



Title: "Family"

Description: A family of English springer spaniels.

Photographer: Tansy Hutton

Where, when: Southland, 15 March 2022.

Sustainability? English springer spaniels are a welcome addition to many rural families. They are an incredibly loyal and loving dog, and have the additional perk of making great hunting dogs. Springers have excellent noses and a natural drive to hunt.

These dogs have been intentionally bred because of the fabulous natures and drive of the parents. Frank (dad) is a lazy springer who loves his humans endlessly. He loves to go duck shooting, chase rabbits and sit in the tractor. Pippa (mum) is full of enthusiasm. This girl can flush possums out and catch them before Frank has even realised they were there. She adores children, and loves to go on farm walks and follow her nose. By selecting two parents with a good balance of hunting and social skills you are able to confidently sell these pups to homes where they will be best able to channel those talents.

Diversification of farm incomes is an important backstop for the economic sustainability of many farms. Maintaining biodiversity helps insure that nature can keep going when environmental conditions, conditions change – it means that new species can step to provide the ecosystem services needed to stay productive. Our raising dogs helps spread economic risk in just the same way ... and it's a fulfilling and interesting challenge at the same time and great for kids. I also choose to have a small sewing business, this allows me to have an alternative income stream as well as being able to do something else I love – creating!

Photo notes: *Camera:* Samsung Galaxy *Lens:* 12-40mm *Settings:* f/10 1/500 sec ISO200 12mm.

Digital specs: 4,032 x 1,816 pixels (7.3 MP).

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