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THE CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB OF CENTRAL ARIZONA

Cavalier Chatter

Letter from the President

It is hard to believe that 2007 is over! Our club has grown and thrived this last year by leaps and bounds, and it's due solely to the hard work of its members. I thank you one and all for all the time and effort you have donated to make the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Central Arizona a success. We are truly blessed, one and all, to have the one thing in common that brings us all together, our love for Cavaliers. It's amazing to me how the stress and concerns of the day seem to melt away with one snuggle on the couch. I wish you all a joyful New Year!



Jane Estabrook

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Veterinarian Presentation on November 3rd in Scottsdale

On November 3rd, Our own club member, Dr. Kelly Collins presented on a variety of veterinary medicine topics. The meeting took place at Rotary Park in Scottsdale. A general meeting and club elections followed the presentation with a board meeting immediately following the general meeting.



Holiday party December 8th at Marie Calendars on cactus rd. in Phoenix

OOPS! The club photographer forgot to bring her camera to the party!

Approximately 40 club members attended the clubs 4th annual holiday party. The food was amazing and the gift exchange was loads of fun. Okay, so there are no photos of the party, but let me tell you it was a blast, and if you didn't show up, you really missed out!

Don't miss our second A Match on February 9th!

The **Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Central Arizona** is pleased to announce that its second AKC "**A**" Match has been approved by the American Kennel Club and will take place on **February 9, 2008!**

An official premium can be obtained by emailing Dick Preston at
richardcpreston@earthlink.net

. **Entries must be received no later than
February 6, 2008 at 5pm**

Date: February 9, 2008
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Place: Cactus Park

7202 E. Cactus Road (N.E. corner of Cactus & Scottsdale Roads)
Scottsdale, Arizona

Judge: **AKC Judge Jackie Dew**

This match will be a **special event** -- with plenty of food, fun and prizes!! We invite you to attend even if you do not have a dog eligible to be entered in the event. A BBQ lunch will be provided.

All entries must be received by Dick Preston no later than **February 6, 2008 at 5:00pm**, -- so please don't delay! (All entry forms must be mailed or delivered, we are not allowed to accept online entries at this time.) Please e-mail us if you have any questions or problem with registration so that we can try to address any problems.

Some important points to remember regarding our match:

- The match will be held at **11:00 a.m.**, Saturday, February 9th at Cactus Park in Scottsdale
- Entries must be received on the official form by our match secretary (Dick Preston) no later than 5pm on February 6th..
- The Club is providing lunch free of charge to all members, entrants and guests (you are welcome to bring guests).

Our match committee has worked very hard to make this a memorable event. Lovely prizes will be awarded for the winners; and some great raffle prizes and even a few nice door prizes will be available.

Thank you to our members for sharing these photos!!!



Cavaliers are not just lap dogs! Tiffany Laitner and her "agility Cavalier, Comet".



Laurie Black submitted the above 2 photos. The one above is titled "Rock Star Puppy" and the one to the left is titled "I would rather chew my leash than a nylabone anyday!"



"Donna Vukovich submitted the photo to the left. Looks like they are telling secrets! Donna says she knows what they are saying..."Hey, new boy. Let me tell you how we, the Cavalier Pack, train our mom and dad!"



Henry is a tri color cavalier approximately 2 years old. I found him at the Maricopa Animal Control Center last summer, while I was waiting for my jeep to have some repairs done. I was in shock to find a cavalier at the pound and to make a long story short, I did get him (small lottery when he was ready to adopt). He was skinny, dull short coat, terrible ear drainage and horrible teeth tartar and gums.

Well, he came home with me and with the help of Dr. Dan Burke at Cornerstone he made fast progress. His ears quickly became well, his teeth are shiny white and he is a plump #15, as I type. His coat is silky black & white and growing

long and feathery. The best part.....he is Mr. Personality. Everyone who meets Henry, falls in love.

He is currently enrolled at Kokopelli, with Shannon Holstein, in his intermediate class. He is progressing toward his Canine Good Citizen test, very quickly. He will then be able to be a PetPartner with his mom, Donna, and make visits in the Banner Hospital System. Henry's goal in life is to make everyone feel better, especially little children. So, when he finishes his CGC he will go for his Delta certification and join Gabriel's Angels. They minister to abused and neglected children. He is a calm, sweet boy who loves everyone's lap. He will sit there until you need to get up.

When those big Cavalier eyes look at you and that warm body lays on you, then you know you have succumbed to the Cavalier charm in a big way. There is that special quality about Henry, that is hard to define. He and his mom intend to share that quality with those who are ill in body or spirit.

Donna Vukovich

Continuing Education...

Grapes...good for people BAD for dogs!

The Wrath of Grapes

by Charlotte Means, D.V.M.

Through the Grapevine Enter the APCC AnTox™ database, a computerized system that contains nearly 500,000 animal-related medical conditions and that enables veterinarians to quickly identify toxic-substance exposures, recognize clinical signs and administer proper treatment. By tracking cases in this registry, similarities in animal medical conditions nationwide can be logged and syndromes can be identified.

Around 1989, the APCC began noticing a trend in dogs who had eaten grapes or raisins: Nearly all developed acute renal (kidney) failure. As more cases were reported, enough data was generated in the database to help veterinarians identify and treat dogs at risk. In all of the cases, the ingredients for potential acute renal failure were the same. Whether the ingested grapes were purchased fresh from grocery stores or grown in private yards didn't seem to matter, nor did the brand eaten. And the ingested amounts varied considerably, from over a pound of grapes to as little as a single serving of raisins. The cases weren't from any specific region, but instead came from across the United States.

The database showed that dogs who ate the grapes and raisins typically vomited within a few hours of ingestion. Most of the time, partially digested grapes and raisins could be seen in the vomit, fecal material, or both. At this point, some dogs would stop eating (anorexia), and develop diarrhea. The dogs often became quiet and lethargic, and showed signs of abdominal pain. These clinical signs lasted for several days -- sometimes even weeks. When medical care was sought, blood chemistry panels showed consistent patterns. Hypercalcemia (elevated blood calcium levels) was frequently present, as well as elevated levels of blood urea nitrogen, creatinine and phosphorous (substances that reflect kidney function). These chemistries began to increase anywhere from 24 hours to several days after the dogs ate the fruit. As the kidney damage developed, the dogs would produce little urine. When they could no longer produce urine, death occurred. In some cases, dogs who received timely veterinary care still had to be euthanized.

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Why did the fruit cause the dogs to become ill? No one knows. Suspect grapes and raisins have been screened for various pesticides, heavy metals (such as zinc or lead), and mycotoxins (fungal contaminants) and so far, all results have come back negative. In the cases where the grapes were grown in private yards, owners confirmed that no insecticides, fertilizers or antifungals had been used on the fruit.

"Raisin" the Success Rate Even though the exact cause of the renal failure is unknown, dogs who ingest grapes and raisins can be treated successfully to prevent its development. The first line of defense is decontamination. Inducing vomiting in recent ingestions and administering activated charcoal helps prevent absorption of potential toxins. Dogs should be hospitalized and placed on intravenous fluids for a minimum of 48 hours. A veterinarian should monitor blood chemistry daily for at least three days following the ingestion. If all blood work is normal after three days, it's unlikely that kidney failure will occur. If a dog shows evidence of renal failure, fluids must be continued, and other medications should be used to stimulate urine production. Some dogs may need peritoneal dialysis, a process where the peritoneum (the membranes surrounding the abdominal organs) is used to filter waste products that are normally filtered by the kidney.

Thanks in part to the AnTox database, grape or raisin ingestion can be easily identified and treated. Today, a dog can make a complete recovery from this potentially fatal condition.

Dr. Means is a veterinary toxicologist at the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center in Urbana, Illinois.

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The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center is the only animal poison control center in North America. Established in 1978, at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. The Center is the only facility of its kind. Located in Urbana, Illinois, the specially trained staff provides assistance to pet owners and specific diagnostic and treatment recommendations to veterinarians. In 2001, the Center handled over 65,000 cases.

Denni Metzger...Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Arizona Rescue Coordinator

Our club is fortunate to have Denni Metzger as a new member, and she is now the State of Arizona Rescue Coordinator for the Parent Club. When asked about how she got into rescue... this is what she said!

"I walked into the pound in 2001 with my friend who was looking for a cat. She didn't find a cat, but I came home with 2 beautiful Cavaliers. We guessed that these beautiful 8 to 10 yr old Cavaliers, Katie and Winston, were a breeder pair that had been dumped due to bad hearts. After they passed on, I started looking for another Cavalier and ended up with 2 beautiful girls. Keara was a puppy mill reject in MO; and Sparkle was saved from a puppy mill in MO and sent to MI to give birth to her last litter of puppies. Through all of these amazing people I've met in the Cavalier rescue community, I've gained a lot of inspiration to try to help these precious little babies that wind-up in unfortunate and terrible circumstances.

Rescue is such a rewarding experience. There is nothing more wonderful then watching a terrified Cavalier blossom into a loving pet. I recently helped a beautiful boy whose owner just didn't want him anymore, find a family that just loves him and will cherish him till he's gone. I pulled a Cavalier out of the pound this past week that was on the Euthanasia List. (Thank Heavens for Springer Rescue who recognized this "cocker mix" was a Cavalier and called me!) She has some medical issues, but nothing that hopefully can't be taken care of".

If you are interested in becoming a foster home or have someone who is interested in adopting, please email Denni at AZCavalierRescue@qwest.net

PRESIDENT'S AWARD 2007

Starting this year, the "President's Award" is presented to a deserving club member for outstanding dedication to our club and our breed! I was so pleased this year to award this recognition to Eileen Starks. Eileen has held the club positions of Secretary and Vice President. She is always quick to volunteer for other duties, if needed. Many of you have called on Eileen for advice regarding your Cavaliers, and she is always there to lend a helping hand. I am so proud to have her as a club member and friend.

Jane Estabrook, President





OFA HEALTH CLINIC

Sunday, February 3, 2008

Sponsored by the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Central Arizona, Inc.

Animal Hospital at Grayhawk

20801 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona
(Grayhawk Plaza Shopping Center, one mile north of the 101 Freeway
between Thompson Peak Parkway & Grayhawk)

Dr. Stan Howard will conduct OFA Hip/Elbow x-rays, patella exams, thyroid & DNA testing & microchips
Dr. Whit Church, Board-Certified Cardiologist, will conduct OFA Heart Clearances

OFA Heart Exam	\$50
Hip x-ray (submitted to OFA)	\$100
Elbow x-ray (submitted to OFA)	\$55
Patella Exam (submitted to OFA)	\$50
Hip Prelims not submitted	\$80
Elbow/patella Prelims not submitted	\$40
OFA Thyroid (MSU)	\$100
AKC DNA Parentage Testing	\$50
Microchip	\$50

If required, sedation is \$40 extra

*Note: Increased prices are due to OFA price adjustments effective 1/1/08.
OFA is also now requiring verification of permanent ID (microchip or tattoo).*

1. **All testing by appointment only.** All appointments will be made directly with the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Central Arizona, Inc.
2. Services must be paid for in advance - **NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS.**
3. Remember to bring your AKC registration and microchip number
4. You may download the appropriate forms and fill them out ahead of time at <http://www.offa.org>.

To Schedule an Appointment:

1. Fill out the attached registration form. Mail the completed form and your check to **CKCS Club of Central AZ, Inc., c/o K. Collins, 24936 N. 74th Place, Scottsdale, AZ 85255.** Please make sure the form is filled out completely, including your telephone number and e-mail address. If you need to make payment via credit card, please mail your completed form and mark the box requesting credit card payment. We will contact you to arrange this.
2. We will send you an appointment time by e-mail, and will call you with any questions. You may contact us with any questions at cavalierclubofarizona@gmail.com.

Don't forget to enter the futurity stakes! The general information about Futurity is included in the next two pages. If you have more questions about futurity please email Jane Estabrook at jestabrook@hughes.net.

FUTURITY STAKES

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Futurity Stakes is to encourage the breeding of the best possible Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and to reward the breeders for their efforts. The Futurity Stakes, which will be held annually in conjunction with our Annual Specialty Show, is entered by nominating a bitch, and then her litter. Individual puppies from a nominated litter are eligible to compete in any Annual Futurity, as long as the nominated puppies are between six and eighteen months of age on the date of the Futurity. If any puppies qualify for more than one Futurity, they must be entered separately in each Futurity. There will be cash awards for each class in the Futurity, and a breakdown of those awards is attached.

ELIGIBILITY

Bitch, litter, and individual puppy nominations to the Futurity are open only to breeders who are active members, in good standing, of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Central Arizona. Any bitch, litter, or individual puppy that is nominated must be owned, co-owned, or leased by a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Central Arizona member who has attended at least two club events in the 12-month period prior to the Futurity Stakes. This requirement does not apply to the owner(s) or co-owner(s) of the sire of the nominated litter. To be eligible to compete in any Annual Futurity, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel puppy must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Puppy must be from a litter in which the bitch and her resulting litter were properly and timely nominated by the breeder.
- 2) Puppy must have been individually nominated prior to reaching five months of age by the breeder, even if the breeder is no longer the owner.
- 3) Puppy may not be out of a bitch, or by a sire, that was owned or co-owned, by the judge in the Futurity Stakes that the puppy will be entered.

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PROCEDURE

- 1) The breeder must nominate a bitch at least one week (7 days) prior to her whelping.
- 2) The breeder must nominate a litter prior to the litter reaching 3 months of age.
- 3) Individual puppies from properly nominated litters must be nominated before reaching 5 months of age. Microchip numbers must be recorded on the nomination.
- 4) Classes will be divided by sex and age: 6-9 mos, 9-12 mos, 12-15 mos, 15-18 mos. Futurity Stakes class winners will compete for Best in Futurity (BIF) and Best of Opposite Sex (BOS) to Best in Futurity.
- 5) Postmark on envelope transmitting nomination establishes date of nomination. Stake entry must be received by the regular show closing date. There will be no refunds.
- 6) Transfer of ownership does not affect nomination status.
- 7) No professional handlers may be used unless they are the breeder and owner of the exhibited puppy, and are a member of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Central Arizona.
- 8) If more than one puppy from a breeder is being shown, that breeder may ask another club member to show additional puppies, if necessary.

PRIZE MONIES

All monies from nominations and entry fees (less 35% withheld for CKCSCCA expenses) will be divided as follows:

BEST IN FUTURITY	15%
BREEDER OF BEST IN FUTURITY	15%
OWNER OF SIRE OF BEST IN FUTURITY	5%
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX	5%
ALLOCATED TO CLASSES	60%

Class monies will be divided as follows:

FIRST	40%
SECOND	30%
THIRD	20%
FOURTH	10%

(Any unclaimed monies will revert back to the club)

NOMINATION FEES

Nomination of bitch prior to whelping	\$10
Nomination of litter prior to 3 months of age	\$10
Nomination of individual puppy prior to 5 months of age	\$5
Futurity Entry Fee per puppy*	\$5

*Puppy must also be entered in at least one regular class in the Annual Specialty Show. Regular show entry fees will apply. There will be no refunds.



Myra Savant Harris, R.N. presents
Canine Reproduction & Whelping
-and- Puppy Intensive Care

Saturday, April 19, 2008 • 10am-4:30pm
Mustang Library Auditorium, 10101 N. 90th St., Scottsdale, AZ

Enroll now for
Myra Savant's
widely-acclaimed
seminars!!

Myra Savant-Harris, RN combines her years experience as a labor & delivery nurse and neonatal intensive care nurse, interest in genetic research & studies, and experience as a dog breeder & fancier to bring you valuable information and techniques to improve the success of your dog breeding program and help in assessing and caring for your bitch and her puppies. The seminar will help breeders learn to recognize and assess puppies in distress quickly. Acting efficiently with the proper equipment can make the difference in a successful whelping.

Who should attend? Every dog breeder, vet tech & veterinarian, whether for a first litter or 20th. If you have ever lost a puppy or a bitch, or had a breeding that did not take, this seminar is a must. Saving the life of just one puppy will make this seminar a worthwhile investment! The techniques she teaches have helped save the lives of countless puppies & protected the well-being of many bitches. Her books and other items will be available for purchase at the seminar.

- ✓ How to get problem bitches in whelp
- ✓ How to do artificial inseminations using fresh or chilled semen
- from collection to insertion
- ✓ Common misconceptions about conception
- ✓ Maximizing sperm viability
- ✓ Protecting your stud dog's virility
- ✓ Progesterone testing & optimal levels
- ✓ How to care for your bitch & help ensure her health before, during & after pregnancy
- ✓ How to apply labor/delivery techniques to assist in whelping healthy puppies
- ✓ How to recognize puppies in distress and assess their problems
- ✓ How to tube feed a newborn puppy
- ✓ How to use heat, sub-q fluids, oxygen & more to save what could be your BIS puppy
- ✓ How to set up a puppy ICU nursery...and much more!

About the Seminar Location -

This seminar will be held in the **Scottsdale Mustang Library Auditorium, 10101 North 90th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85258**, featuring theatre-style seating with padded chairs for an enjoyable seminar experience. The auditorium is located on 90th street south of Shea, adjacent to the Scottsdale Healthcare Facility. There is a blue bus stop just south of the driveway entering the library. The location features a variety of nearby restaurants to choose from during the one-hour lunch break.



- ___ \$100 - **Early bird discount** - if payment received by **March 15, 2008** (you may pay online)
- ___ \$120 - If payment received by **April 10, 2007**.
- ___ \$130 - At-the-door registrations accepted first-come, first-served as space allows

You may register online using your credit card, debit card, or paypal account to ensure the early-bird discount, by visiting the "shopping" page of the host club website - www.cavalierclubofarizona.com/shopping.html, or you may send a check made payable to "CKCSC of Central AZ" to PO Box 5262, Scottsdale, AZ 85258. Any questions should be directed to trustarcavaliers@yahoo.com or 480-628-6446 (after 5pm please). No refunds will be given, but you may sell your spot if you cannot attend.

Name _____ Phone No. _____
Address: _____
E-mail: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Myra says "new & updated information on almost every topic" from past seminars!!!

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!

Upcoming club events

February 3rd Cavalier Club OFA health clinic

February 9th Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Central Arizona 2nd A Match

February 29th next BOD meeting

March 15th general meeting; play date; and BOD meeting

April 19th Breeding and puppy intensive care seminar by Myra Savant

ay 24th club event and general meeting. Event and time to be announced

June 21st club event and general meeting. Event 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

Club holds 1st puppy sweeps at Fiesta Cluster...

Our Club is sailing forward!! And we are very pleased to announce that AKC has approved our club to hold a **Puppy Sweepstakes** and **Club Futurity Stakes** on Saturday, **March 1, 2008** in conjunction with the **Fiesta Cluster of shows in Scottsdale!!** FYI, to register for the sweepstakes through Jack Bradshaw online, there is not a "box" to check for the futurity/sweepstakes. You actually have to hand-enter it into the form on the website in the "other classes" box. And in order to enter the futurity or the sweepstakes, you also have to enter the dog in the show for Saturday.

The Puppy Sweepstakes will be judged by **Janice Gallagher** of Storeyland Cavaliers. Any Cavalier Puppy aged 6-18 months who is entered to show at the Fiesta Cluster on March 1, 2008 may also enter the puppy sweepstakes. Winners will share in the sweepstakes "pot." For more information on Puppy Sweepstakes please email Eileen Starks at trustarcavaliers@yahoo.com.