Letter from the Editor

Autumn in all its magnificence is upon us. After months of air conditioning and hot, humid weather, we Long Islanders are ready to get into the great outdoors with our dogs. It’s a beautiful time for tracking, field work, or just taking a leisurely stroll. Whatever your inclination, remember to always have water for your dog and be aware of his/her safety. This newsletter is chock full of the activities we enjoy with our springers...field trialing, rally and obedience, conformation, and good times. Let the good times roll!

Gail

Membership

Please note that the attached due notice is for 2016 DUES for the 2016 club year.

Upcoming Events

Designated Specialty with Riverhead Kennel Club

Sunday, October 25, 2015  Judging starts at 11:45 in Ring 5

Eastern States Expo
1305 memorial Ave.
West Springfield, MA

Sweepstakes Judge:  Ms. Lori Carver  Entry:  7-9; Veterans 0-1
Breed Judge:  Kimberly Meredith-Cavanna  Entry:  11-17 (4-6)

If you can join us, please email Gail at esscli@optimum.net
Designated Specialty with New Brunswick Kennel Club

Saturday, March 26, 2016
NJ Convention and Expo Center
97 Sunfield Ave., Edison, NJ
Sweepstakes Judge: Mrs. Linda Flynn
Breed Judge: Mrs. Libby O’Donnell Naimo
If you can join us, please email Gail at esscli@optimum.net

All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trials

Saturday May 7 and Sunday May 8, 2016
Dogworks Canine Form and Function 780 Broadway, Holbrook, NY
Judges: Saturday, Mrs. Phyllis Broderick
Sunday, Mrs. Phyllis Broderick and TBA
Fee: $30 for first entry; $25 for additional entry for same dog
Saturday May 7, 2016: Rally Novice A&B; Rally Advanced A&B; Rally Excellent A&B; Novice A&B; Beginner Novice
Sunday May 8, 2016: Novice A&B; Beginner Novice A&B judged by TBA ; Open A&B; Utility A&B judged by Mrs. Broderick
Entries are limited each day
English Springer Spaniels have priority
Mixed breeds welcome
Show Secretary: Cindy Medina
294 Neptune Ave., West Babylon, NY 11704
litralsec@optonline.net
Supported Entry with Suffolk County Kennel Club

Judge: Mr. Alberto Barrios

A big thank you to Kevin and Carol Dolan and to Marge Silverthorn for representing ESSCLI at this supported entry.

And a huge congratulations to Casey Silverthorn on his first Best of Breed Win!

Field Trial

Our 26th annual trial was held on Oct 3rd and 4th in upstate New York with 22 Open 37 Amateur 10 puppies. Local judge Bobby Ryan and out of state (Minnesota) judge Ken Hanson judged the trial.

It rained all day Saturday and scenting was tough but Sunday turned out to be a really nice day and scenting improved.

The club hosted a banquet Saturday night with a salad and a generous portion of pork, mushroom risotto and grilled asparagus cooked by one of the guns, George Akkouris.

Junior handler and club member Jessica Licari, club members Rich Soule, Damon Licari and Ted Lagala ran dogs. Placements were:

Open
Jim Keller - Scratch
Gary Wilson - Sally
Ray Wunderlich - Boom
Jim Keller - Tommy

Puppies
Cindy Goode Wilson - Taylor
Cindy Goode Wilson - Bo
Collin Pickaril - Carly
The was no fourth place finisher

Amateur
Chuck Urland - Harley
Roland Snyder - Mabiel
Chuck Urland - Boni
Club member Ted Lagala placed 4th with Spirit CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!
The Winner’s Circle

Congratulations to All!!!!

From Susan Jonis:  Top gun Allie Ooops. JH, **SHU**, CD, RE; Finally earned that 5th and so elusive last leg at ECSCA, Oct 11 (Senior Hunter Lab)

Striker earned his first MH leg at MSDA, Sept 13.

Ember earned her first MH leg at ESCSA, Oct 13

Weatherby's Afterglow - ECS, (f) Ember Czarzasty - has her SH. She is only 17 mo. .

Heavensent Sunshine Boy ESS (m) Alex Czarzasty - has his RN, 2 4th places included.

Top Gun Lightening Strikes First - Boykin (m) Striker Bobrowich-Jonis is now JHR, SH, RA, BN, CD. Somewhere in those obedience titles, there are 2 firsts, 2 thirds, and 1 fourth.

Top Gun Rider On The Storm - Lab (M) Orion Bobrowich-Jonis is now JH, SHU, BN, RA. He came home with a wrack of blue ribbons.

**Done until the spring!** (Unless Jackie wants to take Striker and add some more points - he has his 2 majors.) Ed. Note: 'Things were really hoppin' at Sobaka Kennels!!!!!

From Joyce Rienzo:  Dasher got her CGCA and Bette got her CGC.

From Cheryl Kraft:  Too got his 4 & 5 legs towards the RAE. Grace helped Maura's Angel qualify in veterans obedience. Too got a 4th place and a beautiful ribbon from SOTC with all his titles listed. Red, white and blue - perfect for veterans.

From Bonnie Regan:  Kenzie. (Legacy Keepsake Gem Stone) was WB at Big Apple Sporting for a major.

From Evelyn Beede and Emmie:  The "RALLY HO" team after our first place win today!!!! 388 out of 400....not too shabby. Emmie is the field spaniel on the right.
Dog Tales

Our ESS’s are regular news hounds and all round gossips! Here’s what’s happening in our springer community!

From Cheryl Kraft: Her niece, Grace, has been going to some agility classes with Piece. She continues to do obedience at home with To and occasionally helps at obedience classes with Piece. Her favorite activity is still practicing rally signs with Joyce with Grace being the "dog". I think that it will put her ahead of the curve in math as most second graders don't know 90, 270 and 360 degree turns. Joyce is a patient trainer and her pretend dog loves working with her.

Susan Jonis and Barbara Bobrowich have a full house. Susan asks: How is this for a pic... The dog top left is Coco, next down Striker (both ours), Morgan (Coco is dam to both, first litter, last litter), Ember. Morgan & Ember are client dogs - field training. Zoot is obvious, Behind him is Orion, off to the right is Orion's dam, Allie (both ours).

Barbara and Kevin Czarzasty’s Ember is flourishing in his field training at Sobaka Kennels. Look at this dog go!

Troy Gaudio enjoys a day at the doggie spa.

Mom Evelyn says Emmie is part goat...she eats everything. Emmie says, I’m just helping with fall cleanup before I practice agility.
Rescue News from Gini Titterton

Ellie shared her life with a family that had four children. She had difficulty dealing with this situation and her family agree that she needed a home without children. On July 5, 2015 she was adopted by Jody Still, of CT, who has been working hard to make Ellie comfortable. Ellie has definite opinions of everyone, dogs and people alike, and Jody is helping Ellie to accept the world as it is. ESSCLI thanks Jody for rescuing Ellie. It hasn't been easy, but Jody adores Ellie, and knows deep down they were meant to be together!

Charlie, a 3 year old springer from western New York needed a new home. His owners tried very hard to make him comfortable, to no avail. He showed his teeth at men, something must have happened with his original owner. He barked anxiously at any noise that came from the busy street lived on. He didn’t like young children either. The search went for the perfect home, and we found it! Donna and Pat Gallagher of Warwick, RI knew how to work with tough springers, their Casey didn’t like other dogs. When Charlie met them on 9/9/15, he knew they were there to rescue him!! He walked over to them and sat down! The owners NEVER saw Charlie like that before. Donna says he has really been the typical ESS, always by her side or at her feet.

Miracles happen in ESSCLI!!!! Molly, a 9 year old that was just recently diagnosed with Diabetes, left southern NJ and took a trip to her new home in Maine. The owner wasn't able to drive a distance, so Lori Miller volunteered to pick up Molly and transport her to CT, where she met Nancy Martin of S. Portland. Nancy got Molly to the vet ASAP, as she was 10 lbs. underweight. Despite all that sweet Molly has been through, she is an active and happy girl. We are all looking forward to Molly's improved health, and thankful for wonderful people like Lori, who transported Molly, and Nancy, who has selflessly adopted an older ESS with health issues. UPDATE on Molly, our diabetic springer, for the first time, her sugar levels are acceptable. Nancy says Molly is showing her wonderful springer personality, being more playful, and just a "love bug". She is slowly gaining weight, too. Here she is enjoying a day on the lake, on the left with Nancy and her step-springer Zoe. ESSCLI thanks all those involved in this special rescue!!!
Scuppers, a feisty 1 year old boy, was surrendered after showing dominance over the young child in his home. The mom was fearful, so we looked for a home without children. Denise and Leo Roy, of Rhode Island were ready for a new pup, after losing their last ESS, Cody. They took in Scuppers on July 28th, renamed him Ernie, and the "never a dull moment" days began. After a rough start, Ernie is settling in, and Denise and Leo both know they couldn't live without him! ESSCLI thanks the Roys for rescuing Ernie!

Check us out on Facebook for the most recent updates of the dogs that are adopted and rescue news. Please like us on Facebook – English Springer Spaniel Club of Long Island - Rescue.

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3 Reasons Why Adopting a Shelter Dog is an Awesome Choice!
by VetDepot on October 8, 2015

October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month! Check out these reasons for choosing to adopt your next canine companion:

1. You'll save a life! More than 2 million dogs are euthanized in the United States every year. Rescue dogs have a way have knowing they've been giving a second chance, and they’ll forever hold a very important place in your heart.

2. Shelter dogs are capable of making incredible transformations. It’s true, some dogs in shelters have had a rough start. Whether their former owners weren’t stellar or they lost their family due to uncontrollable circumstances, it’s amazing what a loving second chance can do. The change you’ll likely notice will be inspiring.

3. You’ll never be without a best friend. Do you need a hiking buddy? A cuddle partner? A happy face to come home to every day? No matter what you’re looking for in a canine companion, there’s a rescue dog out there that fits your lifestyle and is hoping for a new best friend too.

Editor’s Note: Many springers find themselves in shelters. ESSCLI Rescue bails them out, and they become rescue dogs. If we ever call upon you to check out a springer in a shelter, please help us.
Farewell, my Friend

Doug Richardson

Doug was a long time club member who was most supportive of Rescue. He was a kind man who took his dog with him to work every day where he was the greens keeper at a golf course. A picture is worth a thousand words and his wife, Diane Richardson, sent us these lovely pictures of Doug with his dogs and working for ESSCLI Rescue.

At work with Guinness

At work with Trouble

At the Rescue Parade

Working at the ESSCLI Rescue Boutique
**MILKSHAKE**, who was adopted on August 7th by one of our wonderful adoption applicants, Eli and Lyndsey Chess just crossed the Rainbow Bridge and joined our other very special rescued springers. It turned out that he had health issues which only came to light when he was taken to the vet right after his adoption. The Chess' did everything and more to insure Milkshake's health be attended to. Lyndsey stated "for now, we are doing our best to focus on the good times and all the joy he brought to our family. He had a huge heart and the most wonderful disposition. He loved swimming laps in pools and ponds, chasing chickens, and gnawing on bully sticks. He would roll over for even the slightest hint of a belly rub. He drooled on absolutely everything, and felt that there was no bad place for a nap or a snuggle. We love you so much, Milkshake. Thank you for being a part of our lives. You were only with us a short time, but left an indelible mark on our hearts. We will miss you forever."

**From the Archives**

That’s right folks, your eyes do not deceive you...those are two field bred springers in the ring with Kevin Dolan and John Lamendola at our Snowflake Match Show in 1996 with President Marge Silverthorn.

**We are looking for Springer Pin-Ups!**

The rescue committee is creating a 2015 calendar. This fundraiser will include pictures of our members’ dogs! If you would like to have your dog considered for the calendar, please submit a .jpeg file to Gail Schuljan at esscli@optimum.net. In the subject line, please use the title Calendar Picture. We will need the name of your dog, your first and last names, and a cute sentence or two about what makes your springer super special. The deadline for pictures is **November 10, 2015.**
Picture taking tips:

- The dog should be the main focus of the picture and take up most of the frame
- If you get down to the dog’s level, or the dog up to your level, the perspective will be better
- Try not to have the dog in shadows, see which way the sun is shining and position the dog accordingly
- Check the background...is that a tree growing out of your dog’s head?
- Have fun! Reward with treats!
- Be careful using a flash, no devil dogs with red eyes, please. Natural lighting works best to capture your springer’s soulful eyes.

5 Things Your Dog Wants from You by VetDepot on May 11, 2015

If your dog could dream up the perfect life, you might think it involves a lifetime supply of treats and endless trips to the dog park. While these things may be on your dog’s wish list, most canines crave simple things that make them feel loved, happy, and stable. Below are five things your dog really wants:

1. **Guidance:** No dog wants to be yelled at for using the rug as a potty spot or chewing up your favorite pair of shoes, but canines don’t instinctively know not to do these things. Setting consistent boundaries early in life and committing to training will not only boost your dog’s confidence and happiness, but it will also strengthen the bond you two have with each other.

2. **Stimulation:** Dogs may not be able to ask for it with words, but they need both physical and mental activity to ward off boredom and undesirable behaviors. Regular walks, hikes, runs, or games of fetch are all great options to get your canine companion moving. Training sessions, agility activities, and puzzle toys are good ways to keep your dog’s mind sharp.

3. **Consistency:** Your dog doesn’t want to tag along on your emotional rollercoaster. It can be confusing if you come home one day in a great mood and super grumpy the next. While it’s natural for your days to differ and your moods to change, try to keep your reaction to your dog the same. Dogs need a leader who’s cool, calm, and collected. Consistency applies to a lot of other areas of dog ownership too, including feeding schedules and house rules. When you keep things consistent, you’re giving your dog the best chance to thrive.

4. **Socialization:** When dogs are exposed to a variety of people, other canines, and situations, they’re less likely to feel fearful or aggressive. If possible, start this exposure at a young age and keep it consistent. Keep in mind that even with the best attempts at socialization, every dog is different and may not have the same level of comfort around other dogs and people. Tailor the socialization to your pup’s individual needs. For canines that don’t do well at the dog park, opt for walks or agility classes instead.

5. **Attention to health:** Your dog may not know the meaning of a healthy body weight or arthritic joints, but he does know what it’s like to feel good and energetic. Keep up with your canine companion’s health by committing to regular vet checkups, opting for a [healthy dog food](#), keeping up with [flea control](#), and not neglecting things like dental care. A healthy dog is a happy dog.
Thanksgiving is a wonderful time for coming together with family and friends to share a big meal and some memories. It’s only natural to want to share some of that holiday cheer and food with your four-legged family members, but use caution. While there are some Thanksgiving foods that are safe for pets (depending on the exact ingredients), others are downright dangerous.

**Sometimes Safe:**

Turkey: A small amount of white meat is typically safe for dogs and cats. Just be sure to remove skin, excess fat, and bones.

Cranberries: A few cranberries or a small helping of cranberry sauce is okay, but steer clear if it’s loaded with sugar.

Green Beans: Fresh green beans make a healthy treat for pets. However, if your Thanksgiving green beans are in a casserole, be mindful of the other ingredients before sharing with your pet.

Potatoes: A few nibbles of plain mashed potatoes make a filling snack for pets. Just know that butter, sour cream, onions, and gravy are all off-limits. Sweet potatoes are also safe as long as any additional ingredients are pet-friendly.

**Dangerous:**

Onions: Ingestion of even a small amount of onion can be very dangerous for pets, causing damage to red blood cells and leading to a condition called hemolytic anemia. Symptoms of toxicity include lethargy, diarrhea, vomiting, and breathlessness.

Gravy: Fatty foods like gravy can lead to pancreatitis, especially in dogs. Common symptoms of pancreatitis include lack of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, depression, and difficulty breathing.

Bones: Bones from your Thanksgiving turkey or ham can cause your pet serious injury. Chewing on bones can lead to broken teeth and mouth injuries. Fragments can also get stuck in the esophagus, windpipe, stomach, or intestines. Choking, constipation, rectal bleeding, and infections are all possible consequences.

Alcohol: It doesn’t take much alcohol to cause toxicity in a small animal. Since alcohol is so common at many family gatherings, it’s important to keep an eye on pets during the holidays. Signs of alcohol toxicity in pets include drooling, vomiting (or attempting to vomit), weakness, elevated heart rate, and a distended abdomen.
Pilgrims weren’t the only passengers traveling to the new world on the Mayflower. Records indicate that there were two canines onboard for the historic voyage across the Atlantic.

John Goodman, a 25-year-old passenger on the Mayflower, brought along his English Springer Spaniel and his Mastiff. The names of these two dogs were not recorded, but their contributions to establishing the settlement were. The canines provided protection and accompanied the pilgrims while hunting. This isn’t surprising considering Mastiffs (pictured left) are known for their powerful loyalty and Springer Spaniels (pictured right) have a talent for hunting.

Goodman died during the pilgrims’ first harsh winter and it’s not known exactly what happened to his dogs. It’s likely that surviving colonists took over their care.

4 Ways Pets Help Reduce Stress

Unfortunately, stress is something many of us have to deal with on a daily basis. Work, family, and other responsibilities can really add up. Luckily, having a four-legged companion around can help. Below are four ways pets can help combat stress:

1. **Pets fulfill the need for touch:** When dealing with a stressful situation, touch can be comforting. From brushing a horse to petting a purring cat, physical contact will likely induce a relaxation response.

2. **Pets reduce blood pressure:** One of the ways to physically measure stress levels is blood pressure. Many studies have shown that being around a pet, even just watching a fish swim in an aquarium, can have a positive impact on blood pressure.

3. **Pets make us laugh:** Laughter is a fantastic way to forget about your problems and feel at ease. So, the next time your silly puppy makes you chuckle, be thankful and enjoy!

4. **Pets encourage exercise:** The endorphins experienced during exercise are a major weapon against stress and depression. Dog owners are more likely to get out for that walk, jog, or hike with those puppy dog eyes begging to go.
Regardless of whether you join the club, make a rescue donation or donate to the trophy fund, we would like to have your updated contact information and areas of interest. The newsletter will be sent to you via email. Please submit dues by December 1, 2015.

NAME:____________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________________________________________

PHONE NUMBER: _________________________________________________________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________  
(Needed to receive club information and the newsletter)

Areas of interest: Show Obedience Tracking Field Rally CGC Agility Therapy Dog Rescue Companion

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