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THE CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB OF CENTRAL ARIZONA

Cavalier Chatter

Message from the club president...



This space generally reserved for a message from your club president is dedicated to Gary and Rebecca Brandon, and the cherished memory of their beloved Eve. Gary and Rebecca, please know that your fellow Cavalier lovers and friends are praying for you at this difficult time, and we are all here for you.

Speaking of the club president...lets all wish Jane Estabrook a speedy recovery from her recent accident.



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In loving memory of Eve...

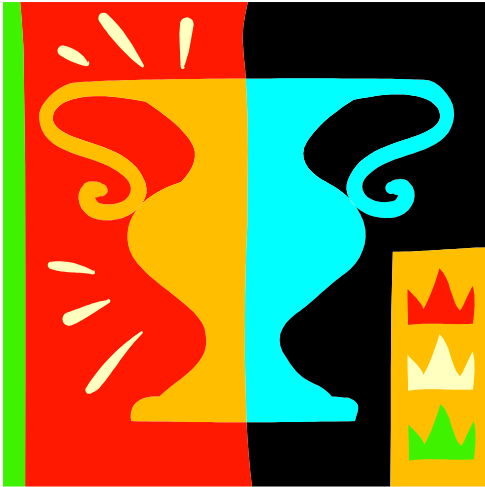
Gary and I have incredibly sad news. Our little Eve, the most beautiful Cavalier you ever saw, died today (July 10th, 2006). When Gary came home from work, around 3:30 this afternoon, Eve had dug under a boulder - it gave loose and it pinned her beneath it. She used to love to chase anything that moved and she was undoubtedly digging after a ground squirrel. For a period of time (several months ago) she and Adam did some digging, but we felt that Gary had broken them of that habit and that he had worked in the backyard for hours making sure something like this didn't happen. We had not seen any signs of digging for more than two months. I believe what happened was a fluke accident - but doesn't console our loss. We are grieving terribly, for we loved her very much. She was so fun to play with! She lived up to the Cavalier "cuddling" tradition and used to "sing to Gary" (you'd have to see it to believe it!) She was incredibly sweet and beautiful.

Eve received her Conformation Champion status faster than any other Arizona Cavalier (at 12 mos. and 3 weeks old), and it's not a wonder as she was the product of wonderful breeding. Her sire was CH Grantilley As Good As It Gets and the dam CH Grantilley Birthday Girl - bred by Marilyn Mayfield. Today Eve was 4 days away from being 17 months old. We were looking to breed her for the first time in October - she would have had beautiful babies.

In memory of CH. Mayfield Evening Star (Eve), Gary and I would like to call our kennel name Evening Star Cavaliers but we'll have to research that name to see if it's possible - to make sure that it doesn't conflict with anyone else's kennel name. It may be awhile before we get there - it's going to be hard to replace her.

Gary & Rebecca Brandon





Here are the results from the June Flagstaff Show. Our club members are in red. Looks like our members did quite well at this show!!!

Saturday, 6/10/06, Judge Sandy Wheat

WD/BW - Lorelei's Tabloid Talk, Owned by Tiffany Neely. (New champion) (3 pt. major)

RWD - Pumamere's Sir Nigel Hawthorne, owned by Glenn Carlton.

Best Puppy - Hurricane Winsome Windy, owned by Julieanne Milosevic.

WB - Desert Sky Honey Bear, owned by Jane Estabrook (3pt major)

RWB - Allegra Indira, owned by Dale & Eileen Starks

BOB - Ch. Desert Sky Kodak Moment, owned by Ron & Jane Estabrook.

BOS - Ch. Mayfield Evening Star, owned by Gary & Rebecca Brandon and Marilyn Mayfield.

Sunday, 6/11/06, Judge Timothy Catterson

WD/BW/BOB - Pumamere's Sir Nigel Hawthorne, Glen Carlton

RWD - Sunburst Blaze of Glory, owned by Nancy Chapman

WB/BOS - Pumamere's Lady Margaret Thatcher, owned by Glen Carlton

RWB - Desert Sky Sugar Bear, owned by Nikki Postero

"Show" and tell...



Allegra Indira



Desert Sky Sugar Bear



Nikki Postero & TruStar Parti Girl



Ch. Desert Sky Kodak Moment



Desert Sky My Wish Come True



Desert Sky Honey Bear

More show pictures!!!



Jane Estabrook with Desert Sky Honey Bear



Nikki Postero and TruStar Parti Girl



Lorelei's Tabloid Talk

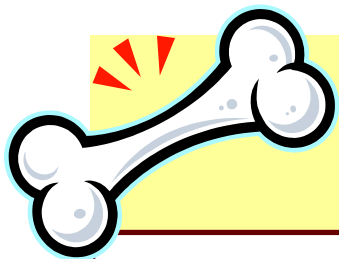


Eileen Starks with Allegra Indira



Shelly Fields with Desert Sky My Wish Come True

(Thank you new member "Dick Preston for sharing some of these show photos with us!)



“Funny Bones”

Dogs just
wanna
have fun!



Congratulations to Gary Thorpe & Pepper!

Pepper, proudly owned by club member Gary Thorp, earned her "UD" (Utility Dog) title in Obedience on May 19, 2006 at the Durango club obedience trial in Cortez, Colorado. She earned First places in all three of her qualifying legs. By finishing all 3 Obedience titles in under 24 months she qualifies for Front and Finish's (the professional dog trainer's magazine) **Obedience Gold Award**.

The three levels of Obedience are Companion Dog, Companion Dog Excellent, and Utility Dog. To earn a UD title is quite an accomplishment, the participant must earn qualifying scores in three separate AKC obedience trials. To earn a

qualifying score, the dog must pass the following exercises: Signal Exercise, Scent Discrimination, Directed Retrieve, Moving, Stand and Examination, and Directed Jumping. Pepper will now be working towards earning her "Utility Dog Excellent" title by completing the requirements for CDX and UD at ten trials! **Congratulations, Pepper & Gary!**

Continuing Education

Back to basics...vaccine info

Introduction

Immunizing dogs against disease seems to be a simple process; pet owners may even take vaccinations for granted. It is both the most routine procedure performed in veterinary clinics and also the one most prone to confusion and misconception. This article attempts to answer some common questions dog owners have about vaccinations.

How does a vaccination work?

In simplest terms, a vaccination stimulates the dog's immune system to protect itself against disease. When the antigen or infectious agent enters the dog's body, it is recognized as foreign and antibodies are produced to bind to it and destroy it. Even though the invader is gone, the cells that manufactured the antibodies "remember" it and will respond more quickly the next time the same agent is confronted.

Don't dogs get sick from a vaccination?

When vaccines were first being investigated, patients were actually given a less severe form of the disease or a related disease, with the idea that it was better to be a little bit sick now rather than a lot sicker later. Giving people cowpox to prevent smallpox was an early form of vaccination. Today's vaccines are attenuated (weakened), killed, or only pieces of the virus and don't actually transmit the disease.

What about vaccine reactions?

It is true that some animals have a systemic reaction, including a low-grade fever or muscle aches and pain. This reaction is more common in young and toy breed dogs and causes them to eat less and sleep more for 24-48 hours. Rarely, dogs will have a more severe reaction, characterized by hives, swelling of the face, or even vomiting. This reaction is easily prevented by giving antihistamine at the time of subsequent vaccinations. Leptospirosis, the component most likely to produce such strong reactions, can be left out of some vaccines. If your dog has had a vaccine reaction in the past, don't skip future vaccinations but do warn the veterinarian so he can take steps to prevent a recurrence.

Which is better, killed virus vaccines or modified-live types?

Each type of vaccine has strengths and weaknesses. Modified-live vaccines provide stronger, longer-lasting, and more rapid protection, including local immunity. They are less expensive and may require only one dose to be effective. They have a potential to become active and cause disease, especially in a patient with a weakened immune system; to create immunosuppression, or to cause abortions in pregnant dogs. Careful handling and storage are required to prevent breakdown of the active ingredients.

Killed vaccines cannot become virulent and are less likely to be immunosuppressive or cause abortions. They remain stable during storage. They are more likely to cause allergic reactions, require more initial injections and more frequent booster shots, and do not produce local immunity.

A good example of the differences between modified-live and killed vaccines is the use of Bordetella vaccinations for kennel cough. Killed vaccines require two injections but are only 60-80 percent effective against disease and don't provide local immunity at the level of the airway. Modified-live vaccines are given intranasally, require only one dose, and start providing local immunity within 48 hours.

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Can you overload a puppy with too many things at once?

Probably not. Some researchers blame the rise of immune mediated disease on frequent vaccinations with large numbers of modified-live viruses. They feel this over-stimulates the immune system, causing it to recognize everything as foreign and leading to tissue rejection. Currently, this theory is not accepted by most veterinary practitioners. Those who do adhere to this theory advise giving separate vaccination every few days instead of using combination vaccinations.

What this approach fails to consider is the interference caused by too-frequent administration of vaccines. Because the first shot will create a blocking effect and not allow the body to respond to a second or third shot a few days later, it is better to administer several antigens together than to divide the vaccines into many injections.

It sounds like vaccinations are dangerous. Is it worth the risk?

Absolutely! The risks associated with vaccines are slight compared with the risk of contracting a fatal disease like distemper, rabies, or parvovirus.

Shouldn't vaccines contain the most things possible?

No. Some people feel they receive a better value for their money if a vaccine contains six or seven or more antigens instead of the five-in-one combination most often used. Vaccination schedules based on your dog's age, breed, and lifestyle as well as your geographic location and your veterinarian's advice are more effective than trying to squeeze the most antigens into a one cc injection.

My dog was vaccinated against (parvo, kennel cough, etc) and got it anyway. Why?

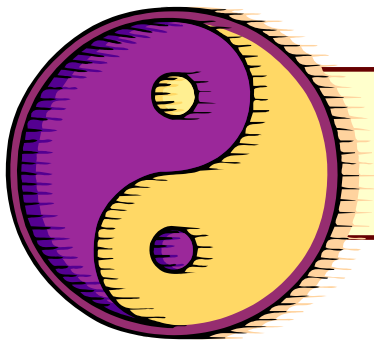
Vaccine breaks occur for many reasons. Fever, steroids, disease, and maternal antibodies will block the patient's ability to make antibodies. Improper storage and handling of the vaccines or incorrect administration will also lead to vaccine failure. If given too close together, vaccines can be blocked by earlier shots; given too far apart, the memory response of the immune system is not properly stimulated.

Vaccines given to very young puppies (under six weeks of age) or to sick or immunocompromised patients may be ineffective. In the case of parvovirus, it has been demonstrated that Dobermans and Rottweilers are more susceptible to infection. Some veterinarians recommend extra vaccinations for these dogs or for dogs who are often in contact with other dogs.

How many shots does a dog or puppy need?

There is no one answer for this question, but a few basic rules apply. A minimum of two multivalent vaccinations (including distemper and parvo) given three to four weeks apart are required for every dog or puppy over three months old. An additional vaccination against rabies is also necessary. Vaccinations against coronavirus, Bordatella, or Lyme disease are based on owner's needs and veterinarian's advice.

For young puppies, vaccinations usually start at six-to-eight weeks of age and are given every three-to-four weeks until the puppy is 16 weeks of age. Recent information regarding parvovirus may extend this recommendation to 18 or even 20 weeks, especially for Dobies and Rottweilers



Alternative medicine

By Shelly Fields

As a veterinary technician for over 15 years, believe me I am a firm supporter of veterinary medicine. I have also seen situations where conventional western veterinary medicine is just not doing the trick. After all, living animals are not machines. There isn't always an obvious cause to a problem, nor is there always a sure fire cure. I am not advocating pet owners to abandon their veterinarian and run down to the health food store to switch their pets to St. John's Wart or anything like that. Rather, what I am suggesting is that if your pet is having problems that conventional western medicine is not helping, then you may want to consider asking your veterinarian about alternatives. More veterinarians are blending eastern medicine with western medicine. Some are using herbs, some are using acupuncture, often with amazing and dramatic results. If your veterinarian is not comfortable with this approach, ask them if they will refer you to someone that is. If not and you are looking for some suggestions, I have listed 2 different organizations for your convenience.

"We have a couple dogs that are currently being treated by Dr. Hershey. One is our Golden Retriever Sadie, and the other is Sarah, our Border Collie. Our Golden has allergies that we have been treating through the years with only minimal success. We have tried antihistamines such as Benadryl, and steroid injections which lead to some relief although very short lived. She still suffered off and on throughout the year. After being treated by Dr Hershey and started on the Chinese herbs, she has been symptom free. Her ears are no longer fire red, and she is not licking and scratching. Her skin looks completely normal.

Sarah, our Border Collie, has been battling Valley Fever for about 4 years. As a result of this, she has developed seizures. At first the seizures were very rare, only having a couple every 6 months or so. The vet decided not to treat them at first. As they increased in frequency and severity, the vet decided to put her on Phenobarbital. We were concerned because this med has side effects and her liver enzymes had already risen because of her Valley Fever medication. Again, Dr Hershey evaluated her and started her on Chinese herbs and she is off the phenobarbital. She has had only 1 seizure since March and is doing very well."

(Testimonial by Faye Glazebrook)

Arizona Animal Wellness Center

Dr. Ford or Dr. Parva
480-988-3660
3317 S. Higley Rd. #101
Gilbert, AZ 95297

Integrative Veterinary Oncology

Dr. Betsy Hershey
602-995-7048
2260 W. Glendale Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85021
www.integrativeveterinaryoncology.com

Upcoming club events

- **July 29th** - the educational meeting at 10 a.m. on July 29th will be a presentation regarding the 2006 national specialty show and a *special guest speaker* at the home of Ken and Nancy Smith...6506 E. Calle de las Estellas, Cave Creek, AZ 85331 (**sorry, no dogs allowed this time**)
- **August 12th** - 10:00 a.m. BOD Mtg
- **Sept. 9th** - Club's 2nd AKC sanctioned B Match, Microchip Clinic, and Club Mtg. at Paradise Valley Park
- **October 14th** - Club Meeting (Agility); BOD Meeting, location to be announced
- **Nov. 11th** - Club Meeting & elections, location to be announced
- **Nov. 17-21** - BOD meeting (date not set yet)
- **Dec. 14th** Thursday evening- Club Holiday Party

Other Stuff...



Don't forget...

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).



CERF Eye Clinics

Eye Care for Animals hold CERF clinics monthly. The up-coming clinic schedules are as follows: Phoenix office July 12th; Gilbert office will have CERF clinics July 25th. 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

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 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

Sept. 6-17, 2006 - Prescott Kennel Club - Conformation, obedience, jr showmanship, rally (closes 8/30/06) (Old Home Manor, Chino Valley, AZ)

Oct. 21-22, 2006 - Kachina Kennel Club - Conformation, obedience, jr showmanship, rally (closes 10/04/06) (Empty Acres Equestrian Park, Buckeye, AZ)

Nov. 04-05, 2006 - Old Pueblo Dog Training Club - Obedience, rally (closes 10/18/06) (Tucson, AZ)

Nov. 11-12, 2006 - Superstition Kennel Club - Agility Trials (closes 11/1/06) (Mesa Comm. College, Mesa, AZ)

Nov. 17-18, 2006 - Saguaro Scramblers Agility Club - Agility Trials (closes 11/1/06) (Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ)

Nov. 17-18, 2006 - Tucson Kennel Club - rally, conformation, obedience, jr showmanship (closes 11/1/06) (Pima Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ)

Nov. 19, 2006 - Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club - rally, conformation, obedience, jr showmanship (closes 11/1/06) (Pima Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ)

Nov. 20-21, 2006 - Canada Del Oro Kennel Club - Rally, conformation, obedience, jr showmanship (Tucson, AZ)

Nov. 25-26, 2006 - Saguaro State Kennel Club - Agility trials, conformation, obedience, rally, jr showmanship (closes 11/6/06) (Empty Acres Equestrian Park, Buckeye, AZ)

Dec. 1-2, 2006 - Yuma Kennel Club - Conformation, obedience, jr showmanship (Yuma, AZ) (Closes 11/15/06)

Dec. 03-04, 2006 - Imperial Valley Kennel Club - Conformation, obedience, jr showmanship (closes 11/15/06) (Yuma Fairgrounds, Yuma, AZ)

Dec. 16-17, 2006 - Valle del Sol Golden Retriever Club - All-breed agility trials (closes 11/29/06) (Paradise Valley Park, Phoenix, AZ)

Jan. 13-14, 2007 - Saguaro State Kennel Club - conformation, obedience, rally, jr showmanship (closes 11/6/06) (Empty Acres Equestrian Park, Buckeye, AZ)