

CLEMENCIA SAAVEDRA - URUGUAY

I bought my first ESS in 1991 when I was 18 years old and I was immediately captivated by the amazing characteristics of this fantastic breed. My foundation bitch was Multi Ch. Salilyn's Special Edition, daughter of Ch. Salilyn's Condor and litter sister to Salilyn's n'Erin Shameless, both BIS at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.



Since then, together with my husband, I have been breeding only ESS selectively, occasionally and successfully under the name of Wallylama Springers. We have bred dogs that became champions in USA, Canada, Argentina, Peru, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Chile and India. In those countries, our dogs have won BIG more than 100 times and a total of 45 BIS in all breed dog shows, including a couple of BISS in Canada. Our dog Ch. Chejov Ulysses de Wallylama won the Group at a World Dog Show 2004 in Brazil and became a World Champion.

After 20 years of hard work with American bloodlines, we bought our first European bitch and have been working around this style for the last 5 years to complete 25 years around this breed. We have mixed both styles and bred each style separately.

I have been an ESS judge since 1999, attaining my judge's license in Colombia, and obtaining equivalence on the title in the Uruguayan Kennel Club in 2002, (Kennel Club Uruguayo, which is a member of FCI), where I am an active member. I have judged in South America, attended to the ESS symposium in Santa Rosa, California, USA in 2009 and given conferences about ESS type and proportions and how to judge them in local Kennel Clubs. I was invited in 2014 as a panelist by the ESS International Symposium held in Finland.

In the late 1990's, before moving back to Uruguay (my country of origin) with my family, I served as a member of the Board of the Colombian Kennel Club (Asociación Club Canino Colombiano), as a member of the Show Committee and as Chairwoman of the Public Relations Committee of the same club.

As an owner handler, I have learnt how to show, trim and groom with American and European breeders. I have exhibited my own bred dogs in very prestigious shows, such as the Eukanuba National Cup in the USA, the Westminster Kennel Club and the World Dog Shows in Argentina and Brazil. I have shown ESS in many countries in America and Europe including ESS specialties in the USA and Finland and all-breed shows in Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Colombia, Peru and Uruguay where I bred and showed the Nr. 1 All breeds dog 2005, Ch. Wallylama's Grandslam. He later became the top winning ESS in South America all times and the #1 ESS in Canada in 2008.

After moving to the USA in 2014 I started showing my first Wallylama European style bitch winning BOB several times. In 2015 I won BOS at the Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club, the second largest specialty show in the USA and BOG 3 at the New

England Sporting Group Association, being the first in the history of this two clubs to win with an owner handled and undocked ESS. I finished her championship in 4 months putting a new record as the first European style ESS to finish in the USA as an owner handler. In 2016 I won BOS at the Westminster Kennel Club, a historic win, being the only one in the history of this club to achieve this.

Currently, Wallylama Kennel can be considered as a reference for the breed in South America. As such, I look forward to preserve the correct ESS which means correct head proportions, correct structure, movement and type in accordance with the FCI breed standard, no matter how the markings are.