



# Dog Bytes

WVSSA Newsletter

June 2012

## Agility A-Match

I just want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the WVSSA's A-Match. We are now one step closer to another AKC Agility Trial in our area.

Thank you Columbia River Agility Club for allowing us to hold this Match in conjunction with their trial. Thank you to Lori Sage, our Match Secretary. Lori also designed some of the courses, checked to make sure the courses were set properly, took entries, did results and printed labels and so much more.

Thank you to the WVSSA members who came to support the club and help out where needed.

Thank you to our great judges: Barb Persson and Joan Hagar for the fine job and for your unending patience and sense of humor.

Thank you to all the people who stayed to lend a hand setting up courses and staffing rings.

The match filled and it was great to watch the young dogs have their turn in the ring. Special kudos to Karen Haderly, who was there to guide and support her novice students through their first agility competition.

With the passage of time and much training, it is easy to forget that first blush of agility competition. It was inspiring to see so many nice people and dogs who are joining our sport. That's what it's all about!

Elaine Resner  
Match Chairperson



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## Future Meetings

### June Meeting

The June meeting of WVESSA will be held Saturday, June 23rd at 12:30 p.m. at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds in Canby, OR. Meet by the superintendent's table and we will move to an appropriate location from there.

Please bring any donations you have for the July Raffle. If unable to attend the meeting but you have donations, please let Debbie Kirsch know for planning purposes.

### July Meeting

The July meeting will be held after the WVESSA Specialty half an hour after the completion of judging.

## Trophy Donation Thank You!

A huge Thank You to everyone who donated to the Trophy Fund. We collected \$705.00 to be used for trophies, ribbons and other items pertaining to our 2012 WVESSA Springer Specialty to be held in July.

Jeff and Debbie Kirsch were the winners of the "Luck of the Irish" Incentive drawing that was held at our May meeting. They received a dog toy and a \$25.00 PetSmart gift card. It does take a "village" to make things happen. Thanks for being part of it!

Barbara Stonewall  
Donation Fund Committee Chair

*Thank You*

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## Braggs and Wags

- M-Classic English Bennington went RWD to a 5 point major on March 30th at SESSC Speciality. He also went WD and BOW for 5 point major on April 1st SESSC speciality He needs 1 point to finish. Benny is owned by Deborah English-Fong and Cathy English
- Dalin's English Crystal earned her CGC at the age of 8 months. Crissie is owned by Deborah English-Fong and Cathy English.
- Hijinks Esprit de Corps and Elaine Resner earned their MACH (Master Agility Championship) at the PAC/ GSDCO Agility Trial in Ridgefield on March 21st. Last year at this time they only had 7 QQ's of the 20 needed but earned the balance and qualified for the National Agility Championship in Reno, Nevada. Coral is owned by Elaine Resner.

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## New AKC Point Schedule

As of May 16, 2012, the new Schedule of Championship points for Conformation events will go into effect with a new realignment of divisions. Oregon and Washington are in Division 8.

Points	Dogs	Bitches
1 Point	2	2
2 Points	6	8
3 Points	11	14
4 Points	14	18
5 Points	20	30

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# Show Results

## Peninsula DFC, 3/24/12

GP3/BOB GCH CH Darkover Don'T  
Dream It's Over

BOS CH Fairhaven Wildrose Out Of  
Grace

SD GCH CH Polesitter's M3

SB GCH CH Ramblewood Luck Be A  
Lady II

BOW/WD Fairhaven Wildrose Out  
Of This World

RWD Gentry's Royalty

WB Topsail's Summer Breeze Mandy

RWB Donahan's Liberty Of Cedar RN

## Peninsula DFC, 3/25/12

GP3/BOB GCH CH Darkover Don'T  
Dream It's Over

BOS CH Ramblewood Hello Darlin'

SD GCH CH Polesitter's M3

SB GCH CH Ramblewood Luck Be A  
Lady II

BOW/WB Majic Azuma Its All  
About Me

WD Gentry's Royalty

RWD Topsail Jack Black & Wright

RWB Donahan's Liberty Of Cedar RN

## Chintimini KC, 3/31/12

BOB GCH CH Ramblewood Luck Be  
A Lady II

BOS GCH CH Oxbow's Gold Medal

SD GCH CH Polesitter's M3

BOW/WB Ramblewood Busy Being  
Fabulous

WD Gentry's Royalty

RWB Mar-Ric Truly Madly Deeply

## Chintimini KC, 4/1/12

BOB GCH CH Oxbow's Gold Medal

BOS GCH CH Ramblewood Luck Be  
A Lady II

SD CH Mar-Ric Gentleman's Game

BOW/WD Gentry's Royalty

RWD Laurelwyn Springerlane  
Continuum

WB Ramblewood You'Re So Vain

RWB Vanity Fair's High Crimes

## Ephrata-Moses Lake KC, 4/14/12

GP2/BOB GCH CH Darkover Don'T  
Dream It's Over

BOS Pawmarc's Dazzle Me Bright

SD GCH CH Polesitter's M3

BOW/WD Tradewinds' N Topsail's  
Bootstrap Bill

RWD Emerald Ilse Bernie Diddit

WB Pawmarc's Dazzle Me Bright

RWB Ramblewood Busy Being Fabulous

## Ephrata-Moses Lake KC, 4/15/12

BOB GCH CH Mar-Ric Sir Jackson  
Stonewall

BOS/BOW/WB Ramblewood Busy  
Being Fabulous

SD GCH CH Darkover Don'T Dream  
It's Over

WD Emerald Ilse Bernie Diddit

RWD Tradewinds' N Topsail's

Bootstrap Bill

RWB Majic Azuma Its All About Me

## Palouse Hills DF, 4/20/12

GP3/BOB GCH CH Darkover Don'T  
Dream It's Over

BOS/BOW/WB Vanity Fair's High  
Crimes

SD GCH CH Polesitter's M3

WD Ridgewyn Galfox Life Is Good @  
Kismet

RWD Vanity Fair's Malfeasance

RWB Lakeview Bell's Last Time Around

## Palouse Hills DF, 4/21/12

GP3/BOB GCH CH Darkover Don'T  
Dream It's Over

BOS/WB Pawmarc's Dazzle Me Bright

SD GCH CH Polesitter's M3

BOW/WD Ramblewood Reason  
To Believe

RWD Ridgewyn Galfox Life Is Good @  
Kismet

RWB Vanity Fair's High Crimes

## Lewis-Clark KC, 4/22/12

GP3/BOB GCH CH Darkover Don'T  
Dream It's Over

BOS/WB Pawmarc's Dazzle Me Bright

SD GCH CH Polesitter's M3

BOW/WD Springwest Dream  
Catcher's Spittin' Image

RWD Vanity Fair's Malfeasance

RWB Ramblewood You'Re So Vain

## Lewis-Clark KC, 4/23/12

BOB GCH CH Darkover Don'T Dream  
It's Over

BOS/WB Emerald Ilse Well Hello Dolly

SD GCH CH Polesitter's M3

BOW/WD Springwest Dream  
Catcher's Spittin' Image

RWD Emerald Ilse Bernie Diddit

RWB Pawmarc's Dazzle Me Bright

## Walla Walla KC, 4/28/12

BOB GCH CH Oxbow's Gold Medal

BOS/WB Telltale Bristol

RWB Oxbow's Silver Star

## Walla Walla KC, 4/29/12

BOB GCH CH Oxbow's Gold Medal

BOS/WB Oxbow's Silver Star

RWB Telltale Bristol

## Olympia DFA, 5/5/12

GP4/BOB GCH CH Mar-Ric Sir  
Jackson Stonewall

BOS CH Ramblewood Hello Darlin'

SD GCH CH Polesitter's M3

SB GCH CH Ramblewood Luck Be  
A Lady II

BOW/WD Laurelwyn Springerlane  
Continuum

RWD Emerald Ilse Bernie Diddit

WB Vanity Fair's High Crimes

RWB Ramblewood Hot Stuff

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**Olympia DFA, 5/6/12**

**BOB** GCH CH Polesitter's M3

**BOS** CH Ramblewood Hello Darlin'

**SD** GCH CH Mar-Ric Sir Jackson  
Stonewall

**SB** GCH CH Ramblewood Luck Be A  
Lady II

**BOW/WB** Majic Azuma Its All About Me

**WD** Emerald Ilse Bernie Diddit

**RWD** Fairhaven Hipnautic Steppin'  
Out

**RWB** Goldmtn 'N Pawmarc's Pillow Talk

**Klamath DF, 5/12/12**

**GP4/BOB** GCH CH Mar-Ric Sir  
Jackson Stonewall

**BOS/WB** Oxbow's Silver Star

**SD** GCH CH Oxbow's Gold Medal

**BOW/WD** Springwest Dream  
Catcher's Spittin' Image

**RWB** Vanity Fair's High Crimes

**Klamath DF, 5/13/12**

**BOB** GCH CH Mar-Ric Sir Jackson  
Stonewall

**BOS/BOW/WB** Oxbow's Silver Star

**SD** GCH CH Oxbow's Gold Medal

**WD** Springwest Dream Catcher's  
Spittin' Image

**RWB** Vanity Fair's High Crimes

**Spokane KC, 5/26/12**

**GP2/BOB** GCH CH Darkover Don'T  
Dream It's Over

**BOS** CH Ramblewood Hello Darlin'

**BOW/WD** Bondir's Lumineux Albert

**RWD** Synergic Countless Memories

**WB** Telltale Bristol

**RWB** Lakeview Bell's Last Time Around

## Ask AKC with Lisa Peterson

**Dear Lisa:** We have a beautiful 3-year-old female, spayed, Irish Setter. She is a wonderful companion, well behaved and working on her agility. We are so proud of her. Unfortunately, she has one behavioral problem we just cannot seem to solve – she is a counter surfer. I have tried everything from crating her, spraying bleach on the edge of the counter to deter her and nothing helps. We have to keep a baby gate stretched across the entrance to the kitchen. I maintain she is hungry and the vet says no, that she is just strong-willed and is doing what she wants. She weighs 59 lbs, a perfect weight, according to the vet. Any help or suggestions you might provide would be greatly appreciated.

– Surfing for Snacks

**Dear Surfing:** Ah yes, the counter surfer! I have one in my family and she is a real challenge to keep from exploring what food is on the kitchen counter. But I have her trained to immediately stop by using a single word! Notice I have never cured her of the problem, but can stop her. My dog's mother was even more talented. Her owner told me she learned how to jump "on" the counter before she surfed! I agree with your vet that she is a perfect weight and is most likely not hungry. She just needs to be reintroduced to some doggie manners with you in charge of letting her know what behavior is acceptable and what is not.

Here are two options. First, you must always be with her in the kitchen to "catch" her before she "surfs" and can interrupt the surfing and reinforce the desired behavior you want. Whenever you are in the house with her, put her leash on her collar and attach the leash to your belt loop. This way when you are in the kitchen, she is in the kitchen. When you are not, she is not because she is following you wherever you go since you are joined at the hip! The reason I suggest this is that I suspect those surfer incidents happen

when you are not in the room. I'm also going to assume that you don't leave any food within reach on the counter, which might entice this behavior.

### One word wonder

Try this simple training exercise to alter her behavior. Since you already have her leash at the ready when you are in the kitchen, when she goes to surf, make a quick distracting noise like "atch" and then pull the leash toward you and when she looks at you and not the counter, ask her to sit and give her a treat, quickly! So, here's the order of this exercise: she tries to surf, you say "atch" and pull the leash toward you, ask her to sit, and give lots of treats! You could also try this positive reinforcement using a clicker to mark the desired behavior as well. A local trainer could help train you in clicker training. In addition, bring her in the kitchen and just do the sit and treat behavior as well to reinforce that the only time she will get fed is if she sits quietly for you. If she is currently fed her dinner in the kitchen I would move her food bowl to another room.

If you keep up this routine before you know it she will be sitting by the counter waiting for her treats rather than engaging in surfing. At the very least you'll know how to stop it with a single word before it happens. Don't forget to reduce her calories at dinner when you are feeding her extra treats during this training sessions.

### Invisible Option

Your other option is to install one of those invisible fence barriers in the kitchen near the counter so she won't be able to get near the counter yet join you in the kitchen. This option would allow you to get rid of the baby gate across the door. This option would cost more than investing in a good training routine, but would teach her to avoid the counter.

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# Coming Events

## Conformation & Obedience

### June 23-24, 2012

Clackamas Kennel Club  
Saturday: Lorraine W. Bisso  
Sunday: Gary > Andersen

### June 29-July 1, 2012

Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club  
Redmond, OR  
Friday: Kathryn A. Cowsert  
Saturday: Del Richards  
Sunday: Arley D. Hussin

### June 29-30, 2012

Bell Vernon Kennel Association  
Mt. Vernon, WA  
Saturday: Valerie Gervais  
Sunday: Madeleine B. Fish

### July 7-8, 2012

Coos Kennel Club  
Bandon, OR  
Saturday: Denise Cornelssen  
Sunday: Marilyn Mincey

### July 7-8, 2012

Timberland Valley Dog Fanciers  
Chehalis, WA  
Saturday: Sidney L. Marx  
Sunday: Dr. Daniel W. Dowling

### July 14-15, 2012

Inland Empire Kennel Association  
Coeur d'Alene, ID  
Saturday: Elizabeth Muthard  
Sunday: Charles L. Olvis

### July 20, 2012

WVSSA Specialty  
Portland, OR  
Con.: Kimberly Meredith-Cavanna  
Sweepstakes: Jan Bradfeldt

### July 21-22, 2012

Portland Kennel Club  
Portland, OR  
Saturday: Margaret S. Jones  
Sunday: Karen C. Wilson

### July 28-29, 2012

Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club  
Sequim, WA  
Saturday: Christina Hubbell  
Sunday: Dr. Dale D. Simmons

### August 11-12, 2012

Nisqually Kennel Club  
Lacey, WA  
Saturday: Tomas Gomez  
Sunday: Ronald I Spritzer

### August 16-19, 2012

Olympic Cluster  
Enumclaw, WA  
Thursday: Honey Anne Glendinning  
Friday: Kay A. Reamensynder  
Saturday: Frank N. Summerside  
Sunday: Marilyn C. Spacht

### August 26, 2012

Sammamish Kennel Club  
Redmond, WA  
Carol C. Summerfelt

### September 1-2, 2012

Longview-Kelso Kennel Club  
St. Helens, OR  
Saturday: TBA  
Sunday: TBA

### September 8-9, 2012

Eugene Kennel Club  
Brownsville, OR  
Saturday: Col. Joe B. Purkhiser  
Sunday: Nancy Liebes

### September 16-17, 2012

Wenatchee Kennel Club  
Cashmere, WA  
Saturday: Carl J. Anderson  
Sunday: Henry J. Williams

### September 22-23, 2012

Gig Harbor Kennel Club  
Shelton, WA  
Saturday: Leslie B. Rogers  
Sunday: Colin L. Hamilton

### September 29-30, 2012

Richland Kennel Club  
Kennewick, WA  
Saturday: Claire K. Steidel  
Sunday: Dr. Karen M. Ericson

## AKC Agility

### June 22-24, 2012

Albany, OR  
Monroe, WA  
Caldwell, ID

### June 29-July 1, 2012

Redmond, OR

### July 6-8, 2012

Ridgefield, WA

### July 13-15, 2012

Auburn, WA

### July 20-22, 2012

Lynden, WA

### July 26-28, 2012

Central Point, OR  
Auburn, WA

### August 3-6, 2012

Salem, OR  
Lakebay, WA

### August 10-12, 2012

Sequim, WA

### August 24-26, 2012

Redmond, WA  
Spokane, WA  
Eugene, OR

### August 31-September 2, 2012

Auburn, WA  
Central Point, OR

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