



NEWSLETTER

of the Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club

A Note from the President....

Our specialty is almost here! Yay!

Specialty reminders:

Welcome / awards dinner

Please RSVP to Kristie Butler: krisbutler117@gmail.com by **June 6, 2025**, to let her know you will be attending our festive and delicious catered buffet dinner on Thursday June 19, 2025. 5:30 PM is NEESSR silent auction preview and cash bar happy hour!

Entry will be at the designated door in the back of the building. Dogs are not allowed in or near the main entrance.

Please pick up a tag for your cord. We will have tags near the set-up area. A tag with your name will make it easier for you to find your cord when it is pulled in for the night.

There are stores available near the host hotel (Walmart, Home Depot, BJ) for needed purchases as well as several restaurants' steps away from the hotel.

This is my last note from the President for this Newsletter. I congratulate our new officers and board members that will be formally elected. I am confident that Lorena will make an effective President going forward. I have been honored to work with an outstanding and dedicated group of people on our board. Additionally, I applaud our members who continue to show up and support the club's efforts.

See you soon!

Cheryl



The Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club would like to announce

the Annual Membership meeting

on June 19th, 2025

immediately following the Welcome Dinner at the Wide World of Indoor Sports, 1610 Davisville
Road, North Kingstown, R.I.

RSVP krisbutler117@gmail.com by June 1st

5:30 pm check-in & silent auction

6:00 pm Buffet Dinner

6:30 pm Dessert

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Annual Membership Meeting



English Springer Spaniel Club
is hosting

2 ALL BREED RALLY & OBEDIENCE trials per day,
On June 20th & 21st
at the Wide World of Indoor Sports, 1610 Davisville Road,
in North Kingston, RI.

Register on Infodog.com and search RI shows.

On-line registrations preferred so you receive faster confirmation of registrations! Don't trust it
to snail mail.
Limited entries.

Indoor facility is fully air conditioned.
Food truck available for you to purchase lunch.
Plenty of room for crating.
Plenty of space between rings to reduce distractions.
Judges: Celeste and David Maurer



The **2025 English Springer Spaniel Club Specialty** will be held June 20th & 21st at the Wide World of Indoor Sports, in North Kingstown, RI. Double Specialties, Double Rally and Double Obedience classes will be offered.

ENTRIES CLOSE JUNE 4th.

Puppy Match at 4:00pm, June 19th at WWIS.

Our *Welcome Dinner and Annual Membership meeting* will be immediately following with check-in, raffle and silent auction beginning at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00 pm. **The Annual Members meeting will be immediately following.** All exhibitors are welcome but **must RSVP** to the secretary, **Krisbutler117@gmail.com**, by June 1st. The *dinner menu*: Chicken Marsala with potato and veg, meatballs and baked ziti, shrimp and pasta primavera, salads, rolls, and dessert.

A food truck, Big Reds BBQ, will be available Friday and Saturday, from 11:00-2:00pm, for exhibitors to buy lunch at the WWIS.

The EESSC values the time, talents, and generosity of its members and without them, these events are not possible. Please donate to the raffle, trophy fund, and/or general fund! **RAFFLE** donations can be brought to the raffle table on Thursday and Friday of the show.

Thank you for your support!



RAFFLE

We hope that everyone is finding lots of good things to bring to the Raffle at Eastern. We will be setting up the table on Thursday, June 19, and look forward to seeing what you have found to donate. See you all soon!

Donna, Stephen and Jennye

Futurity Chair

The Eastern Futurity is one of the few – if not the only – Futurity held for Springers. It was begun for breeders to show their pride in their breeding programs by showcasing puppies born of promising sires and dams and showing the resulting puppies in an “elite” line-up.

I have served as the Futurity Chair for over 20 years – and frankly enjoyed every minute of doing it. It is time though for someone else to take on this task. The ongoing work of keeping the Futurity going is not difficult, a few minutes every month – keeping records of those nominated, sending out enrollment forms when the puppies in the litter are six months old – accepting those enrollments and keeping an accurate list which is used to validate entries through MB-F at the time of the Specialty. The logical beginning for a new chair would be on December 1 as that is the start of the Futurity year. I would continue to handle the current year’s group and be available to advise, help, and answer questions of whoever takes on this role.

In truth, the real pleasure of chairing the Futurity is not the record keeping. Because the Futurity Chair receives the nominations he or she knows where there are puppies and by design becomes the club’s breeder referral person. This is truly the most satisfying job helping people find their wished for Springer companion. In this capacity you are often the “teacher” for someone looking for a Springer as a family member for the first time and can become a mentor ongoing. Even more poignant are those who contact me because they have recently lost a beloved Springer and want to find another. It is a joy to bring breeders and new owners together and I have made many friends doing it.

Of all the “jobs” in the Eastern club, I would say that this one is the most fun with the greatest reward. If you would like to consider taking the Futurity on, please come speak with me and I would be happy to tell you more about it.



BRAGS!!!

I know this is what you have been waiting to read, so here they are. Congratulations to all of the dogs earning new titles and their wins!

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RI FDC FCAT6 ACT1&2 ACTJ1&2 SWNE SWAE SWEE SWME SWD SHDEE RATS CGCA CGCU TKI ATT FITS

CH Kehre's Gotta Thing Called RADAR Love CA BCAT SWN DN DJ TKN ATT FITB WD
Patty Mortara

“Brook” CH Brookside Skipping Stones competed at the Saint Hubert Kennel Club as a Champion for the first time, in the rain, and was chosen as Select bitch which was her first major towards her Grand. The next day, she was BOS, and got her second major. Paul and Diane Fitzgerald





Kenzi received her NACSW Elite Champion Nosework title May 2



All-Time N' Leaf Brook's Magic Moment "Zoey" went Winners Bitch, Best of Winners followed by Best Of Opposite Sex for her first major at the EESSC Supported Sporting Cluster on May 30th. Zoey is co-owned by Deb Murphy and Debbie Nadeau, who also expertly handles Zoe. Bred by Debbie Nadeau and Carol Hamilton.



Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club

Board of Director's Meeting

January 18, 2025 at 10:00 am

Via Zoom

Call to Order: President Cheryl Chipman called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. Present were also Vice President, Adam Lester and board member, Lorena Clark, Treasurer, Sue Ellen Healy, Secretary, Kristie Butler, Board members, Pat Kearney, John Healy and Ex-Officio, Jennye Hansen.

Report of the President: Cheryl greeted everyone with warm wishes and hoped we were all staying warm in these below-freezing temperatures. She looked forward to the exciting plans for the upcoming 2025 Specialty Shows.

Report of the Secretary: The minutes from the November 2, 2024, board of directors meeting minutes were read and accepted.

Report of the Treasurer: Sue Ellen presented the treasury report with Agility & Fast Cat income. All of these shows require deposits to be paid up front and the earnings are not recognized until after all the bills have been settled. Parameters around judging contracts and costs need to be revisited to ensure that club funds are not being wasted and that the most affordable travel options are being utilized.

The report was motioned and accepted.

Report of the Committees:

The 2025 "Double" Specialty Show: Chair, Cheryl Chipman, reported that the June 2025 Specialty judges are Jocelyn Gagne (a.m.) and Wood Wornall (p.m.) for Friday and Shelly Hennessey (a.m.) and Lori Nelson (p.m.), for Saturday. We will hold 2 juniors classes on Saturday. Sweeps will be on Friday with Christine Kallivrousis judging; and Lori Mowery will be judging Futurity and Veterans on Saturday; both these are being held in the morning. John Healy



will be the Puppy Match judge to judge at 4:00 pm on Thursday. **Entries for each show will be limited to 100 per day**, since there will be 2 shows per day, plus sweeps and futurity.

Rally and Obedience: There will be 2 rally and 2 obedience trials at the June Specialty each day; with Judges Celeste Meade Maurer and David Maurer. One rally and one obedience trial will be held in the morning, plus one rally and one obedience trial in the afternoon with **entries limited to 40 for rally and 30 for obedience**, so please register as soon as possible. It is also highly recommended to register on-line because you will instantly receive an e-mail confirmation, rather than paper entries through US Post. When entries are mailed in, exhibitors risk it filling up with on-line entries before their registration even arrives through mail, and they find out much later that they were not registered.

The host hotel, The Hampton Inn, Coventry, RI, has undergone a complete renovation, so we look forward to using them again in 2025. There are restaurants in walking distance and it is 15 minutes/10.3 miles away from the show site. ☺ Last year people did not reserve rooms by the deadline and missed out on the group rate, so please be mindful of dates for reservations and be sure to tell the Hampton that you are staying with the Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club.

Welcome Dinner will be upstairs at the Wide World of Indoor Sports, North Kingstown, R.I. at 5:30 pm. It will be catered and with a menu forthcoming. Please R.S.V.P. to krisbutler117@gmail.com by June 1st, 2025.

Futurity: Futurity Chair for the 2025 June Specialty is Jennye Hansen. Nominations for litters whelped from Dec. 1st to Nov. 30th 2024; go to Jennye, as well as any enrollments for any puppies from those whelping dates. Futurity Chair for the 2026 June Specialty Show and going forward will be Carol Hamilton. Nominations for litters whelped from December 1st, 2024 and onward go to Carol. There are 16 nominations for 2025, compared to 16 in 2024. There are 7 enrolled, compared to 2 enrollments last year at this time. There are 2 nominations for 2026. It is an honor to have a puppy in Futurity and moment of pride for the breeder and/or owners. Please reach out to Jennye and Carol to understand this special opportunity, the deadlines and cost.

Raffle: Members are invited to donate raffle items at anytime, throughout the year, for the Specialty Show in June. Donations of all shapes and sizes are appreciated! Thank you to those who have reached out to donate! To make this fun and exciting, your donations are necessary. Thank you to the raffle Committee for their hard work each year making beautiful displays.



Please contact Donna Curly donnadoggy5@msn.com , Stephen Giampapa,(203) 231-8621 or Jenny Hansen jhansen6601@gmail.com at any time to donate.

Catalog: Please contact **Adam Lester** with your photos and captions for advertisement in the Specialty Catalog, June 2025. There are no half pages. The cost is \$60 per page, with an additional \$30 for an additional photo on the same page. A check made out to EESSC can be sent to **Treasurer, Sue Ellen Healy**, at 64 Cary Ave. Milton, MA, 02186; or you may pay by Pay Pal on the **EESSC website**, noting what it is for.

Annual Awards Committee: Diane Fitzgerald and Sue Ellen Healy. Thank you to Diane Fitzgerald for stepping up to assist with the awards and ensure that members get recognized for their accomplishments. Per policies and procedures of the EESSC: At its annual dinner, the Club will make it a practice to honor its members whose Springers have earned A.K.C. , C.K.C. or Parent Club titles during the previous calendar year. To be eligible, the owner must have been a **Club member during the entire period when the title was earned**. Only one plaque will be provided to the owner(s) or co-owner(s); more than one plaque may be ordered at a price determined by the Board of Directors, payable at the time of order. For additional titles in subsequent years for the same dog, an engraved plate will be provided which shows the year and the new title or titles. These awards will be administered by the Annual Awards Committee. To receive a plaque, detailed information including the full name of the dog(s), title(s), A.K.C. publication date(s), sire, dam, breeder(s), and owner(s) should be submitted to Diane Fitzgerald at brooksideEES@gmail.com prior to April 1st. A form for this purpose will be distributed annually in the January Bulletin. Please reach out to Diane with any accomplishments and new titles your Springers have earned in 2024, and Congratulations!

The company used for awards has increased their prices, so the club must, too. The board voted to increase the cost for additional awards to \$30, which just covers the company's increase.

Rally & Obedience:

Agility and Fast Cat: Sue Ellen had earlier shared the successful results of the agility trials and fast cats at American K9 Country in Amherst, NH. She suggested changing the "day of registration" fees to \$5 higher than early registrations since many people wait to watch the weather. Fast Cat is not always available for the club and the entries from each trial rely on the



weather, yet we have set fees regardless of the income. Sue Ellen and Lorena are going to research possibly holding a fast cat trial in April in RI.

The same members always step up at agility and fast cat but at 24 trials a year, in NH, we need new volunteers. Please consider trying agility or fast cat with your Springer as a new way to get involved in the club, and your pup and club will thank you! Specialty Shows cannot happen without these fundraising events.

Member volunteers who work classes at agility and fast cat trials are provided a free lunch by the club at these shows because they do not take a \$2 payment per class, like non-members do. Affordable lunch options are always considered, especially since the cost of food has increased.

Grounds Committee: Last year, in response to the high demand in 2023 for indoor electricity by club members and exhibitors, we rented a generator that provided 50 electrical outlets, yet only approximately **17** were utilized by exhibitors. Cheryl and the grounds committee has planned with the management at WWOIS for exhibitors to use their personal generators and run their personal 100 or 150 foot power cords, which must be taped down, to the grooming area. Generators, power cords and tape must be supplied by the exhibitor and the club is not responsible for this equipment or any damage or loss that may incur.

Supported Entry: Huge Thanks! to Debbie Nadeau for her hard work and management of the supported entry at the Thanksgiving Cluster. Everyone seemed to have a good show and enjoyed the extra opportunity to show their Springers.

Cheer: Thank you to Mimi for her continued care of our members. Please let Mimi know if a member has a celebration, or is in need of some cheer.

Membership: The applications of Christine Kallivrousis and Chris Collon of Naugatuck, CT, sponsored by Jennye Hansen, Cheryl Chipman, and Sue Ellen Healy, and were motioned and accepted by the board for membership. Welcome officially to the Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club, Christine and Chris! You can be expecting your welcome letters and a digital membership directory in your email soon! If members require a paper directory, please reach out to Adam Lester.

Membership and Volunteerism: As a club we need more members to volunteer on committees, such as making phone calls for trophy fund, catalog sales, and raffle donations, as well as at



agility and fast cat trials. *Many clubs make this a requirement of membership.* We appreciate the members who have volunteered of their time and talents, but more people are needed to avoid burning out the same volunteers all the time. If you definitely cannot work at a show or at a task, the club is always accepting specialty-show raffle-donations; and please start planning for your catalog page advertisements and/or trophy donations.

Trophies: The board would like to thank our new member, **Debbie Barton**, for so graciously agreeing to call members for award sponsorship, donations and catalogs ads! Please sponsor a placement trophy and your name will be included in the specialty catalog. Donations can be sent directly to the treasurer, Sue Ellen Healy, or through Pay Pal on the website.

Unfinished Business: Grounds Committee may need to research storage options that are best for the club equipment: unit vs. pod?

New Business: By-Laws/Policies and Procedures need to be revisited at the same time, since one relates to the other. This needs to be thoroughly and with care since they can only be revised every 5 years. The board members voted to each tackle a section to be discussed and/or revised at the May meeting.

The Show Committee is researching additional venue options for the annual specialty show. We are allowed 8 specialties a year by AKC, so we are looking into affordable options. The board voted to hold double specialties each day at the June Specialty in 2025. We are also hoping to join an October show in 2025 in West Springfield, MA for an additional specialty. The dates of October 25th and 26th would not conflict with any other club, it's a good travel-time of year, and offer more showing opportunities for members. More news to come...

The board voted on a Nomination Committee of Cheryl Chipman, Mimi Huntley, and Donna Curley; with alternates being Barbara Hunt and Diane Fitzgerald.

Next BOD Meeting is set for May 4th, 2025 at Scrabbletown Rd, North Kingstown, RI at 10:00 am.

Adjourned: 12:30 pm



REMINDER TO ALL EESSC MEMBERS

The next newsletter will be published the last week in July. The deadline for submission of brags and articles is July 20th. Please send in submissions as soon as possible and in JPG format for pictures. We welcome any newsworthy articles related to the club or Springers in general. Send in flyers for upcoming **events** and **seminars** or **pictures** that you think the members would enjoy seeing. With pictures please send a narrative describing the pictures.

We do have an **OBITUARY** column to keep our members informed of recent deaths and a **NEW LITTER** column for you proud parents to show off your new babies. We are pretty open to ideas, so send in your article and if we deem it to be newsworthy (nothing has ever been rejected) it will be printed. With our members spread all over the country, it's nice to hear about what's going on in your neck of the woods.

Please note all forms are now located at the end of the Newsletter, including the EESSC New Member Application. Please pass this on to any potential new members that you may know.

Deb Murphy
Editor

EESSC Futurity -- A Short Course

EESSC Futurity – An Old Tradition

Eastern's Futurity is one of the few – if not the only Futurity held for Springers. It is an old tradition going back to the 1940's. The Futurity was created to showcase a breeder's pride in his/her breeding program. Names of the winner's are printed in the Specialty Show Catalog each year (which is not done for Sweeps).

The Futurity year runs from December 1 to November 30 each year. Litters whelped within that time frame are eligible to enter. Bitches are nominated before whelp for a \$10 fee, or after whelp within 60 days for a \$15 fee. Nomination forms are readily available from the Futurity Chair, printed in the Newsletter and the online club site. Puppies can be enrolled in the Futurity when they reach six months of age. Forms are sent to the breeder at that time and the breeder has 30 days to return the forms with a \$5 fee for each puppy enrolled. If the breeder misses enrolling a puppy that they want to participate they are allowed to make an enrollment of \$50 per puppy up to May 1. Puppies that have been enrolled are then able to be entered in the EESSC Specialty in June – on the entry form is indicated in Futurity class. The puppy must be entered in Regular Classes as well. Nominations are not accepted on the telephone, fax or email. Nominations may be done online through the club website or by US mail.

Jennye Hansen, Futurity Chair
660 Ellsworth Avenue
New Haven, CT 06511
(203) 415-1188
JHansen6601@gmail.com



Bitch Nomination Form for EESSC 20__ Futurity

Use this form to nominate a bitch due to whelp between December 1, _____ and November 30, _____, inclusive.

Mail to: Jennye Hansen
660 Ellsworth Avenue
New Haven, CT 06511

Make checks payable to EESSC, Inc.
(203) 415-1188

I hereby nominate the following dam, thus making her puppies eligible for enrollment in the EESSC 20__ Futurity. Nomination fee is \$10.00 for dams nominated before puppies are whelped. (Nominations are accepted after the puppies are whelped up to 60 days of age for a fee of \$15.00.) Only the owner or lessee of the bitch may make the nomination.

Dam: _____ AKC # _____
Dam Owned By (please list all owners): _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Whelping Date: _____
Sire: _____
Sire Owned By: _____
Signature of owner or
lessee: _____
Yes, I would like a confirmation of my nomination. I enclose a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED
POSTCARD or my email address: _____ :



EASTERN ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB, INC.

Membership Application

The Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club, Inc., was organized in 1946 by a small group of people who were interested in the improvement and promotion of the breed. It is now one of the largest Springer Clubs in the United States.

Activities include matches to provide ring experience for young dogs and their owners; annual awards to recognize significant accomplishments of members' dogs; an Annual Dinner to renew old friendships; an Annual Specialty Show, Obedience Trials, Rally Trials, Agility Trials, and ringside mentoring at the specialty shows, to provide a showcase for the English Springer Spaniel.

Membership is by invitation only. Applicants must be endorsed by three members in good standing, none of whom shall be from the same household. Yearly dues are \$25 for an individual member, \$40 for a household membership ~ two adult members residing in the same household, and \$5 for a junior member (up to the age of 18).

I (we) apply for membership in the Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club, Inc.

Please Print Clearly:

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Kennel Name: _____ Date of Birth (Juniors Only) _____

Primary Interest in Dogs:

Conformation _____ Obedience _____ Agility _____ Field _____ Agility _____ Tracking _____

Breeding _____ Dog Owner _____ Other: _____

Breeds you presently own _____

Have you bred any litters? _____ How many? _____

If accepted for membership, will you actively serve on one of the Club's committees if requested? _____ Please list a few that interest you _____

If accepted for membership, are you willing to assist with our Annual show, Agility Trials, or Match? ____ In what capacity? _____

Do you belong to or have you belonged to any other kennel or specialty clubs? _____

If so, list offices/positions held, if any, and give your reason for leaving, if you have done so.

Are you in good standing with the AKC? _____ If not, why not? _____

Have you ever been suspended from AKC privileges? _____

What have you done to better the breed or Eastern? _____

Briefly explain why you wish to become a member of EESSC: _____

The invitation of Membership shall carry the endorsement of three members in good standing:

1. I believe this applicant is worthy of membership in EESSC because _____

Signature: _____ **Print Name Clearly:** _____

2. I believe this applicant is worthy of membership in EESSC because _____

Signature: _____ **Print Name Clearly:** _____

3. I believe this applicant is worthy of membership in EESSC because _____

Signature: _____ **Print Name Clearly:** _____

If granted membership in the Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club, Inc., I (we) agree to:

1. Accept the standard of the Breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard by which the English Springer Spaniel should be judged.
2. Encourage and promote responsible breeding of purebred English Springer Spaniels; and protect the breed by never selling puppies or adult dogs to commercial outlets or in litter lots.
3. Advance the interests of the Breed by practicing and encouraging sportsmanlike behavior.
4. Support and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club, Inc., and the rules of the American Kennel Club.

I understand that failure to comply with these rules will result in my suspension and possible expulsion.

SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

**Please return application and check (made payable to EESSC) for the first year's dues to the Secretary:
Kristie Butler, 8 Clearview Drive, Cranston, RI 02921**