



The Cavalier Chronicle

President's Message

As most of you know, our club election will be coming up in May. Some of you already know that I will not be running for President this time.

Randy and I are in the middle of building a new house and if you have gone through this, then you know what a demand this puts on your time.

I will still continue be an active member but just need to take a year off.

I would like to thank all those members, officers and board members for giving me your support for the last three years. I have learned so much about what goes into making a successful club.

My wish is that whomever is our next president enjoys it as much as I did.

My advice to him/her is "Jump in both feet".

See you at our next meeting!

Alice Alford

Alice Alford, President

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Of Greater Atlanta

Special Information:

Our next scheduled business meeting is **Tuesday, April 5, 2011**

The CKCSCGA conducts regular monthly business meetings at the Holiday Inn Northlake located at:

2158 Ranchwood Drive NE, Atlanta 30345

Interested in **MEMBERSHIP??**

Contact Wesley Sherrill at:

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Nominating Committee Formed for Next Election

The Officers and Board have selected a nominating committee for the year 2012-1013.

Chairman: Kay-C Phipps

Members: Missy Crane and Dixie Westmoreland

Alternates: Jeff Herring and Holly Majka

If you are interested in nominating someone or have considered serving as an Officer or Board member, please contact Kay-C, Missy or Dixie for more information.

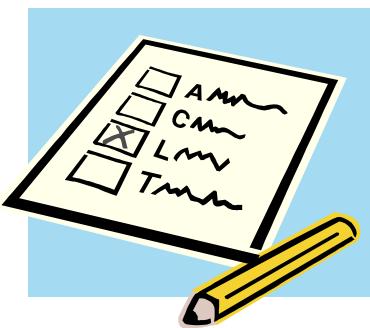
Section 1. Club Year. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the last day of December. The club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held in the month of May at which Officers and Directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this article. If there is only one (1) nominee for each of the Officers and Board positions then election by secret ballot may be dispensed and the Recording Secretary will cast one vote to elect those nominated. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to the successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

Section 3. Elections. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected.

Section 4. Nominations. No person may be candidate in the Club elections who has not been nominated and is not a voting member in good standing. During the month of February, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members and two (2) alternates, not more than one of who may be a member of the Board. The Correspondence Secretary shall immediately notify the committee members and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a Chairman for the committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held on or before March 15.

- a) The committee shall nominate one (1) candidate for each office and positions on the Board, and after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Correspondence Secretary in writing.
- b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Correspondence Secretary shall, at least two weeks before the April meeting, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.
- c) Additional nominations may be made at the April meeting by any voting member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not present at the meeting, the proposer shall present to the Correspondence Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position. Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this section



**MINUTES OF MEETING
CKCSCGA - REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, March 1, 2011
Holiday Inn Northlake 2158 Ranchwood Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30345

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

- Welcome Guests
 - Roll Call
 - Approve Minutes of Last Meeting
 - Report of President
 - Report of Corresponding Secretary
 - Report of Recording Secretary
 - Report of Treasurer
 - Reports of the Committees
 - Election of New Members
 - Unfinished Business
 - New Business
 - Adjournment
- Brags

MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Alice Alford.

WELCOME GUESTS:

Alice recognized guest Denise Newlon.

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Quorum Present? Yes

REGULAR	ASSOCIATE	JUNIOR	GUEST
Mark Fitchpatrick			Denise Newlon
Alice Alford			
Vickie Herring			
Paula Ayers			
Missy Crane			
Larry Crane			
MJ Anderson			
Linda Whitmire			
Wesley Sherrill			
Kay-C Phipps			

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

There was not a regular meeting in February. It was moved and seconded to approve the January minutes. All approved.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

- The club received a letter from the AKC stating that Hollis Land's second place at the specialty was disallowed because the entry was for the wrong class.
- The parent club is requesting donations for the national – I made the cut, Regional breakfast, trophies, charitable trust or welcome bags. After discussion, it was decided to send items to be included in the welcome bags.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY:

None.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

The Florida Herding Club wrote requesting donations. No action was taken.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

- Vickie Herring presented a review of the Specialty Show, Banquet and Auctions. Overall, there was a profit of \$3,549.77 – the highest profit since 2007 (when we held a Pat Hastings seminar.) This was influenced by lower judges' expenses than normal. The Specialty Show and Banquet's portion of the profit was \$486.39. The Auctions resulted in a profit of \$3,063.38. The club donated \$747.75 to the Charitable Trust making a total donation to date of \$14,396.53.
 - The club has received a letter from the Charitable Trust thanking us for our donation.
- Membership renewals through Feb. 28 include a total of 70 members (37 regular, 30 associates, 1 junior and 2 honorary.) There are 28 breeder referral listings. The updated membership list will be emailed to Alice, Mark, Wes and Sharon.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- Show Committee: Next year's specialty will be on Feb. 2, 2012. Paula Ayers asked if the club wanted to use the same hotel again. The consensus was yes. Alice asked for a discussion of the positive and negative aspects of the specialty. The good included – good food, good show setup and takedown, good help with members of a Cavalier Meetup group. Needs improvement includes having a larger ring size for the weekend and better input into the cluster show committee. Kay-C Phipps volunteered to speak with Don Watson if we will remind her.
 - Judges Committee: Shirley Henry will be asked to do sweepstakes next year. Paula said she would have a recommendation for the regular classes judge by the next club meeting.
 - Sunshine Committee: Does anyone know of anyone who is ill?
 - Website Committee: Kay-C Phipps has updated front page events, breeder referral listing, newsletter and meeting information.
 - Newsletter Committee: Alice Alford wants the president to have a chance to review the newsletter before it is sent to the membership.
- Nominating Committee: Kay-C Phipps asked for suggestions. The nominating committee report is due two weeks before the April 5 meeting.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- It was discussed that Sharon Onorato wants to have a certified therapy group under our club. No action was taken
- Alice Alford is working on the AKC Compliance Report. It is due six months before our show.
- There was a discussion about the AKC's Breeder of Merit program.

The Griffin KC has pulled out of the October cluster with the Kennesaw KC, resulting in two days instead of four. The Kennesaw KC still wants our club to do a supported entry of them. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to again support them. All approved. The potential judges include Ann Bolis, Arlene Venko, Ken McDermott and Peggy Hauck. It was decided to ask for Ken McDermott and Loree Isenhauf Gordon and if Loree Isenhauf Gordon does not work, then use Ann Bolis. This was moved and seconded. All approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. All approved.

Submitted by Wesley Sherrill, CKCSCGA Recording Secretary



Below is an update on proposed bills in the Georgia General Assembly.

The proposal to tax Veterinary Services is still alive and everyone who lives in Georgia needs to contact their state Representative and tell them that you oppose a tax on Veterinary Services. Therefore, tell them you oppose House Bill 385, House Bill 386, House Bill 387 and House Bill 388. These bills include language that will tax "veterinarian expenses for pets." Remember you are the one that will be paying the 7% to 8% (according to estimates by the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association) increase in your veterinary bill. WE MUST STOP THIS PROPOSAL IN COMMITTEE, IF A TAX BILL REACHES THE HOUSE FLOOR IT WILL BE A STRAIGHT UP AND DOWN VOTE, NO AMENDMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED. As we stated in the original alert, only three states tax Veterinary Services (Hawaii, South Dakota and New Mexico) and we do not want Georgia to be the fourth. The three bills above total approximately 200 hundred pages and can found at the Georgia General Assembly website if you wish to read them. Sponsors of the bills are Jones of the 46th, O'Neal of the 146th, Peake of the 137, England of the 108th.

If you live in a county that touches the state line, you might want to mention that you would consider crossing the state line to receive Veterinary Services in a state that does not tax. Crossing the state line for services would affect the Georgia economy. You can find out who represents you in the Georgia House of Representatives by going to: <http://www.legis.ga.gov>.

HB 440 which deals with changes to the State Cruelty Law was placed in the House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee. The GCC does not expect this bill to move. Sponsors are Williard of the 49th, Dobbs of the 53rd, Jacobs of the 80th, Golick of the 34, Benfield of the 85th and others.

HB 409 which makes major changes to the State Dangerous and Vicious Dog sections of the Law had a short Judiciary subcommittee hearing Wednesday, March 9, at which time the sponsor stated that he knew the bill would not pass this year and that there were a number of people who opposed the bill. The GCC opposes this bill but has told other stakeholders, including the Sponsor, that we will work with them concerning major changes in this bill. This bill is not expected to move. Sponsors are Maddox of the 172nd, Black of the 174th, Taylor of the 173rd, Battles of the 15th and Atwood of the 179th.

HB 409 This is a bill affecting Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians. It relates to licensing and registration and seems to be a "housekeeping" bill for the Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians. The GCC at this point has no concerns with this bill. Sponsor Maddox of the 172nd.

HB 40 "Chiefs Law" would add a bittering agent to antifreeze. Passed the House and had its second reading February 24 in the Senate. Assigned to Senate Special Judiciary. Sponsors are Benton of the 31st, England of the 108, Buckner of the 130th and Kaiser of the 59th. The GCC supports this bill.

HB 60 Service Cancelable Loan, State Veterinarian Board, deals with funding loans for Veterinary students who go into a practice dealing with Food Animals. Sponsors are Maddox of the 172nd and Black of the 174th. Bill passed the house March 8. The GCC supports this bill.



Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta Braggs



Got a Brag? Share it with everyone
through the Cavalier Chronicle!

Got a Brag? Share it with everyone through the Cavalier Chronicle! Send your brags to the editor of The Cavalier Chronicle and remember to include the following information:

- Name of dog & call name
- Date of win
- Kennel Club show name
- Type of win
- Any breeder/owner/handler/judge information you wish to include
- A picture you wish to include (not required)

Kibbles N Bits

Club Contact Information

Sunshine:

If you know of a member who has been ill, suffered a family loss, celebrated a birth, marriage, etc. or JUST NEEDS CHEERING UP from the Club, please notify Maureen Miles at 770-460-9197 or mvmiles@bellsouth.net

Change of Information:

If you have a change in address, phone/mobile number or email address, please contact Mark Fitchpatrick at fitchpatrick@earthlink.net

Breeder Referral:

Please send all changes, corrections or additions to your breeder referral listing on the Club website to Vickie Herring at ckcscga@aol.com



Benefits UGA College of Veterinary Medicine

Georgia Coalition of Dog Clubs Inc

This is a watchdog group which our 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 their [website!](http://www.georgiacaninecoalition.org) www.georgiacaninecoalition.org

Member News:

Do you have any special family or individual news that you would like to share with us in the newsletter? This is the place! Just email The Cavalier Chronicle editor!

The 2nd Annual Walk 4 Paws Event is just around the corner! Want to take your pooch for a walk that actually helps find a cure for canine cancer?

Join Walk 4 Paws on Saturday, April 23 in beautiful Wills Park, Alpharetta for the event that raises monies for the University of Georgia's School of Vet. Medicine's Tumor Bank Initiative. Cavalier owners on Facebook made a huge contribution to this cause last year as virtual walkers, how about we show our support this year and have a group of cavaliers walk on the 23rd?

Can't make it to the walk but would like to contribute? Be a virtual walker!

Visit their website, www.walk4paws.net for more information!

THIS MONTH'S FUNNY BONES



Dixie's beloved Angel Cricket certainly knew how to celebrate St. Patty's Day! He said that the corned beef & cabbage was lip smackin good!!!



Betty is keeping the Westmoreland St. Patty's Day tradition up in full force! Is the beautiful Betty eyeing some of that corned beef and cabbage too? Or maybe a green beer??

Got a picture to share? Send it in to the editor of The Cavalier Chronicle!



Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta

Open Group

Hey all you "Facebookers"! The club is also on Facebook! Check out our "page" at Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta! Ask to join the group and our administrator, Mark Fitchpatrick, will add you!

Join in by adding pictures, comments, brags, news or tips or just to say "hi"!

Thanks to Mark for creating this page and putting our club on the social media map!

Natural Remedies— Home Made Flea Repellant

With the flea season in our immediate future I thought I would share a wonderful homemade flea repellent recipe with you. I have found this to be a wonderful and very effective and inexpensive formula.

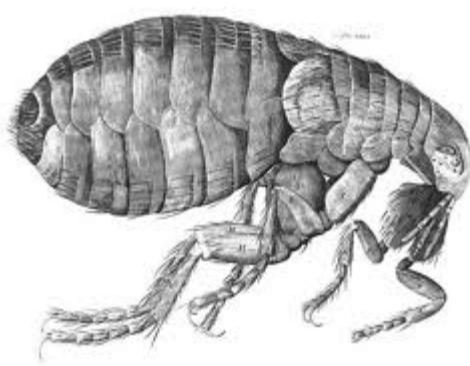
Cut up four lemons and place them in 4 cups of boiling water. Boil for 3 minutes and then let them simmer for an additional 20 minutes more. The real value of this repellent is the oil found in the peel.

Let the mixture cool and then strain through a filter or colander

into a sauce pan. Dispose of the lemons and pulp. From the sauce pan pour the liquid into a measuring cup. From that cup pour the mixture into a clean spray bottle.

Now you have an effective nontoxic flea repellent that you can mist directly on your dog and rub in, or spray on your dog's bed, or your furniture.

Thanks to Mark Fitchpatrick for our monthly Natural Remedies articles!



Ways To Protect Your Dog's Hearing



The acuity of your family dog's hearing far surpasses that of humans. Hearing is a critical sense to dogs, and when diminished, will increase dependency on the sense of smell. When a dog hears something, he can hear it without moving his head. Many muscles surrounding the ears help dogs get premium sound reception.

Unlike humans, dogs are able to change the position of their outer ear so they can focus on a specific sound. When a dog lifts his ears or turns them, the outer ear allows him to magnify incoming sounds. Dogs with very long ears usually don't hear as well as dogs with smaller ears, floppy ears or triangle shaped ears.

"Contrary to popular belief, dogs cannot hear noises from miles away. Dogs and people hear noises coming from the same distance away," advises Rena Sherwood in *How Does A Dog's Hearing Differ From A Human's*. People hear about 20,000 vibrations of sound per second. Dogs can hear two to five times the number of vibrations!

Animals needed this extensive hearing capability when they lived in the wild. Those living in the wild maintain the acuity just as those living in

our homes.

Domestication of dogs as household pets hasn't changed their excellent hearing abilities. Because our dogs seem to hear sounds before we do, they often seem to warn us of impending danger. Heroic stories are often shared about pets saving their owners or family members from fire, earthquake, predators and intruders.

Hearing loss in dogs is caused by many of the same things that cause hearing loss in humans. Hearing loss may be the result of a variety of causes including infection, trauma, noise, aging, drug toxicity and inherited genetic defects.

According to the Deaf Dog Education Action Fund, "Hearing loss affecting both ears is called bilateral deafness. A bilaterally deaf dog is completely (or mostly) deaf in both ears. Hearing loss occurring in, or affecting only one ear, is called unilateral deafness. A unilaterally deaf dog has hearing loss in only one ear and has full hearing in the other ear."

Laura Derrington advises in *The Structure of Dog Ears*, "Excessive ear wax can cause temporary hearing loss, especially in breeds with narrow ear canals, such as poodles. If a dog has a lot of hair around its ear, the ear canal can get blocked. A foreign object such as a toy or stick that becomes lodged in a dog's ear

also can reduce hearing."

How can we preserve this wondrous hearing capacity our furry family members have? Five tips below will help you ensure your dog's clear, unimpeded hearing:

1. Prevent your pet's exposure to sharp, unexpected noises. This includes loud, repetitive noises that can cause trauma in dogs and humans.

2. Shield or protect your pet's ears from contributors to noise induced hearing loss (NIHL) including: party noise makers, fireworks, explosive devices, fire and police sirens, hammering, jackhammers, always-on loud music, construction site activities, race car engines, airplane engines, and gunfire.

3. Have ears checked regularly and cleaned as necessary by your family veterinarian.

4. Monitor children and toddlers in the dog's presence so that doggie ears (like a child's ears) are not used to stash crayons, marbles, coins or other foreign objects.

5. Provide well balanced meals containing the nutritional components your vet specifically recommends for your dog's good health and well being.

Your dog will feel and perform his best when you work with your vet to do all possible to preserve his health, well being and excellent sense of hearing

Provided by GVMA



ACKCSC NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW—MAY 2 - 5, 2011!

Our national specialty will be held in San Jose, California! The host hotel is the Doubletree San Jose (1-408-453-4000), Code is AKC.

The various board meetings will be held on Sunday, May 1st and the Sweeps and Veteran Sweeps (Judge Cindy Huggins) and Futurity / Breeder Showcase (Judge Judith Gates) will be held on Monday, May 2nd along with a WELCOME PARTY hosted by the Bay Area CKCSC Club!

Check out the ACKCSC National website under “store” and the One Stop Shopping category will allow you to book reserved seating, grooming, RV parking, Specialty Catalogs, Seminars, Health Clinics and Events—ALL ONLINE!

Plus, you can provide a Trophy Sponsorship for the National via the National’s website! Visit the online store and head to the Trophy Sponsorship category!

The Marketplace

Got a virtual business card for your non-breeding business endeavors? Members can run their information here! Just be sure to provide a formatted business card sized jpg file to the editor.

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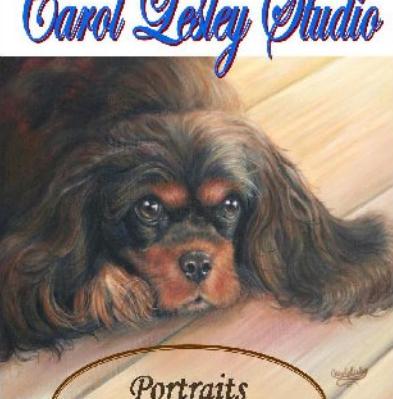
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Nomination of Officers in April, Election in May

Don't forget to attend our April meeting as this is the meeting where all nominations will be taken for open club officer positions.

Nominations will not be accepted at the May meeting where the voting for the slate will take place.

If you are interested in running for an office, but have not been approached by the Nominating Committee, please contact one of them to indicate your interest.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the April meeting, but the person being nominated must be in attendance or provide proof that they would accept being nominated from the floor.

Please read the by laws of our Club concerning the nominating and election processes for all the details. They can be found on our club website, www.ckcscatlanta.org or on page two of this issue of the Chronicle.

As editor, I would like to take time to say THANK YOU to our outgoing President, Alice Alford, for all her hard work during her term as President. She has been a great help to me throughout my tenure as Cavalier Chronicle editor and especially as the past auction chair of the 9th Annual Specialty.

She is a true selfless individual and I have come to admire and respect her.

CKCSCGA Regular Business Meeting Agenda— April 5, 2011

Agenda

- Call Meeting to Order
- Welcome Visitors
- Minutes of Previous Meeting Read
- President's Report
- Recording Secretary's Report

- Corresponding Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment
- Brags

NOTE: The Board will meet prior to the general club meeting from 6-7pm

Social Time begins at 7pm and the general meeting begins promptly at 7:30pm

Standing Committees & Chairpersons

Program Committee— Margie Roe (Chair) ; Committee: Alice Alford, Vickie Herring

Education / Publicity Committee— Brenda Martz (chair); Committee: Paula Ayers, Sharon Onorato

Rescue Committee—Holly Majka & Sonya Thompson

Judges Selection Committee—Paula Ayers (chair); Committee: Linda Whitmire & Vickie Herring

Show Committee—Alice Alford (chair); Dixie Westmoreland (assistant chair)

Sunshine Committee—Maureen Miles (Chair); Committee: Wes Sherrill, Vickie Herring, Kay-C Phipps, Mark Fitchpatrick

Hospitality Committee— Linda Whitmire (chair); Committee: Sharon Onorato, Jennifer Daunch, Mark Fitchpatrick

Club Historian - Mark Fitchpatrick

Website— KC Phipps (webmaster); Committee: Wes Sherrill, Margie Roe

Newsletter - Open (editor); Committee: Alice Alford, Paula Ayers

We are always looking for ideas for programs & fundraiser or suggestions to make our club more successful! Please do not hesitate to contact any officer, board or committee member with your suggestions or if you would like to join a committee!

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The Cavalier Chronicle



We are a sanctioned breed specialty club and 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](#).

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
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"Proud to be the 2nd CKCSC to become licensed by the AKC"



Find us on line for all the latest at [CKCSCGA](#) !! Visit us at www.ckcscatlanta.org

Editor's Note

Two years. Such a long time but it seems like it went by in a blink of an eye. Two years ago, I was asked to take over the responsibilities of publishing the Cavalier Chronicle and was honored to accept it. I have learned so much about "dog show vernacular", Microsoft Publisher and of course, cavaliers.

I have fallen in love with the breed and can never imagine my life without a cavalier in it. Through the club and pulling the newsletter together each month, I have

learned more and more about this precious little breed. My two babies are now big boys, certified in therapy and CGC. That is in part to this club and offering this certification during the Puppy Picnic.

And as time moves on, so should the editor of the Chronicle. This will be my last issue putting together a newsletter for the Club. I have totally enjoyed it, but it is time for a change. A change for a new editor to take the Chronicle to a whole new level and

make it even better! To the new editor, whomever you will be, all my cavalierish best! It is not an easy job but it is rewarding!

Finn, Skye and I will look with anticipation each month and smile as we read the upcoming Chronicles, knowing that it is the best newsletter of all the AKC Cavalier clubs!

Peace Out,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Sharon Onorato Utzsch



My co-editors, Finn, Skye and the Brag Man bid you au revoir!

