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Rescue with English Springer Rescue America, Inc.

as told by Kathy Raidt, ESRA Coordinator

My story of rescue starts in 2001 when one of my customers told me about her lab/retriever mix. Her dog was adopted from a rescue organization and I, at the time, had not heard of rescue organizations except for the ubiquitous Humane Societies. She showed me how to search for a rescue group online and that is when I discovered English Springer Rescue America, Inc. I submitted my application for a b/w female. Little did I know that they are the hardest to find, especially in MN. Well, four months later, the shelter coordinator for ESRA, Jen Yeager, alerted me to a b/w female being available to adopt the next morning at 11:00 AM at Petco in Maple Grove. My husband, Bernie, and I were there at 10:55 AM and immediately saw our dog to be, Lucy. Her foster family had only had her for a week. Lucy and her sister, Jasmine, were given up because of a divorce. The wife could not take care of the children and two dogs. Bernie and I talked with the foster family for a very long time, mainly because we just couldn't stop petting Lucy and also, because the twins in the foster family cried as they realized they were not going to be able to keep their Lucy. We ended the morning with Lucy in tow and our new life together just beginning. We promised the twins that they could visit Lucy any time. As it turns out, the foster mom has been our groomer now for 5 years. She grooms all of our springers, Lucy, Benjamin, Fruffy, our foster springer, and Chester, before he passed away.

Near that same time, Jen Yeager, from ESRA, asked if I would be interested in coordinating MN for ESRA because there weren't any members in MN. I, of course, said "Yes!" What a great opportunity to do something for the springers in MN who can't speak for themselves, for those who are dependent on humans for care, food, shelter, and human companionship. I was eager to learn the "ins and outs" of the rescue organization so I read the Members' Manual and called other members when the first springer to be rescued was brought to my attention.



Abby came to ESRA from Iowa. The small shelter could not find an adoptive family for her. She was 6 years old and had lived her whole life chained outside. She would spin and spin and spin on one paw in order to find a spot to defecate. That is how inhumane her living conditions were. She went through three foster homes and it took several months before the right family found her. Abby's soon to be adoptive mom flew from Alaska to MN to visit Abby. She, of course, fell in love with Abby and she could offer the type of home that a dog dreams about. Abby was adopted that same day and flew with her new forever mom to Alaska.



Her home was on an island not far from Vancouver so Abby was able to run down the beaches and swim in the ocean every day. She also went to work with her new mom and dad. They worked for the forestry department. It doesn't get any better than this! Here is Abby running down the beach at full throttle.

Another success was Buddy. Buddy had Retinal Dysplasia so he was totally blind. He was about 2 years old and was in a shelter in Menomonee, WI. We rescue a lot of springers from WI. The shelter could not find a home fast enough for Buddy because no one wanted a blind dog. I met the lady in Hudson after work and took him to a foster home. Unfortunately, he had made a mess because he had Coccidia, a very contagious parasite so I picked him up and brought him home. Poor Buddy had to be quarantined for several days until the antibiotics worked. He then was fostered by a new foster home back in WI where he stayed for 5 months. It is hard to find the right family for a blind dog but Buddy was lucky. A lady in WI was interested in adopting Buddy. She had a

yellow lab and a seven acre hobby farm. Buddy was adopted into the best home possible. The owner thought that her lab would be able to lead Buddy around the seven acres but the reverse happened. Buddy has become the leader and they play, eat, and sleep together as two best companions.



I could continue with stories about our rescued springers but I'll save them for another edition of the VOX. Thanks.

Upcoming Seminars

November 10-11, 2007 – A Dog Breeder's Seminar (the brochure can be found on our website (www.tcveffa.org) under "Calendar of Events"). We're very pleased to sponsor Dr. Root and Myra Savant-Harris in a seminar entitled "*A Dog Breeder's Seminar: Solutions for Breeding and Whelping Challenges*". We think there will be some great information here whether you're breeding your 1st litter or your 25th. There is a special discounted price for current TCVESSA Members of \$100. Hurry – Reserve your space now!!

February 2-3, 2008. Dr Patricia McConnell and Steve White will do a seminar entitled "*New Perspectives on Canine Behavior, Emotion, and Training*". This brochure can also be found on our website. The current member price is \$145.00. You won't want to miss this one!

2007 Specialty Wrap Up

Many thanks to the club members who participated in our Specialty Shows, either as exhibitors and/or helpers. As usual, the traditional rains did not dampen our spirits! Special thanks to our conformation ring stewards, Carl and Katherine Walin, for an impressive job.

The after BOB hospitality event was a happy success with everyone enjoying the selection of Minnesota wines. Thank you to Ann Sunderman, Julie Damgaard and Liz Pike. We had great raffle items. Thank you to all who participated in the raffle and to Kris Radermacher for managing the items. Once again the trophy items were top notch thanks to the efforts of Cyndi Myhre and the trophy committee. I greatly appreciated the assistance of Kathy Raidt who stayed at the show site and did whatever was needed at the time. The enthusiasm and the spirit of good sportsmanship that was demonstrated by all made me proud to be a part of this organization!

Maryevelyn Monty, Show Chair



Specialty Obedience

Another two day specialty has come and gone. I was pleased that as a club we were able to overcome the Thursday scheduling problem. You just never know when you will need to be flexible.

There were a lot of nice working young dogs to watch. It was very encouraging to see the quality of the performances in the novice and pre-novice rings. All of the training that our handlers put into their dogs really showed. It will be fun to follow the progress of these dogs into open and utility. ☺

I would like to thank all of the club members who were able to help out as stewards. Julie Wilson and Sheila Koon spent two days working the obedience rings and helping break in a new steward, Aaron Dockendorf. Aaron is Jean Dockendorf's 10 year old son and he did a great job as a post. Brian Schaffer, Ann Sunderman, Alice Musburger, Jean Dockendorf and Carmen Laing were much appreciated for stewarding the rally obedience and non-regular classes. The trophy committee did a great job of providing the wonderful trophies and special awards. Without all of the efforts of our members it would be impossible to do these specialties.

Jon Pidde

Obedience Chair





Specialty Raffle, Blood draw and Health Clinic

We had a very large raffle at our specialty show, and I want to thank those that donated items for it- Cyndi Myhre., Alice Musburger, Jill Shirley, Shirley Harford., and B.A. Breese. If I missed anyone, thank you also. We raised \$920 for the club. Thanks to Kathy Raidt and Shirley Harford for helping me sell and pull tickets. We also had a separate raffle to benefit springer rescue. We raised \$130 for them.

We had a blood draw on Friday that ran into Saturday. We drew 35 dogs that will be submitted for DNA banking and PRA testing.

On Saturday we had an All-Breed Cardiac, CERF and Microchip Clinic. We had 100 dogs cardiac tested, 91 dogs CERF-ed and 30 dogs microchipped. The club realized a profit of \$1497.43!!

I want to thank, once again, those who helped out at the TCVESSA Health Clinics that weekend - in no particular order:

Sarah Kraft - Who found for me what was lost- twice.

Ann Hammack - Who stuck those who didn't want to bleed, (and many more).

Kerrie Frederick - For volunteering Ann :)

Courtney Blommer-Hansen - (and your friend, who's name I didn't get) for drawing blood and microchipping.

Liz Pike - For keeping the money straight (literally).

Carmen Laing - For helping with registrations.

Brian Schaffer - For doing every little thing that was asked.

Barb Ciresi - For helping out with registrations.

Liz Hansen - For bringing us more tubes when we ran out, (I actually got to get my dogs drawn).

Francie Nelson - For fielding my panicked phone calls looking for supplies that didn't show up.

And last but not least, Kathy Raidt, whose primary love is rescue, for doing all that you did. I couldn't have done either clinic without you. Your help was immeasurable and very much appreciated. If I forgot anyone, my apologies and thanks to you.

Kris Radermacher





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Club Member Brags and Results

BISS A/C Ch. Sprucehaven Under Time RA NA NAJ NAP NJP "Charlie"

Owned by B.A. Breese and Mary Frisch
7/18/07 – Jefferson City K.C. – Group 3
7/14/07 – Duluth K.C. – Group 4
7/21/07 – Nebraska K.C. – Group 4
7/22/07 – Nebraska K.C. – Group 2
8/23/07 – TCVESSA Specialty –
1st Award of Merit
8/24/07 – TCVESSA Specialty –
2nd Award of Merit
9/2/07 – Cedar Rapids K.C. – Group 1

Hirdler Hill's Clover Royale RN "Clover"

Owned by Julie & Steve Wilson
08/23/07- TCVESSA Specialty
1st place Rally Nov. B
08/24/07- TCVESSA Specialty
1st place Rally Adv.
RA leg #1

Cedarwood's Paragon "Peter"

Owned by Pat & Wayne Welch & Jack Filipek
08/23/07 TCVESSA Specialty
WD/BOW 4 pt. major

Cedarwood's Night Watch "Cole"

Owned by Pat & Wayne Welch & Jack Filipek
09/08/07 Des Moines KC
WD/BOW 4 pt. major
09/09/07 Des Moines KC
WD 3 pt. major

CH MACH Ramblewood Crystal Clear UD MH NF WDX "Brooke"

Owned by Tracy and Patty Salzwedel
08/19/07 Northeastern ESS Club of WI
Master Hunter title completed!
09/01/07 Rochester KC 3rd leg Novice FAST
NF agility title competed

Fox Hollow Brand New Day WD NA NAJ "Kiera"

Owned by Ann Sunderman
09/09/07-MN Hunting Spaniel Assn.
2nd leg Junior Hunter

Topgun's Singin' In The Rain JH NF WDX "Kelly"

Owned by Tracy and Patty Salzwedel
09/02/07 Rochester KC -3rd leg Nov. FAST
*** NF agility title completed***
08/19/07 Northeastern ESS Club of WI
1st leg Senior Hunter title
09/09/07 MN Hunting Spaniel Assn.
2nd leg Senior Hunter title
08/04/07 Coulee KC WB/ BOS
08/25/07 St. Croix Valley, WB, 3 pt. major
08/26/07 2007 St. Croix Valley, WB
09/07/07 ESS Club of Greater Des Moines
WB, 3 pt. major
09/07/07 ESS Club of Greater Des Moines
1st place Pre-Novice obedience with score of
199.0

Hirdler Hill's Seaborn Magic "Morgan"

Owned by Maryevelyn Monty
08/05/07 Coulee KC, WB/BOS
08/19/07 Marshfield Area KC
WB/BOW/BOS
08/26/07 St. Croix Valley KC
RN title completed

Woodridge's Nevagard Lead Off Man "Wrigley"

Owned by Tim & Julie Damgaard
08/18/07 NE WI Spaniel Club-1st leg JH
08/19/07 NE WI Spaniel Club-2nd leg JH
09/8/07 MN Hunting Spaniel Assn.-3rd leg JH
09/9/07 MN Hunting Spaniel Assn.-4th leg JH
Junior Hunter title completed

Pine Bend Show Off CD NA NAP OJP RE "Belle"

Owned Handled and Loved by Kay Esler
08/24/07 TCVESSA Specialty
Open A Obedience:
1st Place and 1st Leg CDX





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August Board Minutes Summary

Membership committee- 2nd reading for Gretta and Melissa Thorson

Calendar – Due to extenuating circumstances, Joan Beck announced to Julie that the calendar will not be available for sale at the Specialty show.

Details of the August specialty shows were discussed.

The following future board meeting dates have been selected.

September 12th, 2007 6:30pm

October 17, 2007 6:30pm

November meeting to be held at the seminar

The location for the above meetings except for the November meeting, will be the community room at Bverly's in Maple Grove.