

Owner's Name: _____

Mail or email to the WVESSA Awards Chairman:

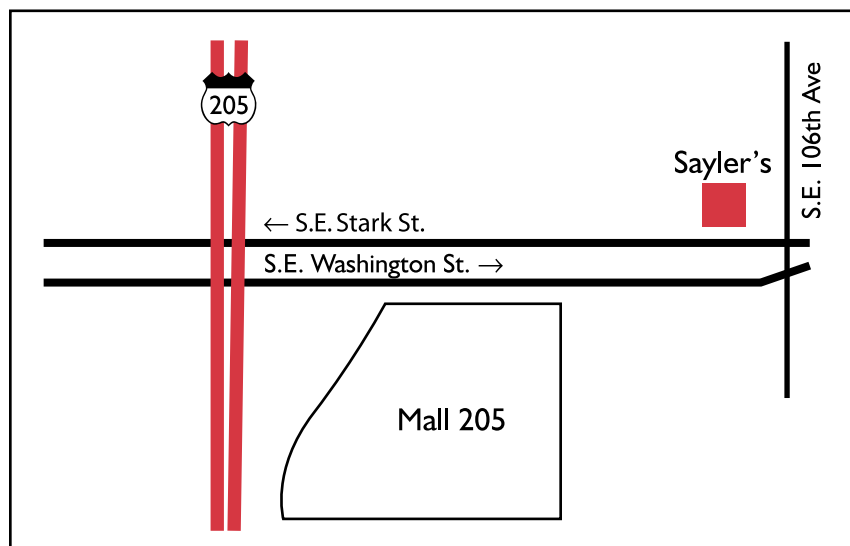
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The Annual Awards Dinner

The Annual Awards Dinner will be Saturday, March 19th at Saylor'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 March 1, 2011.

Saylor'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.



Show Results

Idaho Capital City KC, 10/14

GP2/BOB CH Polesitter's M3

BOS/BW/WB Marcur's Dear Prudence

SD GCH CH Darkover Don'T Dream
It's Over

WD Vanity Fair's Guilty As Charged

RWB Mar-Ric Truly Madly Deeply

Idaho Capital City KC, 10/15

GP2/BOB GCH CH Darkover Don'T
Dream It's Over

BOS/BW/WB Marcur's Dear Prudence

WD Ramblewood Don'T Stop Believin

RWD Vanity Fair's Guilty As Charged

RWB Mar-Ric Truly Madly Deeply

Lizard Butte KC, 10/16

BOB CH Polesitter's M3

BOS/BW/WB Marcur's Dear Prudence

SD GCH CH Darkover Don'T Dream
It's Over

WD Ramblewood Don'T Stop Believin

RWD Vanity Fair's Guilty As Charged

RWB Mar-Ric Truly Madly Deeply

Lizard Butte KC, 10/17

GP2/BOB GCH CH Wil-Orion's

Twenty Twenty

BOS/BOW/WB Ramblewood Luck Be
A Lady II

SD GCH CH Darkover Don'T Dream
It's Over

WD Ramblewood Don'T Stop Believin

RWD Vanity Fair's Guilty As Charged

RWB Mar-Ric Truly Madly Deeply

Vancouver KC, 10/30

BOB CH Bryden Fairhaven Hidalgo
CD RE OA OAJ NF

BOS CH Majic Temptation Brazen
Virtue

SD GCH CH Darkover Don'T Dream
It's Over

SB CH Ramblewood Make A Memory

BOW/WD Ramblewood Reason To
Believe

RWD Mar-Ric Gentleman's Game

WB Ramblewood Luck Be A Lady II

RWB Springbrook's Dare To Dream

Vancouver KC, 10/31

BOB GCH CH Darkover Don'T Dream
It's Over

BOS/BOW/WB Ramblewood High
Hopes

SD CH Oxbow's Gold Medal

SB CH Ramblewood Make A Memory

WD Darkover Back Up And Push

RWD Mcd's Picture Perfect At Tdp

RWB Majic Azumawilbec Holiday
Connection

Whidbey Island KC, 11/20

BOB CH Polesitter's M3

BOS GCH CH Mar-Ric Kayndee

Legacy

SD CH Oxbow's On To Silverado

BOW/WD Pawmarc's Speed Of Light

RWD Mcd's Picture Perfect At Tdp

WB Mar-Ric Kayndee Reflections

RWB Marcur's Dear Prudence

Whidbey Island KC, 11/21

GP2/BOB CH Polesitter's M3

BOS/BOW/WB Ramblewood Hello
Darlin'

SD CH Oxbow's On To Silverado

WD Darkover Dr. Seuss Lucas Nunez

RWD Mcd's Picture Perfect At Tdp

RWB Ramblewood Sweet Dreams RN

Greater Clark County KC, 12/11

GP4/BOB GCH CH Darkover Don'T
Dream It's Over

BOS/WB Oxbow's Mum's The Word

SD CH Oxbow's Gold Medal

BOW/WD Mcd's Picture Perfect At Tdp

RWD M-Classic English Bennington

RWB Laurelwyn Enigma

Greater Clark County KC, 12/12

GP4/BOB GCH CH Darkover Don'T
Dream It's Over

BOS/WB Ramblewood High Hopes

SD CH Oxbow's Gold Medal

BOW/WD Mar-Ric Sir Jackson

Stonewall

RWD M-Classic English Bennington

RWB Fairhaven Wildrose Out of Grace

Coming Events

Conformation & Obedience

January 20-23, 2011

Rose City Cluster

Portland, OR

Thursday: Beth G. Speich

Friday: Pluis Davern

Saturday: Elliott B. Weiss

Sunday: Karen C. Wilson

February 11-14, 2011

Linn County Fairgrounds Cluster

Albany, OR

Friday: Gloria Kerr

Saturday: Diane L. Malefant

Sunday: Lawrence E. Stanbridge

Monday: Don L. Evans

March 12-13, 2011

Seattle Kennel Club

Seattle, WA

Saturday: Mrs. Robert D. Smith

Sunday: Honey Anne Glendinning

March 26-27, 2011

Peninsula Dog Fanciers

Bremerton, WA

Saturday: Carol Esterkin

Sunday: Elliott B. Weiss

April 2-3, 2011

Chintimini Kennel Club

Albany, OR

Saturday: Kay A. Reamensnyder

Sunday: Betsy Horn Humer

April 16-17, 2011

Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club

Moses Lake, WA

Saturday: Noreen C. Cartwright

Sunday: Henry J. Williams

April 22-25, 2011

Nez Perce County Fairgrounds Cluster

Friday: James R. White

Saturday: Edd E. Bivin

Sunday: Sari Brewster Tietjen

Monday: Col. Joe B. Purkhiser

AKC Agility

January 20-23, 2011
Portland, OR

February 4-6, 2011
Ridgefield, WA

February 18-20, 2011
Auburn, WA
Caldwell, ID

February 25-27, 2011
Lynden, WA

March 4-6, 2011
Auburn, WA

March 12-13, 2011
Seattle, WA

March 18-20, 2011
Ridgefield, WA
Caldwell, ID

March 25-27, 2011
Auburn, WA
Moses Lake, WA

April 1-3, 2011
Albany, OR
Rigby, ID

April 9-10, 2011
Auburn, WA

April 15-17, 2011
Auburn, WA

April 22-24, 2011
Ridgefield, WA

Tracking

March 6, 2011
Bow, WA
TD

March 13, 2011
Palisades, WA
TD, TDX

March 20, 2011
Portland, OR
VST

April 3, 2011
White City, OR
TD, TDX, VST

April 10, 2011
Salem, OR
VST

April 17, 2011
Eugene, OR
TD

April 24, 2011
Yelm, WA
TDX



Left to Right: Kevin Griffin and Victor; Martha Mullis and Harry; Ethan English and Bruce

Left to Right: Susan Smith and Andy; The Sophisticated Ladies: Carol Callahan and Duffy; Carol Jansen and Skylar; Cathy English and Daisy; Sue Carlson and Gus



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