



Keeping Your Welsh Springer Spaniel Fit for Life

by Dr. Michelle Tilghman

Friday October 22 at 6 P.M. (room to be announced)

Sponsored by the Dogwood WSSGA Club
in conjunction with the WSSCA Health Committee
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The seminar is free to all attending; donations taken at the door, however, will be mightily appreciated.

Whether you have a handsome show dog in the midst of its career, a brilliant performance prospect just starting to shed its baby teeth or the sweetest couch potato in the history of the breed, this 90 minute seminar is for you. It will include advice on keeping a healthy dog at all ages using various aspects of complementary and alternative aspects of veterinary medicine.

Our speaker: Dr. Michelle Tilghman graduated from the University of Georgia Veterinary School in 1982. She founded Loving Touch Animal Center in Stone Mountain, Georgia in 1986. Dr. Michelle, as her clients fondly call her, opened Caring Canine Rehabilitation Center adjacent to Loving Touch Animal Center in 2003; in 2008 she opened Amsterdam Walk Wellness and Fitness in Midtown Atlanta.

Dr. Tilghman holds memberships in several organizations including serving as past President of the American Veterinary Holistic Medicine Association; Chairman of Education of the International Veterinary Acupuncture Association; and is a member of the American Veterinarian Medical Association and the Georgia Veterinarian Medical Association. Dr. Tilghman also is an adjunct professor at Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. She has lectured at conferences and universities across the United States and around the world, including the 2nd annual International Meeting of Veterinary Acupuncture in Spain, 2007. She has training and long experience in herbal medicines with a line of her own herbal remedies. Her major publications include *"Acupuncture for Longitudinal Muscle System Approach to Canine Lameness"* in *Veterinary Acupuncture: Ancient Art to Modern Medicine*, Schoen AM, St. Louis, 2001, Mosby. Dr. Michelle specializes in geriatric dogs and enjoys working with "down" dogs.

Dr. Michelle has been treating Welsh Springer Spaniels for over 20 years, has a wide and varied experience with our breed and has had her hands on some of the breed's best. In to her practice have come at least four Westminster breed winners, numerous National Specialty and WSSCA Annual Award winners. Although she enjoys hearing about how well her clients do, it isn't the award it's the animal that impresses Dr. Michelle. She reaches out to each and every dog that is in need of her knowledge, her compassion, and indeed, her Loving Touch.

Dr. Michelle currently owns her own Welsh Springer Spaniel, Rhys (some of you may know him as 'Scrappy'), who happily creates mischief with his housemates, a Cardigan Welsh Corgi and a Golden Retriever.

The seminar is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Friday October 22nd. This should allow us time to support the WSS breed winner in the Sporting Group and maybe even the Best in Show ring.

Please respond by FRIDAY OCTOBER 15TH if you plan to attend.

Contact either Adrienne Bancker at bancker@bellsouth.net or
Anne Gilliam at salem.oak@earthlink.net

At the doors are welcomed, but it's always nicer to know who will be there so we can plan a little better.

Dogwood and the WSSCA Health Committee look forward to having Dr. Michelle as our speaker and hope that you are able to attend this special event.