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THE CAVALIER CHRONICLE



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Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta

A Message from the President...

Our March meeting and program were a big success...Dr Battaglia's mini seminar was awesome. I appreciate everyone's attendance. If you were not able to attend and you get a chance to attend one of his seminars, believe me it will be worth your while.

It was really great to see some familiar faces that we have not seen for a

while. We had several visitors and applications for membership. I would like to welcome, my daughter, Jody Floyd as a new associate member.

There will not be a program at our April meeting. Our plans are to have a good program every other month. If you have any ideas for programs, please let Sue

Hardwick or me know. Our April meeting will be a business meeting and visitation.

We will be gearing up for our 2009 show soon. If you would like to volunteer for any positions or help in any way, let someone know.

Alice Alford, President

Consider This:

Hyper-supplementation or Correction Of Nutritional Deficits?

Dr Carmen Bataggia touched briefly on nutrition in his presentation at our March meeting. Among other things he mentioned the affect of DHA supplementation on puppies. Recent research, he told us, has shown that supplementation of the brood bitch during pregnancy and through weaning, plus feeding weaned puppies a DHA enriched diet, results in smarter dogs. An Internet search turned up numerous citations on this subject. DHA, by the way, is an Omega-3 fatty acid.

studies that have shown that our modern day, grain fed meats – beef, chicken and pork, all have Omega 6:Omega 3 fatty acid ratios that are very different that those of wild game – or for that matter, grass fed domestic livestock. Meat from grain-fed animals can have a ratio as high as 20:1 – far from the optimal range of 5:1 to 10:1 that veterinary science now thinks is healthy for dogs.

Are we creating super dogs or rectifying a problem created by a subadequate diet when we supplement with DHA? What do you think?

However, consider this. In the last few years, there have been any number of

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February Meeting Minutes

CKCSCGA Regular Meeting Tuesday March 4, 2008.

Alice Alford called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Guests in attendance were welcomed and introduced themselves.

Guests Attending:

Larry Crane, Mark Fitzpatrick, Stacy Pollio, Larry Knudsen, Nancy Battaglia, Dr. Carmen Battaglia

Members Attending:

Alice Alford, Paula Ayers, Sonya Thompson, Steve Lewis, Susan Hardwick, Vickie Herring, Jeff Herring, Kay Trad, Missy Crane, Susan Robinson, Lu Dunham, Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes, Linda Whitmire, Hollis Land, Carol Land

Alice Alford read the Secretary's report.

Alice Alford presented a Flyer for the Canine Coalition. For more information about the activities of the organization, contact Lisa Stephens or Alice Alford.

Membership Applications:

Second Reading for Associate Membership:

Jodi Floyd

First Reading for Associate Membership:

Nicole Michele Henson

First Reading for Regular Membership:

Mark Fitzpatrick

Jodi Floyd's application for associate membership was approved unanimously by the 13 attending regular members.

Vickie Herring presented and distributed the Treasury Report. As a result of the 2008 Live Specialty Auction, the club has sent a donation of \$705 to the ACKCSC Charitable Trust.

Lu Dunham reported from the ACKCSC, advising everyone that information for the National is available at the ACKCSC website

Announcements:

Services for Susan Lewis will be Monday March 10, 2008 in Reidsville, GA. Contact Sonya Thompson for additional information.

No New Business.

Vickie Herring moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Herring seconded. All approved.

Dr. Carmen Battaglia presented a program on Pedigree Analysis and Choosing Puppies.

ACKCSC **2008 National Specialty**



2008 ACKCSC NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW POMONA CALIFORNIA

The 2008 ACKCSC National Specialty will be proudly hosted by the CKCS Club of Southern California May 5 - May 8, 2008 at the Pomona Sheraton Suites Fairplex in Southern California.

Immediately following the National is the 3rd Annual CKCSCSC Specialty May 9-11, 2008. **See** www.ckcscsc.com We look forward to having a great week of events, shows & fun.

ACKCSC National Agility Trial Canceled

It is with deep regret that we are canceling the agility trial planned for the ACKCSC 2008 National. Bureaucratic red tape and expense make it impossible for us to continue with the plans. We tried very hard but cannot offer the trial. Our sincere thanks to all who helped with this effort.

Patty Kanan, Show Chair

One Stop Shopping

To reserve On-line or print out a reservation form got to:

<http://ackcsc.org/2008national.htm>

AKC **NEWS**

AKC and AKC/CHF Breeders Symposium t To be held in Raleigh, NC

The American Kennel Club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation will be presenting a Canine Breeder's Symposium in Raleigh, North Carolina on May 31st and June 1st, 2008. The symposium is open to all breeders, experienced and novice, plus anyone with a true dedication to dogs. The program will include topics relevant to a modern and responsible approach to canine breeding and medicine. The symposium will offer dog breeders a forum to meet, learn and share ideas, concerns and expertise. The event will feature such speakers as Steven Suter, VMD, PhD, DACVIM speaking on Canine Lymphoma, Adam Birkenheuer, DVM, DACVIM speaking on Canine Infectious Disease, and many others who will speak on canine breeding and health issues.

This is a one and a half day program. The cost of attendance is \$135. This course has been submitted (but not yet approved) for 10 hours of continuing educational credits.

http://www.akc.org/pdfs/news/Breeders_Symposium_053108.pdf

Bred By Exhibitor - Gold and Silver Awards

These Special Medallions are in recognition of each individual's valuable contribution to the sport of purebred dogs, who as the breeder-owner-handler of five (Silver) or ten (Gold) different dogs that have become champions of record and received an original Bred-By Medallion through their participation in AKC Events.

We recognize each for their successful participation and for their continued dedication to the different AKC Sports for purebred dogs.

For a complete list of recipients – **including one of OUR members** - go to:

<http://www.akc.org/events/bbe/medallions.cfm>

Standing committees

Program Committee....Sue Hardwick as Chair, Alice Alford, member.

This committee will be responsible for programs at our meetings. We will have a program every other month. **We need one more volunteer to be on this committee..** Please contact Sue Hardwick if you are interested.
shardwi@bellsouth.net

Education /Publicity Committee.... Sue Hardwick as Chair

Coming up with ways to educate the public about cavaliers, their health and also publicizing information, including our club website. **We need a couple more volunteers to help Sue on this committee** Contact Sue at shardwi@bellsouth.net

Rescue Committee.....Kristin Montalvo, Chair and Carol Quaif as assistant.**Anyone that can be a foster home for a rescue cavalier let Kristen know.** teacupcavalier@aol.com

Show Committee....We will be looking for volunteers for our 2009 Specialty **Contact Alice if you are interested**
Jonboy5@msn.com

Judges Selection Committee...Vickie Herring, Marlene Anderson, and Paula Ayers....**If you have any suggestions, let one of these ladies know**

Newsletter.....Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes **If you have articles, brags, pictures that you would like to add to the newsletters, contact Hilarie at** Locustlee@yahoo.com
This is a temporary e-mail

Sunshine.....Maureen Miles will continue to handle this. Please keep Maureen informed of any members or family members that need to be remembered by our club

As always, if you have any ideas for programs, or suggestions to help make our club more successful, please don't hesitate to contact me, another officer or any board member.

Alice Alford, President

Calendar

- 1st: CKCSC of Greater Atlanta Meeting**
6:00 Board Meeting (open to membership)
7:30 PM Meeting - Plan to attend our upcoming meeting Tuesday, April 1st
- 5th: Orlando, FL**
Petite Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America
Eyes (Brown) CERF \$35.00
Contact: Colleen Learn
clearn1@tampabay.rr.com
- 5th: Charlotte, NC**
Central Carolina Havanese Club
13607 Choate Circle, Charlotte, NC 28273
Heart (Booth-Sayer) OFA auscultation \$40.00
Eyes (Harling) CERF \$35.00
Hearing (Hughes) BAER \$50.00
Contact: Lisa Workman, tel: .704-662-9701
email carohavhavanese@alltel.net
Beginning at 9:00 A.M.
- 11th: Perry, GA**
The Peach Blossom Cluster
Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter,
Golden Isles Pkwy , Perry, GA 31069
Heart (Jacobs) auscultation \$35.00
Eyes (Martin) CERF \$25.00
Microchip (AKC CAR) \$20.00
Contact: Lee Brown, email kennlee@alltel.net
Website peach-blossom.org/
From 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- May, 2008**
- 5th: ACKCSC National begins**
(see page 3 for more information)
- 7th: Chattanooga, TN**
Belgian Tervuren Club Specialty
Eyes (Martin) CERF \$25.00
Contact: Suzanne Cook cooksb@nettally.com
- 11th: Perry, GA**
Macon Kennel Club, Inc
Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter,
Golden Isles Pkwy,Perry, GA 31069
Eyes (Martin) CERF \$30.00
Contact: website www.maconkennelclub.org
From 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. In the McGill Building,
behind speaker stand.

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Club Contacts:

SUNSHINE: If anyone knows of a member who has been ill, suffered a loss in their family, celebrated a birth or marriage, etc. or just needs cheering from the club please notify Maureen Miles at 770-460-9197 or mvmiles@bellsouth.net.

CONTACT INFORMATION: If you have a change in address, phone number, or email address please notify Lisa Stephens @ lisa4dean@comcast.net or Vickie Herring at ckcscga@aol.com

BREEDER REFERRAL: Send changes, corrections, or additions to your breeder referral listing on the club's website to Vickie Herring at ckcscga@aol.com. Also contact Vickie if you would like to be included in the Breeder Referral listings.

FIND US ONLINE FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS AT:
www.ckcscatlanta.org

If at anytime you have questions, suggestions or concerns regarding the CKCSCGA please contact any of your officers or board members – WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

BRAGS

Alice Alford's *Brookhaven Chancellor at Monticello*

**Brookhaven Chancellor
Best of Winners
under
Gloria Dawkins**



went WD/BOW/BOB in Tallahassee, FL under Lester Mapes on Feb 23 and WD/BOW under Glenda Dawkins in Pensacola, FL thus finishing his Championship at the age of 19 months. Alice says, **"Thank you Brenda and Paula for such a sweet and nice dog"**

Jennifer Wehking has been awarded the Silver "Bred By Exhibitor" medallion by the AKC. This award honors those who have finished 5 home-bred Champions. We hope to have pictures of Jen and her Cavaliers in next month's newsletter

Check It Out!

[Georgia Coalition of Dog Clubs, Inc.](#) click on [2008 Legislative Summary](#)

This is a watchdog group which the club supports. Given the ever increasing anti-breeder legislation that is happening on a nationwide basis, we all need to stay informed. Keep up with what is happening in Georgia by visiting these sites.

The Southern Association of Coton de Tulear Breeders, PMA

Proudly Presents

Myra Savant Harris'

Breeding, Whelping & Puppy Intensive Care Seminar

The Association is taking final registrations for a breeding and whelping seminar being taught by Myra Savant-Harris. This will be held in Cumming, GA, an Atlanta suburb, on April 12-13. Myra is just fabulous and so much can be learned from her. Here is her web site link:

<http://www.myrasavantharris.com/>

We are only charging our cost for the seminar, it is one full day, and one half-day, at only \$50 total, instead of the typical \$200, so this is a once in a lifetime opportunity! If you can come, then join us for an educational and fun weekend. If you can't come, then please feel free to forward, or post this information online, or in your club's newsletter as a favor to your friends. Below is a link to our online registration form. See you there! Cory Williams, Pinehurst, NC and Adrienne Dering. Seminar link:

<http://www.carolinacotons.com/seminar.htm>

(Do) The Eyes Have It?

Recently a couple people have brought up the topic of retinal dysplasia in our breed. Retinal dysplasia occurs when the 2 developmental layers of the retina do not unite properly. This can happen in a very tiny area of the retina, a larger area or to the entire retina. When only a very small area of the retina is affected, the diagnosis is "Retinal Folds". When larger areas of affected tissue are observed, the diagnosis is "Geographic Retinal Dysplasia". If the entire retina is affected this is "Retinal Detachment" and the eye is blind.

Unlike some breeds, in the Cavalier, retinal folds are classified by CERF as "breeder option". However, the more serious geographic retinal dysplasia and retinal detachment are both classed as "non-breeding" eye problems by CERF.

In our breed folds can be seen at a young age – 8 weeks for example – but may disappear as the puppy matures. Ophthalmologists seem to differ as to the significance of puppy folds that disappear. A review of literature regarding Retinal Dysplasia indicates that puppies are born with as severe a condition as they will ever have. However, it is noted that folds present in young puppies may disappear with maturity.

In Canine Ophthalmology: An Atlas and A Text, Keith Barnett, Jane Samson, and Christine Heinrich state on page 163, "Retinal folds without rosette formation, can result from unequal growth of inner and outer layers of the optic cup and may not be permanent. Retinal folds do not represent abnormal differentiation and are therefore not true dysplasia. However, **this difference cannot be distinguished ophthalmoscopically, and hence retinal folds are frequently diagnosed clinically as retinal dysplasia.**"

As the Cavalier is also known to have inherited retinal dysplasia (all three forms) with a probable autosomal recessive mode of inheritance, folds found in puppies must be taken seriously and followed up on at maturity. However, dismissing a very promising puppy found to have retinal folds at the age of a few months may be something worth reconsidering as we have no way to differentiate hereditary folds from non-hereditary folds. Perhaps it is time to push for a DNA test for Retinal Dysplasia in Cavaliers such as the ones available for several other breeds.

Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes

Photos from our Specialty

To see the winners, go to:

share.shutterstock.com/action/welcome?sid=0ActGrlozbuGLq4

To see candid – as well as pictures from the Fun Day, go to:

ckcscga.shutterstock.com?a=1

Order candid and winners pictures taken at the Specialty!

These photos may also be seen on the Specialty pages at our site.

A big 'Thank You'
to
Vickie Herring
for capturing the day so vividly!

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Meeting Agenda

Welcome Guest
Approve minutes of
last meeting
Report of President
Report of Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Committee Reports
Judges Selection
Rescue
Show
Newsletter
Sunshine
Website/Publicity
Program
Unfinished Business
New Business
Adjournment

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.ckscatlanta.org/home

Who We Are

Cavaliers of Greater Atlanta is a sanctioned breed specialty club, licensed by the AKC to conduct dog shows and matches. We maintain membership in the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, the ACKCSC, which is the AKC parent club for the breed. The purpose of our Club is to protect and advance the interests of the breed by promoting quality breeding, sportsmanlike competition, and the education of both its members and the general public.

Our members range from experienced show competitors and breeders to first time pet owners, and we are the second Cavalier King Charles Spaniel local specialty breed club to become licensed by the American Kennel Club.

For more information visit us at <http://www.ckscatlanta.org/home/>

Check it out!

Meetup is a web site that helps people find others with similar interests. When we checked out Meetup we found Meetup groups for Cavaliers – two of which are in the Atlanta area! There was a long list of cities where at least one person had signed up hoping that other local folks would join in. Check it out! Send it to your pet owners! For more information go to:

<http://cavalierspaniel.meetup.com/>

Editor's Corner

Deadline for submission for the April newsletter is April 22, 2008. Send articles, brags, litter announcements and advertisements to me at locustlee@yahoo.com. If you have suggestions for articles or find a website that others might enjoy, please let me know. You can also reach me at 865-988-5271.

Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes
