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THE CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB OF CENTRAL ARIZONA

Cavalier Chatter

Our club is now licensed!



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Yahoo! After 3 B matches, 2 A matches, and several fabulous activities and events our club has finally been granted licensure by AKC. This is a major feat, and something we should all be very proud of! The best part of it is we can now offer pointed shows to our members, and are planning our first specialty show in spring of 2009.

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National Specialty Show & CKCSC of Southern California Specialty Show

The American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club held its national specialty show May 5-8, followed by the CKCSC of Southern California specialty show on May 9-10. Our club was well represented by club members, who enjoyed the near-perfect venue. The large exhibition hall with its many vendors was located directly behind the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel in Pomona, California.

The show began Monday with the ACKCSC Puppy & Veterans Sweepstakes judged by Elaine Mitchell of Canada. Our club was represented by Jane Estabrook with TruStar Desert Sky Sashay ("Sashay") (placing 4th in her large class) and Dick & Peggy Preston with St. Jon's Winning Edge ("Cooper") (placing 4th in his class). It was so much fun watching the puppies strut their stuff in the ring. Monday evening, we enjoyed a Cinco de Mayo Welcome Party hosted by the CKCSC of Southern California. Club members in attendance proudly wore denim shirts embroidered with our club logo (these shirts are available for purchase by all club members, see Ken Smith for ordering information) to represent our club.



*Jane Estabrook with TruStar
Desert Sky Sashay*

Tuesday began Obedience competition and a regional club meeting. At this meeting, we learned the parent club has a new Rescue Director, Renee Bruns, and that the ACKCSC Charitable Trust is introducing a line of cavalier jewelry, the proceeds of which will go to the Charitable Trust to help fund research into diseases and disorders affecting cavaliers. Each club was given time to report on their activities, and our club was proud to announce that it was licensed by AKC and is beginning to plan for our first specialty show next spring. Tuesday's competition of Junior Showmanship and Dog class was judged by Joanne Nash. St. Jon's Winning Edge "Cooper" looked great - good job, Dick! A Jean Dodds seminar and a Junior Handling party/seminar were held Tuesday evening.



*Debbie Gladstone & Eileen Starks with TruStar
Show me a Wilde Winner*

Wednesday brought Rally competition, a breed seminar, and a health clinic. Bitch class judging by Annette Jones began late morning and ran until late afternoon. Our club was again represented by Jane Estabrook and Sashay (they looked fantastic). Because this was such a large class, a "cut" was made, with Sashay & Jane making the cut. Wednesday evening was the ACKCSC annual general meeting, followed by a construction & movement seminar given by Dr. Carmen Battaglia.

Thursday was Canine Good Citizen testing, a presentation on Therapy Dogs, followed by Veteran's Class and Best of Breed Competition, which took the better part of the day. Our club was represented by Dick & Peggy Preston with Desert Sky Kopy This ("Winston") and Eileen Starks & Debbie Gladstone with TruStar Show Me a Wilde Winner ("Oscar") in the BOB competition. An initial cut in this large group was made by the Judge, with Oscar & Eileen making the cut. BOB/BISS went to Orchardhill Easier Said, with BOS going to Ch. Magical Touch at Judyland.

Thursday evening, the ACKCSC held an awards banquet and charitable trust auction. There were some beautiful cavalier items available for auction, with the proceeds benefitting the charitable trust. Several of our club members purchased some treasures from the auction, which was conducted by the "voice of Westminster" David Frei.



*Eileen Starks with TruStar Show me a Wilde
Winner at the CKCSC Southern California Show*

National and So. Cal. Specialty, cont.

Friday began the CKCSC of Southern California specialty show. Puppy sweepstakes and Bitch class judging was done by Katie Sloan of Turretbank. Our very own Jane & Sashay took BOS in the Southern California Puppy Sweepstakes-- Congratulations!! A very informative International Breeder's Forum was held Friday evening, featuring the following forum members: Annette Jones (Timsar), David McCullough (Caribelle),



Sashay say's "being beautiful is sooooo exhausting sometimes!"

Sheilagh Waters (Maibee), Jeanie Montford (Elvenhome), Katie Sloan (Turretbank) and John Gammon (Ravenrush).

Saturday was the conclusion of the shows with Jan Tornblom (Hackensack Cavaliers, Sweden) judging Class Dogs, Veterans and Best of Breed. BOB was Liefelys Blaze of Glory from Lisgarth, BOS Orchardhill Easier Said.



Club Members from left to right: Debbie Gladstone; Jane Estabrook; Kelly Collins; Eileen Starks; & Jan Donnell. Oh, and let's not forget little Sashay in Jane's lap!

A Hang 10 BBQ party provided a relaxing farewell to all at the hotel's patio. Club members in attendance are anxiously awaiting next year's national specialty show, which will be held at Martha's Vineyard. Full judging results are posted on the national club's website - www.ackcsc.org

Myra Savant Seminar April 19th a HUGE success!



Myra Savant and her demo dog.

The club hosted a "Canine Reproduction & Puppy Intensive Care" Seminar given by Myra Savant Harris as a fundraiser for our club's first specialty show expenses. The seminar was open to all breeds. Myra put on a very informative seminar covering topics such as "intensive care" for newborn puppies, and help for problem breedings. Myra brought her years of experience as a neonatal nurse and we received positive feedback on the seminar from those in attendance. This was a very successful fundraiser, making almost \$4,000 for future specialty show expenses!

Spring Play Date at the Postero's

On March 15th, 30+ cavaliers and their humans converged on the Postero's home in Gilbert. This is the second play date where cavaliers have romped and played in the almost 1 full acre back yard at the Postero's while their humans visited and ate a mighty BBQ feast. Thank you Nik and Steve for generously opening up your home once again. It is the perfect setting for the play day! Oh, and thanks to Kathy Mauer. She played a large part in organizing this play date and came to the event with fun games for the dogs and prizes for the humans. The club photographer (yours truly) was so busy visiting and eating that I forgot to take photos, but let me assure you that this is the one event during that year that no one should ever miss.

CLUB'S FINAL A MATCH-WOW!



President Jane Estabrook introducing Match Co-Chairs Dick and Peggy Preston.

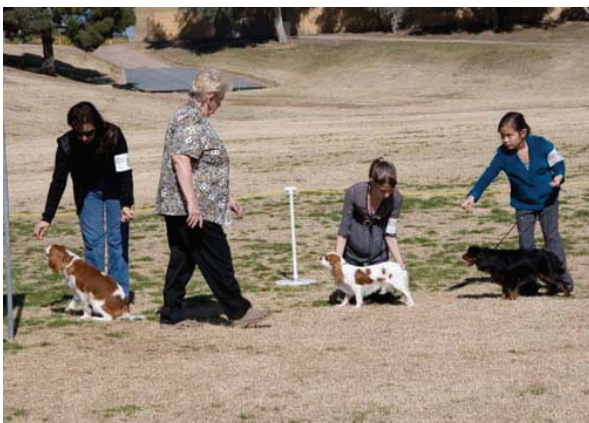
On February 9th, the club held it's 2nd and final A Match at Cactus Park in Scottsdale. The honorable judge Jackie Dew was present...The weather was perfect, and the turnout was amazing. Not only was it wonderful to see our club members there with their beautiful dogs, but it was a testament to the support there is for our club. The A match was the last step before submitting our application to become a fully licensed club, and as you all know our application has been accepted by AKC and we are now a licensed specialty club.



What an amazing turnout we had at the match...



All lined up and ready to show!



Junior Handlers...always so much fun to watch!



Best in Match, Wendy Buitenhuis's little girl "Te-Te"

*Club holds 1st PUPPY
SWEEPS at Fiesta Cluster...*

*Results of the club's first
FUTURITY STAKES...*

Our Club is very pleased to announce the results of our first AKC **Puppy Sweepstakes** held on Saturday, March 1, 2008 in conjunction with the **Fiesta Cluster** of shows in Scottsdale!! Congratulations to all!!!

MAYFIELD CROWN PRINCE

owned by **Marilyn Mayfield**

took 1st Place Overall winning from the 12 months and under 18 months Dogs class.

SHEEBA JUST MY IMAGINATION

owned by **Jane Estabrook** won the combined classes of 6 months and under 9 months Dogs, and 9 months and under 12 months Dogs

AMAZING HEROES BLUE LAGOON

owned by **Tiffany Neely** took the 9 months and under 12 months Bitches class

TRUSTAR DESERT SKY SASHAY

owned by **Jane Estabrook** and bred by **Eileen Starks** won the 12 months and under 18 months Bitches class as well as **Best of Opposite Sex**

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to judge **Janice Gallagher** of Storeyland Cavaliers who selected the winners in **The Puppy Sweepstakes** from an outstanding field of entrants. Winners shared in the sweepstakes "pot."

The Overall Winner as judged by Mr. Jon Titus Steele was:

WHITNEYVILLE'S TINY TOT

owned by **Wendy & Casey & Alice Buitenheuis** who won from the 9 months to under 12 months Bitches class

Other Winners Include:

12 months and under 15 months Dogs:

TRUSTAR HOW THE WEST WAS WON

owned by **Laura Hill and Eileen Starks** and bred by **Eileen Starks**

15 months and under 18 months Dogs:

SPICERACK'S HABANERO CAVE CREEK

owned by **Nancy Smith** and bred by **Kelly Collins**, "Hobby" also took **Best of Opposite Sex**

12 months and under 15 months Bitches:

TRUSTAR DESERT SKY SASHAY

owned by **Jane Estabrook** and bred by **Eileen Starks**

The **Club Futurity Stakes**, also held on Saturday March, 1st, was a great success and will be held yearly in conjunction with the annual specialty show. See the complete rules for nominating and entering next year's competition following.

RESCUE NEWS

Denni Metzger, the State of Arizona Rescue Coordinator for the Parent Club, organized a rescue booth held during the Fiesta Cluster in Scottsdale March 1-2. She has taken in several Cavaliers from a few from private parties, as well as pulling one lucky girl off the euthanasia list here in Phoenix.

Denni emailed an update on April 4th about the event:



"I thought it was very successful in getting out the word that there is an organized Cavalier rescue in AZ. We handed out lots of applications and business cards and have found two families that were interested in adopting Maggie...the home I thought I found, backed out and we are working on the next one. Maggie gets spayed tomorrow (April 3) and hopefully will be in her new home by the middle of the month when her new parents get back from their son's wedding.

Right now I have two girls in rescue. Star, a 4 year old Blenheim whose mom became ill and could no longer care for her and Lady an approximately 3 year old ruby girl who was given up because her parents were moving. I think I have a home for Star this weekend. Still working on Lady."



Maggie in her x-pen at the rescue booth

Thanks to Nikki Postero for passing on this new version of:

Across the **Rainbow** Bridge

Unlike most days at Rainbow Bridge, this day dawned cold and gray, damp as a swamp and as dismal as could be imagined.

All of the recent arrivals had no idea what to think, as they had never experienced a day like this before.

But the animals who had been waiting for their beloved people knew exactly what was going on and started to gather at the pathway leading to The Bridge to watch.

It wasn't long before an elderly animal came into view, head hung low and tail dragging. The other animals, the ones who had been there for a while, knew what his story was right away, for they had seen this happen far too often.

He approached slowly, obviously in great emotional pain, but with no sign of injury or illness. Unlike all of the other animals waiting at The Bridge, this animal had not been restored to youth and made healthy and vigorous again.

As he walked toward The Bridge, he watched all of the other animals watching him.

He knew he was out of place here and the sooner he could cross over, the happier he would be.

But, alas as he approached The Bridge, his way was barred by the appearance of an Angel who apologized, but told him that he would not be able to pass.

Only those animals who were with their people could pass over Rainbow Bridge.

With no place else to turn to, the elderly animal turned towards the fields before The Bridge and saw a group of other animals like himself, also elderly and infirm.

They weren't playing, but rather simply lying on the green grass, forlornly staring out at the pathway leading to The Bridge.

And so, he took his place among them, watching the pathway and waiting.

One of the newest arrivals at The Bridge didn't understand what he had just witnessed and asked one of the animals that had been there for a while to explain it to him.

You see, that poor animal was a rescue.

He was turned in to rescue just as you see him now, an older animal with his fur graying and his eyes clouding.

He never made it out of rescue and passed on with only the love of his rescuer to comfort him as he left his earthly existence.

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The first animal thought about this for a minute and then asked, "So what will happen now?" As he was about to receive his answer, the clouds suddenly parted and the gloom lifted. Approaching The Bridge could be seen a single person and among the older animals a whole group was suddenly bathed in a golden light and they were all young and healthy again, just as they were in the prime of life.

"Watch and see" said the second animal.

A second group of animals from those waiting came to the pathway and bowed low as the person neared.

At each bowed head, the person offered a pat on the head or a scratch behind the ears.

The newly restored animals fell into line and followed him towards The Bridge.

They all crossed The Bridge together.

"What happened?"

"That was a rescuer."

The animals you saw bowing in respect were those who found new homes because of his work.

They will cross when their new families arrive.

Those you saw restored were those who never found homes.

When a rescuer arrives, they are allowed to perform one final act of rescue.

They are allowed to escort those poor animals that they couldn't place on earth, across The Rainbow Bridge.

"I think I like rescuers," said the first animal.

"So does God," was the reply.

Tari A Hafner

Bernese Mountain Dogs

Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

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

The CKCSC of Central Arizona is an AKC licensed, 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!

Upcoming club events

June 21st Presentation by Dr. Stan Howard followed by a general meeting. Location to be announced

July 12th BOD meeting

August 2nd BOD meeting

October 4th club meeting and nominations from the floor

Nov 1st club play date; club meeting general elections

December 6th: holiday party and general meeting

For detailed information on these and all other club events please visit the club website at: www.cavalierclubofarizona.com

A note from the Editor...

After producing the newsletter for almost 3 years now, I am pleased to inform you that club member Julianne Milosevic will be taking over. This newsletter is a collaborative effort with Julianne and me, but the next one will be all hers! Please welcome her, and don't forget that stories and photos are always welcome. Her contact information is julie@azcavs.com.