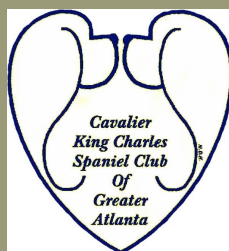


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Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta



A Message from the President...

On April 15, your Board and Officers held a working board meeting at the home of Sue Hardwick. As some of you already know, Lisa Stephens, had resigned her position as Secretary. According to the Club By-Laws the Board shall appoint a person to carry out the duties of the Secretary until our next election. The Board has selected Sue Hardwick for the Secretary position and Linda Whitmire, to fill Sue's vacated board position. Both, Sue and Linda are committed to doing their best for the Club.

Other action taken by the Board; We will no longer have a Rescue for Cavaliers that is under the name of Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta. At several meetings discussion was held about rescue and the fact that our club insurance does not cover any aspects of Rescue, and this has put our club at risk each time we have taken a Rescue. At our April 15th board meeting we voted go under the Umbrella of the

ACKCSC Rescue Trust. Any club member that is interested in rescue, will need to contact Renee Bruns to sign up. Rescue is not only about taking a Rescue or fostering a rescue, there are numerous other jobs that are available, like transporting a Cavalier from point to point. We plan to have an article for the newsletter, outlining the ACKCSC Rescue Trust and how it works in the next newsletter.

There is a Fun Day, or Puppy Picnic being planned for Sunday, May 25. This will be held on Linda Whitmire's property. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for details.

If anyone is interested in therapy work with your cavaliers, then the May meeting is where you want to be on May 6th. Cheryl Brooks, Thera-Pups, will be giving our program on how to get your dog certified to be a therapy dog. I have also asked her to cover how to start a therapy dog group. Cheryl and her therapy dogs are certified under

Therapy Dogs International.

It's also time to start planning our 2009 Show. The application has to be turned in to AKC by Mid-June. There is plenty work for everyone. If you would like to chair a committee or just work on one of the committees let me know. We need a trophy committee, ring side hospitality committee, breed education committee, people to help with the auction, banquet and much more. This is every member's Club Specialty Show, do not let just a few do all the work. If you cannot commit to physically participating then please donate an auction item or contribute to the trophy fund.

Alice Alford, President

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Agenda – 7:30 PM

Welcome Guest

No minutes of last meeting as there was no Quorum

Report of President

Report of Secretary

Report of Treasurer

Committee Reports

Judges Selection..Paula Ayers, Vickie Herring and Marlene Anderson

Rescue

1. Explanation of ACKCSC Rescue Trust

Show Committee

1. Carol Lesley ... Show Chair

Sunshine

Website/Publicity....Sue Hardwick

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. picnic/fun day...Linda Whitmire and Sue Hardwick

Braggs

Adjournment

Program....**Therapy dogs by Cheryl Brooks**

Tonight's Program: Therapy Dogs

Everyone has heard of therapy dogs. These are the gentle, well-behaved dogs that visit nursing homes, hospitals and hospices. Many if not most facilities require that therapy dogs be certified by an organization such as Therapy Dogs International (<http://www.tdi-dog.org/>) and the Delta Society (<http://www.deltasociety.org/>).

Our speaker tonight, Cheryl Brooks, has been volunteering for Therapy Dogs, Inc for six years. Cheryl has been a tester/observer for TD, Inc. for 5 years. Several years ago, Cheryl organized the therapy dog program in Macon in order to provide scheduled visits. She then formed a therapy dog organization called "TheraPups". TheraPups has been in existence for a little over two years. The group now has over 100 members in the Middle Georgia area. We now have four tester/observers in our group. We serve Warner Robins, Centerville, Byron, Milledgeville, Macon, Dublin, Eastman, and Cochran.

In her program, Cheryl will discuss what makes a good therapy dog team, how to become registered and why you should be registered, and how to get started as a group with scheduled visits.

Please be sure to arrive early enough to order your meal before the meeting starts at 7:30 pm

AKC News

"Effective, February 1, 2008, AKC is testing a pilot program that allows for the registered name of a dog to contain up to (50) fifty characters. An additional \$10 fee will be incurred when more than (36) thirty-six characters are chosen. For more information go to: <http://www.akc.org/reg/namingofdog.cfm>

From AKC and the Canine Health Foundation:

Determining The Best Age At Which To Spay Or Neuter: An Evidence-Based Analysis

By Margaret Root-Kustritz, DVM, PhD

<http://www.akcchf.org/pdfs/whitepapers/3-23-08DiscoveriesArticle.pdf>

Saturday, May 03, 2008

Canine Health Seminar

South Cobb Government Service Center

4700 Austell Rd. Austell, GA 30106-2004 (770) 499-4494

Sponsored by the Kennesaw Kennel Club, Inc.

Morning Guest Speaker:

Dr. Kimberly Parker DVM

<http://www.drkimberly-dvm.com>

**“ALTERNATIVE VETERINARY
CARE: TREATING THE WHOLE
ANIMAL”**

TOPICS INCLUDED:

Species Appropriate Nutrition

Osteopathy and Homeopathy for Animals

Current Thoughts on Vaccines

Afternoon Guest Speaker:

Jennifer Pomaybo Erdman

<http://www.theheartsavercpr.com>

“CANINE CPR”

TOPICS INCLUDED:

Video on Canine CPR

Canine CPR Instruction on Canine Mannequins for
Practice

Canine Heimlich Maneuver for both Adult Dogs
and Puppies

TIME: Check In / Late Registration: **8:00 AM**

Morning Start Time: **9:00 AM**

Morning Break: **11:00 – 11:15 AM**

Lunch: **1:15 PM – 2:00 PM**

Afternoon Re-Start Time: **2:00 PM**

COST: Pre-Registration: **\$60.00 (By April 26, 2008)**

Late Registration: **\$70.00**

(Continental Breakfast, Box Lunch and Drinks Included!)

For Reservations and Information:

Pat Wahl - (Home) 770-425-5412; (Cell) 770-713-2256;

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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

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

May 2008

5th: ACKCSC National begins

6th: CKCSC of Greater Atlanta Meeting
7:30 PM Meeting - Plan to attend our upcoming meeting Tuesday, May 6

7th: Chattanooga, TN

Belgian Tervuren Club Specialty

Eyes (Martin) CERF \$25.00

Contact: Suzanne Cook

cooks@nettally.com

11th: Perry, GA

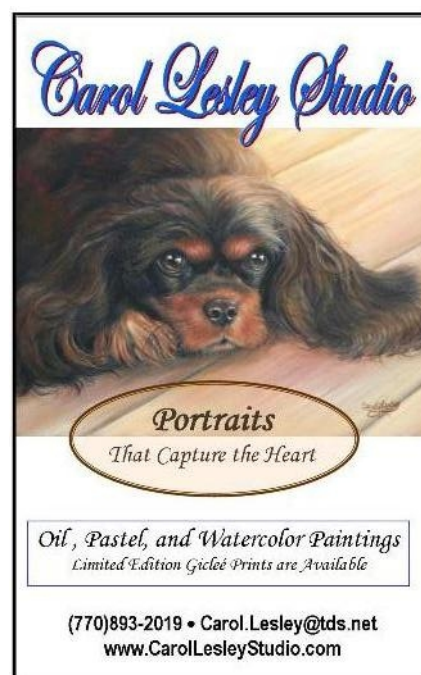
Macon Kennel Club, Inc

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.

Please feel free to submit items of interest to Cavalier owners for the Calendar. Each month's newsletter will include listings for the current and following month



Not That You Would EVER Trim A Cavalier....

While everyone understands, and adheres [I wish!] to the Standard's trimming prohibition, most Cavalier breeders eventually end up with altered dogs and bitches or questions from pet owners about what to do with all that coat they now grow.

The following is a trim that we've come up with that works well, especially in winter, when it can get so messy. We suggest it to many pet owners — they simply take the recipe to their groomer. Its really nothing more than a modified cocker trim; if you know how to use clippers, it's easy, and if you don't, its not hard to learn.

The best results come, when the dog is brushed out, the rough trim put on including the scissor work, the dog bathed and fluff dried, and then completely re-trimmed.

With a # 10 blade, clip between the pads of the feet and the insides of the hind legs, going as far forward to the chest as you want, and depending on the amount of coat. With a # 7 blade clip the top of the head, sides of the face and under chin to the top of the bib.

The ears my be left untouched, or can be clipped down about one quarter. If they are clipped down at the top, it eliminates the matting which sometimes occurs behind the ears, but the head looks prettier if the top of the ears are left alone. The ears may be shortened if desired.

Clip the neck on all sides except the front. Clip the back down to the top of the tail going down both sides as far as you like, and suits the dog, but usually to the top of the widest spring of rib. Continue this line

to the hind legs as well and in the front, to a point midway between the shoulder and top of leg.

The rest is scissor work and depends on the amount of coat and personal preference. You may leave as much or little as you like. Scissor the bib back and the feathers as well. The undercarriage should be shaped to suit the dog and the tail shortened.

You can get as fancy as you like now, using thinning shears to blend, etc. The feet are rounded, taking the slippers back as much as you like. For even shorter feet, push the hair up between the toes and scissor it level with the tops of the toes.

Craigowl Prudence of Ravenrush, who turned 16 in August, has worn this year round for years now, and is trimmed about 3 or 4 times a year — each time turning back into a puppy when finished! You'll be amazed how great they feel and love showing off their "new do."

Robert A. Schroll

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Bred by Exhibitor Silver Medallion Earned by CKCSCGA Member

Jennifer Wehking – St Jon Cavaliers



CH St Jon Breathless (Ariel) - First Major



CH St Jon Harry Of St Tammany (Harry) First Win



CH St Jon Jailhouse Rock (Jake) BOB under Maxine Beam



CH St Jon Live Wire (Pierce)



Jen and Monkee - CH St Jon Supernatural

Having finished at least 5 homebred Champions from the Bred By Exhibitor Class!

Congratulations Jennifer!!

Probiotics and Allergies

Hilarie H Gibbs-Sykes

At one time or another we have probably all gotten the phone call.... The last puppy we placed is now 9 months old, it is late spring and her owner has just called. Her lovely puppy is chewing herself up. She is miserable and has actually irritated her skin with this behavior. She was fine, lovely and then, her first season and/or spring pollen came along and BOOM! – Allergies!!

However, recent research has turned up some interesting information indicating a relationship between probiotics and allergies.

- In a double blind study where human mothers took probiotics from month 8 of their pregnancies onward and the babies received probiotics for the first 6 months of their lives, while the control mothers and babies received placebos. Researchers found that in the probiotic babies levels of proteins associated with tissue inflammation were 50% higher on average those of placebo-treated babies. It is believed that inflammation stimulates the immune system thus reducing allergic reactions.
- In that same study, the number of babies that developed atopic eczema, an itchy skin condition, which is often an early manifestation of allergies, was reduced by 30% in the probiotic babies versus the control (placebo) group. For more information go to <http://tinyurl.com/6no6z3>
- A second set of studies looked at immune system response in mice to spores and to an egg protein that is often a culprit in allergic reactions to eggs. Mice were divided into two groups and one group was treated with antibiotics. Both the controls and the test subjects were treated with spores from a fungus that can trigger allergies in humans.
- The mice that had received the antibiotics had allergic responses to the spores while the control group did not. For more information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/arwsc>
- A third study looked at inappropriate immune system responses in human babies born via C-Section. In looking at a group of almost 1000 babies, 147 of which were born by C-section, it was found that the C-section babies had more digestive problems and roughly twice as many developed food intolerances as did vaginally delivered babies. Scientists are following up the C-section babies, now 6 years old, to see if they have evidenced a greater rate of asthma or allergies than vaginally delivered babies. Digestive problems and food intolerances that these babies exhibited as infants are both often precursors of other, more serious immune system issues – such as asthma and allergies. For more information go to <http://tinyurl.com/47sx54>

Science does not yet know why, but over the last few years, it has been discovered that exposing infants and young children to pets resulted in fewer allergies developing as the children grew up. Now we are learning that benign bacteria in the digestive tract may provide similar benefits.

This is a tool that might help reduce the incidence of allergies in our lovely Cavaliers. We have been fortunate to have very few Cavaliers over the years with allergies. However, two of our girls over the last 20 years have had a terrible time with allergies and their misery has been a terrible thing to see.

While these studies do not constitute scientifically valid proof that probiotics can reduce the incidence and/or strength of allergies, they certainly indicate that probiotics may play a positive role in immune system health. We will certainly be using a lot more probiotics in our food bowls after reading these studies.

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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/>

Kibbles 'N' Bits

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.ckscatlanta.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!

[AVMA opens online resource to general public](#)

Launched earlier this month as a members-only benefit, the AVMA has opened access to its *AVMA Collections* to the general public, expanding the public's ability to tap into cutting edge and up-to-date veterinary medical information.

<http://www.avma.org/avmacollections/>

HELP!!

Request for Information and Samples from Cavalier King Charles Spaniels suffering from Mitral Valve Disease and their Family Members. [Click Here for info and form.](#)

Editor's Corner

Deadline for submission for the May newsletter is April 16, 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. If you would like to submit an article, please feel free to do so.

Hilarie Gibbs-Sykes

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