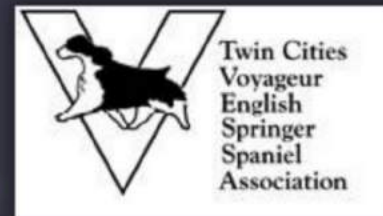


January VOX



Letter from the President

December 15, 2022

Happy 2023!

I hope everyone is finding opportunities to venture out with your Springers even with the occasionally challenging weather. December brought several opportunities to see just how massive those Springer feathering and skirt snowballs can get!

It was a busy Fall for the TCVESSA Community. We had a fun-filled three day Agility Trial in October; many thanks to Kathy Patregnani, Courtney Hansen, BA Breese, Alice Musburger, Michelle Berge, Jean Dockendorf, Carmen Laing, Sheila Koon, Laura Schreiner and Amy Canero for your hard work. These trials could not happen without the many club members who volunteer their time to make these events successful. We also hosted our Fall Membership meeting at For the Love of Dogs where club members were able to use the dive tank and try out "fun with rats". It was a great time with friends and our Springers. As this is our "official" fall meeting, the slate of officers and board members for 2023 was also presented and will be approved at the Spring Banquet.

Speaking of the Spring Banquet, mark your calendars for our Spring Awards Banquet on Saturday, March 26th. It is always a wonderful chance to celebrate the many accomplishments of our Springers and their owners. Please be sure to visit our website, www.tcveessa.org, for award requirements and forms for each award. The due date to submit your forms is January 31, 2023 – if you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to our Awards Chair, Alice Musburger, at rosebudspringers@gmail.com.

We are already beginning to plan for our May Specialty and All Breed Obedience and Rally Trials on May 20 and 21 at On the Run Canine Center in Ham Lake. If you are interested in volunteering to help make the show a success, we would greatly appreciate your help. You can reach out to me or any Board member to let us know what you are interested in doing.

With best wishes for all your dog adventures,

Liz Pike

TCVESSA President

2023 TCVESSA Board

President: Liz Pike

Vice President: Courtney Hansen

Treasurer: Tom Lenzmeier

Secretary: Carmen Laing

Members at Large:

Julie Roberts

Kathy Patregnani

Diane Slais

Tekla Viker

Mary Dahl

Upcoming Events

- January 1 - Membership renewal forms due
- January 27-29 TCVESSA Agility Trial
- January 31 - Award applications due
- March 25 - Annual Awards Banquet
- May 20-21 TCVESSA Specialty and All Breed Obedience and Rally Trial

Happy New Year



Meeting Minutes

September 2022

TCVESSA Membership Meeting September 26, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

Board Members Present: Liz Pike, Kathy Patregnani, Carmen Laing, Tekla Viker, Diane Slais, Mary Dahl, Courtney Hansen

Board Members Absent: Julie Roberts, Tom Lenzmeier

Other members present: Jean Dockendorf, Amy Canero, Alice Musburger

New Members Applications: 2nd reading for Amy Canero. Kathy moved to approve, Diane seconded and all approved.

1st reading for Ken Wolhford & Tricia Sand

Treasurers Report: Balance \$7508.84

Old Business:

Fall Meeting: The Fall Meeting will be Sunday, November 13 from 3-6pm at For the Love of Dogs in Mendota Heights. Meeting will include intros to Dock Diving and Barnhunt. Light snacks will be served. New People are Welcome!

New VOX Editor is Laura Schriener

May Specialty: Judges have been chosen and we are just waiting for signed contracts. Obedience – looking for judges.

Year End Awards – Alice is reviewing some wording changes. Looking to simplify and clarify the individual awards descriptions.

Discussion about the Award Plaques. What to do when they are full? Should we consider alternatives to the plaques?

Looking for a location for the Holly Bochard seminar.

Next meeting: Mon October 24 @ 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Meeting Minutes

October 2022

TCVESSA Board Meeting October 24, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm

Board Members Present: Liz Pike, Carmen Laing, Mary Dahl, Kathy Patregnani, Courtney Hansen

Board Members Absent: Julie Roberts, Tekla Viker, Diane Slais

Other Members Present: Alice

New Members Applications: Amy Canero – approved

2nd reading for Ken Wolhford & Tricia Sand – moved by Carmen, seconded by Kathy; all in favor.

Old Business

Discussion on who to send future Membership Applications. Should they go to the Secretary or to the Membership Chair, Mary Dahl. Mary offered to be the contact for new applications and the Membership Roster. Website and Form will be changed.

October Agility Trial – Trial went well with the Provisional judge and AKC Rep but the days went long.

December Agility Trial – Kathy will not be here for December/January trials. We are looking for help for these trials.

New Business

Fall Meeting – Liz will be gone. Courtney will hold a brief meeting to include reading of the of the Board/Officer Slate for 2023

Nosework Seminar – Courtney will be posting the information. Seminar to be held at Waters Edge in Buffalo on Nov 26 & 27

May Specialty – Liz will be gone for one day. Kathy P will fill in for Liz as contact person.

May Specialty – Liz would like to step down as the Chairperson for 2024. We will need someone to take over this role.

Des Moines All Breed Show – Sept 9 & 10, Discussion surrounding our involvement in the Specialty show.

Annual Awards – must be a member in good standing by July 1 to be eligible for the year end awards.

Discussion on the mementos, award description clarification and plaques. Going to Binders as plaques fill.

Next Meeting – December 12, 2022 @ 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

The English Springer Spaniel

Feature Article by Francie Nelson

It was an honor to be asked to write the English Springer Spaniel section for the current revision of the AKC's COMPLETE DOG BOOK. This excerpt is an updated breed history. I thought that TCVESSA members might enjoy it.

-- Francie

History of the Breed

Breed scholars and historians have speculated that dogs of spaniel type may have originated in Spain. It is more likely, though, that spaniels, along with other domestic dog types, originated in Asia and migrated west, across northern Europe and beyond. An Old German noun, "span," may provide a clue about spaniel origin. "Span" has several meanings, among them "a brace of two animals working together." Could this be the first description of "span-iels" finding and fetching game for the table? Artwork and writings from central Europe, most notably The Netherlands and France, are sources for early description of dogs of spaniel type. Though their true origin is unknown, spaniels are undoubtedly ancient.

English Springers were developed and refined in England, as the breed's name suggests. Travel – whether over land or over water – was difficult and time consuming. Therefore, varieties within breeds developed regionally. The land spaniel on one English estate could look quite different from the land spaniel on another English estate. For example, spaniels developed on the estate of the Duke of Norfolk were known as "Norfolk Spaniels." Spaniels from Sussex were known as "Sussex Spaniels." Spaniels from the estate of the Earl of Clumber were known as Clumber Spaniels. "Springer" and "Cocker" were terms that described the hunting functions of each. "Field spaniel" was a generic term that described them all.

This is why we still have such a variety of spaniel breeds.



Arthur Wardle, "Spaniels of the 20th Century, 1913"
From the collection of the author

Breed Form and Function

Until Victorian times, dogs were not maintained as pets; they worked. In fact, in the 1700's, a "dog tax" was assessed on non-working, undocked dogs. The English Springer Spaniel was developed as a mid-sized, compact, sturdy hunter with outstanding ability to find, flush, and fetch birds (and rabbits) in heavy cover. At some point, the English Springer's innate kind, trusting, and tractable nature brought him from the field to the hearth and he has been there ever since.

The English Springer Spaniel (cont.)

Feature Article by Francie Nelson

The standards of both the UK and the US maintain the English Springer's historic origins: a moderate, compact, medium sized dog (19-20 inches at the shoulder and approximately 40-50 pounds) with sturdy bone and rib spring; pendulous ears; liver and white or black and white markings (with or without ticking, and with or without tan points); unique "alert, kindly, trusting" expression and temperament; easy, flowing movement, covering the ground with long strides and few steps, that is unique among the spaniels; and the heart, ability, and endurance to do a day's work in the field or to keep up with a busy, active human family.

The first known standard for English Springer Spaniels was crafted in the country of the breed's origin, England, and the breed was officially recognized there in 1902. The first US breed standard was drafted in 1927 (the same year as the formation of the breed's national parent club, the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association), then revised in 1932 and again in the 1950's, 1970's, and 1990's. On both sides of the Atlantic, breeders work to ensure that English Springer Spaniels maintain those type-specific characteristics that make them excellent hunting companions and family pets.



Long strides, few steps, illustrated by "With Touch Holy Moses"



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English Springer Spaniels Now Eligible for AKC Retriever Hunt Test

By Brian Schaffer

As of November 1, 2022, the English Springer Spaniel is now eligible to participate in AKC retriever hunt test. We all know what great waterfowl retrievers our beloved springers are and now the AKC is recognizing the versatility of these great dogs. Some of you may be wondering what is involved in the Retriever test and how it differs from the spaniel test you may have watched or participated in. So, I'll give you a brief layout of the tests and the differences.



The biggest difference is obviously the game instead of the live pheasants and chuckars we see in the spaniel tests the dogs will be retrieving dead ducks. Most retriever tests will have the ducks humanely killed prior to the start of the test then the ducks are launched from a mechanical device called a winger so the dog sees the bird go down and then will be sent to retrieve the bird, in the senior and master class you may have a live flier.

The next difference is instead of walking a field to locate the bird and then have a gunner shoot the birds you will walk to the retrieving line and sit on a bucket and the dog will mark the fall and retrieve the bird so unless you are running the master test and the happen to have a live flier your dogs not going to see the bird be shot. Also, the attire changes instead of the blaze orange we all have a ton of you will need to wear camo or earthtones conducive with a waterfowl hunt.

What does the test entail? It's simple, there are three classes just as in the spaniel tests you have Junior, Senior, and Master. The JHR requires 4 qualifying scores, the SHR requires 5 qualifying scores, and the MHR requires 6 Qualifying scores.

What is required of the dogs at each level? a junior dog needs to at a minimum retrieve 4 single marks of no more than 100 yds. So, 2 single land marks and 2 single water marks. And unlike the spaniel test the dogs must retrieve to hand at the AKC retriever tests quote from the regulation book "failure to do so merits a grade of "O" in trainability".

A Senior hunter is tested on a minimum of four hunting situations that will include a double mark land and double mark water retrieve a land blind and a water blind. There will also be one diversion bird and a walk-up which simulates jump shooting.

A master hunter will be tested on a minimum of five hunting situations to include multiple (3) land marks, multiple (3) water marks, multiple (3) water and land marks, a land blind, a water blind, with at least one being a double blind. There will be at least 3 series in which one of the series will have a diversion bird and a walk-up. In both senior and master the dogs will also be required to honor another retriever. Master tests have a maximum yardage of 150yds.

English Springer Spaniels Now Eligible for AKC Retriever Hunt Test (cont.)

by Brian Schaffer

The dogs that qualify 3 times at the master national hunt test that is held annually will earn the Master National Hunter title MNH, and a dog that passes the master hunter test 12 or more times will be awarded the Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement title MHLA.

For a dog to earn the Master Amateur Hunting title MAH the dog must pass the Master Amateur Invitational that is held each year 3 times, and as the title states only amateur handled dogs are invited to this test.

Well, this article got to be a little bit longer than I had intended but in a very large nut shell that is the retriever hunt tests. They are a lot of work but also a lot of fun and having watched the little Brown Dogs succeed at the national level for several years now I know it won't be long before we are seeing springers with MH, MHN, and MAH titles added to their names. A word of caution the retriever tests can be very difficult to get into especially at the master level and you will need to be very flexible with your schedule as it's not uncommon to have a hunt test in the middle of the week because there are so many retriever clubs holding tests and even more people running their dogs in these very elite tests.

For the full regulations go to AKC.org to download the rulebook and I hope to see you at the line!



Brian and Rev

TCVESSA Reminders

Membership

Mary Dahl, Membership Chair

Membership fees were due on or before January 1, 2023.

Form was emailed out and also attached at the end of this newsletter. Please send to Mary as soon as possible if you have not already.

2022 Club Awards

Alice Musburger

All individual award applications for 2022 are available on the TCVESSA website! Please go to www.TCVESSA.org and look under Annual Awards for the directions, guidelines and forms. These are the newly corrected directions and new forms. In most cases the forms are the same but please carefully review as some things have changed! I suggest you all read the general guidelines (only 1 1/2 pages long) as there are some changes there. You will then need to read the directions that spell out the criteria for each award that concerns you. I hope this is easier than in the past. I want to thank Jean Dockendorf for all of her time and suggestions getting everything up and running with the new information on our website.

- Two documents are can be found at the end of the newsletter. These will show the revisions in red.
- Applications are due by January 31, 2023.
- Please contact Alice with any questions at rosebudspringers@gmail.com or (320)290-3124
- **All Breed and Performance Award descriptions and requirements can be found on www.tcvessa.org**

TCVESSA *Member Brags!*

Elsa

Eldamars Paws Upon a Star

CD AXP AJP XFP DN BN RI SWN CGCA TKI



National

Reported by Carmen Liang

- Finished her Scentwork Novice Interior and Exterior titles. And one leg in Advanced Containers and Buried.
- Received Highest Scoring Dog with an Agility Title, Rally Title, Obedience Title and Veteran.
- Finished obedience Grad Novice Title
- Earned 3 legs towards her RAE title.
- Earned 3 legs in Masters Agility and Open Fast.

Additional non-National

- Elsa earned her RATCH Rat Championship and CZ8P Crazy 8 Platinum titles.

Editor's Note: Elsa and Carmen's accomplishments were missed in the October issue. Sorry and Congrats Carmen and Elsa!



Tiffany's Reboot "Eli"

Owned by Liz Pike, Susie Hatch, Robin Novack and Beth Fink
Bred by Beth Fink, Nancy Siver, Timothy Lowe, and Robin Novack

BEST OF WINNERS (4 pts) , October 6, Granite City Kennel Club

Reported by Liz Pike

BEST OF OPPOSITE in Specialty- November 5, Fort Wayne ESSFTA Specialty

RESERVE WINNERS DOG - November 6, Fort Wayne ESSFTA Specialty

TCVESSA *Member Brags!*



Joan Beck and Lori Hilleren would like to announce, we have
newly minted, champion
(all from the bred-by Exhibitor class).

CH Starlight 'N Hirdler Hill's Panache

(GCH CH Segre's Wine Not TKN x Hirdler Hill's Starlight Skye CGC TKI)

Hastings

Career Highlights to date:

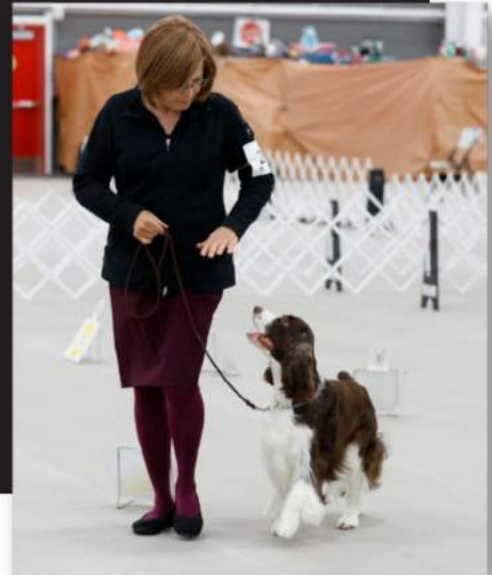
- Best is Sweepstakes at the English Springer Spaniel Club of Des Moines second Specialty show (Sept. 2022)
- Best of Winners at both the Des Moines Specialties. (Sept 2022)
- 4 and 5 point majors at the Hutchinson, MN All-breed shows. (Oct. 2022)
- His first-time out as a special, he picked up a 4 point major select over a champion of record. (Minneapolis KC Nov, 2022)

GCH CH Starlight's Beyond The Night

RN, CGC, TKI

Ziva

Joan Beck and Lori Hilleren would also like to announce that GCH CH Starlight's Beyond The Night RN, CGC, TKI "Ziva" finished the year ranked #6 in Rally Novice B with an overall score of 99.



TCVESSA *Member Brags!*



CH Briarton Patriot Games
CD, PCD, BN, GN, RAE, RATN, CGCA, CGCU, TKI

Duncan

Owned by Kay Glaeser and Cathy Van Kempen

NEW TITLE: RALLY MASTER earned on 12/3/22

Reported by Kay Glaeser



Briarton Patriot Salute The Flag
RN, BCAT, CGC, TKN

Spangle

Owned by Kay Glaeser, Dave Glaeser and Cathy VanKempen

NEW TITLE: DOCK JUNIOR earned on 11/27/22

Reported by Kay Glaeser

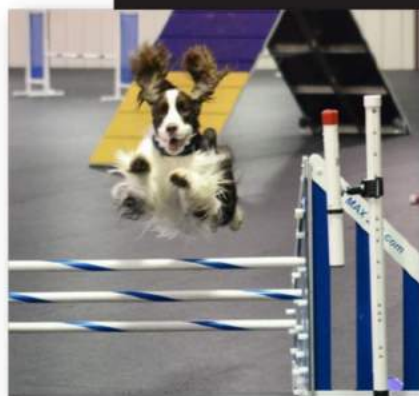
CH VinEwood's The Fire Inside BN AX AXJ XF

Sparx

NEW TITLES:

Agility FAST Open earned 10/15/22
Open Agility Jumper earned on 10/22/22
Agility Excellent earned 11/25/22
Excellent Agility Jumper earned 11/26/22
Agility FAST Excellent earned 12/3/22

Reported by Laura Schreiner



TCVESSA *Member Brags!*



CH Vinewood's I'm Your Huckleberry

BN RA OA OAJ NF ACTI ACTIJ SIN SEN RATN DJ DN CGC TKN

Doc

- Council Bluffs, IA - Select and Owner Handler BOB
- Shakopee, MN - Best of Breed (5pt GCh Major), Owner Handler Group 2
- **New Title:** Open JWW

Reported by Kayla Nyvold

Spritely's Misbehavin

CDX PCD BN GN RM RAE NA NAJ AXP OJP NF OFF CA
BCAT ACT2 SWA DJA DN CGCA CGCU TKI

Missy

First PACH points earned!

Reported by Kayla Nyvold



TCVESSA *Member Brags!*

CH Cedarwood's Dream A Little Dream MX MXJ MJB

Owned by Jean Dockendorf & Patricia Welch

Ella



NEW TITLES:

NEW CHAMPION - earned 12/4/22

Master Bronze Jumper - earned 10/9/22

Master Agility Excellent - earned 6/4/22

Master Agility Excellent Jumper - earned 1/28/22

Reported by Jean Dockendorf

CH Cedarwood's Odin Of Arrowrock MX MXS MXJ MJS NF

Owned by Jean Dockendorf & Patricia Welch

Odie

NEW TITLES:

Novice FAST earned 10/22/22

Master Silver Agility earned 8/7/22

Master Silver Jumper earned 7/24/22

Reported by Jean Dockendorf



TCVESSA *Member Brags!*

GCH CH Wil-Orion And Spellbound's Joy Unspeakable BN, RI, BCAT, SWN, CGCA, TKI

Henrietta

- New Grand Champion
- New Title: Novice Agility
- New Title: Trick Dog Intermediate
- New Title: BCAT
- New Title: Canine Good Citizen Advanced

Reported by Courtney Hansen



GCH CH Wil-Orion's Tri To Remember CD, BN, RI, MXP, MJP, XFP, BCAT, SWN, DN, CGCA, TKI



Tatum

- New Title: BCAT
- New Title: Canine Good Citizen Advanced
- New Title: Trick Dog Intermediate

Reported by Courtney Hansen

Spellbound's Trust His Timing BN, RN, SEN, SBN

Faith

- New Title: Canine Good Citizen
- New Title: Trick Dog Novice

Reported by Courtney Hansen



TCVESSA *Member Brags!*



GCHP Wil-Orion If Wishes Came True *"Truman"*

Owned by Judy Vanderlip, Elizabeth Pike, Susan Hatch, Janice Johnson and Beth Fink
Bred by Janice Johnson, Mary Osburn, Jennifer Kettleson, Erica and Riley Brookshire
Presented by Robin Novak

BEST IN SHOW - October 15, Quincy Kennel Club
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW - October 22, Illinois Capitol Kennel Club
BEST IN SPECIALTY SHOW - November 4, NE Indiana Kennel Club
BEST IN SHOW - November 4, NE Indiana Kennel Club
BEST IN SPECIALTY SHOW - November 5, Marion Kennel Club
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW - December 4, Ingham County Kennel Club



TCVESSA

**Please send all updates, brags, litter announcements, and memorials to
TCVESSA newsletter editor, Laura Schreiner, at
NORTHWAYESS@GMAIL.COM**

Member article submissions are welcomed and appreciated!

HAPPY
New Year

Documents added to the end of this newsletter include membership form and annual award guidelines and updates.



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Springer
Spaniel
Association

www.tcvessa.org

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

This form is for . . .

☐ New Membership Application

☐ Renewal Membership

Office use only:

First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Birth Date for Sunshine Coordinator (month and day only – not year): _____

Breeder Referral List: Do you want to be included on the club breeder referral list? __ Yes __ No

The breeder list will be posted on the website and provided to email inquiries. In order to be listed, a breeder must be a TCVESSA member in good standing and promise to abide by the ESSFTA dog breeding guidelines and standards of ethics.

Membership Dues

Dues payments are **due on or before January 1st each year**. Memberships expire on April 1.

Make checks payable to TCVESSA.

Return form along with your check to:

Mary Dahl, Membership Chair
12478 State Highway 1 NW,
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
medahl@wikel.com

Membership Type:

- ☐ Individual \$20
- ☐ Family \$30
- ☐ Jr. membership \$12 (must be under age 18)
- ☐ Canadian \$30 (please use U.S. dollars)

Areas of Interest

Please indicate all areas you are interested in:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conformation | <input type="checkbox"/> Trick Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience | <input type="checkbox"/> Nose/Scent Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grooming clinics | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedigrees | <input type="checkbox"/> Tracking | <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding/Genetics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rally Obedience | <input type="checkbox"/> Handling clinics | <input type="checkbox"/> Agility | <input type="checkbox"/> Dock Diving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting, Field training | <input type="checkbox"/> Therapy Dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Fun Matches | <input type="checkbox"/> Canine Good Citizen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Springer rescue | <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for a Pet | <input type="checkbox"/> Barn Hunt | <input type="checkbox"/> Temperament Testing |

Volunteer Commitment

I understand that TCVESSA is an "All Volunteer Club" and it takes all members' willingness to help with activities in order to keep the club healthy. *I am willing to donate at least 2 hours annually to the club in:*

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Shows | <input type="checkbox"/> Fun Matches | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Agility Trials | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine Person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Awards | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunt/Working Tests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Ring Steward | <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet | <input type="checkbox"/> Bookkeeping & Archives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Member Mentor | <input type="checkbox"/> CALL ME! | | |

I have the following skills that I can share with TCVESSA _____

Correspondence

TCVESSA will send all correspondence including the VOX newsletter via email. If you cannot receive email and need correspondence sent by postal mail, please check this box: ☐ need postal service

Signature: _____ Date: _____

TCVESSA ANNUAL AWARD GUIDELINES

Each year TCVESSA awards recognizes the achievements of its members and their Springer(s). Certificates, mementos, and trophies are handed out and recognition given at the annual awards banquet. All titles, championships and awards must be earned or completed where applicable, during the previous calendar year prior to the awards banquet. TCVESSA recognizes only AKC Titles, ESSFTA Parent Club Titles and titles that are a part of the AKC Titling Program.

Award recipients for **all awards** are club members who must have been members in good standing for the entire calendar year prior to the awards banquet. The Award year is the year proceeding the awards banquet. **New members count their membership from the date of receipt of their written membership application. This must be before July First. Six months of membership is required for awards for new members. Membership applications received after July First may not apply for awards for this year.** In both cases, disputes pertaining to award criteria, ties, and memberships, will be addressed by the board. Decisions determined by the board of directors are final. The board reserves the right to delay award presentation until disputes or ties are settled.

Club members are responsible for keeping track of their own dog(s) wins, titles, points, legs, show or trial dates or other criteria required for each of the awards. It is also the responsibility for each member to carefully read the requirements of each award and contact the Awards Chairperson if they have questions. Appropriate forms for the various awards and venues are found at the club website TCVESSA.org. All forms must be submitted to the Awards Chairperson by the annual award application deadline. **The annual award application deadline is January 31st prior to the Annual Award Banquet.** Applicants who do not have their documentation to the Awards Chairperson by the award deadline will still receive recognition at the awards banquet but will not receive actual plaques, awards, mementos or trophies. All wins, points, scores, times, and appropriate statistics submitted will be verified by official AKC results. In the event of a tie for an award, both recipients will have their names engraved and each will have possession of the award for one-half of the year after the awards banquet. In the event that the club, TCVESSA dissolves, each award is to be returned to the donor if possible.

All trophies must be returned to the Awards Chairperson by the end of January proceeding the next awards banquet so that necessary cleaning and engraving can be done for the new winners. It is the responsibility of the previous year's winner to return the trophy to the Awards Chairperson. Trophies may be personally delivered to the Awards Chairperson or shipped, at the previous winner's expense via any insured carrier (USPS, UPS, Fed EX or bonded delivery company). Trophies must be insured for their replacement cost. \$200 is recommended.

ANNUAL AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31ST PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET.

TITLES RECOGNIZED BY TCVESSA

TCVESSA recognizes all titles recognized by the AKC. This includes prefix titles (titles that come before a dog's registered name) and suffix titles (titles that follow a dog's registered name). These are titles for which each owner receives an official AKC Certificate of Title. For an up-to-date list of all prefix and suffix titles, go to the AKC website at AKC.org. If you have questions, please contact the Awards Chairperson.

TITLES RECOGNIZED BY TCVESSA (cont.)

TCVESSA also recognizes all titles that are recognized by the AKC that are part of the AKC Title Recognition Program. These are titles earned in which and AKC Certificate of Title is not automatically issued. These titles may not officially be listed with a dog's registered name unless an application process

is completed and submitted to the AKC. The AKC then issues a certificate and will allow official use of the titles with a dog's registered name. This applies to all AKC registered purebred Springers and all PAL registered Springers (formerly called ILP). Titles included in the AKC Title Recognition Program are from Canine Good Citizenship, Title of the Barn Hunt Association (all levels above instinct), Titles from the North America Dock Diving as well as Search and Rescue. Three titles from the North American Flyball Association are recognized and AKC recognizes Therapy Dog Titles. For further information search the AKC website for AKC Title Recognition Program. Again, please direct questions to the Awards Chairperson form more help

TCVESSA also recognized titles from our parent organization, ESSFTA. These include the Working Dog Title (WD) and the Working Dog Excellent Title (WDX).

Additional Obedience Awards

CD SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title legs earned this year will count for this award. Scores may come from either Novice A or B Classes. **The total of the three legs will be counted. If there is a tie, an additional score will be used. If there is no additional score, the tie will remain a tie.**

CDX SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg score earned this year will be counted. Scores can come from the Open A or B Class or from a combination of scores from both classes. **The total of the three legs will be counted. If there is a tie, an additional score will be used. If there is no additional score, the tie will remain a tie.**

UD SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores earned this year will be counted. Scores may come from the A or B Class or from a combination of scores from both classes. **The total of the three legs will be counted. If there is a tie, an additional score will be used. If there is no additional score, the tie will remain a tie.**

UDX SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The average scores of the **ten UDX legs** earned to qualify for the UDX Title will be counted. This title is considered complete in the year the title was earned. Scores from previous years may count as long as they are among the 10 legs required to earn the UDX. **If there is a tie, an additional average score will be used. If there is no additional average score, the tie will remain a tie. This award may be earned multiple times such UDX2, UDX3, etc.**

Additional Rally Obedience Awards

RN SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores earned this year from the rally novice class will be counted. Scores can come from the either Novice A or B Classes. There must be at least 2 different judges. **Ties will be broken with an additional averaged score. If there is not an additional score, the tie will remain a tie.**

RA SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores earned this year from the rally advanced class will be counted. Scores can come from the Advanced A or B Classes or from a combination of scores from both classes. There must be at least 2 different judges. **Ties will be broken with an additional averaged score. If there is not an additional score, the tie will remain a tie.**

RE SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The three title leg scores earned this year from the rally excellent classes will be counted. Scores can come from the Excellent A or B Class or from a combination of scores from both classes. There must be at least 2 different judges. **Ties will be broken with an additional averaged score. If there is not an additional score, the tie will remain a tie.**

RAE SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The average scores of the top **ten** RAE legs earned during the award year will be counted. This title is considered complete in the year the title was earned. Scores from previous years may count as long as they are among the 10 legs required to earn the **Rally Advanced** Title. There must be at least 2 different judges. **This award may be earned multiple times as in RAE2, RAE3, etc. Ties will be broken with an additional averaged score. If there is not an additional score, the tie will remain a tie.**

RALLY MASTER SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

The average scores of the ten rally master legs earned will be counted. This title is considered complete in the year the title was earned. Scores from previous years may count as long as they are among the 10 legs required to earn the Rally Master Title. **This award may be earned multiple times as in RM2, RM3, etc. There must be at least 2 different judges. Ties will be broken with an additional averaged score. If there is not an additional score, the tie will remain a tie.**

Additional Agility Awards

NOVICE AGILITY SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

This award is based on the average of the first three qualifying runs needed to achieve the AKC Novice Standard *and the* first three qualifying runs needed to achieve the AKC Novice Jumpers with Weaves Titles. agility awards, the winner will be the dog with the most **average** yards per second for the qualifying score.

Scores may come either from preferred or regular classes or a combination of both. The award year will be the year in which the title is completed. If there is a tie for any of the additional

OPEN AGILITY SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

This award is based on the average of the first three qualifying runs needed to achieve the AKC Open Standard *and the* first three qualifying runs needed to achieve the AKC Open Jumpers with Weaves Titles. **Scores may come either from preferred or regular classes or a combination of both.** The award year will be the year in which the title is completed. If there is a tie for any of the additional agility awards, the winner will be the dog with the most **average** yards per second for the qualifying score.

EXCELLENT AGILITY SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

This award is based on the average of the first three qualifying runs needed to achieve the AKC Excellent Standard *and the* AKC Excellent Jumpers with Weaves Titles. **Scores may come either from preferred or regular classes or a combination of both.** The award year will be the year in which the title is completed. If there is a tie for any of the additional agility awards, the winner will be the dog with the most **average** yards per second for the qualifying score.

MASTER AGILITY SPRINGER OF THE YEAR

This award is based on the average of the first ten qualifying runs needed to achieve the AKC Master Standard *and the* first ten qualifying runs needed to achieve the AKC Master Jumpers with Weaves titles. **Scores may come either from preferred or regular classes or a combination of both.** If there is a tie, the winner will be the dog with the most **average** yards per second for the qualifying score. There needs to be at least 2 different judges. The award year will be the year in which the title is completed. **This award may be earned multiple times.**

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