



# VOX

## The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Voyageur English Springer Spaniel Assn.



### From TCVESSA's President by Julie Roberts

As the year 2010 comes to a close, I want to take this time to truly thank all who help to make this club what it is. There are many people who put in countless time and energy to make our club one of the most vibrant in the country. Without your selfless giving, we wouldn't be the club we are today.

This issue contains much information about our annual awards banquet. Please read through this carefully, and respect the deadlines provided. If you haven't paid your dues yet for 2011, I encourage you to do so, and not let this detail get lost in the holiday rush.

With the coming new year, we turn our thoughts towards the many activities we have to look forward to in 2011. The annual Pet Expo we take part in is coming in February. Our awards banquet is in March, and then we turn towards our annual specialty show, once again being held at *On the Run* training facility in Ham Lake on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are a new member to TCVESSA and would like to get to know us better, please think about volunteering as these activities are a great way to get involved.

Looking outside and seeing the near blizzard conditions, please remember some of the cold weather rules for our four-footed friends. If it's cold and miserable for us, it's the same for them. I really don't like to leave my veteran dogs outside any longer than I have to, though one exception seems to be when we go for a run on the creek!

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year! —Julie



## Board Meeting Minutes— August 18, 2010

**Officers present:** Julie Roberts, President, Francie Nelson, Vice President, B.A. Breese, Treasurer, Kathy Raidt, Secretary

**Directors present:** Liz Pike, Carmen Laing

**Directors absent:** Kris Radermacher, Maryevelyn Monty, Jean Dockendorf

The meeting was called to order by Julie Roberts, President, at 6:43 PM.

**Secretary's report:** The notes from the July 22, 2010, meeting were read. An amendment was made regarding the Nominating Committee. Julie Robert's name is not on the Nominating Committee. A motion to accept them as amended was made, seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's report:** B.A. reported \$13,851.49.

**Membership report:** No new membership applications.

**Banquet:** There is nothing new.

**Specialty report:** Liz Pike reported:

- Invitations to various judges have been sent and some have responded as of today
- We can use On the Run Canine Training center and a new contract will be sent to Liz
- Cindy O'Hare's contract will be signed.
- Liz proposed evaluating the Profit and Loss for these Specialties. The matter will be discussed in another meeting.
- More fundraising for the trophies is needed. Liz will talk with Maryev and Kathy Patregnani. Francie will request a catalog of trophies be mailed to her.
- Patty Salzwedel will be invited to the September meeting

We will put an ad in the December ESS Online.

**Nominating Committee:** The committee is working on the nominee list.

**Fun Match:** It is confirmed for Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at C & E training center in New Hope. A discussion for judges will take place in the September meeting.

**Education Committee:** B.A. Breese will research a seminar by Lin Gelbmann. A Breed History and a grooming seminar were discussed.

The October meeting is set for October 14, 2010, at the Byerly's in Maple Grove. Kathy will try to reserve the Community Meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.



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**Board Meeting Minutes— September 16, 2010**

**Officers present:** Julie Roberts, President, Francie Nelson, Vice President, B.A. Breese, Treasurer, Kathy Raidt, Secretary

**Directors present:** Liz Pike, Carmen Laing, Jean Dockendorf, Maryevelyn Monty

**Directors absent:** Kris Radermacher

The meeting was called to order by Julie Roberts, President, at 6:54 PM.

**Secretary’s report:** The notes from the August 18, 2010, meeting were read. A motion to accept them as amended was made, seconded and approved

**Treasurer’s report:** B.A. reported \$13,881.49.

**Membership report:** No new membership applications.

**Education:** A formation of a committee will be discussed at our next meeting. BA reported on Lin Gelbmann. Lin would be happy to work with us to offer a modified seminar. An evening program would be \$500, with hands on, looking at conformation, and considering performance, and conditioning. Two levels were proposed; observer and owner with dog. BA will follow up with Lin with more questions.

A grooming and a breed standard class was proposed.

**Nominating Committee:** the nominees have been collected. Jean motioned that an invitation be offered to Jon Pidde to fill the open position for the rest of the year.

**Fun Match:** Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at C & E training center in New Hope. The doors will open at 10:00 AM and judging starts at 11:00 AM.

**Banquet:** Certificates and awards were discussed.

**Specialty:** Contracts were sent to Eva Berg Sunday for breed on Sunday, to Carol Callahan for breed on Saturday, and Jacquie Dean for sweeps on Saturday. A contract was signed with Cindy O’Hare and with On the Run Canine Center.

The next meeting is October 14<sup>th</sup>, in the open restaurant area of Byerly’s in Maple Grove.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

# TCVESSA Trophy Fund Pledge

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## 2011 Specialty Shows

TCVESSA needs your support so that our winners are awarded trophies that are useful, welcomed, and appropriate. The pledges will be due by March 1, 2011. Your gift will be recognized in the VOX next spring and in the Specialty Show catalog.

Please select your gift level and dollar amount:

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Kathy Petregnani, [tworedheadchildren@hotmail.com](mailto:tworedheadchildren@hotmail.com), 763-494-0994

Or, just give us a call! Should you wish to pay now and avoid the rush, please send to:

TCVESSA Trophy Fund  
Maryevelyn Monty  
370 Pleasant View Road  
Chanhassen, MN 55317

# Mark Your Calendar Now!

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## 2011 Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, March 12, 2011

### **Sunshine Factory New Hope, MN**

**6:00-7:00 Social Hour**

**7:00-8:00 Dinner**

**8:00-10:00 Awards**

**[www.esunshinefactory.com](http://www.esunshinefactory.com)**

#### **Start now—**

Collect a list of your dogs titles that were achieved in 2010. Including scores and points.

A separate packet of banquet information will be mailed in January.



## 2011 Membership Reminder

To: TCVESSA Members  
 From: Kathy Raidt, Secretary  
 Subject: 2011 Membership

According to our by-laws, a dues notice must be sent by the club secretary to all members in October, and dues payment (or, for Life Members, return of the membership information form) must be received by December 31.

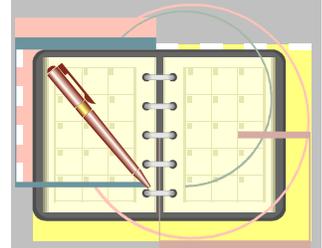
Next year's membership renewals will be due January 1, 2011. We love to have everyone continue their membership in our club and participate in our events such as the Fun Match, the Specialty, the Banquet, educational events, etc.

Please complete the enclosed form and return it to me, with a check for the dues, at 7603 Erie Avenue, Chanhassen, MN 55317, by Friday, December 31, 2010. What could be better than starting the New Year with your TCVESSA membership in place?

I look forward to hearing from all of you.

Warm regards,

Kathy Raidt  
 TCVESSA Secretary  
 612-860-0011



## AGILITY COMPETITION NEWS

### Agility Invitational 2010 by Patty Salzwedel

We are back from the Agility Invitational, so for those of you that have not heard, I am sending out a quick recap. First off, we had a blast! The weather in California was warm, great to see old friends and the running conditions were super. It was so great to be inside on sod. The AKC agility team even treated us to coffee, tea and hot cocoa for our Saturday



Brooke

morning walk-thru. A nice thing when you started at 6 AM! It was an honor to be there once again with a mother/daughter team and represent the Springers.

This year's courses in general were very tight and technical. Many good teams faulted and feel victim to courses that were more "international" in style. Teamwork and precision was a must if you were to get through the 4 rounds. The days also were long and exhausting.





**(Agility Invitational 2010, continued)**

My Brooke ran awesome for 4 clean runs to make into the 20” finals. Out of 98 dogs, Brooke was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> going into the finals. She hung in there for a 10-year-old girl and was still barking like a nut on the start line at the finals Sunday afternoon. Brooke ran beautifully on a very technical start. I caused the dropped bar; I kept her on my hand too long on a speed line out of a tunnel. I also think she could not hear my command with the loud roar of the crowd. We were both a bit overwhelmed with how loud it was on the course. By the time she looked away from me, Brooke was on top of the bar. I am so proud of her and her enthusiasm. Brooke also won the honors of Top English Springer Spaniel at the Invitational.



Kelly

Kelly ran 3 perfect rounds. It was just one bobble on my part in round 4 that caused her to miss the weave pole entry to keep her out of the finals. Up to that point she was ranked #7 in a large and competitive 16” class.

Of the two girls I am glad that Brooke could be the one to make it to final; it was her year to shine and she deserved it. I love that girl with all my heart—she would do anything for me. At the age of 10, I never dreamed we would still be competitive at a national level. To date, Brooke needs 3 more double Q’s to finish her MACH 6 and then she will officially retire from agility. I want her to retire happy and healthy. She is by no means ready to sleep on the couch, so she will play in obedience and maybe try for a tracking title.

I was also very proud of another MN Springer team, Jan Baker and her girl “Chaos.” Chaos is a wonderful female with a lot of heart and was bred by Pat Welch. Jan and Chaos also ran 4 clean rounds and were ranked #10 overall. In the 20” height division, 10 dogs are chosen for the finals round. So Jan and Chaos really earned a spot in the final, BUT the rule is, they only take one dog from each breed in each jump height. Because Brooke also qualified, Chaos had to bump and they took the #11 dog instead. Jan and Chaos exhibited great sportsmanship and cheered loudly for us in the stands. I am confident this great team will be at the invitational again next year.

In other venues, I know Melissa competed in Junior Showmanship with her Springer and Jon Pidde competed in Obedience with his Springer Benson. I never was able to sneak away to watch, but heard they had fun as well.

Now— back to reality, laundry, work, and snow!

*Patty, Brooke, and Kelly*

## Food Allergies: Don't Blame the Grains by Heidi Buytaert, DVM

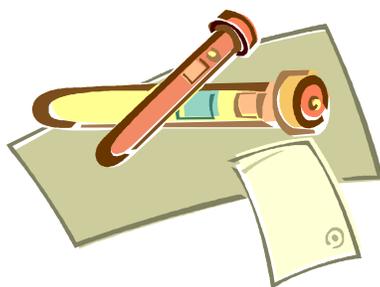
Allergies in dogs cause skin problems which usually manifests into very itchy skin that can become red, cause a rash, or even bald patches. This will usually lead to a secondary skin infection. Allergies mean an uncomfortable dog and many trips to the vet.

Many people erroneously assume itching due to food allergy requires a recent diet change. In fact the opposite is true as most food allergies take time to develop. Many animals have been eating the offending food for years with no trouble. In fact, the majority of food allergies occur between 2 and 6 years of age. Your veterinarian will want to rule out things including mites, flea bit allergies and contact allergies. If these are negative and your dog is affected year round by allergies then you must also rule out food allergies.

Inhalant allergies are the most common allergies seen in dogs. However, food allergies do account for 10% of the allergies seen in dogs and another 10% have a combination of food and inhalant allergies. It should be noted that food intolerance is also common, but the distinction is that food intolerance will result in diarrhea and/or vomiting.

Contrary to popular belief, only 3% of food allergies in dogs are caused by the grain. The majority (or 97%) are caused by a protein source. In order of most common offenders in dogs are beef, dairy, chicken, lamb, fish and soy.

There is not an accurate blood test to find food allergies. This may be confusing because there are commercially available food allergy blood tests, but I repeat – they are **not** accurate. The only way to diagnosis a food allergy is by doing a strict food trial. This consists of feeding a novel protein diet or using a hypoallergenic prescription diet. The



novel protein source consists of a protein source that the animal has never eaten before. There are several examples nowadays including rabbit, venison, herring etc. I recommend that clients stay away from beef, chicken, turkey and even lamb when performing a food trial. Your veterinarian should be able to work with you to find an appropriate novel protein diet. In contrast a hypoallergenic diet is a specialized diet that has been hydrolyzed or broken down so that there is a smaller pro-

tein molecule that is not large enough to trigger an allergic reaction. Either approach is fine for a food trial and the novel protein diets tend to be a little less costly. However, if the novel protein diet does not work, you would still need to do a food trial using the hypoallergenic diet.

The important part of a food trial is that the dog only gets that food during the 12 weeks of the food trial. You will likely not see results after 2-4 weeks, especially in highly-affected dogs. This means no treats, rawhides, pigs ears, flavored medications or even Heartguard chews, which contain beef. Some owners will choose to use the canned version of the recommended food and freeze meatballs of it to use as treats. Probably one of the biggest problems with food trials is table scraps, so I recommend keeping the dog out of the room when eating as even a small lick can ruin weeks of a well-followed food trial.





### (Food Allergies, continued)

The treatment for food allergies is avoidance. If a food trial is successful, you can go on feeding the food trial for life or proteins can be added back to the dog's diet one protein type at a time. However, it should be noted that allergies to new foods can develop in the future.

I know that food trials can be a pain in the butt. However, I am always very glad when a dog is positive for food allergies. This means fewer visits to the vet and less medications to control the allergies. The really cool thing is the only difference is the food and you were feeding them daily anyway!

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## Member Wins and Brags

### Am/Can/Int CH Cymbeline's Final Tally "Tally"

Barb Ciresi  
Duluth KC—7/15  
WB/BOW/BOS

**\*\*\*AKC CH Finished!\*\*\***

Albert Lea, MN—8/14  
BOB

Des Moines, IA—9/11 & 9/12  
BOS

Canada—9/18  
WB/BOB/Grp 4

**\*\*\*Canadian CH Finished!\*\*\***

### Am/Can/Int CH Cymbeline's You Do the Math "Stats"

Barb Ciresi  
Albert Lea, MN—8/14 & 15  
WD/BOW

**\*\*\*AKC CH Finished!\*\*\***

### Fox Hollow Blue Skies "Skye"

Owned by Diane Slais, bred by  
Ann Sunderman

**\*\*\*RN Title Earned!\*\*\***

### Embur's Just Fine n Dandy RA CGC TDI "Dandy"

Owned/handled by Carol Hitz  
10/23/10 - TCOTC  
Rally Advanced A - 1st Place

**\*\*\* RA Title Earned! \*\*\***

### Eastwood Vinehill Nick of Time NA NAJ "Niki"

Owned by B.A. Breese  
**\*\*\*Open Agility Standard Title Earned!\*\*\***  
**\*\*\*Jumpers w/ Weaves Title Earned!\*\*\***  
**\*\*\*Excellent Agility Std Title Earned!\*\*\***

Excellent Jumpers with Weaves – 2 legs towards title earned.

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

Karen Larson/Dr. Bev Felten  
BOB/Grp 2

**\*\*\*UKC CH Title Earned!\*\*\***

### CH Woodridge's Nevagard Leadoff Man CDX,SH,OA, AXJ "Wrigley"

Julie/Tim Nevgard  
ESSFTA Albany, OR—Qs all three days in Excellent JWW; Shooting Dog 1st Place  
Albert Lea, MN—Leg 1 toward UD with a 1st Place

### Cedarwood's Chocolate Diamond "Smudgy"

Owned by Pat & Wayne Welch, handled by Kristi Howe  
Granite City KC—12/11 (3 pts)

**\*\*\*AKC Championship Finished!\*\*\***

### Cedarwood's Paragon "Peter"

Owned by Pat & Wayne Welch, handled by Pat Welch  
Mason City KC—10/17

**\*\*\*RN Title Earned!\*\*\***

### Cedarwood's Hope Diamond, CD "Hope"

Owned by Aaron & Jean Dockendorf & Pat Welch; Handled by Aaron Dockendorf  
Wright County KC—10/10  
WB (1 point)

### Cedarwood's Toblerone "Brody"

Owned by Maggi Stow & Pat Welch  
Handled by Maggi Stow  
TCVESSA Specialty—5/15

**\*\*\*RN Title Earned!\*\*\***

### BISS Am/BISIntl CH Aspen's Ashwyn Explorer "Apollo"

Owned/Handled by Maryev Monty  
Wright County KC—Oct 9 & 10  
Best of Breed



**NOTE:**

Please be sure to email me your wins/brags by February 18 for the next Vox!  
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# RAW & NATURAL NUTRITION FOR DOGS: The Definitive Guide to Homemade Meals

by Lew Olson, PhD

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Lew Olson is an AKC Judge who has shown and raised dogs for over thirty years. She has a PhD in Natural Nutrition, with a specialization in canine digestion. She has been feeding raw since 1992. Lew has designed several nutrition supplements for dog under the name of Berte's Naturals. Lew has written articles for several canine publications including a monthly newsletter for B-Naturals.

Lew will be sharing her insight in to natural nutrition for dogs. She will discuss nutrition basics, feeding dogs the easy way, remedial diets including diets for dogs with joint problems, skin problems, dogs with cancer, and many more interesting topics.

**When:** February 26, 2011

**Where:** Dogue Spot, 5600 Queens Avenue NE, Otsego, MN 55330

**When:** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Cost:** \$79.00 (includes beverages & snacks with a light lunch)

*\*\*There are no refunds for this seminar. In case of cancellation due to weather, etc., there will be a new date for the seminar scheduled.*

**Reservations are due by January 31st, 2011 (This seminar is limited to 125 people)**

**Lew will have a book signing during lunch.**

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**Please return with payment**

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