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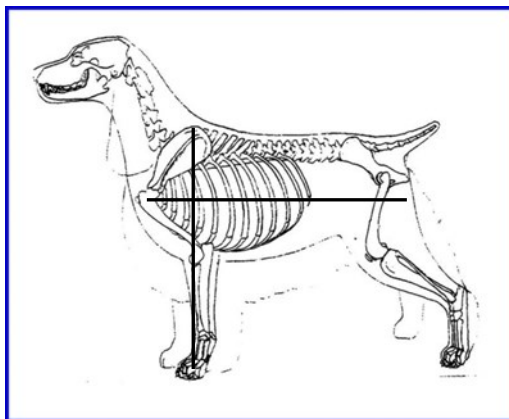
*A little something different . . . there's news elsewhere. Enjoy this piece on English Springer proportion!*

#### **English Springer Proportion: Essential to Type – How Do We Know if it's Right?**

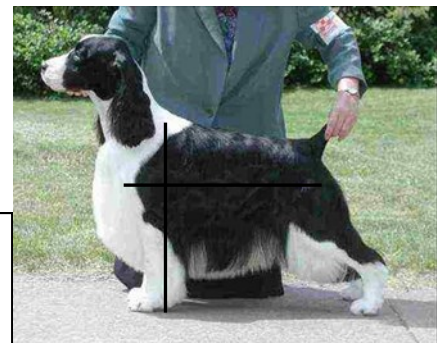
The English Springer Spaniel is . . . **slightly longer than tall**. So says the Breed Standard. I've been surprised, in my travels here in the US and in England, to learn how few of us actually measure our Springers to discern their length and height. If you don't measure, you are relying on guesswork to tell if your dogs are of correct breed type – slightly longer than tall. Unless you have objective data, you cannot be quite sure whether your Springers are correct or incorrect. You cannot know if they possess the most basic element of Springer type, correct outline, based on proportion, found in the bones.

✦ **Measure LENGTH** from the point of shoulder to the ischium (point of buttock).  
**Measure HEIGHT** from the withers to the ground.

These are the measuring points directed by the breed standard. Measure as best you can from the midpoint of the bone, not its tip. Try measuring your dogs; see if they're correct. Keep your records and use measurements in order to make better, more informed breeding decisions. Next issue: we'll tackle the word "slightly," and talk about the place to look for "length" on an English Springer. It may not be where you think!



*Early skeletal drawing, pre-illustrated standard. The "length line" is drawn from point of shoulder to ischium, and the "height line" is drawn from the withers to the ground. The length line should be "somewhat longer" than the height line. "Length line" here has been dropped from the ischium in order to be parallel to the ground.*



*A favorite Springer of mine; much to be admired for correct proportion.*

*Francie & Arthur*



## Another HUGELY SUCCESSFUL TCVESSA Specialty 2015!

**ENORMOUS THANKS** to everyone who helped make this year's Specialty such a big success.

As many of you know, I was at Purdue University watching my son graduate (yeah!) and missed what is undoubtedly two of the best days of the year for me.

As always, club members went above and beyond to make sure everything ran smoothly and that all of our guests, judges and exhibitors had a terrific experience.

We are fortunate to have members who are committed to putting on a great show and your willingness to contribute and volunteer is simply outstanding.

Special thanks to the following individuals: Judges Hospitality – Kathy Raidt, Social Hour – B.A. Breese, Trophies – Courtney Hansen and Kathy Patregnani, Ribbons – Jean Dockendorf, Prize drawings – Kathy Raidt, Shirley Harford and Ann Sunderman, Set Up– Jon Pidde, Julie Roberts, BA Breese, Courtney Hansen and Kathy Patregnani, Lunch Managers – Jamie Schommer and Megan Nelson, Obedience Chair – Kathy Patregnani, TCVESSA Board, Raffle contributors, and all the Ring Stewards, extra hands, and willing volunteers.

A very special **thank you** and shout out to my dear friend, Gloria Zopfi (a committed collie / aussie breeder) who stepped in as on-site show chair in my absence – she is now an honorary member of the ESS family!

It was also great to receive thank you cards from two of the judges – Phyllis Broderick noted the “great stewards”.. and expressed gratitude for “being well taken care of”; Doug Johnson thanked the club for an enjoyable assignment and a “pleasant entry of very correct Springers”. This is high praise, indeed and you can all be proud of the great job you did to make our Specialty a resounding success!

As we (already) begin to think about the 2016 TCVESSA Specialty, we want to continuously improve our show and we need YOUR IDEAS!

Please send ideas and suggestions to me (Liz Pike, [liz.westring@genmills.com](mailto:liz.westring@genmills.com)) or any TCVESSA Board member.

And thank you again for a terrific 2015 Specialty!

Liz Pike





Jon Pidde and Benson



Partial BOB line-up Sunday



Melanie King and George-BOB and Best Veteran Both Days



Tekla Viker and Evi



Brittani Kettleson and Tessa



Julie Robert's veteran Phoebe Handled by Amanda King



Kathy Lorentzen and Russel



Two pretty littermates



Kay Glaser and Macie



Carol Hitz and Ellie



Amanda King and Trevor

Some of the Winners and Exhibitors from the **2015 TCVESSA Specialties**



Best In Sweeps line-up under judge Amy Gau



**Highest Scoring Junior Handler  
TCVESSA Agility Trial  
May 2015**

**Anna and her dog Cooper**

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**Highest Scoring Dog  
TCVESSA Agility Trial  
May 2015**

**Kathy Patregani**



WINS & BRAGS

**Briarton Heaven Sent Rendition CD, RA, BN, CGC  
"Macie"**

**Owned by Kay Glaeser & Cathy VanKempen**

WESSA Specialty

May 3 Rally Excellent 2nd Leg 1st Place

TCVESSA Specialty

May 16 Novice B 3rd Leg CD TITLE

**Briarton Patriot Games  
"Duncan"**

**Owned by Kay Glaeser & Cathy VanKempen**

WESSA Specialty

May 3 Reserve Winners Dog

**Sagewinds Paws Up its Griffin CGC, CD, RE, OA, OAJ  
"Griffin"**

**Owned by Carmen Laing**

TCVESSA Agility Trial

May 31 Excellent Standard Pref 1st Leg  
May 31 Excellent JWW Pref 1st Leg

**Eldamars Paws Upon a Star BN  
"Elsa"**

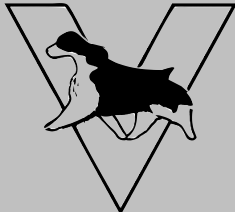
**Owned by Carmen Laing & Julie Roberts**

WESSA Specialty

May 3 Beginner Novice B 2nd Leg 199-1/2  
Highest Scoring Out of State Dog

TCVESSA Specialty

May 15 Beginner Novice B 3rd Leg BN TITLE  
May 15 Beginner Novice B 4th Leg



UPCOMING EVENT

TCVESSA AGILITY TRIAL

OCT, 16-18, 2015

ON THE RUN CANINE CENTER  
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Born On a farm in Cokato (One of 26 puppies in 3 litters)

Mollie snuggled into Rick convincing Him that She was the one! Over almost 16 years She left paw prints all over our hearts.  
Changing our lives forever-Competing with an enormous handicap--Me! as Her handler--  
She still managed to obtain---Her Excellent Standard Preferred and  
Open JWW Preferred titles--She was such an incredibly special little dog and I will miss Her  
forever--

Sue Owens

NEXT VOX DEADLINE

Sept 1, 2015

please send all wins &amp; brags, litterbox announcements, upcoming events and articles.

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