

The Working Spaniel Association



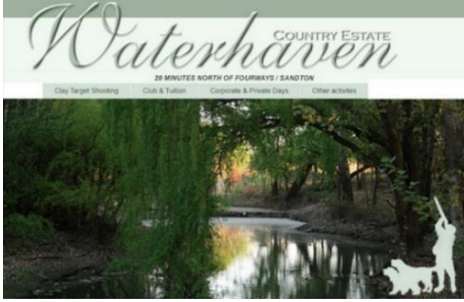
2026

MAY OPEN FIELD TRIAL



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History of the Working Spaniel Association

The Working Spaniel Association (WSA) was established in 1981 to:

- Promote the Spaniel breed as working gundogs;
- Promote, encourage, foster and advance the breeding, well-being of and interest, in the Spaniel breed of dogs;
- Observe and adhere to the breed standards of the Spaniel breeds of dogs as adopted from time to time by the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA);
- Organise and hold working trials, field trials and other dog activities recognised by KUSA, including training for any or all of these activities;
- Promote a better understanding of dogs and a wider knowledge of dogs and dog affairs and to promote goodwill among people interested in dogs.

The Club was affiliated to KUSA in 1982

The first working Spaniel field trial was held in South Africa over 30 years ago and the first National Field Trial, licenced by KUSA under the banner of the WSA, in 1997. The last field trial hosted by the WSA was in 2008.

In November 2010 Dr Alan Kloeck, Chairman of the Working Retriever Club (WRC), hosted a meeting at Edgcombe House, and offered a helping hand to the WSA. The WSA had very few active members and this was an attempt to prevent this old Club from closing down. At a Special General meeting in February 2011 it was agreed to accept the offer from WRC rather than close down the Club.

Members of the WSA automatically became members of the WRC, although the WSA maintained its own identity.

In September 2011 an attempt was made by the WSA to run a field trial but this was unsuccessful as not enough entries were received. The WSA then lost its championship status with KUSA, although affiliation to both KUSA and FTLC was maintained at all times.

Spaniels continue to compete in Retriever field trials and have proved their working abilities by winning many Guns' Choice awards.

The 2015 field trial ensured that the WSA regained its championship status.

Successful trials were held in 2016, 2018 and 2019 and the enthusiasm is growing amongst the members. The trial of 2020 was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Trial STATS:

Year	No Dogs in All Stakes	No Trails
2018	8	1
2019	8	1
2021	28	2
2022	36	2
2023	47	3
2024	46	3
2025	46	3

Planned events for this year:

Trial NO	Licensed Club	Location	Day	Date	Stakes
1	Working Spaniel Association	Boavida Estate, Farm 501 JQ Hartebeesthoek	Saturday	11 April 2026	Puppy, Junior, Novice, Open
2	Working Spaniel Association	Settlers Area, Mpumalanga	Saturday - Sunday	9-10 May 2026	Open
3	Working Spaniel Association	Boavida Estate, Farm 501 JQ Hartebeesthoek	Saturday	12 Sept 2026	Puppy, Junior, Novice, Open



The English Springer Spaniel.

Size:

Weight Range:

Male: 14-23 kg

Female: 14-23 kg

Height at Withers:

Male: 45-50 cm

Female: 45-50 cm

Expectations:

Energy Level:

Very energetic

Longevity Range:

12-14 years:

Social/Attention Needs:

High

Bred For:

Bird flushing, retrieving.

Coat:

Length:

Medium

Characteristics:

Straight

Colours:

Black or liver with white, tri-colour

Overall Grooming Needs:

Moderate

Club Recognition:

AKC Classification:

Sporting

UKC Classification:

Gun Dog

KUSA Classification:

Gun Dog



English springer spaniels are selected as close-working hunting partners and have a strong desire to be with people and to be working.

The English springer spaniel is a medium-sized dog, ranging in height from 45-50cm and in weight from 14-23kg. This dog is a sturdy one for his size with quite a bit of bone and large paws.

The English springer spaniel has the classic "spaniel" look to him: large and expressive eyes, a moderate muzzle with a definite stop to the forehead, long-hanging ears with some feathering, and a docked tail. The lips can be long and may lead to drooling in some dogs. The dog is the tallest of the spaniel breeds, with a fair amount of leg for covering rough ground quickly.

The English springer spaniel has a medium-length coat, which can be flat or wavy. Extra hair is on the ear fringes, feathering on the rear of all four legs, and on the chest. The colours most commonly seen are liver and white or black and white, but tri-coloured and ticking are variations.

Personality:

English springer spaniels were selected as fairly close-working hunting partners and have a strong desire to be with people and to be working. Energetic and lively dogs; they have a fair amount of intelligence and are reasonably easy to train. Most spaniels have a retrieving urge, and the English springer spaniel is no exception. This urge can lead to chewing problems if the dog is left alone for long periods of time.

Socialize English springer spaniels to other dogs and people, right from the start, even though most are fairly outgoing and friendly. Most English springer spaniels do

not do well with kennels or sedentary lifestyles. Digging can be a problem with bored dogs.

Living With:

The English springer spaniel is a fairly easy keeper, so too many treats can lead to obesity. These are dogs that do best with plenty of exercise, be that hunting, jogging with you, or training in agility. As intelligent dogs, they are happiest when working with you and respond well to training. English springer spaniels are often seen competing in hunting, obedience and agility tests. These dogs are hardy and often live into their teens.

English springer spaniels can be surprisingly good watchdogs, offering a loud alarm bark and at least some protectiveness. They do well with children if raised with them. These dogs do best with early socialization and training. A few English springer spaniels may be content as "couch potatoes," but most prefer to be active. English springer spaniels do seem to like water work as well as land work and may be attracted to puddles.

Grooming can be a bit of a chore with an English springer spaniel, though this dog requires less work than the smaller cousins. Most owners clip their English springer spaniels at least somewhat and certainly trim around the legs, feet and ears. The show clip requires a steady, skilled hand with the clippers. Daily brushing out of the feathers and long coat is important to prevent matting. Weekly cleaning of the ears is important.

History:

The English springer spaniel comes from the spaniels that were popular as far back as the 1500s as hunting companions in England. Spaniels were considered dogs that flushed out game, sometimes actually causing the game to "spring." Initially, all the spaniels were interbred, and distinctions were made only on adult height.

In the 1800s, the Duke of Norfolk became interested in the spaniels and developed his own line, initially called the Norfolk spaniel and now the English springer spaniel. The English springer spaniel has separated again somewhat into field (hunting) and show lines, but many dogs can do both. Most English springer spaniels today are valued family members that may occasionally get the chance to hunt.

With victories in Best in Show at the Westminster Kennel Club competition, including the first show of the new millennium, the popularity of the English springer spaniel is destined to grow.

Meet the Judges.

Senior Judge David Jones (USA)

The appointment of David Jones as Senior Judge represents a significant honour for the Working Spaniel Association and reflects the high standards to which this trial aspires.



David's judging career, officially recognised by the American Kennel Club since January 28, 1984, spans more than forty years. Born in Wales, his lifelong involvement with English Springer Spaniels began in childhood and developed into a professional career dedicated to working Gundogs.

He trained as a professional gamekeeper at the Game Conservancy in Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and later served as an underkeeper in Wales. These formative experiences provided him with a deep understanding of game behaviour, terrain, and the practical role of the working spaniel in the field.

A pivotal period in his career came through his association with the legendary Saighton Kennels under Talbot Radcliffe. This experience exposed him to some of the finest working spaniels ever bred and shaped his lifelong commitment to preserving and advancing the breed's working excellence.

Following his move to the United States, David established Strong Gundogs in Texas, developing a breeding and training programme built on proven working bloodlines. His dogs achieved Field Champion titles, National Championship placements, and international recognition.

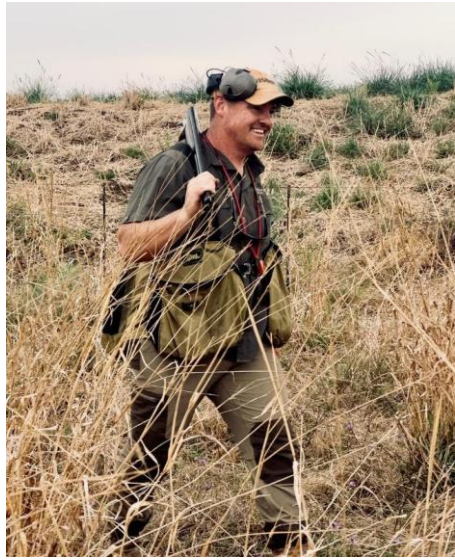
David has judged extensively throughout the United States and internationally, including Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. His experience includes judging National English Springer Spaniel Championships and other prestigious championship trials.

Having evaluated thousands of spaniels, including more than 2,000 All-Age dogs, David brings unparalleled knowledge, integrity, and experience. His presence ensures that this trial will be judged to the highest international standards.

Supporting Judge Hannes Oberholzer

Supporting David Jones is Hannes Oberholzer, a respected and experienced member of South Africa's gundog field trial community.

Hannes began competing in retriever field trials in 2004 and progressed steadily through the ranks, achieving placements at Championship level. His experience as a competitor provided valuable insight into the discipline, preparation, and partnership required between dog and handler.



Over more than two decades, he has worked with German Shorthaired Pointers, German Wirehaired Pointers, English Pointers, and retrievers, developing a broad and balanced understanding of working gundogs.

Hannes is accredited as an A-panel judge and has officiated at numerous KUSA sanctioned trials, including National Retriever Championships and Working Spaniel Association trials. His judging philosophy reflects his extensive hunting experience, with emphasis placed on natural ability, efficiency, composure, and the effective working partnership between dog and handler.

His continued involvement in training and competition ensures that his judging reflects both tradition and modern field trial standards.

Supporting Judge Cheryl Smith

Completing the judging panel is Cheryl Smith, whose appointment represents an important milestone in her field trial career and reflects her continued contribution to the South African working spaniel community.

Cheryl has actively participated in field trials as a handler, successfully training and campaigning working English Springer Spaniels. Her dog, LandenVlei Breeze, achieved notable success including a Junior Stake win at a Working Spaniel Association field trial.



Her experience as a handler has provided her with practical insight into the qualities required of a successful working spaniel, including hunting ability, steadiness, control, and responsiveness.

Her appointment reflects the confidence placed in her fairness, knowledge, and dedication. Her progression from handler to judge contributes to the continued development and future of spaniel field trials in South Africa.

The Trophies



1. THE FERNCLOSE TROPHY WSA OPEN STAKE

2. THE ANGUS KENNEAR TROPHY WSA GUNS CHOICE (OPEN)

The Working Spaniel Association

9 - 10 May 2026 Field Trial

held in the Settlers Area, Mpumalanga

Date and Starting Time:

Open Stake

Saturday 9 - 10 May 2026

Starts at 07:00

Roll Call at 06:45

Judges

Senior Judge David Jones (USA)

Supporting Judge Hannes Oberholzer

Supporting Judge Cheryl Smith

Field Trial Manager

Aki Ververis

Guns

Craig Westwood (Gun Captain)

Mick Gosney (Support Gun)

Vet on call

Warmbad Dierekliniek [014 736 2837](tel:0147362837)

4 Minaar Ave, Bela-Bela, Bela-Bela (SA), 0480

24°53'00.9"S 28°17'32.5"E

Committee

Calvin Fisher (Chairman), Bobby Lotter (Vice Chairman), Misha le Grange (Secretary), Renier Strydom (Treasurer) Cheryl Smith (Judges Liaison and Field Trials) and Nick Holme (Technology)

Chairman's Welcome

Good morning ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to this special Working Spaniel Association trial, held here in the beautiful Settlers area on the 9th and 10th of May 2026.

This event marks a significant milestone for the WSA, as it is the very first walk-up trial on wild game that we have hosted. It is a proud moment for our association, and one that reflects the continued growth, enthusiasm, and commitment within our spaniel community.

Working Spaniels are remarkable dogs, bred and trained to perform three essential tasks in the field: to quarter the ground methodically in front of the handler, to flush game with energy and precision, and to retrieve game cleanly and efficiently. This combination of traits creates a dynamic and interactive hunting partnership, offering a unique and highly engaging experience for the handler—one that showcases not only the natural ability of the dog but also the teamwork, control, and trust between handler and dog.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our esteemed judges. Firstly, to David Jones, who has travelled all the way from the United States to be with us—thank you for your time, effort, and willingness to be part of this landmark event. To Hannes Oberholzer, our most experienced and respected judge—your guidance and expertise are invaluable. And to Cheryl Smith, thank you for your support, dedication, and contribution in helping make this special event possible. Ladies and gentlemen, we sincerely thank all three of you for taking on the responsibility of judging this first-of-its-kind WSA trial on wild game.

A special word of thanks must go to Aki Ververis, our Field Trial Manager, whose dedication and hard work have made this event possible. From arranging the venue, scouting the ground, and coordinating with the farmers, Aki has gone above and beyond to ensure everything is in place for a successful trial.

We are also deeply grateful to Alistair McLean for generously allowing us the use of this land, and the donation of the spit braai. Without this opportunity, an event like this simply would not be possible. Your support of our sport is greatly appreciated.

And finally, to all our contestants—thank you for your entries and for being part of this historic occasion. Your participation is what brings this event to life, and we wish each of you the very best over the next two days.

May this trial be conducted in the true spirit of sportsmanship, showcasing the abilities of our dogs and handlers, and setting a strong foundation for future wild game trials within the WSA.

We look forward to an enjoyable and successful event.

Thank you, and good luck to all.

Calvin Fisher

Chairman – Working Spaniel Association



**Good luck to the handlers and
dogs running in the trial.**

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General Information

The Club accepts no responsibility for loss, damage or injury to any person or property, however occasioned.

The use of the venue has been granted on the premise that it will be left in the same clean and tidy condition in which it is found.

All dogs must be under control throughout the trials. If any dog / person causes annoyance or disrupts the trial, the Field Trial Committee may, at its discretion, request the owner/ handler of the dog or person to remove it from or leave the trial and the venue immediately as appropriate.

Smoking during the trials is strictly prohibited, except where and when permitted by the Field Trial Manager.

Spectators are requested to remain in the areas as indicated by the Field Trial Manager and not to wander, as this could be dangerous, as well as spoil the ground to be worked by the dogs.

Spectators are requested to be quiet while a dog is working. Noise can distract both dog and handler.

All persons attending the trials are requested to conform to the above and to ensure that their children do so as well.



Field Trial running order.

Open Stake

1 **Krijt Badger**

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Dog **Badger**
Sire: Alexander of Landenvlei
Dam: Nwaswitsontso Cosmos of Cormata ZA003656B19
Breeders: MRS L Engelbrecht 95000000197954
Reg Owner: Mr A Fraser
Dob: 10-Oct-2018
Handler: Alan Fraser

2 **Hilandsflush Arrow**

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Bitch **Ivy**
Sire: Ribblebrook Rodri of Hilandsflush (Imp UK)
Dam: Brockrise Fran of Landenvlei (Imp UK) ZA006074B25
Breeders: Mr C Fisher 90022300330868
Reg Owner: Mr MJ Lotter
Dob: 08-Jul-2025
Handler: Emjee Lotter

3 **Givendale Thyra**

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Bitch **Nelli**
Sire: Givendale Maximus
Dam: Pollnagollum Duchess ZA001018C23
Breeders: Mr P May 98102000094763
Reg Owner: Mrs C Wheeler & Mr AP Hess
Dob: 28-Jan-2021
Handler: Carrie Wheeler

4 **Ch.FT Landenvlei Kate**

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Bitch **Kate**
Sire: Alexander of Landenvlei
Dam: Hillshot Ella of Landenvlei ZA008544B19
Breeders: Mr MJ Lotter 98511100197965
Reg Owner: Mr MJ Lotter
Dob: 30-Apr-2019
Handler: Bobby Lotter

5 **Landenvlei Vic**

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Dog **Charlie**
Sire: Brockrise Frankie of Landenvlei (Imp UK)
Dam: Landenvlei Wolla ZA003432B24
Breeders: Mr MJ Lotter 93307100027504
Reg Owner: Dr L Botha
Dob: 20-Nov-2023
Handler: Leonore Botha

6 Cudannsa Harris of Landenvlei (Imp Uk)

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Dog **Dale**
Sire: FTCH Belvden Justin Time
Dam: Edgegrove Stitch of Cudannsa ZA001034C22
Breeders: Miss L Allen 95301000462282
Reg Owner: Mr MJ Lotter
Dob: 07-Mar-2020
Handler: Bobby Lotter

7 Landenvlei Obi-Wan

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Dog **Obi**
Sire: Cudannsa Harris of Landenvlei (Imp Uk)
Dam: Hillshot Ella of Landenvlei ZA007300B22
Breeders: Mr MJ Lotter 93000000197954
Reg Owner: Mr A Fraser
Dob: 10-Jan-2022
Handler: Alan Fraser

8 Landenvlei Juniper

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Bitch **Juniper**
Sire: Cudannsa Harris of Landenvlei (Imp Uk)
Dam: Hillshot Ella of Landenvlei ZA007308B22
Breeders: Mr MJ Lotter 90014100019535
Reg Owner: Mr MJ Lotter
Dob: 10-Jan-2022
Handler: Bobby Lotter

9 Landenvlei Bella

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Bitch **Bella**
Sire: Brockrise Frankie of Landenvlei (Imp UK)
Dam: Landenvlei Wolla ZA003437B24
Breeders: Mr MJ Lotter 93307100027504
Reg Owner: Mr R Strydom
Dob: 20-Nov-2023
Handler: Renier Strydom

10 Brockrise Frankie of Landenvlei (Imp UK)

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Dog **Danny**
Sire: Ft Ch Saxonvale Axis
Dam: Ft Ch Brocklinton Betty ZA001094C23
Breeders: Mr A Sankey 90014100023977
Reg Owner: Mr MJ Lotter
Dob: 20-May-2022
Handler: Bobby Lotter

11 Landenvlei Oak

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Dog
 Sire: Cudannsa Harris of Landenvlei (Imp Uk)
 Dam: Landenvlei Wolla
 Breeders: Mr MJ Lotter
 Reg Owner: Mr G Van Aswegen
 Dob: 12-Jan-2025
 Handler: Gerhard Van Aswegen

Toby

ZA004245B25
 90022300330868

12 Landenvlei Charlotte

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Bitch
 Sire: Cudannsa Harris of Landenvlei (Imp Uk)
 Dam: Ch.FT Landenvlei Kate
 Breeders: Mr MJ Lotter
 Reg Owner: Mr MJ Lotter
 Dob: 10-Jul-2022
 Handler: Bobby Lotter

Charlotte

ZA012545B22
 90014100023977

RESULTS**OPEN STAKE**

1 st	Brockrise Frankie of Landenvlei (Imp UK)
2 nd	Landenvlei Bella
3 rd	
COM	Landenvlei Oak
Guns Choice: Cudannsa Harris of Landenvlei (Imp Uk)	



Competitors in the WSA 9-10 May 2026 Open Trial

Alan Fraser

Krijt Badger	Open	Badger	ZA003656B19
Landenvlei Obi-Wan	Open	Obi	ZA007300B22

Bobby Lotter

Landenvlei Kate	Open	Kate	ZA008544B19
Landenvlei Juniper	Open	Juniper	ZA007308B22
Cudannsa Harris of Landenvlei (Imp Uk)	Open	Dale	ZA001034C22
Landenvlei Charlotte	Open	Charlotte	ZA012545B22
Brockrise Frankie of Landenvlei	Open	Danny	ZA001094C23

Carrie Wheeler

Givendale Thyra	Open	Nelli	ZA001018C23
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Emjee Lotter

Hilandsflush Arrow	Open	Ivy	ZA006074B25
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Gerhard Van Aswegen

Landenvlei Oak	Open	Toby	ZA004245B25
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Leonore Botha

Landenvlei Vic	Open	Charlie	ZA003432B24
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Renier Strydom

Landenvlei Bella	Open	Bella	ZA003437B24
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Definition of stakes

1. **Puppy Stake** is for Dogs from six months and not exceeding twelve months of age, dating from and inclusive of the date of its birth on the first day of the trial.
2. **Junior Stake** is for dogs ranging in age from 6 months to 24 months. As there isn't a Maiden Stake for Spaniels, older dogs that are not ready for the Novice stake can run in the Junior stake but it is not possible to achieve a placing (1 – 4 places). Older dogs though are allowed to achieve a Certificate of Merit (COM) if the judges feel the dog passed the required standard.
3. **Novice Stake** is confined to Dogs which have not been placed first, second, third or fourth in an Open or Championship Stake, or have won two Novice Stakes prior to the date of the closing of entries.
4. **Open Stake** is for Dogs without restriction as to age or previous performance. In order for an Open Stake to carry championship status, the minimum number of dogs to actually take part in the trial shall be eight.
5. **Championship Stake** is held not more than once per year within the area of jurisdiction of the KUSA. The conditions, qualifications and organisation governing a Championship Stake shall be decided by the FTLC, subject to the approval of the Federal Council, and these conditions shall be published in the Official Kennel Union Journal. All Field Trial Champions shall automatically qualify for entry in Championship Stakes. Entries shall be limited to those dogs placed first, second or third in any Open Stake during the two field trailing seasons preceding the championship stake to be held.

Other Gundog breeds may enter the above stakes but cannot be placed.

Right of admission reserved.

Notice to competitors.

All competitors are expected to report to the Field Trial Manager 30 minutes before the start of the trial to collect their numbers.

At the start of each stake, the Senior Judge shall call all competitors, whereupon a roll call will be held. Any dog and handler not reporting to the line within 15 minutes of this roll call shall be disqualified from the stake and will not be entitled to any further participation in that stake.

It will be the practice at these trials to summon competitors at the beginning of each retrieve, to describe the nature of the work to be done. Handlers must ensure that they are present at these briefings.

These trials are held under Schedule 5C (2) Rules and Regulations of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa.

Training of dogs on the venue is not permitted, except where designated by the Field Trial Manager.

All dogs not participating in a particular retrieve, shall be kept on a lead whilst retrieves are in progress. Any dog which is not in the line and which disturbs the work of the one under Judges' orders, is liable for disqualification.

The Judges' decision is final!

What can the competitors expect in the various stakes?

Guidelines for the various retriever stakes have been drawn up to assist judges in setting the courses. They outline what judges can expect from the dogs in each stake. Handlers must be forewarned however, that these are merely "guidelines" and judges are not bound to adhere to them. [Kindly refer to Schedule 5C (2) - Spaniels for clarification]

Limitation of liability!

Due to the nature of this sport, competitors, spectators and officials are invited to enter the venue at their own risk and, in so doing, absolve the Kennel Union of Southern Africa, the Working Spaniel Association and landowners from any claim whatsoever, arising from injury, loss or damage to any person, animal or property.

A visitor's guide to spaniel trials

The whole purpose of Spaniel Trials is to simulate, under competition, conditions which are similar to those encountered in a natural shooting situation. Only too

often birds are shot where no working dogs are present. This results in unnecessary suffering and waste. The reason for training Spaniels is to persuade those people that shoot and hunt that the only way to hunt is with a trained dog.

The work you will see today will generally surpass the work that is expected of a rough shooting dog.

To give you a feel of what the judges are looking for, here is a guide to assist you. Because birds are often hunted in line, it is essential that dogs' quarter within gun range be steady to the flush and shot. They must not whine, nor retrieve before being sent by the handler, as this could interfere with the work of another dog.

Good marking of the position of the fall is essential in a spaniel, so as not to disturb ground unnecessarily. Judges should give full credit to a dog which goes straight to the fall, picks up and returns the game directly to hand, at a good pace.

The bird must be held firmly but gently by the dog, until it is commanded to release the bird to hand. There must be no evidence of chewing or hard mouth.

On a marked retrieve, that is a retrieve where the dog has seen the fall, the dog should not require handling; the more the dog is handled, the lower the points. On a blind retrieve, where only the handler is given a general idea as to the position of the game, the dog which takes the line offered and requires the least handling, will be awarded the highest marks.

Most important – dogs which show game finding ability and use their noses, should be placed above those which require handling or happen to stumble upon the game.

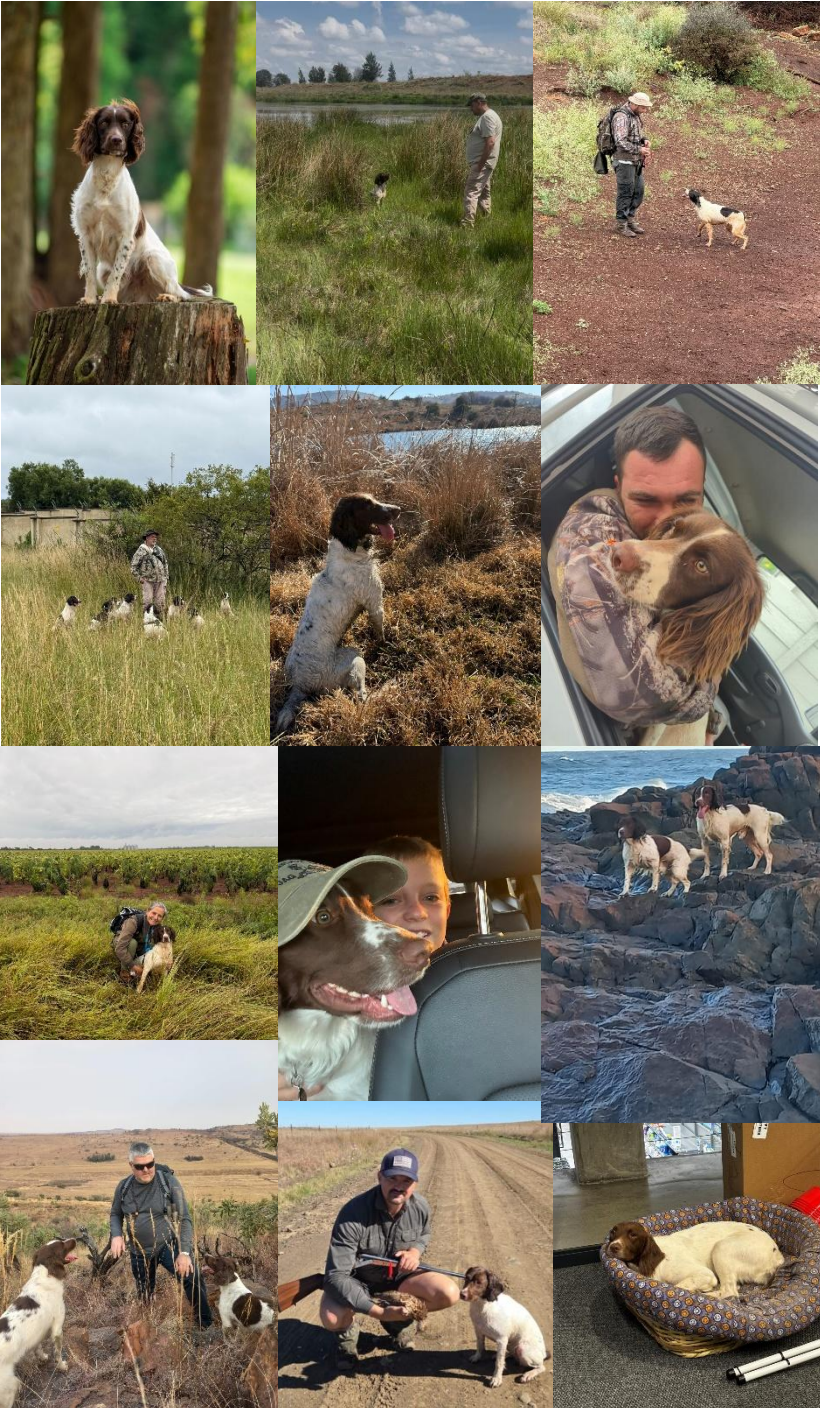
ELIMINATING FAULTS: Hard mouth, breaking before commanded to retrieve, whining or barking continuously, out of control, chasing other game, failure to enter water, blinking game.

MAJOR FAULTS: Failure to find game, unsteadiness to shot or at heel, disturbing ground not related to the fall, poor control.

GOOD POINTS: Natural game finding ability, use of nose, good marking of the fall, quick pick-up and return, good control, keenness, and attentiveness.

It would be wise to train for retrieves that are more difficult than one would expect to face, thus improving the chance of success.

Photos of the handlers and there dogs





Leslie van der Merwe



Dogs have been my constant companions. My earliest memories are of the dogs I grew up with. All mongrels, SPCA Specials, and for me great friends. Every spare moment found me wandering the koppie behind our house, chasing hares and catching snakes, always accompanied by at least one dog. Not much has changed I guess, although the pack consists of GSP's, and I still wander the veld at every opportunity. And I am a hunter.

Why hunt, if not to fully utilize the animal that gave its life. Not to, is to demean the quarry. The hunting, cooking and sharing with friends and family completes a circle, and often triggers a memory of that day, and all the details so easily forgotten. The recipe books, South African Gamebird Recipes, a wingshooters delight, and Everyday Venison are a reflection of forty years of hunting, and experimenting in the kitchen. Of course not all recipes were successful, but that's the opportunity to try something

The truth is that over the last forty years I have spent more time in the veld with my dogs than any person.

Fortunately there are writers that can describe emotions far better than I can "Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring...it was peace."

Milan Kundera

Should you require a signed copy of either book, please contact me directly.

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The Working Spaniel Association (WSA)

Open (Winners)

	Krijt Badger ZA003656B19	Badger	2025	Alan Fraser
	RIBBLEBROOK RODRI OF HILANDSFLUSH (IMP UK) ZA001158C23	Rodri	2025	Calvin Fisher
FTCH	LANDENVLEI OBI-WAN ZA007300B22	Obi	2025	Alan Fraser
	LANDENVLEI OBI-WAN ZA007300B22	Obi	2024	Alan Fraser
FTCH	ALEXANDER OF LANDENVLEI ZA00773B16	Jack	2024	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI JUNIPER ZA007308B22	Juniper	2024	Bobby Lotter
FTCH	LANDENVLEI KATE ZA008544B19	Kate	2023	Bobby Lotter
FTCH	LANDENVLEI KATE ZA008544B19	Kate	2023	Bobby Lotter
	ALEXANDER OF LANDENVLEI ZA00773B16	Jack	2023	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI KATE ZA008544B19	Kate	2022	Bobby Lotter
	SPRINGSHOT TOMMY TUCKER ZA005876B12	Tom Tom	2021	John Smillie
	SPRINGSHOT SALLY ZA052335B10	Sally	2021	Pam Smillie
	NO TRIAL DUE TO COVID 19		2020	
	SPRINGSHOT SUNSHINE SAM ZA005874B12	Sam	2016	Johann Pieterse
	SPRINGSHOT SUNSHINE SAM ZA005874B12	Sam	2015	Johann Pieterse
FTCH	SALTSCAR POACHFIELD B5002836	Flash	2007	Chris Forster
FTCH	SALTSCAR POACHFIELD B5002836	Flash	2006	Chris Forster
FTCH	SALTSCAR POACHFIELD B5002836	Flash	2005	Chris Forster
	STORMYMOUNTAIN BLACKTHORNE BN007585	Taz	2004	Johann Pieterse
	TRIOAKS SUNNY CU002615	PIP	2003	Rob Roos
FTCH	SALTSCAR POACHFIELD B5002836	Flash	2003	Chris Forster
	HUNTSFIELD WINDSOR BJ000155	Jess	2001	Jon Andrews
FTCH	BROOKSIDE MINSTRAL OF STORMYMOUNTAIN BK001518	Storm	2001	C Marshall
FTCH	HUNTSFIELD HAMPSHIRE BH002858	Tessa	2000	Brian PAUTZ
FTCH	BROOKSIDE MINSTRAL OF STORMYMOUNTAIN BK001518	Storm	2000	C Marshall
FTCH	MAVROS LILLIE	Meg	1999	James WARNE
FTCH	FERNCLOSE TEST BF012087	Purdey	1998	Tracey Andrews
FTCH	FERNCLOSE TEST BF012087	Purdey	1997	Tracey Andrews
FTCH	FERNCLOSE TEST BF012087	Purdey	1995	Tracey Andrews

Novice (Winners)

	LANDENVLEI TEAL ZA008541B19	Teal	2025	John Smillie
	MISSYMOG RHINO (IMP UK) ZA001206C22	Jim	2025	John Smillie
	MISSYMOG RHINO (IMP UK) ZA001206C22	Jim	2025	John Smillie
	BROCKRISE FRANKIE OF LANDENVLEI (IMP UK) ZA001094C23	Danny	2024	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI CHARLOTTE ZA012545B22	Charlotte	2024	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI AYA ZA014898B21	Aya	2024	Greg Higgs
	LANDENVLEI OBI-WAN ZA007300B22	OBI	2023	Alan Fraser
	LANDENVLEI JUNIPER ZA007308B22	Juniper	2023	Bobby Lotter
	HILLSHOT ELLA OF LANDENVLEI ZA008451B17	Ella	2022	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI AMY ZA008543B19	Amy	2022	CJ Dannhauser
	LANDENVLEI TEAL ZA008541B19	Teal	2021	Pam Smillie
	NO TRIAL DUE TO COVID 19		2020	
	ALEXANDER OF LANDENVLEI ZA00773B16	Jack	2019	Bobby Lotter
	ALEXANDER OF LANDENVLEI ZA00773B16	Jack	2018	Bobby Lotter
	KLIPIRIVERSBURG BLUE OF WINTERVELD BW009308	Blue	2007	Noel Bass
	KLIPIRIVERSBURG JAY JAY OF MOWBRAYPARK BW009304	Jay jay	2007	Jurgens van Dyk
	HUNTSFIELD HOLLYGROVE OF FERNCLOSE BN000485	Fern	2006	Barry Tame
	CERESPRING SAVUTI OF HUNTSFIELD BT013182	Sandy	2005	Tracey Andrews

	LILLYVALE GYPSY MAIDEN BS003510	Gypsy	2004	Brian Paultz
	SERENUS COLUMBAGUINEA BQ014362	Liz	2003	Johann Pieterse
	TRIOAKS SUNNY CU002615	Pip	2002	Rob Roos
	LILLYVALE GYPSY MAIDEN BS003510	Gypsy	2002	Brian Paultz
	STORMYMOUNTAIN BLACKTHORNE BN007585	Taz	2001	Johann Pieterse
	SERENUS OENA CAPENSIS BQ014364	Gem	2001	Jimmy Warne
	HUNTSFIELD WINDSOR BJ000155	Jess	2000	Jon Andrews
	SERENUS OENA CAPENSIS BQ014364	Gem	2000	Jimmy Warne
	STORMYMOUNTAIN DIAMOND OF DALLANARK BN007582	Sasha	2000	Brian Pautz
	STORMYMOUNTAIN DIAMOND OF DALLANARK BN007582	Sasha	1999	Brian Pautz
	STORMYMOUNTAIN BLACKTHORNE BN007585	Taz	1999	Johann Pieterse
	HUNTSFIELD WINDSOR BJ000155	Jess	1998	Jon Andrews
	STORMYMOUNTAIN DIAMOND OF DALLANARK N007582	Sasha	1998	Brian Pautz
FTCH	MAVROS LILLIE	Meg	1998	James WARNE
FTCH	BROOKSIDE MINSTRAL OF STORMYMOUNTAIN BK001518	Storm	1997	C Marshall
	CLAUSTRARIUS TITUS OF EVENINGSUN BD038939	Dexter	1997	David Tweddell
FTCH	HUNTSFIELD HAMPSHIRE BH002858	Tessa	1997	Brian PAUTZ
FTCH	BROOKSIDE MINSTRAL OF STORMYMOUNTAIN BK001518	Storm	1996	C Marshall
FTCH	HUNTSFIELD HAMPSHIRE BH002858	Tessa	1995	Brian PAUTZ
	HUNTSFIELD SURREY BH002861	Lulu	1994	M FURZE
FTCH	FERNCLOSE TEST BF012087	Purdey	1993	Tracey Andrews
	CLAUSTRARIUS TITUS OF EVENINGSUN BD038939	Dexter	1992	David Tweddell
FTA	WINTERVELD SWAINSON BC020108	Rigby	1991	John Andrews
FTA	WINTERVELD SWAINSON BC020108	Rigby	1990	John Andrews
	CLAUSTRARIUS BIANCA	Gem	1989	Noel Bass
	WINTERVELD SHELLEY BC020107	Meg	1988	Noel Bass
	CLAUSTRARIUS BIANCA	Gem	1984	Noel Bass

Junior (winners)

	LANDENVLEI BREEZE ZA003433B24	Sprockitt	2025	Cheryl Smith
	LANDENVLEI BREEZE ZA003433B24	Sprockitt	2025	Cheryl Smith
	RIBBLEBROOK RODRI (IMP UK) ZA001158C23	Rodi	2024	Calvin Fisher
	BROCKRISE FRANKIE OF LANDENVLEI (IMP UK)	Danny	2023	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI CHARLOTTE ZA012545B22	Charlotte	2023	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI AYA ZA014898B21	Aya	2023	Greg Higgs
	LANDENVLEI OLIVER ZA014904B21	Oliver	2022	Christian Barr
	SEKOPO SAVANNAH BX007362	Snap	2007	P Roos
	KLIPRIVERSBURG JAY JAY OF MOWBRAYPARK BW009304	Jay jay	2006	Jurgens van Dyk
	EAGLEFLIGHT ROBIN BS012591	Demi	2002	Brandon Morris
	EVENINGSUN LUZ OF DALLANARK BN015500	Gillie	1998	J REID
	MAVROS LILLIE	Meg	1997	James WARNE

Puppy (Winners)

	LANDENVLEI OAK ZA004245B25	Toby	2025	Gerhard Van Aswegen
	LANDENVLEI BREEZE ZA003433B24	Sprockitt	2024	Cheryl Smith
	RIBBLEBROOK RODRI (IMP UK) ZA001158C23	Rodi	2023	Calvin Fisher
	LANDENVLEI CHARLOTTE ZA012545B22	Charlotte	2023	Rebecca Jones
	LANDENVLEI CHARLOTTE ZA012545B22	Charlotte	2023	Rebecca Jones
	LANDENVLEI MEA ZA007309B22	Mea	2022	Rebecca Jones
	LANDENVLEI OLIVER ZA014904B21	Ollie	2022	Luchae Oberholzer

Guns Choice (ALL STAKES)

	BROCKRISE FRANKIE OF LANDENVLEI (IMP UK) ZA001094C23 (Open)	Danny	2025	Bobby Lotter
FTCH	LANDENVLEI KATE ZA008544B19 (Open)	Kate	2025	Bobby Lotter
	MISSYMOG RHINO (IMP UK) ZA001206C22 (Novice)	Jim	2025	John Smillie
	RIBBLEBROOK RODRI (IMP UK) ZA001158C23 (Novice)	Rodri	2025	Calvin Fisher
	LANDENVLEI OBI-WAN ZA007300B22(Open)	Obi	2025	Alan Fraser
	LANDENVLEI OBI-WAN ZA007300B22(Open)	Obi	2024	Alan Fraser
	BROCKRISE FRANKIE OF LANDENVLEI (IMP UK) (Novice)	Danny	2024	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI JUNIPER ZA007308B22(Open)	Juniper	2024	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI WOLLA ZA014897B21 (Novice)	Willa	2024	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI JUNIPER ZA007308B22(Open)	Juniper	2024	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI AYA ZA014898B21(Novice)	Aya	2024	Greg Higgs
	ALEXANDER OF LANDENVLEI ZA007773B16 (Open)	Jack	2023	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI OBI-WAN (Novice)	Obi	2023	Alan Fraser
	LANDENVLEI JUNIPER ZA007308B22 (Novice)	Juniper	2023	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI KATE ZA008544B19 (Open)	Kate	2023	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI TITAN ZA005250B20 (Novice)	Titan	2023	Andre Hefer
	KRIJT BADGER ZA003656B19 (Open)	Badger	2023	Alan Fraser
	HILLSHOT ELLA OF LANDENVLEI ZA008451B17 (Open)	Ella	2023	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI LIZZY ZA005246B20 (Novice)	Lizzy	2023	Greg Higgs
	ALEXANDER OF LANDENVLEI ZA007773B16 (Open)	Jack	2022	Bobby Lotter
	LANDENVLEI TITAN ZA005250B20 (All)	Titan	2022	Andre Hefer
	SPRINGSHOT TOMMY TUCKER ZA005876B12 (All)	Tom tom	2021	John Smillie
	KRIJT BADGER ZA003656B19 (All)	Badger	2021	Alan Fraser
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	HILLSHOT ELLA OF LANDENVLEI ZA008451B17 (All)	Ella	2019	Bobby Lotter
	HILLSHOT LILY OF LANDENVLEI ZA008453B17 (All)	Lily	2018	Arnuld Engelbrecht
	SPRINGSHOT SUNSHINE SAM ZA005874B12	Sam	2016	Johann Pieterse
	SPRINGSHOT SUNSHINE SAM ZA005874B12	Sam	2015	Johann Pieterse
	RYTEX RILLIE CY006882	Duke	2010	J Smilley
	HUNTSFIELD HOLLYGROVE OF FERNCLOSE BN000485	Fern	2008	Barry Tame
	KLIPIRIVERSBURG BLUE OF WINTERVELD BW009308	Blue	2007	Noel Bass
	EVENINGSUN BA BN015499	Tex	2006	Rob Roos
FTCH	SALTSCAR POACHFIELD BS002836	Flash	2006	Chris Forster
	HUNTSFIELD HOLLYGROVE OF FERNCLOSE BN000485	Fern	2005	Barry Tame
FTCH	SALTSCAR POACHFIELD BS002836	Flash	2005	Chris Forster
	LILLYVALE GYPSY MAIDEN BS003510	Gypsy	2004	Brian Paultz
	TRIOAKS SUNNY CU002615	Pip	2003	Rob Roos
FTCH	MAVROS LILLIE	Meg	2002	James WARNE
	SERENUS OENA CAPENSIS BQ014364	Gem	2002	Jimmy Warne
FTCH	BROOKSIDE MINSTRAL OF STORMYMOUNTAIN BK001518	Storm	2001	C Marshall
	EVENINGSUN BA BN015499	Tex	2001	Rob Roos
	HUNTSFIELD WINDSOR BJ000155	Jess	2000	Jon Andrews
FTCH	BROOKSIDE MINSTRAL OF STORMYMOUNTAIN BK001518	Storm	1999	C Marshall
	STORMYMOUNTAIN DIAMOND OF DALLANARK BN007582	Sasha	1999	Brian Pautz
FTCH	HUNTSFIELD HAMPSHIRE BH002858	Tessa	1998	Brian PAUTZ
FTCH	MAVROS LILLIE	Meg	1998	James WARNE
	STORMYMOUNTAIN BLACKTHORNE BN007585	Taz	1997	Johann Pieterse
FTCH	FERNCLOSE TEST BF012087	Purdey	1997	Tracey Andrews
FTCH	BROOKSIDE MINSTRAL OF STORMYMOUNTAIN BK001518	Storm	1996	C Marshall
	HUNTSFIELD BLYTH BH002856	Shot	1996	Glyn Riley
	CLAUSTRARIUS TITUS OF EVENINGSUN BD038939	Dexter	1995	David Tweddell
FTCH	FERNCLOSE TEST BF012087	Purdey	1995	Tracey Andrews

FTCH	HUNTSFIELD HAMPSHIRE BH002858	Tessa	1995	Brian PAUTZ
	HUNTSFIELD DERBY BH002857		1994	RV FIELD
FTCH	FERNCLOSE TEST BF012087	Purdey	1994	Tracey Andrews
	FERNCLOSE MEG BF012085		1993	Barry Tame
	CLAUSTRARIUS TITUS OF EVENINGSUN BD038939	Dexter	1992	David Tweddell
FTCH	FERNCLOSE TEST BF012087	Purdey	1991	Tracey Andrews
FTA	WINTERVELD SWAINSON BC020108	Rigby	1990	John Andrews
FTA	WINTERVELD SWAINSON BC020108	Rigby	1989	John Andrews
	Claustrarius Bianca	Gem	1988	Noel Bass

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