



**From TCVESSA's President** by Julie Roberts

Change is sometimes welcomed, and sometimes it is not; most of the time is hard fought. So when we heard that we had a conformation judge change at the National, not all of us welcomed it with open arms. TCVESSA was in a similar position a couple of years ago, so I understand the panic and scrambling that goes on behind the scenes. However, when a judge change happens at a National, it impacts many exhibitors. I wish that guidelines would be in place to follow, should the situation ever happen again.

That being said, the National is always a good time to greet old friends, meet new ones, and showcase the many different venues of our breed. Purina Farms has made improvements since the last time the National was there. The weather held with no rain, and it was not too beastly hot considering it was the first part of September. For the future, what will really be nice is the indoor complex that is being built for dog shows. Congratulations to everyone who took home some sort of ribbon. Placing or winning at the National is always special.

Looking a head, plan on attending the fall fun match and general membership meeting. It's pot luck, so bring a dish to share, and join in the fun. More details should be included in this newsletter.

Finally, thanks again to everyone for all the hard work they put in to make TCVESSA a success. I think we have one of the best breed clubs in the country, though I might be a little biased!

Until next time, throw your dog a bone, or a dumbbell.

Julie

**Board Meeting Minutes—August 25, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.

**Officers present:**

Julie Roberts, President, Francie Nelson, Vice President, Kathy Raidt, Secretary

**Directors present:**

Carmen Laing, Kris Radermacher, Cyndi Myhre, Jean Dockendorf

**Directors absent:** Kandice Bierle, BA Breese, Treasurer

**Secretary’s Report:** Kathy read the notes from the July meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made. It was seconded and approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The balance in the check book is \$21,126.29.

**Membership:** No new membership applications.

**Specialty for 2010:**

The caterer has been contacted.

A list of potential judges was created.

The site, Elk River K9 Training Center, has been reserved.

**Other business:**

Our website will now be facilitated by Julie Silverman. Francie requested that the November match information be updated on the website.

Jean Dockendorf will chair the Nominating Committee

**Calendar:** Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, a Fun Match and a General Membership will be held at C & E. Cyndi Myhre will source the judges for the Fun Match.

**Banquet:** Carmen will reserve the room at the Sunshine Factory for March 13, 2010. BA will send a deposit.

**The next meeting will be Thursday September 24th at Byerly’s in Maple Grove.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Raidt

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**Board Meeting Minutes—September 24, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM by Julie Roberts, President.

**Officers present:**

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**Directors present:**

Carmen Laing, Cyndi Myhre, Jean Dockendorf

**Directors absent:** Kandice Bierle, Kris Radermacher

**Secretary’s Report:** Kathy read the notes from the August meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made. It was seconded and approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** BA Breese stated that the balance in the check book was \$20,921.06. BA will send a deposit to Sunshine Factory for the Banquet next year.

**Membership:** No new membership applications. Julie will send the updated membership list to Kathy which she will send to the board members. Kandice will be asked to publish the membership list in the next VOX.

**Specialty for 2010:**

Cyndi inventoried the Awards and Trophies. Francie will store the plaques and Jean will store the other awards and trophies  
Liz Pike, Specialty Chairperson, has a list of the proposed judges

**Other business:**

BA reported on the potential Agility match and Trial. Maureen at Elk River K9 Training Center could not financially install the needed cement work so the match and trial are postponed until 2010.

Jean Dockendorf will chair the Nominating Committee along with John Pidde and Pat Welch. Kandice Bierle is not able to stay on the board. Jean will e-mail Julie with the list of nominees which will be published in the VOX.

**Calendar:** Sunday, November 8th, a Fun Match and a General Membership will be held at C & E. The change of the date needs to be communicated to the entire membership. BA will send Cyndi a flyer that can be used.

**Calendar Project:** A deadline of October 15<sup>th</sup> was set as a deadline to send the calendar to the printer. A motion was made to develop a marketing plan. It was seconded and approved.

## Board Meeting Minutes—September 24, 2009, continued

**Miscellaneous:** Cyndi has compiled all of the conformation dates and she will send the list to Kathy which can be uploaded to the TCVESSA Announce website.

**Job Description:** Francie will take on this responsibility to create templates.

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 20th at Byerly's in Maple Grove.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Raidt  
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COME ONE, COME ALL TO:

# ICESSA'S FUN MATCH

AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WHEN: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009

WHERE: C & E TRAINING CENTER

3965 Quebec Ave. N.

New Hope, MN 55427

Time: Registration begins at 12:00pm,

Judging starts at 12:30pm

Conformation classes offered:

3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-18, Open (any dog—yes, even major-pointed)

Junior Showmanship classes offered:

Peewees: under age 9 (great way to get the kids started!)

Novice, Intermediate, Senior

Obedience classes offered:

Pre Novice, Novice, Grad Novice, Open, Utility

CRAZY CLASSES OFFERED:

Hot dog relay, Most tricks, AKC Champions class (any age)

**\*\*IT'S POTLUCK SO BRING A DISH TO SHARE\*\***

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## Learning from Photos—Food for Thought by Sarah Kraft

With National's come and gone, many of us are receiving fun ring shots – or if we were extra lucky – fun win photo's from the “big show”. These are great opportunities to study our grooming techniques to see what's working and where we'd like to see improvement. For these purposes, it is just as important to look at moving pictures as it is stacked ones, and in some cases , even more so! It is a lot easier to create a beautiful outline standing still than it is to maintain it on the move. Of course, your individual dogs structure has a big impact here as well – but we aim to highlight the positive with grooming and not accentuate weaknesses.

Start by evaluating your dogs overall outline in a stacked photo; are there lumps and bumps on the topline that you wish weren't there? What about the underline? Is it tidy, and accentuating your dogs outline? Or does he look like a caterpillar in the grass with no legs? Do all the lines blend together seamlessly? Or do they create a “harsh” or “barbered” appearance? Being a very honest critic of your grooming will help you identify points for improvement, or areas you may want to ask for guidance on.

A few questions to ask yourself:

- What is the overall appearance of my dog?
- Are there areas that could be better accentuated? (Look specifically at the neck and shoulder blend, topline, tail set ...)
- Are there areas that needed more hair left on to create a smoother blend? (Same areas as above.)
- How do my dogs hocks look in profile? Do they accentuate the positives in the rear angulation?
- Does the underline look seamless with smooth blending?

When evaluating moving pictures, you do have to take into consideration the quality of the photo. If the photo freezes your dog in an awkward position just as you were pulling back on the lead – that maybe isn't the best photo to evaluate. But a series of gaiting photos that are reasonably good shots are a great tool to see what the judge is seeing when you move your dog. When looking at photos on the down and back, check the hocks – are they flopping? Or creating the illusion that your dog is close in the rear (or closer than he may be)? From both rear and front angles, look at the front leg feathering – does it need to be stripped to remove bulk so that it doesn't appear as if your dog is moving wide? Or to showcase the beautiful straight reach of the front legs? Is the volume of chest coat interfering with seeing the

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movement of the front legs?

Evaluating from the side, it is important to look at the topline and tail set. If you have been aggressive with over-trimming the top coat – this is where you will see it! A Springer is supposed to round gently in the croup as it drives off its rear, but this can be over accentuated if your dog has a low tail set, and too much hair removed. The same is true for the middle of the back – most dogs have a bit of flexibility there, and leaving too much hair can result in a flopping or bouncing mound of hair; while removing too much coat can give the appearance of a dippy topline (or accentuate that weakness.)

So, put on your critic’s glasses when admiring all of the beautiful photos – and it may just help you become a better groomer!

—Sarah

*Editor’s Note: Sarah Kraft is a third generation breeder/owner/handler under the kennel name “Tagalong Springers.” She has competed successfully in conformation for 17 years with Best in Specialty Show, All-Breed Best in Show, and National Specialty point and AOM winning dogs.*





## New and Upcoming Litter Announcements

### From TCVESSA's Sarah Kraft

Frankie (CH Sprucehaven Tagalong Frankly Magic) had a litter of puppies on October 3, 2009, sired by Becky Hoskins' "Bryan" (CH Springbrook's Spellbound). She whelped 9 puppies total (!): 5 girls and 4 boys. There is one liver boy and one liver girl, and the rest are black and white. Frankie has been a super mom, and she is thoroughly enjoying motherhood (at least until they have teeth!). Both Frankie and Bryan are first-time parents, and we expect fun, sweet, typey puppies from this breeding and look forward to watching them grow up! Frankie and Bryan are both OFA hip and elbow normal, CERF, Heart Certified, and Bryan is PRA DNA clear for cord 1, and Frankie is a carrier.



### Exciting news, too, from TCVESSA member Courtney Hanson

Courtney's "Charm" (Am/Int Ch Wil-Orion's Spellbound RN TD CGC TDI) is due to have her first litter of puppies on November 10. The sire is BIS CH Wil-Orion's Twenty Twenty ("Titus"), owned by Laurie Green, Erlin Jeseman and Janice/Erica Johnson.

Watch for a birth announcement and upcoming photos from Courtney of Charm's litter!

### Member Wins and Brags

**Dazyluv Miss Sweet Pea, RA CD  
“Sweetie”**

Owned by Kristin Radermacher  
TCVESSA Specialty  
Rally Advanced A  
(Saturday) Score 81, 1<sup>st</sup> place  
**\*\*\*Rally Advanced Title Earned!\*\*\***  
(at age 13!)  
(Sunday) Score 77, 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Swedaro’s Good Hearted Woman RA  
“Waylon”**

Owned by Kristin Radermacher  
TCVESSA Specialty  
(Saturday) Score 70, 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
**\*\*\*Rally Advanced Title Earned!\*\*\***  
(Sunday) Score 70, 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Swedaro’s On the Road Again, RN  
“Willie”**

Owned by Kristin Radermacher  
TCVESSA Specialty  
(Saturday) Score 77, 1<sup>st</sup> place

**BISS Int’l BIS A/Intl CH Aspen's  
Ashwyn Explorer CGC “Apollo”**

Owned by Maryevelyn Monty & Carol J.  
Hathaway  
8/23/09 St Croix Valley BOB  
9/04/09 Des Moines Specialty BOS  
9/09/09 Freeborn County KC  
BOB, Grp 3  
10/03/09 Wright County BOB, Grp 3  
10/10/09 Mason City BOB  
10/11/09 Mason City BOB, Grp 4

**Fox Hollow Springridge Redroc CDX  
RE “Lane”**

Owned/loved/handled by Brian Schaffer  
10/24/09—Sioux Empire KC Rally Trial  
Score 89, 4th place  
**\*\*\*Rally Excellent Title Earned!\*\*\***

**Hirdler Hill’s Sea Born Magic  
“Morgan”**

Owned by Maryevelyn Monty  
08/29/09—Tri-City KC  
WB, BOS  
10/04/09—Wright County KC  
WB/BOW, BOS  
10/10/09—Mason City KC  
WB, BOS  
**\*\*\*Championship Earned!\*\*\***

**DarTek’s ILean Kode to the Treasure  
“Kodi”**

Owners Barb DiGiovanni & Tekla Viker  
09/04/09—Des Moines ESSC Specialty  
RWD & Best Puppy  
09/10/09—ESSFTA National  
9-12 Month Puppy Dog class  
2nd place Sweeps, 2nd place Regular  
Class

**CH Eldamar’s Dartek Vision RN  
“Emma”**

Owners Tekla Viker & Julie Roberts  
10/17—TCOTC Obedience Trial  
2nd leg, Novice B  
10/18—TCOTC Obedience Trial  
3rd leg, Novice B  
**\*\*\*CD Title Earned!\*\*\***

**Cedarwood's Paragon “Peter”**

Owned by Pat & Wayne Welch  
Handled by Sarah Salzwedel  
09/10/09—ESSFTA National  
First Open Dog; Reserve Winners Dog

**Cedarwood's Chocolate Diamond  
“Smudgy”**

Owned by Pat & Wayne Welch  
Handled by Sarah Salzwedel  
09/09—ESSFTA National  
Third Place Open Bitch



Congratulations Everyone!



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**Member Wins and Brags, continued**

**General Augustus Rye-Lee “Gus”**

Handled by Emily Gregg  
 09/06/09—Agility Trial  
 USDAA Senior Title/Junior Division  
**\*\*\*Senior Title Earned!\*\*\***

**NOTE:** Emily and Gus are the first ESS pair in the U.S. to earn this title!

**Fox Hollow All I Wanna Do OA OAJ NF “Kenna”**

Breeder/owner/handler Ann Sunderman  
 09/26/09—Arrowhead Dog Agility Assn., Duluth, MN  
 1st leg, AXJ, 1st place

10/02 & 10/03/09—Key City Agility Trials  
 Two Open FAST legs earned, both 1st place

**Ch Fox Hollow Brand New Day RN JH AX OAJ NF WD “Kiera”**

Breeder/owner/handler Ann Sunderman  
 09/25/09- Arrowhead Dog Agility Assn., Duluth, MN  
 3rd leg AX- 1st place- TITLE!!!  
**\*\*\*AX Title Earned!\*\*\***

**Glenhurst's Sherwood Forest**

CD,SH,RA,NA,NAJ,NAP,NJP,WD,CGC, TDIEVA “Aspen”  
 Owner/Handler/Trainer Shirley A. Harford  
 05/17/09—TCVESSA Specialty  
 1st leg Rally Excellent, 2nd place

09/10/09—ESSFTA National Specialty  
 2nd leg Rally Excellent, 4th place

10/17/09—TCOTC Rally Trial  
 3rd leg Rally Excellent

**\*\*\*Rally Excellent Title Earned!\*\*\***

**A/C Ch Delstyl Aspen’s Full Reflection**  
 July ‘09—BIS Canadian Championship, Argus Kennel Club:  
 One Group 4  
 One Group 2  
 Three Group 1s  
 Best in Show

**Aspen-Lace My Husband’s Girlfriend**

06/18 & 21 ‘09—Cambridge KC  
 WB/BOW/BOS  
 07/11/09—Duluth KC  
 WB/BOW  
 07/25/09—Waukesha Kennel Club  
 WB/BOW/BOS (major)

**PineBendNBriarton Chasin Dreams CD,RA “Gibbon”**

Owned & Handled by Kay Esler  
 10/17/09—TCOTC Rally Trial  
 Excellent B Qualifying Score of 98  
 4th Place and 1st RE leg!

**CH Eldamar’s Wil-Orion Checkmate “Chester”**

Owned/handled by Julie Roberts  
 2009 ESSFTA Specialty  
 1st in regular classes; Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

**Note:**

Be sure to email your Springer news and accomplishments to Kandy Bierle at kbierle@bethel.edu for recognition in the newsletter.

The next deadline?

December 16, 2009



## Rainbow Bridge

by Kristin Radermacher

Sweetie - My heart dog from the very beginning. We bonded from the very moment she was born. Sweetie was the first dog that was truly MY dog. After a very rough start she became my best friend and my teacher. She's given me so many gifts over the years...

She was the first dog I've ever tried to train; and while she had earned her CD (Becoming TCVESSA's High Scoring Novice Dog in 2002) and her RN and her RA (she earned her RA just a few months ago at the age of 13) she really could have done so much more. We even started tracking at the age of 12, but never quite got there. Had her trainer been half as good as she was.....

But, she loved to "work" right up until the end. She'd taken to gathering up the dog dishes and dropping them on my feet if I work the younger two and not her! She has let me "dress her up" in utterly embarrassing costumes to raise money for ESRA the last three years at the Twin Cities Pet Expo. She earned over \$600, "begging" with a basket in her mouth over those years.

Sweetie spent several years doing therapy work at a local hospital and visiting home hospice patients. She had an amazing ability to know what people needed and she gladly gave it to them. One of my favorite stories is when visiting at a local hospital a teacher asked us to step into a room where they were working with a young boy that had been in a car accident. They put his hand on the backs of a few Golden Retrievers that were with us and the teacher dragged his hand down their backs. Then I lifted Sweetie up so he could reach her. They placed his hand on her back and before they could move his hand he grasped her fur, he let go and grasped her again. His mother cried out loud. I looked up and asked what that was about. The teacher said that it was the first voluntary response he'd made since the accident. The child was the focus of a local news story a few months later and was walking in the story.

Sweetie never met a person, or a dog, that she didn't love. She truly lived up to her name. She got me through some very rough times over the years and brought me much laughter with her antics - what more can you ask for in a dog? She gave me her heart and her soul and asked for very little in return (mostly just good snacks and a scratch on the butt).

She spent years posing for me. My beautiful "spotted dog". She had the most lovely eyes, a wonderful spaniel expression. Whatever I wanted her to wear, however I wanted her to sit or stand or lay - she did it most willingly. She is the subject in my "Bitch on a Birch" photo (Thanks Jack B.!) for which I've won many awards.

She's passed these wonderful traits onto her two daughters. Another gift, for which I'm grateful.

Amazingly, she gave me one more gift - While in Chicago for a seminar I received a phone call at 10p last Sunday night. Sweetie was acting "funny" wouldn't get up and



"Sweetie"

November 29, 1995

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September 26, 2009

**(Rainbow Bridge, continued)**

was lethargic. She was taken the emergency vet while I packed up and headed home. An hour into the drive I got the news – Most



likely cancer, liver and lungs. And, she probably wouldn't make it through the night. There was a slight possibility that the lung disease was fungal. For that reason we chose to take her to the U of MN for further work up – I have other dogs, and felt I needed to know if she picked up a fungus somewhere. Also, selfishly, I really wanted to see her alive once more. I drove through the night and made it to the U at 5a. She was in the ICU in an O2 “crate” and didn't seem to know me. They did an ultrasound later that morning and biopsied the tumors. It was cancer, liver, lungs, gall bladder – most likely elsewhere, too. After we received the news they wheeled her in on little red wagon. She seemed much more like herself. Started walking a bit, got “pushy” about being petted, drank some water. They urged us to euthanize her that day. They felt that she wouldn't survive the car ride home. Looking into her eyes, however, I couldn't do it. I've put other dogs down, and while I've never

been happy about it I've always felt comfortable that it was the right time. This just didn't feel right. I took her home with me.

When we got home she trotted into the garage and waited at the top of the steps to be let in the house, scratching the door in her impatience to get inside.

We had 4 extra days together. We ate some good snacks and did a lot of snuggling. She didn't eat anything on Friday and became very unsteady on her feet. So, this morning I sent her to the bridge.

My heart, my companion, my browned eyed girl; I'll miss you so.



**My Best Friend**

Sitting on a dock -

toes dipping in the dead calm lake;  
the starshine dim through a cloudy veil  
the night breeze soft upon my face;  
listening to the loon's haunting wail.

As I watch a single star fall-  
I feel so lonely, so small.

Then-

Soft footsteps behind me  
nails clicking on the dock  
a cold wet nudge  
a soft gentle lick

My best friend reminds me-  
I'm not alone.



## Upcoming Events

**TCVESSA'S Fun Match & General Membership Meeting:** Sunday, November 8, 2009. Registration begins at 12 noon and judging starts at 12:30. This is a pot luck event, so please bring a favorite dish to share. See page 5 of this newsletter for details.

**Next Board Meeting:** November, 2009. Watch for an email reminder.

**TCVESSA Awards Banquet:** March 13, 2010, at the Sunshine Factory.

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Happy  
Thanksgiving  
to you and your  
Springers!

