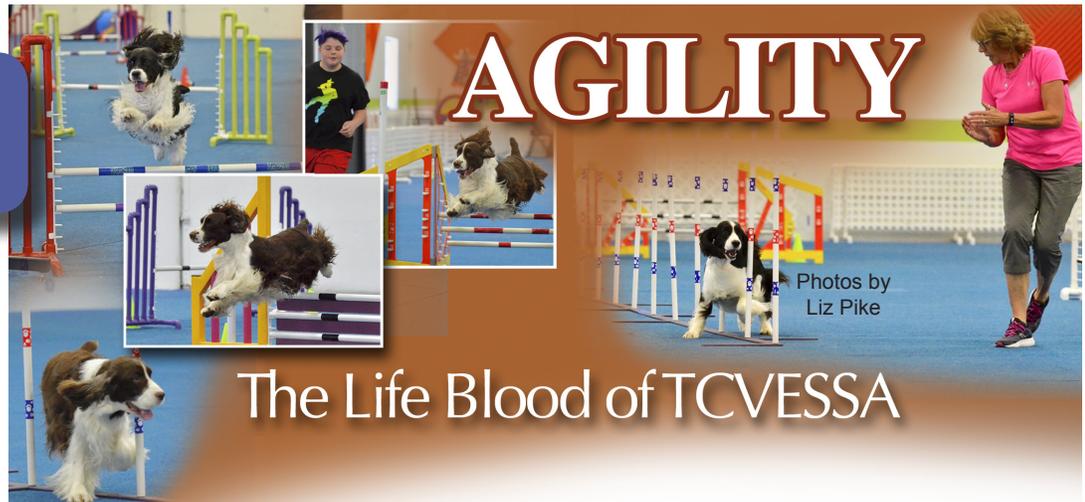




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The Life Blood of TCVESSA

Agility is the life blood of the club. Without the profits from our agility trials it is doubtful the club could afford to function. Club member support of the agility trials is critical for the ongoing health of our club and whether you participate in agility or not, you can help keep our club alive by volunteering to work a few hours at the trials. The work isn't hard (it's actually kind of fun) and we will teach you everything you need to know. Not only that, we feed you and there are prizes for the workers.

Non-agility events like the Specialty, the fall meeting and the supported entry in June and our banquet cost our club in excess of \$5500 a year. Entry fees, banquet fees and the annual dues of \$20/person just don't cover the costs. It is the agility trials that generate an average of \$6500 a year that allow us to function as a club and enjoy a wide variety of club events.

For those club members that are not involved in the sport of agility, the following is a peek into what goes into running a successful trial. Please read on. We think you'll be both surprised and impressed at what a small number of club members have been able to accomplish and why **we desperately need your help.**

THE PLANNING

Running four agility trials a year is a little like planning four weddings (but without the annoying mother-in-law). For our club, Kathy Patregnani does the lion's share of this work.

First, we need to hire a Trial Secretary to take care of the AKC requirements and the entries. TCVESSA is currently using Xtreme K9 Dog Sports run by Mike Teh.

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Second, we need to hire a judge that is popular with potential exhibitors so that we get a decent entry. This step can make-or-break a trial, and good judges need to be booked out as much as five years in advance. Kathy reaches out to judges (“So do you have a good parka and snow boots and are you willing to venture into the tundra to help with a trial?” or if it’s a summer trial, “How do you feel about mosquitos?”). As you can imagine, the winter trials are more challenging when it comes to hires, but Kathy manages to find outstanding judges. Next is the process of negotiating a contract with dates, compensation, perks, and what classes are included. Because this step happens so far in advance, there is a lot of paperwork to be tracked.

Third, the beginning of each year finds Kathy up to her neck in AKC paperwork (and you thought taxes were bad). Four trials at three days each requires 12 separate applications. About 60 days later AKC responds. Any issues or questions with the applications are taken care of by Kathy. (She’s good at this, and there aren’t many issues.)

Five months prior to trial, Kathy works with the Trial Secretary to get the premium list ready. If there are any changes from the original AKC application, Kathy sends more paperwork to AKC to get the changes approved. During this time, Kathy reaches out to her ever-faithful trial committee of: **Courtney Hansen, Sheila Koon, B.A. Breese, Alice Musburger and Jon Pidde** to make sure they’re on-board for the trial. For the last 7 years, these are the folks that have regularly stepped up to the plate to help run the trials. Other club members provide occasional assistance, but this core group have been champs.

THE COUNTDOWN

With the preliminaries in place Kathy gets one of the committee members to serve as the **volunteer coordinator (VC)**. The VC takes care of getting folks to staff the rings as bar setters, leash runners and score keepers for three days of trials. Kathy also convinces someone to be the chief course builder. Sometimes this is club member **Jon Pidde** and sometimes she needs to go outside the club to find a course builder.

Once all these details are ironed out, the premium list is made public and things really get busy.

The VC starts organizing up to five volunteers per class. It’s a complicated job with lots of emails. Fortunately, we now have an online service that allows people to sign up directly. It’s not a perfect system, but it helps. (<http://xtremek9s.com/agility-trialsevents/>)

The VC is also responsible for setting up a worker’s raffle. Volunteer workers get raffle tickets and are eligible to win cool prizes. The most coveted prize is generally the free entry for upcoming trials or gift cards. There are new raffles each day of the trial. It’s a lot of fun.

Please, if you’re interested and can commit to volunteering for part or all of the weekend contact Kathy Pategnani. (Vinewoodess@hotmail.com)

Three months prior, Kathy and B.A. Breese, our treasurer, locate and pay for our judges’ hotel rooms.

A week or two prior to the trial, Kathy begins the long process of shopping, pre-cooking and freezing enough food for a small army. The wonderful menu she creates is **free to all volunteer workers** and for sale to the attendees. She learned a long time ago that some people pick agility trials partially based on the food served and Kathy makes sure the TCVESSA food is top notch (her pulled pork is to die for and her mac and cheese will make you weep with happiness).

The week prior to the trial is filled with lots of last-minute details including:

- checking with the VC for volunteers,
- picking up gift cards,
- designing/printing free entry coupons,
- calling the judges to make sure they’re settled,
- and making a trip to the show site during the day prior to the show with a load of pop, water, crock pots and all the necessary equipment to serve the food. (whew, I’m tired just typing the list).

The whole trial committee is needed around 9:15pm Thursday night, after the training center classes are complete, to help set up tables, lay out non-perishable foods, get the raffle tables set out and to get plastic put down. They don’t get much sleep that night.



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THE TRIAL

The trial committee is back at 6:30 am on Friday morning. Coffee is started and breakfast goods are set-out for workers. Crock pots are turned on so that lunch can be ready by 10:30-11:00. Fridays are a mad rush to get things rolling. VC is busy filling any open slots on her schedule. B.A. Breese is busy writing refund checks. Course changes are figured out and the trial is off and running. It's a well-oiled machine.

The volunteers are back early Saturday & Sunday, which are the busiest days of the weekend. TCVESSA offers all class levels over the weekend, so the days get long. Some days the core group doesn't leave until after 6:00 pm.

Sunday means clean up and inventory. Ribbons are tabulated, paper goods and supplies are reviewed to plan for the next trial and checks are written to the judge, rent, and AKC. Everything is loaded into vans and sometimes a second trip is required to get everything back into storage. It makes for a long, exhausting weekend and our valiant core of workers does this four-times a year.

Frankly they're tired and if you want TCVESSA to continue to provide a variety of services to its members, they need our help. During our last trial we only had three extra volunteers: Jean Dockendorf, who was there all weekend, Joan Beck who came and helped for about 4 hours on Saturday and Brian Schafer who drove 5 hours to come help for the entire day Friday (and then drove 5 hours home). To these club members and the core group that work trial after trial, we say a great big **THANK YOU!**

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP. Our next agility trial is January 24-26, 2020 at Cloud Nine in Maple Grove. PLEASE sign up to donate at least 2-3 hours of your time that weekend and call a friend to come help too. It's easy to sign up. You can click on the Xtreme K9 Sports Dog link on the TCVESSA.org website or you can email Kathy Patregnani (Vinewoodess@hotmail.com) or Courtney Hansen (Spellboundess@yahoo.com), or go directly to the Xtreme K9 Dog Sports website (<http://xtremek9s.com/agility-trialsevents/>)

Thank You in advance to helping to keep the club running smoothly.

Kathy Patregnani
Agility Trial Chair

Joan M. Beck
Newsletter Editor



Another Volunteer Perk

When you volunteer for TCVESSA events you receive a punch card as a reward for helping out at club functions. A full card is worth \$30 towards club functions, for example: the banquet, entry fees, or towards the cost of any other club sponsored event.



From the Club President

January 15, 2020

Greetings and Happy New Year!

2019 was great for TCVESSA! We had four successful agility trials, including the last one from Dec 20-22, 2019, right before Christmas, two specialty shows with three obedience and Rally trials in May, two days of supported entry in June, and the general membership meeting in Nov! What a busy year!

I want to thank all of those club members that come out to help support our activities, without you we wouldn't be able to have and enjoy so many fun times with friends and dogs. **Special thanks to Brian Schafer** who drove five hours to come and help out at our Christmas agility trial! If you didn't make it to the Christmas agility trial you missed out on some great courses, fast dogs, great food, and of course the Ugly Sweater Contest! So Much fun! Please try to come next year!

In 2019 we also gained several new club members (pending board approval). **Welcome Kevin and Linda Krueger, Megan Stow, Jessica Schmidt, Megan Nelson and Kayla Nyvold!** We are so excited to have you and look forward to getting to know you more! We have a few other membership applications that are waiting for their first readings as well.

I want to thank some club members who do a lot to help our club be as successful as it is:

- Jean Dockendorf who has been working very hard on keeping the website current
- Alice Musburger who is our secretary, awards chair person and has updated our annual awards forms
- Carmen Laing for putting on and organizing our awards banquet
- Joan Beck for taking over the VOX News letter
- Kathy Patregnani who is our trial chair person for all of our agility, obedience and rally trials
- Liz Pike who is our show chair for our May specialties
- and our hard working Board Members Liz Pike, Julie Roberts, Tekla Viker, Diane Slais, Carmen Laing, B.A Breese, Kathy Patregnani, and Alice Musburger

Next time you see these folks please say Thank You and tell them what a great job they are doing!

We have lots of fun things planned for 2020!

Four 3-day agility trials (January, June, October and December), two days of Specialty shows with all breed Obedience and Rally trials (May), Awards banquet (March), General membership meeting (November), and two days of supported entry at the Jordan show (June). Please try to attend if you can! Our club cannot put on any of these activities without your help, please lend a hand if you can!

Please check the website **www.tcveffa.org** for details as they become available. We've really been trying to keep the website up to date so it becomes your quick resource for club related information.

See you Soon!

Courtney

Courtney Hansen,
Club President



Photos by Jean Dockendorf





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TCVESSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday October 16, 2019

Member's Present: Carmen Laing, Liz Pike, Courtney Hansen, Alice Musburger and Diane Slias.

Minutes from the September 19, 2019 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$2900.93

Secretary's Report:

First Reading for new member applicant Jessica Schmidt from Andover, MN. All Approved. Alice Musburger will send her a copy of the club by-laws and club mailing list. Sunshine Coordinator, Mary Dahl, will send a welcome packet.

Alice will also make copies of club mailing list to send to the board members, and will make copies to distribute at the November general membership meeting. Alice also reported that she created new membership renewal forms and that she sent them out to the membership with a newsletter on October 13. These, along with a new membership application form, will go to Jean Dockendorf for the club website.

Agility Report:

The next agility trial is the weekend October 18-20, 2019. Workers are needed. Courtney Hansen will post a request for help on Facebook. There are 284 runs for Friday, 314 for Saturday and 332 for Sunday. Doors open at 7:00 am. For something new, deep fried egg rolls will be served on Friday. FAST CAT is still on the table as a fundraiser.

Specialty Update:

Kathy Patregnani has contacted Laurie Feale from Texas to judge both days of an All-Breed Trial. Her fee is \$200 per day plus expenses. Liz Pike needs to do an inventory of left over ribbons. She is going to contact Cindy O'Hare about ordering ribbons after the show closing date. The goal is to use up the back-log of previously printed ribbons that are currently stored. Kathy and Courtney have begun gathering prizes. It was noted that the printed water buckets were a great hit as a prize.

Awards Update:

The guidelines need to be updated for Rally Obedience as the AKC has added two new classes. Alice will update them to include Rally Intermediate and Rally Master and present them at the general membership meeting.

A decision needs to be made regarding the agility class awards. All the classes (novice, open and excellent) need to either include regular AND preferred applicants or there needs to be separate awards for regular and preferred classes. It was decided to put these two choices before the membership at the fall meeting for discussion and a vote.

New ideas for annual awards were discussed. They included small plaques (Viking Trophy has nice ones), water pails, wooden covered notebooks and many ideas from Shutterfly were mentioned.

**2020 TCVESSA VOX
2020
Publication Schedule**

Issue1:

Submission deadline: Jan 10
Publication date: Jan 15

Issue2:

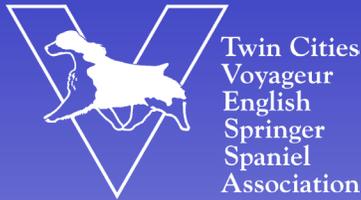
Submission deadline: Apl 10
Publication date: Apl 17

Issue 3:

Submission deadline: July 10
Publication date: July 15

Issue 4:

Submission deadline: Oct 10
Publication date: Oct 15



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TCVESSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES Continued

Wednesday October 16, 2019

Old Business:

VOX publisher was discussed. Carmen Laing published an issue in October as Joan Beck was unable to get an issue out. Joan will be given until November 1st to publish the next VOX. After this, either Joan will continue or another publisher will be found.

The fall general membership meeting will be November 17th from 11:30am to 3:00pm. Kay Glaeser and Carol Hitz will offer rally run throughs. Janice Johnson will run a conformation handling session. The garage sale for extra dog related items will be offered. The location is the Cloud 9 in Maple Grove, MN.

New Business:

The nominating committee report for the slate of officers for 2020 has been completed.

Slate of officers for 2020 is as follows:

President:	Courtney Hansen
Vice President:	Liz Pike
Secretary:	Alice Musburger
Treasure:	BA Breese
Members at large:	Kathy Patregnani
	Diane Slias
	Tekla Viker
	Carmen Laing
	Julie Roberts

Next Meeting

Sunday, November 17 at general fall membership meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alice Musburger

TCVESSA Agility Trial Workers Needed

January 24-26, 2020
To help
(and receive a free lunch
and raffle tickets for prizes),
contact

Courtney Hansen
Spellboundess@yahoo.com
or

Visit TCVESSA.org
and
click the link to
Xtreme K9 Dog Sports.
Then locate the
TCVESSA agility trial
and click on the
Volunteer sign-up link.

Please

See the accompanying Grass Awn Alert pdf from ESSFTA.
Even in the middle of winter, grass awns can be a danger.

The alert is in the same email as the newsletter.



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TCVESSA'S DONATION TO THE 2019 ESSFTA NATIONAL

TCVESSA donated a custom painting done by Stephanie Brooks (She is Julie Roberts niece) to the ESSFTA National Specialty. It had the highest bid among all the club donated items and was won by Lynn Winchester. Stephanie recently sent the beautiful finished painting out to Lynn and our VP, Liz Pike, thought it would be nice for the club members to see it. Stephanie's contact info is (potatobuds@gmail) should others be interested in a custom painting.



LITTER ANNOUNCEMENT (THE STORK COMMETH):



**Wil-Orion has very exciting news !
Babies on board. Six or more!**

SIRE:

CH Foxboro Wil-Orion's Outside The Lines - "Guy"

DAM:

CH Maxwell's Count On Me - "Tess" .

Puppies due February 1st. All liver and white litter and all tri factored.
(Not expecting any tri colors, but surprises can happen!)

Breeders: Janice L Johnson, Erica Brookshire and Riley Brookshire

If interested, please contact:
wilorioness@yahoo.com





*Join your fellow club members in
celebrating all of our
2019 accomplishments!*

The TCVESSA Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, March 21, 2020

The Roasted Pear
9690 Colorado Lane North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445
763-400-7677 www.roastedpear.com



Social Hour: 6:00-7:00 p.m. Cash Bar
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Program, Meeting & Awards: 8:00 p.m.

Reservations must be made by March 13, 2020

Dinner price is **\$30.00** and includes a House Salad, Coffee, Dessert and Gratuity.
(Include your full \$\$ volunteer cards with RSVP)

Please reserve _____ places for the TCVESSA Awards Banquet. All meals are priced at **\$30.00**.
Please check your meal preference.

_____ Petite Filet 6oz Filet of Tenderloin with fresh grilled vegetables and garlic mashed potatoes	\$ _____
_____ Cedar Plank Salmon Atlantic Salmon filet, fire on a cedar plank with fresh grilled vegetables and cilantro lime rice	\$ _____
_____ Stuffed Chicken Breast Tempura battered chicken breast stuffed with fresh sauteed spinach, dried cranberries, walnuts, bacon and smoked gouda topped with white wine basil sauce with grilled vegetables and garlic mashed potatoes.	\$ _____
Total Check Amount	\$ _____

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please mail the bottom portion of this page and check payable to TCVESSA to:

Carmen Laing, 9261 Ives Lane N., Maple Grove, MN 55369 * 612-202-0548 *
Carmen913@msn.com



Health Clinic Flyer 2020



Twin Cities Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Annual All Breed Health Clinic

February 29th 2020 ~ 9 am – 3 pm

Stone Mountain Pet Lodge ~ 9975 Xenia Ave N ~ Brooklyn Park

- **Dr. Robert Larocca DVM, DACVO**
Eye OFA \$35
- **Dr. Chris Staughtammer, DACVIM U of M Cardiologist**
Heart OFA \$35
- **Dr. Tami Bauer, DVM – Owatonna MN**
Titer Testing sent to Kansas State Laboratory
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|--|--|-------|
| Rabies Titer | | \$65 |
| Core Titer: Distemper, Adenovirous, Parvo | | \$65 |
| Combination Titer : Rabies & Core | | \$105 |
| Rabies Vaccination | | \$15 |
| DAPP Vaccination | | \$20 |
| 4DX (Heartworm and Lyme Plus) | | \$35 |
| Heartworm Test Only | | \$20 |
| Patella OFA | | \$30 |
| Exam for Chiropractic referral | | \$10 |
| Microchip and Microchip insertion ** (Limit of 25) | | \$ 26 |
- **Dr. Mark LaVallie, D.C., CVSMT ***
** Veterinarian referral required for new patients*
- | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------|
| Initial Exam and Treatment (New patients) | \$125 - 50% off | \$62.50 |
| Follow up Treatment | | \$55 |
| Puppy adjustment (under 1 year old) | | \$40 |
| Laser Therapy | | \$35 |
- **Amy DeLong: Certified Animal Aromatherapist, Tellington
TTouch practitioner, Animal Communicator, and Intuitive Healer**
- | | | |
|--|------------|------|
| Intuitive, Holistic mini session (Natural solutions) | | \$30 |
| Custom Essential Oil Blend | Additional | \$15 |

To schedule your appointment or if you have questions regarding services offered contact Jodi by email: jobrencavaliers@yahoo.com

** Cost of microchip registration is extra and will need to be paid at time of registration





Awards and Brags



CH STONEHENGE MYSHAMROCK BLACK BUCKET

"Brew"

OWNERS:

Cyndi Myhre, Gary Myhre, Zoe Anderson

1/WD/BOB/BW/G4 Coulee Kennel Club Inc. (1)
11/02/2019

1/WD-4 point Major Land O Lakes KC (1)
01/04/2020

*****NEW CHAMPION*****

Select Dog-4 point Major Land O Lakes KC (2)
01/05/2020

CEDARWOOD'S DREAM A LITTLE DREAM

"Ella"

OWNER: Jean Dockendorf

WB, 2 pts Land O'Lakes Kennel Club, 1/5/20



CH CEDARWOOD'S ODIN OF ARROWROCK AX, AXJ

"Odie"

OWNER: Jean Dockendorf

12/21/19, TCVESSA Agility Trial, Master Standard Leg #6

12/22/19, TCVESSA Agility Trial, Master Standard Leg #7

12/22/19, TCVESSA Agility Trial, Master Jumpers Leg #2

CH SPELLBOUND'S PAINTING THE ROSES RED BN NAP OFP CGCA TKI

"Betty"

Owned by Courtney Hansen, Janice Johnson and Alice Musburger

Select Bitch - Wright Co. KC 11/06/2019

Best of Breed - Minneapolis Kennel Club (1) - Nov 23, 2019

*****NEW GRAND CHAMPION*****

Best of Breed - Minneapolis Kennel Club (2) - Nov 24, 2019

Select Bitch - Granite City KC (1) 12/14/2019

Best of Breed - Granite City KC (2) 12/15/2019

Select Bitch - Land O' Lakes KC (1) 01/04/2020

3rd place-Beginner Novice B - Des Moines KC 09/07/2019

*****NEW BEGINNER NOVICE TITLE*****

Agility Title *****OPEN FAST PREFERRED***** 10/18/2019





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UH HIRDLER HILL'S LIFE IN THE FAST LANE CDX BN RA GN OA OAJ CGC-U CGCA TKI WD

"Rev"

Owned by Brian Schaffer

Community Canine CGCA title earned 12/ 20/ 19

Trick Dog Novice Title Earned 12/20/19

Trick Dog Intermediate title earned 12/20/19

SHR SPRINGRIDGE WELCOME 2 THE CRAZY TRAIN JH TKI CGCA WD

"Ozzy" (Water Spaniel)

Owned by Brian Schaffer

Community Canine CGCA title earned 12/20/19

Trick Dog Novice title earned 12/20/19

Trick Dog Intermediate title earned 12/20/19

Also, in 2019



INT-CH WIL-ORION'S TO THE MOON AND BACK CGC TKN RN

"Archie"

Owned by Linda and Kevin Krueger

11/18/19 - IABCA 2019 Purina Farms Autumn Sieger, Group 2 and
International CH title earned.

11/30/29 and 12/1/19 – The United German Shepherd Dog Alliance
UKC All Breed Confirmation Shows, Group 4, Group 3, and Group 1

WIL-ORION'S TRI TO REMEMBER

"Tatum"

Owned by Courtney Hansen and Janice L. Johnson, Erica Brookshire
and Riley Brookshire

Passed his TDI test on 12/07/2019 and is now a

*****Certified Therapy Dog*****



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Happy Retirement
Niki!

**CH MACH2 PACH6
EASTWOOD VINEHILL NICK OF TIME CD BN RN
MXG MJB2 MXP20 MXPC2 MJP21 MJPC2 PAX6 OF XFP T2B
T2BP CGC TKN.**

“Niki”

Owned by B.A. Breese

PACH6 - 01/05/2020

It’s a wrap! At the age of 12 1/2, Niki will be hanging up her agility cleats.

She is always willing and able to do whatever I asked of her. In her career, she has earned 2 Master Agility Championships (MACH). At the age of 9, I decided to move her to a lower jump height to run in the Preferred class with the hopes to keep her healthy and safe. Here, she earned 6 Preferred Agility Championships (PACH) - the last being won on 1/4/20.

She has earned ESSFTA’s Top Preferred Agility Springer for the past 2 years. Has attended the AKC Invitational in Florida for the past 2 years. Qualified for the AKC National Agility competition for the past 4 years - attended once when it was held in Georgia. She has also won many awards from our own TCVESSA club.

Since I will still be attending agility trials with Ben, I plan to have fun with her by running Time to Beat. Hey, she still loves the game - especially the treats! I also hope to introduce her to the sport of scent work.





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WIL-ORION'S IF YOU BELIEVE

"Mela"

Owned by Courtney Hansen and Janice L. Johnson, Erica Brookshire
and Riley Brookshire

WB/BOW - 4 pt major - Land O Lakes 1/4/2020

WB - Granit City Kennel Club 12/14/2019

WB/BOW - 3 pt major - Minneapolis Kennel Club 11/24/19



CH THREE PINES N CEDARWOODS LIGHT MY FIRE

"Wallace"

Owned by Owned by Maggi Stow and Megan Stow

WB/BOW - 4pt major - Des Moines KC specialty - 09/06/2019

*****NEW CHAMPION*****