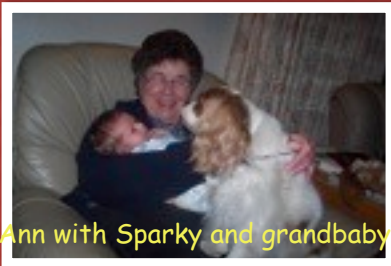


# CAVALIER CHATTER

## Meet Sparky and His Owners, Gary and Ann Kilbourn!

Active club members for many years, Gary and Ann Kilbourn have taken the step into Therapy with their cavalier Sparky. Ann and Gary who have been happily married for 46 years decided to spread cavalier love when Gary's Mom went to The Terraces for physical Therapy. They were so impressed with the wonderful facility and staff that they wanted to give back so they sent for a home-study program from The Delta Society.

Gary says that "Most cavaliers are perfectly suited for therapy and relish all the loving they receive. Sparky also excels in Agility and Rally and has his CGC title! He was bred by Jane Estabrook, Desert Sky Cavaliers. I know you will enjoy the note below written by Ann and Gary.

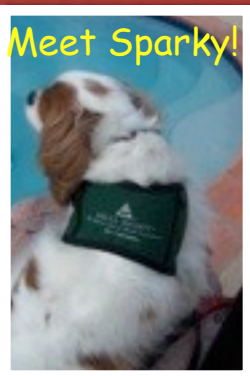


Ann with Sparky and grandbaby!

AKC started to present titles to therapy dogs on June 27. In order to qualify, the dog must belong to a therapy dog organization and have a minimum of 50 documented visits. Sparky received his certificate and patch and is now a certified AKC Therapy Dog!



Gary with Sparky  
TERRACES



Meet Sparky!

Sparky and I have been going to The Terraces since January, 2010. We go each Thursday at 2:00 and see the memory unit, assisted living, and skilled nursing sections. We spend about 2 to 2 1/2 hours visiting the It is so uplifting to see the joy that Sparky brings to them. The residents as well as the staff look forward to the visits as much as Sparky enjoys all the loving he receives.

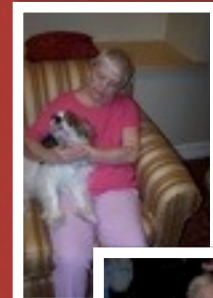
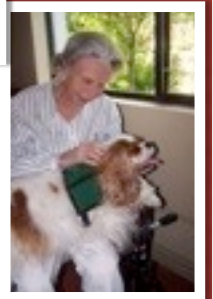
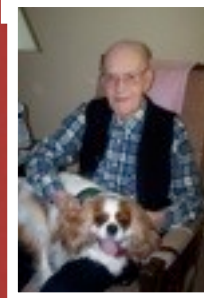
He is registered with The Delta Society and we went through the home study program before being evaluated to enter the pet partner program.

He has his CGC title and has had training in agility and rally which helped in his evaluation.

I can't say enough about how well suited the Cavalier personality is to therapy dog work. If anyone is interested in pursuing this with their partner, I would be happy to answer any questions. If you would like to accompany Sparky and me on a visit, you certainly would be welcomed. You can contact me at 602-487-5432.

Whatever you choose to do with your Cavalier, I hope you enjoy them as much a we do.

Gary, Ann, and Sparky.



# CLUB MEMBERS' PHOTOS



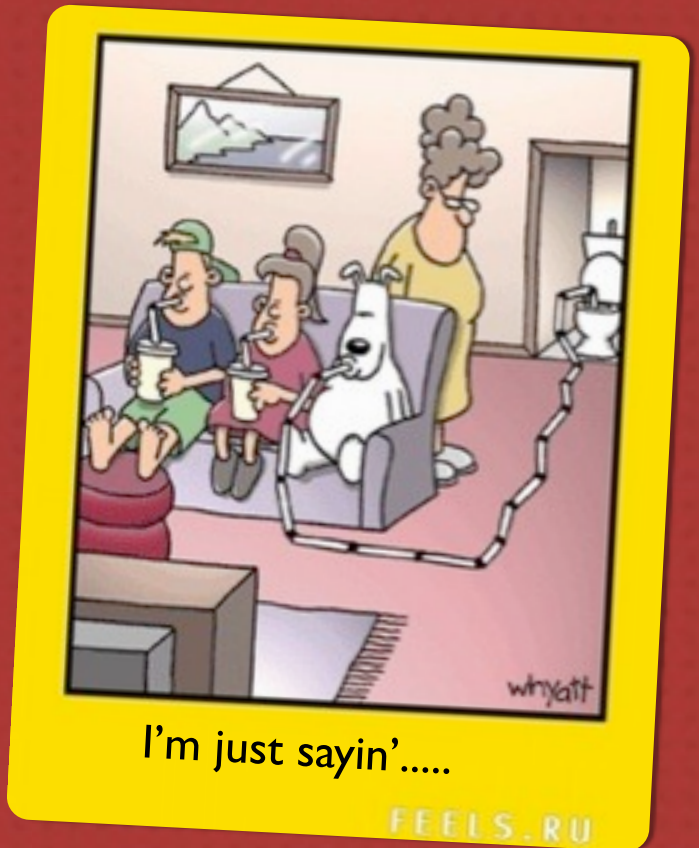
RICHARD SIMKINS CAVALIERS  
HANNA AND BENNY GOODMAN  
ENJOYING A CAR RIDE!



MARY VAN DEMAN WITH  
LITTERMATES SASSY AND FLETCHER



LITTLE MISTY AND RILEY STAYING COOL.



I'm just sayin'.....

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CONNOR WITH GINGER AND PT.  
CONNOR'S BIRTHDAY IS THIS MONTH!

# GIVE TO THE RESCUE TRUST FUND

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What do you know about the Rescue Trust Fund? Our own club member Ken Smith just happens to be the National Funds Raising Director for the ACKCS Rescue Trust so we should all take a few minutes to check out the website, <http://www.cavalierrescuetrust.org/> and bookmark it in your favorites.

You can read all about Oakley and find out the many ways you can help, including the [igive program](#). By registering with [Igive.com](#) and listing the **AMERICAN CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL RESCUE TRUST** as your preferred organization, you can help our Cavaliers. You can make your purchases (and even take advantage of special coupon codes) at all the stores you already love. When you make your first purchase and keep the Igive.com button on your browser for 45 days, [Igive.com](#) will donate \$5 to the ACKCS Rescue Trust. And that's not all! **Every** purchase you make after that with one of over 900 participating stores will send valuable funds to the ACKCS Rescue Trust, **and** a receipt for the tax donation to you! Can it get any better than this?!

While you're on the Rescue Trust website, check out the new book written by veterinarian Dr. Nancy Kay, *Speaking For Spot*. It will teach you how to become a "savvy medical advocate for your dog". Dr. Kay has graciously agreed to donate \$4.00 from the sale of each book to the Rescue Trust. *If each of our club members buys a book we will have helped the Rescue Trust raise over \$400.00!*

*Do you know an author who would donate a signed book to the Rescue Trust Fund? If so, please contact Ken Smith ([ken@az2you.com](mailto:ken@az2you.com)). Future internet auctions are being planned on author-signed books.*

*The Rescue Trust fund helps those cavaliers who cannot help themselves. Let's all "Pay It Forward". By supporting the Rescue Trust you are supporting our breed.*

*"It's All About The Dogs"*

# ...AND MORE PHOTOS!



Dimari Cavaliers' newest addition, Tillie!  
Owned by Dian Albright and Marilyn Dhahir



Five year old Emma with puppies. Emma is the granddaughter of club member Nancy Chapman, Sunburst Cavaliers.



Lucky cavaliers Hudson and Maris got to enjoy a vacation in Pinetop with owners John and Vicki Cary!



Puppies! Kim Johnson's newest litter, Hugs and Kisses Cavaliers



Britton aka Brit, owned by Larry Stephenson, is a certified Hospice Therapy Dog!



Is this your puppy? I have the DARLING picture but can't find the information that goes with it!

# *Message From Our President*

## *Eileen Starks*



The Club President has the unique opportunity to see the workings of the Club in what is often referred to as the "Big Picture."

The Central Arizona Club provides so much in the form of our specialty show, educational seminars and health clinics, obedience classes, social events such as cavalier fun days and holiday parties, great newsletters and website.

Those benefits you and I enjoy don't just happen. A tremendous amount of time, effort and energy goes into making your club experience a positive one, many times without much recognition.

Therefore, I would like to express appreciation to those members who have contributed to this Club's success on a consistent basis:

- Our current and past members of the Board of Directors. These individuals often carry the heaviest load - not only in the management of the club but often doing many of the jobs that no one else will volunteer for, or helping with last-minute requests.
- Those who have served on committees or helped with things like shows, matches, fun days, health clinics, holiday parties, and the like, as well as those who have helped with things like our newsletter and website, event RSVPs, annual awards, etc.
- Those who have hosted fun days, swim parties, holiday parties, dental cleanings and other Club events.
- Those who have solicited or donated items or services to our club's silent auctions.
- Those who support our Club by attending Club functions on a regular and consistent basis. It is rewarding to those who have worked so hard or have donated the use of their home, when those events are well attended.
- Those who have agreed to help with our club's hosting of the 2013 National Specialty Show. This is a very big event for our club and our planning and execution of those plans will reflect on our club on a national level.
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With the 2013 National Specialty on the horizon and the increased need for volunteers as our club increases in size and events, we find that we are in need of support from all of our members. Jane Estabrook has taken on the task of recruiting volunteers when needed. Should you receive a call or email from Jane, please take a moment to consider all that your membership brings you. Even better, take the initiative to let Jane know what types of things you would like to help with! We all have differing demands on our time and talents, but everyone should be able to participate and help in some way - that's what makes belonging to the club a personal & rewarding experience!



## Just A Dog

From time to time people tell me, "Lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "That's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and, in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy.

"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person.

Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me, and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a human."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog." just smile....because they "just don't understand."

- Anonymous