



# NEWSLETTER

*of the Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club*

## A Note from the President....

Happy New Year!

We have some updates!

### Upcoming agility trials

**February 15 and 16, 2025- American K9 Country Amherst, NH**

Please reach out to Sue Ellen Healy and let her know you can volunteer and join in the fun!

[Springers64@gmail.com](mailto:Springers64@gmail.com) Please see our events page for upcoming events- [www.eessc.org](http://www.eessc.org)

Help is always needed and appreciated!

**Our 2025 June** specialty judging panel was announced on Facebook and to our members via special email.

Hotel bookings are already happening. Please do not forget to reserve your room early as there are limited rooms assigned to us. Please mention EESSC June specialty for our room discount.



### Hampton Inn Coventry-Warwick Area

[850 Centre of New England Blvd.](#)

 [Coventry, RI 02816 US](#)

 +14018234041

[Maps & Directions>>](#)



## **2025 specialties**

We considered running specialties in November 2025. After board conversation at our most recent meeting, we have changed this from the November cluster to the October 25 and 26, 2025 cluster in West Springfield, MA. It was found that the November cluster was quite crowded and would not be a comfortable fit for our specialties. Our club joining a cluster such as this will show the viability of doing this in the future.

We will soon begin the process of presenting flyers advertising our June Specialty and events!

Debbie Barton will be reaching out to members soon as our newly appointed Trophy chair!

She will be reminding you of catalog ads and raffle donations as well.

Thank you, Debbie, for stepping up!

Newly appointed chair positions:

Diane Fitzgerald is our new Awards chair, and she will begin providing direction to members looking forward to receiving earned awards this year.

Sarah Crane has generously offered to become our Obedience and rally chair!

Thank you both for helping us out!

The next scheduled meeting of the board of directors is May 4, 2025 . This meeting will be held at 426 Scrabbletown rd North Kingstown, RI

We are certainly ramping up for a busy and eventful year!

Cheers to 2025!

Stay warm everyone.

Warm wishes,

Cheryl

## **Specialty Raffle**

Hi everyone! I know it's only February, but please get your thinking caps on to figure out what you might donate to the EESSC June Specialty Raffle. Since we're doing 4 shows in two days this year we are hoping for a terrific turnout. Please continue to support our raffle which is very beneficial to our club. If you can't think of an object to donate you are always welcome to send a cash donation for us to put together some special items. The committee is looking forward to seeing what wonderful items appear!! If you have questions, please contact me, Donna Curley or Stephen Giampapa.

Jennye S. Hansen



## Agility

Attention All Members!!!

Our February Agility trial is fast approaching!

Members needed!!! Any member who volunteers will get lunch on the club!!! If you are planning to volunteer at the show, please let me know so we know how many lunches to order. Also, club members should wear a lanyard so exhibitors know that we have club members participating. You can return the lanyard at the end of the show day.

Please let me know if you are able to attend!

Thak you.

Sue Ellen Healy

[Springers64@gmail.com](mailto:Springers64@gmail.com)

## 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!**

**Master Agility Champion (MACH) Bud's None the Weiser**







Excited for 7 month River. Thanking Rebecca for showing him in West Springfield. He's also finished his CGC.





# 2024 EESSC Award Plaques

Did your dog earn a title between  
January 1 and December 31, 2024?

Were you a member in good standing with the  
club for all of 2024?

Then please provide the following information:

Dog's Registered Name

Owner(s) Name

Breeder(s) Name

Sire

Dam

Title Earned

Date Title Earned

**Submission Deadline: April 30, 2025**

Email information to Diane Fitzgerald at [BrooksideESS@gmail.com](mailto:BrooksideESS@gmail.com)

You will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation email, your submission was not received.

Extra Plaques are available at the owner's expense for \$30.00

NOTE: Awards not picked up at the Specialty will be shipped at recipient's expense.



Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club  
Board of Director's Meeting  
November 2nd, 2024 at 10:00 am  
Scrabbletown Rd., No. Kingstown, RI.

**Call to Order:** President Cheryl Chipman called the meeting to order at 10:18 am. Present were also Vice President, Adam Lester via phone, Treasurer, Sue Ellen Healy, Secretary, Kristie Butler, Board members, Pat Kearney, John Healy, Lorena Clark, Bob Butler and Ex-Officio, Jennye Hanson.

**Report of the President:** Cheryl thanked everyone for attending and foregone a report until the discussions regarding the 2025 Specialty Show. The committee is already working to secure judges for the 2025 specialty show in June.

**Report of the Secretary:** The minutes from the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 board of director's 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. New poles and ribbons also needed to be purchased. The AKC allows each club to host 12 agility trials and 12 fast cat trials per year, which offers an opportunity to earn-possibly- \$1000 (give or take) per show after ribbon, award, food and judge costs. All these funds are required to hold our annual Specialty Shows, but they cannot happen without club volunteers.

Regarding the Specialty Show, the generator was not well utilized by the exhibitors at the June Specialty Show at WWOIS, which put 85% of the cost on the club. This will not be feasible to repeat in 2025. 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 were Jocelyn Gagne (a.m.) and Wood Wornall (p.m.) for Friday and Shelly Hennessey (a.m.) and Lori Nelson (p.m.), for Saturday. Cliff Steele will judge juniors on Friday. We are still looking for sweeps, futurity, rally & obedience judges. Sweeps will be on Friday with Christine Kallivrousis judging; and Lori Mowery will be judging Futurity on Saturday; both these are being held in the morning. **Entries for each show will be limited to 100 per day**, since there will be 2 shows per day, plus sweeps and futurity. There will also be 2 rally and 2 obedience trials each day, too. 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.

We are still looking for a puppy match judge to judge at 4:00 pm on Thursday.

The host hotel, The Hampton Inn, Coventry, RI, has undergone a complete renovation, so we look forward to using them again in 2025. 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](mailto:krisbutler117@gmail.com) by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**Futurity:** Futurity Chair for the 2025 June Specialty is Jennye Hansen. Nominations for litters whelped from Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and onward go to Carol. There are 14 nominations for 2025, compared to 16 in 2024. There are 2 enrolled, compared to 15 enrollments last year at this time. We discussed advertising Futurity on the Parent Club Website.

**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! Please contact Donna Curly, Stephen Giampapa or Jennye Hansen at any time throughout the year.

**Rally & Obedience:** We are awaiting contracts for the rally and obedience judges.

**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. The grounds committee will research other options but a generator of this size will not be feasible again in 2025.

**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:** Presented to the membership on October 10th 2024, were the applications of Christine Kallivrousis and Chris Collon of Naugatuck, CT, sponsored by Jennye Hansen, Cheryl Chipman, and Sue Ellen Healy, and were accepted for the consideration of the membership and will be voted on at the next BOD meeting in January. The performance membership of Tracey Deyette of Newmarket, NH, sponsored by Sue Ellen Healy, Pat Kearney, and Cheryl Chipman was presented and accepted.

**Trophies:** We need volunteers to make phone calls to the membership for donations and placement sponsorships.

**Supported Entry:** EESSC will hold a supported entry at the Thanksgiving Cluster. Thank you to Deb Nadeau for Chairing this event. These showing opportunities are only possible when members volunteer their time and talents. Grooming space is limited. There will not be a membership meeting at this show.



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

**New Business:** 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. Please start planning for your catalog page advertisements and/or trophy award donations.

**New Business:** By-Laws need to be revisited to consider whether updates are necessary.

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 considering joining a fall Cluster in 2025 in West Springfield, MA for an additional specialty. TBD

The Nomination Committee will be formed at the next board meeting in January.

**Next BOD Meeting** is set for a Zoom meeting January 18, 2025 @ 10:00am .

**Adjourned:** 1:51 pm

## ***REMINDER TO ALL EESSC MEMBERS***

**The next newsletter will be published the last week in March. The deadline for submission of brags and articles is March 20<sup>th</sup>.** 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) 773-1296  
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) 773-1296

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**

# Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club, Inc.

## 2025 Membership Renewal and Directory Update

**PAY ONLINE AT [WWW.EESSC.ORG](http://WWW.EESSC.ORG)**

Honorary \$0.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Single \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Couple \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Junior (age 12 – 18) \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(PayPal add \$1.00) (PayPal add \$2.00)

Paid with PayPal

Check/M.O. enclosed

**NO CASH PLEASE**

**CHECK HERE IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO LAST YEAR**

The information provided below will appear in the EESSC Membership Directory

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail by March 1, 2025**

**Please make your check payable to EESSC**

**Mail to:  
Sue Ellen Healy  
64 Cary Avenue  
Milton, MA 02186**