



***Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.***

***Mentor Program***

**WSSCA Mentor Program Application**

Name:

Email:

Phone:

1. Do you enjoy interacting with others?
2. Will you be able to communicate in an understandable, clear, and insightful manner in regard to explaining and describing the Welsh Springer Spaniel and basic canine anatomy?
3. Will you be able to remain objective in your mentoring without promoting your own dog(s) or the dog(s) of others?
4. How many years have you been involved with breeding or exhibiting Welsh Springer Spaniels in conformation?
5. Please provide a brief description of your years of experience.

6. List four (4) Welsh Springer Litters bred and raised on your premises. Please provide the litter number and whelp date for each.

Litter Number

Welp Date

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2.

3.

4.

7. List ten AKC champion Welsh Springer Spaniels for which you are listed as the breeder of record or owner and provide their registered names and numbers.

AKC Number

Registered Name

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8. List one WSSCA approved breed seminar that you have attended in the past four years.

Date                      Location (city & state)                      Presenter

9. List two (2) WSSCA Specialties that you have attended in the past six (6) years.

Date                      Location (City & State)                      Regional or National

10. List one AKC spaniel Hunting Test or WSSCA Working Test that you have attended in the past six years.

Date                      Location (City & State)                      Presenter

11. Please list any experience that you have with judging Welsh Springer Spaniels in conformation at WSSCA matches, WSSCA Sweepstakes, and/or Welsh Springer Spaniels at AKC shows.

12. Describe why you would like to be a breed mentor.

13. Please give a basic description of the Welsh Springer Spaniel. Be sure to include your feelings on where the breed currently excels and where the breed currently needs improvement and what you consider to be the “drag” (long-time fault that has been seen) of the breed. List three specific areas that you feel need to be stressed to those who are learning about the Welsh Springer Spaniel.

# WSSCA Mentor Expectations

## **All WSSCA Approved mentors must:**

- Have thorough knowledge of the Welsh springer spaniel AKC standard and current breed strengths and weaknesses.
- Have the ability to answer in a clear and concise way, all questions that may be asked concerning the Welsh springer spaniel.
- Be able to speak coherently and describe breed characteristics in specific terms using correct canine terminology.
- Agree to conduct one's self ethically at all times.
- Follow-up on all questions from any person who needs more specific information either by forwarding the person to another source, researching the request and responding with requested information, or by forwarding the questions or requests for further information to the WSSCA Judges Education Chairperson.
- Be willing to attend a WSSCA training session or WSSCA mentor's meeting if requested.
- Keep records of the names and addresses of mentored persons and send a copy of this list to the Judges Education Chairperson yearly.
- Complete a "WSSCA Mentoring Program Form" for each student and either mail or give in person the WSSCA Mentoring Program Form and Mentoring assessment to the student within a week of the session.
- Have significant depth of knowledge regarding structure, type, and their integral relationship to function.
- Be able to pass a basic test on the AKC Welsh springer spaniel breed standard and AKC canine anatomy if requested.
- Be able to, if needed, assemble a small group of Welsh springer spaniels, both dogs and bitches that represent a variety of acceptable styles and ages. These dogs should represent a broad picture of the breed as a whole. The identity of all dogs, owners, and handlers during a mentoring session will remain anonymous, including any information on the wins or accomplishments.
- Be a member in good standing of WSSCA and AKC.

I understand that my status of WSSCA approved Mentor may be revoked by the WSSCA Board of Directors or WSSCA Judges Education Chairperson at any time for failure to comply with the WSSCA Mentor Expectations or the WSSCA Mentor Guidelines. All WSSCA mentors are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner, especially during AKC events and mentoring sessions.

Name

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Signature (may use digital signature)

Date

Address

City

State

Zip

**Please email the completed form to the Judges Education Committee chairperson, Meghan Bassel, at [meghenbassel@gmail.com](mailto:meghenbassel@gmail.com)**