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ESSFTA Sterling Silver Pins -- These ESSFTA pins were available for many years and were worn proudly on lapels, ties, hats, scarves, purses and many other fashion items. Two years ago, our supply of the pins was exhausted. We have a new supply of the pins, and they are gorgeous. The pins are exact replicas of the original ESSFTA design. The new pins are cast in fine, highly polished sterling silver (the scanned image does not do justice to the detailed and glistening sterling silver pin). We expect these pins to sell quickly to all the Springer fanciers who will want to wear them, and give them as gifts and show prizes. For the time being, these pins will be offered at the 1990 price of $30. Shipping: One item: $2.50. Add $1.00 for each additional item.

Educational CDs -- The ABCs Of Breeding: This CD has been produced by the ESSFTA Breeder’s Education Committee. The artwork is lovely. This professionally produced and very understandable breeding facts discussion makes a great gift for any experienced breeder and for any breeder who is beginning a breeding program and looking for a great tutorial to get started on a well educated paw. CD price is $5.00 Shipping: One CD: $2.50, additional CDs: $1.00 each.

Videos -- ON THE LINE WITH ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIELS VIDEO -- A Parent Club and AKC-produced video explaining judging ESS Field Trials. A must for better understanding of trials. Thanks to AKC this video is ON SALE too! Reduced from the original $22.95, it now sells for just $19.95. Shipping: One video: $2.50. Add $1.00 for each additional video.

Standards and Guides

The Illustrated Breed Standard for the English Springer Spaniel -- OUT OF STOCK - $5.00 each. Shipping: One item: $2.50. Add $1.00 for each additional item.

THE ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL IN NORTH AMERICA by Bea Brown (paperback) - The most comprehensive history of our breed from its introduction to North America, the book details early Show and Field Kennels. A necessity for any serious breeder. A bargain at $12.00. Supply of this marvelous book is very limited. Shipping: $5.00 postage per book. Add $2.50 for each additional book ordered.

"The Conduct and Judging of Spaniel Field Trials" - known as the "Blue Book" published by the ESSFTA, the detailed explanation of the rules of judging field trials. Serious trialers, hunt test exhibitors and wannabe judges need this.

"Field Trial Management" - known as the "Green Book" also published by the ESSFTA, outlines the proper procedures for conducting field trials for Spaniels. Anyone working on, and any club holding, any field event needs this guide.

The two guides together, $5.00. Separately, $3.50 each. Shipping: One set of the booklets: $2.50. Add $1.00 for each additional booklet ordered. Both of these books can be downloaded for free from our Field Trial Page. The files are in .pdf format, Acrobat Reader (also free) is required to view them.

“The Spaniel Manual” -- The Spaniel Manual is a wonderful guide explaining how to, why and where to purchase an English Springer Spaniel. This little manual can educate puppy buyers and answer the most frequently asked questions. “The Spaniel Manual” is no longer for sale. You may download the booklet and make copies as needed: www.essfta.org/spanmanl_toc.htm

To Order: In a hurry for items for gifts or Springer events? Please order early, and allow up to three weeks for delivery. To order any of the above items, send check or money order along with your name and address and request to:

ESSFTA c/o Sarah Ferrell, Treasurer, 120 Delmar Court, Fredericksburg, VA 22407, Questions? E-mail Sarah Ferrell at: K3nc@comcast.net
Boy has this been a very strange year! Covid hit in March and so many things were cancelled. Our annual meeting had to be cancelled. Our National Specialty had to be cancelled, which was one of the most difficult decisions I have ever had to make. A great number of conformation, obedience, rally, agility, tracking, hunt tests and field trials had to be cancelled. So many personal things had to be cancelled or put on hold – baby showers, weddings, graduations, and the list goes on...
My hope is that we will soon recover from this devastating virus. We need to heed governmental recommendations and try to get rid of this nasty thing.

Our country has been in much turmoil and upheaval. Innocent people have been victims of prejudice, ethnic, racial and religious divide. We need to come together as a country and society and live together, respecting each other’s views and diverse backgrounds. A little bit of kindness goes a long way!

I would like to remind everyone that there is a list of governors, both field and bench, on our website in the Members Only section under Show Governors Map. If anyone has any concerns, please reach out to your governor. If anyone would like to contact me, please feel free to do so!

Please don’t forget to support our Foundation in any way you can. The Foundation strives to educate the public, fund studies and research with regard to diseases, genetic issues, and other health issues that affect our springers and much, much more. Kindly visit their site at: http://englishspringerfoundation.org
To make a donation, you can send a check to Foundation treasurer, Amy Rogers, 7401 Jessica Way, Rowlett, TX 75089-3016, or go to www.englishspringerfoundation.org and make your contribution there.

If you have any articles of interest you would like to submit to our newsletter editor, Terri Hallman, kindly email them to her at: coosaw@aol.com

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THE SPRINGER SPOTLIGHT  
September 2020
Last year’s ESSFTA National Bench Specialty was held in sunny Fallbrook, CA, at the Pala Mesa Resort, October 5-11, 2019. The grounds were lovely and the weather was beautiful!

Thank you to our National Specialty Committee: Peggy Presnall, Assistant National Specialty Chairperson and Trophy Chair; Jon Pidde, Obedience & Rally National Specialty Chairman, Jean Hilbig, National Specialty Treasurer and Merchandise Aficionado; and Kathy Patregnani, National Specialty Agility Chair. These people are the foundation of our events. I appreciate everything they have done to make this National a success.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to April Leonetti, Tony Vasquez and all their crew! These folks did an amazing job being our eyes and feet on the ground in Fallbrook. They arranged everything from getting the tents to planning lunches for workers. All of their members, and more, helped make our National a success! Veronica Baker volunteered to be our Welcome Bag coordinator. This year’s bags were filled with awesome goodies from poop bags to sunscreen and lots more!

When the call went out for raffle donations, so many of the California folks contributed! We had many donations from many clubs across the USA! We had a hand-made dog bed made from a wine cask! Thank you to all.

We were very fortunate to have the San Fernando Valley ESSC hold a specialty the weekend preceding our show. On Sunday, SFVESSC held their Puppy/Veteran Sweepstakes. Monday was the day for regular classes. Best of Breed was awarded to GCHS CH Cerise Bonanza. BOS was GCH CH Serendipity & Silverhill’s Bottoms Up. Select Dog was GCHG CH Wynmoor Interstellar. Select Bitch was GCHS CH Studio N. Kytras Kovered in Kashmere. WD and BOW was Polesitter Freeway. WB was Aria’s Winter is Coming at Wynmoor. RWD was Cerise Bill of Rights. RWB was Tagalong’s Oh My I Do Declare! Congratulations to all the winners. We also had ESSFTA Judges’ Education during this specialty. The ESSFTA Welcome Party, Senior Handling 65 yrs+, with Games and Prizes took place. It was quite a time!

On Tuesday, October 8, the ESSFTA National Bench Specialty began. Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes were judged by Kellie Fitzgerald. Kellie had a lovely selection from which to choose. Best in Sweeps was awarded to Kehre’s Baccarat Kodi. BOSS was awarded to Dalin’s Come See About Me. Best in Veteran Sweeps was GCH CH Wynmoor Interstellar. Select Dog was GCH CH Cerise Dixieland Duchess.

We also had our ESS only agility trial, chaired by Kathy Patregnani. It is always a treat to see
these dogs run agility. They are so focused and
driven to please. Tuesday afternoon brought
the English Springer Spaniel Sweepstakes
Spectacular. All puppies that received a Best in
Sweeps or Best of Opposite in Sweeps at either
a specialty or supported entry during the last
year were eligible to compete. Congratulations
to all the winners. The turnout was terrific! I
hope everyone had a great time!

Wednesday, October 9, was a full day
starting with our Scent Work Trial bright and
early! Our judges, Ginger Huxley and Jean
Hilbig, worked from morning to late into the
evening. They had 203 competitors! Thank you
Ginger and Jean! These are two very generous
club members! Conformation began with our 4-
6 Month Puppy Competition. Our judge and
fellow club member was Susanne E. B. Burgess.
Susanne’s Best Beginner Puppy was Wynmoor
Stellar Bright Star. Her Best of Opposite was
Cascadian’s My Way. Congratulations to all.
Judge Paula Nykiel began judging our dog
classes. Her WB was Telltale Esquire and RWD
was Cerise Carte Blanche. Congratulations to all
the winners! We had our ESS Only Obedience
Trial. Judge Cathy Dutra awarded Highest
Scoring Dog in Regular Classes to a Novice A
dog, CH Vinewood Truth in Action, BN, RN, AXP,
AJP, OFP. Congratulations Sophie!

Wednesday evening brought the Top
Twenty Extravaganza. What can I say? This
year’s Top 20 was over the top. April and her
committee did an amazing job!!! Their
creativity never ceases to amaze me. The setting
was lovely. The food was wonderful. The theme
was awesome! Congratulations to all the
winners. I would like to extend a very big thank
you to April Leonetti for all she has done to bring
the Top 20 to life and for putting such a
wonderful event on our “map”. This was April’s
last year as chair of this wonderful event.

On Thursday, October 10, judging of our
bitch classes began. Judge Nykiel’s WB and BOW
was Dalsland N Kytra’s Frozen in Time and her
RWB was Foxboro N Caran Always Dreaming.
We had two ESS Only Rally Trials. Our morning
trial was judged by Cathy Dutra and had 15
competitors. Our afternoon National Specialty
trial was judged by Betty Ribble and had 15
competitors as well. The National Specialty
Highest Combined Score in ADVB/EXCB was
Winston of Downs Lake, VCD2, GN, RM, TDX, AX,
AXJ, OF, XFP, SWE, SCM, SEM, SHDA, DN, CGC,
TKI. Congratulations! Kim Bullard volunteered
to run the Pee Wee event and the Juniors’ Ice
Cream Social. I think all the young folks enjoyed
themselves and they each took home a “goodie
bag” loaded with great things!

Friday, October 11, started with the ESRA
Parade of Rescue. Thank you to ESRA and all our
springer rescues for helping our dogs in need.
You all deserve a heartfelt thank you for the
tireless work you each do.

Junior Showmanship began our
conformation part of the show, with Best Junior
going to Caleigh Novak. Congratulations Caleigh!
Best of Breed judging began with a large ring full
of gorgeous English Springer Spaniels! After a long day of judging lovely dogs, Judge Nykiel chose her BOB – GCH CH Dalin’s He’s In Love With Disney. Her BOS was GCHS CH Studio N Kytras Kovered in Kashmere. Her Select Dog was GCHS CH Cerise Bonanza. Her Select Bitch was GCH CH Crownroyal’s Dirtee Marteani. Awards of Merit went to GCH Crownroyal Chrisand Tea Connection; GCHP CH Foxboro Cristolino; GCH Serendipity & Silverhill’s Bottoms Up; CH Ocoee High Resolution; and GCHP Foxboro N Shardust Authentic. Best Puppy was Cerise Carte Blanche. Best Bred By Exhibitor was Dalsland N Kytra’s Frozen in Time. Best Veteran was our BOB winner, GCH CH Dalin’s He’s In Love With Disney. Best Owner-Handled in Breed was Julie Fong, who handled our BOB and Best Veteran winner. Congratulations Julie! We had our National Obedience Trial. Judge Betty Ribble awarded Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes to a Novice A dog, CH Vinewood Truth in Action, BN, RN, AXP, AJP, OFP. Congratulations Sophie!

I began to get very nervous on Friday afternoon. The area was experiencing rolling blackouts due to the wildfires that began to creep our way. There were helicopters hovering above us at one point. The hotel had made arrangements to bring in portable generators if need be for our evening banquet. Fortunately the fires moved away from us and the power was restored very shortly before our banquet was scheduled to begin.

Our national concluded with our annual ESSFTA Awards Banquet. Kathy Patregnani presented the following conformation awards for 2018: Show Springer and Show Dog of the Year: GCHP CH Foxboro Cristolino; Show Bitch of the Year: MBIS BISS GCHG Crossroad Jockeyhill Big Girls Don’t Cry; Runner-Up Show Dog of the Year: GCHG CH Brightwater Gilchrist Dreaming Out Loud; Runner-Up Show Bitch of the Year: GCHS CH Crownroyal’s Dirtee Marteani; Sire of the Year: CH Ocoee Figure It Out; Runners-Up Sire of the Year: GCH Tiffany’s Esspecial Magic Kingdom, BN, RN, and GCH CH Dalin’s He’s In Love With Disney; Dam of the Year: GCH CH Vasdon ‘N Braveheart’s Charismatic, CD, BN, RA, OA, OAJ, CGC, TKN; Runner-Up Dam of the Year: CH Paylie’s Bama Breeze. The performance awards in Obedience are: Obedience Springer of the Year, Rally Springer of the Year, Utility Springer of the Year, and Open Springer of the Year all go to MACH Crossroad Polesitter Always, UD, OM2, RM, MXB, MJB, NF; and Novice Springer of the Year: CH VinEwood’s Make Mine a Double; Novice A Springer of the Year: Merfey’s Meadow of Ferns, CD, RA, NA, NAJ, RATO, CGC. The performance awards in Agility are: Agility Springer of the Year: MACH 16 Crownroyal’s Migh-Tea Elf, MXC4, MJS5, T2B2; Excellent Agility Springer of the Year: CH Spot On’s Spunky Monkey, AX; Open Agility Springer of the Year: Felicity’s Life of Riley, AX, AXJ, OF, CGC, TKI; Novice Agility Springer of the Year: CH VinEwood’s Make Mine a Double; and Preferred Agility Springer of the Year: CH MACH2 PACH5, Eastwood Vinehill Nick of Time, CD, BN, RN, MXG, MJB2, MXP16, MXPS2, MJP19, MJP2, PAX5, OF, XFP, T2B, CGC, TKN.
2018 Best Junior Handler was Kylie Compton!

I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Springer People in California and all over the US and Canada who helped us in so many ways. Our National was an unforgettable event because of you!

As you know, our 2021 show is fast approaching. We are in very much need of:

Someone to take charge of the Raffle at the National
Someone to take charge of the Silent Auction at the National
Someone to handle RV parking
Someone to organize and coordinate vendors
Someone to take charge of the Dog bathing area – we need someone to get the tubs, work with the hotel to set up the bathing area, monitor it during the week and tear it down.

If you are planning to attend in May, we would greatly appreciate your help in these areas.

For those of you who are planning ahead, here is a list of our locations for our future Nationals:

2021  Frankenmuth, MI - May 11-15, 2021  
      Breed Judge: Linda Riedel; Sweeps – Anne Hutchinson
2022  Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO – August 30 - September 2, 2022  
      Breed Judge: Dana Lodge; Sweeps – Karen Carrico
2023  Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO – October 10-14, 2023  
      Breed Judge: Michael Faulkner; Sweeps – Erin Kerfoot
2024  Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO – September 22-28, 2024  
      Breed Judge: Dana Cline; Sweeps: Janice Johnson
Has your dog been DNA tested affected for PRA, been clinically diagnosed with PRA, or have any trouble with vision? Does your dog have DNA stored at the University of Missouri DNA Bank?

We need your help, and it’s very important! The PRA-genetics research team at Penn Vet needs information on the vision status and eye exam results of your dog!

You can use the online information survey at https://www.vet.upenn.edu/research/research-laboratories/research-laboratory/miyadera-lab--pra-genetics-study. Since changes in vision or in eye exams related to PRA may not be picked up until old age, it is critical that the research team has the status of vision or eye exams of dogs over time up to the latest exams. You are also encouraged to submit the information for any deceased dog for which the above applies.

If you have any questions about the survey or about submitting DNA for the study, please contact Dr. Miyadera at kmiya@vet.upenn.edu. For more information and to review the current report please go to the Foundation website at www.englishspringerfoundation.org, Select the Health Projects tab and click on PRA.

An Update on the PRA Research Project: The English Springer Foundation would like to update Springer owners with the status of our Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) grant awarded in 2019 to Dr. Keiko Miyadera of the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to this study, an insert in the RPGRIP1 gene was linked to blinding retinal disease in English Springer Spaniels. However, since retinal diseases are not often found in the breed, there is a question as to whether the mutation alone causes retinal disease. The study will determine whether additional genetic factors or “modifiers” exist that will better determine the expression of the disease.

Currently, the study continues to focus on collecting carefully ascertained phenotypic information and DNA samples from Springers. At this time, 190 Springers have been enrolled in the study. Of these dogs, 17 are afflicted with PRA and all of these are RGPRIP1 affected. Electroretinography (ERG) has been conducted on 30 Springers to date. Dr. Miyadera will continue to enroll Springers in the study by collecting clinical data and DNA samples, though the pandemic has delayed her efforts. Older affected dogs (3 years and above) as well as more field bred dogs are needed. In addition, they will be starting the DNA chip and whole-genome sequencing experiments to search for the modifier gene/mutation that could be delaying or preventing affected dogs from going blind.

On behalf of English Springer friends and fans everywhere, thank you so much!

Your gifts are tax deductible to the limits described by law. The English Springer Foundation is the operating name of the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association Foundation, Inc., a charitable 501 (c)(3) organization, incorporated in the State of Wisconsin (Tax ID 39- 1824118).
In 2018, the English Springer Foundation conducted a comprehensive health survey to obtain a "snapshot" of the health of our breed. The response from Springer owners was fantastic! The Foundation is now taking a "deeper dive" into the data collected in the survey with the goal of determining what research can be undertaken to improve the health of the breed. Please check out the Foundation website for the summary of the health survey results. http://englishspringerfoundation.org/health-survey. The good news from the survey is that our breed is essentially very healthy!

- The English Springer Field Trial Association (ESSFTA) and the Foundation jointly provided significant funding for the AKC Canine Health Foundation Tick Borne Disease Initiative. Tick borne diseases affect all dogs. The Foundation has posted one of the research papers on its website. The PowerPoint presentation by Dr. Christy Peterson can be found at http://englishspringerfoundation.org/tick-borne-disease. You can get more information on the initiative at the AKC CHF website at www.akcchf.org.

- The Springer Foundation strives to provide current information on many topics of interest to our breed – explore the Foundation website at www.englishspringerfoundation.org.

THANKS for your continued support!

Check it out!! The Archives Committee has undertaken a project to scan all National catalogs for both field and show from the inception of each event. So far, nearly all the National Open catalogs have been scanned and are available on the Foundation website. We are working to scan the missing years. Next the National Amateur and National Show catalogs will be scanned. Funds were pledged by the National Open and Amateur organizations and the National Show Committee. The catalogs scanned thus far can be accessed at http://englishspringerfoundation.org/springer-memories/field-trial-memories. While you’re there, check out the new Archives page at https://englishspringerspanielarchives.shutterfly.com/

- Although the Covid-19 virus outbreak prevented our PRA researcher, Dr. Keiko Miyadera, from attending any dog shows or field trials to sample dogs and provide eye exams, there is still something we can do to assist her study. Has your dog been DNA tested affected for PRA, been clinically diagnosed with PRA, or have any trouble with vision? Does your dog have DNA stored at the University of Missouri DNA Bank?

- The PRA-genetics research team at Penn Vet needs information on the vision status and eye exam results of your dog! Please update the vision status of your dogs by visiting the online information survey at https://www.vet.upenn.edu/research/research-laboratories/research-laboratory/miyadera-lab---pra-genetics-study. We need your help!
AKC Scent Work has caught on quickly. “The sport of Scent Work is based on the work of professional detection dogs (such as drug dogs), employed by humans to detect a wide variety of scents and substances. In AKC Scent Work, dogs search for cotton swabs saturated with the essential oils of Birch, Anise, Clove, and Cypress. The cotton swabs are hidden out of sight in a pre-determined search area, and the dog has to find them. Teamwork is necessary: when the dog finds the scent, he has to communicate the find to the handler, who calls it out to the judge”. (foot note 1) ESSFTA held our Inaugural, Springer only, Scent Work Trial at the 2018 National. We then followed up in 2019 with an All Breed Scent Work Trial. Plans for 2020 were to have 2 springer only trials. Unfortunately these plans were cancelled due to the pandemic. Plans for a Springer only trial for 2021 in Frankenmuth are in progress.

Scent Work is proving to be popular with Springers. According to the ESSFTA awards submissions for 2019, there were at least 38 springers, owned by ESSFTA members, actively competing for AKC Scent Work titles in 2019. This sport was started 14 years ago by the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW). The title hierarchy for NACSW is different than AKC. The ultimate title in NACSW is the Elite Champion title. There have been only 5 Springers earn their Elite Champion Titles. Two are owned by ESSFTA members. There have been 24 Springers qualify to compete for the Elite Champion Title by earning their NW3 Elite title.

If you have not tried this sport yet with your springer, come out to the 2021 ESSFTA Scent Work Trial and watch the fun. Once you (and your Springer) are bitten by the bug, there will be no stopping you.

*Foot Note 1 – words borrowed from the AKC Scent Work Website at [https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-scent-work/](https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-scent-work/)*
I hope this finds everyone safe and using caution as we continue to fight against this horrible virus. COVID-19 has really turned 2020 upside down. With the determination, we are finding ways to have events, socialize and celebrate our beautiful dogs again. Please remember to use common sense, wash your hands, wear protective face masks and use social distancing. Most of all, enjoy your dogs!

**Upcoming Specialties in Region 4:**

**October**
- Thursday, October 15, 2020: **Dallas-Ft Worth ESS Association**
  Sweepstakes: Mrs. Donnelle Richards  Regular & Jrs: Mr. Del Richards
- Friday, October 16, 2020: **San Antonio ESS Club**
  Sweepstakes: Ms. Jessica Montgomery  Regular & Jrs: Mrs. Cyndi Myhre
- Saturday, October 17, 2020: **San Antonio ESS Club**
  Sweepstakes: Ms. Katie Eaton  Regular & Jrs: Mrs. Honey Anne Glendinning

3 Specialties, 4 All-Breed shows in Belton, TX; Superintendent: Onofrio

**December**
- Thursday, December 3, 2020: **Dallas-Ft Worth ESS Association**
  Sweepstakes: Ms. Tara Martin Rowell  Regular & Jrs: Mrs. Anna Katona

Specialty with 3 All-Breed shows in Dallas, TX; Superintendent: Onofrio

- Saturday, December 5, 2020: **ESSFTA Designated Specialty** (Gulf Coast ESS Assoc)
  Sweepstakes: Mrs. Deborah Kennedy  Regular: Mr. Robert D. Gifford
- Sunday, December 6, 2020: **ESSFTA Designated Specialty** (Gulf Coast ESS Assoc)
  Sweepstakes: Mrs. Bridgett Brown  Regular: Mrs. Danelle M. Brown

In conjunction with Mississippi Gulf Coast KC, Gulfport, MS; Superintendent: Onofrio

**January**
- Saturday, January 23, 2021: **Chattahoocee ESS Club of Greater Atlanta**
  Sweepstakes: Ms. Megan Armstrong  Regular & Jrs: Mrs. Stephanie Hegpath
  Obedience: Mrs. Leslye Pinnell
- Sunday, January 24, 2021: **Chattahoocee ESS Club of Greater Atlanta**
  Sweepstakes: Ms. Susan Willingham  Regular & Jrs: Mrs. Jackie Stacy
  Obedience: Mrs. Leslye Pinnell

Lawrenceville, GA; Superintendent: BaRay Event Services
Pandemic Playmates

Canine companions happy to stay home
Zeela (MAESSR) and Tri-Ste’s Valentine Vishnu I

What do you and your dogs do to relax and entertain yourselves during your stay-safely-at-home time? So often our days are divided into two activity columns: ‘should do’ and ‘want to do.’ During the past few months most of us have had the opportunity for lots of ‘want to do’ time, provided that activity could be done from home. Our dogs have been standing by, ready to fill our quarantine time with fun.

Many of us had to master new technology with video conferencing or holding classes and meetings on ‘Zoom.’ Necessity dragged many of us into the computer media age. Virginia Huxley (Quesst) explained, “My young one, Hetty, is getting to be demo dog for our online ‘Puppy and Pet Manners’ videos at Columbia Canine Sports Center, (www.columbiak9sportscenter.com).

Huxley also used the Corona down time for a kitchen remodel, with her dogs supervising “the remodeling, monitoring progress and surreptitiously moving the critically required tool.”

Springers excel working in the kitchen, Lauren Howard (Keswicke), is sure her Springer, Rolex has “a keen interest in kitchen design.” “When Rolex relaxes at home on her bed, she likes to think about decorating. Counter tops are much too high, and too many appliances require opposable thumbs. A toilet in the kitchen (no lid, please) for quick drinks would be a good thing. Dishwashers should be outlawed.”
WEB HUNTER—PANDEMIC PLAYMATES cont’d

How To Look Good on Video Calls for Zoom, FaceTime and Skype

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACNGhPKnmok&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1j33RcDqKNc6IdufUf_na7hZiorpSTLJqpmCBPs-MZr1lFiTS9MYzT8

https://www.globalbankingandfinance.com/13-tips-to-look-professional-when-interviewed-on-skype/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qe3oJnFtA_k&feature=emb_logo

Indoor relaxation often requires busy dogs settling down for a prolonged chew session. Spaniel boy, Finch, relaxes with his “best rawhide bone, preferably something with a good-sized knot on one end.” His method? “Place it on the couch. Then, throw yourself upon it with gusto. A few minutes of this will have you feeling on top of the world!” Finch is the muse behind his mother, Elaine Fox’s very dog-friendly novels: “Bedtime For Bonsai,” “Guys and Dogs,” “Beware of Do(u)g,” and “Hello Doggy!” (all available from Amazon).


Some Springers have found that walks in the great outdoors are not enough. No show rings, no in-person training and visiting friends at classes. What is an active dog to do? JoEllen Schneider told me, “We turned our basement into a dog activity room. We pushed all the furniture against walls and Chase and Ellah practice scent work with boxes. We hide treats and play ‘go find’. The dog who is not having a turn working, does a down-stay in their new rubber feed store 15 gallon stock tank. What an innovative find that makes for a comfy-to-curl-up-in nest.” (They found theirs at https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/product/tuff-stuff-products-heavy-duty-oval-stock-tank-15-gal)

Chase Schneider
(CH Northgate’s Tag You’re It CGC DN TKI RN)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdTRRYX0hGA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xxB2Ky8rwg
Watching animals on television often captures dogs’ and owners’ attention in the evenings. Carleigh relaxes with her mom, Dr. Carol Rushing (Pullman). If human, Carleigh would “spend a lot of time at a spa, sleep in every single day and watch lots of movies, especially movies with dogs. Carleigh gets on the treadmill with Mom and clocks about a quarter mile before she gets bored and jumps off.”


Carleigh also relaxes by daydreaming about her cat. “What would it be like to actually catch one of the cats? They are just so darn fast. I don’t want to hurt one, I just would like to know what it would be like to pick one up in my mouth: just for a second. Honest!”

Many Springers keep in touch with their field work roots dreaming of open air and good clean dirt beneath their paws. Skye and Piper, loved by Suzanne Magel-Ernst (Merritme), are spending their Corona home time outside. “This play time is sometimes disguised as gardening work, while Piper and Skye assist and motivate by giving me tons of kisses! I’m working from home right now and they enjoy ‘sharing’ lunch with me. They’ve both been more playful than usual, and I really like getting to be around them during the day.”

https://www.thespruce.com/landscaping-tips-for-canine-owners-2132454

https://www.rover.com/blog/dog-friendly-gardening/

Time spent with dogs abounds with ways to slow down and revel in the vast joy that dogs bring to our lives. Take this vow: ‘Every day I will find at least 15 minutes to be still with my dog’s head on my lap.’ Let a good dog show you how to relax.

Please share your favorite websites with the WebHunter at saf@abrohamneal.com or https://www.facebook.com/Valentine-Vishnu-Ferrell-1053487794678146/. Sarah Ferrell is the ESSFTA Storekeeper and is the author of the award winning book, “Devoted To Dogs: How To Be Your Dog’s Best Owner” (available at Amazon).
# Breed Competition

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# 2020 Obedience Scorecard
## Trials January 1, 2020—June 30, 2020

### Regular Titling Classes

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### Notes:
1. Novice Open and Utility rankings based on three highest qualifying scores in 20120
2. Combined Open B/Utility A or B rankings based on the five highest combined scores in 2020
3. Rankings compiled by Betsy Baird from AKC electronic reports
4. Errors/Omissions contact Betsy Baird at betsybaird66@gmail.com or 908-832-2477
5. (*) indicates 2019 ESSFTA member
2020 RALLY SCORECARD
RESULTS FROM AKC AWARDS  JANUARY 1, 2020—JUNE 30, 2020

NOVICE A
1  CH Northgate’s Tag You’re It RN DN CGC TKI  S.Schneider & J.E.Schneider  95.00

NOVICE B
1  Topguns Legends Of The Fall RN TD  T. L. Desnica  99.67
2  Dalin’s Heart Of English Gold RN NJP CGC TKN  D. English, D. Fong & C. English  96.00
3  Brama Whisper in The Shadows RN CGC TKI  L. Brama  91.33
4  CH Ocoee Wild Ride RN NA OAJ SCN CGC TKI  J. Bailey  89.00
5  Lighthouse Forever Laughter RI  M. Furr & J. Dillett  88.83

INTERMEDIATE
1  Our Sharona RI  J. Allen  88.66

ADVANCED A
(No dogs ranked yet)

ADVANCED B
1  Ramblewood Don’t You Forget About Me CDX BN RM3 RAE2 ACT1 CGCA CGCU TKA  K. Williams*  98.83
2  Duncan’s Rusti Painite Of Downs Lake CDX BN RM2 RAE2 CGC TKI  B. Gostovich*  96.25
3  Arwen Evenstar At Modern Mythos CD RA  E. Steinebrey & V. Harris  94.00
4  Spoton Echo’s Repete At Chestnut Hill CD PCD BN RAE  L. Fienberg  91.25

EXCELLENT A
(No dogs ranked yet)

EXCELLENT B
1  Ramblewood Don’t You Forget About Me CDX BN RM3 RAE2 ACT1 CGCA CGCU TKA  K. Williams*  98.50
2  Duncan’s Rusti Painite Of Downs Lake CDX BN RM2 RAE2 CGC TKI  B. Gostovich*  98.00
3  Emerald Isle Ridgewyn Dot With Dash CD PCD BN RE OA NAJ NF CGCA TKA  S. Stout* & K. Effert*  96.33
4  Echo’s Fire When Ready CD PCD BN RE  J. Wilson & S. Wilson  87.50
5  Spoton Echo’s Repete At Chestnut Hill CD PCD BN RAE  L. Fienberg  87.00

MASTERS
1  Ramblewood Don’t You Forget About Me CDX BN RM3 RAE2 ACT1 CGCA CGCU TKA  K. Williams*  96.33
2  Duncan’s Rusti Painite Of Downs Lake CDX BN RM2 RAE2 CGC TKI  B. Gostovich*  95.75
3  Spoton Echo’s Repete At Chestnut Hill CD PCD BN RAE  L. Fienberg  85.50
4  Spritely’s Misbehavin CD PCD BN GN RM RAE ACT2 SCN SIN SBN DJ CGCA CGCU TKI  K. Nyvold  80.75

RAE
1  Ramblewood Don’t You Forget About Me CDX BN RM3 RAE2 ACT1 CGCA CGCU TKA  K. Williams*  197.60

HIGH TRIPLE
1  Ramblewood Don’t You Forget About Me CDX BN RM3 RAE2 ACT1 CGCA CGCU TKA  K. Williams*  294.80

Note:
Ranked based on Avg of all qualifying scores in the class for dogs. Dogs must have at least three qualifying scores.
RAE based on Avg of top five qualifying scores in Advanced B and Excellent B combined.
High Triple based on Avg of top five qualifying scores in Advanced B, Excellent B and Masters combined.
Rankings compiled by Phyllis Broderick from AKC electronic reports.
(*) indicates ESSFTA member.
Errors/omissions contact Phyllis Broderick 908-453-2511 or email to phyllisbrod@comcast.net
## 2020 Agility Scorecard

**January 1, 2020—June 30, 2020**

Standings are based on Parent Club system. Results are derived from data provided by AKC's Electronic Reports division, and include all qualifying runs from Jan 1, 2020 through Jun 30, 2020. Owner(s) that have an * after their name are **not members** of ESSFTA.

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The ESSFTA’s activities are guided by a focus first and foremost on that which benefits the breed, and maintains the heritage entrusted to us by generations past. We support our members in their efforts to promote, protect and enjoy this marvelous breed, and provide information to the public to acquaint them with its history and character.

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