Letter from the Editor

A belated Happy New Year from yours truly. Where does the time go? Hopefully you and your furry friends have been keeping warm this winter and dreaming of finer days to come. We at ESSCLI have been doing the same, and we hope to bring an exciting calendar of events to the New Year. We have added a couple of new ventures: our first ever all breed obedience and rally trials, as well as a designated specialty with Riverhead Kennel Club. We do need volunteers to help out at these events, so take a look at our 2015 calendar and think about what you would like to attend or help out with.

Who can resist a little girl playing with springers! Here, Grace Kraft tries her hardest to win the gold in the ESS Grand Prix! And a trip down memory lane with FAGAN!!!!

Gail
Upcoming Events

All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trials

Saturday May 2 and Sunday May 3, 2015

Dogworks Canine Form and Function 780 Broadway, Holbrook, NY

Judge: Arthur Cartwright

Fee: $30 for first entry; $25 for additional entry for same dog

Saturday May 2, 2015: Rally Novice A&B; Rally Advanced A&B; Rally Excellent A&B; Novice A&B; Beginner Novice; PreNovice

Sunday May 3, 2015: Novice A&B; Open A&B; Utility A&B

Entries are limited each day

English Springer Spaniels have priority

Mixed breeds welcome

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ESSCLI Calendar of Events

February
February 16-17 - Watch Westminster Kennel Club on TV – cheer for the springer!

May
May 2-3 - ESSCLI All-Breed Obedience and Rally Trial
May 15 - Supported Entry with Ladies Kennel Association of America
May 16 - Designated Specialty and Sweepstakes with Ladies Kennel Association of America
May 16 - Club Meeting in conjunction with Designated Specialty

June
Annual Meeting and Elections

July
Specialty Match in addition to Canine Experience
Canine Experience with Suffolk County Kennel Club

September
September 26 - Supported Entry with Suffolk County Kennel Club with Meet the Breeds
AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day

October
October 3-4 - Licensed Field Trial
October 31 - Designated Specialty with Riverhead Kennel Club, Springfield, MA.

CLUB NEWS

ESSCLI Supported Entry with Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.
Saturday, September 27, 2014

Thank you to Kevin and Carol Dolan for representing ESSCLI at their Meet the Breeds booth. As always, the Dolans are ideal ambassadors for our breed and enjoy educating others about the delights of owning and caring for a springer. Winning Best of Breed and a Sporting Group 1: GCH CERISE CELTIC THUNDER, SR 62193601. 03-28-10
By Ch Felicity's Johnny Angel - Ch Cerise Spectacular Bid. Dog.
Owner: Yuka Nobechi & Dorothy Cherry, Gaylordsville, CT 06755. Breeder: Kate O'Connell & Dorothy Cherry. (Meagan A Ulfers, AKC Registered Handler).
ESSCLI Field Trial October 4th and 5th

The Field Trial set the standard for all Field Trials. There were special 25th Anniversary trophies, a festive celebration dinner, a beautiful color catalog, and the highest entry ever for an independent trial. The 2014 Trial was dedicated to the memory of Ralph Silverthorn. We want to especially thank the field committee members who made this event the spectacular it was under the guidance of Kevin Dolan and Ted Legala. In the next newsletter, we will give a full report on who was awarded the top honors and the dedicated members who made it all possible.

The Winner’s Circle

Congratulations to All!!!!!

Congratulations to Evelyn Beede and Field Spaniel Emmie who was awarded her Beginner’s Novice title in November 2014. Evelyn reports: Emm got her Beginner Novice title on Saturday, taking 4th place. Lovely gifts, too, for the placements....dog ornament, dog toy, and a box of dog cookies....nice.

Then......the mistake. I had entered her in Novice B and figured I'd see how she'd do....Well, on lead heel was good, figure 8 excellent, stand for exam good, she even came with me for the off lead heel....Started out fine, which was a surprise since we haven't done much off-lead heeling in class....she got to the end of the ring where we were supposed to make a left turn and the judge had placed a round blue dot on the floor to indicate the turn placement.....NOT!!!!! The DOT got her! She stopped, sniffed, sniffed, pawed and then proceeded to EAT the DOT!!!! The whole place was hysterical laughing. Of course, she wouldn't listen one iota and was wild running around the ring thinking she was awesome. Sooooo, that's the lowdown on how miss Emm did at the show this weekend. I'm glad for her BN title....might be her last!!!!!

The always busy Cheryl Kraft and crew reports:

- All five will be recognized by the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association (our parent club) for Multi-titlist with Boy earning two titles, Z and Piece earning three titles. Too and Nora earning four new titles.

- Nora and Z earned their CAA titles (advanced coursing ability). Boy earned his CA. Too had a qualifying run but finds it too painful to be away from his mommy no matter how tempting the lure is.

- Too and Nora both earned their CGCA titles with Grace helping Nora by handling her in the group and crowd exercises.

- Boy earned his RN with a personal best of 98 for one of the legs.

- Too earned his first BN leg with a score of 192.5 despite his flamboyant style.
Dog Tales

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

Too and Cheryl Kraft learned a few new tricks...Joyce Rienzo and Cheryl Kraft gave barn hunting a try and loved it...Cheryl's Z made his modeling debut in Chico's catalog... Boy and Piece turned five last weekend - where did the time go?...Nora, Too, Z and Piece went in for a photo shoot in Manhattan for AKC. The promo was released January 12, 2015 on the AKC site. Boy stayed home - five is too many to handle at one time in unfamiliar territory... Nora, Too, Z and Piece made "Pop Star Grace" feel special at the Halloween pet parade... From Laurie Hildebrandt - Dylan is working out great! He's come out of his shell a lot and I've trimmed him down a bit as well. A new haircut and he's looking quite dapper! We are known as Odd Dog Farm and he fits right in!...From Les Baird – Zoey, our beautiful baby girl, has brought so much joy and happiness to our family as a result of your organization. Thank you...From Sue and Bob Selesky - We just wanted to let you know that Moose has been a wonderful addition to our family - it's hard to believe that it has been a year. Moose is 3 & 1/2 yrs old now, loves to play catch with balls and frisbees and did very well in agility course training we all took. He and our cat, Katryna, are best buds but she has clearly let him know who rules in this household ...Dennis Malanchuk went to his first dog show and had a blast!

Z made the cover of the October Chico's catalog, but my favorite picture was on page 12. It was great seeing what a strong stand stay she had while working with strangers.
**Farewell, my Friend**

We are saddened to hear of Ann Barile’s loss of Ty.

Ty, my loyal companion of 15 years, crossed the Rainbow Bridge on Friday, February 6, 2015.

Ty was bred by Canine Companions for Independence to be an exceptional dog who would have the capacity to change people’s lives. He fulfilled this mission as a therapy dog: first at the geriatric psychiatric unit of South Oaks Hospital and then at Sunrise Senior Living at West Babylon.

Whether it was delivering daily newspapers and mail, greeting everyone as they came in the front door or just hanging out in the lobby and being available for a visit, Ty brought joy and comfort to the residents and staff at Sunrise for the 7 1/2 years we worked there together.

He was truly an exceptional dog who lived his life with dignity. He enjoyed being with people, his long runs in the woods and at the end, he enjoyed the comforts of his home. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Rest in peace my faithful dog, rest in peace.

**Membership**

The following members have paid their dues. Thank you for your continued support of ESSCLI. If dues slipped your mind during the holidays and winter weather, please take a moment to send them in.

Sweet Temper
For a Top Dog

For most of the past year, a sweet-tempered English springer spaniel named Robert has been living at Edgewood Farm, Mark and Bonnie Threlfall’s home near Allentown, Pa.

The Threlfalls have been big-time professional dog handlers for almost 15 years and this week, Robert, with Mark Threlfall handling, won the canine world’s brass ring: best in show at the 117th Westminster Kennel Club competition in Madison Square Garden Tuesday night.

One of Robert’s secrets: Fifteen minutes on a dog-size treadmill twice a day, says Bonnie Threlfall, who was waiting yesterday afternoon for Robert and her husband to return by car from Manhattan.

“Robert just lives a regular dog’s life most of the week,” she reports, “playing with the other dogs in the yard.” But at the week’s end, there is special grooming to prepare for the weekend competitions.

Bonnie Threlfall, who occasionally substitutes for her husband as Robert’s handler, and often handles Robert’s competitors too, says the champ is “absolutely sound,” which means, in dog parlance, “he doesn’t put a foot down wrong.”

Robert, whose official record book name is Salliyn’s Condor, is an excellent breed type, says the Threlfalls. That is, “everything an English springer spaniel should be.” Most important, says Bonnie Threlfall, “he loves being a show dog and he’s very sweet.”

The 45-pound dog is owned in part by Julia Gassaw, 88, of Troy, Mich. Her partners are Dr. Robert Hetzig and his wife, Donna, of Louisville, Ky.

With a crowd of 10,000 rearing its approval, the liver and white dog pranced around the ring on an almost slack leash allowing him to show himself with little or no help from Threlfall.

Barbara P. Haller of Sarasota, Fla., judging her first top competition at Westminster, took just 16 minutes to crown Robert as the show’s best.

“This dog is as close to perfection as you can come,” she said.
A Little of This, A Little of That!

Happy Valentine’s Day!

Chocolate is toxic to dogs! Please give your special springer sweetheart an appropriate canine treat.

Winter Care for Canines

• Antifreeze, which often collects on driveways and roadways, is highly poisonous. Although it smells and tastes good to your dog, it can be lethal.

• Rock salt, used to melt ice on sidewalks, may irritate footpads. Be sure to rinse and dry your dog’s feet after a walk.

• Don’t leave your dog alone in a car. It gets too cold and carbon monoxide from an engine left running is dangerous.

• Frostbite is a winter hazard. To prevent frostbite on ears, tail, and feet, don’t leave your dog outdoors for too long.

What is Barn Hunt???

Barn Hunt is a fun and exciting new dog sport. In Barn Hunt, dogs hunt for rats hidden in a straw bale maze. It’s a timed event, with levels of difficulty from Novice to Master. There will be ribbons, placements, and titles. Fun tests are already being held across the country and there is tremendous interest. You can find out much more about the sport by going to www.Barnhunt.com

KLM's great Lost and Found service.

I loved this short, happy film.

https://www.youtube.com/embed/NK-T_t166TY
**Top 10 Pet Owner Mistakes**

by VetDepot on January 12, 2015

Pet parents usually have good intentions when it comes to raising their feline and canine companions, but sometimes mistakes are made. Be sure to avoid these ten common pet care pitfalls:

1. **Adopting a pet on a whim:** Pets are a long-term commitment that require care, time, and money. The decision to adopt a new pet should be discussed with everyone in the household and preparations should be made before bringing a new animal home.

2. **Not properly socializing young pets:** Puppies and kittens need to be exposed to a variety of people and situations to build trust and social skills. Not providing proper socialization opportunities can translate into problem behaviors later in life.

3. **Yelling at your dog for an accident:** Housebreaking can be a trying time for any pet owner, but if you come home to a mess, scolding won’t help. Your pet won’t be able to associate your anger with the accident that likely happened much earlier in the day. Instead, offer plenty of praise when your pup does his business outside.

4. **Skipping flea and tick medication:** Parasites are a serious threat to dogs and cats. Opting to not protect your pet from fleas and ticks puts them at risk for an infestation and serious disease. Stick to a regular [flea and tick control](#) regimen to keep these harmful pests away.

5. **Refilling the food bowl:** Your intentions may be good, but always keeping your pet’s food bowl full is a big mistake. Overweight and obese animals are at a greater risk for heart disease, arthritis, and other serious medical issues. Discuss the proper amount of food for your pet with a vet and stick to it.

6. **Letting your dog walk you:** Basic training makes for a more well-adjusted dog and a happier owner. Also, taking a poorly trained large dog for a walk is a dangerous situation that can result in injury.

7. **Giving pets too much alone time:** Long periods of time without human interaction can lead to separation anxiety, which can cause undesirable behaviors like barking, digging, clawing, chewing, and inappropriate soiling. This is especially true with dogs. Look for other options while you’re gone during the day including a visit from a pet-sitter, doggie day care, or a regular dog walker.

8. **Failing to set rules:** Dog and cats don’t instinctively know that the couch is off-limits or that clawing at the carpet is bad. Use positive reinforcement to set firm and consistent rules from the beginning. Failing to set consistent boundaries will confuse pets and make training much more difficult later on.

9. **Not properly supervising pets and kids:** Children should be taught how to appropriately handle pets and should always be under the supervision of an adult. Sometimes a child’s enthusiasm can be misinterpreted by an animal, which can lead to a dangerous situation.

10. **Skipping vet checkups:** Regular veterinary visits ensure pets are always up-to-date on vaccinations and make it more likely that symptoms of serious illnesses are caught early on. Keep your four-legged best friend healthy by committing to annual checkups.
Which Nuts are Dangerous for Dogs?

by VetDepot on January 7, 2015

It’s no secret that some dogs enjoy the occasional scoop of peanut butter. As long as there is no allergy, peanuts are generally safe for canine tummies. But what about other types of nuts? Below are five nuts that can be hazardous to your pup’s health:

1. Macadamia Nuts: Macadamia nuts are the most dangerous offender on the list. Consuming even small amounts can trigger weakness, vomiting, tremors, and lameness in dogs. It’s not known exactly what the toxin is in macadamia nuts, but they should always be kept out of reach from dogs.

2. Walnuts: Ingestion of these nuts can lead to anything from minor stomach upset to bowel obstructions in dogs. Moldy walnuts are a bigger danger because they can cause seizures and other neurological problems.

3. Almonds: Although a few almonds aren’t cause for panic, these nuts can be difficult for canine tummies to digest. Avoid feeding almonds to your dog to avoid any gastrointestinal distress.

4. Cashews: A couple cashews are probably okay for your dog, but use caution because these nuts are very high in fat. Too many fat-filled cashews can lead to pancreatitis in dogs.

5. Brazil Nuts: These nuts contain a significant amount of fat (including saturated fat) compared to other varieties. Just a few Brazil nuts can trigger digestive problems and gastrointestinal upset.

The AKC is pleased to let you know that the 2014 edition of the AKC Show Manual is now available. The new version is easy to access on AKC.org, and best of all, it can be downloaded for free!

Download it now here.

The AKC Show Manual is a complete guide to producing a successful dog show; from planning, to the day of the event, and the final wrap-up and reporting.

A new, standalone Obedience/Rally Trial Manual will be available for free in a few months, also as a downloadable PDF document. We will alert all clubs when it becomes available. In the meantime, please utilize the Obedience/Rally information found in the previous edition of the Show/Trial Manual.

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English Springer Spaniel Club of Long Island
Annual Dues Notice for January – December 2015

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, 2014.**

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

**DUES:** Note: Associate membership is for individuals and families who do not live on Long Island

- Family $35
- Individual $25
- Associate Membership and Juniors $15

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