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## *Presidents Message*

Dear Members:

We had a wonderful meeting in March and everyone learned so much from Dr. Rebecca Kestle's program on Stud Dog Management. We are planning many more programs for the upcoming meetings Mark will send a notice out before each meeting reminding you of the meeting and letting everyone know what program will be presented.

If you know someone that can share with our club please let me or one of the other board members know so we can schedule them to come speak to our members. Please support the club with your attendance at our meetings, and other functions throughout the year. This is your club and the more members we have in attendance at all of our functions the more we can all learn from each other.

I want to thank everyone ahead of time for all they do to make our meetings and functions a success. Without the folks that put in endless hours, we could not put on the caliber of events that we do.

Information about our meetings, speakers, and events for all our functions can be found on the Website at <http://www.ckcscatlanta.org>.

Paula Ayers  
Cavaliers of Greater Atlanta - President  
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## *Upcoming for the April Meeting*

We are in for a real treat at the April meeting. Susan Hardwick Bess has arranged for Royal Canin to present a program on canine dental health. This should be a very important program for all of us as we all know how important proper dental health is for our dogs. We would like for everyone to make a very special effort to attend this meeting. Royal Canin is flying people into Atlanta to present the program so we certainly want as large an audience as possible. Also remember that we will be taking nominations from the floor for the May election of officers. This is your opportunity to participate by joining the board. Any regular member can nominate any other regular member for any board position. If the person being nominated is not present at the time they are nominated from the floor, club bylaws require a signed letter from the person being nominated stating that they accept the nomination. The April meeting will be held the first Tuesday in April, April 3. The meeting will be at the Northlake Holiday Inn, 2158 Ranchwood Dr, Atlanta, GA 30345. The phone number for Holiday Inn is 770-934-6000. The board meeting will begin at 6:00 followed by social hour at 7:00 and dinner/meeting at 7:30. Be sure to remember that starting with our April meeting the Holiday Inn will be including the gratuity on you meal charge. I hope to see a huge crowd in April.



# Our Wonderful Seniors

This is a nice article on long living cavaliers.  
<http://www.cavaliers.co.uk/articles/articlelonglived.htm>

AKC CH SHADO RYN SMITH WITTER AT RING LEADER  
*"Sterling"*



Ben and Sterling at 16 weeks, and now he is 16 years.



Winston and Spencer Bird when they were 10 weeks old and our first weekend with them. We took them to meet their Granny! Spencer is Tri, Winston Blenheim.

Rita Carson Guest, FASID



Pictured at 16 years of age:

Ben & Cheryl's first show dog and first AKC Champion.  
Many thanks to Sterling's breeder Rosanne Cleveland King.



## Chef's Corner



### Soft Doggie Cookies

3 (2 1/2 oz. each) jars of baby food; either beef or chicken

1/4 cup Dry milk powder

1/4 cup Wheat Germ or Cream of Wheat

Combine all ingredients in bowl and mix well. Roll into small balls and place on well-greased cookie sheet. Flatten slightly with a fork. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 15 minutes until brown. Cool on wire rack. Refrigerate to keep fresh or freeze.

Great for older dogs with teeth problems.

## Look at our Show Brags

I went to my first dog show in Feb. of this year in Atlanta, the first day I got nothing, the second day I got a 3rd, the third day I got a 1st, and the 4th day I got a 4th!! Many thanks to Terrance for my dog show lesson, as well as Linda Whitmire for coaching me and last minute grooming. Many thanks to Kay-C Phipps for entrusting OKAYC HOME RUN (as well as his sister OKAYC DOUBLE PLAY) to us as our newest family members. I will continue to show OKAYC HOME RUN in the near future, and hope to try the Rally with OKAYC HOME RUN (Chumley) and OKAYC DOUBLE PLAY (Chesley). I enjoyed the meeting last night!

Always, Jeanne Deloney

**Almeara Kiss the Girls ( Colter) won Best In Sweeps at the CKCSC of Greater Atlanta Specialty in Feb.**



### In Memory of Wesley Sherrill

Any members wishing to make a donation in memory of CKCSCGA member Wesley Sherrill, it can be sent to:

Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University  
Development Office  
1762 Clifton Rd  
Atlanta, GA 30322.

**Wes doing what he loved, presenting a precious puppy to its new family**



**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CKCSCGA - REGULAR MEETING**

March 6, 2012

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

Braggs

**MINUTES:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Paula

**WELCOME GUESTS:** Rebecca Kestle, Stuart Kinghorn, Ken Bess, Lynette Bragg, Terrence Bolden, Julia Daunch

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Quorum Present? Yes

**Regular members:** Alice Alford, Jonathan Alford, Mark Fitchpatrick, Paula Ayers, Linda Whitmire, Shannon Schilling, Jeff Herring, Vickie Herring, Missy Crane, Maureen Miles, Gabrielle Pollmeier, Jennifer Daunch, Carol Land, Hollis Land, Sue Hardwick, Bess, **Associate Members:** Denise Newlon, Jeanne Deloney, Margie Roe, Sharon Onorato.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

A motion was made by Jeff Herring to approve the January minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Alice Alford. Motion was carried.

**REPORT OF PRESIDENT:**

2012 Specialty went very well. Thank you to all the members who helped. We had more volunteers this year than we have had in a long time. We had 66 entries in regular classes- smallest entry we have had probably due to economy.

**REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY:**

First reading for Lynette Bragg and Ken Bess -Associate Membership  
First reading for Margie Roe to change her status from Associate to Regular

**REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

Mark received a photo of Wes Sherrill for possible use at a later date in the newsletter in remembrance of his passing.

**REPORT OF TREASURER:**

Vickie Herring reviewed the 2011 Year End report. Ending balance for 2011 is \$25,594.43 which is a profit of \$1,770.53

Specialty Show profit was good considering entries were way down

ACKCSC Charitable Trust donation of \$376.00 was sent. This is 25% of the Live Auction income.

We received a thank you letter from ACKCSC Charitable Trust. Motion was made by Gabrielle Pollmeier to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jeff Herring. The motion carried.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

Membership- membership drive ended on March 1<sup>st</sup>. We currently have 59 members. Twelve members did not renew, which is better than last year.

Nominating Committee met and came up with a slate of officers and board members. If anyone wants to nominate someone from the floor, they must be a regular member. If that person isn't present, they must have a letter from the person stating that they are aware of the nomination.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mark Fitchpatrick sent out a survey to members from the board. Response was a bit low- only ten people responded but they gave very thoughtful answers. He is happy to send out a synopsis for anyone who wants one. Some great ideas for programs and ways to improve the Club were given. The board discussed all the answers individually. Will do through Survey Monkey in the future so it is anonymous. Any time a member has an idea, send to any member of the board. Location of meetings came up several times. Mark plotted the physical address of every GA member. The current meeting spot is dead center and centrally located for all members.

Sharon Utych got a note from Chattahoochee Pet Fest for next year. Are we interested in another Meet the Breed booth? It is \$75.00. This would meet the AKC compliance requirements. Sunshine Committee-- if anyone needs support, email Maureen Miles.

If anyone wants to donate in Wes Sherrill's memory to the Cancer Center at Emory, please contact Mark Fitchpatrick. Newsletter- please send Denise anything you would like included in the newsletter. She needs our brags, ideas, news, photos, etc... without membership participation it is hard to have a newsletter.

Dr. Blischok (cardiologist) is no longer with GVS. GVS has someone there 2 days a week and they are currently booked until the end of May.

We need a Program Committee Chair- please contact Paula if interested.

We need a Membership Committee Chair- please contact Paula if interested.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:00 PM Jeff Herring made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sue Hardwick Bess. The motion carried.

Submitted by Holly Majka Brookins, March 7, 2012

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# Natural Balance Pet Food Recalled

By [Julie Schmit](#) and [Elizabeth Weise](#), USA TODAY The industrial chemical melamine has been found in more pet food, and suspicion is falling on a second pet-food ingredient imported from China as the source of the contamination.

Natural Balance Pet Foods said Tuesday it found melamine in samples of some of its food, which led to a recall. The company suspects melamine was in a rice protein concentrate used as an ingredient, said President Joey Herrick in an interview.

Melamine is the chief suspect related to the Menu Foods recall, first announced four weeks ago for more than 60 million cans and pouches of wet dog and cat food. The melamine in Menu's products was in wheat gluten imported from China and sold to Menu and several other pet-food makers, which also did recalls.

The rice protein concentrate was imported from China by San Francisco-based Wilbur-Ellis. Herrick says the concentrate, which is being tested, is suspected to have melamine, as it was the only new ingredient. Recalled Natural Balance products include Venison and Brown Rice canned and dry dog foods, dog treats and Venison and Green Pea dry cat food.

Wilbur-Ellis CEO John Thacher said his company sold the concentrate to five pet-food makers, but that most of it went to two firms. One of the primary companies was Diamond Pet Foods, which packs some of the Natural Balance product but doesn't use the concentrate in any Diamond-made foods, says Diamond spokesman Jim Fallon. The other major customer, which Thacher would not name, tested the rice protein and found no melamine, Thacher says. Natural Balance's rice protein concentrate is mixed with venison meal, Thacher says.

Natural Balance has received about 10 reports of sick pets, mostly dogs, since Thursday, Herrick says. It started testing the foods Friday, when it also asked retailers to pull the products. As in the Menu recall, some of the pets developed kidney failure, Natural says.

Natural Balance was co-founded in 1989 by actor Dick Van Patten, according to the company's website.

The Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday that melamine is believed to have contaminated rice protein concentrate used to make a variety of Natural Balance Pet Foods products for both dogs and cats. It said Monday that Natural Balance had informed the agency of the issue. Thacher says it told the FDA on Sunday that it had detected melamine in some rice protein concentrate imported from China about a week ago. Wilbur-Ellis has ceased importing the ingredient from the Chinese firm, Binzhou Futian Biology Technology, Thacher says.

Along with Diamond, pet-food makers Nestlé Purina PetCare and Procter & Gamble said Tuesday that they don't use rice protein concentrate in their foods.

No other Natural Balance products include the ingredient, the company says.

Melamine is not allowed in human or pet food. It is an industrial chemical used in plastics worldwide and also sometimes as a fertilizer in Asia, the FDA says.

While melamine is not highly toxic, the FDA is investigating whether it, or something related to it, is responsible for pet deaths in the Menu recall.

## *Club News*

The CKCSCGA 2012 Nominating committee, Mark Fitchpatrick, chair; Jeff Herring and Jonathan Alford have met and submitted the slate of officers. The slate as submitted by the committee are:

President - Alice Alford  
Vice President - Linda Whitmire  
Treasurer - Vickie Herring  
Recording Secretary - Holly Brookins  
Correspondence Secretary - Mark Fitchpatrick  
Board Member - Missy Crane  
Board Member - Paula Ayers

All members of the submitted slate have been notified and have accepted their nomination. At the April meeting additional board nominations will be invited from the floor. Any Regular member will be allowed to submit nominations for any office. The member being nominated is required to be a Regular member. If the member being nominated from the floor is not present at the time of the nomination, club by-laws require that a letter from the member accepting the nomination must be presented. Any regular member desiring to run for a board office is most welcomed. Being on the board is the perfect way for members to become more involved.

The revised slate of nominees will be sent to all club members and the election of officers will take place at the May meeting.

Mark Fitchpatrick, Correspondence Secretary

## *For our March meeting,*

Dr. Rebecca Kestle presented her talk on Stud Dog Management. As a very generous gesture, Dr. Kestle has shared her Power Point presentation with us. You will be able to save the attached file to your computer so that you can have Dr. Kestle's presentation in your library. Enjoy.



Mark Fitchpatrick, Correspondence Secretary

**Stud-Dog-Management.pptx**

## *Doggie Donor*

On Dec. 11, 2011, the e-mail came into my inbox. Zeke, a little male cavalier that I had bred and placed in a pet home, had been diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, a very rare form of leukemia. His owners were heart broken. However, they had been researching this disease and had found Dr. Suter at N.C. State Vet School who was willing to try to save Zeke. Roy and Nicole were appealing to me to help them find a matching donor. As I still had the mother, father and one sibling, I carried them to my vet for blood samples to be sent to De Suter. I also looked through my records and found that there were 8 other siblings that could be checked. Roy and Nicole, Zeke's owners wrote a letter asking if they would be willing to submit blood samples to see if their cavaliers were a donor. All owners of the siblings were sent the letter and six replied that they were willing to send samples and try to help Zeke if their cavaliers were a match. Only one cavalier came back as a match. This was Chip, one of Zeke's siblings from different litter. Chips owner was willing to fly along with Chip to N.C. State and have the procedure to try to help Zeke live.

Below you will read about the procedure and at the end you will also ready an update from Roy, Zeke's owner about the day Zeke came home. I receive updates from Roy almost weekly and so far Zeke is getting stronger each day.

Alice Alford

Dr. Emma Warry (left), a bone marrow transplant fellow, and Dr. Steve Suter play with Chip (left), who recently donated bone marrow to his brother, Zeke (right).

Chip and Zeke are brothers. So when Zeke was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL), Chip was the natural choice to donate cells for his brother's bone marrow transplant.

The catch? Chip and Zeke are Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, and have different owners. Chip and Zeke were reunited – and their owners met for the first time – at NC State, where Dr. Steve Suter, assistant professor of oncology, harvested Chip's stem cells to perform the university's first allogenic, or donor, bone marrow transplant in dogs.

When a human being gets leukemia, a bone marrow transplant is a fairly commonplace treatment. But it wasn't always that way, and we have our canine friends to thank for it.

Bone marrow transplantation is a therapy that was developed and tested in dogs before it became available to humans. Now NC State is returning the favor by offering bone marrow transplants to canine leukemia patients.

Suter has been performing bone marrow transplants on dogs since 2008, making NC State the only veterinary university in the nation to offer this service. These initial transplants all utilized stem cells harvested from the dog's own blood, which meant that only dogs who were currently in total remission could be treated.

"In the case of ALL, the only transplant possible is from a donor, because cancer cells are floating around in the patient's bloodstream, making it very difficult to harvest stem cells that are free of cancer cells," Suter says.

Suter hopes that cases like Chip and Zeke will lead to a donor database for dogs, similar to the sort that people use.

"We wouldn't have bone marrow transplants if it wasn't for dogs," Suter says. "It only seems fair that they should have access to the therapy they were instrumental in creating."



### **Update on Zeke, written by owner RoyBen-Dor (Zeke's owner)**

Yesterday was a great day...Zeke finally came home!(02-27-2012)

He's lost a little weight, is losing some hair on his ears and feet (but it should grow back), and is understandably a bit tired. All that said, he's still our Zeke - running around our home, wagging his tail, doing his dance moves and occasionally barking for reasons that are apparent to nobody but him.

Medically, things have been going about as well as could be expected.

His white cell and platelet count are both beginning to approach normal levels (and are sufficiently high that the risks of infection or bleeding have been materially reduced). In addition, a test of the composition of his white cells revealed that 98%+ of them had Chip's DNA markers – in other words, the transplant "worked." As a result, Zeke will go off immune-suppression medication this weekend and we'll be on the lookout over the coming weeks for any symptoms of "Graft-Versus-Host" (i.e. conflict between Chip's and Zeke's cells).

In related news, below is a link to a write-up about Chip and Zeke's stories with some great photos of the two brave boys:

<http://www.ncsu.edu/features/2012/02/doggie-donor/>As you know from my prior notes, we are still a ways away from a "cure" but so far Zeke's progress has been good and the transplant's success is a big milestone. Most importantly, we're just glad to have Zeke back home and are grateful for every day that we get to spend with him. Stay tuned!

Best,

Roy, Nicole, Noah, Maddy, and Zeke