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On the Cover: *A sneak peak of fun candid photos of member Welshies enjoying winter playtime in the snow! Check out our WSS Winter Photo collection in this issue and enjoy the fun!*

From the Editor

By Robin Sieranski
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Season's Greetings! I hope that all of our WSSCA members have had a happy autumn and are looking forward to a beautiful holiday and winter season!

This issue of *The Starter Barks* includes multiple interesting features including coverage of the 2025 Regional Specialty in Greeley, CO and a Hunt Test in Greensboro, GA and several articles including a Pet Insurance comparison and a fun feature about Managing Multiple Dogs. Also, in this issue, we decided to include a "Just for Fun" section that highlights WSSCA member candid photos submissions of their Welshies enjoying the winter weather! Can anyone deny that their Welshies exhibit such joy when given the opportunity for a good snowy frolic and playtime, or, for the long winter's nap that is the aftermath of such energetic play? In this section, we intentionally did not include any stories, captions or photo credits because we think the utter joy speaks for itself. We hope you enjoy this collection of our members' happy snowbound Welshie pics showing off how they run, romp, hunt and frolic in the cold white snow! I do believe we can even see some big Welshie grins as they enjoy their playtime! Thank you to all the members who submitted your Welshie winter candids for all to enjoy!

We hope you enjoy this issue and that you all enjoy a wonderful and blessed holiday season. Wishing you and yours a healthy and happy 2026!

President's Message

By Cindy Ford
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Happy Fall Everyone!

Thankfully, the WSSCA BOD has been quiet, so I thought I would pass along some information about the AKC Fit Dog program.

Fall is the best time to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. And who better than to enjoy it with than our Welshies! Whether it's a game of fetch in the yard or a hike in a state park, our dogs love to be with us doing something fun. While we might not all be able to run a marathon with our dogs, there is something many can do and there's even a title for it – AKC Fit Dog!

As part of the Family Dog Program, the AKC encourages pet owners to participate by taking walks with our dogs. The website notes "Walking is considered a safe activity that improves muscular strength, circulation, memory, weight loss, increases energy, helps with sleep, and reduces stress. The American Heart Association recommends walking a minimum of 150 minutes per week. Participation in the AKC FIT DOG program will bring health benefits to both you and your dog."

There are 3 title levels and a variety of activities that count towards the points needed. For example, many training clubs offer pack walks. But individual walks count and if you are already participating in some sports such as FASTCAT or Parkour, those activities count as well. You can get more information on the AKC website at AKC FIT DOG – American Kennel Club

We all know how much Welshies want to be with their people – this program provides health benefits as well as a great time to enjoy an activity with our best four-footed pals.

Safe Travels this holiday season!

~Cindy

2026 Annual Meeting Notice

The 2026 Annual Membership Meeting of the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America will be held on April 11, 2026, at 5:30 pm at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. Please note that the time is subject to change depending on the show schedule that day to allow as many members as possible to participate. The meeting is open to anyone interested in attending but only WSSCA members may vote on any motions.

Friendly Reminders for WSSCA Members:

- ***Update your Contact Information*** – If you have moved, changed your email address and/or phone contact information please be sure to provide your updated contact information to Susan Merriken at **merriken@goeaston.net**
- If you need to send questions or requests to the Officers or BoD – please email us by using the Contact Us button on the club website, or, email directly to **wssca.board@gmail.com**. Direct contact information for the Officers and BoD members are always listed on the last page of every issue of *The Starter Barks*.
- If you need to send questions or requests to *The Starter Barks* Committee, or if you have ideas for articles or wish to submit a relevant article for an upcoming issue of *The Starter Barks* - please email your questions/ideas to us individually at the contact information that appears on page 1 of every issue of *The Starter Barks*. NOTE: We do not always monitor the **wsscastarterbarks@gmail.com** address except when we are expecting to receive article or advertisement submissions.
- ***Opt-in for Email notifications*** – If you have not already agreed to email notifications, please contact **wssca.board@gmail.com** to opt-in.
- ***2026 WSSCA National*** – the most up-to-date information about the upcoming 2026 National is available on the website. Please check there often to learn about new updates and activities for the Specialty weekend.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025-26

January 2, 2026 – Golden State WSSC to hold a Specialty Show (in their capacity as a licensed Specialty Club) without Sweepstakes in Indio, CA

January 10, 2026 –
Dogwood WSSC to host WSSCA Specialty in conjunction with American Spaniel Club in Knoxvillle, TN
Greater Chesapeake WSSC to support the Sweepstakes for the regular American Spaniel Club show in Knoxville, TN

February 28, 2026 – Greater Chesapeake WSSC to host a Supported Entry (no Sweepstakes) in conjunction with Maryland Sporting Dog Association in West Friendship, MD

April 4, 2026 - Pacific Northwest Welsh Springer Spaniel Club to host Supported Entry in conjunction with Chintimi Kennel Club, Albany, OR

April 10-12, 2026 – Dogwood WSSC to host Supported Entries 4/10-11 and National Specialty with Sweepstakes on 4/12 in Perry, GA.

June 6, 2026 – Heartland WSSC to host Supported Entry with Sweepstakes in conjunction with the Packerland Kennel Club in Manitowac, WI.

**Correction for September 2025 p. 38 – National Specialty Winners Gallery*

BEST VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES



GCHB CH ROLYART'S LET'S HAVE A PARTY PRESLEY

By GCH CH Bartay's Little Bit Rock N Roll CD BN GN RI NAP NFP CGC & GCHB CH Rolyart's It's My Party

Owner: Cindy Ford/Shelley Traylor
Breeders: Shelley Traylor/Cindy Ford



WSSCA Advertisement



SAVE THE DATE



2026 WSSCA National Specialty

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Perry, Georgia

National Specialty Regular Class Judge: Mrs. Margaret "Margie" Wilson

Supported Entries April 10 & 11

Judges: Alessandra Folz (Friday) & Rachal McKee Sager (Saturday)

Two additional shows on April 8 & 9

Judges: Steven Herman (Wednesday) & Walter Sommerfelt (Thursday)

-Obedience
-Rally
-Agility
-Barn Hunt
-4-6 Month Beginner Puppy
-CGC/Trick Dog/Farm Dog
-Fast CATS/Coursing Ability
-Junior Showmanship
-Breed seminar
-Southern Invitational
-Iron Welsh
-Dock Diving
-Entries close March 26, 2026



All information and the store can be found on the WSSCA website page as it becomes available:
https://welshspringerspanielclubofamerica.org/wssca-2026-national-specialty/
Merchandise will NOT be sold on social media

WSSCA Advertisement

Secretary's Report

By Aki Pampush

Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America August 24, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

This telephonic meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by WSSCA President Cindy Ford. Officers and Board members participating in the meeting were: Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Beverly Garaux, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Sherry Patterson, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, and Carla Vooris. Not attending were Ron Gratz, and AKC Delegate Richard Rohrbacher.

MINUTES

Recording Secretary Aki Pampush reported that the minutes of the June 8,2025 meeting were approved electronically and have been submitted to the Starter Barks for publication and have also been posted on the WSSCA website.

REPORTS

Report of the President

President Cindy Ford reported that WSSCA Rescue Coordinator Shannon Gandee has been working on two rescue situations. There are two young males (littermates) in a shelter in NY. The shelter has been unwilling to release them to WSSCA Rescue or provide much additional information, and the situation remains in limbo. Shannon is also working on a 5-year-old female, Bella, that needs to be rehomed due to a change in family circumstances. The non-WSSCA member breeder is not willing or able to take her back. Bella has glaucoma and is likely to lose her sight completely. Shannon is seeking a foster or foster-to-adopt home.

Report of the Vice President

Vice President Wendy Jordan reported that she received an incomplete request from the Pacific Northwest Club regarding a supported entry next April and has followed up asking for additional information.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Nothing to report.

Report of the Recording Secretary

Aki Pampush reported that the vote for the 2026 National Specialty Judge was conducted electronically and voting closed July 13, 2025. Approximately 33% of the eligible voters submitted ballots. Of the 112 voters, 21 abstained for a total of 91 votes. The results were communicated on July 14 to the host club, judge's liaison, and the WSSCA Board of Directors.

Ms. Pampush also reported on the electronic vote by the Board of Directors on a request from the Greater Chesapeake Welsh Springer Spaniel Club (GCWSSC) to host the 2027 National Specialty in conjunction with the Spring Fling cluster in Doswell, Virginia which will be March 25-28, 2027.

Crystal Nolen to Chair. GCWSSC would host the National Specialty as a designated Specialty on Saturday, March 27. The request also includes approval for Puppy, Veteran, and Performance/Altered Sweepstakes on March 27, and Supported Entries on Friday, March 26th, and Sunday, March 28th. There were 9 votes in favor, with one abstention and one write in to correct the date of the Friday supported entry.

Report of the Treasurer

Susan Merriken reported following:

- The General Fund has a current balance of $13,398.08.
- Annual dues renewals were sent out electronically and by mail on June 1. As of the meeting date, 61 members have not renewed. Susan will circulate the list of non-renewing members so Board members can reach out individually to people they know to follow up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

Report from the AKC Delegate

No report.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Cindy Ford made a motion to ratify the prior approval by email of the following membership applications:

- Karen Von Dollen of Columbia, Missouri,

sponsored by Erin Miller
- Margot Hand of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, sponsored by Lili Appolos

The motion was seconded by Wendy Jordan. Voting Aye: Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Beverly Garaux, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Sherry Patterson, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, and Carla Vooris. Voting No, no one. Abstaining, no one. Not voting: Ron Gratz. The motion was approved.

The Board is pleased to welcome the new members to WSSCA.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Following up on the discussion at the June meeting regarding a petition to the AKC to make WSS a ramp mandatory breed, Aki Pampush posted a request for member feedback on Facebook and also contacted the Judges Education and Breed Mentor committees via email seeking feedback. There was considerable support for this change. Ms. Pampush reported that she had also inquired at the AKC about the specific requirements the AKC required in a formal request for a change. The AKC requires a membership vote in favor of the change. The Board agreed that this could be included with other matters requiring a membership vote rather than a standalone vote. No further action was taken.

B. Wendy Jordan reported that the Maud Earl photo has been repaired, and we could move forward with plans to sell it. In discussing the matter, the Board thought the next step would be to get an estimate of the value. Robin Sieranski will follow up with Alan Fausel, Curator of the AKC Museum of the Dog, who is very familiar with dog art for input on pricing.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Carla Vooris was appointed Chair of the Nominating Committee for officer and director positions with terms ending February 28, 2026. She was charged with forming a committee to propose a slate of candidates for election.

B. Susan Merriken asked the Board if it wished to sponsor Parent Club medallions at the AKC National Championships as we have done in the past. The cost for conformation medallions is $215, and medallions for Obedience and Rally would only be purchased if there were entries. Wendy Jordan offered to personally sponsor the medallions at a cost up to $300. The Board thanked her for her generous donation. No further action was taken.

C. Wendy Jordan made a motion to approve the request from the Heartland WSSC to host a supported entry with Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes at the Packerland Kennel Club show in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, June 6, 2026. Andrea Pease to Chair. Aki Pampush seconded the motion. Voting Aye, Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Beverly Garaux, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Sherry Patterson, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, and Carla Vooris. Voting No: no one. Abstaining, no one. Not voting: Ron Gratz

D. Lili Apollos asked for Board input on a request from American Spaniel Club that clubs holding Specialties in conjunction with the ASC Flushing Spaniel Show in January 2026 set their entry fees at the same level as the ASC show. Lili noted that ASC plans a significant increase in entry fees. In discussing the matter, it was noted that the affiliated club hosting a Specialty, in this case, Dogwood WSSCGA, had the discretion to set the entry fees and it was up to the show committee to set the fee. It was also noted, however, that a fee increase for the specialty of the magnitude ASC was proposing would likely negatively impact participation.

ADJOURN

Wendy Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm, seconded by Robin Sieranski. Voting Aye: Lili Apollos, Beverly Garaux, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Sherry Patterson, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, and Carla Vooris. Voting no, no one. Abstaining, no one. Not voting: Ron Gratz**. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Aki Pampush
WSSCA Recording Secretary

September 2025 AKC Delegate Meeting

By Richard Rohrbacher

The quarterly AKC Delegate meeting was held September 8th & 9th. As is my usual routine when the Parent Clubs Committee and Canine Health Committee meetings are held at different times, I attended both of these committee meetings on September 8th.

The big news from the Parent Clubs Committee meeting is there will be a large segment of time focused on membership in Parent Clubs. This focus will range from recruiting new members, utilizing these new member and member retention.

There wasn't anything significant presented at the Canine Health Committee meeting. The most noteworthy item was the report from Charlie Garvin with comments on donations to the AKC Purebred Preservation Band. His comments focused on individual donations, without Parent Club involvement or the Parent Club having set any requirements or participation in the Purebred Preservation Bank.

At the Delegate meeting on Tuesday, September 9, there was an election for committee members of the Delegate Standing Committees. I was reelected to a seat on the Parent Clubs Committee.

There were three items that were returned to the Delegate Bylaws Committee.

1. Article IV, Section 5 of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which reduces the requirement to publish CLUB candidate information in the AKC Gazette from twice to once before consideration by the AKC Board of Directors. This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and brought forward with the approval of the AKC Board of Directors. There was a motion and a second to send the amendment back to the committee.
2. Article VI, Section 4 of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which reduces the requirement to publish DELEGATE candidate information in the AKC Gazette from twice to once before consideration by the AKC Board of Directors. This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and brought forward with the approval of the AKC Board of Directors. There was a motion and a second to send the amendment back to the committee.
3. Article XIV, Section 1 of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which adds verbiage to address that a fee is required to be submitted to the event-giving club when a complaint is filed at an AKC event. There was a motion and a second to send the amendment back to the committee.

A proposal to require a longer time between elected terms, Article VII, Section 1 of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which changes the time-period that a Board member must remain off the Board before being eligible to run again from one (1) year to four (4) years. It did not pass. I voted against this change. I cast my vote against this change as it did not address the issue of appointing a former Director who had not been off the AKC Board for at least a year, let alone a 4-year hiatus.

Two other items were voted on and were adopted. The first, Article XVIII, Section 2 of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which removes the requirement that notice of meetings be made by postal mail, allowing for email notice in accord with New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation (NPC) Law §605.

The second item was to Chapter 6, Section 2 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Premium Lists and Closing of Entries, which modifies the required information published in premium lists to when any specialty club chooses not to offer the three-point major to the Reserve Winners when the number of dogs competing in a sex is twice the number required for a five-point major.

The most important item was the Chief Financial Officer, Ted Phillips' report. The biggest source of income for the AKC is Registrations, initial registrations, and changes in ownership. As of the end of June 2025 registration income was down. The number of dogs registered was down as well as the number of litters registered. The bright spot was the sales of pedigrees. For a detailed breakdown of the AKC's financial position I do have the report and PowerPoint presentation Ted Phillips gave. Please feel free to contact me for the full report and PowerPoint presentation.

NEW TITLES
3rd Quarter – July, August, September 2025

Compiled by Sandy Roth

CHAMPION

- CH Briarrose We Don't Rent Pigs At Rainbow's End (D) owned by Jenifer Banks & Ike Banks & Joseph Banks
- CH Coppercrest's Wrap It Up (B) owned by Dr. Jenna Dockweiler
- CH Killagay Tudur Fairwinds Rolly By The Lake (D) owned by Richard Melzer
- CH Renascent Delivering The Call (D) owned by Susan Byrd-Doss & Meghen Riese-Bassel
- CH Renascent Everything Everywhere All At Once (B) owned by Mary C Lamphier & Jamie Lamphier
- CH Destiny's Winter Wonder (B) owned by Dr. Catherine Carr Lee
- CH Glen Ceiriog Heartthrob Cariad TKN (B) owned by Franna Pitt
- CH Long Lane Worth My Weight N Gold (D) owned by Lynne Fennell & Brenda Trofanenko
- CH Rolyart's Watergate (B) owned by Alyssa Staudt & Dee Feltus
- CH Fox River Mackinac Autumn Star FDC CGC (B) owned by Venita Aldrich & Andrea M Pease & Jerome Barsness

GRAND CHAMPION

- GCH CH Brookhaven's Playing For Keeps SH CGC TKN (B) owned by Francis X. Pampush & Agnes G. Pampush
- GCH CH Chessy Creek Red Dragon Benywaidd (B) owned by Emily Dodd Bridges M.D.
- GCH CH Clussexx Sign Me Up TKN (D) owned by Douglas A Johnson & Jamie Hubbard & Diane Heaton & Anne Nored
- GCH CH Renascent First And Foremost @ Wagntail (D) owned by Janis Berie
- GCH CH Rhuddagwynne Father Of His Country CGC TKN ATT FITB (D) owned by Carly Lorraine Satterfield & Suzanne Toulouse Satterfield
- GCH CH Skyhigh-Best In Snow NA NAJ XF BCAT ACT1 ACT1J CGC TKI FTI Wonder (B) owned by Marisa Mousseau
- GCH CH Clussexx & Rainsway's Leather & Lace (B) owned by Raina Moss & Jeane Haverick & Kaileigh Gonzalez & Darcy Moss
- GCH CH Killagay Tudur Gavin (D) owned by Elisabeth Holmes & Joseph Cowdrick
- GCH CH Rolyart's Movers And Shakers (B) owned by Shelley Traylor & Cindy Ford
- GCH CH Clussexx Sign On The Dotted Line (D) owned by Barbara Sells

GRAND CHAMPION SILVER

- GCHS CH Hartsage Mackenzie (B) owned by Eric C Hartelius D.V.M.

COMPANION DOG

- GCH CH Truepenny Three Times The Fun At Starters Run CD RE NAP OJP OFP CGC TKA FITG (D) owned by Irene Vonderahe & Robert Keltos

COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT

- GCH CH Rocksprings Olivine Damond CDX BN RA (B) owned by Katherine Goodrich & Rick Berry & Christina Bunn

GRADUATE NOVICE

- CH Statesman's Red Dragon CD BN GN RA ACT1J SCN SHDN (D) owned by Norah Elstner
- CH Up North's Frozen Asset CD PCD BN GN RN (D) owned by Deborah D Sackrison & James Sackrison

RALLY NOVICE

- CH Rocksprings Glacier Bay RN (D) owned by Katherine Goodrich & Christina Bunn & Rick Berry

- CH Up North's Frozen Asset CD PCD BN RN (D) owned by Deborah D Sackrison & James Sackrison

RALLY INTERMEDIATE

- Hartsage Star-Crossed Lover RI CGC (D) owned Theresa Hawley-Inacio & Lee Inacio
- GCH CH Rolyart's Take Me Out To The Ball Game RI CGC (D) owned by Susan N Merriken

RALLY ADVANCED

- CH Rysan's Requested Just For Destiny RA RATN CGC TKN ATT (B) owned by Dr. Catherine Carr Lee & Sandra B Rohrbacher

RALLY EXCELLENT

- GCH CH Wyld Wynd's In The Company Of Masters RE SH FDC SCN CGCA CGCU TKN ATT (D) owned by Betsie Czeschin & Lili Apollos & Susan Riese

FARM DOG CERTIFIED

- Wyld Wynd's The Perfect Break FDC (D) owned by Amanda Judd & Travis Judd

NOVICE AGILITY

- Fox River Pretty Little Lady NA NAJ DCAT CGC TKN FITS (B) owned by Correne Johnson & Andrea Pease & Benjamin Johnson
- Eye Of The Storm @ Painted Sky Farms RN SCN (D) owned by Norah Elstner & Sharon Sherwood

AGILITY EXCELLENT PREFERRED

- GCH CH Fox River Celtic Little Chute CD BN JH FDC AXP AJP SCN CGC TKN FITB (B) owned by Kevin O'Neill & Andrea M Pease & Joan O'Neill

MASTER BRONZE AGILITY PREFERRED

- GCHB CH MACH PACH RACH Rolyart's Play Time UDX OM1 BN GN RM2 RAE2 MXS MJS MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX OF DN CGC TKA (B) owned by Linda Brennan & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor

NOVICE AGILITY JUMPER

- Glen Ceiriog Skyhigh Wild Rose NAJ (B) owned by Beverly Wallace

MASTER EXCELLENT JUMPER PREFERRED 3

- GCHB CH MACH PACH RACH Rolyart's Play Time UDX OM1 BN GN RM2 RAE2 MXS MJS MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX OF DN CGC TKA (B) owned by Linda Brennan & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor

AGILITY MASTER FAST EXCELLENT PREFERRED

- GCH CH MACH3 Cypress Bell's Billy The Kidd MXC PAD MJC PJD MFB TQX MFP T2B2 (D) owned by Pam Grudis & Michael Grudis

BCAT

- Pennylane's With A Little Help From My Friends BCAT (B) owned by Judy Russo
- CH Rolyart's Chance Of A Lifetime BCAT RATN CGC TKN (B) owned by Dana Salk-Scheler & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor & Tessa Scheler

DCAT

- Fox River Pretty Little Lady NAJ DCAT CGC TKN FITS (B) owned by Correne Johnson & Andrea Pease & Benjamin Johnson
- Up North Put It In Drive Upfront DCAT (D) owned by Joyce E Pietryga
- CH Saga's Time Traveller DCAT (D) owned by Gloria Maxon
- CH Fox River Sunshiney Days DCAT FITB (B) owned by Correne Johnson & Andrea M Pease & Benjamin Johnson

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SCENT WORK CONTAINER NOVICE

- Eye Of The Storm @ Painted Sky Farms RN SCN (D) owned by Norah Elstner & Sharon Sherwood

SCENT WORK CONTAINER MASTER

- CH Statesman's High Water Mark BN RN TD TDU SWE SCM CGCU FTI (B) owned by Jeffrey Porter & Cynthia Porter

SCENT WORK INTERIOR NOVICE

- Eye Of The Storm @ Painted Sky Farms RN SCN SIN (D) owned by Norah Elstner & Sharon Sherwood
- CH Statesman's Red Dragon CD BN GN RA ACT1J SCN SIN SEN SHDN (D) owned by Norah Elstner

SCENT WORK EXTERIOR NOVICE

- CH Statesman's Red Dragon CD BN GN RA ACT1J SCN SIN SEN SHDN (D) owned by Norah Elstner
- Redsage Buckle Up Buttercup BCAT SWN (B) owned by Natalie Read-Burger & Katherine J Dahlstet

SCENT WORK EXTERIOR ADVANCED

- CH Stonecroft Black Tie Affair At Clussexx TDX NAP NJP SWA (D) owned by Brenda S Palmgren

SCENT WORK BURIED NOVICE

- CH Statesman's Red Dragon CD BN GN RA ACT1J SWN SHDN (D) owned by Norah Elstner

SCENT WORK BURIED ADVANCED

- CH Rolyart's Chasing A Dream CD BN GN RA TD NF SWN SCA SIA SBA CGC TKP (D) owned by Cheryl L Clark & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor

SCENT WORK BURIED EXCELLENT

- CH Statesman's High Water Mark BN RN TD TDU SWE SCM CGCU FTI (B) owned by Jeffrey Porter & Cynthia Porter

SCENT WORK BURIED MASTER

- Juniper's Jubilee Kissing Rainier SWE SCM SIM SBM CGC TKN (B) owned by Jennifer Sarchett & Amy L. Herman

SCENT WORK NOVICE

- Redsage Buckle Up Buttercup BCAT SWN (B) owned by Natalie Read-Burger & Katherine J Dahlstet
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AKC STAR PUPPY

- Clussexx Magic Touch STR (B) owned by Margot Hand
- Rolyart's River Runs Thru It STR (B) owned by Merrielle Turnbull & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

- Briarrose Calamity Jane CGC (B) owned by Henrietta Laustsen & Gary Laustsen
- Hartsage Star-Crossed Lover RN CGC (D) owned by Theresa Hawley-Inacio & Lee Inacio
- CH Clussexx Space Cowboy CGC TKN (D) owned by Sophia lebel & Kaileigh Gonzalez
- CH Rolyart's Chance Of A Lifetime CGC TKN (B) owned by Dana Salk-Scheler & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor & Tessa Scheler
- Ivywild's Fly Me To The Moon CGC (B) owned

by Alexandra Bell & Faye B Skoczylas

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN URBAN

- GCH CH Wyld Wynd's In The Company Of Masters RI SH FDC SCN CGCA CGCU TKN ATT (D) owned by Betsie Czeschin & Lili Apollos & Susan Reise
- Rolyart's Teddy Bear Picnic CGCA CGCU TKA (D) owned by Brigid Shields

TRICK DOG NOVICE

- Trystyn's Trust The Science At Glenevan CGC TKN (B) owned by Valerie L Young & David Young
- CH Clussexx Space Cowboy CGC TKN (D) owned by Sophia Lebel & Kaileigh Gonzalez
- Caru Stonecroft Starlight Dream Girl TKN (B) owned by Ms. Anne Pickrell & Ladonna Bibler
- Hartsage Star-Crossed Lover RI CGC TKN (D) owned by Theresa Hawley-Inacio & Lee Inacio
- CH Rolyart's Chance Of A Lifetime CGC TKN (B) owned by Dana Salk-Scheler & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor & Tessa Scheler
- Bu-Gwyn A Kiss At The End Of The Rainbow TKN VHMP (B) owned by Mrs. Cathy J Crnkovich

TRICK DOG INTERMEDIATE

- Caru Stonecroft Starlight Dream Girl TKI (B) owned by Ms. Anne Pickrell & Ladonna Bibler
- Trystyn's Trust The Science At Glenevan CGC TKI (B) owned by Valerie L Young & David Young

AKC TEMPERAMENT TEST

- CH Rhuddagwynne Father Of His Country CGC TKN ATT FITB (D) owned by Carly Lorraine Satterfield & Suzanne Toulouse Satterfield

VIRTUAL HOME MANNERS PUPPY

- Bu-Gwyn A Kiss At The End Of The Rainbow VHMP (B) owned by Mrs. Cathy J Crnkovich

FIT DOG BRONZE

- CH Fox River Sunshiney Days BCAT FITB (B) owned by Correne Johnson & Andrea M Pease & Benjamin Johnson
- CH Rolyart's Party On At Redstone CD BN RI BCAT CGC TKI FITB (B) owned by Donna Stebbins & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor
- CH Wynayrs On The Spot CD BN RI THD CGC TKI FITB (D) owned by Diane Whipple & Ron Whipple

FIT DOG SILVER

- CH Juniper's Redwood Valley Sequoia FCAT SWN CGCA CGCU TKI ATT FITS (B) owned by Amy L. Herman & Raymond H. Kennedy
- GCHS CH Redsage Hello Sunshine SWN RATM CZ8S CGCA CGCU TKN FITS (B) owned by Amy L. Herman & Katherine J Dahlstet

FIT DOG GOLD

- Fox River Pretty Little Lady NA NAJ DCAT CGC TKN FITG (B) owned by Correne Johnson & Andrea Pease & Benjamin Johnson

FETCH INTERMEDIATE

- CH Statesman's High Water Mark BN RN TD TDU SWA SCE SIE SEE CGCU FTI (B) owned by Jeffrey Porter & Cynthia Porter

NOVICE BARN HUNT

- GCH CH Renascent Clussexx Silver Tokens For Stonecroft RI FDC BCAT ACT1 SCN SIN SEN RATN CGCA CGCU TKN ATT FITB (B) owned by Miss Lilianna Marie Apollos

POINT TOTALS

January 1 through September 30, 2025

Point Totals

DECKARD CUP

GCHB Stonecroft Stay Magical JH	364	B. Czeschin/L. Apollos
GCHS Rocksprings The Bare Necessities	312	K. Goodrich/R. Berry/C. Bunn
GCHS Hartsage McKenzie	296	E. Hartelius, DVM
GCHS Windywood Rooney Brenin Kirkland	145	S & K Kirkland
GCHG Clussexx On Red Alert At Stonecroft	76	Dr. S. Blau

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GCHS Hartsage McKenzie	296	E. Hartelius, DVM
GCHG Clussexx On Red Alert At Stonecroft	76	Dr. S. Blau
GCHS Hartsage Supernova	47	E. Hartelius, DVM
Eye Of The Storm At Painted Sky Farm RN	45	S. Sherwood/N. Elstner
GCHB Five Star Cocktails At Farhill	43	M. Hilliard/W. Jordan

FOUNDERS CUP

GCHS Hartsage McKenzie	201	E. Hartelius, DVM
GCHS Rocksprings The Bare Necessities	152	K. Goodrich/R. Berry/C. Bunn
GCHS Windywood Rooney Brenin Kirkland	120	S & K Kirkland
GCHB Stonecroft Stay Magical JH	79	B. Czeschin/L. Apollos
GCHG Clussexx On Red Alert At Stonecroft	76	Dr. S. Blau

STATESMAN AWARD

GCHB Stonecroft Stay Magical JH	364	B. Czeschin/L. Apollos
GCH Brookhaven's Playing For Keeps SH CGC TKN	28	F & A Pampush
GCH Wyld Wynds In The Company Of Masters RE SH	13	B. Czeschin/S. Riese

2025 3rd Quarter OFA Health Results

Name	Registration	Sex	CHIC	Age (mos)	Registry	Results	OFA No.
CLUSSEXX SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED	FDLJ4281029	F		28	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1532F28-P-VPI
CRYSLEN DESTINY'S DON'T STOP ME NOW	SS26734908	F	186172	51	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE576/51F-PI
CRYSLEN'S DIAMOND IN THE SKY	SS48228603	M		1	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE771/1M-VPI
CRYSLEN'S DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER	SS48228602	M		1	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE772/1M-VPI
CRYSLEN'S SHINE BRIGHT LIKE A DIAMOND	SS48228601	F		1	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE773/1F-VPI
CRYSLEN'S SHINE BRIGHT LIKE A DIAMOND	SS48228601	F		16	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1139/16F-VPI
CRYSLEN'S THE RUMORS ARE TRUE	SS49159601	F		12	HIPS	GOOD	
CRYSLEN'S THE RUMORS ARE TRUE	SS49159601	F		13	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1140/13F-VPI
DESTINY'S WINTER WONDER	SS45808703	F		20	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE814/20F-VPI
FOX RIVER REGAL SPLENDOR	SS43103601	F	211205	24	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2641E24F-P-VPI
FOX RIVER REGAL SPLENDOR	SS43103601	F	211205	24	THYROID	COMP. AUTOIMMUNE THYROIDITIS	
FOX RIVER REGAL SPLENDOR	SS43103601	F	211205	25	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1526F25-P-VPI
GLEN CEIRIOG SKYHIGH WILD ROSE	SS40095601	F		33	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1529F33-P-VPI
GLEN CEIRIOG SKYHIGH WILD ROSE	SS40095601	F		33	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2644E33F-P-VPI
HARTSAGE STAR-CROSSED LOVER	SS37559607	M	210601	33	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1525M33-P-VPI
HARTSAGE STAR-CROSSED LOVER	SS37559607	M	210601	33	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2640E33M-P-VPI
HARTSAGE STAR-CROSSED LOVER	SS37559607	M	210601	33	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE812/33M-VPI
HARTSAGE STAR-CROSSED LOVER	SS37559607	M	210601	33	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1136/33M-VPI
MYSTIC ACRES SCOOTINGALONG	SS06217004	M		85	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1524M85-P-VPI
MYSTIC ACRES SCOOTINGALONG	SS06217004	M		85	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2639E85M-P-VPI
PENNYLANE'S TICKET TO RIDE	SS41382901	F	209522	26	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1521F26-C-VPI
PENNYLANE'S TICKET TO RIDE	SS41382901	F	209522	26	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1135/26F-VPI
PENNYLANE'S TICKET TO RIDE	SS41382901	F	209522	26	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2636G26F-C-VPI
RENASCENT DROPS OF JUPITER	SS42232104	F		25	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE810/25F-NOPI
RENASCENT DROPS OF JUPITER	SS42232104	F		25	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2646G25F-C-NOPI

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RENASCENT DROPS OF JUPITER	SS42232104	F		25	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1531F25-C-N0PI
RHUDDAGWYNNE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY	SS39657803	M	211620	28	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1523M28-P-VPI
RHUDDAGWYNNE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY	SS39657803	M	211620	28	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2638G28M-P-VPI
RHUDDAGWYNNE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY	SS39657803	M	211620	29	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE815/29M-VPI
ROCKSPRINGS SONG OF THE NIGHT SPARROW	SS37937901	F		34	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1527F34-P-VPI
ROCKSPRINGS SONG OF THE NIGHT SPARROW	SS37937901	F		34	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2642G34F-P-VPI
ROCKSPRINGS SONG OF THE NIGHT SPARROW	SS37937901	F		34	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1137/34F-VPI
ROLYART'S TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME	SS41388603	M		28	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1530M28-C-VPI
ROLYART'S TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME	SS41388603	M		28	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2645G28M-C-VPI
ROLYART'S TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME	SS41388603	M		28	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1138/28M-VPI
STANNYFIELD'S PERFECT CRIME	SS44166101/ LL4262869	M		26	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1528M26-P-VPI
STANNYFIELD'S PERFECT CRIME	SS44166101/ LL4262869	M		26	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2643E26M-P-VPI
STANNYFIELD'S PERFECT CRIME	SS44166101/ LL4262869	M		27	THYROID	EQUIVOCAL	
STONECROFT FALL OF RAIN	SS33206601	M		41	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2647G41M-P-VPI
STONECROFT FALL OF RAIN	SS33206601	M		41	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1533M41-P-VPI
TIERGWAITH MIRI GENETH	SS24954308	F	210420	53	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE811/53F-VPI
WINDFALL'S RED HALLMARK OBSESSION AT STONECROFT	SS41719106	M		28	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2648G28M-C-VPI
WINDFALL'S RED HALLMARK OBSESSION AT STONECROFT	SS41719106	M		28	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1534M28-C-VPI
WINDYWOOD IT'S 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE	SS29928401	F		45	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE809/45F-PI

2025 Regional Specialty Recap

The regional specialty was held in Greeley, CO at the Evergreen Kennel Club show this year. Although attendance was not large, we did get some folks coming in from out of town.

We had a raffle to benefit a local volunteer fire department to provide them with oxygen masks for pets.

Deb Wood put together a nice lunch for everyone attending.

The rings were outside. The weather was a little warm but beautiful and sunny. We were able to set up outside, ringside under the pavilion. The dogs looked beautiful on the grass.

Thank you to all that came from other areas to join us. It was a lot of fun!



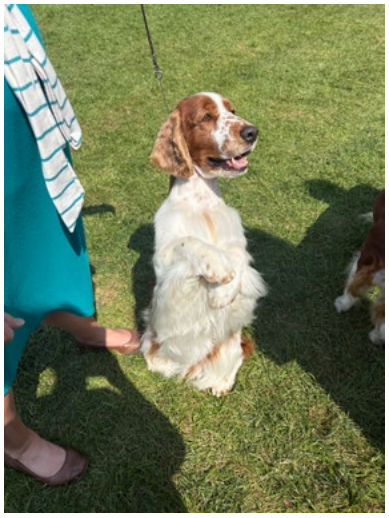
The WAAG - Weekend At a Glance - September 6 & 7		
CONFORMATION RESULTS:	**Saturday September 6, 2025 Evergreen Kennel Club WSSCA Regional Specialty Judge: Mrs Barbara G Pepper**	**Sunday September 7, 2025 Evergreen Kennel Club WSSCA Supported Entry Judge: Ms Joanne Buehler**
BOB	CH ROCKSPRINGS GLACIER BAY RN	GCH CH WYLD WYND'S IN THE COMPANY OF MASTERS RI R
BOS	GCHB CH SARABANDE DARE TO DREAM	CLUSSEXX SPEAKEASY MAGIC
BOW	RENASCENT DAMASCUS STEEL	CLUSSEXX SPEAKEASY MAGIC
WD	RENASCENT DAMASCUS STEEL	ROCKSPRINGS FAR TO GO
WB	FOX RIVER MACKINAC AUTUMN STAR	CLUSSEXX SPEAKEASY MAGIC
SELECT DOG	GCHS ROCKSPRINGS THE BARE NECESSITIES	GCHS ROCKSPRINGS THE BARE NECESSITIES
SELECT BITCH	CH ROCKSPRINGS SONG OF THE NIGHT SPARROW	ROLYART'S WATERGATE
BEST OWNER HANDLER	CH ROCKSPRINGS GLACIER BAY RN	GCH CH WYLD WYND'S IN THE COMPANY OF MASTERS RI R
AOM	GCH CH WYLD WYND'S IN THE COMPANY OF MASTERS RI R	N/A
AOM	CH COPPERCREST'S WRAP IT UP	N/A

SWEEPSTAKES RESULTS:	**Judge: Ms Karen Rooks Nauer**	
BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES	ROCKSPRINGS MISTY MOUNTAIN HOP	N/A
BEST VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES	GCHS WYLD WYND'S INTO THE WOODS	N/A

2025 Regional Specialty Recap

We hope you enjoy this collection of photos from around the Regional Specialty and Supported Entry in Greeley, CO!













A Successful WSSCA Spaniel Hunt Test in Greensboro, Georgia



Perfect weather, teamwork, and great dog work mark a memorable weekend!

WSSCA sponsored a Spaniel Hunt Test on November 1–2 in Greensboro, Georgia. The event was a resounding success, thanks to the dedicated members of the Dogwood Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta (DWSSCGA) and many hard-working non-member volunteers. Perfect weather, lively birds, sharp shooting, and spirited performances in the field made for a fun and memorable weekend for dogs and handlers alike.

The 30-dog entry included a wonderful mix of breeds, with six Welsh Springers representing the Club. Frank Pampush ran Heidi and Gretchen; Lili Apollos ran her Cwen and Betsy Czeschin's Bobby; John Getz handled Murphy; and Joe Demarkis ran Charlie and Caroline Trefzger's Carter. Other breeds represented included field- and bench-bred English Springers, field-bred English Cockers, a Boykin Spaniel, and a Nederlandse Kooikerhondje.

Judges Karen Lumb and Karen Livingston, both from Wisconsin, were praised as fair and personable—everything you could ask for in Hunt Test judges. They even snapped and shared a few photos of dogs in action. In their closing remarks, they said how much they enjoyed meeting new handlers and seeing so many talented working dogs.

As anyone who has attended a Hunt Test knows, it takes a small army of volunteers to make the event run smoothly. Charlie Trefzger served as Chair and handled shagging duties as well. Other DWSSCGA members Aki Pampush, Mary Johnson, Lili Apollos, Sue Reiese, Elizabeth Comminsky, and F.B. Getz kept things moving—marshalling, organizing lunch for participants and judges, and handing out ribbons to the qualifiers. Special thanks go to John Getz, who served as Bird Steward, overseeing everything from picking up and preparing birds to keeping the planters supplied.

Dogwood is deeply grateful to Carolyn and Donnie Jordan for generously sharing their beautiful grounds and especially to Carolyn for making their porch a welcoming retreat for lunch.

Hosting and participating in Spaniel Hunt Tests reflects our club's ongoing commitment to preserving the Welsh Springer Spaniel's heritage as a skilled and enthusiastic working dog. Thanks go to all who helped make it happen this November.

*—**Frank Pampush,** Hunt Test Secretary*

Pet Insurance - Wading Through the Options

By Betsie Czeschin

Comparing pet insurance policies isn't easy. They all have nuances that will interest some and annoy others. I used online brokers and company websites for quotes. I used Bobby (5 years old, unaltered male Welsh) for consistency when requesting a quote. He has had no significant injuries or illnesses, but no company asked about that. He has consistently been on heartworm and flea preventatives, with annual tests, but no company cared about that, either. Yet most companies have a bar on pre-existing conditions and waiting periods. The highest quote I got was $130.69/month for unlimited coverage from Trupanion, although most were in the $25-$40 range for accident and illness coverage and $50-$65 for additional wellness care. Every company asked for my zip code, leading me to believe the rates vary by location. I got quotes and looked at coverage offered by: AKC, ASPCA, Figo, Liberty Mutual, Nationwide, Progressive, and Trupanion for State Farm. I also got quotes from Embrace, Fetch, Healthy Paws for Chubb, Pets Best, Pumpkin, and Spot.

There are so many variables and special deals that comparing products is more of an estimate than exact figures. There is probably a discount that will apply to you, whether $25 off for a Costco member, a 10% discount for multiple pets, or 5% off for military members.

Brokers

When you google 'pet insurance' you get a mix of regular and sponsored links. Some are direct to an insurance company, but most are to brokers masquerading as rating services. These have names like Best Money, Compare Coverage, or Best Pet Insurance. They all appear to link to the same few companies although one site found "310 deals for Bobby." It is likely these deals are just tweaks in the annual limit, deductible, or percent of reimbursement for the same policy. Brokers say they "help people navigate the wide range of reputable websites" and "avoid sifting through countless search results." However, there is no proof that their client websites are reputable and they increased the number of search results I got. Compare Coverage was the only site with filters such as whether you want 24-hour vet tele-help or a multi-pet discount so you can narrow down results.

Some brokers admit that they "may receive marketing compensation." Kudos to the ones that admit it at the top of the page instead of making you dig to find out. One website, Consumer Affairs, a dba of Compare Pet Insurance Services Inc., was identical to the Nerd Wallet and WSJ/Buy Side promoted sites.

Brokers claim to only promote the best sites, using ratings, stars, number of reviews and headings like "Best Pet Insurance," "2025 Winner," or "#1 Best Overall" to make this clear. My favorite brag (for its blatant inaccuracy) is "America's #1 Welsh Springer Spaniel insurer for more than 40 years." These are mere puffery and there's no link to any actual comparison or scoring. Most of the companies' own sites offered the same or less expensive rates. The brokers are the opposite of a site like Booking.com – using them likely will cost you more.

Nuts & Bolts

There are three types of coverage: accident, illness, and wellness. Accidents are generally the cheapest. Wellness is the most expensive and covers a broad range of preventative care. If you want this coverage, you must check what each policy covers and the amount of the coverage. Wellness can include vaccinations (Nationwide covers vaccinations or titers), dental, spay or neuter (sometimes lumped with dental and offered as 1 procedure/year), deworming, a routine exam, and flea and heartworm preventative. Some itemize the amount reimbursement for specific items. The total annual cost of the coverage always adds up to more than the coverage and sometimes there are hidden costs because a covered item is a one-time procedure such as microchipping ($50) or spay/neuter or a five year, not annual procedure, like a dental.

Example

- Bobby recently had a dental, the price was about $450 with anesthesia. He will probably get another in five years.
- A Progressive wellness plan for Bobby costs $699.12/year.

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Pet Insurance *continued*

- The wellness plan pays up to $525 for prevention with $125 of that allocated for a dental.
  - Every year $166.39 of the wellness plan payment covers dental.
  - Over five years you will have paid a total of $831.95 for a dental.
  - When you get the dental, you could be reimbursed up to $125.00.
  - You pay $706.95 in premiums (with full reimbursement) for a procedure that costs $450. (Progressive provided numbers for wellness care, making comparison possible.)

Three variables affect the amount of your premium: annual payout cap, deductible, and reimbursement percentage. The annual caps vary from $5000/year to unlimited; the deductible is for the year and ranges from $500 to $1000; and the reimbursement rates are usually 80% to 90%, although 70% is available. Your vet bill is only covered if you have met the deductible but not exceeded the cap and then you're paid the reimbursement percent of the bill.

Example – changing the variables on an embrace accident and illness policy

Annual cap	Deductible	% reimbursed	Monthly rate
$5000	$500	80%	$47.74
Unlimited	$500	90%	$74.26
Unlimited	$750	90%	$61.35
Unlimited	$1000	90%	$52.74

Exclusions and limitations

The most common excluded items are experimental treatment, pre-existing conditions and breeding, pregnancy, and whelping. One plan excludes intentional acts, neglect, and spay/neuter. Another excludes hereditary conditions unless you have an endorsement for a specific condition. The AKC plan is the only one I found that covers breeding and whelping, including emergency c-sections. Their wellness plus plan includes alternative, holistic, chiropractic medicines, acupuncture, behavior care, herbal supplements and vitamins and would cost $27/mo for Bobby. That is a below average cost. A few policies won't cover a dog older than 14.

Waiting periods vary by type of care. Many policies have a 1-day waiting period on illness or accident, but some have a 15-day waiting period on illness. The 1-day waiting period on illness or accident bothers me because surgery or setting a bone is likely to be done that first day. Orthopedic issues typically have longer waiting periods, with most 6 months. Some companies covered hereditary problems, some limited the coverage to "as a result of injury or illness."

Conclusions?

I've considered pet insurance for several years and learned a lot going through all the data. Most of my big vet expenses have been with end-of-life illnesses and OFA tests. Two years ago I lost two older dogs within a 90 day period but my total vet fees were only slightly more than the annual cost of some of these policies. I am less convinced now that I need to insure my boys but if I change my mind, I know which companies I will look at. No wellness plans though - they are too expensive for what they offer. I also want a policy that pays my vet directly instead of me paying the bill then filing a claim.

Choosing a policy requires careful evaluation of what coverage is offered and what you would actually use. Make a list of your usual expenditures before looking at policies to avoid getting more coverage than you need. It's just like making a list before buying groceries to prevent buying things you think you need but don't really. Review how much you spent on vet care over the last 3-4 years to evaluate the policy's value. Split expenses out by dog. Decide which dogs you will insure if not all your dogs. You may want an AKC policy with a breeding/whelping rider for your brood bitch and something different for your other dogs.

As an alternative to health insurance, you can keep a credit card or money in a savings account specifically for dog expenses. Two of my friends have successfully used a credit card for dog expenses for years. Also, supplementary coverage may be available through your homeowner's or car insurance. I checked my homeowner's insurance and according to my State Farm agent, they offer a rider that would insure against "accidental direct physical loss of scheduled animals due to death or destruction, theft, or escape." It doesn't cover loss from disease, illness, or natural causes.

Managing Multiple Dogs

By Jeni Banks

We added our first bred-by puppy to our household last year, bringing our number of dogs up to four, and it's been…a lot. But we're managing, and it sure is fun having a pack of Welshies running amok through our fields. Our management looks similar to what many of you probably do: We have crates in our main living area and if anyone needs a break or safe space, they know they can take a quiet time; When treats are passed out, they're always done in a specific order, oldest to youngest; And, although we have acreage for plenty of exercise, each dog gets a couple solo walks off the property each week, whether it's in town or a local day hike, in order to have some dedicated time with me, and access to the larger world.

The hardest part, for me (other than not having four hands to pet everyone at once), is ensuring that each dog gets enough individual training time. The best part, by far, is climbing into bed at the end of the day with my book and nightcap, and having all four cozy themselves up around me on the bed. It's the perfect way to end the day!



I asked other WSSCA members and breeders to share their experiences and wisdom. They share many similar management techniques, but also offer unique perspectives and advice (and laughs). Enjoy!

Lauren Gaines

My husband and I just bought a new house so we'd have room for all the dogs (four with us, three with Karen), so not sure I'm the best one to give advice!



Katherine Dahlstet

Well, my house has 3 girls who are bouncy, happy, loud and loving. Ages 6, 10 & 11. They don't stay off the furniture; they generally mind, eventually; they are velcro to the max and I think they assume they are in charge. I'm not sure they are wrong.

Nancy Koehn

I have three wonderful Welshies who range in age from 18 to 26 months. I have found a couple of things very useful to keeping all of us happy and safe and loving toward each other. The first is a rule all parents of more than one child come to know well: distribute your love in intentionally equal ways. Welshies know if one of their number is getting more or less affection (or treats or other goodies).

Second, work as best you can to reduce territorial behavior—around food, sleeping arrangements, places in the back seat of the car, etc. I have found this training to be extremely helpful at fostering harmony and joy among all four of us.

Third, regular leash walks in which your Welshies are reminded—as many times as it takes—to walk nicely without pulling on the left side of their human—really helps the group appreciate routine, working together, and listening to Mom. Last, every Welshie has their own distinctive personalities and quirks—as do we humans—and as Mom or Dad, one must always keep these in mind each day.

Kate Koebler

I have always had multiple dogs since I got my first WSS in 1986 when my ACS was joined by a WSS. In 1988, I got my second Welsh when the cocker passed. The Welsh were joined in 1989 by a red and white beagle. The size of my pack gradually increased to six (not counting litters of puppies). The youngest were the puppies who stayed from birth, the oldest passed at 17, 16, 15.

I have had 13 dogs. 11 Welsh, one cocker and one beagle.

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Managing Multiple Dogs *continued*



For 17 years (before the current dogs) there was a cat who taught four litters of puppies to be nice to cats.

My current pack is three Welsh. Two girls (10, 5) and a boy (7).

Tips: obedience train, crate train, always ride in crates in the car, give each dog their special time with you. Give them a job, keep them active. Mine have done conformation, obedience, hunting, tracking.

Most challenging times were having intact animals when the girls came in season.

Best times were watching how the youngsters looked after and helped the oldies as they lost their hearing and/or sight.

When toys and treats are handed out everyone gets one. Oldest first. They are all fed at the same time - supervised the whole time.

Crystal Nolen

I have 5 adult dogs and a litter of 4 week old puppies. My adult dogs are Trü 4.5, Sizzle 4, Cheeky 3, Shimmer 17 mos and Flirt 14 mos. They are all WSS.

The best part: The dogs keep each other company and love to play outside together. I always have a dog to train and show. It's never boring at my house. It's a great opportunity to see the interactions between dogs and see how different their personalities are. I've had multiple dogs most of my life. I can't imagine life any other way.

The worst part: One dog is easy to train. It's a unique challenge to train multiple dogs at once. Dogs tend to teach each other things, especially things that are highly reinforcing like barking and digging so if your older dogs have those habits you can assume the younger dogs will learn them. There also seems to be some genetic component to those habits as well.

High energy dogs that get amped up tend to amp up the others and that's probably the most challenging situation with multiple dogs. Multiple dogs also tend to be jealous of each other. Everyone competes for the best spot next to me or Jason and they compete to be in my lap. Resources such as chews, toys and food may need to be managed carefully if any of the dogs resource guard.

Sometimes managing multiple dogs can be an interesting puzzle to solve. Dogs all have different personalities just like people. Having a pack that gets along as well as my welshies have is a huge help. I have worked in large golden retriever kennels with 15-20 dogs. You have to carefully manage who goes out with whom and who might be in season and needs to stay completely separated from male dogs.

I find it helpful for each dog to have their own spot to go to if I ever need to separate them, such as when I put topical flea and tick medicines on them. I have 5' x 5' pens in my dog room as well as crates for my puppies.

One of the most important things to teach your dogs is how to be alone, especially if you are retired or work from home. A crate is an important part of that training. It's great if you can take your new puppy everywhere with you for socialization, but it's equally important to go somewhere each day without your puppy for at least a short time so they can practice being alone and settling down on their own.

Karen Ardai Peckham



We have three males, ages 7 months, 5 years, and 10.5 years. We keep a pecking order when putting food bowls down and handing out treats. Oldest first, then the middle, then the puppy. They respect when it's their turn and don't try to nab another one's treat.

Also do the same when loading them in the car. Not the same order as the treats, but they know when it's their turn to load.

It helps to have a collective term to use occasionally, instead of calling each one's name. "Dogs, come!"

Franna Pitt



We're a long-term multidog household. Probably the best thing I've taught the dogs is to wait--at doors, gates, in the van, in crates, for treats, to get their collars on, etc. The most valuable part is releasing each by name. So everyone else waits while one or more are released. Much chaos, confusion and grabbing is avoided. Instead, I get control and they get lots of praise and plenty of treats. I also practice stays while they wait: circle around, make funny noises, flap my arms, run away, lots of proofing.

Once the adults are trained, puppies are easily incorporated by having them mimic the adults. Everyone sits except the oldies get some grace by letting them stand, and the deaf ones get a tap for release.

Merrielle Turnbull



While I think two dogs is the ideal number for a single person, I do overlap a new dog with the "seasoned" ones so that the new dog gets to join a stable pack. Normally, I space the dogs about six years apart so with Welshie Twig about to turn 13 and Clumber Nina at 7, I added Welshie Brook to the family this summer.

My girls are used to having many dogs visit here for agility classes and pack walks, but having a new puppy staying for good has been a bit of a challenge for the older dogs. For Nina, especially, as she was pretty happy being the "baby" of the family for 7 years.

One thing I do is have crates set up in several places in the house, so that Brook can have a time out and the older girls don't have to worry about her wanting to play with them every minute of the day. The puppy is still with us in whatever room we are in, and that has worked out well. I think at some point Twig may decide to play with Brook, but so far it's only been in short spurts of 10-15 seconds.

While puppies require a lot of time, it's important to not neglect the older dogs. I've been taking Nina and Brook on walks together and try to work with Nina before Brook in our training sessions. And I swear Nina counts the number of treats Brook gets and demands the same! (Twig gets treats for just being 13.)

I also try to spend time with each dog individually when I can. And when we're all together, I make sure to give out treats in order of age which helps the puppy learn to have some patience. If it sounds like my dogs get a lot of treats – guilty! Ultimately, I think the pack figures out what is appropriate and settles into living together in harmony. I've always had female dogs and have never had an issue with them not getting along. They each have their own personality, and that's what makes the family so much fun.

Heidi

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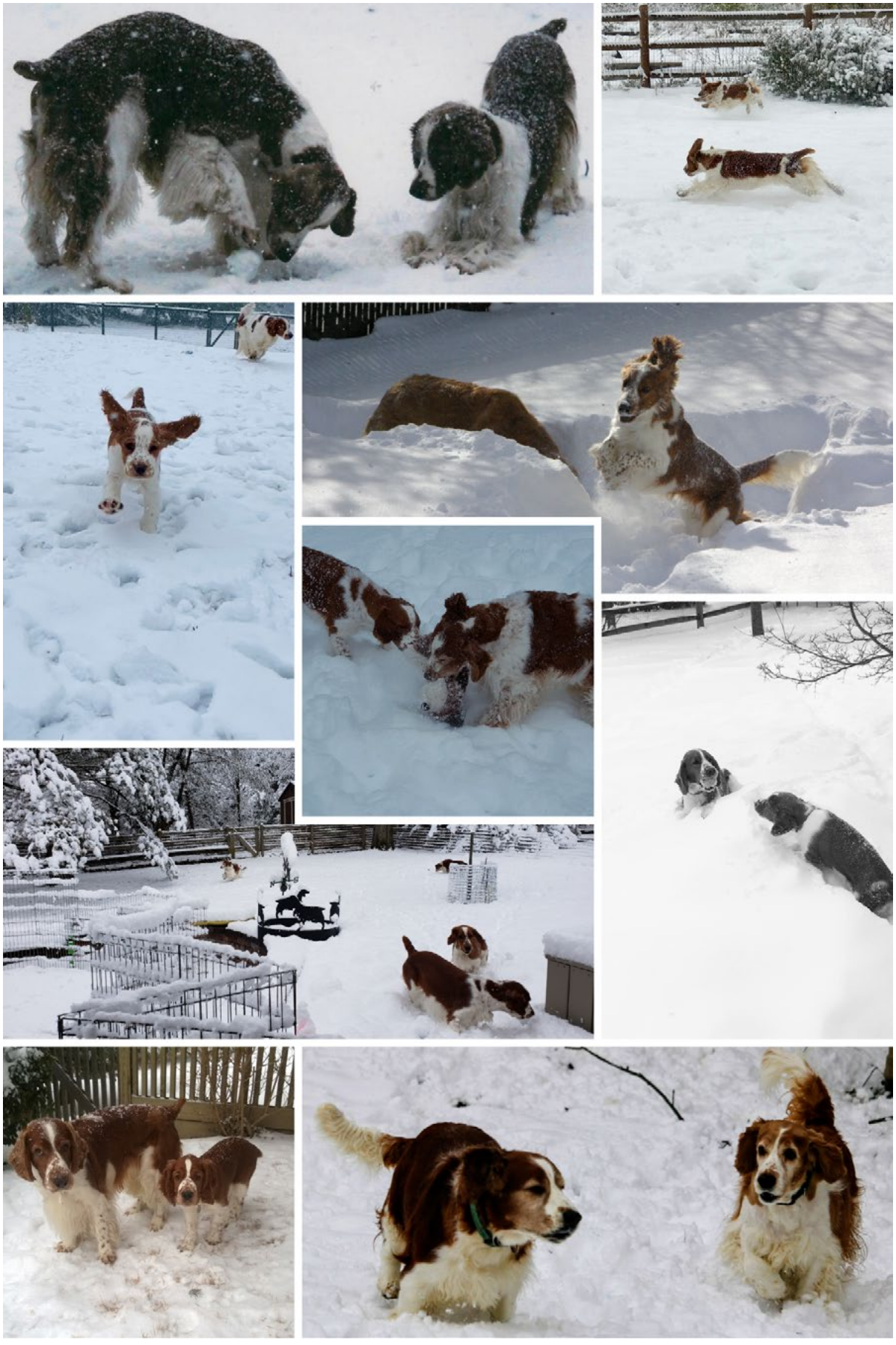
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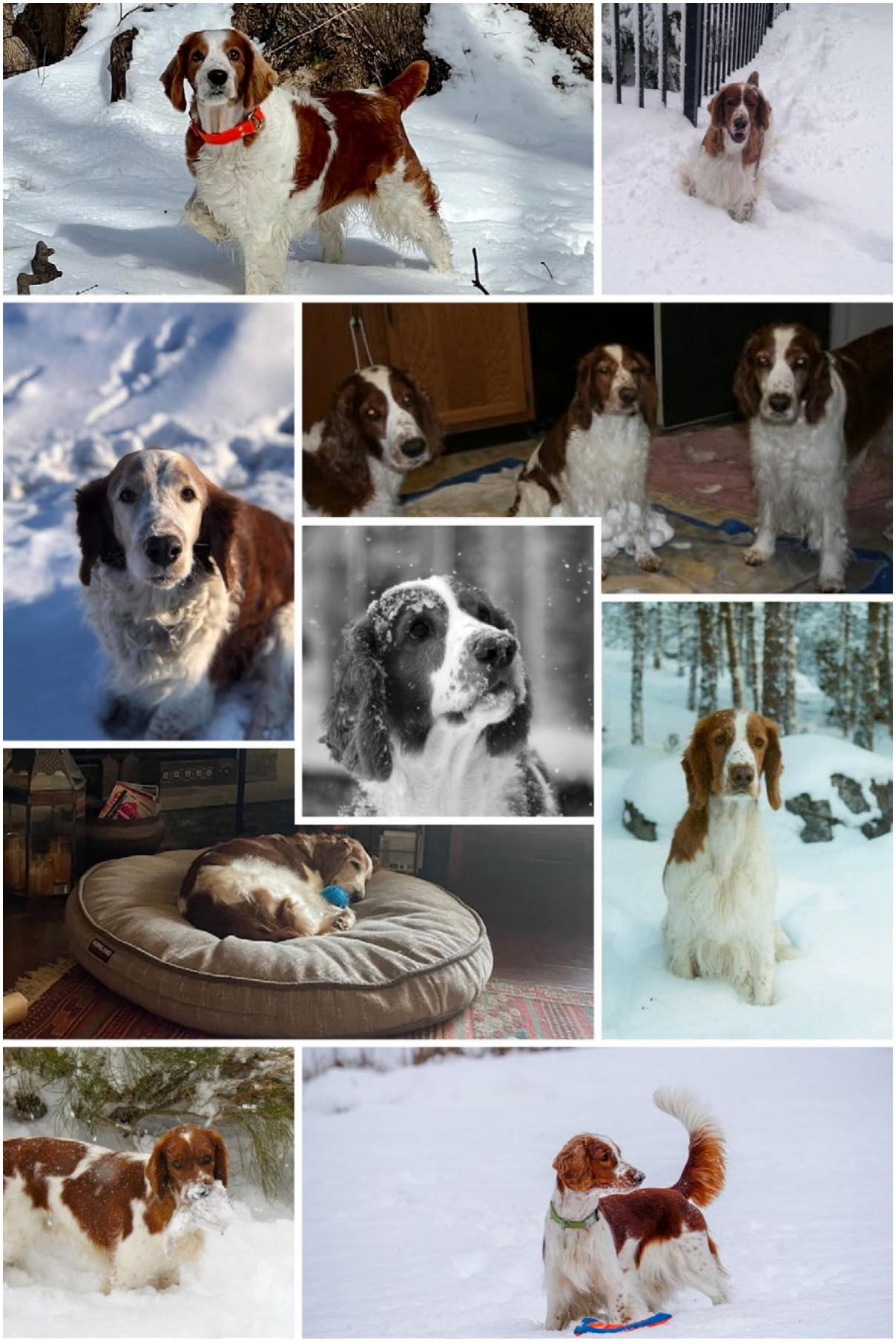
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CENTRAL STATES WSSC

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In this season of gratitude, we often find ourselves reflecting on the many blessings in our lives. Thanksgiving and Christmas encourage us to embrace the present, and to appreciate the people and canine moments that bring us joy.

Gratitude takes many forms. Sometimes it's quiet like found in the pages of a book written by an author who once carried the weight of war. Other times it's lifted in a glass honoring the memory of past canine friends who are no longer with us. It is in the next generation, too - a junior stepping up and taking the time to observe and learn how to Champion his first AKC dog. This reminds all of us that everyone can succeed and can create change.

This season, we in the Central States, celebrate the spirit of thankfulness not as a moment in time uttered around a holiday table, but as a way of living.

We are thankful for our families; for our canine families, and all the other life moments and experiences that teach and shape us.

Wishing you and your family a season of gratitude!

Member, Norah Elstner, shares this photo of Ian (Eye of the Storm @ Painted Sky Farms) at Scent Work Trial.



Dogwood Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of GA

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Mary Johnson reports October was both good and bad - ***Sutton*** earned his Rally Advanced title but unfortunately, she lost ***Gibbs*** (Statesman's Summer Celebration) to kidney disease at the age of 14. Our sincerest condolences for her loss.

Dogwood hosted another successful hunt test the beginning of November, with several club members qualifying. **Lili Apollos** and her ***Cwen*** finished their JH, and Lili and ***Bobby*** earned 2 more Senior Q's.

January 9, 2026 Dogwood is hosting the WSSCA Specialty on the Friday before the ASC Flushing Spaniel Show. Thank you to all the people who sponsored trophies.

Dogwood is also hosting the WSSCA 2026 Nationals at Perry GA April 10-12. See y'all there!



GATEWAY WSSC

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After a somewhat hot and dry summer, Fall is a wonderful time of the year in the Midwest. The trees are changing color and the air is crisp: perfect for our favorite Welshie activities.

Cyndi Deitrick has been busy with her two Welshies. ***Az*** has earned a new title (Beginner Novice) with a nice second place score of 193.5.

He also earned a Q in Open Jumpers agility. Cyndi notes "He's saving Standard for another day." Got to have a sense of humor when showing a spaniel! Her girl ***Matariki (Rolyart's All The Stars Aligned)*** has started her AKC Scent Work career, earning 7 of 8 q's in her debut, then passed her ORT to begin trialing in NACSW.

Cyndi Sexton's two girls ***Markie*** and ***Ponie*** have also debuted in CPE Scent Work, earning q's in Novice Containers, Interiors, Exteriors, and Vehicles.

Shelley Traylor and **Cindy Ford** have had some great fun with their crew, including: New Novice Barn Hunt title for ***Presley (GCHB Rolyart's Let's Have A Party RATN)*** ; New champion Nixie ***(CH Rolyart's Watergate***) owned by **Alyssa & Cully Forsyth**; New Grand Champion ***Sydney (GCH Rolyart's Movers and Shakers)*** plus an OH Grp 4; New Grand Champion ***Charlee (GCH Rolyart's For Love of the Game)*** plus an OH Grp 4 and an OH Grp 1; Baby ***Cruise (Rolyart's Run the Table)*** 4-6 mo puppy - (4) Grp 2's and a Grp 1; 3 points for ***Lexi (Rolyart's Magical Mischief)***; and 5 points for ***Matariki (Rolyart's All the Stars Aligned)***.

Cheryl Clark's Sully and my girls have been facing the same "problem" – dealing with a new puppy in the house! Cheryl says, "Sully has been very occupied training and correcting his new golden retriever sister who arrived at the end of July. He is not worried about being replaced and showing me undivided attention in agility however, so we are taking a break from that venue. We did show in UKC obedience in the beginning of October and he picked up his first U-CDX leg. A single day of nosework yielded his elusive Advanced Exterior title giving him his overall Advanced Nosework Title. He was also able to secure legs in Superior Exterior and vehicles. On to more sniffing in the coming months, as well as obedience."

When you space your puppies out over many years, you tend to forget how much work they can be! Luckily, my Brook is a very sweet girl along with being a force of nature! It is taking quite a bit of



Sully

time for the older girls to realize she's staying and they better make the best of it. ***Brook (Rolyart's River Runs Thru It)*** earned her STAR Puppy title, so she's starting to follow the footsteps of big Sis Twig who just turned 13. Who else has birthday parties for their dogs? Twig's BFFs came over for a walk and a birthday cake. The cake was definitely


Brook & Twig

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Gateway WSSC *continued*

not sharable with people as the frosting was turkey baby food. But the dogs loved it. My Clumber Nina earned her FCAT at the Clumber/Corgi FastCAT Rumble in Maryland in October. There were about 15 Clumbers running, and amazingly, some of them are pretty darn fast. Brook did a fun run after the competition and figured out the goal about ½ way down the track. "Oh! You chase the bags!" Since then, she's chased several actual bunnies in our field, so I'm sure will figure that game out when she gets older.

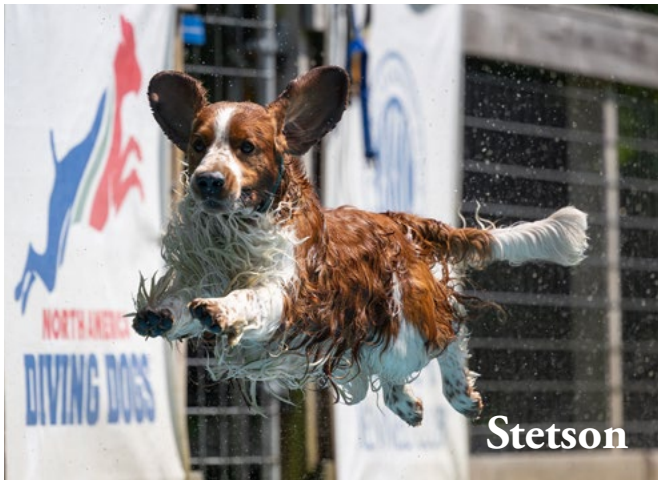
GOLDEN STATE WSSC

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It was another busy quarter for members of the GSWSSC, who took advantage of numerous show and performance trial opportunities. In chronological order:

Debbie Crane is proud of her boy ***Stetson (CH Juniper's Peppersass FCAT RATO DM DS CGCA, CGCU)***, who was the very first welshie to be invited to a North America Diving Dogs Regional Competition! His event, for the NorthEast Region, was held mid-August in Connecticut. It was a new experience for Stetson to jump from a mobile dock.



Stetson

He didn't jump as far as he usually does but he managed to achieve his DJ (Dock Diving Junior title), which he had skipped before his Senior title (you don't have to title in sequence for dock diving). He also achieved his Senior Advanced title this season!

Owned by **Mary Holkenbrink**, ***Riley (Renascent Damascus Steel)***, went Winners Dog and Best of Winners at the WSSCA supported entry at the Evergreen Kennel Club show in Greeley, Colorado on September 5. He also went RW on September 7. Mary says thank you to everyone who came, showed, and introduced themselves to her and her sister. She had fun meeting everyone while also attending the Curly-Coated Retriever National Specialty that weekend (her main breed). Mary hopes to see everyone again at the Indio shows in January. Mary and Riley also enjoyed their time out with their San Francisco Bay Area Welsh Springer Spaniel group on August 10 at the Point Pinole Regional Shoreline in Richmond, CA.

Venita Aldrich reports she is very happy about her ***Siri (Sirius)*** completing her Champion title in late September. She is now ***CH Fox River Mackinac Autumn Star FDC CGC***. Her health testing results indicate she has Excellent hips, Normal elbows, and a pending CHIC report. She will now be competing in scent work.

Cathy Crnkovich's *Clover (Bu-Gwyn A Kiss At The End Of The Rainbow VHMP)* competed in her first conformation breed show in the B-Pup class in August at the Shoreline Dog Fanciers of Orange County show in Costa Mesa, CA. Cathy says "we had so much fun! I was very proud of her, winning BOB and placing 4th in the Sporting Dog Group." Clover then went and earned her Novice Trick title at the super fun Wild Blue Dogs camp at Lake Tahoe, CA in September.

Joan Hamaguchi has news from the end of October, when she entered BBE Puppy with 7 month old ***Cherry (Bu-Gwyn Cherry on Top)*** and she was WB at the South Bay Kennel Club and


Siri



Long Beach Kennel Club shows for 4 and 5 point majors. She even went BOS over her mother ***Holly (Ch Fairwinds Bu-Gwyn Inevitable)*** on the second day. Holly was BOB on the first day and Select the other three days to finish her Grand Championship (pending AKC confirmation). Cherry's two sisters, ***Clover (Bu-Gwyn A Kiss At The End Of The Rainbow VHMP)*** owned by Cathy Crnkovich, and ***Curry (Bu-Gwyn Nothing But Net At Lynlee)*** owned by **Vickie Harshman**, also showed (the first time for Curry!) and gained valuable experience. Curry was RWB to her sister at the South Bay KC show. The three sisters had a great time bonding and having fun chasing each other back at Joan's house!

Dylan (CH Juniper's Starlight Express CD BN RE CGC TKI ATT) earned legs 7 & 8 of the 10 required for the Rally Master title at the end of October. Owner **Lee Green** says they have one more show before the holidays where they are hoping to finish the title.

Amy Herman reports that she's been very busy with ***Laurel (GCHS Redsage Hello Sunshine SWN SIA SHDN RATM CZ8S CGCU CGCA TKN RN FITS)*** and J***ubilee (CH Juniper's Redwood Valley Sequoia FCAT SWN SIA NHD CGCA CGCU TKI ATT FITS)***. Both girls received their FITS titles in September. Laurel turned 10 on October 28 and she enjoyed all her birthday treats. She also finished her Rally Novice title in October (with a 3rd place win in a large field), and finished her first Rally Intermediate trial in early November with a Q. Also in October, in scent work, she finished her Handler Discrimination Novice title (in 2nd place) and her Interior Advanced title, and racked up a few other Qs. Sadly, in her first National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) NW1 trial Laurel got 3 out of 4 elements, which is a fail because with NACSW you have to get all elements at one time to qualify for the title. She'll have another go at this at the end of November. Meanwhile, Jubilee is keeping up with her mother, also earning her Handler Discrimination Novice title (with a 2nd place win),

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Golden State WSSC *continued*

her Interior Advanced title, and started on her Handler Discrimination Advanced title, with a 1st place win on her first try! Jubilee earned her second leg in Rally Novice in September (placing 2nd in the process). However, she had to sit out her chance to finish this title in October, but for a good reason – a pregnancy! The 9 pups, sired by Sutton (GCHS Trystyn's Private Label CD RN JH), were born in early November, including 5 girls and 4 boys! Amy's house will be busy and chaotic until the pups go to their homes around mid-January. She is looking for some outstanding show and performance homes, so spread the word please!

Jana Cooley shares that ***Cole (GCH Kaycee's Wrangler Red At Indigo Hill CGCU TKN ATT FITB FTI)*** started his birthday month with a great show weekend at the Western Doggy Round-up in the City of Industry. He went BOB and BOBOH twice, Select Dog twice, and then ended the weekend with an OH Group 3! He will be 4 on November 22. His grandsire Conor is smiling in heaven!

The Western Doggy Round-up show coincided with the first birthday of **Robert McDuff** and **Marsha Harris's *McDuff (Celtic Crown King's Bishop)*** on Halloween Day. Pending AKC confirmation, McDuff completed his Championship and took Select Dog for his first day as a BOB competitor. Robert and Marsha give many thanks to his Handler Julie Kay. McDuff is co-owned by Robert, Marsha, and breeder Angela Hughes-Gorka DVM.

Finally, littermates Jubilee and Stetson were both invited to the 2025 AKC Fast CAT Invitational in Wilmington, Ohio in mid-October. Neither dog attended, but it was a thrill and honor to be among the five fastest welshies in 2024, thus earning the invitation (Jubilee was #2 and Stetson was #3). This was the second annual invitation in a row for both dogs.



GREATER CHESAPEAKE WSSC: News from the Mid-Atlantic Region

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The Greater Chesapeake WSSC has been busy this quarter. We held our supported entry at the Middle Peninsula Kennel Club of Virginia's show in Doswell, VA on October 25, 2025. Wendy Jordan, our capable Show Chair, saw to it that every detail was attended to. Wendy states this will be her last time as Show Chair. We appreciate and thank her for the innumerable hours of hard work that she has put into this important task.

Carla Vooris had a great day at the Supported Entry. Her ***Kayce*** was Best in Sweepstakes and her ***R.J.*** was Best of Breed. **Bonnie Wylie's *Owen*** was Best in Veteran's Sweepstakes.


Owen

The Greater Chesapeake WSSC has started to work on the 2027 National Specialty which will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2027 in Doswell, VA. Crystal Nolan has graciously agreed to be the Show Chair.

Our members and their dogs have been busy accomplishing a variety of different things.

Carla Vooris's *Tapper* just graduated from AKC Star Puppy Class and earned his Trick Dog Novice title.

Tori and **Mary Mandich-Steigerwald** attended a fantastic Dogs Of Course nose work camp in early September. The instruction at the camp was extraordinarily good, helping them to significantly up their game. Three weeks later at her very first NACSW trial, Tori earned her NW1 title with a 3rd place in Containers. She is now ***Middlebrook Hot Times AX MXJ OF ACT2 ORT NW1 SWN SIA TKPFITS***. Owned, bred, handled and loved by Mary Mandich-Steigerwald.


Tapper



Tori

Bonnie Wylie's *Emily* completed her Rally Novice title in October at the National Capital Kennel Club's rally trial.

Adley (GCH CH Roylart's Take Me Out to the Ball Game CGC RI) got his Rally Intermediate title on September 5, 2025. This included an overall

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Greater Chesapeake WSSC *continued*

2nd place in one of the trials. Adley also got two legs towards his Rally Advanced title on November 8, 2025. ***Camden (GCHG CH Mystic Acres at Camden Yards SWA SCE SIE SBI)*** got his National Association of Canine Scentwork(NACSW), NW 3 title on September 28, 2025 earning an overall 2nd place at the trial and becoming only the third Welsh Springer Spaniel to get his NW3 title!



Evangeline Ney and ***Colwyn*** attended the National Dog Show hosted by the Kennel Club of Philadelphia on November 15th and 16th. Evangeline set up photos and information about Colwyn as well as the AKC description of the WSS at her grooming station so that those attending this benched show could learn about our breed. Not only was Colwyn an awesome ambassador for our breed but he was Winner's Dog and Best of Winners on the Sunday of the show. If being a good ambassador and show dog isn't enough, Colwyn and Evangeline participated in the Conqueror 2025 challenge which required them to walk 2025 miles during 2025. They completed their challenge six weeks early, with Colwyn walking almost every step of the way!

HEARTLAND WSSC



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The 2026 WSSCA Supported Entry hosted by the Heartland WSSC will be held at the Packerland Kennel Club show in Manitowoc, WI on Saturday, June 6, 2026. This will include Puppy sweepstakes and Veterans sweepstakes. This is a 4 show weekend! Andrea Pease will chair the supported entry.

Andrea Pease writes: I've reached a milestone I didn't think I would ever make. It seemed nearly impossible when I set it, but it just goes to show that with determination and hard work, you can achieve a goal. Fox River Spaniels now has twenty-five Welsh Springer breed champions and with luck, a few more (and that doesn't count my English Cockers).

I've worked with so many great people over the years. I just want to name a few - my late husband Tim, my daughter Amy Pease, Lisa Juday, Lynne Harrison, Penny Harris, Mary Thoroman, Lisa Stevens, Lisa O'Leary, Cathy O'Leary, Kevin and Joan O'Neill, Mickey Eckert and the late Nancy Allen, Karen Laing, Venita Aldrich, George and Jan Short, Correne Johnson, and Sean Hunter. A thank you to Vickie Harshman who trusted me with Molly - Lynlee's Fox River Sweet Pea, my first Welshie, and all the people who have let me use their boys at stud. View pictures of many of my dogs in our Heartland Year Books.

Really, I've been very blessed to have a lot of great homes for all of my puppies. Not all of them are show champions, but they are all champions in my heart. Many have earned lots of performance titles too. Thank you all for your support and encouragement. I'm proud to be a member of The Welsh Springer Spaniel Family.

From Jennifer Clark and Joshua and Morgan Ferkans (Clark): Morgan was married to Joshua on September 20th. Several of the Heartland members were there to celebrate the joyous occasion!



HWSSC Wedding

In October, Morgan and Joshua welcomed ***Painted Sky Farms Tempest Rising for Tydaky (Eve)*** into their household. They are looking forward to training and showing this spunky little girl.

Correne Johnson reports: We have been busy this fall working on agility and obedience, plus getting in lots of great walks! ***Fox River Pretty Little Lady NA NF OAJ DCAT CGC FITG (Freya)*** earned her FITG along with titles in agility, including NF (Novice Fast) and OAJ (Open Agility Jumpers). We are having a blast running fun courses!

CH Fox River Sunshiney Days (Seren) has been working hard too! She earned her DCAT CGC and FITS. We are practicing for agility and having fun in the show ring!



Eve



Seren & Freya

From Lauren and Karen Gaines: We are pleased to report that all of Opal's puppies are in their new homes and thriving. Karen kept ***Clove (Withywindle's Worthy Contender)***.

The Withywindle pups attended their first show in Winona, MN, in October. Clove, 4 months old, placed second and fourth in the Beginner Puppy Sporting Group.

Withywindle's Private Information (Fennel), a 6-month-old, won Best of Breed on Sunday, earning her first CH points! And ***CH Withywindle's In The News (Jade)*** came along to pick up her first GCH points, winning Breed on Saturday and Select on Sunday.

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Heartland WSSC *continued*



Lauren & her husband also moved into a new house this fall, giving her dogs more space. It was a major project after raising two litters this summer, but the dogs love the new yard!

PACIFIC NORTHWEST WSSC

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Welshies! Ribbons! Running! Fetching! Sniffing! Our club and club members had a busy late summer/ early fall.

In club news, we sponsored awards for the Welshie entry at the Richland Kennel Club show in late September. BOB through RWD/B, plus NOHS BOB, received rosettes and a prize. Each entry also received a stuffed toy.



After conformation, we had lunch as a club, then headed over to have fun on the performance field. Our club provided event-themed awards for each Welshie who completed a FastCAT run or a FETCH test. It was great to see the Welshies having fun in the show ring AND running in a performance event.



After the FASTCAT - Jeni Banks Franna Pitt Sophia LeBel at the Richland Kennel Club

In other club news, we've been approved to have a WSSCCA supported entry on April 3, 2026 in Albany OR - we hope to have MANY Welshies join us in Albany!

Now for the hard-earned club member brags 🙂

Venita Aldrich is very happy to share that her girl Siri has completed her conformation Champion title. ***Siri*** is now ***CH Fox River Mackinac Autumn Star FDC CGC***. Venita and Siri will now be focusing on Scent Work and hope to have more titles to announce soon!

Franna Pitt and her Welshies have been busy, as usual. Her young girl, Cari finished her conformation Championship at the August 15th Olympic Kennel Club show in Enumclaw, WA. ***Cari*** is now ***Ch Glen Ceiriog Heartthrob Cariad FTN TKN***. To prove she's not just a pretty face,


Siri

Cari had two more qualifying 100-yard dashes at the Richland Kennel Club dog show putting her about halfway to the BCAT title. At the same show, Cari ran in the Fetch Dog test and earned the Novice Fetch Dog title! Cari's most fun new "trick" is helping her mom with 13 year old Lucy. Lucy sleeps really hard, and often sleeps through getting ready to go out. After only a few repetitions, Cari learned to "Go get Lucy!" She does so with much enthusiasm, running to find Lucy and poking her with her nose. Franna and Cari also compete in UKC nosework trials, and earned qualifications in Novice Interior and Novice Exterior at her first UKC trial!

Not to be totally left out, ***Rowan (Normandy Straight Man Dan, RN TD FDC ACT1 ACT1J SCN TKE, UKC NI NC)*** and Franna also went to the UKC Nosework Trial and earned qualifications in Novice Container and Novice Vehicles, finishing his Novice Container title, adding to his Novice Interior title.


Cari & Rowan

Jennifer Sarchett and ***Josie (Juniper's Jubilee Kissing Rainier)***, are proud to share their goal of achieving her Masters title in Scent Work has been accomplished!! The Weekend of October 4th and 5th she competed in Scent Work at the Cascade English Cocker Spaniel Fanciers Fall Extravaganza



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Pacific Northwest WSSC *continued*

in Western Washington. She had one element title to earn and on Saturday the 4th of October she mastered Exteriors with her final Q and got her Master's Exterior title coming in 3rd place during a complex exterior search. Josie at that time Achieved being the first Female Welsh Springer Spaniel in the entire USA to earn her Overall Master's Title!! In less than a year she completed Master Containers, Interiors, Buried and Exteriors. An Amazing Achievement! Jennifer is, understandably, very proud of Josie. She also got to experience her first 2 Detective search runs and has her sight or "sniff" on new boundaries.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN WSSC

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We've had a busy summer with many local shows and the regional specialty that we hosted in September.

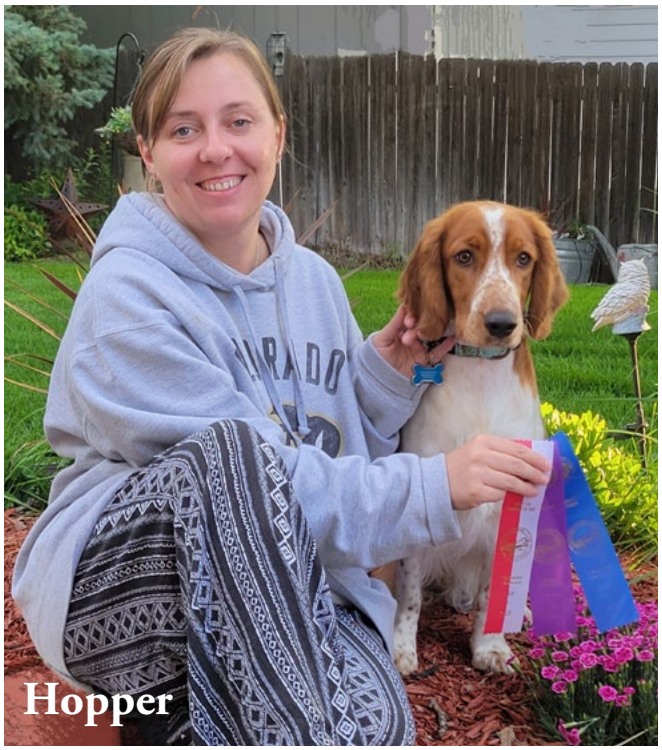
Oli (GCH Rocksprings Olivine Diamond RN, RA, CD, CDX) achieved her final leg on her CDX. This is a first for Kit! She also earned her Grand Championship. We are hoping to compete in the Iron Welsh competition at the National. Oli had a litter of 8 puppies this summer. A busy year for her!


Oli

Bay (CH Rocksprings Glacier Bay RN) received his rally novice title with three perfect scores. He also was BOB at the regional specialty. He may also compete in the Iron Welsh.


Bay

Hopper (CH Rocksprings Misty Mountain Hop) finished her Championship.


Hopper

Raegan Bunn has started competing in juniors and has quickly moved from the Novice class to the Open class. She also handled her dog, ***Ava***, in the regional specialty, earning select bitch. She has started 4-H with Ava and earned reserve grand champion in showmanship at the county fair.



Jenna Dockweiler has been training agility with her two girls and hopes to get to some trials soon.

Many of our members came together to help with the regional specialty, putting together great trophies, lots of food and raffle baskets.

CANADA

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The Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of Canada held its inaugural National Specialty Show this August in Ingleside, Ontario, alongside the Cornwall District Kennel Club shows. Exhibitors from both sides of the border joined us for this milestone weekend celebrating all things Welsh.

Despite a bit of drizzle, spirits were high as Welsh Springer enthusiasts gathered to cheer ringside, connect, and share in the excitement. The quality of dogs in the ring was outstanding, with multiple Welsh Springers earning group wins and placements, an impressive showing for our breed.

Sincere thanks to *Sweepstakes judge* Alistair Sutherland and *National Specialty judge* Dana Cline for being part of this historic event, and congratulations to all winners:

Best of Breed CH Hartsage Supernova; **Best of Opposite Sex** GCH Hartsage Orionids Shooting Star; **Best of Winners** Coppercrest Rise Up; **Winners Bitch** Clussexx Starlight Starbright; **Select Dog, Best Veteran,** and **Best Stud Dog** GCH Long Lane Helmsman Sent from Heaven; **Select Bitch** CH Clussexx Signed Sealed and Delivered; **Award of Merit** GCHB Clussexx Redline Espresso; and **Best Canadian Bred** CH Long Lane 8 Point Star.

A special thank you to our generous sponsors as your support made it all possible. Watch for our December issue of Canadian Welshie Tales with full coverage and photos from this unforgettable weekend. We hope to see even more of our American friends join us next year as we continue to build on this wonderful beginning!

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- Set all text in plain, Garamond, 12-point type, avoiding all extraneous formatting such as bold face, italics, except as detailed below.
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- Please check your ad or text carefully as you are responsible for any errors, typos or misspelled names.

- Treatment of dogs' names: *The Starter Barks* style for dogs' names is as follows: Registered Name, owned by Owner's/Owners' Name(s). Titles are optional, and it is the responsibility of the submitter to provide AKC Titles in correct sequence as per AKC rules (*The Starter Barks* committee will not be responsible for incorrect title designations). Call names are optional. The dog's names are to be in Bold and Italic. The owners' names are to be set in Bold. Example: S***tonecroft Stay Magical (Wyle)***, owned by **Betsie Czeschin, Lily Apollos, and Erin Miller**.

- Regional Club Columns:
  - o Club reports are generally no longer than 500 words; please let us know if you will need significantly more space than this.
  - o Photos should be limited to three per report; we can sometimes fit in a fourth photo, but there are no guarantees, so please indicate your priorities if submitting more than three images.
  - o No stacked photos in regional club columns
  - o Please ensure each photograph is submitted at a medium or high resolution. Images should be submitted as originals, rather from social media or other online locations, because such photos are generally too low resolution for printing. Please ensure that any photos submitted are free from copyright restrictions.

- Officer and Committee Reports
  - o Committee Reports generally do not include images or dogs' names; however, should the need arise, please follow the guidelines provided for Club Reports.

- Feature Articles
  - o The length of feature articles will vary depending on the topic. Please discuss this with the staff member who contacts you prior to writing your piece.
  - o Text formatting, image files, and dogs' names should all follow the text guidelines provided in this document.

- Photos
  - o Digital photos submitted for print should be in JPEG or PNG format in the highest resolution possible.
  - o Please identify the photo by naming the file with your lastname and name of the dog or description of the image. i.e. Czeschin_Wyle_Hunt-training.

- Advertisements
  - o All ads are to be submitted as photo-ready PDFs, JPEG or WORD document.
  - o Scaling of ads: Full page,7.5 wide x 9.5 deep; Half page, 7.5 wide x 4.5 deep; Quarter page, 3.5 wide x 5 deep.
  - o Merely as a reminder, people often include the following information in their advertisements. Of course, what to include is entirely up to you!
    - AKC registered name
    - Call name
    - Titles
    - Dog's date of birth
    - Owner's name and contact information
    - Breeder's name
    - Health information
    - Anything of special note

Starter Barks Advertising Information

Your advertisements in the *Starter Barks* help offset the cost of the newsletter and provide a wonderful record of your dog's accomplishments. Please contact the *Starter Bark's* Advertising Coordinator if you would like to place an ad and verify availability, or if you have any questions. Color ads are reserved on a first come, first served basis, with reservations accepted three months in advance of the publication date. Payment must be mailed at the time the ad is placed with checks payable to WSSCA, Inc. Or submit payment via PayPal to wssca.treasurer@gmail.com.

Rates		
	Members	**Non-Members**
Color—only available to WSSCA members		
Inside Front Cover	$75	N/A
Inside Back Cover	$75	N/A
Outside Back Cover	$100	N/A
Black & White		
Full Page	$35	$100
Half Page	$25	$65
Center Spread (2 pages members only)	$85	N/A
New Title or Memorial (1/4-page members only)	$10	N/A

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Information for submitting advertisements or articles

All submissions must be sent to **wsscastarterbarks@gmail.com**.

Advertisements

1. All advertisements are to be submitted in "camera ready" format as either a PDF, JPEG or WORD.DOC. The SB committee can no longer support ad design.
2. All advertisements are in black and whites except for the color ads on the cover. Full page ads should be scaled to 7.5 wide and 9.75 deep. No bleeds. All Ads must be Camera Ready (i.e. you create the ad or have someone create it for you and send it as a pdf.)
3. All ad content is **due by the 10th of the month prior to publication date** (e.g. for the March issue, all content must be received by February 10th.

Articles and Reports

Articles must be submitted as text in a Word document file. If photos are to be included, send them as separate attachments with your submission (do not embedded in the text). Please let us know if the photo may be cropped or not. Please do not send a pdf of an article unless asked to do so.

Photos

Digital photos sent through email should be in JPEG or PNG format in the highest resolution possible (1 MB). Please identify the photo in the file name with your last name and name of dog) i.e.: (Palmgren_Glory_jump)

Other Information

1. Check your program when creating the pdf so that the file is not too large. Email as an attachment. Scans should be 300 pdi minimum.
2. Scaling of ads: Full page, 7.5 wide x 9.75 deep; Half page, 7.5 wide x 4.5 deep; Quarter page, 3.5 wide x 5 deep.
3. Please check your ad or text carefully as you are responsible for any errors, typos or misspelled names.
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Single (1 Person) U.S. $40

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International Members (non-voting member) $50

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- the Welsh Springer Spaniel breed, including Breed Standard
- WSSCA national clubs, regional affiliated clubs, annual awards
- Finding a Welsh Springer Spaniel, including Breeder listing
- Events including Upcoming and Completed
- WSSCA Store where you can purchase items of interest
- And, the Member portal enables authorized members to login with their personal credentials and gain access to additional information that is "for members only"

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DOB JANUARY 31, 2023
CHIC #205697
Hips: Excellent
Elbows: Normal
Thyroid: Normal
Eyes: Normal
New American Champion
AKC/CKC CH LONG LANE WORTH MY WEIGHT N GOLD
GCH Long Lane Helmsman Sent From Heaven x CH Long Lane Heart of My Heart
Breeder: Dr. Brenda Trofanenko Long Lane Welsh Springers
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