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THE CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB OF CENTRAL ARIZONA

Cavalier Chatter

CKCSCCA holds their first B match!

On Sunday February 26th the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Central Arizona held its first official B Match at the Paradise Valley Park in Phoenix. It was quite warm and very sunny for mid February, but in central Arizona anything is possible! The club was fortunate to have Kellie Smith as our judge. There was a nice turnout with dogs of all ages, and a few junior handlers as well. The results of the show were...Best of Match: Spice Rack's Star Anise, owned by Kelly Collins and shown by her sister Nancy Collins of Laguna Beach, CA; and Best of Opposite Sex: Maramond Aurora Borealis, owned by Linda Bishop and shown by Eileen Starks. Nikki Postero graciously provided gorgeous hand-crafted artisan pottery as trophies for the match. This was a fabulous exercise for club members and their dogs to prepare themselves for the upcoming AKC shows in the area.

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Nancy Smith and Judge Kellie Smith



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Pictures from our first B Match!



Cavaliers Take Over Scottsdale Home

On January 14th, Jan and Tom Donnell (pictured in the center, relaxing and watching the action with their two cavaliers in their laps) generously opened up their beautiful home to the club for the first puppy match of the year. Not only was the weather absolutely perfect, Jan's home was like having our puppy match at a country club! Mike Maynard was the Judge for the puppy match. Mike is a seasoned handler and offers handling classes every Sunday morning in Chandler. At least 30+ cavaliers were running free, exploring every inch of the property. Isn't it amazing that you can get that many cavaliers in one place and probably not worry about any dogs fighting?! The winners at the puppy match were: TruStar Gypsy Girl for best puppy in match; Gardengate Puff Mama for best adult in match, and Best of Opposite Sex was Brandon Henry Valcor Hollingsworth.



"Show" and tell...



Shelly Fields with Desert Sky My Wish Come True



Steve & Nikki Postero with TruStar Parti Girl



Jane Estabrook in Long Beach with Desert Sky Honey Bear



Kelly Collins with Spice Rack's Star Anise



Pat Wildinson with Texas Lillie Rose

Club members faired well at the recent local shows. The results are as follows...

Scottsdale show Friday, March 3rd

First in "Open Dogs" class: Lorelei's Tabloid Talk, owned by Tiffany Neely

First in "Puppy Bitches 6-9 months" class: Desert Sky My Wish Come True, owned by Shelly Fields

First in "Puppy Bitches 9-12 months" class: Texas Lillie Rose owned by prospective member Pat Wilkinson

First in "12-18 Month Bitches" class: Mayfield Evening Star, owned by Gary & Rebecca Brandon

Reserve Winners Bitch: Desert Sky My Wish Come True, owned by Shelly Fields

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Scottsdale show Saturday, March 4th

First in "Puppy Bitches 6-9 months" class: Desert Sky My Wish Come True, owned by Shelly Fields

First in "Puppy Bitches 9-12 months" class: Texas Lillie Rose, owned by prospective member Pat Wilkinson

First in "12-18 Month Bitches" class: Spice Rack's Star Anise, owned by Kelly Collins

Superstition Kennel Club Show Sunday, March 5th

First in "Open Dogs" class : Lorelei's Tabloid Talk, owned by Tiffany Neely

First in "Puppy Bitches 6-9 months" class: TruStar Parti Girl owned by Nikki & Steve Postero

First in "12-18 Month Bitches" class: Mayfield Evening Star, owned by Gary & Rebecca Brandon

Reserve Winners Dog: Lorelei's Tabloid Talk, owned by Tiffany Neely

Superstition Kennel Club Show Monday, March 6th

First in "Open Dogs" class; : Lorelei's Tabloid Talk, owned by Tiffany Neely

First in "Puppy Bitches 9-12 months" class: Texas Lillie Rose, owned by prospective member Pat Wilkinson

First in "12-18 Month Bitches" class : Mayfield Evening Star, owned by Gary & Rebecca Brandon

Winners Dog; & Best of Winners: Lorelei's Tabloid Talk, owned by Tiffany Neely

Winners Bitch: Mayfield Evening Star, owned by Gary & Rebecca Brandon

Lost Dutchman Kennel Club Show Saturday, April 11th

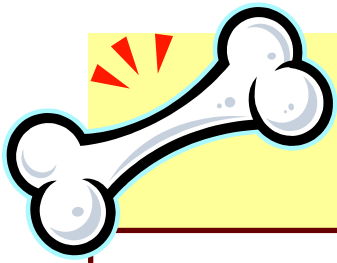
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Best of Opposite Sex: Mayfield Evening Star, owned by Gary & Rebecca Brandon

Also worth mentioning... Ron & Jane Estabrook traveled to Long Beach to participate in the Cavaliers of the West dog show February 17th through the 19th. Ron & Jane are very proud that their very own Desert Sky Honey Bear placed first in Bred By Exhibitor Bitch on Saturday.



“Fun”ny Bones



Ken and Nancy Smith recently stayed at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas. Within the hotel, there is a conservatory where botanicals are quite lavishly displayed. Several times a year they switch out a theme display. During the Ken and Nancy's visit, the hotel was taking down the Christmas display and replacing it with the display for the Chinese New Year.

This is the Chinese year of the dog, and when the Bellagio asked what kind of dog to display, the Chinese community picked the Cavalier, much to the surprise of everyone! The picture to the left is of the display. He barks, wags his tail, moves his eyes and his head, and stands about 10 feet tall. He is made of fiberglass with imported Chinese fur for a coat. The people that Ken and Nancy were traveling with named the display dog “Bo” after Ken and Nancy's cavalier. As the Chinese say...Gun Ho, Fat Cavalier!



Shelly Field's Walter before he had his morning coffee!



Look what the Easter Bunny brought Eileen Starks—a basket full of puppies!



New member Trinity Taylor's “Doc Holiday” peeking out from a bush.

We are pleased to announce that 16 new members have joined the club since the first of the year!

Continuing Education

Have dogs tested for Brucellosis before breeding

Brucellosis is a bacterial disease that is well known by food animal producers. It causes abortions, infertility and decreased milk yield in cattle.

According to Dr. Allan Paul, small animal Extension veterinarian at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine at Urbana, "Brucellosis can infect cattle, sheep, goats, dogs and humans as well as pigs. Cats, however, seem to be somewhat resistant to the bacteria."

The major route of brucellosis transmission in dogs is through direct contact of an infected, aborted fetus, or uterine discharge. They may also become infected by eating contaminated meat, fetal membranes, aborted fetuses of livestock or drinking contaminated, unpasteurized milk. The bacteria can also be shed in dog feces and be cultured from lymph nodes of an infected animal.

Signs of infection in dogs may include abortion, infertility, infected reproductive organs, arthritis, disc disease, fever, hind limb weakness, lethargy, and/or general lymph node swelling. Since these may be signs of many diseases, take your pet to your veterinarian if it shows any of them. He or she will need to draw a blood sample to determine if the problem is brucellosis.

Brucellosis is difficult to treat. It may take a long period of antibiotic therapy to fully rid the dog of the bacteria. Since blood samples need to be taken to monitor the progress of the drug treatment, it may also become somewhat expensive. It is also possible for humans to become infected with canine brucellosis, although transmission from dogs to people seems to be uncommon.

Since this disease is sexually transmitted, it is important for breeders to make sure all of the dogs in their kennel test negative for the bacteria. If they are not, they should not be bred. The dog may show no clinical signs, but still transmit the bacteria in semen or vaginal fluid. Female dogs should be tested a few weeks before they come into heat and males should be tested twice a year. Any new animal brought into the kennel should be isolated until it tests negative twice. The second test should be done one month after the first one.

"The bacteria is relatively easy to kill with common disinfectants, such as diluted bleach water solution," notes Dr. Paul.

There is no vaccine available for canine brucellosis at this time. Eliminating the positive animals from breeding stock is one way to help control the disease. Proper disposal of waste and wearing gloves to handle any fetal membranes or aborted fetuses, followed by thorough disinfection of the area will also help. If you have any questions about canine brucellosis, see your veterinarian.

Article by Linda March, Information Specialist at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. Reprinted with permission.



Summer is just around the corner...

- **Dogs and Heat Exhaustion**

Heat exhaustion is common in dogs. It can happen in your own yard, or on a walk. Dogs cool themselves by panting. If panting does not reduce the body temperature the dog will develop heat stroke. Early signs of heat exhaustion include rapid breathing, heavy panting, and salivation. Other signs are fatigue, muscle tremors, and staggering. If you see a dog that is experiencing heat exhaustion, take the dog to a cool, shady place, and apply wet towels or cloths to help cool the dog's body down. Try to give the dog small amounts of water, and immediately call a vet.

- **Dogs and the Sun**

Dogs get sunburned. Especially dogs with short hair or little hair on some parts of their bodies. Keep them out of the sun.

- **Hiking with the Dog in the Summer**

Like to hike with your dog? Please do it very early in the morning. Carry plenty of water, and make it the easy hike, please.

- **Dogs Breeds That Don't Like Heat**

Overweight and older dogs will have more difficulty with the heat. As far as breeds are concerned, it is generally accepted that snub-nosed dogs, like boxers, bulldogs, pugs, Boston terriers, Lhasa apsos and shih tzus have poor panting mechanisms, and so are more susceptible to being affected by heat. These should be indoor dogs, and should not be kept in the yard during the day. They should spend their days lounging in air conditioned comfort. Dogs with heavy coats can be trimmed for the summer, but not shaved bare or else they'll have a hard time insulating themselves and will be prone to sunburn and other skin irritations.

- **Dogs and Summer Exercise**

It's never a good idea to exercise your dog by having him run alongside your bicycle. If for some reason you do this from time to time, please don't do it in the summer.

- **Dogs and Trucks**

If your dog loves to travel in the back of your pickup, please avoid the temptation. If for some reason you must take your dog with you in the back of your truck, make sure the surface of where the dog has to sit/stand is not metal, and does not absorb heat. Test it. Leave your truck out in the sun for two hours and then go stand in it for 20 minutes in your bare feet (or sit on it with your bare butt!). If it feels hot to you, or it burns the skin right off your body, it feels that way to your dog, too.

- **Dogs in the Car**

I know that Fido loves to ride in the car, too. I've never met a dog that didn't. If you are going to run some errands, and it's 100 degrees outside, and the dog wants to come along in the car, please do him a favor and leave him home. If for some reason you have to take him along, do not ever leave him in the car without the A/C on. Even with the windows cracked, that car will heat up fast enough to cause brain damage or death in just a few minutes.

Other Stuff...

Don't forget to order your plates!



They're are cute & they're cool! Make sure you order your "club plate" today. They are \$10.00 and can be personalized with your name, your dogs name, or kennel affix for an additional \$5.00. Contact Eileen Starks at azckcs@cox.net to order, and mail your check to our club treasurer, Rebecca Brandon, at 6950 E. Saddleback Circle; Mesa, AZ 85207. (Make sure to put "club plate" on the memo line of your check).

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CERF Eye Clinics

Eye Care for Animals hold CERF clinics monthly. The up-coming clinic schedules are as follows: Phoenix office April 12th and May 10th; Gilbert office will have CERF clinics April 25th and May 23rd. All exams will be done by appointment only, no walk-in's please. The office locations and phone numbers are listed below. To schedule an appointment please contact the appropriate office.

Gilbert

86 West Juniper
Gilbert, AZ 85233
480-635-1110

Phoenix

2316 W. Northern Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85021
602-995-2871

North Scottsdale

14202 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Suite 157
Scottsdale, AZ 85254
480-948-2362

The website for the Eye Care for Animals is: www.eyecareforanimals.com.

Through the eyes of a 4 year old

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year old Irish Wolfhound named Belker.

The dog's owners, Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for the four-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on.

Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion.

We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives.

Live simply...Love generously...Care deeply...Speak kindly...

Check out our newly revised website!



Thanks to Kimberly Kennedy our club website has been completely re-vamped and is up and running. Make sure to save it to your favorites and check it often for it will be updated frequently (remember to hit your refresh button when you revisit the site to make sure you have the most current information.) Pictures of matches and local shows; membership application forms; newsletters; it is all there!

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What is the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Central Arizona?

The CKCSC of Central Arizona is an AKC sanctioned, Cavalier Breed Specialty Club, founded in September of 2004. The club is composed of members devoted to the continued betterment of the breed. The focus of our club is public education, breeder education, providing cavalier rescue, sponsoring health clinics, putting on dog shows (one of the main purposes of AKC) and promoting responsible dog ownership. The club holds social and educational events on a frequent basis. Come visit us and join the fun!

2006 Shows

5/7/06—Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club, Sierra Vista, AZ. (Conformation, Obedience, Jr. Handling, & Rally). Closes 4/19/06

6/2/06-6/4/06—AZ White Mtn Kennel Club Agility competitions; Lakeside, AZ. Closes 5/10/06

6/10/06-6/11/06—Flagstaff Kennel Club, Flagstaff, AZ. Conformation, Obedience, Jr. Showmanship, Rally. Closes 5/24/06

ACKCSC National Specialty Show

The American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club (the AKC parent club for the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel in the USA) will be holding the national specialty show at the Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia from May 1st through the 7th. Entries close April 12th. For more information please visit their website at www.ackcsc.org.

Upcoming club events

Join us Saturday the 29th at 9:30 for the club meeting; a cavalier photography session by Field of Dreams Pet Photography; and brunch! The meeting will be held at Agua Linda Park located on the northwest corner of Pima and McDonald in Scottsdale. Make sure your cavaliers are looking spiffy for their photograph! There will be no sitting fee, you only buy the photograph(s) that you like. Price of photos will be \$15.00 for each 8x10 you purchase, and \$7:50 for each 5x7. **50% of all purchases will be donated to the club.**