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Juniper's Jubilee Kissing Rainier

JOSIE

Master of Scent Work

Proudly announcing Josie's achievement of her Master of Scent Work title. Josie earned her overall Master title at the Cascade English Cocker Spaniel Fanciers Fall Extravaganza the weekend of October 4-5, 2025. On Saturday, October 4, Josie sniffed out and completed her Master Exterior title, having earned her Master Container, Master Interior, and Master Buried titles earlier in 2025. Thus, in less than one year, Josie earned her Master of Scent Work Title, becoming the first female Welsh Springer Spaniel to earn the title. Congratulations to Josie and her devoted owner Jennifer Sarchett!

Owned and loved by Jennifer Sarchett
Co-owned by Amy L. Herman
Bred by Juniper Welsh Springer Spaniels

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From the Editor

By ROBIN SIERANSKI
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On behalf of *The Starter Barks* committee, we are pleased to bring you the WSSCA Annual Awards and Reports for 2025. It was another year of success for members and their Welshies, who continue to achieve milestones worthy of celebration and support. Your 2025 WSSCA Annual Award winners are presented in the Gallery of Winners. And the 2025 Annual Reports reflect another busy year for the BOD, Committee Chairs and Regional Clubs. It is gratifying to see that WSSCA and its members continue to be a very active and supportive community in all areas of the country.

In continuing efforts to streamline production and costs associated with *The Starter Barks*, we have

continued to make adjustments to how we handle the list heavy content (e.g. historical Annual Award winners, lengthy specialty show catalog listings, etc.) by shifting them to the website. And, with the BOD, we are continuing to examine ways to reduce costs associated with production, printing and mailing of the newsletter. You'll see more information about what is being considered in the "President's Message" below and "Upcoming Membership Communication and Vote" on page 4.

Enjoy your reading and cheers for a Happy Spring of 2026!

President's Message

By CINDY FORD
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Happy almost Spring!

The WSSCA BOD has a lot going on right now as we are in the process of making changes to the By-laws. A more detailed explanation can be found on page 4 of this issue. Highlights are:

The BOD is proposing a change in the membership structure, and we are changing membership dues. Dues have not been adjusted in the past nine years.

The Annual meeting timeframe language is being updated to give more flexibility when hosting a National.

We will be asking the membership if they support Welsh Springers being "Ramp Mandatory" instead of "Ramp Optional" breed.

As most everyone knows, *The Starter Barks* has been running at a deficit, we can't continue on this path. While not related to the By-laws changes, and due to the reality that printing, mailing and production costs have substantially increased, the BOD has also decided to change the way *The Starter Barks* is distributed. The BOD has decided to offer the SB

as an online/emailed edition included in WSSCA membership or Newsletter subscription. But, if members wish to continue to receive a paper version via conventional mail, they will now have to pay an upcharge for that service to cover the printing and mailing costs.

The BOD understands that we are bombarding you with a lot of information, however, we must address these issues to move forward as a club. Members will be receiving a ballot via email or paper – PLEASE read the information carefully. If you have questions, ask anyone on the BOD or email questions to **wssca.board@gmail.com**. Most importantly complete the ballot – we need your input!!!

On a lighter note...We hope everyone is making plans to attend the 2026 National Specialty event in Perry, GA. The shows and events start on April 8 with the National being held on April 12th. The WSSCA website has all the current information available. As an avid golfer, I think that the logo is pretty neat – check it out!

Be Safe!

~Cindy

Helpful Reminders for WSSCA Members:

- ***Please 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**
- ***How to contact the Officers or BOD*** – 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**. The contact information for Officers and BOD members are always listed on the last page of every issue of *The Starter Barks*.
- ***The Starter Barks Deadlines*** – Content Deadline for submissions is the 5th day of the month prior to SB publication, and Advertising Deadline is the 10th day of the month prior to SB publication. For the upcoming June SB the deadlines are May 5 for Content and May 10 for Advertising.
- ***How to contact the Starter Barks Committee*** – 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 SB. If you are interested in reserving advertising space, please refer to *The Starter Barks* Advertising Information page in the back of the SB.
- ***Opt-in for Email notifications from WSSCA*** – If you have not already consented to email notifications, please contact **wssca.board@gmail.com** to opt-in.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2026-27

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

April 9-12, 2026 – Dogwood WSSC to host Scent Work Trial 4/9, Supported Entries 4/10-11, and National Specialty with Sweepstakes on 4/12 in Perry, GA.

March 26-28, 2027 – Greater Chesapeake WSSC to host Supported Entries 3/26 & 3/28, and National Specialty with Sweepstakes on 3/27/2027 in Doswell, VA.

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

June 6, 2026 – Rocky Mountain WSSC to host a Supported Entry in conjunction with the Flatirons Kennel Club Dog Show in Longmont, CO.

October 31, 2026 – Greater Chesapeake WSSC to host a Supported Entry with Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veteran) in Doswell, VA.

January 8-9, 2027 – Golden State WSSC to host an designated Specialty (1/8) and Supported Entry (1/9) in Indio, CA.

Upcoming Membership Communication and Vote

WSSCA members will soon receive a communication from the Board about several proposed changes that are important to the future of our Club, some of which will require a membership vote. We believe the actions and recommendations are necessary to keep the Club financially stable and able to continue supporting members and the Breed.

The Board encourages all members to review the information they receive carefully and to participate in the upcoming vote.

What Members Will Be Voting On

- **Revised Bylaws**

Members will be asked to vote on revised Bylaws that redefine membership categories and give the Club a little more flexibility in how it operates. Details of the proposed changes will be included with the ballot. Key updates include:

- ***Revised Membership Structure.*** The current “Single” and “Household” membership categories are consolidated into a single Regular Membership for individual members. Each Regular membership includes one vote. Households may continue to have more than one member by maintaining multiple memberships.
- ***Annual Meeting Scheduling.*** The Annual Meeting language has been updated to give regional clubs more flexibility when hosting a National Specialty in conjunction with the meeting.
- ***Maximum Dues.*** The Bylaws would set a maximum dues level of \$150. This is only a ceiling required in the Bylaws and is not the proposed dues amount.

- **Ratification of dues for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026**

Members will be asked to ratify the following dues structure proposed by the Board — the first adjustment to Club dues in more than nine years.

Regular membership \$60

Junior membership \$10

Non-member *Starter Barks* Subscription (electronic delivery) \$30

- **Ramp Classification Proposal**

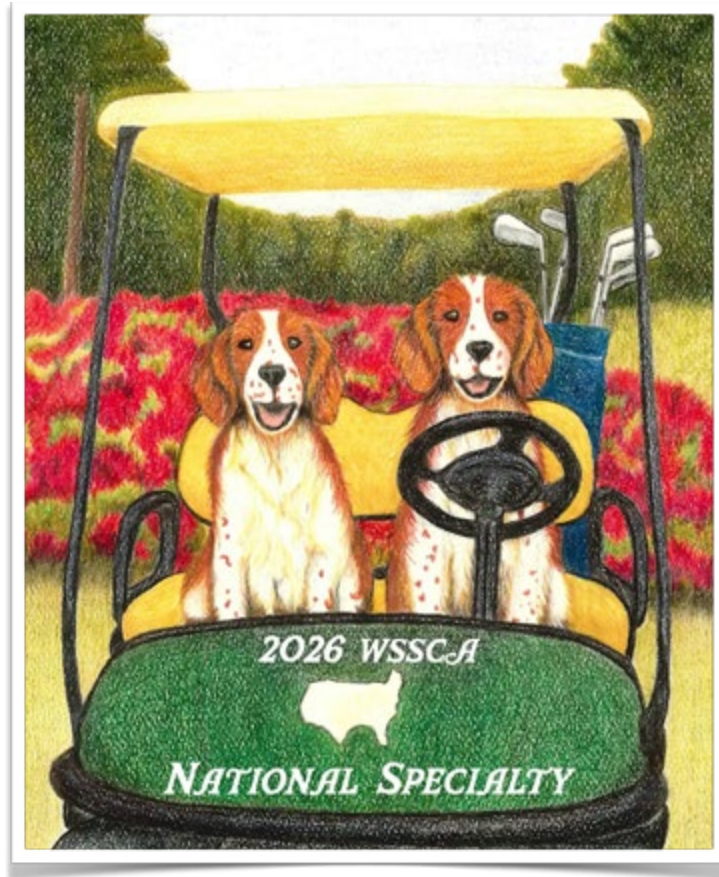
Members will also be asked whether they support petitioning the AKC to classify Welsh Springer Spaniels as a “Ramp Mandatory” breed rather than “Ramp Optional” for conformation judging.

The Starter Barks Distribution

Beginning with the [issue TBD], *Starter Barks* will be distributed digitally unless a member chooses to receive a printed copy which will have an additional fee approximately equal to the printing and mailing cost, currently \$40. Printing and mailing costs have increased substantially, and this change helps keep the Club’s operating costs manageable while still offering a printed option for members who prefer a printed *Starter Barks*.

Summary

Changes in the membership structure and dues are difficult decisions, and the Board understands that the proposals, while necessary, will have more of an impact on some members than others. If you have questions, please contact a Board member or email wssca.board@gmail.com.



2026 WSSCA National

April 8-12, 2026; Georgia State Fairgrounds; Perry GA

Schedule of Events:

Wednesday, April 8: Conformation

Thursday: Conformation and WSSCA Scent Work - two trials, restricted to WSS

Friday: Supported Entry and Southern Invitational

Saturday: Supported Entry, Annual Meeting & Banquet

Sunday: National Specialty with 4-6 mo Puppy, Junior Showmanship, Veteran, Puppy, and Performance Sweeps.

Box lunches will be available to pre-order

More information available on WSSCA website

Secretary's Report

By AKI PAMPUSH

Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 1, 2025

Call to Order

This telephonic meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by WSSCA President Cindy Ford.

Officers and Board Members Present: Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Ron Gratz, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Sherry Patterson, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, and Carla Vooris. Absent: Beverly Garaux. Also Present: AKC Delegate Richard Rohrbacher.

MINUTES

Recording Secretary Aki Pampush reported that the minutes of the August 24, 2025, meeting were voted on electronically, approved on October 23, 2025, submitted to the *Starter Barks* for publication, and posted on the WSSCA website.

REPORTS

Report of the President

Nothing to report.

Report of the Vice President

Nothing to report.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Carla Vooris reported that there had been a processing error for the Specialty to be held in conjunction with the American Spaniel Club show in January. She worked with the AKC and the Superintendent, and the matter was successfully resolved.

Report of the Recording Secretary

An electronic membership vote via Election Buddy for the 2027 National Specialty judge was launched on November 23, 2025, and closed on December 7, 2025.

The 2025 Nominating Committee Chair reported the slate of candidates for Officer and Director positions for terms beginning March 1, 2026. All incumbents

were nominated for re-election. Paper and electronic notices were sent to all voting members on November 7 and November 8, respectively.

A motion to approve the Pacific Northwest Club's request to host a supported entry on April 4, 2026, in Albany, Oregon, was approved electronically on September 6, 2025. This was a follow-up vote on the request discussed at the August 24 meeting. The Board was notified of the outcome on September 6, 2025.

Report of the Treasurer

Susan Merriken reported the following:

- The General Fund has a current balance of \$11,372.
- The final report on membership renewals for 2025–2026 shows that 8 members responded to the renewal notice and indicated they did not plan to renew; 16 members did not respond. One member who did not respond in a timely manner requested an exception due to extenuating circumstances as provided for in the Bylaws. After review by the Officers, the exception was granted.
- Susan Merriken noted that, due to rising costs, the Board should review dues for various membership levels and consider possible changes to *The Starter Barks* publishing schedule or production methods. After discussion, Aki Pampush was asked to survey the Board to solicit additional input and to schedule a Special Board meeting in early 2026 to develop a proposal for submission to the membership for a vote.

Committee Reports

No reports.

Report from the AKC Delegate

Richard Rohrbacher discussed the candidates for the AKC Board of Directors Class of 2030 and referenced information previously provided to the Board. He also noted that he shared a summary of the September AKC Delegates Meeting and that there were no items of particular note.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Cindy Ford made a motion to ratify the following membership applications, which were previously approved by email:

- Kathleen & Gregory Spiker of, Lutz, Florida (sponsored by Sandy Lear)
- Kristin Farmer of, Felton, Delaware (sponsored by Marion Daniel)
- Robert McDuff & Marsha Harris of, Los Angeles, California (previously *Starter Barks* subscribers sponsored by Angela Hughes)

The motion was seconded by Carla Vooris. **Voting:** *Aye* – Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Ron Gratz, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Sherry Patterson, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, and Carla Vooris; *Nay* – None; **Not Voting** – Beverly Garaux.

The Board welcomed the new members to WSSCA.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed options for auctioning the Maud Earl photograph donated to WSSCA, which has been repaired and is now in saleable condition. A private sale to minimize transaction costs was considered preferable. Cindy Ford and Aki Pampush volunteered to lead efforts for a silent auction and/or sealed-bid sale. No further action was taken.

The Board reviewed updated Show and Event Policies and Procedures presented by Aki Pampush. Wendy Jordan made a motion to approve the document as presented, seconded by Lili Apollos. **Voting:** *Aye* – Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Ron Gratz, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Sherry Patterson, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, and Carla Vooris; *Nay* – None; **Not Voting** – Beverly Garaux.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed directing a donation from the WSSCA Donor Advised Fund at the AKC Canine Health Foundation. As of the end of the prior year, the fund balance was \$20,503. A recommended 5% distribution (~\$1,000) was discussed. Cindy Ford will consult the Health Committee for a recommended

research project. No further action was taken.

Cindy Ford made a motion, seconded by Robin Sieranski, to approve a request from the Golden State Welsh Springer Spaniel Club, Inc. (independent Specialty Club) for Parent Club approval to hold a non-benched designated specialty (without Sweepstakes) in conjunction with The Del Monte Kennel Club on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at Carmel Middle School, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. Event Chair: Mike King. **Voting:** *Aye* – Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Ron Gratz, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Sherry Patterson, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, and Carla Vooris; *Nay* – None; **Not Voting** – Beverly Garaux.

Cindy Ford made a motion, seconded by Lili Apollos, to approve a request from the Golden State Welsh Springer Spaniel Club (WSSCA affiliate) to host a WSSCA Supported Entry (without Sweepstakes) on Friday, July 10, 2026, in conjunction with the Del Monte Kennel Club show in Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. Event Chair: Mike King. **Voting:** *Aye* – Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Ron Gratz, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Sherry Patterson, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, and Carla Vooris; *Nay* – None; **Not Voting** – Beverly Garaux.

[NOTE: Several weeks after the BoD approved the GSWSSC Supported Entry on July 10 and GSWSSC Specialty on July 11 in Carmel-by-the-Sea, GSWSSC was notified that the all-breed shows were cancelled by The Del Monte Kennel Club, and hence the GSWSSC Supported Entry on July 10 and GSWSSC specialty on July 11 were also cancelled.]

ADJOURNMENT

Wendy Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Carla Vooris. Motion carried unanimously, with Beverly Garaux not voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Aki Pampush

Recording Secretary, WSSCA

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Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes January 25, 2026

Call to Order

This telephonic meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by WSSCA President Cindy Ford.

Officers and Board Members Present: Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Beverly Garaux, Ron Gratz, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, and Carla Vooris. Not attending: Sherry Patterson. Also Present: AKC Delegate Richard Rohrbacher.

New Business

None.

Old Business

Follow up discussion from the December 1, 2025 meeting regarding the Club's finances and possible dues changes in the membership structure, dues, and publishing protocols for The Starter Barks. Supplemental information, including the Fiscal 2025 Treasurer's report and summary of the Board member responses to survey questions circulated in December were provided to Board members with the meeting agenda.

It was noted that some matters would require changes to the Club's Bylaws which must also be reviewed by an attorney for compliance with North Carolina corporate law, and approved by the AKC. After discussion, Cindy Ford made the following motions:

- Present to the membership for a vote a change to the Club's Bylaws to eliminate the single and Household membership types and add a Regular (individual) membership type.
Voting Aye: Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Beverly Garaux, Ron Gratz, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, and Carla Vooris. *Voting Nay:* no one. Abstaining: no one. *Not voting:* Sherry Patterson.
- Present to the membership for a vote a change to the Club's Bylaws to increase the maximum per member dues to \$150.
Voting Aye: Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Beverly Garaux, Ron Gratz, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, and Carla Vooris.
Voting Nay: Aki Pampush. Abstaining: no one. *Not voting:* Sherry Patterson.

- Present to the membership for a vote a change to Article I, Section 5 of the Bylaws to eliminate the Newsletter (The Starter Barks) from the list of items that will be sent to members by regular mail unless a member elects electronic communications.
Voting Aye: Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Beverly Garaux, Ron Gratz, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, and Carla Vooris. *Voting Nay:* no one. Abstaining: no one. *Not voting:* Sherry Patterson.
- Present to the membership for a vote to change the Bylaws that the dues for a Newsletter Subscription will be one-half of a Regular Membership fee, and that it represents an electronic delivery of the newsletter.
Voting Aye: Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Beverly Garaux, Ron Gratz, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, and Carla Vooris. *Voting Nay:* no one. Abstaining: no one. *Not voting:* Sherry Patterson.
- Present for a vote of the membership to set the dues for a Regular Membership at \$60 per year.
Voting Aye: Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Ron Gratz, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Robin Sieranski, and Carla Vooris. *Voting Nay:* Beverly Garaux and Richard Thompson. Abstaining: no one. *Not voting:* Sherry Patterson.
- Increase the affiliated club dues to \$100 from the current \$50.
Voting Aye: Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Ron Gratz, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Robin Sieranski, and Carla Vooris. *Voting Nay:* Beverly Garaux and Richard Thompson. Abstaining: no one. *Not voting:* Sherry Patterson.
- Establish a fee that approximates cost for a printed version of the Starter Barks sent by first class mail if a member elects hard copy rather than electronic delivery.
Voting Aye: Lili Apollos, Cindy Ford, Beverly Garaux, Ron Gratz, Wendy Jordan, Susan Merriken, Aki Pampush, Robin Sieranski, Richard Thompson, and Carla Vooris. *Voting Nay:* no one. Abstaining: no one. *Not voting:* Sherry Patterson.

Adjournment

Cindy Ford made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 p.m., seconded by Wendy Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Aki Pampush

Recording Secretary, WSSCA

AKC Delegate Report

By RICHARD ROHRBACHER

The quarterly AKC Delegate meeting was held December 11h (Thu) & 12th (Fri) in Orlando, Florida. As is my usual routine when the Parent Clubs Committee and Canine Health Committee meetings are scheduled at different times, I attended both meetings.

The big news from the **Parent Clubs Committee** meeting was the Town Hall/Open Forum where Parent Club Delegates shared what worked and didn't work in attracting new members and retaining existing members. Committee Chair, Harvey Wooding, invited the following people to briefly share their success stories: AKC Club Development Manager Guy Fischer; Don James, Leonberger Club of America; Julie Siefert, Newfoundland Club of America; Karolynne McAteer, Irish Setter Club of America; and Joellen Gregory, Otterhound Club of America. Their presentations are summarized below:

Guy Fisher (AKC Club Development Manager) – reviewed the resources that AKC offers to help clubs connect with potential new members and existing members. Including:

- “The Pupdate”, a series of emails for 16 months to the owner of every newly registered dog.
- The department can help host “mix and mingles” at Parent Club events.
- Clubs have access to the AKC email list of new registrants in their breed.
- There is also a Best Practices document.
- The Parent Club can use the regional club to recruit new members. Ask the regional clubs to proactively push membership into the Parent Club.
- Club members can reach out to Guy or Glenn Lycan in Club Development for help.
- Guy's PowerPoint, which was unavailable at the meeting, will be shared on the Delegate Portal.

Don James (Leonberger Club of America):

- 1,000 members with 70% pet owners. \$65 annual dues

- Top perk, the Leo Letter, a quarterly print publication sent to all members for free.
- New member spotlights in the Leo Letter engage new members, with a focus on an introduction, how they found their puppy, and what they plan to do with their new puppy.
- They have a robust awards program.
- The club has 14 committees, a website, and The Chatterbox, a quarterly digital publication for pet owners.
- They have nine local specialty clubs and offer financial assistance to clubs with at least 50% LCA membership.
- Their National Specialty rotates around the country to areas of more Leonberger registrations.
- Requirements for membership are easy: one publication in the Leo Letter.

AKC Board Member Steve Hamblin (Pekingese Club of America) offered that his club has nonvoting associate memberships to attract more people.

Julie Siefert (Newfoundland Club of America)

- 1,400 members, \$80 annual dues
- Actively recruit pet owners, not just ‘show’ homes and owners
- They have 29,000 followers on Facebook.
- A monthly email newsletter to 10,500 subscribers, including health, breed, and more about the breed.
- The Newfie Club works off a membership funnel. Attracting large volume at the top. Then we go into the funnel smaller, ask them to join, and send personalized Newfie Ambassadors as a point person for a person-to-person connection to answer the inquiry.
- They have a Membership Engagement and Retention Committee.
- Quarterly print publication to members with pet photos in the breed publication.

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QUARTERLY REPORTS

Karolyn McAteer (Irish Setter Club of America)

- 1,100 members comprised of 870 families and Juniors. \$35 annual dues
- Communication is key. We've had an uptick with Juniors lately.
- Award-winning print magazine "The Memo" is sent to judges and all members via email.
- Irish Setters had been popular for a long time. In 1878, one of the first five breeds in the AKC studbook. Today, the breed is ranked 87th .
- For the general public, the website is the best, with mobile optimization for smartphones. Start with something like a breeder directory.
- During the 2025 AKC Meet the Breeds®. We scanned 30,000 visitors using a QR code to provide them with information to take away, rather than handing out paper.
- Another popular event is holding reading events with Irish Setters at the public library.

Joellen Gregory (Otterhound Club of America)

- With 350 dogs in the U.S., we have 275 members. Dues are \$35. Approximately 5 to 7 litters are born each year. It's a small Parent Club.
- We have a Zoom event called "Otter Talks" covering topics like health, grooming, etc., and we record them and post them on the club's YouTube channel.
- We've held youth art contests.
- We have a bi-monthly (might move to quarterly) newsletter for pet owners, "The Voice".
- We don't have regional clubs, but we do hold meetups

Harvey Wooding (English Setter Club of America)

- There were about 800 members when he was President of the English Setter Club of America, but it's now down to 500. The club has lost most of its breeders.
- He suggests asking, "What do I get out of this?" when considering a membership. Offer them value to hook them.

- For members, the club offered a code of ethics, a code of conduct, health, education, research, member resources, and a website with up-to-date information for the public.
- The club also supported OFA and CHF programs and research projects.

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 Bank. 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.

A second item of note was the AKC Canine Health Foundation fund-raiser to be held later that evening. At Friday's **AKC Delegate Meeting**, there was one item to be voted on. An amendment to Chapter 14, Section 2 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers. It explains that a disqualification by a judge in hunting tests or field trials will count as a disqualification across both sports. Revisions will be made to the following rulebooks:

- Beagle Field Trial Rules for Brace, Small Pack and Small Pack Option – Chapter 5, Section 4
- Beagle Field Trial Rules for Large Pack Field Trials – Chapter 5, Section 4
- Pointing Breed Field Trial Rules – Chapter 14, Section 4B 16
- Spaniel Field Trial Rules – Chapter 5, Section 4

Another 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 December 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.

And, as I stated in my September meeting report, for a detailed breakdown of the AKC's financial position I have the report and PowerPoint presentation Ted Phillips gave. Please feel free to contact me for the full report and PowerPoint presentation.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

NEW TITLES

4th Quarter – October, November, December, 2025

Compiled by Sandy Roth

CHAMPION

- CH Chessy Creek Jump On The Bandwagon (B) owned by Emily Dodd Bridges, M.D.
- CH Farhill's Higuera (D) owned by Margaret Hillard & Ernesto Lara
- CH Rhuddagwynne First In Our Hearts (B) owned by Professor John Satterfield & Professor Roxanne Satterfield
- CH Rocksprings Misty Mountain Hop (B) owned by Katherine Goodrich & Rick Berry & Christina Bunn
- CH Celtic Crown King's Bishop Macduff (D) owned by Robert McDuff & Angela Hughes-Gorka D.V.M. & Marsha Harris
- CH Fireside's Home For The Holidays (B) owned by Teri Kavakos
- CH Renascent Grand Design TKN (B) owned by Vickie Harshman
- CH Fireside's O Come All Ye Faithful (B) owned by Suzanne Lynn Bradford Woll & Teri Kavakos

GRAND CHAMPION

- GCH CH Rolyart's For Love Of The Game (B) owned by Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor

GRAND CHAMPION SILVER

- GCHS CH Clussexx Cafe Jumping Bean (D) owned by Brenda Trofanenko & Jeane Haverick & Kaileigh Gonzalez
- GCHS CH Hartsage Deko's Victoria Elizabeth (B) owned by Debora Quick

COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT

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

BEGINNER NOVICE

- GCH CH Rolyart's Rolls Royce BN RA TD NA OAJ ACT1 ACT1J SWN SIE SCA SEA TKA (D) owned by Cyndi Deitrick & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor

RALLY NOVICE

- GCHS CH Redsage Hello Sunshine RN SWN RATM CZ8S CGCA CGCU TKN FITS (B) owned by Amy L. Herman & Katherine J Dahlstet
- Stonecroft Clussexx Right On Cue RN ACT1 ACT1J CGCA TKI ATT (B) owned by Bonnie Wylie
- CH Welshwood's Steamboat Willie RN (D) owned by Toni Henle & Julianne Knell
- GCH CH Cryslen Destiny's Don't Stop Me Now RN CGC TKN ATT (B) owned by Dr. Catherine Carr Lee & Crystal Nolen

RALLY INTERMEDIATE

- GCHS CH Fairwinds Seas The Bay BN RI ACT1 ACT1J TKI (D) owned by Martha Perkins & Elizabeth Holmes
- CH Mystic Acres Meet Me In The Middle CD BN RI BCAT CGCA CGCU TKI (D) owned by Martha Perkins & E Carla Vooris

RALLY ADVANCED

- Redsage Kismet RA CGC TKI ATT FITG (B) owned by Janet Howson & Katherine Dahlstet
- GCHS CH Trystyn's Private Label CD RA JH (D) owned by Mary C Johnson
- CH Up North's Frozen Asset CD PCD BN GN RA (D) owned by Deborah D Sackrison & James Sackrison

RALLY EXCELLENT

- GCHS CH Trystyn's Private Label CD RE JH (D) owned by Mary C Johnson

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RALLY MASTER

- CH Juniper's Starlight Express CD BN RM CGC TKI ATT (D) owned by Lee Green
- CH Tiergwaith Royal Welshman RM RAE CGC TKN (D) owned by Peggy Lehnert & Douglas Lehnert

JUNIOR HUNTER

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

MASTER HUNTER

- GCHB CH Trevoline Come Hell Or High Water MH (D) owned by Caroline Gaver & Charles Trefzger

NOVICE AGILITY

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

OPEN AGILITY

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

OPEN AGILITY PREFERRED

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

OPEN AGILITY JUMPER

- Fox River Pretty Little Lady NA OAJ DCAT CGC TKN FITG (B) owned by Correne Johnson & Andrea Pease & Benjamin Johnson
- GCH CH Rolyart's Rolls Royce RA TD NA OAJ ACT1 ACT1J SWN SIE SCA TKA (D) owned by Cyndi Deitrick & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor
- Glen Ceiriog Skyhigh Wild Rose NA OAJ (B) owned by Beverly Wallace

AGILITY FAST NOVICE

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

TIME 2 BEAT PREFERRED

- GCH CH MACH3 Cypress Bell's Billy The Kidd MXC PAD MJC PJD MFB TQX MFP T2B2 T2BP (D) owned by Pam Grudis & Michael Grudis

BCAT

- CH Mystic Acres Meet Me In The Middle CD BN RN BCAT CGCA CGCU TKI (D) owned by Martha Perkins & E Carla Vooris
- CH Fairwinds Bu-Gwyn Inevitable BCAT (B) owned by Joan Hamaguchi D.V.M.
- GCHS CH Fairwinds Seas The Bay BN RI BCAT ACT1 ACT1J TKI (D) owned by Martha Perkins & Elizabeth Holmes

DCAT

- Redsage Buckle Up Buttercup DCAT SWN (B) owned by Natalie Read-Burger & Katherine J Dahlstedt
- Wyld Wynd's You'll Shoot Yer Eye Out DCAT FITG (D) owned by Jennifer Kendrick

SCENT WORK CONTAINER NOVICE

- CH Trystyn's Formula Won SCN SBN (D) owned by Mary C Johnson

SCENT WORK CONTAINER ADVANCED

- GCHS CH Redsage Hello Sunshine RN SWN SCA SHDN RATM CZ8S CGCA CGCU TKN FITS (B) owned by Amy L. Herman & Katherine J Dahlstedt
- GCH CH Renascent Clussex Silver Tokens For Stonecroft RI FDC BCAT ACT1 SCA SIA SEN RATN CGCA CGCU TKN ATT FITB (B) owned by Miss Lilianna Marie Apollos

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SCENT WORK CONTAINER MASTER

- CH MACH Middlebrook Laying It On The Line
MXS MJS MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX XF T2B
SWE SCM SEM TKP FITS (B) owned by Michael
Steigerwald & Mary Mandich-Steigerwald

SCENT WORK INTERIOR ADVANCED

- CH Juniper's Redwood Valley Sequoia FCAT SWN
SIA SHDN CGCA CGCU TKI ATT FITS (B)
owned by Amy L. Herman & Raymond H. Kennedy
- Middlebrook Hot Times AX MXJ OF ACT2 SWN
SIA TKP FITS (B) owned by Mary Mandich-
Steigerwald & Michael Steigerwald
- GCH CH Renascent Clussexx Silver Tokens For
Stonecroft RI FDC BCAT ACT1 SIA SCN SEN
RATN CGCA CGCU TKN ATT FITB (B) owned
by Miss Lilianna Marie Apollos

SCENT WORK INTERIOR MASTER

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

SCENT WORK EXTERIOR NOVICE

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

SCENT WORK EXTERIOR ADVANCED

- GCH CH Rolyart's Rolls Royce RA TD NA OAJ
ACT1 ACT1J SWN SIE SCA SEA TKA (D) owned
by Cyndi Deitrick & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor
- Middlebrook Hot Times AX MXJ OF ACT2 SWN
SIA SEA TKP FITS (B) owned by Mary Mandich-
Steigerwald & Michael Steigerwald

SCENT WORK EXTERIOR MASTER

- Juniper's Jubilee Kissing Rainier SWM CGC STR TKN
(B) owned by Jennifer Sarchett & Amy L. Herman
- CH Statesman's High Water Mark BN RN TD TDU
SWE SCM SIM SEM CGCU FTI (B) owned by
Jeffrey Porter & Cynthia Porter

SCENT WORK BURIED NOVICE

- CH Trystyn's Formula Won SCN SBN (D) owned
by Mary C Johnson
- Eye Of The Storm @ Painted Sky Farms RN SWN
(D) owned by Norah Elstner & Sharon Sherwood

SCENT WORK BURIED ADVANCED

- Middlebrook Hot Times AX MXJ OF ACT2 SWN
SIA SEA SBA TKP FITS (B) owned by Mary
Mandich-Steigerwald & Michael Steigerwald

SCENT WORK BURIED EXCELLENT

- Wyndyn Takes One To Know One RI OA AXJ OF
SWA SBE (D) owned by Heather Green & George
Green

SCENT WORK BURIED MASTER

- CH MACH Middlebrook Laying It On The Line
MXS MJS MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX XF T2B
SWE SCM SEM SBM TKP FITS (B) owned by
Michael Steigerwald & Mary Mandich-Steigerwald

SCENT WORK NOVICE

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

SCENT WORK MASTER

- Juniper's Jubilee Kissing Rainier SWM CGC STR
TKN (B) owned by Jennifer Sarchett & Amy L.
Herman

SCENT WORK HANDLER DISCRIMINATION NOVICE

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

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SCENT WORK HANDLER DISCRIMINATION NOVICE ELITE

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

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

- Stonecroft's On The Run Colwyn DCAT CGC FITB (D) owned by Evangeline Ney
- Keepsake's Golden Girl CGC (B) owned by Lauren N Hendrickson D.V.M.
- Coppercrest's Rise Up CA CGC (D) owned by Jennifer Scheytt
- CH Fox River Sunshiney Days DCAT CGC FITB (B) owned by Correne Johnson & Andrea M Pease & Benjamin Johnson
- Redsage Buckle Up Buttercup DCAT SWN CGC (B) owned by Natalie Read-Burger & Katherine J Dahlstet
- Ivywild's Time For Me To Fly CGC (B) owned by Emily Griffith Trestick

AKC STAR PUPPY

- Withywindle's Worth A Wag STR (B) owned by Sara Mileski & Mike Mileski

TRICK DOG NOVICE

- GCH CH Cryslen Destiny's Don't Stop Me Now CGC TKN ATT (B) owned by Dr. Catherine Carr Lee & Crystal Nolen
- CH Destiny's Winter Wonder TKN (B) owned by Dr. Catherine Carr Lee
- Mystic Acres Double Tap TKN (D) owned by E Carla Vooris & Keith Vooris
- Bu-Gwyn Nothing But Net At Lynlee TKN (B) owned by Vickie Harshman
- Ivywild's Fly Me To The Moon CGC TKN (B) owned by Alexandra Bell & Faye B Skoczylas
- Rolyart's All The Stars Aligned TKN (B) owned by Cyndi Deitrick & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor

FIT DOG BRONZE

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

FIT DOG SILVER

- CH Fox River Sunshiney Days DCAT FITS (B) owned by Correne Johnson & Andrea M Pease & Benjamin Johnson
- Bu-Gwyn A Kiss At The End Of The Rainbow TKN VHMP FITS (B) owned by Mrs. Cathy J Crnkovich

FETCH NOVICE

- CH Glen Ceiriog Heartthrob Cariad TKN FTN (B) owned by Franna Pitt
- Fireside's Don'T Fall For Her CDX PCD BN GN RE FDC SWA SCNE SINE SCE SHDE DJ DN CGCA CGCU TKA FTN (B) owned by Teri Kavakos

FETCH ADVANCED

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

THERAPY DOG

- CH Rolyart's Role Model CD BN RI SH THD CGC (B) owned by Florabelle & John Getz

NOVICE BARN HUNT

- CH Rolyart's chance of a lifetime RATN CGC TKN (B) owned by Dana Salk-Scheler & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor & Tessa Scheler
- GCHB CH Rolyart's Let's Have A Party RATN (B) owned by Shelley Traylor & Cindy Ford
- GCH CH Rolyart's Rolls Royce BN RA TD NA OAJ ACT1 ACT1J SWN SIE SCA SEA RATN TKA D) owned by Cyndi Deitrick & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor

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2025 4th Quarter OFA Health Results

Name	Registration No.	Sex	CHIC	Age (mos)	Registry	Results	OFA_#
CLUSSEX & RAINSWAY'S LEATHER & LACE	SS43948002	F	214906	24	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1145/24F-VPI
CLUSSEX & RAINSWAY'S LEATHER & LACE	SS43948002	F	214906	24	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2651G24F-C-VPI
CLUSSEX & RAINSWAY'S LEATHER & LACE	SS43948002	F	214906	24	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1538F24-C-VPI
CRYSLEN'S I WANT IT ALL	SS26734904	M	190560	42	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1108/42M-VPI
CRYSLEN'S THE RUMORS ARE TRUE	SS49159601	F		1	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE774/1F-VPI
CRYSLEN'S THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE	SS49159603	M		1	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE775/1M-VPI
CRYSLEN'S TRUE CRIME OBSESSED	SS49159604	F		4	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE770/4F-VPI
CRYSLEN'S TRUE NORTH STAR	SS49159602	F		0	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE776/0F-VPI
CRYSLEN'S WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD	SS54781405	F		1	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE824/1F-VPI
CRYSLEN'S WON LUCKY HOTTIE	SS54781404	F		1	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE823/1F-VPI
CRYSLEN'S WON SPICY DUMPLING	SS54781401	F		1	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE825/1F-VPI
CRYSLEN'S WONCE IN A BLUE MOON	SS54781403	M		1	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE821/1M-VPI
CRYSLEN'S WONCE YOU POP YOU CAN'T STOP	SS54781402	F		1	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE822/1F-VPI
FIRESIDE THERE IS FUN TO BE DONE	SS44473504	M	214063	24	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2659G24M-C-VPI
FIRESIDE THERE IS FUN TO BE DONE	SS44473504	M	214063	24	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1546M24-C-VPI
FIRESIDE THERE IS FUN TO BE DONE	SS44473504	M	214063	25	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1146/25M-PI
FIRESIDE'S HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS	SS44473501	F		26	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE826/26F-VPI
FOX RIVER MACKINAC AUTUMN STAR	SS43103603	F		26	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1535F26-C-VPI
FOX RIVER MACKINAC AUTUMN STAR	SS43103603	F		26	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2649E26F-C-VPI
FOX RIVER SUNSHINEY DAYS	SS43103604	F		27	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1545F27-P-PI
FOX RIVER SUNSHINEY DAYS	SS43103604	F		27	HIPS	FAIR	WS-2658F27F-P-PI
HARTSAGE SUPERNOVA	SS37559601	F	204118	25	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2597E25F-C-VPI
HARTSAGE SUPERNOVA	SS37559601	F	204118	25	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1487F25-C-VPI

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JUNIPER'S LITTLE ROCKET THAT COULD	SS33496401	F	202945	31	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1107/31F-VPI
LONG LANE 8 POINT STAR	LA4238710	F		32	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1141/32F-VPI
LONG LANE 8 POINT STAR	LA4238710	F		32	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2652G32F-P-VPI
LONG LANE 8 POINT STAR	LA4238710	F		32	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1539F32-P-VPI
LONG LANE WORTH MY WEIGHT N GOLD	SS41894902	M	205697	21	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE782/21M-VPI
RENASCENT DAPHNE	SS42232106	F		28	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2650G28F-P-VPI
RENASCENT DAPHNE	SS42232106	F		28	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1536F28-P-VPI
RENASCENT DELIVERING THE CALL	SS42232101	M		28	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1541M28-P-VPI
RENASCENT DELIVERING THE CALL	SS42232101	M		28	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2654G28M-P-VPI
RENASCENT DELIVERING THE CALL	SS42232101	M		28	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1144/28M-VPI
RENASCENT EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE ALL AT ONCE	SS45039001	F	215435	23	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE820/23F-VPI
RHUDDAGWYNNE FIRST IN OUR HEARTS	SS39657802	F		31	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1537F31-C-VPI
ROLYART'S TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME	SS41388603	M	213365	30	EYES	NORMAL	WS-EYE818/30M-VPI
ROLYART'S YAKONE YOGO SAPPHIRE	SS28248505	F	188649	53	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE691/53F-VPI
STONECROFT'S ON THE RUN COLWYN	SS18158601	M		66	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE816/66M-VPI
TRYSTYN'S BREAKING THE BARRIER	SS44040506	F	213042	24	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1543F24-P-VPI
TRYSTYN'S BREAKING THE BARRIER	SS44040506	F	213042	24	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2656E24F-P-VPI
TRYSTYN'S I SHOULD BEEN A COWBOY	SS44040504	M	213043	24	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2657E24M-P-VPI
TRYSTYN'S I SHOULD BEEN A COWBOY	SS44040504	M	213043	24	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1544M24-P-VPI
TRYSTYN'S TURN AND BURN	SS44040503	M		24	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1542M24-P-VPI
TRYSTYN'S TURN AND BURN	SS44040503	M		24	HIPS	GOOD	WS-2655G24M-P-VPI
WINDFALL'S RED HALLMARK OBSESSION AT STONECROFT	SS41719106	M		28	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1142/28M-VPI
WINSTON II	SS44473505	M	213774	25	EYES	NORMAL W/BO	WS-EYE819/25M-VPI
WINSTON II	SS44473505	M	213774	24	THYROID	NORMAL	WS-TH1143/24M-VPI
WINSTON II	SS44473505	M	213774	24	ELBOW	NORMAL	WS-EL1540M24-C-VPI
WINSTON II	SS44473505	M	213774	24	HIPS	EXCELLENT	WS-2653E24M-C-VPI

ANNUAL REPORTS

WSSCA ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2025



***The Starter Barks* Editor Annual Report**

SUBMITTED BY ROBIN SIERANSKI

In 2025, your SB committee produced four high-quality issues covering club news and topics of interest. We are extremely grateful for the enthusiastic response of club members to contribute articles and photos that appeared in features and columns throughout the year. We hope that all of our members appreciate the effort of the committee and contributors alike, to make the newsletter come to life with topics of interest accompanied by photos of lovely Welshies of WSSCA enjoying family life, competition, work and play!

The March issue, as usual, was devoted to Annual Awards and Annual Reports. The June issue included features: "Therapy Dogs Go To Prison", "A Collection of Firsts", "Training Tips for Obedience & Rally", and "Tips on What to Bring to a Dog Show". The September issue included coverage of the 2025 National Specialty in Jefferson, WI and related events (including Hunt Test, Tracking Test, Obedience & Rally, the 10th Iron Welsh Challenge) and Judge's comments, and it featured: "Welshies Across the USA Participate in AKC Spring Scurry". Finally, the December issue included coverage of the 2025 Regional Specialty in Greeley, CO and featured: "Pet Insurance – Wading Through the Options", "Managing Multiple Dogs", and a "Just For Fun" photo collection of member photos of their

Welshies enjoying winter weather, snow fun and play. All of the articles, features, regular columns and artwork would not be possible without the voluntary submissions from WSSCA members. We appreciate enthusiastic support and the feedback!

Our committee is always happy to receive your ideas for topics and articles, and we are especially grateful when you volunteer to write or provide artwork and photos. If you have ideas to share, please contact any member of the committee (our contact information is on page 1).

As mentioned earlier in this issue, in the coming months we will be making some changes to the default distribution methodology for *The Starter Barks* to reduce escalating operating costs of production, printing and mailing of paper copies. The BOD has decided to offer the SB as an online/mailed edition included in the WSSCA membership or Newsletter subscription. And, we will make available an optional upgrade for members who wish to continue to receive paper copies of *The Starter Barks* via US Mail, at a commensurate cost to cover the printing and mailing expenses. More information will be forthcoming as the new distribution methodology is finalized.

On behalf of the SB committee, I want to extend a huge "Thank you!" to the membership for your continued support of *The Starter Barks* and WSSCA.

2025 Annual Report of the Recording Secretary

BY AKI PAMPUSH

The WSSCA Board of Directors held four telephonic meetings in 2025 with the minutes of the meetings provided to the membership in *The Starter Barks* and published on the Members page of the website.

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The annual meeting of the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America was held on May 3, 2025 in Jefferson, Wisconsin in conjunction with the National Specialty.

Upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee in November 2025, the following candidates for officers and directors for terms beginning in March 1, 2025, were submitted to the membership.

For Vice President—Wendy Jordan of Easton, Maryland (incumbent)

For Treasurer—Susan Merriken of Easton, Maryland (incumbent)

For Member of the Board of Directors—Ron Gratz of Bellefontaine, Ohio (incumbent)

For Member of the Board of Directors—Robin Sieranski of Bayville, New York (incumbent)

For Member of the Board of Directors—Richard Thompson of Rainier, Washington (incumbent)

Notices were sent to members on November 8, 2025. No timely nominations of additional candidates for Officers or Directors were received by the December 31, 2025, deadline.

The percentage of members “opting in” to electronic communications, initiated in 2022, has plateaued at approximately 65% of the voting members. Election forms will be sent with the next mailing to try and increase the adoption of electronic communications and voting.

Electronic ballots were sent to the membership for voting on the 2026 and 2027 National Specialty Judges.

Respectfully submitted,

Aki Pampush

WSSCA Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary Annual Report

SUBMITTED BY CARLA VOORIS

2025 New Members Listing

Bennett Leshnover (Junior Member) Fleming Island FL
John & Kathryn Leshnover Fleming Island FL
Richard Lewis..... Selah WA
Randi Kremian.....Peotone IL
Caiden Thompson (Junior Member) Rainier WA
Karen Von Dollen Columbia MI
Margot Hand South Dartmouth MA
Kathleen & Gregory Spiker Lutz FL
Kristin Farmer Felton DE
Robert McDuff & Marsha Harris.... Los Angeles CA
Amanda & Travis Judd Jefferson OR
Jordyn Vanscoy.....Palm Coast FL
Jennifer Scheytt Kalamazoo MI
Donna Perry..... Carlton MA
Angela & Chuck Wrenn..... Ashland VA
Kristi Fertal & Terry Collins..... Pittsburgh PA
Brynn Moores (Junior Member)..... Groton MA
Marie Janzen Mission Viejo CA
Ross Thomas Ulysses PA

Newsletter Subscriptions:

Debby Goetchius
Jan Crouter
Karen Olsen
Sandra Casey
Wayne & Ellen Graber

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AKC Delegate Report

By RICHARD ROHRBACHER

The 2025 quarterly AKC Delegate's meetings were uneventful overall.

As the AKC Delegate, I report that there were no issues requiring discussion with any department or group as had occurred in 2024.

The 2025 Hunt Test held by the Dogwood Welsh Springer Spaniel Club had no issues requiring any sort of intervention from the AKC Delegate.

As in previous years, there were several questions from club members concerning dog ownership, power-of-attorney, executor's powers to sign documents to transfer dogs under AKC Rules. I was glad to be able to respond with detailed responses and what forms are used for each purpose. The AKC does love their forms and paperwork.

The biggest issues facing the AKC in 2025 were the decline in litter and individual dog registrations. How this decline in revenue will impact AKC support for projects like the purebred Preservation Bank (the AKC Sperm Bank) is unclear.

The March Delegate meeting was the election of three members of the AKC Board of Directors.

The June meeting was uneventful.

The September meeting included the election of members to the various Standing Delegate Committees. I was reelected to the Parent Clubs Committee.

The December meeting was again held in Orlando, FL in conjunction with the National Dog Show.

I am looking forward to 2026 being a good year for all of us. I look forward to continuing to serve as the voice of the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America to the AKC.

WSSCA Rescue Committee Report 2025

By SHANNON GANDEE

Last year, 2025, was a "different" year in rescue for WSSCA. On June 6th, a WSSCA foster pulled a young adult male dog named Gucci from an Animal Control facility in Philadelphia. He was not doing well in the shelter since being relinquished by his owners and the shelter reached out seeking rescue placement. I had been contacted by friends in rescue and, after evaluation of shelter photos, the decision to pull him into foster care was made. Once Gucci was at his foster's home, it became evident that he was not a Welshie, but instead was a Cocker Spaniel x Australian Shepherd mix. I spoke with his owners and they provided the identification of his breed mix and also revealed that he came from an Amish "farm". Gucci began to make progress and did exceptionally well with his foster family when it came to adapting to changes and meeting some new people. However, after about six weeks in foster care, he bit a visitor to the home and was deemed unadoptable. I can't thank Gucci's foster family enough for all of the love, time and work that they put into helping Gucci adapt to a new life and overcome his fears. Gucci was humanely euthanized due to the liability involved with placing/adopting out a dog with a known human bite history. This is the only time that I am aware that WSSCA has had any foster dog, Welshie or other breed/mix, that needed to be euthanized.

In September, I received a message about a Welshie in Florida that was going blind from bilateral glaucoma. The owner was opting to put her down as his life had changed with a recent divorce and he did not feel that he could manage his job responsibilities with his dog's need for multiple eye medications throughout the day (up to six times per day). Bella, as this female is called, was spending a good deal of time in a boarding facility and they reached out to a client with an English Springer Spaniel for rescue options and the ESS person happened to have a WSS friend. I was contacted and then called the owner to determine if he was open to the idea of rescue instead of putting

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Bella down. He agreed and, during the call, gave me the name of Bella's breeder. I contacted her breeder and she was unable to take Bella back due to her life circumstances. I then proceeded to seek a foster or adoptive home for Bella. As luck would have it, and thanks to Facebook, the post about Bella was seen by a couple that had always wanted a Welshie, but had two English Springer Spaniels because they could not find a rescued Welshie. This couple adopted Bella and took her for an immediate ophthalmologic evaluation. It was determined that Bella was in pain and that both eyes really needed to be removed. I am happy to report that this was done in October and Bella has found her inner puppy once again. Since the pain caused by the glaucoma is now gone, she has been actively playing with her ESS brothers and even has begun to cuddle on the couch with her adoptive parents. She found the right home for her.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Gandee

WSSCA Rescue Committee Chairperson

Judges Education Committee – 2025 Annual Report

BY MEGHEN RIESE-BASSEL

WSSCA has had two breed seminars since the last report. The first seminar took place with the National Specialty in Jefferson, WI. The second took place over the summer in Houston, TX. Thank you to all who helped support these seminars. I would again like to thank the wonderful group of Welsh Springer Spaniel owners and breeders who have participated in other educational opportunities for aspiring judges. I cannot say how many positive comments I continue to hear from judges regarding the willingness of our club members to help with education on the breed. I would like to remind those who mentor prospective judges to be careful with negative comments about specific kennels or dogs by name. We must strive to educate in a manner that positively reflects our club and our intent. We are in need of more people to be added to the mentor list. If you are interested in being part

of the WSSCA mentor program, please consider completing an application.

I am asked numerous times a year for names of aspiring judges for sweepstakes opportunities. If you know an aspiring judge who you think would cherish a sweepstakes opportunity, please feel free to send their name. I will add it to the list I maintain of seminar attendees. Sweepstakes assignments are **INVALUABLE** to aspiring judges. Not only does the judge receive credit towards applying for our breed, but it gives them the opportunity to put what they have learned into action prior to awarding points. If your club is having a sweepstakes, please consider asking a person who has attended a seminar or who has received mentoring to serve as the judge. Trust me - they will gladly accept free of charge! I am happy to share names of seminar attendees with you!

The Welsh Springer Spaniel is still on the low entry breed list. A person can often apply for our breed with only 4 CEUs. If a judge has more than 4 groups, that number is reduced to 3. Please feel free to visit the AKC website for a description of experiences and CEUs given. I bring this up because it is so important that we offer **QUALITY** experiences for aspiring judges. If you are a breeder/breed mentor, please consider carrying photos, books, and articles with you when you travel to shows - just in case a learning opportunity arises. With so few CEUs needed for our breed we need to make the most of every experience and be prepared for them.

Upcoming Breed Seminars:

- 2026 National Specialty (Perry, GA). Please view the National Specialty information page on the club website @ welshspringerspanielclubof-america.org website for more details.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns! Thank you all for helping to share your knowledge on our wonderful breed.

Meghen Riese-Bassel

AKC # 39151

WSSCA Judges Education Chairperson

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Treasurer's Annual Report 2024-2025 Fiscal Year (9/1/24-8/31/25)

Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.		
Treasurer's Annual Report		
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2025		
General Fund--Beginning Balance		\$ 23,263.23
Membership Dues	\$ 9,946.83	
New Member Dues	910.29	
Affiliated Club Dues	441.00	
Starter Barks Income	1,228.79	
Purina Parent Club Program	39.43	
General Fund Misc. Receipts	166.41	
Total Receipts	\$ 12,732.75	
AKC Delegate Expenses	(2,612.74)	
AKC Dues, New Title Reports & Event Fees	(665.00)	
Insurance	(1,599.00)	
Other Expenses	(213.51)	
Printing and Postage (excluding Starter Barks)	(321.57)	
Software & Technology	(793.00)	
Starter Barks Expenses	(10,558.17)	
Website Development and Management	(3,977.00)	
Total Expenses	\$ (20,739.99)	
General Fund Ending Balance		\$ 15,255.99
Rescue Fund--Beginning Balance		\$ 27,186.82
Contribution	\$ 400.00	
Expenditures	(1,425.19)	
Rescue Fund Ending Balance		\$ 26,161.63
Health Fund--Beginning Balance		\$ 27,177.45
Activity	\$ -	
Health Fund Ending Balance		\$ 27,177.45
Trophy Fund--Beginning Balance		\$ 5,857.01
Donations	2,188.38	
Distributions	(910.83)	
Trophy Fund Ending Balance		\$ 7,134.56
Judges Expense Fund--Beginning Balance		\$ 890.25
Activity	\$ -	
Judges Expense Fund Ending Balance		\$ 890.25
Regional Trophy Fund--Beginning Balance		1005.76
	\$ -	
Regional Trophy Fund Ending Balance		\$ 1,005.76
William Pferd Memorial Fund--Beginning Balance		\$ 2,676.08
Activity	\$ -	
William Pferd Memorial Fund Ending Balance		\$ 2,476.08
WSSCA January Specialty Fund--Beginning Balance		\$ 821.33
Distribution	(250.00)	
January Specialty Fund Ending Balance		\$ 571.33
Iron Welsh Challenge Fund--Beginning Balance		\$ 3,935.94
Contributions	\$ 93.44	
Expenditures (2024 National Specialty events)	(50.00)	
Iron Welsh Fund Ending Balance		\$ 3,979.38
Total Balance All Funds August 31, 2025		\$ 84,652.43

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WSSCA Health Committee – 2025 Annual Report

SUBMITTED BY SANDRA ROHRBACHER, CHAIR-WSSCA HEALTH COMMITTEE

Recommended Tests/CHIC Program Requirements

Screening	Testing options
Hip Dysplasia	One of the following: OFA Radiographic Hip Evaluation PennHIP Evaluation. Results registered with OFA.
ACVO Eye Exam	Eye Examination by the age of 2, then at ages 5 and 7
Autoimmune thyroiditis	OFA evaluation from an approved laboratory - recommend testing intervals at ages 2, 3, 5, and 7
Elbow Dysplasia	OFA Radiographic Elbow Evaluation

Statistical review

Registry	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Elbows	61	58	77	58	72	76
Eyes	78	63	77	70	118	60
Hips	66	59	78	56	75	86
Thyroid	44	40	56	51	72	62
Total	249	220	288	235	337	284

A review of testing statistics for the four WSSCA recommended health tests shows a significant decline in thyroid testing has persisted for the past several years. The testing numbers for elbows, hips and eyes are steady, and the greater number of eye studies than hip/elbow tests may reflect re-examinations to keep CHIC information current. In reviewing AKC registration statistics for the years 2020 to 2023, 910 dogs would be eligible for their health testing in 2025. In that same timespan, 295 eligible dogs (33%) had hip dysplasia evaluations, and 241 (26%) had thyroid evaluations.

Hip Dysplasia Testing

Registry	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Hips	66	59	78	56	75	86
% Excellent	36	41	37	36	37	33
% Good	56	47	58	59	56	60
% Fair	8	5	2.5	1.5	4	3
% Dysplastic	-	7	2.5	3.5	3	4

HIPS										
Breed	Rank	# Evaluations	Normal %	Excellent %	Good %	Fair %	Dysplastic %	Mild %	Moderate %	Severe %
WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL	123	3,022	88.3	19.9	59.6	8.8	10.7	5.9	3.9	.9

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Based on the CHIC database, WSS rank 123 out of 218 breeds for incidence of hip dysplasia. Our overall OFA Excellent rate is about 20%, and this represents cumulative testing from prior to 1990 to present.

For dogs who were tested for hip dysplasia, we continue to see a significant number of OFA hip ratings evaluated as Excellent-36% for 2025. And, no reports were designated as borderline or dysplastic in 2025.

Reasons for this may include:

- reduced sedation of dogs, which can make evaluation of subluxation harder to detect, and allow a higher rating
- improvements in quality of digital imaging and positioning allowing better reading
- selective submissions of cherry-picked x-rays deemed suitable for evaluation, which may result in a higher rating

The bigger question is whether we really have such a low rate of dysplastic dogs in the Welsh Springer Spaniel population? Were x-ray studies performed but owners elected to not submit to OFA because they would be rated as dysplastic? Since a relatively small number of eligible dogs are being x-rayed, the population remains too small to make definitive conclusions on the improvement of hip anatomy. Procedures from OFA still recommend sedation to determine if the dog has hip dysplasia, and it is important that ALL hip x-rays be submitted, regardless if they are dysplastic, to better assess if anatomy is improving or if there is an artificially induced “improvement” because of procedural or other changes.

Thyroid Testing

We continue to see a significant incidence of abnormal thyroid tests, with our current ranking as the 13th of 126 breeds to experience positive test results for auto-immune thyroiditis on the basis of thyroglobulin autoimmune antibodies (TGAA).

The reasons why 2024/2025 thyroid testing lags behind HD/EL testing is likely related to breeder reluctance to obtain and rely upon thyroid testing results. At this point, the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America has not removed thyroid testing from the recommended list of health tests. Testing for both TGAA and hypothyroidism is important for breed health, since even with a normal TGAA test, a WSS can still become hypothyroid.

9% of the 2025 test results were either abnormal or equivocal. Tests labeled as equivocal may or may not be indicative of elevated levels of thyroglobulin autoimmune antibodies (TGAA) and should not be interpreted as TGAA-positive. Instead, they may be flagged as equivocal because T3/T4 or TSH levels are out of range, but with no abnormal thyroid antibodies noted. It is important to determine the cause of abnormal thyroid levels and to monitor the dog for development of idiopathic hypothyroidism.

It is worth noting that TGAA testing is recommended to be done regularly-not just “once and done”. Testing at ages 2, 3, 5 and 7 is recommended to monitor the dog for the development of auto-immune thyroiditis.

The impact of recent vaccinations and/or presence of females in season on the hormone levels of dogs needs to be considered when testing is performed. Test results should be repeated when there are no females in estrus and when there are no vaccines due to be administered for up to 6 months. If breeders are interested

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in using dogs who are listed as equivocal on the OFA database, they should request a copy of test results from owners and discuss the findings to rule out the presence of an elevated TGAA level.

Elbow Dysplasia Testing

Review of 2020-2025 elbow testing results show a total of 402 studies reported, with 2 abnormal results. The results correspond to our trend of more than 98% of these studies being normal. It is not known if elbow dysplasia is being unreported by owners who choose not to submit hip x-rays that are obviously dysplastic. Statistically, this test provides little insight into the overall health of the breed since so few cases of elbow dysplasia are identified. Welsh Springers are rated as 135 out of 164 breeds for occurrence of elbow dysplasia. As has been recommended previously, removing elbow testing as a CHIC recommendation is worth renewed consideration. The test is expensive and provides no advantage in making breeding decisions. Removing or replacing elbow dysplasia with another test would be up to the WSSCA Board of Directors.

Eye Examination Testing

There were 78 eye exams submitted for 2025, which is the average for the past 6 years. As we have seen before, “Breeder Option” conditions persist, including entropion, distichiasis and persistent pupillary membrane (PPM) iris-to-iris. OFA continues to endorse that breeding stock found to have glaucoma or inherited cataracts are not used in a breeding program, or if PPM is not of the iris-to-iris type. Breeder Option conditions do not exclude dogs from breeding stock, and their incidence is open to interpretation. PPM may also be found in young puppies if an entire litter is examined before the PPM resolves. Some breeders are completing gonioscopy studies on their breeding stock, and OFA is listing those reports as “with gonioscopy” if the OFA form is submitted with the eye exam.

Recommendations

- **Glaucoma and Goniodysgenesis**—The Health Committee is aware of recent cases of glaucoma resulting in blindness in Welsh Springers. This condition has been present but rarely discussed for many years. There is no genetic testing for the condition for the breed, but there is testing for goniodysgenesis. This condition is a risk factor for the development of Primary Closed Angle Glaucoma and can be determined by performing a gonioscopy examination by an ACVO veterinarian. Documenting the status of open or closed drainage angles in the eye may not predict whether a dog will develop glaucoma. But it has been found that dogs with glaucoma have very limited drainage and significant pectinate ligament dysplasia. Perhaps by documenting the status of breeding stock with gonioscopy, we can identify dogs at high risk of potential glaucoma. Blindness from glaucoma is a much larger health risk than elbow dysplasia, and recommending gonioscopy could prove more valuable as a health monitor than x-raying elbows. However, gonioscopy is not routinely done at eye clinics and the cost is not insignificant.
- **Genetic Testing**—OFA is now publishing Factor VII deficiency status on the OFA web site. If you have genetic testing performed on your dogs, OFA will accept some tests for publication. Embark is currently listing Factor VII Deficiency, Intervertebral disc disease (IVDD), familial nephropathy (Cocker Spaniel type), and ALT Activity (Lower baseline value) as related to Welsh Springer Spaniels. It is not known how useful any of these are regarding the current or future health of the breed, though. Many owners have been told their dogs are at risk for IVDD, yet that is not known as a major health consideration for this breed. Factor VII carrier status has been known for many years, but the risk of excessive bleeding is rarely reported.

Rachel and Russet



The girls had another successful weekend at the American Spaniel Club Flushing Spaniel Show



***Rachel** was Select Bitch and Best Veteran at the WSSCA Winter Specialty.*

***Russet** was Award of Merit at the WSSCA Winter Specialty and Best in Veteran Sweepstakes.*



I am so blessed to have these two sweet and gorgeous girls who are continuing their winning ways into their veteran years.

Rachel

BISS GChB Sarabande Dare to Dream

Bred by Nigel and Anne Worth

Owned by Marta Stoneman and Megan Bassel

Russet

GChS Wyld Wynd's Into the Woods

Bred by Joe and Deb Wood

Owned by Marta Stoneman, Lili Apollos and Betsie Czeschin

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WSSCA Field Committee – 2025 Annual Report

SUBMITTED BY LISA JUDAY – WSSCA FIELD COMMITTEE CHAIR

In 2025 we held a hunt test in conjunction with the National held in Jefferson, WI. 5 Welshies were entered in all three levels, and everyone performed well, with 4 of the 5 qualifying.

New hunting titles earned in 2025 not previously mentioned include:

MASTER HUNTER:

CH Statesman's Sea Captain At Redstone
CD PCD BN RE MX MXB MXJ MJB OF

JUNIOR HUNTER:

Stonecroft Double Bounce Jacks JH GCH CH
Renascent Clussexx Silver Tokens For Stonecroft RI JH FDC BCAT
ACT1 SCA SIA SEN RATN CGCA CGCU TKN ATT FITB

So far in 2026 I am aware of one approved WD/WDX test including Welsh Springer Spaniels that will be held in conjunction with the English Springer Spaniel Association in Southern Wisconsin in June. Good luck, and good hunting in 2026!

Mark Your Calendar!



HEARTLAND WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB
invites you to their
Supported Entry at the

"SAIL INTO SUMMER DOG SHOW"
(Four Day Show)

Join us Saturday June 6, 2026
includes puppy and veteran sweeps

Located in beautiful Manitowoc, WI
Hosted by Packerland & Manitowoc Kennel Clubs
Superintendent Foy Trent

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Obedience/Rally Report 2025

BY CHERYL JOHNSON

Karen Lyle and **GCH CH Clussexx Stoncroft Red Skye Over Wyndyn CDX BN** are the winners for the Cicero Gus and the Wynd awards. This team has one more Leg to go to get their UD. When that happens, Karen will have put a UD on 5 Welsh, one more than anyone else.

Deb Sackrison ran 2 dogs in obedience. She had **CH Up North's Frozen Asset CD PCD BN GN RA** in Preferred Novice, Novice B, And Graduate Novice. She also managed to finish his breed Championship. **Shawnde's Up North Fire N'Ice CDX B N** was entered in Graduate Novice, Preferred Open and Open B.

There were a bunch of titles earned this year in Obedience and Rally. Obedience saw 9 titles. These ranged from Beginner Novice (BN) to Companion Dog Excellent (CDX). Rally saw 39 titles, from Rally Novice (RN) to Rally Choice (RC). Forty teams entered Rally earning a whopping 165 legs.

Sally Nist and **Winnie Spot Of Tea CD BN RAE FDC BCAT CGC FTN** entered 18 times in Rally. This finished out their Rally Advanced Excellent title.

2025 Annual Report – Agility and the Welsh Springer Spaniel

BY LINDA S. BRENNAN

This year, although we had about the same number of agility titles earned with 30 new titles, there were only ten Welsh Springers and their owners who earned them. This is a significant drop in the number of dogs who earned titles from last year. There seems to be a core group doing agility and not many new handlers in the sport. This is disappointing because Welshies do love doing agility, so I am always hopeful that more people will try it with their dogs.

We had only one dog who earned ACT (Agility Course Tested) titles this year. The ACT titles in Standard and Jumpers are a wonderful way to get started in agility competition. I encourage you to look into doing some agility training with your Welsh and check out the ACT program. Dogs can run any jump-height and the courses are very simple. Some basic agility skills are all that is necessary, especially at Level 1. Clubs and groups put on ACT tests, but they can also be done virtually. Check out the AKC's website for more information. It would be wonderful to have more Welsh Springer owners discover the fun of doing agility with their dogs.

Our only new Champion level title earned this year was my own **Reese (GCHB MACH PACH RACH Rolyart's Play Time UDX OM1 BN GN RM2 RAE2 MXS MJS MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX OF DN CGC TKA)**, who earned her PACH (Preferred Agility Champion) title. There were no new MACH titles this year, so there is no winner of the Rubicon Middlebrook Master Agility Champion Award for 2025.

There were a few teams who earned multiples of the Master and Preferred Master titles, so there are handlers and dogs who are busy competing at the highest levels. However, there were no new MX titles this year, so there is no Holly House Award winner for 2025.

Once again, no Welsh Springers competed at this year's AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando in December. Hopefully, we'll have a few Welshies there in 2026. There were also no Welshies at the 2025 Agility National Championships in Tulsa, OK. Two Welsh were invited to the 2026 Agility National Championships in Temecula, CA, **Pam Grudis' GCH MACH3, Cypress Bell's Billy The Kidd MXC PAD MJC PJD MFB TQX MFP T2B2 T2BP** and my own "Reese."

If you'd like more information about getting started in agility with your Welshie, just drop me an email and I'd be happy to help point you in the right direction! I look forward to having many more titles

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and accomplishments to report next year. Also, I always like to take this opportunity to remind breeders and fellow competitors to encourage owners of performance Welsh to join the National Club in order to be eligible for awards.

A complete list of titles for the year follows this report. I would like to congratulate each of our Welsh Springer agility teams!

2025 Awards Year *(January 1 to December 31, 2025)* – New Agility Titles

Titles	Dog's Name	Owners
NAJ, NA, OAJ	Glen Ceiriog Skyhigh Wild Rose NA OAJ	Beverly Wallace
ACT1, ACT2	GCH CH Rolyart's Diamond In The Ruff ACT2	Cindy Rhine
NF	CH Rolyart's Chasing A Dream CD BN GN RA TD NF SWN SCA SIA CGC TKP	Cheryl L Clark & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor
NAJ, NA, OAJ, NF, OA	Fox River Pretty Little Lady OA OAJ NF DCAT CGC TKN FITG	Correne Johnson & Andrea Pease & Benjamin Johnson
OFF, OJP, OAP	GCH CH Truepenny Three Times The Fun At Starters Run CD RE OAP OJP OFF CGC TKA FITG	Irene Vonderahe & Robert Keltos
MXJ	Middlebrook Hot Times AX MXJ OF ACT2 TKP FITS	Mary Mandich-Steigerwald & Michael Steigerwald
NA, NAJ, OAJ	GCH CH Rolyart's Rolls Royce RA TD NA OAJ ACT1 ACT1J SWN SIE SCA TKA	Cyndi Deitrick & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor
AXP	GCH CH Fox River Celtic Little Chute CD BN JH FDC AXP AJP SCN CGC TKN FITB	Kevin O'Neill & Andrea M Pease & Joan O'Neill
MXC, MJC, MFP, T2BP	GCH CH MACH3 Cypress Bell's Billy The Kidd MXC PAD MJC PJD MFB TQX MFP T2B2 T2BP	Pam Grudis & Michael Grudis
MJP2, MJPB, MXP2, PACH, PAX, MXPB, MJP3	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	Linda Brennan & Cindy Ford & Shelley Traylor

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POINT TOTALS

for the club year January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

POINT TOTALS

DECKARD CUP

GCHB Stonecroft Stay Magical JH	488	B. Czeschin/L. Apollos
GCHS Rocksprings The Bare Necessities	405	K. Goodrich/R. Berry/C. Bunn
GCHS Hartsage McKenzie	401	E. Hartelius, DVM
GCHS Windywood Rooney Brenin Kirkland	145	S & K Kirkland
GCH Rolyart's Take Me Out To The Ballgame RI CGC	77	S. Merriken
GCH Statesman's Faithful Waters	77	J. Blanchard

OLYMPIAN CUP

GCHS Hartsage McKenzie	401	E. Hartelius, DVM
GCHG Clussexx On Red Alert At Stonecroft	76	Dr. S. Blau
GCHB Five Star Cocktails At Farhill	56	M. Hilliard/W. Jordan
GCHS Hartsage Supernova	47	E. Hartelius, DVM
GCHB Sarabande Dare To Dream	40	M. Riese-Bassel/M. Stoneman

FOUNDERS CUP

GCHS Hartsage McKenzie	296	E. Hartelius, DVM
GCHS Rocksprings The Bare Necessities	160	K. Goodrich/R. Berry/C. Bunn
GCHB Clussexx Café Jumping Bean	125	Trofanko/Gonzalez/Haverick
GCHS Windywood Rooney Brenin Kirkland	120	S & K Kirkland
GCHB Stonecroft Stay Magical JH	103	B. Czeschin/L. Apollos

STATESMAN AWARD

GCHB Stonecroft Stay Magical JH	488	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

WILDFIRE AWARD

GCHS Fairwinds Seas The Bay BN RN Act1 Act1J TKI	62	E. Holmes/M. Perkins
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CONFORMATION AWARDS

for the club year January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

CONFORMATION AWARD SCORING

Scoring for the Deckard Cup, the Olympian Cup, and the Wildfire Award (and modified for Founders Cup and Statesman Award):

1. BOB receives one point for each dog defeated.
2. BOS receives one point for each dog defeated.

At the WSSCA National Specialty, Regional Specialty, and American Spaniel Club Specialty, additional points will be awarded as follows:

1. Select Dog receives one point for each dog defeated.
2. Select Bitch receives one point for each bitch defeated.
3. Award of Merit receives one point for each dog defeated in that sex, less the number of AOM for that sex.
4. If a Select Dog or Bitch also receives an award of merit, only the select points will count.

Additional points will be awarded for group placements as follows:

1. 1st place - 25 points; 2nd place - 20 points; 3rd place - 15 points; and, 4th place -10 points.
2. Best in Show will be awarded an additional 25 points
3. Reserve Best in Show will be awarded an additional 20 points.

Complete rules for all WSSCA yearly awards may be found at <https://welshspringerspanielclubofamerica.org>

THE DECKARD CUP AWARD is presented by William & Jane Pferd to the top Winning Welsh Springer Spaniel and is open to all dogs and bitches registered as Welsh Springer Spaniels with the AKC.

THE OLYMPIAN CUP AWARD is presented by Rick and Emily Preston to the top winning Welsh Springer Spaniel bitch.

THE FOUNDERS CUP AWARD is presented by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bloom to the Welsh Springer Spaniel who defeats the most Welsh Springer Spaniels in conformation in a year.

THE STATESMAN AWARD is presented by Statesman Kennels, Gary and Susan Riese and Meghan and Charles Bassel to the top winning Welsh Springer Spaniel with an AKC hunting title (JH, SH, and/or MH).

THE WILDFIRE AWARD is presented by Tydaky Kennels, Maurice and Carol Krohn, to the top winning dog owned and handled by a WSSCA member who is not a professional handler.

The Deckard Cup & Statesman Award Winner



**GCHB Stonecroft Stay Magical JH
“WYLE”**

Owned by Betsie Czeschin, Lili Apollos and Erin Miller

The Olympian Cup & Founders Cup Award Winner



**GCHS Hartsage McKenzie
“KENZIE”**

Owned by Eric Hartelius, DVM

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The Wildfire Award Winner



**GCHS Fairwinds Seas The Bay BN RN Act1 Act1J TKI
“MOOSE”**

Owned by Elizabeth Holmes and Martha Perkins

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OBEDIENCE & RALLY AWARDS 2025

Cicero Gus Award

1. GCH CH Clussexx Stonecroft Red Skye Over Wyndyn CDX BN.....769 Karen Lyle
2. CH Rolyart's Chasing A Dream
CDX BN GN RA TD NF SWN SCA SIA SBA CGC TKP 766.5 Cheryl Clark
3. GCH CH Rocksprings Olivine Damond CDX BN RA.....559 Katherine Goodrich
4. CH Rocksprings Mine That Bird CDX RN 550.5 Gail Clark
5. Shawnde's Up North Fire N'Ice CDX BN Deborah Sackrison
6. GCH CH Redstones Just Had To Be Me CD PCD BN
GN RE FDC BCAT ACT2 THDN RATS CGC TKP FITB Donna Stebbins

THE CH CICERO GUS, UDT CUP is presented by William & Jane Pferd to recognize the Welsh Springer Spaniel which has performed with consistency and quality in advanced levels of obedience. The award will go to the Welsh Springer Spaniel which has earned the five (5) highest scores in Open A or B or Utility A or B classes at AKC Obedience Trials. If there are no qualifying scores in the advanced classes, the award will be given to the Welsh Springer Spaniel earning the three (3) highest scores in Novice A or B classes at AKC Obedience Trials.

Wynd Award

1. GCH CH Clussexx Stonecroft Red Skye Over Wyndyn CDX BN.....2 UA Legs..... Karen Lyle

THE CH "WYND" UD TROPHY is presented by Karen Lyle in honor of CH Rysan's Whyrlwynd UD, CH Tydakys Wyndfall UD and CH Lynlee's Nightwynd UD to recognize the Welsh Springer Spaniel which has performed with consistency and quality in the Utility class (with preference to Utility A). The top five scores are combined into a single point value.

Jesse Award

1. CH Rolyart's Party On At Redstone CD BN RI BCAT CGC TKI 572 Donna Stebbins
2. GCH CH Fox River Celtic Little Chute CD BN JH WD TKN FDC
AJP AXP CGC FITB SCN VCX..... 570.5 Andrea Pease/Kevin & Joan O'Neill
3. GCH CH Truepenny Three Times The Fun At Starters Run
CD RE NAP OJP OFP CGC TKA FITG 536.5 Irene Vonderahe

THE JESSE AWARD is presented by Jim and Debbie Sackrison in memory of Jesse of Limberlost UD and is awarded to the Highest Scoring Novice A or Novice B Welsh Springer Spaniel Dog/Handler team. Scoring is the highest score of the sum of the first three qualifying scores.

Gambler Award

1. Winnie Spot Of Tea CD BN RAE FDC BCAT CGC FTN.....191 Sally J Nist

THE GAMBLER RAE AWARD is presented by Karen Young and Merrielle Turnbull to recognize the Welsh Springer Spaniel who has performed with distinction in the advanced levels of rally. The award will be open to all Welsh Springer Spaniels who have earned the final qualifying leg of the Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title within the club year. The award honors the first Welsh Springer Spaniel to earn the RAE, U-CD HIT CH Rolyart's Read Em And Weep CD RAE NA NAJ OAP OJP CGC, owned by Karen Young. If more than one Welsh Springer Spaniel earned the RAE during the club year, the tiebreaker will be awarded to the dog with the highest combined Advanced B/Excellent B score earned on the 10th (titling) leg.

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The CH Cicero Gus UDT Cup Award Winner



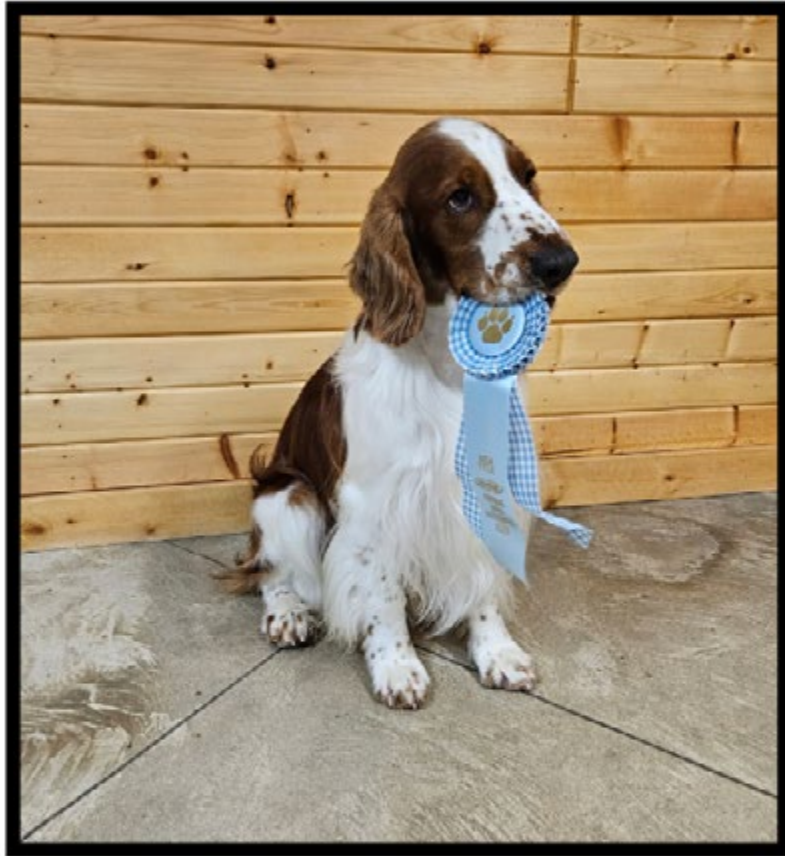
GCH CH Clussexx Stonecroft Red Skye Over Wyndyn

CDX BN

“TAYLER”

Owned by Karen Lyle

The CH Cicero Gus UDT Cup Award Runner-Up



**CH Rolyart's Chasing A Dream CDX BN GN RA TD NF
SWN SCA SIA SBA CGC TKP
"SULLY"**

Owned by Cheryl Clark

The Jesse Award Winner



**CH Rolyart's Party On At Redstone CD BN RI BCAT
CGC TKI
"SHINE"**

Owned by Donna Stebbins

The Jesse Award Runner-Up



**GCH CH Fox River Celtic Little Chute CD BN JH WD
TKN FDC AJP AXP CGC FITB SCN VCX
“TILLY”**

Owned by Andrea Pease, Kevin & Joan O'Neill

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The Gambler Award Winner



**Winnie Spot Of Tea CD BN RAE FDC BCAT CGC FTN
“WINNIE”**

Owned by Sally J. Nist

REGIONAL COLUMNS

CENTRAL STATES WSSC

Treva Faires
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Many of our Central States members had nothing to report. Everyone had been staying home with the wicked winter blasts and some had been battling the flu bug.

However, everyone I spoke with agreed that there was nice representation of the Welsh Springer Spaniel breed at Westminster! Congratulations to all the invitees, exhibitors and winners! Until next time...

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Thank you, **Penny Williamson**, for sharing this photo of **Ryder** (*Trystyn's In My Wildest Dreams*) enjoying his holidays.



Mary Johnson reports that **Sutton** (*Trystyn's Private Label*) earned his Rally Excellent title and is now working toward his RAE title. **Senna** (*Trystyn's Formula Won*) went to his first Scent Work Trials in December and earned his Novice Container and Novice Buried titles.

As of December 7, 2025 **Caroline Gaver** and **Charles Trefzger's Carter** (*Trevoline Come Hell Or High Water*) is a Master Hunter! Congrats on all the hard work.



At the WSSCA Winter Specialty, **Marta Stoneman's Rachel** (*Sarabande Dare to Dream*) was Select Bitch and Best Veteran. Russet (Wyld Wynd's Into the Woods), also a veteran, received an Award of Merit. **Betsie Czeschin's Bobby** (*Wyld Wynd's In the Company of Masters*) was Field Dog both days and an Award of Merit at the Flushing Spaniel show.



At the Specialty, **Ellen Hughes** and **Michael Fitz-George's Caleb** (*Renascent Fortune Favors the Bold*) was Winners Dog (right). In the Flushing Spaniel show **Meghen Bassel's Milo** (*Sarabande Blue Skyes*) was Winners Dog and **Kelly Townsend** and **Kameron Sheppard's Helen** (*Renascent Give Me a Kiss*) was Winners Bitch.

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Thanks to Dogwood member, Marta Stoneman, for the lovely trophies she made for the WSSCA Winter Specialty.



GATEWAY WSSC

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It's been a frozen nightmare in much of the Midwest, but we have a couple of brags to share.

Cheryl Clark writes: Wrapping up 2025, *Sully* finished his CDX in early November and a bonus leg 2 weeks later. I decided to try him on turf at an early December agility trial and although we were only



able to run one day due to an incoming snowstorm, the boy picked up his second NA leg after a long two-year drought! Now that the winter cold has set in we're working on utility articles and lots of fitness exercises (which go so much better with a little help from your friends!)

Shelley Traylor continues to have Barn Hunt fun as *Presley* finished her RATO title on Jan 2! She shares: "On to Senior (or at least we'll see how it goes)."

Living in frozen and snowy Indiana, it's been a challenge for me to keep 7-month-old Brook occupied. She and 13-year-old Twig play together and Clumber Nina basically ignores her. We've been working on Scent Work games in the house which all three girls enjoy. We've recently started showing in CPE Scent Work trials. "Not quite retired" Twig likes the Novice level as there's only one find per class. She's pretty sure that's plenty to find! It's the first venue we've tried with vehicle searches and they're a lot of fun. We'll try some UKC Scent Work later this spring. When I think about how limited our options were when I started in obedience in the 1970's, it's amazing that there's just so much more out there for fun with our dogs.

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GOLDEN STATE WSSC

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On January 2, the GSWSSC held a designated Specialty in Indio, CA during the Southern California Sporting Dog Fanciers show. Club President **Jana Cooley** says the Specialty was well attended by club members both exhibiting their dogs and supporting the show ringside. Jana thanks all who helped organize the event - **Sherry Patterson, Cathy Crnkovich**, and especially **Mike King**, Show Chairman. Jana congratulates all the winners over the course of the three show days in Indio, including the three-day Palm Springs Kennel Club show plus new champions **Riley** (owned by **Mary Holkenbrink**) and **Cherry** (owned by **Joan Hamaguchi**). Two welshies also earned a Fetch Novice leg, **Parker** (*Skyhigh King of the Road*), owned by **Carley Sarmiento** and **Penny** (*Redsage Buckle Up Buttercup DCAT SWN CGC*) owned by **Natalie Read**, and Penny finished her RN title! It was a fun weekend.



Unfortunately, our club's previously planned Carmel specialty in July has been cancelled due to the all-breed show cancellation. So our next specialty will be back in Indio at the Empire Polo Grounds in January 2027.

Mary Holkenbrink shares that **Riley** (*Renascent Damascus Steel*) finished his AKC CH with a WD/BOW win at the Palm Springs Kennel Club show on January 3. Mary thanks everyone who supported and cheered them on.

Joan Hamaguchi says that **Cherry** (*Bu-Gwyn Cherry on Top*) was WB/BOW at the SCSDF Club



show on Friday, January 2 and finished her championship on Saturday, January 3. She finished at 10 months of age with 4 majors from the Bred By Exhibitor Puppy class. Joan moved her up for Sunday and Monday's shows and she was BOS and Select. She also earned her Trick Dog Novice and Virtual Home Manners Puppy titles.

Joan's Holly (*GCH Fairwinds Bu-Gwyn Inevitable*)

was BOS at the club Specialty on Friday, January 2 with her best friend, Cathy Crnkovich, handling her. She was also BOS on Saturday, January 3 and Monday, January 5 and Select on Sunday, January 4. She earned her BCAT title in December and followed that with the Trick Dog Novice and Virtual Home Manners Adult titles.



Cathy Crynkovich is happy to share that **Clover** (*Bu-Gwyn A Kiss at the End of the Rainbow*) won "Best in Sweepstakes" at our Indio Specialty on January 2, earning their first big ribbon! Clover continued to do well throughout the 3-day Palm Springs Kennel Club show, also earning RWB, and two days

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earning WB. Clover earned a total of 4 points. She and Cathy learned a lot and they had so much fun. Clover also earned her Fit Dog Silver and Trick Dog Novice titles in the Fall.



Clover



GREATER CHESAPEAKE WSSC: News from the Mid-Atlantic States

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Adley (*GCH CH Rolyart's Take Me Out to the Ball Game CGC RA*) got his third leg for his Rally Advanced title on January 9, 2026 with a score of 97. Congratulations to team **Susan Merriken** and **Adley** on their very nice Rally work.

Richard Rohrbacher, as the WSSCA's delegate to the AKC, organized the Welsh Springer Spaniel booth at the AKC Meet the Breeds event which was held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City on February 7th & 8th, 2026. Richard reported that 38,000 people attended the two-day event to see and learn about the over 130 dog breeds present. The Welsh Springer Spaniel and GCWSSC was well represented by **Richard and Sandra Rohrbacher** with several of their dogs,

Robin Sieranski with her **Rudy**, and several other volunteers with their dogs. Everyone worked hard to answer questions from the public and to showcase the Welsh Springer Spaniel breed characteristics, temperament and beauty.

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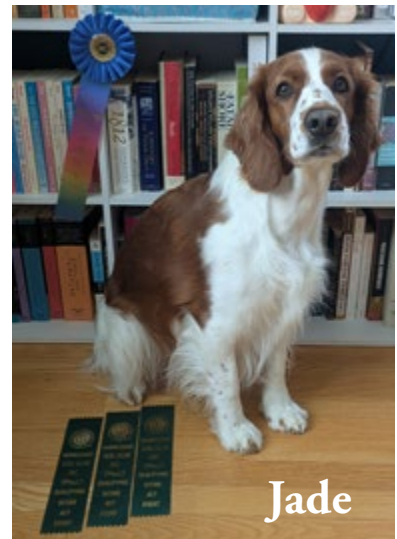
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Mark your calendars! The 2026 WSSCA Supported Entry hosted by the Heartland WSSC will be held at the Packerland Kennel Club show in Manitowoc, WI on Saturday, June 6, 2026. This will include Puppy sweepstakes and Veterans sweepstakes. This is a 4-show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

From **Karen and Lauren Gaines** in Appleton, WI: We had a very successful weekend at the Winnegamie Dog Club's January show in Oshkosh, WI. **Clove** (*Withywindle's Worthy Contender*) 6 mo., earned her first CH points by going Winners B!tch on Saturday at her first dog show. **Fennel** (*Withywindle's Private Information*) 9 mo., earned her first major by going Best of Opposite/BOBOH/WB the next day. She also made the cut in a lovely OH Sporting Group! **Opal** (*GCH CH Withywindle's In The Spotlight*) went Select on Saturday for her first time out after having puppies.

Lauren also took **Jade** (*CH Withywindle's In The News ACT1*) to the ACT 1 event at the Winnegamie Dog Club. She qualified in both standard runs for a new title, and in one of her



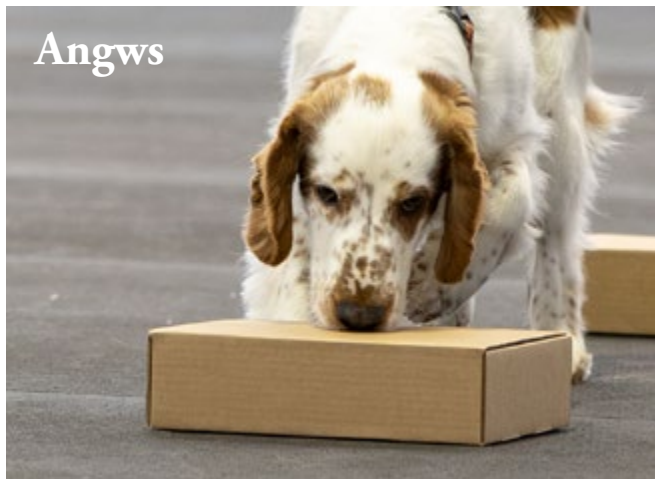
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jumpers runs before she decided she'd rather hang out ringside with Lauren's husband Brian instead!



Angws

From **Heather Green** in Libertyville, IL:
Angws (Wyndyn Takes One to Know One RI OA AXJ OF SWA SBE) finished his SBE title in December and earned his ORT in January.



PACIFIC NORTHWEST WSSC

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Submitted by Lani Fry

Conformation Star in the Making:

Cheryl Johnson and *Tayder (Bu-Gwyn Brass Token O'Johnstone)* have been lighting up the conformation rings! At just nine months old, Tayder made the cut in his first NOHS group during the Rose City Classic in Portland, Oregon. Tayder didn't let his show ring success go to his head; he spent most of the four-day event lounging, chewing bones, and teaching spectators how to give him the best scratches.

Tricks for Treats

Daphne (Withywindle's Private Party) has officially wagged her way to her first title: Trick Dog Novice! Her human, **Lani**, is thrilled and hopes this is just the beginning of a long list of letters before and after her name. Daphne brings a special exuberance to every task she approaches—whether it's officially part of the task or just her own creative interpretation.



Tayder



Daphne

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Club News: A New Look!

We are thrilled to unveil our new club logo! Designed by our very own club member AND talented graphic designer, **Sophia LeBel**, the logo perfectly blends a modern aesthetic with roots in our original PNW club design. We absolutely love it and are excited to launch new club merchandise in the coming weeks.



As always, we'd love to welcome new members! If you know any Welshie owners in Washington, Oregon, or Idaho, please send them our way at NWWelshies@gmail.com.

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CANADA

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As usual in Canada there are not many shows and trials in the winter months. We are using this pause to train and get ready to hit the rings full time in a few weeks.

Most Welsh Springer Spaniels enjoy playing in the snow which is good motivation to get some exercise for their owners as evidenced by this photo of young **Newton**.



I would like to congratulate the winners of the latest Westminster Kennel Club, notably WSSCC member **Brenda Trofanenko**, who co-owns the BOS winner **Java: GCHS CH Clussexx Cafe Jumping Bean**.

The 2026 WSSCC Nationals will be held at the end of August in conjunction with Stormont Dundas and Glengarry shows (SD&G) in Maxville, Ontario. Their new venue is very much appreciated by the exhibitors and other events are offered including: agility, rally, obedience, scent work and maybe a few more to be determined. As our date is not yet approved by CKC we invite you to look on Canuck Dogs website and our social media for all the details as they become available. Better still if you become a member of WSSCC you will have first-hand information.

Starter Barks Style Guide

Thank you for helping us make *Starter Barks* as beautiful and consistent as possible. Here are some simple formatting guidelines we ask all those submitting content to follow. We appreciate your cooperation and contributions to *Starter Barks*!

Resources

- Dictionary: Webster's Online Dictionary
- We always prefer US spellings (*labor*, not *labour*), but most important is to be consistent.
- If you need to consult with a full-length editorial style guide, we ask that you use the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 18th edition.

Text Guidelines for all content

- Set all text in plain, Garamond, 12-point type, avoiding all extraneous formatting such as bold face, italics, except as detailed below.
- All text shall be submitted as a Word or Google document without embedded images. Images need to be submitted separately, and *not embedded within the text document*.
- Please check your ad or text carefully as you are responsible for any errors, typos or misspelled names.
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- Regional Club Columns:
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 - o No stacked photos in regional club columns
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- Photos
 - o Digital photos submitted for print should be in JPEG or PNG format in the highest resolution possible.
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- Advertisements
 - o All ads are to be submitted as photo-ready PDFs, JPEG or WORD document.
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 - Call name
 - Titles
 - Dog's date of birth
 - Owner's name and contact information
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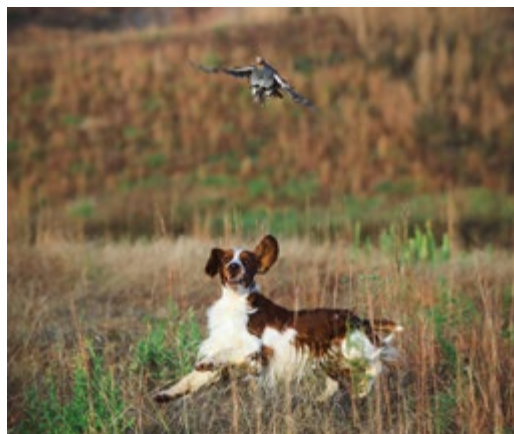
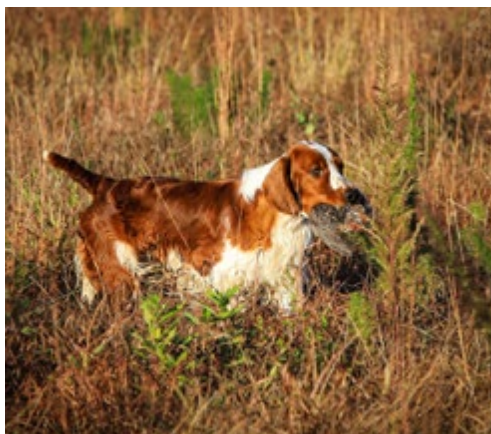
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