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THE CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB OF CENTRAL ARIZONA

Cavalier Chatter

Letter from the President

September 2008! It can't be! Where has the summer gone? As a club, we have accomplished many things this year. We were licensed by AKC and will host our first Specialty Show in February 2009! I know many of you took advantage of the two separate health clinics our club put on that were open to all breeds across the valley. Now for the "fun stuff". Don't forget to mark your calendars for our semi-annual Cavalier Fun Day and BBQ. Once again it is being hosted by Steve and Nikki Postero at their beautiful home in Gilbert on Saturday, November 1st. More information and directions will follow soon. Also jot down Saturday, December 6th for our Christmas Dinner! I hope to see you all at both of these upcoming functions! Don't forget to watch your children and dogs around water!



Warmest wishes,

Jane Estabrook

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GET READY FOR OUR CLUB'S FIRST POINTED SPECIALTY SHOW IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIESTA CLUSTER!

Dear Club Members,

As you know, our first CKCS Club of Central Arizona Specialty Show is being held **February 26, 2009**. Those of us who show our dogs are *very excited* about the show and **we want all of you to share the excitement with us!** So, read on and learn the basics of a Specialty Show.

Dog Show Basics:

At every show, dogs are shown by sex and class. Dogs are shown first, followed by bitches. All the dogs and bitches are separated into classes by age, plus other classes.

The basic classes are:

Puppy Dogs 6-9 months old

Puppy Dogs 9-12 months old

Dogs 12-18 months old

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs (the person who shows the dog is the breeder and the owner of the dog)

American Bred Dogs – any dog born in the USA

Open Dogs – open to all dogs

After the Dogs are shown, the winner from each class returns to the ring and the judge picks the best dog, ***Winners Dog (WD)*** and a ***Reserve Winners Dog (RWD)***

All of this is then repeated with the Bitches. (***Winners Bitch –WB***)

After the Winners Dog and Winners Bitch are chosen, they go back into the ring with all the Champion Dogs/Bitches who have entered the show, and the judge then picks ***Best of Breed (BOB)***.

What Is A Specialty Show?

We suspect most of you have watched a televised dog show on Animal Planet. Those shows are “all breed” dog shows, and every breed is represented. A **Specialty Show** is a show for only one breed, ours being the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. So, our Specialty Show on February 26th will be an event for Cavaliers only. The next four days, February 27-March 1, will be the Fiesta Cluster Dog Show. The Fiesta Cluster is an all-breed show, so many of us will also be showing our Cavaliers in that event. Our club's Specialty Show is being held in conjunction with the Fiesta Cluster and all five days will be held at West World in Scottsdale.

What Is A Specialty Show Catalog?

At every dog show a catalog is available for purchase. It is an easy way to follow all events of the day. The Show Catalog has a ton of information in it, including a listing for every dog/bitch entered and its handler's armband number. In the catalog you will also find the ring times, the judge's name, the trophies and ribbons which will be awarded, plus advertising.

Other Planned Events

On the evening of February 26th, after the show, our club is planning a gala dinner event and silent auction. This will be a great time for our club members and guests. We are looking for ideas and items to make it super-special! More details on the dinner will be available soon. We are lucky to have Debbie Gladstone, club secretary, as our dinner coordinator! If you'd like to help Debbie in any way, please contact her at secretary@cavalierclubofarizona.com.

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How You Can Help

We want this to be a total club event, and that includes YOU! Do you have a special talent? Are you an artist, carpenter, crafter? Do you have good organizational skills? Your cavalier club sincerely hopes you will help make our Inaugural Specialty Show the best ever by participating. Don't wait for us to contact you!! Jump right in and email Jane Estabrook, Show Chair, today! **Please don't think you are "too new" or that since you don't show your Cavalier we don't need your help. Believe us, we need you!**

If you don't have a lot of time, you might want to sponsor a trophy or class ribbons for the show. Our Trophy Chairperson is Nikki Postero, dulaneycavaliers@cox.net. Or, if you'd like to advertise in our catalog please contact Shelly Fields, shellyraefields@cox.net.

We are particularly looking for club members to donate really cool items for our silent auction. If you have anything special to donate, please contact Ken Smith at kennan@az2you.com. You can also talk with your local pet boutique and ask if they'll donate an item or service for our auction, or ask your Veterinarian if he/she will donate a free spay/neuter or a new puppy health exam.

If you'd like to help but don't know what to do, Jane Estabrook is our Show Chair and she will be able to direct you to the correct committee. Jane's email is jestabrook@hughes.net.

**JUMP IN AND JOIN THE FUN! BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF YOUR CLUB!
DON'T BE SHY, The CKCS Club of Central Arizona NEEDS YOU!**

Thank you for your participation!!!!

Your Board of Directors

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Yet another successful health clinic for our club...

The club's 3rd health clinic on September 7th at Grayhawk Veterinary Hospital in Scottsdale was yet another huge success. Besides providing a valuable service at great prices, these health clinics are great fund raisers for our club. Check out how many appointments we had that day!

Hearts	46	Elbows	13	Thyroid	16
Eyes	78	Shoulders	1	DNA	2
Hips	30	Patella	8	Microchips	6

SHOW NEWS...

It seems like the state of Arizona rolls up the carpet and closes all activities down during the summer...lets face it, it is just too hot to do much of anything! About the only thing going on up until the Prescott Kennel Club show September 13th & 14th was the Prescott Kennel Club B Match early August. The weather was beautiful and those attending had a blast. Nikki Postero's "Dulaney Suzabella" was the star of the day. She "strutted her stuff" around the ring and won best cavalier puppy. This little girl is one to keep an eye on...she is going to go far!



THE PRESCOTT KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW on September 13th and 14th was well attended by the CKCSCCA, Inc. club members. It was far warmer than anyone expected which took it's toll on owners and dogs alike. All-in-all though, everyone had a great time. Nikki Postero was "le photographer" that day, and was happy to share some photos for the newsletter.





**AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUBSM**

Breeder's Symposium: Phoenix, Arizona

*Presented by the American Kennel Club and
AKC Canine Health Foundation*

Saturday & Sunday, October 25 & 26, 2008

Chaparrel Suites Resort
5001 N. Scottsdale Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Register Now!

Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Breakfast at 7:30 am)

Sunday 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM (Breakfast at 7:30 am)

Registration opens Saturday at 7:30 am

Cost \$135.00

Includes Conference Material Featuring the ABC's of Breeding, and
Breakfast & Lunch Saturday & Breakfast Sunday

Topics to include:

ABC's of Breeding - Claudia Orlandi, PhD

Reproduction – Peggy Root-Kustritz, DVM, PhD, DACT

Vaccinations – Margret Casal, DVM, PhD

Nutrition – Deborah Greco, DVM, PhD

Endocrinology – Tom Graves, DVM, PhD

Behavior – Petra Mertens, DVM, PhD

**To register online, go to: www.akcchf.org
Click on “Register for Events” (located on left)**

For More Information, Contact:

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**Do you love the cover of this issue of the Royal Dispatch?
If so, please read the following Announcement!**

To: Cavalier Lovers Worldwide
From: The Trustees of the ACKCSC Charitable Trust
Date: September 2008
Re: Online Raffle! Your chance to Win Framed Original Cavalier Art!

The ACKCSC Charitable Trust is raffling "Gabriel's Messengers", honoring our mascot, Gabriel, the winged Cavalier and all his friends. (Retail value = over \$1,000)
Buy your tickets online for a chance to win.

Go to the Charitable Trust website, www.ackcsccharitabletrust.org
On the home page you'll find a link to an easy way to purchase raffle tickets online.
Drawing is December 14, 2008 at the AKC / Eukanuba National Championship
in the ACKCSC Meet the Breed Booth.
Winner NEED NOT be present to win!



"Gabriel's Messengers"
By Carol Lesley – 2006

Winged Cavaliers of all four colors of floating on a cloud!

Signed Original 20 x 16 Pastel on Velour Paper
Finished size: 27 x 23

Handsomely presented in wood frame with cherry and burlwood finish
with copper-tone and light grey-blue accents.
Triple matted in grey suede, sky blue and copper-tones
Archival Framing / No Glare Glass

Raffle Tickets:

1 Ticket	\$ 5
3 Ticket	\$ 10
7 Tickets	\$ 20
20 Tickets	\$ 50
50 Tickets	\$100



****Gabriel's Messenger Christmas Cards, Prints and Note Cards coming soon****

The ACKCSC Charitable Trust is a vehicle to receive tax-deductible donations and has been granted the status of a 501 (c)(3) organization by the United States Internal Revenue Service.



Cases of xylitol poisoning in dogs rise...

Although this article from the AVMA is a few years old, it still holds true and something all pet owners should be aware of...

The Animal Poison Control Center of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has managed a substantially increased number of cases involving xylitol poisoning in dogs. Found in sugar-free chewing gum, candy, and baked goods, xylitol is a sweetener that can cause serious and sometimes life-threatening problems for pets. The center managed more than 170 cases of xylitol poisoning in 2005, up from approximately 70 in 2004, said Dana Farbman, a certified veterinary technician and spokesperson for the center. As of August, the center had managed nearly 114 cases in 2006. An increase in availability of xylitol-containing products may be one reason for the rise in cases, Farbman said.

While it was previously thought that only large concentrations of xylitol could cause problems in dogs, lesser amounts of the sweetener may also be harmful, the center reported.

"Our concern used to be mainly with products that contain xylitol as one of the first ingredients," said Dr. Eric Dunayer, who specializes in toxicology at the center. "However, we have begun to see problems developing from ingestions of products with lesser amounts of this sweetener." Dr. Dunayer said that with smaller concentrations of xylitol, the onset of clinical signs could be delayed as much as 12 hours after ingestion.

According to Dr. Dunayer, dogs ingesting substantial amounts of items sweetened with xylitol could develop a sudden drop in blood sugar, resulting in depression, loss of coordination, and seizures. "These signs can develop quite rapidly, at times less than 30 minutes after ingestion of the product. Therefore, it is crucial that pet owners seek veterinary treatment immediately," Dr. Dunayer said. He also said that there appears to be a strong link between xylitol ingestions and the development of liver failure in dogs.

For more information on xylitol
and other products poisonous to pets,
visit the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center
by logging on to www.aspca.org

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

The CKCSC of Central Arizona, Inc., 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

October 4, 2008 - "Canine Dental Care" by Billy Griswold, DVM

You *know* you should brush your dog's teeth. You already know it is important to your dog's overall health. You really want to. But you're not sure how to get your dog's cooperation and you're just not sure you can handle it. **DON'T WORRY!** Our next meeting is just for you!!

Caring for your cavalier's teeth is an important, but often overlooked aspect of dog ownership! Especially for cavaliers, since mitral valve disease is the #1 health problem affecting our breed. Join us on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008 at 10:00 am at the Mustang Library Auditorium, located at 10101 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale, AZ for Dr. Griswold's presentation on how to take care of your dog's teeth for a happier, healthier cavalier!

(We're sorry, but unfortunately dogs are not allowed at this indoor location. "Cavalier invitations" will resume when cooler weather returns!)

November 1, 2008 - CAVALIER FUN DAY; CLUB MEETING; ANNUAL ELECTIONS

At last! With the (hopefully) return of cooler weather also comes CAVALIER FUN! Join us for our club elections and semi-annual cavalier fun day at the Postero home: 9802 S. 156th Place, Gilbert, AZ.. Bring your cavalier and if possible, a dish for our potluck lunch. We always look forward to seeing all the cavaliers romp and play in the Postero's fully-fenced acre property in Gilbert. Come and join the fun and feel free to bring a friend.

December 6, 2008 - HOLIDAY DINNER!!!

We scheduled our holiday dinner for early in December to try to lessen potential conflicts. Join us for a special holiday dinner and gift exchange. Details will follow soon, but please reserve the evening!

Upcoming Arizona Shows

Show Dates	Closing Date	Club	Superintendent
11/14/08-11/16/08	10/29/08	Tucson Kennel Club & Sierra Vista KC	www.jbradshaw.com
11/28/08-12/1/08	1/12/08	Yuma KC & Imperial Valley KC	www.jbradshaw.com
2/5/08-2/8/08	1/21/08	Lost Dutchman KC & Sahuaro State KC	www.onofrio.com
2/26/08 2/4/08	2/4/08	CKCSC of Central AZ	www.jbradshaw.com
2/27/08-3/2/08	2/4/08	Superstition KC & Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Assn	www.jbradshaw.com
4/4/08-4/5/08	3/18/08	Kachina KC	www.jbradshaw.com