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**Note:**

The next TCVESSA  
board meeting  
will be...  
at Byerly's/  
Maple Grove  
on August 19  
from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

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

With summer now in full swing and a down-time for club activities, I thought I would spend this issue's message reviewing the mission statement for TCVESSA. A club such as ours is built on the generosity and volunteer service of our many members, without whom we would be at a loss. Collectively, we build and support our club through the following:

**TC VESSA MISSION STATEMENT**

**Building Springer Enthusiasm in the Land of 10,000 Lakes**

The mission of the Twin Cities Voyageur English Springer Spaniel Association is to promote the breed, to honor its beauty and versatility, and to ensure its healthy future in the state of Minnesota and as part of the larger English Springer community.

The mission is accomplished by:

- Promoting every facet of English Springer conformation and performance by offering and supporting American Kennel Club and/or ESSFTA events;

- Offering educational opportunities for members, English Springer enthusiasts and breeders, and the larger dog fancy;

- Participating in outreach activities that represent our breed to the interested public;

- Supporting appropriate, mission-consistent causes that advance English Springer health and education;

- Promoting sound breeding practices and responsible English Springer ownership;

- Demonstrating ethical and sportsmanlike conduct at all events and activities;

- Providing enthusiastic support and encouragement for newcomers and long-time members alike.

Once again, I would like to thank all those who give thankless hours to making our club such a success.

Till next time, throw your dog a bone, and keep cool.

Julie

## Board Meeting Minutes—May 6, 2010

### Officers present:

Julie Roberts, President, BA Breese, Treasurer, Kathy Raidt, Secretary

### Officers absent:

Francie Nelson, Vice President

### Directors present:

Maryevelyn Monty, Liz Pike, Carmen Laing, Kris Radermacher

### Directors absent:

Jean Dockendorf

The meeting was called to order by Julie Roberts, President, at 6:42 PM.

**Secretary's Report:** The notes from the April 10, 2010, Board meeting were read. A motion to accept them was made, seconded, and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** B.A. reported \$ 17,579.34.

**New Business:** Our club received an invitation to the Annual Grass Classic from the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club. Julie proposed that the secretary e-mail this invitation to our members.

**Specialty report:** from Liz Pike, Specialty Chairperson

Julie Roberts proposed that the club pay for a dogsitter for Julie Kay for the 2 days that she is judging at our Specialty. A motion to accept this proposal was made, seconded, and approved by the board.

Kris Radermacher reported that the trophies are ordered. Sweeps' trophies are cash. Saturday the gift certificates will be for Mary's Dog Robes and J and J Dog's Life Gift certificates. Sunday the trophies are stained glass items. The ribbons will arrive tomorrow. Kris will send an e-mail next week if she needs help. She may go over her limit because she had to request faster shipping. She needs two baskets and Liz offered to bring them.

**Catering:** Breakfast will be offered from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM.

Electrical and grooming arrangements were discussed and set.

Maryev has a copy of the insurance.

A calendar and a yearbook will be discussed in June's meeting.

July meeting is set for July 19<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.



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## Board Meeting Minutes—June 3, 2010

### Officers present:

Julie Roberts, President; Francie Nelson, Vice President; B.A. Breese, Treasurer; Kathy Raidt, Secretary

### Directors present:

Maryevelyn Monty, Liz Pike, Carmen Laing

### Directors absent:

Kris Radermacher, Jean Dockendorf

The meeting was called to order by Julie Roberts, President, at 6:45 PM.

**Secretary's report:** The notes from the May 6, 2010, meeting were read. A motion to accept them was made, seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's report:** B.A. reported \$14,954.25.

**Membership report:** Two membership applications were read for the first time.

**Specialty report:** from Liz Pike, Specialty Chairperson

The majority of the people at the specialty approved of the new venue. It was decided to hold next year's Specialty at the same location, On the Run Canine Training Center. There was a discussion to change the dates to May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

**New Business:** It was proposed and accepted to discontinue the calendar.

Carmen will chair the banquet again for next year and new locations will be considered.

A Nominating committee and a fall match will be discussed in more detail in later meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 15 PM.

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## Responsible Dog Ownership Day and AKC Canine Experience

by Kathy Raidt

We have been invited to join this event on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at the Washington County Fairgrounds, Lake Elmo, MN. It is presented by 35 All-Breed, Group, and Specialty Clubs representing 80 breeds. See demonstrations

- Participate in conformation, rally, obedience, agility (4-H), earthdog, carting
- Get tips on grooming
- Meet the breeds
- Sanctioned match for conformation, rally, and obedience
- All AKC breeds, Miscellaneous and Foundation stock Service welcome
- Low-cost Microchip clinic for \$25.00 per dog including registration
- (a \$5.00 donation for each chip will go to the Three Day Breast Cancer Walk)
- CGC and Therapy Dog International testing will be available for minimal cost
- Food available on site, net proceeds to the Animal Inn Junior Scholarship Fund

### Time slots available:

8:00am - 9:00am (set-up)

9:00am - Noon

Noon - 3:00pm

3:00pm - 3:30pm (clean-up)

Well-behaved dogs on-leash with proof of vaccination are welcome on the site.

**Please let Kathy Raidt know if you would like to volunteer at our table:**

**[braidt@minn.net](mailto:braidt@minn.net)**



**Free Parking  
and  
Admission!**



## Oxytocin Misconceptions by Heidi Buytaert, DVM

### 1. A shot of Oxytocin will start labor in a bitch that is past her due date.

**FALSE.** Oxytocin does not work like Pitocin that is given to humans to induce labor. Oxytocin will only work when the receptors in the uterus are available. If Oxytocin is given too soon or too late there are no receptors available and it simply will have no effect. Many breeders feel that the Oxytocin shot got their “bitch going.” This is likely not true and she would have whelped normally without the shot. Furthermore, a bitch that is past her due date likely has more problems than can be handled by an Oxytocin shot.

### 2. Oxytocin will make the contractions stronger.

**FALSE.** Oxytocin doesn't make the contractions stronger but it does make the bitch have more of them. This is why Oxytocin can be dangerous. We need to remember that blood supply is temporarily cut off to the fetus during contractions and oxygen returns to the fetus during relaxation period between the contractions. If the contractions are increased too frequently, then the fetus/feti can develop oxygen deprivation. Recent studies (over 20,000 whelpings) by Veterinary Perinatal Specialties, Inc., the home of Whelp Wise, has proven that this will increase fetal distress and fetal death.

### 3. I need to give one mL (1.0 cc) of Oxytocin to get contractions going.

**FALSE.** We now know, thanks to VPS, that lower doses of Oxytocin are more effective at stimulating normal uterine contraction patterns and maintaining a healthy labor. Several reports of shrink-wrapped puppies when using higher doses of Oxytocin support this finding. Furthermore, Oxytocin also weakens placental attachment to the uterine wall and could cause premature placental detachment if not used judiciously.

### 4. Looks like a puppy is stuck – a good dose of Oxytocin should get it out.

**FALSE.** This is the one case where Oxytocin should not be used at all. If a puppy is stuck and you increase the contractions you run a very real risk of rupturing the uterus. Your veterinarian should always take an x-ray before administering Oxytocin.

I know that many breeders have oxytocin at home to be used when they see fit. I believe that there is a very real risk that if used incorrectly, oxytocin can cause not only fetal morbidity and mortality but possibly even dam mortality. Oxytocin is a powerful drug and very helpful in many cases but I feel that it should always be used under your veterinarian's instruction and care.

*Editor's Note: TCVESSA member Heidi Buytaert is a veterinarian in Owatonna, MN, where she lives with her husband Dale, children Holly and Ben, and her dogs Kirby, Payton, Ivy, and Boris. She has a special interest in canine reproduction and dentistry.*

**Member Wins and Brags**

**Hirdler Hill's This Is It "Jackson"**

Owned by Laurie Hilleren/Carol Hathaway, handled by Carol. Bred by Alice Musberger and Laurie Hilleren.

TCVESSA Saturday 5/15/2010

Sweeps 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 – 9 mos. Puppy dog class

Regular 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 – 9 mos. Puppy dog class

TCVESSA Sunday 5/16/2010

Sweeps 4<sup>th</sup> 6 – 9 mos. Puppy dog class

Regular 4<sup>th</sup> 6 – 9 mos. Puppy dog class

St Croix Valley KC - AKC Sanctioned Match 5/25/2010

1<sup>st</sup> 6 – 9 mos. Puppy dog

1<sup>st</sup> Sporting Group

**CH Felstar White Gold of Saber "Ava"**

Owned by Karen M. Larson & Dr. Bev Sigl Felten

Illinois Valley KC:

5/28/2010, W/OS; 5/29, Reserve;

5/30, W/OS; 5/31, W/OS

Southern Indiana KC:

6/5, Reserve; 6/6 W/OS (2 pts)

San Antonio ESS Club

6/17—RWB

Comal County KC

6/19—BOW/BOS (4-pt. major)

Oklahoma City KC

BOW—3-point major

**\*\*\*AKC Championship Earned!\*\*\***

**Fox Hollow All I Wanna Do AX AXJ OF,**

**"Kenna"** breeder/owner/handler Ann Sunderman

Canine Agility of Central MN—6/19/10

3<sup>rd</sup> leg, Agility Excellent (AX) - 1<sup>st</sup> place

2<sup>nd</sup> leg, MXJ

Canine Agility of Central MN—6/20/10

1<sup>st</sup> leg MX - 4<sup>th</sup> place

**Cymbeline's What a Gem TD "Jasper"**

Owner/handler Krista Trempe

St. Croix Valley Tracking Club—May 31

**\*Variable Surface Tracking Title Earned!\***

**Spellbound's First Edition "Booker"**

Owned/handled by Courtney Hansen

Canada:

6/25/10—WD/BW/BOB/Grp2 and Best Puppy/Grp (5 pts)

6/26/10—WD/BOB/Best Puppy/Grp (3 pts)

6/27/10—Show 1, WD/BOS (2 pts)

**\*\*\*Canadian CH Earned!\*\*\***

6/27/10—Show 2, WD/BW/BOB/Grp 4

Best Puppy (4 pts)

**Internat'l, Canadian, & AKC CH Wil-Orion's Spellbound RN TD CGC TDI "Charm"**

Owned/handled by Courtney Hansen

Canada:

6/26/10—WB/BOS (2 pts)

**\*\*\*Canadian CH Earned!\*\*\***

**CH MACH Topguns VinEwood Makin' A SPlash UD, RN, OMI, MH, XF, WDX "SPlash"**

Owner/handler Kathy Patregnani

5/29/10—

**\*\*\*Master Hunter Title Earned!\*\*\***

**Cache's Hamm It Up "Mia"**

Owner/handler Heidi Buytaert

Fargo-Moorhead KC 6/5/10 WB, Major

Fargo-Moorhead KC 6/6/10 WB/BOW,

Major

Lake Minnetonka KC 6/12/10 WB

Lake Minnetonka KC 6/13/10, WB

**\*\*\*AKC Championship Earned!\*\*\***

**CH Tagalong N Shamrock's Irish Eyes**

**"Sully"** Handler, Melissa Thorson

Eastern ESS Specialty—6/25/10

Best Junior!





### TCVESSA Has Joined Facebook by Kathy Raidt

At the last board meeting, club president Julie Roberts proposed that TCVESSA join Facebook. B.A. Breese has set up the page and you are invited to join. Facebook is a social networking website where people interact as friends, peers, colleagues, etc. It can be a place to announce your Wins and Brags as well as to keep you updated on upcoming meetings, fun matches, the banquet, our Specialty, and the National, etc. Facebook allows you to share photos, videos, and informational flyers, as well as updates on new litters and other family news.

To join Facebook, in general, please register at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

- Add Friends, Continue
- Find Friends or Skip this step
- Profile information or Skip and Add Friends that you Know or Skip
- Set your Profile, add a picture, edit your settings

B.A. Breese will send you an invitation to join the group in an e-mail. Just select the web address included in her e-mail and it will take you to a Facebook page where you can join. Facebook does not replace “TCVESSA Announce,” which is: <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/TCVESSA-Announce/>. This is still a viable source of calendar events and messaging.

If you choose to join “TCVESSA Announce,” you need a Yahoo login ID and password , which can be attained from [www.yahogroups.com](http://www.yahogroups.com)



### TCVESSA Members Offer a Helping Hand

Special thanks go to Barb Ciresi, Barb’s friend Jane, Mary Dahl, and fellow ESS-owner, Rose Arnel, for assisting in the rescue of a Weimaraner that was lost during the Fargo-Moorhead show held in early June. Apparently the dog escaped from an RV that was parked with its windows open at a local Holiday Inn. Early in the evening, Jane noticed a Weimaraner running free and unattended. Barb, Mary, Jane, and Rose joined others who were already involved in the chase: Canadian dog handlers/owners and three teenagers (one of whom ran 7 miles non-stop after the fleeing Weimaraner). Happily, the Weim was apprehended just after dark.

Thanks for helping in the collection of the wayward Weimaraner!

### George Alston Handling Seminar

Registration is now open for those wishing attend a handling seminar lead by long-time professional handler George Alston . The event will be held March 26 and 27, 2011, in Caseyville, Illinois (located minutes from St. Louis, Missouri). (NOTE: The application mentions that those interested must have previously attended Alston’s Handling Seminar for Advanced Handlers, Beginner Handlers and Observers at any level; his Super Advanced Seminar will start where his first seminar left off. Visit the Jefferson County KC of Missouri website (sponsor of the event) for more information [www.JCKC.org](http://www.JCKC.org)

