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THE CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB OF CENTRAL ARIZONA

Cavalier Chatter

Letter from the President

To all my fellow Cavalier club members,

I am so happy to be able to share this exciting news with all of you. The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Central Arizona has been accepted and accredited by The American Kennel Club. We are the only club with this affiliation in our state!! This is very exciting as a club, as we will now be able to start holding AKC sanctioned "B Matches" and "A Matches", and eventually, when AKC feels we are ready, will be able to hold dog shows in Arizona where our dogs can receive championship points through conformation, obedience, and agility! We have been working very hard to make this come to pass, and are extremely excited for the things we have planned for 2006.

Over the next year, we plan to put on some handling, obedience, and agility classes for our members who would like to try these fun sports with their dogs. We will have educational seminars, health clinics, and are happy to take suggestions from you as to what you want to see happen within your club. If all goes as planned, we will hold our first AKC Sanctioned B Match on Sunday, February 26th. We have all kinds of jobs that will need to be done, and would welcome anyone who would like to participate.

The next club meeting will be held after the puppy match on January 14th. For all of you who would like to try your hand at showing your dog, this is the perfect place to start. No champions are allowed to participate, so we will all be working with our "little ones" or "first timers". It's a lot fun and a great thing to do with your dog. I hope you will all give it a try!!

My best wishes for a Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you all at our puppy match on January 14th.

Jane Estabrook
Your Club President

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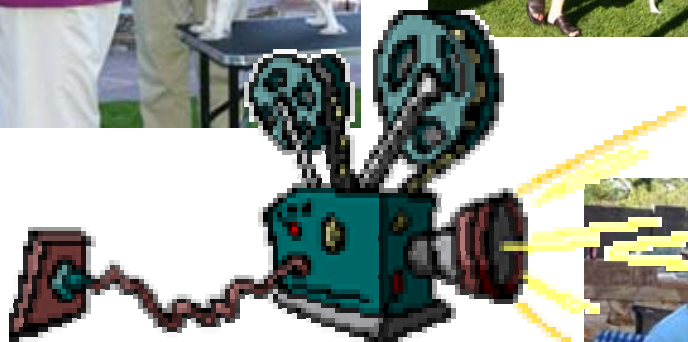
The Holiday Party!

On December 17th, 25 club members enjoyed a wonderful meal and a wacky gift exchange at Frashers Smoke House in Scottsdale. Somehow, we also managed to squeeze in a regular club meeting and board of directors meeting too! We wish all of those that were unable to attend could have been there, and want to share a few pictures with you.



Is my human “show quality?”

How am I walking? Am I gaiting my dog at an appropriate speed? Am I smooth and efficient when I put my dog up on the table? Do I stand appropriately? These are the questions we often ask ourselves when we are handling our own dogs in the show ring. Public speakers and screen personalities film and then critique themselves regularly to perfect their appearance. On November 13th the Brandon's graciously opened up their home to hold the November meeting, the board of directors meeting, and a “filming” of those who were interested in critiquing their own performance. (Oh, and not to mention the potluck they hosted which was fabulous...yum!) Nancy Smith acted as the Judge, directing participants to go down and back, circle the ring, and then inspect each dog on the table. Afterwards we all watched the video on the Brandon's television to honestly critique each other with positive results for all. If any club members would like to repeat this filming, please let Jane Estabrook know so that we can make arrangements to do this again in the near future.



"Show" and tell...



Allegra Indira

The Kachina Kennel Club hosted a "two day-two show" event on October 22nd and October 23rd at Estrella Park, in Goodyear. Dale & Eileen Starks' Indy (Allegra Indira) did very well on Sunday. She won BW, WB, and BOB. According to Eileen, Indy needs just one major and five points to finish!

Ken and Nancy Smith with Bo (Hazelford Rainbow's End) also did well at the Kachina show. On Saturday, he won BW, WD, and BOB and on Sunday he won WD. Bo went on to obtain his championship on Saturday at the Saguaro State Kennel Club Show that was held November 25th through the 27th in Phoenix.



Hazelford Rainbow's End



Desert Sky Kodak Moment

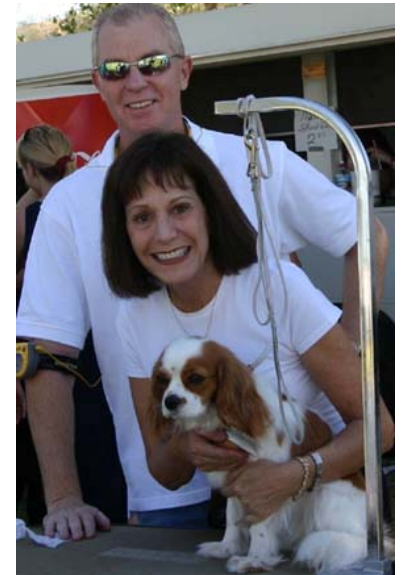
Jane & Ron Estabrook's Sonny (Desert Sky Kodak Moment) won "best bred by exhibitor" Cavalier on Saturday at the Saguaro State Kennel Club Show, and on Sunday he earned his championship, taking both WD and BW. As a result of finishing as a Bred-By Exhibitor, Sonny will be invited to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championships to be held in December 2006 in Long Beach, Ca. Bravo for Sonny!

Nikki and Steve Postero's Lola (Hurricane Lollapalooza) earned reserve winners bitch at the Saguaro show on Saturday. Nikki and Steve couldn't be more proud, and Lola has the "of course I am a winner" look on her face!

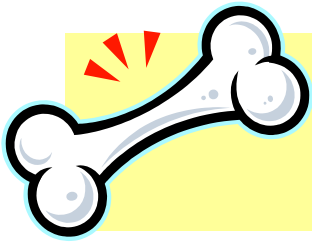


Mayfield Evening Star

Gary & Rebecca Brandon's Eve (Mayfield Evening Star) took reserve winners bitch at the Saguaro Show on Sunday. Pictured to the left is Eve perfecting her stack in the Brandon's back yard a few months ago.



Hurricane Lollapalooza



Funny Bones



Wendy' & Casey Buitenhuis's Sir (Whitneyvilles Sir Luvalot) wearing a nutcracker bib that is bigger than he is!



Leslie Townsend's Tuli (Stonecroft Royal Tulip) is getting darn tired of waiting to open her presents!

Dog peeves about humans

- 1. Passing gas and blaming it on me... not funny... not funny at all !!!*
- 2. Yelling at me for barking... I'M A DOG, YOU NUMBSKULL!*
- 3. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?*
- 4. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose... stop it!*
- 5. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you're not home.*
- 6. The sleight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! Woooo-Hooooooo!? Oh, what a proud moment for the top of the food chain.*
- 7. Taking me to the vet for "the big snip", then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back!*
- 8. Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your guests. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.*
- 9. Dog sweaters. Hello???? Haven't you noticed the fur?*
- 10. How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look, we both know the truth, you're just jealous.*

Continuing Education

Tellington Touch The touch that heals

People and dogs get along so well because dogs like to be touched and humans find solace in touching another being. Petting a dog reduces tension and awakens joy and caring in people who are immersed in grief or depression, debilitated by age or disease, or handicapped by physical or emotional limitations. Stroking a dog helps us think, put things in perspective, and wile away a bit of free time here and there.

In the past, some dog trainers have encouraged owners not to pat their dogs in some training circumstances. "Constant petting transfers your nervousness to the dog," some said. "Petting should only be a reward for obedience," others claimed.

Then along came Linda Tellington-Jones and her Tellington Touch, a massage technique for reducing tension and changing behavior in dogs, and the pendulum swings back towards the fact we knew all along: touching the dog not only helps us, it helps the dog.

Tellington-Jones is a horse trainer and competitive rider who developed a method of circular touches to enhance traditional training methods and complement medical treatments. The techniques are based on a similar set of body awareness exercises for humans developed by Moshe Feldenkrais; the principle is that the exercises interrupt unacceptable behavior patterns and responses and allow acceptable patterns to develop. Today, as non-traditional medicine gets a workout, the TTouch is gaining acceptance.

Susan Spalter of Mason, Ohio, a photographer with a remarkable way with animals, is completing her training as a TTouch practitioner. Training includes several week-long workshops in which the physical underpinning of the techniques are presented; participants listen to sessions about the changes in brain wave patterns that stem from uses of the touch; discuss concurrent use of homeopathic essences and natural supplements, learn about animal behavior, and, of course, study and practice the techniques themselves.

But most pet owners really don't care about the details; they want to know if it works. It really does.

Spalter shared a testimonial from a cat owner whose adopted pet ran the household through intimidation of the other cats. The owner did everything she could think of and finally confined the cat to her bedroom. In her words: "We had two sessions wherein she taught me one of the touches. She then suggested we try using essences along with the touch. The blend was specifically for aggressive behavior. She encouraged me to develop a positive attitude and try again to bring him into the fold. I followed her advice and it worked! Simby has undergone a dramatic change and is no longer aggressive."

Spalter has had similar success with aggressive, timid, and sore animals. In a few sessions in her home studio, she evaluates the animal, begins the touches, and teaches the owner how to use the circular motions to calm the dog and redirect its attention. Our aloof and suspicious Akita was a tough sell on the techniques, but once she deigned to participate, she was captivated. Within a few minutes, her head sank to the floor, and she dozed. Now she enjoys regular sessions of ear slides, circular touches, and vigorous body rubs.

One technique in particular has been helpful; for several years, she has had periodic, non-specific bouts of intestinal upset accompanied by lack of appetite and oceans of motion in her gut. Since learning the touches, we use pressure on her abdomen to relieve the discomfort and the spells seem to dissipate within hours.

The basics

The central TTouch motion is a circle inscribed on the dog's body. It is done by placing the fingertips on the body and tracing a clock-face circle from six o'clock around the dial past the starting point to eight o'clock. Practitioners adapt pressure, speed, and size of circle to the particular animal .

Circles are done all over the dog's body, including the face and even the gums. Circles on the gums are done with one or two fingers. If the dog resists, Spalter backs up to the most pleasant touch for the dog and tries again when the dog relaxes. In this way, she can accustom dogs to having their feet handled, to accept fingers in the mouth, and to other handling that they have balked at in the past.

TTouch has many variations of the circles, slides, and rubs, including the ear slide, in which the ear is methodically caressed in a sliding motion from base to tip, and the body rub, an invigorating, all-over stimulation of the senses.

Veterinarian Tom Beckett and his assistant, TTeam practitioner Marnie Reeder, wrote about TTouch in Tellington-Jones' newsletter as follows:

1. **The circular TTouch elicits changes in brain wave patterns . . .** different from those elicited by petting, stroking, and massage.
2. **With TTeam, human and animal relate as two autonomous thinking creatures with increased self-confidence, enhanced communications, and mutual respect.** (In other words, both dog and owner benefit from the experience.)
3. **TTeam does not change the animal's basic nature.** (Our Akita is the same self-confident girl she has always been, but she is more relaxed.)
4. **TTeam does not use force, fear, or pain for handling, treating, or managing animals.**

Beckett uses TTouch as an enhancement to his practice, not a replacement for traditional medical protocols.

Tellington Touch sounds a bit like voodoo. Its practitioners and proponents often fall into one of two camps — those who embrace anything new, especially if it seems “natural,” and those who say “I was at my wit's end with this problem and nothing else helped.” Although the brain wave patterns of the animal can be tracked, there is little but anecdotal evidence that the techniques work. However, there is no doubt that mind and body are linked in mysterious ways; a technique that brings harmony between the two, seems to solve problems, and makes life with family companions more peaceful is well worth exploring.

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 : T-Touch can be used to alleviate a myriad of behavior problems such as submissive urination,
 : and “show-stress” to name just a few. For more information on Tellington Touch, please visit the
 : home page for Linda Tellington Jones at <http://tteam-ttouch.com/index.shtml>
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OFA HEALTH CLINIC

Sunday, February 5th, 2006

Valle del Sol Golden Retriever Club

is sponsoring an OFA Health Clinic at

Animal Hospital at Grayhawk

Grayhawk Plaza Shopping Center/20801 N. Scottsdale Road

(One mile North of the 101 between Thompson Peak Pkwy & Grayhawk)

OFA Hip/Elbow x-rays, Patella exams, Thyroid, and Microchip will be performed

By Dr. Stan Howard

**Dr. Kristin MacDonald, Board Certified Cardiologist from UC Davis,
will be conducting OFA Heart Clearances**

Special Clinic Rates

OFA Heart Exam	\$45
Hip x-ray (submitted to OFA)	\$90
Elbow x-ray (submitted to OFA)	\$45
Patella Exam (submitted to OFA)	\$45
Prelims not submitted: Hip	\$80
Prelims not submitted: Elbow/patella	\$40
OFA Thyroid (MSU)	\$90
Microchip	\$35

If required, Sedation is \$20 extra

All appointments will be made directly with Valle del Sol Golden Retriever Club

Services must be paid in advance-No Refunds for cancellations

Make check payable to VDSGRC and mail to:

Cyndy Heisler, 12990 E. Turquoise Ave, Scottsdale, AZ 85259

To schedule appointment contact: Cyndy Heisler at (480) 391-1970 Sonoragr@cox.net

Contact number for Cyndy Heisler during the clinic (480) 213-6017



CERF Eye Clinics

Eye Care for Animals hold CERF clinics monthly. There are two scheduled for January: January 17th 2006 there will be a clinic held in the evening at the Gilbert office, and on January 11th 2006 there will be a clinic held in the evening at the Phoenix office. 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.

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

The CKCSC of Central Arizona was formed in October of 2004. We are accredited by AKC and are currently working towards becoming a licensed AKC club and a member of our parent club, the "American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club." We are 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.

Club Meeting Dates

Sat. Jan 14 - 11:00 a.m. - Club Meeting and Puppy Match (judging begins at 11:30 a.m.) located at Jan Donnell's; 6725 N. Rocking Rd., Scottsdale - behind McCormick Park

Sat. Feb. 11th - 11:00 a.m. BOD meeting at Jane's condo; 6945 E. Cochise Rd. #109, Scottsdale

2006 Shows

2/26/06 - AKC Sanctioned B Match...tentative date pending approval

3/3/06 & 3/4/06 - Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, conformation & obedience (deadline to enter: 2/15/06), Scottsdale, AZ.

3/5/06 & 3/6/06 - Superstition Kennel Club (50th Show), conformation & obedience (deadline to enter: 2/15/06), Scottsdale Arizona.

3/11/06 & 3/12/06 - Lost Dutchman Kennel Club, conformation & obedience (deadline to enter: 2/22/06), Queen Creek, AZ