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November Sanctioned Match and Club Meeting

We hope to see you all at our November 2nd sanctioned conformation and obedience match and club meeting. The event will take place at the new C & E Dog Training facilities, located at 7600 Wayzata Blvd. in Golden Valley. \$5.00 for the first entry and \$3.00 for the second entry of the same dog in a different category. The building will be available to club members at 1:00 pm.

Following the match, TCVESSA will be offering AKC-CGC (Canine Good Citizen) testing. Be sure to sign up in advance with Cyndi Meyer as noted in the flyer sent to you in a separate mailing.

We will be having a general club meeting and a snack and dessert pot-luck after the match. The club will be providing sodas for people to purchase, but we would like members to show up with a snack or dessert to share.

CGC Test Procedures

The purpose of the Canine Good Citizen® Program is to ensure that our favorite companion, the dog, can be a respected member of the community. To receive the CGC certificate, dogs take the 10 item Canine Good Citizen® Test. Items on the test include:

Test Item 1: Accepting a friendly stranger

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation. The evaluator walks up to the dog and handler and greets the handler in a friendly manner, ignoring the dog.

The evaluator and handler shake hands and exchange pleasantries. The dog must show no sign of resentment or shyness, and must not break position or try to go to the evaluator.

Test Item 2: Sitting politely for petting

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. With the dog sitting at the handler's side, to begin the exercise, the evaluator pets the dog on the head and body. The handler may talk to his or her dog throughout the exercise. The dog may stand in place as it is petted. The dog must not show shyness or resentment.

Test Item 3: Appearance and grooming

This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit someone, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner's care, concern and sense of responsibility.

The evaluator inspects the dog to determine if it is clean and groomed. The dog must appear to be in healthy condition (i.e., proper weight, clean, healthy and alert). The handler should supply the comb or brush commonly used on the dog. The evaluator then softly combs or brushes the dog, and in a natural manner, lightly examines the ears and gently picks up each front foot.

It is not necessary for the dog to hold a specific position during the examination, and the handler may talk to the dog, praise it and give encouragement throughout.

Test Item 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)

This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog. The dog may be on either side of the handler. The dog's position should leave no doubt that the dog is attentive to the handler and is responding to the handler's movements and changes of direction. The dog need not be perfectly aligned with the handler and need not sit when the handler stops.

The evaluator may use a pre-plotted course or may direct the handler/dog team by issuing instructions or commands. In either case, there should be a right turn,

left turn, and an about turn with at least one stop in between and another at the end. The handler may talk to the dog along the way, praise the dog, or give commands in a normal tone of voice. The handler may sit the dog at the halts if desired.

Test Item 5: Walking through a crowd

This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places. The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three). The dog may show some interest in the strangers but should continue to walk with the handler, without evidence of over-exuberance, shyness or resentment. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise the dog throughout the test. The dog should not jump on people in the crowd or strain on the leash.

Test Item 6: Sit and down on command - staying in place

This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's commands to sit and down and will remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the handler prefers).

Prior to this test, the dog's leash is replaced with a line 20 feet long. The handler may take a reasonable amount of time and use more than one command to get the dog to sit and then down. The evaluator must determine if the dog has responded to the handler's commands. The handler may not force the dog into position but may touch the dog to offer gentle guidance.

When instructed by the evaluator, the handler tells the dog to stay and walks forward the length of the line, turns and returns to the dog at a natural pace. The dog must remain in the place in which it was left (it may change position) until the evaluator instructs the handler to release the dog. The dog may be released from the front or the side.

Test Item 7: Coming when called

This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the dog, and call the dog. The handler may use encouragement to get the dog to come. Handlers may choose to tell dogs to "stay" or "wait" or they may simply walk away, giving no instructions to the dog.

Test Item 8: Reaction to another dog

This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs. Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of 20 to 30 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 10 feet. The dogs should show no more than casual interest in each other. Neither dog should go to the other dog or its handler.

Test Item 9: Reaction to distraction

This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations. The evaluator will select and present two distractions. Examples of distractions include dropping a chair, rolling a crate dolly past the dog, having a jogger run in front of the dog, or dropping a crutch or cane.

The dog may express natural interest and curiosity and/or may appear slightly startled but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness, or bark. The handler may talk to the dog and encourage or praise it throughout the exercise.

Test Item 10: Supervised separation

This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like, "Would you like me to watch your dog?" and then take hold of the dog's leash. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not continually bark, whine, or pace unnecessarily, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness.

Equipment

All tests must be performed on leash. Dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain. Special training collars such as pinch collars, head halters, etc. are not permitted in the CGC test. We recognize that special training collars may be very useful tools for beginning dog trainers, however, we feel that dogs are ready to take the CGC test at the point at which they are transitioned to regular collars.

The evaluator supplies a 20-foot lead for the test. The owner/handler should bring written proof of rabies vaccines and the dog's brush or comb to the test.

Encouragement

Owners/handlers may use praise and encouragement throughout the test. The owner may pet the dog between exercises. Food and treats are not permitted during testing, nor is the use of toys, squeaky toys, etc. to get the dog to do something. We recognize that food and toys may provide valuable reinforcement or encouragement during the training process but these items should not be used during the test.

Failures - Dismissals

Any dog that eliminates during testing must be marked failed. The only exception to this rule is that elimination is allowable in test Item 10, but only when test Item 10 is held outdoors.

Any dog that growls, snaps, bites, attacks, or attempts to attack a person or another dog is not a good citizen and must be dismissed from the test.



Mark your Calendars!

The plans are in the works for two seminars to be held on **January 25, 2003**. One will be all about beginning tracking. This is an exciting sport for handler and canine alike. The other seminar will involve grooming. Both of these should be very informative and we encourage everyone to attend. A short club meeting will be held in conjunction with the seminars.

The date of our annual Banquet has been moved due to a prior booking to **February 8, 2003**. This is a great time to get together with fellow Springer enthusiast and to celebrate all the wonderful accomplishment of the past year. Our prize drawing has always been the highlight of the evening. Everyone always seems to locate the most wonderful treasures to donate to this drawing.

More information on both of these events will appear in later editions of VOX....keep tuned.



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Board Meeting Secretary's Report

Minutes of Tuesday, July 23, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President, Karen Larson. The other members present were Stephanie Bachman, Joan Beck, Barb Ciresi, Cyndi Myhre, Jon Pidde, Gayle Townsend and Lori Hilleren. Francie Nelson was the only missing member.

Lori Hilleren read the minutes of the prior meeting and they were approved as read.

Stephanie Bachman reported that the club balance is \$4,381.94.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Sanctioned Match scheduled for Saturday, November 2nd, will be held at C&E instead of Pet Junction. Judges will be Sue Emerson for Obedience and Angie Amacher for Confirmation. The building will be available at 1:00 pm for set-up and grooming. Applications will be accepted at 1:30 and the judging will begin at 2:00. The charge is \$5.00 for the first entry and \$3.00 for the second entry (same dog). A suggestion was made to include applications in our next newsletter so they can be filled out prior to arrival. Confirmation classes offered will be 3-6 mos., 6-9 mos., 9-12 mos., 12-18 mos., BBE and Open. All regular Obedience classes will be offered.

Limited Canine Good Citizen tests will be offered by Cyndi Myhre with a pre-entry requirement due to the limited time available.

Discussion regarding the on-line newsletter and the need for the Adobe Acrobat Writer to be purchased for B.A. Breese. Joan Beck will be putting instructions in the upcoming newsletter so members can receive their newsletter on-line. Motion was made and approved for the funds to be provided by the club.

Karen Larson read a letter of resignation from Francie Nelson. The Board members accepted the resignation from Francie due to health issues. Gayle Townsend was voted in as the new Vice President and suggestions for a new Board member were discussed. Shelia Koon, a board member from the previous year, accepted the open Board spot for the remainder of the year.

2003 Show Chair: Karen Larson
2003 Obedience Chair: Jon Pidde

A letter from Ann Sunderman was read. She suggested some of the requirements for the Versatility Trophy be expanded. Discussion ensued and no decisions were made. The Board decided to get opinions from the general membership prior to making any decisions.

A letter from Francie Nelson asking the Board to rethink the changing of the dates for the Specialty. A valid point she brought up was to evaluate the level of entries from past catalogs. The Board decided to table the change and do more research prior to making a final decision.

1st reading for NEW MEMBER: Jean Dockendorf.

The awards banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 25th at Gulden's Dinner Club

Next meeting scheduled for August 27th at 7:30 pm.

Minutes of Tuesday, August 27th

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President, Karen Larson. Members present were Stephanie Bachman, Joan Beck, Barb Ciresi, Karen Larson, Cyndi Myhre, Jon Pidde, Gayle Townsend and Lori Hilleren. Shelia Koon was absent.

Lori Hilleren read the minutes for the previous meeting.

Stephanie Bachman gave the Treasurer's Report. The club balance is \$4,342.57.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sanctioned Match details: AKC approval has been received. Help is needed with entries, stewarding. Prizes of stuffed toys were discussed. Cyndi Myhre said she needed to limit CGC tests to 10 dogs due to time necessary for the test.

NEW BUSINESS: New Members: Second reading and acceptance for new member Jean Dockendorf as an Individual Member. Second reading and acceptance for new member Gabrielle Buntan as a Junior Member.

Barb Ciresi agreed to be the Nominating Chairperson for the 2003 Board Membership.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 26th at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Submitted by Lori Hilleren

Minutes of Thursday, September 26, 2002

The Meeting was called to order by President Karen Larsen at 7:20 PM Sept. 26th. In attendance were John Pidde, Sheila Koon, Barb Ciresi, and Gayle Townsend.

The Secretaries and Treasurers reports were dispensed with.

Old Business:

The first order of business was our Specialty. We decided that we need to see if Mary Davis & Melonie Berquist will be willing to steward at our Specialty again as they do such an excellent job.

We will put in the newsletter a request for a trophy Chairperson.

Our upcoming Sanction Fun Match, Potluck, and Canine Good Citizen's test was the next order of business. Jon had flyers available and will be getting them out to training centers.

Barb, or Stephanie will head the nominating committee for next year's board.

The Banquet is set for Feb. 8th at Gulden's. The raffle was discussed. It was recommended that we will want to get a larger item to raffle.

Versatility trophy discussion was tabled as there was not a quorum present.

New Business:

Jon wants to have a couple more matches either in conjunction with the Lab Club, or stand alone if necessary, after the first of the year, prior to the show season. Jon also recommended that we set up our Sanction Match for 2003 in February.

Discussed having another blood draw with match, as requested by Bridget Renlund. It was decided with having the match, Canine Good Citizens Test, Potluck, and membership meeting there probably would not be enough time. It was recommended that we perhaps think about a wellness clinic at a later date.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by Gayle Townsend



Canine Health Column

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Why Do They Put THAT in Dog Food?

Have you ever been reading a list of dog food ingredients and said to yourself: “What IS that ingredient and WHY do they put it in dog food? Well, curiosity got the best of me and since I needed to write an article for the newsletter, I decided to investigate the purpose behind some of dog food’s more mysterious ingredients.

I started with the ingredient that I found most puzzling “**Yucca Schidigera Extract**”. It turns out that “yucca”, as in the plant from the US southwest, is added to take the “Yucka” smell out of dog poop. It is supposed to make doggy droppings less, shall we say “pungent”. Does it work? Well, I’m not volunteering to test it, but obviously someone has done some research and feels it has some effect.

Sodium Bentonite or

Montmorillonite Clay - Pet food manufacturers had problems keeping dog food pellets from falling apart and I guess they decided that adding glue wasn’t a good idea (I’m kidding folks) so they added small amounts of inert clay as a binder to aid in pellet

formulation. Several manufacturers make a statement on their web pages to suggest this ingredient may aid in the digestive process, but no precise details were given. More research on the web provided a possible answer. Ancient Chinese medicine claims that inert clay binds to toxins in the gut and allow them to pass out of the body.

Tocopherols (Vitamins C and E) and Rosemary

Extract – These naturally occurring compounds are used as preservatives and mild flavor enhancers. They function as antioxidants, preventing the oxidation of fatty acids, vitamins, and some other nutrients. These compounds are being used more frequently as preservatives, because many dog owners are concerned about chemical preservatives like BHT. These natural compounds have a short shelf life, especially once the bag of food has been opened; so it is advisable to keep your open bags of dog food securely clipped shut and stored in a cool, dry place to prevent air and moisture from destroying the nutrient value of the food.

Fossil Mineral Flour or Diatomaceous Earth – This finely ground coral and fossilized rock is placed in dog food to aid in the expulsion of intestinal parasites. The

nasty beasts eat the tiny crystals, which cause a fatal tummy ache, and their dead carcasses are expelled from the body. It is one of Nature’s ways of eliminating parasites.

Chicory – When I saw this ingredient it summoned up images of the resourceful Louisiana bayou folks who used chicory as a coffee substitute during the depression and war times. It has an equally unique purpose in dog food. It serves as a natural fiber source and a perfect substrate for the growth of all those friendly bacteria like *Lactobacillus Acidophilus* that are required for proper digestion of food and regulation of gut pH levels. High-end dog food manufactures have been adding all kinds of beneficial bacterial cultures to dog foods for a long time. You usually see them listed on the label as fermentation products, pro-biotics or simply dried *Lactobacillus Acidophilus* or dried *Aspergillus Oryzae*. Unfortunately many of these beneficial bacteria do not

survive the heat processing of the food. The addition of chicory gives those surviving bacteria a nice surface to cling to and allows them to produce lots of beneficial baby bacteria.

Beet pulp, peanut hulls and tomato pumice – These ingredients are all added to supply the fiber or bulk necessary for

healthy intestinal surfaces and good stool formation. The inner surface of dog intestines is genetically designed to easily slough off. The idea is that rough objects passing through the gut will scrape off these loose cells and continue down the gut instead of getting stuck in the intestinal wall causing inflammation. Fiber in the dog’s diet helps to continually renew the intestinal surface and once in the colon give the stool enough bulk and moisture so the dog can easily eliminate the stool without excess straining, which can lead to hemorrhoid formation. Tomato pumice is quite acidic and is added to balance the pH of Dog food. Beet pulp is especially good at absorbing moisture which providing bulk to stool and is a popular dog food fiber. I did find one down side to feeding a dog food product containing beet pulp. When fed to very young puppies, it can cause severe constipation and in rare cases bowel obstruction if not mixed with an adequate amount of water. Since most breeders feed their young puppies kibble that has been made into mush, this is not a big problem.

Amaranth - Is considered to be the ancestor to all grains that are currently cultivated. It contains very high quality



carbohydrates and many trace minerals. It also provides a rich flavor to the dog food.

Flaxseed - Is also known as Linseed. It is a good vegetable source of Omega-3 fatty acids. Not all of the Omega 3 fatty acids are in a form that the dog's body can digest, but it provides benefits to the skin and coats for those dogs that do not have underlying allergies to this plant material. The flax seed and oil in today's dog foods are stabilized with vitamin E to prevent spoilage; however, even with the addition of preservatives, flax oil can oxidize quickly, so it is best if kept in a cool dry place once the food container is opened. For those dog's that react poorly to flax, fish body oil supplements are a good alternative source of the Omega 3 fatty acids to keep your dog's coat shiny and healthy.

Ethoxyquin - This preservative has been the most

highly debated item in dog foods for the last several years. It is a chemical preservative that is widely used to prevent spoilage in dog foods. It is alleged that ethoxyquin may cause cancer, liver, kidney and thyroid dysfunctions, reproductive failure, and more, although the allegations have not been proven in tests to date, it is highly suspect.

Dried Kelp, Seaweed or Blue-Green Algae – All these plant sources from the sea provide an abundance of trace minerals, enzymes, usable protein complexes, a diverse spectrum of vitamins, and many fat and lipid elements that the body can use, including sulfonolipids, glycolipids, and beta-carotenoids. Best known among breeders to help bring out good pigmentation on the noses and eye rims of puppies, this is a popular additive to dog foods.

TCVESSA Club Member Results



Reminder: Please be sure you get any results you wish published in the newsletter to B.A. Breese by the 15th of the month you wish them published.

Ch. Aspen's Ashwyn Party Girl CGC "Reba", owned by Carol Hathaway, J. Dean & S. Salzwedel:
8/31/02 – Am. Belgian Tervuren Agility – **2nd leg, 2nd place Nov. Std.**

9/1/02 – Am. Belgian Tervuren Agility – **3rd leg, 2nd place Nov. Std.**

****AKC Novice Agility Title Earned****

9/6/02 – Des Moines ESS Specialty – Best Jr. Handler (Sarah & Reba)

9/14/02 – B.O.T.C. Agility – **1st leg, 3rd place Nov. JWW**

9/15/02 – B.O.T.C. Agility – **2nd leg, 3rd place Nov. JWW**

10/6/02 – Key City K.C. Agility – **3rd leg, 2nd place Nov. JWW**

****AKC Novice Jumper With Weaves Title Earned****

Cedarwood's Animation Annie "Annie", owned by Jack & Brenda Filipek & Pat Welch:
10/13/02 – Mason City K.C. – **WB**

Cedarwood's Flying Solo "Piper", owned by Pam Houck & Pat Welch:
10/6/02 – Keystone ESS Specialty – **WB, BOW 5 pts.!**
****AKC American Championship Finished****

Cedarwood's Jett Setter "Jett", owned by Pat & Wayne Welch:
10/12/02 – Cyclone County K.C. – **WD 3 pts.!**

Ch. Cedarwood's Storm Chaser "Chase", owned by Pat & Wayne Welch:
9/29/02 – Scarborough K.C., Inc, Ontario – **WD, BOB, Group 3!**

A/C Ch. Cymbeline's Just Invincible "Vinnie", owned by Gayle Townsend, Thom Cowley & Barb Ciresi:
5/12/02 – Cambridge K.C., Cambridge – **BOB, Group 4**
7/20/02 – Anoka County K.C., Anoka – **BOB, Group 2**
8/8/02 – Manitoba Canine Association – **BOB, Group 3**
8/9/02 – Manitoba Canine Association – **BOB**
8/10/02 – Manitoba Canine Association – **BOB**
8/11/02 – Manitoba Canine Association – **BOB**
8/17/02 – Marshfield Area K.C. – **BOB**
8/18/02 – Marshfield Area K.C. – **BOB**
8/24/02 – St. Croix Valley K.C. – **BOB**
8/25/02 – St. Croix Valley K.C. – **BOB**

Del-Styl's Ashwyn Cover Girl "Gracie", owned by B. Larson & Tracie Deling:
10/5/02 – Indianhead K.C., Altoona – **RWB**

Del-Styl's Ashwyn Dreamweaver "Brady", owned by Tracie Deling & J. Dean:
6/22/02 – Hawkeye K.C., Iowa City – **WD 3 pts.!**
6/23/02 – Hawkeye K.C., Iowa City – **WD 3 pts.!**
7/11/02 – Austin K.C. San Antonio – **WD**
8/17/02 – Corpus Christi K.C. – **WD, BOS**

8/18/02 – Corpus Christi K.C. – **WD, BOW, BOB**
8/24/02 – Elgin K.C., St. Charles – **WD, BOW, BOS**
8/25/02 – Elgin K.C., St. Charles – **WD, BOW, BOX**
****AKC American Championship Finished****

Edie's Own Specialty "Edie", owned by Krista Trempe
9/29/02 – Thunder Bay K.C. Tracking Test
****Canadian Tracking Dog Title Earned****

Ch. Eldamar's Black Mischief AX OAJ CGC "Schroeder", owned by Barb DiGiovanni & J Roberts:
9/14/02 – Bellevue Agility Trial – **1st leg 4th place Std. Novice Perferred; 1st leg Novice JWW Perferred**
9/15/02 – Bellevue Agility Trial – **2nd leg 2nd place Std. Novice Perferred; 2nd leg Novice JWW Perf. 2nd place**
10/5/02 – Lincoln Neb. Agility Trial – **3rd leg 3rd place Novice JWW Perferred**
****AKC Novice JWW Perferred Title Earned****
10/6/02 – Lincoln Neb. Agility Trial – **3rd leg 3rd place Std. Novice Perferred; 1st leg 1st place Open JWW Perferred**
****AKC Novice Standard Perferred Title Earned****

Ch. Eldamar's Vinehill MacKenzie CDX CGC OA AXJ OACV OJCV OGCV TDI "MacKenzie", owned by B.A. Breese:
9/15/02 – B.O.T.C. Agility Trial – **4th Masters**

Can. Ch. Fox Hollow Made to Last NAJ "Grace", owned by Ann Sunderman:
9/14/02 – B.O.T.C. Agility Trial – **2nd leg Open JWW 4th place**
10/6/02 – Key City K.C. Agility Trial – **3rd leg Open JWW 1st place**
****AKC Open Agility Jumpers Title Earned****

Fox Hollow Ms. Tiny Bubbles OA NAJ NGC NJC NTC NWC CGC TDI "Katie", owned by Jill Shirley & Ann Sunderman:
7/27/02 – Sioux Empire K.C. Agility Trial – **3rd leg 2nd place Open Std; 1st leg 2nd place Open JWW**
8/24/02 – St. Croix Valley K.C. Agility Trial – **2nd leg 2nd place Open JWW**
8/31/02 MN Mix Breed NADAC Trial – **1st place**
****NADAC Nov. Tunneler & Weaves Title Earned****
10/6/02 – Key City K.C. Agility Trial – **1st leg 1st place Exc. Std.**

Glenhurst's Sherwood Forest CD JH NA NAJ WD ASCA CGC TDI "Aspen", owned by Shirley Harford:
8/24/02 – Rice Creak Hunt Test – **2 Leg Senior Hunter**
9/14/02 – B.O.T.C. Agility Trial – **1st leg Nov. JWW Perferred**

9/15/02 – B.O.T.C. Agility Trial – **1st leg Nov. Std. Perferred; 2nd leg Nov. JWW Perferred**

Hillcrest Nevagard Lucky Won CD JH WD CGC NAJ OA, owned by Tim & Julie Damgaard:
9/14/02 – B.O.T.C. Agility Trial – **2nd leg Open JWW**

Jake McGee, owned by Jon Pidde finished his summer of field work. He earned his Senior Hunter title with qualifying scores in 5 out of 6 runs. He finished his title at the Rice Creek Hunt Test in Little Falls. He also earned a WDX title in June at the working dog test in Glenco....way to go!

Nozshoni's Taylor Made "Taylor", owned by Sheila Koon:
8/24/02 – St. Croix Valley K.C. Agility Trial – **1st leg Nov. Std.**
9/29/02 – Thunder Bay K.C. - Test
****Canadian Tracking Dog Title Earned****

A/C Ch. Ramblewood Keep the Faith OA OAJ NJC "Faith", owned by Ann Sunderman:
9/14/02 – B.O.T.C. Agility Trial – **2nd leg 2nd place Nov. JWW Perferred**
9/15/02 – B.O.T.C. Agility Trial – **3rd leg 2nd place Nov. JWW Perferred**
****AKC Novice Jumpers Preferred Title Earned****
10/6/02 – Key City K.C. Agility Trial – **1st leg 3rd place Nov. Std. Preferred**

Ch. Ramblewood Kryptonite AX AXJ CGC NCG OAC OJC "Spinner", owned by Ann Sunderman:
8/23/02 – St. Croix Valley K.C. Agility Trial – **10th Masters leg**
****AKC Master Agility Excellent Title Earned****
9/14/02 – B.O.T.C. Agility Trial – **1st leg 3rd place Nov. JWW Perferred**
9/15/02 – B.O.T.C. Agility Trial – **1st leg 2nd place Nov. Std. Perferred; 2nd leg 3rd place Nov. JWW Perferred**
10/5/02 – Key City K.C. Agility Trial – **3rd leg 2nd place Nov. JWW Perferred; 2nd leg 1st place Nov. Std. Perferred**
****AKC Novice Jumpers Perferred Title Earned****
10/6/02 – Key City K.C. Agility Trial – **3rd leg 1st place Nov Std. Perferred**
****AKC Novice Standard Perferred Title Earned****

Topgun Fox Hollow Spinnin' On "Deja", owned by Ann Sunderman:
8/25/02 – Rice Creek Hunt Club – **1st leg Junior Hunter**
9/7/02 – Minnesota Hunting Spaniel – **2nd leg Jr. Hunter**

9/8/02 – Minnesota Hunting Spaniel – **3rd leg Jr.**

Hunter

9/28/02 – Welsh Springer Spaniel Club – **4th leg Jr.**

Hunter

****AKC Junior Hunter Title Earned****

9/29/02 – Welsh Springer Spaniel Club – **5th leg Jr.**

Hunter

Ch. Will-Orion's Obsession OA NAJ CGC TDI

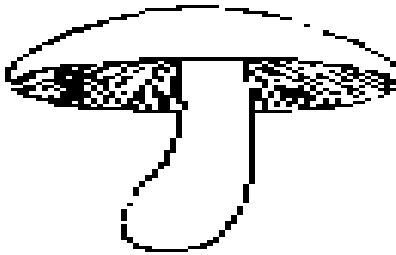
NGCV "Tyler", owned by Jill Shirley & J. Johnson:

7/20/02 – MAC Agility Trial – **1st place Open Std.**

7/28/02 – Sioux Empire K.C. Agility Trial – **1st place Open Std.**

9/15/02 – B.O.T.C. Agility Trial – **2nd place Open Std.**

With our continued wet weather, poison mushrooms seem to be popping up in lawns all over the area. Your VOX editors would like to remind you that some poison mushrooms contain sugar compounds that can make them appealing to dogs. It might be a good idea to check your back yard for mushrooms before you turn your "Springer cows" out to graze unattended.



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