



# The Electronic Newsletter

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## Excellence Beyond Breeding, Training and Performing

Part II by Alice Musburger

I last wrote part I of this article for the July 2020 Vox. I apologize for the gap in time before continuing on with what I have learned. You may refer to the July Vox on the TCVESSA website if you wish to read the entire content.

To review Part I in summary is as follows:

- The disciplines of canine sports medicine, orthopedics and physiotherapy are rapidly growing from injury or post-surgery rehab to conditioning, warmups, cooldowns and injury prevention in most all competitive dog venues.
- There is much science-based research on the importance of proper warm up and cool down routines for our dogs and the correct methods for the various competition venues.
- There is a huge difference between conditioning exercises, warm up exercises and cool down exercises.
- Conditioning is designed to stress or fatigue a muscle or muscle group in order to make them stronger.
- Warmups are intended to prepare your dog for any activity that involves an increase in resting heart rate and physical exertion of some type that mimics the competition work.
- Cool downs should be done right away after the activity is completed. Never put your dog away without a cool down.
- Most exercises fall into two very different categories. These categories are static and dynamic exercises.

Part II

By Alice Musburger

Static exercises, more commonly called stretches, are passive stretches and are held BY THE HANDLER FOR the dog. They are completed slowly, with no active movement by the dog and are held for a set period of time. Static stretches should never be done on cold muscles. This could cause damage. Research has also shown that there are negative effects up to 24 hours following static stretching prior to any performance event. Also, static stretching in a warmup does not reduce overall injury rates. As a matter of fact, static stretching between repeated sessions of exercise have been shown to result in slower times.

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Examples of static stretches are as follows:



Figure 1: Passive Shoulder Extensions



Figure 2: Passive Hip Extensions

Proper warm-up exercises are intended to prepare the dog's body for the upcoming work. It is intended to gradually help increase the blood flow to the working muscles and to elevate muscle temperature. It is important to warm up for 5-10 minutes ahead of the activity. The first 2-3 minutes should be using the dog's whole body and focus on the large muscle groups. Once the body temperature is elevated then sport specific dynamic stretches can be used.

Large muscle exercises would include things like fast walking, easy trotting, circles and spins of 360 degrees and perhaps walking backwards. It is a good plan to walk with your dog at your side in small circles first and then gradually make the circles larger. Do this on both sides of your body. After the dog is warmed up then dynamic stretches that focus on different smaller muscle groups can begin.

Examples of dynamic stretches are:

**PLAY BOW:** Make sure the dog's elbows touch the ground and the stifles are in straight. Hold the stretch for five seconds and then slowly release. Repeat 3-5 times.

**STRETCHING FOR TREATS:** Keep your dog's nose level and lure the nose to shoulder, next lure the nose to the hip and then the nose to the hock. Hold stretch for 3-5 seconds. Some dogs may be more flexible on one side of their body over the other side.

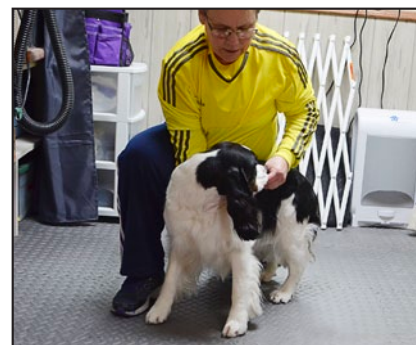


Figure 3: Nose Stretch to shoulder



Figure 4: Nose Stretch to Hip



Figure 5: Nose Stretch to Hock

## Excellence Beyond Breeding, Training and Performing (Continued)

**HIGH FIVE:** With the dog in a tuck-sit, ask for a handshake and gradually increase the height of your hand to a “High-Five” position. Repeat each paw five times.

**HIP FLEXOR STRETCHES:** Use a low stool, then a chair and then perhaps yourself to stretch the dog using treats as a lure.



Figure 6: Hip Flex on stool



Figure 7: Hip Flex on Chair

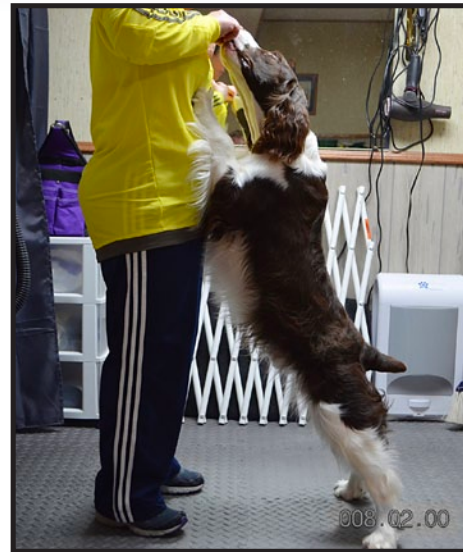


Figure 8: Hip Flex on Handler

**STAND TO DOWN:** Begin with the dog on a square stand. Lure his nose with treats down and in between his legs toward his elbows and chest to a down. This is a fold down to the sphinx position.

**SIT TO STAND:** From a tuck-sit, ask your dog to kick-back their hind feet to a stand. You may assist them with light pressure under their tummy until they learn to “kick” back.

**POP-UPS:** With your dog at heel in a tuck-sit, ask them to lift their front feet up into the air. Gradually teach your dog reach higher and higher and eventually jump straight up to get the treat.

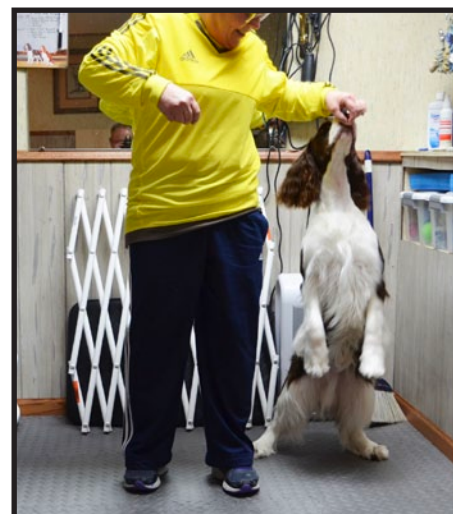


Figure 9: Pop-Up

**PIVOTS ON A PERCH:** With the dog's front feet on a low perch, lure the dog's nose to the side so that the dog crosses his hind legs to circle the perch.



Figure 10: Pivots on Perch

**CROSSING THE FRONT FEET:** With your dog standing at your side, lean into his ribs and lure his nose in the same direction so that he crosses his front legs.



Figure 11: Manual foot cross

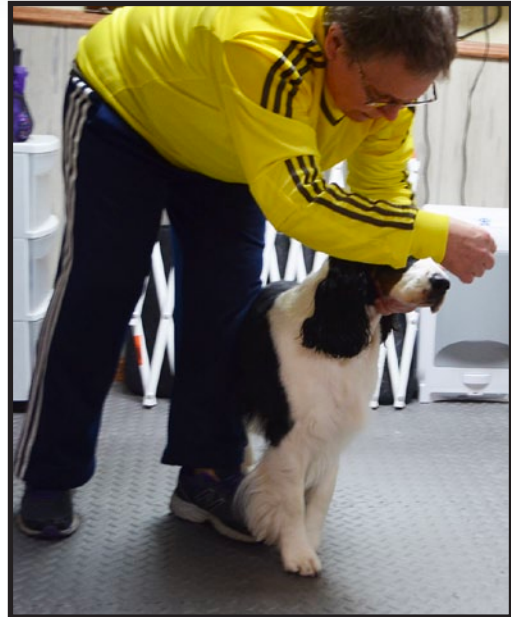


Figure 12: Front Foot Cross

**WEAVE BETWEEN YOUR LEGS:** Have your dog weave figure eights in both directions between your legs.



Figure 13: Figure 8 between legs

The sky is the limit when discovering dynamic exercises. For example, if your dog knows how to do the "high-five", perhaps you could teach him to reach his hind foot back to a target to stretch his hind legs. This is much better than you manually stretching his hind leg.

Remember, the idea is to warm up your dog's muscles and circulatory system prior to exerting. This is not limited to performance events. You should warm up your dog before playing fetch, swimming or any activity you ask your dog to try. Even conformation should be considered an event. Long hours on the table or in a crate will not yield a dog that can move to his best ability in the show ring.

Try to match your warm-ups and routine to the activity your dog is to perform. Agility requires a lot so having your dog "wrap" a cone, one jump wing or a trash can in addition to using a practice jump is important. It is equally important to warm-up before rally and obedience. Not only are the dog's muscle fibers and joints warmed up, mental focus and your connection to your dog are improved. A warm muscle allows the muscle fibers to glide more easily and helps the nerve impulse travel faster. A warm-up helps you detect if something is "off" with your dog and can help you prevent further injury.

Lastly, develop a fun warm-up routine with your dog so that you can both move through it easily. If your dog is required to perform multiple times in a day, you need to plan on warming your dog up EACH and EVERY time he is to perform. If you have a routine, things will go smoothly.



**2020 TCVESSA VOX  
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Issue1:  
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Issue 4:  
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Publication date: Oct 15

## From the Club President

January, 2021

Happy New Year!

I hope this finds you all happy, healthy and safe! With the new year I have made my New Year's resolutions and one of those is try to find more ways to get our club members involved. I know this is going to be pretty tricky with the Covid-19 restrictions, but we are still going to try.

Right now we have scheduled an agility trial at Cloud 9 in Maple Grove Jan 29/31/2021. I hope you can join us. There are still runs available. Entries close on Jan 20th at 6pm. Get those entries in! We can always use extra hands to make the trials run smoothly. The bonus to helping out is you get a front row seat to watch some spectacular dogs and handlers. Please remember that the revenue from our agility trials is how we are able to put on our May Specialty shows.

Our May specialty shows and all breed obedience/rally trials are still moving forward as planned and will be at "On The Run", May 22 and 23, 2021.

We are still planning on holding a Nose Work/Scent Work seminar with Holly Bushard, it will be rescheduled once some of the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

Some other activities we are also looking into are another grooming clinic, dock diving/open swim, Fast Cat, and more hunt/field training opportunities. If you have other ideas please contact a board member!

Please stay safe and healthy,

*Courtney Hansen*

Club President

### TCVESSA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Club Silent Auction Coordinator: The club generally offers a few larger items that have either been donated or purchased. This person would determine the items to be offered, propose a budget to the board, obtain the items, advertise them prior to the Specialty, and run the event (usually just on the Saturday of the Specialty Weekend).
2. Rescue Raffle: The club has frequently supported the running of a Rescue Raffle although Rescue it is a separate entity. This person would solicit items for a prize drawing from club members, gather them prior or at the show, advertise the prize drawing, set up the display, sell tickets, and forward proceeds to the Minnesota Rescue Organization.
3. Ribbon Chair Person: This person would inventory the Ribbons/Rosettes we currently have, work with the Ribbon/Rosette supplier (TBD, we might have the superintendent provide them) to order the necessary Rosettes/Ribbons depending on the class entries, attach date tags on those Rosettes required by AKC, and set up and clear off the Rosette/Ribbon table each day and box up remaining inventory at the end of the show.
4. Lunch Order Management: This person would take the lunch orders that are sent in (we generally have the lunch orders sent with the grooming/electrical orders) from the grooming chair, organize a daily sheet of orders, place the lunch orders, and then monitor pick up. Similar to morning hospitality, we will need to work through how this will be managed with any COVID restrictions.



## TCVESSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES ~ October 4, 2020

Courtney Hansen called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. The outdoor fall general membership meeting was held at the home of Kathy Patregnani. COVID-19 Social distancing practices were in effect.

Board members present: President, Courtney Hansen, Secretary, Alice Musburger and board members at large, Diane Slias, Carmen Laing and Kathy Patregnani. Absent board members were Vice President Liz Pike, Tekla Viker, Julie Roberts and B.A. Breese. VOX editor Joan Beck was present.

A quorum of 11 members were present.

Treasurer's report was \$7928.94. Kathy Patregnani and Courtney Hansen had a few upcoming expenses for the upcoming agility trials to come in the near future.

### Old Business:

Kathy gave a report on the upcoming October agility trial. The trial entry was filled. Help will be needed on Sunday after the trial to clean up to save cleaning expenses. 50 people maximum will be allowed in the building at once. Dogs can be crated, but no people may sit with their crated dogs. Competitors must wait outside until time for their walk throughs and runs.

The nose work seminar is planned for November 21-22 at Canine Cabin. The instructor will be Holly Buchard. It will run from 9:00-4:30 each day. Working spots will cost \$125 per day or \$200 for both days. Audit Spots will cost \$60 per day or \$100 for both days. Club members will be given priority until October 15. The contact person is Courtney Hansen.

The 2021 National Specialty is to be in Michigan in May. However, Michigan law under Covid-19 only allows for 50 people in a building at once. Therefore, it appears that the National will probably not be held. If the National is cancelled, our club may then look into holding our Specialty as usual.

Carmen Laing volunteered to reserve Club 42 in New Hope for the club's annual awards banquet in March 2021.

### New Business:

Kathy made a motion to notify all club members of our upcoming board meetings and to include them in the Zoom invitation. Board business would be conducted after everyone else signs off. Carol Hitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ideas for club activities were mentioned. They were a fun and games day, have another grooming clinic, reserve a pool day at the Paw in Mankato and check interest on a tracking seminar. Joan Beck agreed to check on the use of the Paw this coming winter.

Alice Musburger read the program for the annual awards and the awards and trophies were passed out to those present.

Kathy moved to adjourn, and Diane seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

The agility ring, an obedience ring and a rally ring were available for club members to use after the meeting. Kathy also introduced many puppies and young dogs to pigeons.

The next board meeting was scheduled for November 4, 2020 at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Musburger



## TCVESSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES ~ November 18, 2020

### **Board Members:**

Present: President Courtney Hansen, Vice President Liz Pike, Secretary Alice Musburger, Treasurer B.A. Breese, Kathy Patregnani, Julie Roberts, Tekla Viker, Carmen Laing, and Diane Slias. This was the first board meeting in which club members were invited to attend via Zoom. There were 6-7 members at large in attendance.

Minutes from October 2020 were read and approved.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$9,405.08. Kathy Patregnani requested funds for agility trials.

**Membership Report:** Alice Musburger reported no new membership applications. Twelve lifetime members and fifteen regular members have paid dues for 2021 at this time. There are twenty members left yet to renew.

**Agility Report:** Kathy said the October trial went very well. She noted the only difficulty was with volunteers reporting to work as most attendees stayed in their vehicles as per Covid-19 protocol. She also said that it was great having Mike Teh as superintendent because he takes care of all bills and refunds. He and Michelle Schwartzbauer (On the Run) have a smooth trial in spite of Covid-19 issues. Kathy indicated the December 18-20 trial will probably not be held because of increasing Covid-19 restrictions.

**Scent Work Seminar:** Courtney Hansen reported on the pending Scent Work Seminar to be held at Canine Cabin. Canine Cabin owner, Rachel Lucas, is cancelling all events in her building due to the governor's new Covid-19 protocols. Courtney will notify the registered attendees that the seminar will be postponed.

**VOX Update:** Editor, Joan Beck, requested ideas from the board for content and upcoming volunteer opportunities. Several ideas were given.

**Banquet Update:** Carmen Laing has looked into reserving Pub 42 for a March 2021 banquet. The group must be over 25 persons to reserve. All are wondering if banquet will be possible because of Covid-19 outbreak.

**Specialty Update:** Liz Pike reported that having our May Specialty will be dictated by the timing of the ESSFTA National date. At this time, our specialty is planned to be all breed obedience and rally trials and no conformation.

**Upcoming Shows:** Liz reported that our supported entry with the Lake Minnetonka Kennel Club Shows in June at the Scott County Fairgrounds in Jordan, MN is still planned. Participation in sharing a specialty with the Des Moines English Springer Spaniel Club in September 2021 was discussed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for our club to do this.

**Possible Club Activities:** Lively discussion flowed from the attending club members with many ideas for future club activities. Swimming at various venues, a tracking seminar and Zoom puppy parties/evaluations as well as Zoom puppy temperament testing were mentioned. It was very good having members at large attend the board meeting. Krista Trempe volunteered to help with planning and hosting a tracking seminar. The board decided to invite the general members again at our next board meeting.

The next board meeting was planned for Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Musburger, Secretary



Is your Dog Show Mojo feeling a little RUSTY?



**2021 MAY**

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Dust off those leads, pull out your suits and join us for:

**TWO DAYS OF  
TCVESSA SPECIALTIES &  
ALL-BREED OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIALS**

Saturday, May 22 & Sunday, May 23, 2021  
On the Run Canine Center, Ham Lake, MN

Conformation/Jr: Ms. Patricia Darke,  
Darkehaven Cocker Spaniels

Conformation: Dr. Camille McArdle,  
Citation Bloodhounds

Puppy/Veteran Sweepstakes: Ms.  
Jessica MacMillan, Paisley Dalmations

Puppy/Veteran Sweepstakes: TBD

ObEDIENCE/Rally: Ms. Lora Seale

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# New Member Profile

Megan Nelson

1. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?  
Veterinarian

2. So what did you end up doing when you grew up?  
A veterinary technician

3. How did you get interested in English Springer Spaniels?  
They were family pets growing up and I've just never left.

4. What are your favorite dog sports?  
Obedience, tracking, and agility.

5. Who are the animals that currently live with you?  
Earl, 3 year old English Springer Spaniel,  
ARCH Duality's Evermore Aroha RL3 CD-C TD RN ACT1 CGC TKA  
The other dog in the photos is Gabby.  
She passed away in 2020.

6. Do you have a hidden talent? What is it?  
Definitely not.

7. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?  
Teleportation

8. What was the best thing that happened to you during 2020?  
I got back to enjoying the outdoors more.

9. What is the best dog toy you've ever found?  
Udder Tug dog toys!

10. What do you want to get out of joining TCVESSA?  
Honestly? To see my springer friends more often.  
And to help keep the shows going. I've been attending the local specialty since I had my first two ESS many, many years ago as a Junior.

11. What talents do you bring to TCVESSA and how do you see yourself participating in the club?  
Put me to work (when I'm not at my job).





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# New Member Profile

Heather Rand

1. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Inspired by Dr. Doolittle and James Herriot, I wanted to help and connect with animals by becoming a veterinarian.

2. So what did you end up doing when you grew up?

City Administrator and an enthusiast of off the track thoroughbred horses (OTTB) and thoughtfully bred English Springer Spaniels.

3. How did you get interested in English Springer Spaniels?

My father would take me bird hunting with our family dog, a very sweet Springer. I marveled at her talent in the field while also being such a smart and loving companion dog.

4. What are your favorite dog sports?

Agility, field trials, obedience, dock diving and conformation.

5. Who are the animals that currently live with you?

Springers Q, Eliza and my OTTB horse Remy is boarded at a horse stables near my home.

6. Do you have a hidden talent? What is it?

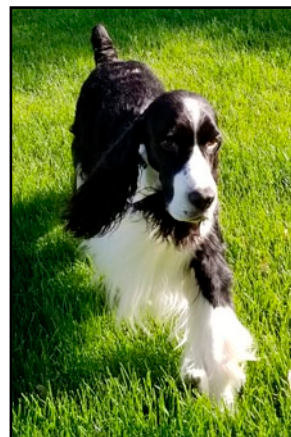
I would like to believe it is bringing the best out of people as I strive hard to do this.

7. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?

Some limited ability to see the future sure would be helpful.

8. What was the best thing that happened to you during 2020?

Made many new friends at a new job.



9. What is the best dog toy you've ever found?

We go through many types of fetching balls and rings in our household.

10. What do you want to get out of joining TCVESSA?

Learn from and supporting other English Springer Spaniel enthusiasts in their performance sport endeavors and their smart legacy breeding programs.

11. What talents do you bring to TCVESSA and how do you see yourself participating in the club?

I am open to volunteering.



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# New Member Profile

Kayla Nyvoid

1. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I really wanted to be a veterinarian or veterinary technician.

2. So what did you end up doing when you grew up?

I am a dog groomer now.

3. How did you get interested in English Springer Spaniels?

Honestly I've thought about this question a lot. I don't really know. As a child, my uncle raised Brittany's. I had many opportunities to play with them. I sometimes think that led me to the love of ESS. I always selected spaniel type stuffed animals growing up. I know they say you aren't supposed to get a dog because of the way they look but I really think that's why I got my first one. It just worked out!

4. What are your favorite dog sports?

We compete in just about every sport there is but I am really enjoying agility and obedience. I am looking forward to doing hunt tests in the near future.

5. Who are the animals that currently live with you?

Lady, English Springer Spaniel, 13 years.  
Missy, English Springer Spaniel, 8 years.  
Doc, English Springer Spaniel, 1 year.  
Tyson, Boston Terrier Mix, 12 years.

6. Do you have a hidden talent? What is it?

I can tie a cherry stem in a knot with my tongue.

7. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?

I think it would be really cool to have the ability to time travel. I would love to witness some of the major historical events and meet people from the past.

8. What was the best thing that happened to you during 2020?

Doc's group 1 and OHBIS all in one weekend. Honestly that might be the best moment of my life so far.



9. What is the best dog toy you've ever found?

I guess it would depend on which of my dogs you ask! They have every toy imaginable but all of them seem to like food reward toys like puzzles.

10. What do you want to get out of joining TCVESSA?

I enjoy being part of clubs with like minded people and meeting new friends.

11. What talents do you bring to TCVESSA and how do you see yourself participating in the club?

I tend to be very good at event planning. I have arranged many events that have gone exceptionally well.

I have already had several volunteer opportunities that I have enjoyed participating in.



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# New Member Profile

Janice Wavra

1. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?  
Professional Ballerina
2. So what did you end up doing when you grew up?  
I have been with The Insurance Center for 30 years.
3. How did you get interested in English Springer Spaniels?  
About 35 years ago, I purchased a female puppy, named Heidi. Heidi was sweet, a great hunting companion, and family member. When I got interested in dog shows, I started with WFT but I always wanted another ESS. I met Dotty, Kathy, and Howard at several specialties. I told them I'd be interested in a solid show prospect. Kathy followed up by sending photos of a litter. I picked Jake!
4. What are your favorite dog sports?  
Conformation and hunting.
5. Who are the animals that currently live with you?  
Joni: 14-1/2 year old Airedale  
Mac: 14 year old WFT  
Callie: 14 year old WFT  
Cutty: 13 year old WFT  
Frannie: 13 year old WFT  
Jake: 11 year old ESS  
Jack: 8 year old Airedale  
Izzy: 3 year old Great Pyrenees  
Snooty: 2 year old WFT
6. Do you have a hidden talent? What is it?  
I really can't think of anything.
7. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?  
My parents for being such great role models for our family. They will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary in August.
8. What was the best thing that happened to you during 2020?  
We survived! Having the opportunity to co-own a WFT with my mentor and to share some wonderful wins together. Snooty finished #2 WFT, #1 Female



- WFT, and #2 OH in 2020 with very little showing. My mentor died on November 16, 2020. Even though she left a huge hole in my heart, I know she was very proud of Snooty's accomplishments at such a young age! I also know that she will be watching over us as we compete this year.
9. What is the best dog toy you've ever found?  
We have a house full of broken toys. If someone can recommend a terrier proof toy, I would love to hear about it.
  10. What do you want to get out of joining TCVESSA?  
The opportunity to develop friendships and share knowledge with ESS owners, breeders, and exhibitors. I was really struggling with ring prep at my first show with Jake. Courtney came over, introduced herself, and offered to help me wrap Jake's ears. I truly appreciated her help. Over the past several years, I have gotten to know more of the club members. Even though I am not competing with an ESS currently, I still want to support the breeders and exhibitors that are participating.
  11. What talents do you bring to TCVESSA and how do you see yourself participating in the club?  
Joe and I have been involved in fundraising for many years. I am willing to help the club with various activities and projects.



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# New Member Profile

Linda and Kevin Krueger

1. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Linda - Psychologist

2. So what did you end up doing when you grew up?

Linda - Taught color and design at University of Minnesota for 31 years

3. How did you get interested in English Springer Spaniels?

Attending Dog shows

4. What are your favorite dog sports?

Love watching agility. Kevin does obedience, rally, and scent work with the dogs.

5. Who are the animals that currently live with you?

Annie (9 years old),  
Archie (2 years, 7 months)  
Auggie (10 months)

6. Do you have a hidden talent? What is it?

Kevin is an outstanding woodworker and vegetable/ herbs grower. Linda does colored pencil drawings and was a lettering artist for years.

7. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?

To cure diabetes.

8. What was the best thing that happened to you during 2020?

Our Daughter got approved for a pancreas and kidney transplant needed due to Type I diabetes complications.

9. What is the best dog toy you've ever found?

Junior sized tennis balls that can't roll under our couch!!!

10. What do you want to get out of joining TCVESSA?

Friends who love dogs as much as we do, knowledge of grooming, knowledge of anything having to do with dogs. We have been dog owners for over forty years but are still learning.

11. What talents do you bring to TCVESSA and how do you see yourself participating in the club?

Not sure yet. Linda could donate ESS colored pencil drawings for dog show auctions. Time will tell!



# New Member Profile

Zoe Anderson



1. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be an Astronomer

2. So what did you end up doing when you grew up?

I will be attending the University Of Minnesota to major in Kinesiology. I am planning on taking my degree to get my Doctor of Chiropractic for both humans and animals.

3. How did you get interested in English Springer Spaniels?

I met Cyndi Myhre and her (then puppy) Carolina at an agility class with my dog Keanu. We got to talking, I mentioned that I competed in juniors, she offered to sign me onto one of her Springers to show, and the rest is history!

4. What are your favorite dog sports?

I love Conformation, Agility, FastCAT, and Mondioring.

5. Who are the animals that currently live with you?

I currently have two dogs (Great Pyrenees, Lola, 7y/o, Border Collie/Boxer mix, Keanu, 5y/o) and two leopard geckos.

6. Do you have a hidden talent? What is it?

I can cross one eye and keep the other looking forward.

7. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?

Probably telekinesis. I'd use it so I could be lazy LOL.

8. What was the best thing that happened to you during 2020?

Qualifying to compete in juniors at Westminster 2021 with Brew, my Springer and juniors dog. I trained him from being a naughty 12 month old puppy to being a behaved 18 month old puppy. We qualified when Brew had recently turned 2.

9. What is the best dog toy you've ever found?

FRISBEES!!!

10. What do you want to get out of joining TCVESSA?

I hope to learn more about the breed itself and all of the different lines of dogs, both bench and field lines. Since I am so new to the breed, I also want to build relationships with local enthusiasts.

11. What talents do you bring to TCVESSA and how do you see yourself participating in the club?

When I put my mind to something, I do it x10.



**LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(THE STORK COMMETH):**



**Tatum**



**Betty**

Courtney Hansen (spellboundess@yahoo.com ) reports that Wil-Orion's Tri To Remember NAP NJP "Tatum" and GCH CH Spellbound's Painting The Roses Red BN OAP NJP XFP CGCA TKI "Betty" are expecting new arrivals at the end of January.



Cyndi Myhre, Myshamrock Spaniels (shamrockess@msn.com) is proud to announce....

**Myshamrock Surprise R Us, call name Geoffrey!**

Our big surprise is 8 weeks old! He is sired by Am/Can GCH Bondir's Something Good "Georg", out of Myshamrock By The Carolina Moon NAP NJP RN TKN CGC, bred and owned by Cyndi Myhre! We are so excited to see what the future holds for him!





# Rainbow Bridge



CH Cedarwood's Hope Diamond CD NAJ NAP NJP CGC TKN



June 27, 2007 – December 7, 2020  
Loved and missed by Jean Dockendorf



FDA issues pet food alert after 28 dogs are reported dead from aflatoxin.

**RECALL**



**ALERT!**

January 13, 2021 - Midwestern Pet Foods sadly reports its first ever product recall. Though still limited in scope, in cooperation with the FDA and out of an abundance of caution, the company has expanded the voluntary recall to include additional corn-containing lot codes of **Sportmix**, **Pro Pac Originals**, **Splash cat food**, **Sportstrail**, and **Nunn Better** dry dog and cat foods produced in their Oklahoma Kitchen with an expiration date on or before July 9, 2022. The facility identifier for our Oklahoma Kitchen is "05". This can be found at the end of the date code on recalled products. All other Midwestern Pet Foods products are unaffected by this recall.

[https://apple.news/AbqSA\\_h71SA2IMljwpcVTSQ](https://apple.news/AbqSA_h71SA2IMljwpcVTSQ)



# Awards and Brags



**Mary Dahl reports:**  
**CH Signature's I'm Your Huckleberry**  
 "Finn"  
 finished his championship in Sioux Falls SD  
 taking best of breed over specials.

1/W/B/BW/BOBOH/OHG1 - Sioux Empire Club 10/16/2020  
 1/W/B/BW/BOBOH/OHG3 - Sioux Empire Club 10/17/2020  
 BOB/BOBOH - Sioux Empire Club 10/18/2020  
 Finn is owned by Jessica Schmidt and Mary Dahl



**Mary Dahl reports:**  
**GCHB / CAN CH Signature's Leap Of Faith CD BN RA THDN CGC TKA**  
 "Lily"  
 Lily finished 2020 as the #8 bitch and 25th overall ESS  
 Stats from Canine Chronicle.