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President's message

OK, members, it is time to get back to business. The rest of this year will be a busy one for all members of the Cavaliers of Greater Atlanta.

We will have a meeting in August and I will be asking for volunteers to help with the Chattapoochee Pet Fest, Our 2015 Specialty, our Puppy Picnic and the Holiday Party.

As for our Specialty, I would like someone to volunteer as the Show Chairman. I will help you with the paper work and organizing. I would like to be able to show at this specialty and as Show Chair, I am not able to do this.

So go ahead and make a commitment as to what part you want to play in these upcoming events and let us know what those are.

See you in August at the meeting.

Alice Alford, President

Future Junior Handler ???



I am happy to share good news. Susan Hardwick Bess and husband Ken have welcomed their baby boy into the world. He was born July 4, weighing in at 10lb 3oz. Sue, Ken and the baby are doing well and should be going home soon.

Mark Fitchpatrick, Correspondence Secretary

Upcoming Events

Next meeting
August 5th

Please join your fellow CKCSCGA members at the August 5th meeting.

CKCSCGA 2014 Puppy Picnic

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 2, 2014 and make plans to attend this wonderful event! Everyone is invited to attend members & non-members alike.


Initial “evite” invitations were sent out on Sunday, June 1, 2014. If you are a member and DID NOT receive the evite link (check your spam folders), please email Sharon Utych at utych@earthlink.net. Please put in the subject line: CKCSCGA EVITE REQUEST and in the body of the email please put your name and the email address you want the evite to be sent to. If you have a puppy person you would like to invite, please do the same process and Sharon will email then an evite invitation.

We use EVITE to track our responses so we know how much food to plan for and also to update our doctors on the volume they can expect at the clinic and to make sure our TD Inc. tester is not traveling out to the picnic for no reason.

Also, check out our website as the Puppy Picnic has its own “tab” for more detailed information! But be sure to RSVP via the “evite” invitation link!

Health Clinic information:

Dr. Stacy Andrew (eyes), Dr. Brandon Pogue (hearts) and Dr. Alan Cross (patellas) will be at the puppy picnic. Each clinic is \$30 per dog. So if you participate 1 dog in all 3 clinics, total will be \$90. The DVM's are all board certified specialists and are from GVS Blue Pearl in Sandy Springs.



Thank you all for the beautiful pink hydrangea plant and card.

It was so beautiful to look at when it was inside and now Jim has planted it outside in our front yard. Both of us appreciate your thoughtfulness during my treatment and recovery.

Sharon Utych

It is a CKCSC USA event but the speaker is AKC delegate Dr. Carmen Battaglia and the seminar is open to everyone. It is a 3 hour seminar and there will be pizza and beverages included in the cost. Non CKCSC USA member cost is \$30 preregistration or \$35 at the door. To RSVP email: cavaliersofthesouth@gmail.com

*HOSTED JOINTLY BY CAVALIERS OF THE SOUTH
AND CAVALIERS OF THE MIDWEST*

Pedigree Analysis and Structure & Movement

A seminar by world-renowned dog expert Dr. Carmen Battaglia including
a 30-minute hands-on tutorial following the seminar

December 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. during the COS/CMW show weekend. Pizza will be provided.

Where: Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel, Chattanooga, TN

Cost: \$20 CKCSC, USA members/\$30 non-members. (A Paypal option will be included on the Summary of Fees payment form.) Without pre-registration, there will be a \$5.00 additional charge at the door.

RSVP: CavaliersoftheSouth@gmail.com.

Core topics will include the following:

- Eight breeder skills
- Tools available to breeders
- Analysis of pedigrees
- Selecting Sires and Dams
- Evaluating litters
- Choosing the best puppies

Tutorial: Dr. Battaglia will go over lay-in and lay-back of shoulders and how it affects movement and what a judge looks for in the ring.

Dr. Battaglia holds a Ph.D. and Masters degree from Florida State University. He is a breeder, author, researcher and

lecturer, and has worked at Emory University, Florida State University, DeKalb College and the University of Tennessee

Space Institute.

He has bred Champions, Futurity & Maturity winners, and is on the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club. He

has also served as Chairman of the National Genetics Committee.

Dr. Battaglia has authored many books and articles which have appeared in the AKC Gazette, Canine Chronicle, Dog

World, Dog News, and in publications throughout Canada, Hungary, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Ireland.

Help For Dog's With Heatstroke.



- **Get into the shade.**
- **Apply cool water to the inner thigh's, stomach and foot pad's.**
- **Use running water.**
- **Never submerge your dog in water, this could cool your dog to rapidly leading to further complication's.**
- **Use cool, not cold water, cold water cause's the blood vessel's to constrict which slow's the cooling process.**
- **Dont cover the dog.**
- **Keep the dog slowly moving.**
- **Offer small amount's of cool water to drink.**

GET TO A VET.

Screening for Chiari Malformations(SM)

I wanted to pass this information along to all of you. I have used the University of Auburn for several health test for my dogs off and on as my daughter goes there on a regular basis. I had spoken at length with the head of the radiology department about the low cost SM scanning the University of Florida has been doing. I recently heard from the radiology department at Auburn that they would be starting a similar program.

I recently received the attached information. They are now doing low cost screening for Chiari Malformations(SM) for breeders. The total cost is \$ 750.00 which is almost the same as the University of Florida. This is very good news for all of us, as these lower cost screenings make the MRIs much more affordable.

Please see the attached information. I hope this is helpful to those of you who live farther north in the Panhandle or Georgia or Alabama.

Pat Mixon

Who's Visiting Us?

Here are some midyear statistics regarding our website (www.ckscatlanta.org) from January 1 through June 23, 2014.

Did you know...

- We have had 6,681 total visits to our website
- Of that 6,681 visits, 5,244 were unique visitors
- We receive on average for this period about 30 visits per day to our website
- The average length of the visit for this period is about 2 minutes 29 seconds
- The "Rescue" tab on our website is the most visited page with 4,678 views
- The next closest most visited page on our website with 2,977 views is the GA Breeder Referral info
- The top web searches that lead to our club website are:
 - o 81 with "Cavalier King Charles Spaniel"
 - o 79 with "Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rescue"
 - o 38 with "Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Georgia"
 - o 17 with "King Charles Rescue"
 - o 15 with "Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rescue Georgia"
 - o 12 with "King Charles Rescue Atlanta"

As you can see by the stats, people visit our website for RESCUE and BREEDER information most often. Have YOU visited our website recently? If not, you should as it is updated frequently with all sorts of information including:

- A "Notice Board" landing page that displays prior to entering the actual website. This notice board contains news and items of interest for members and changes or is not present if there is no "news." Our current "notice board" has information on low cost MRI screening and also information on CERF closing down.
- We have added a new "ACKCSC National" tab - this will hold the current information for the upcoming ACKCSC National event. Check it out for the 2014 20th Anniversary National that just occurred and the upcoming 2015 National.
- Our "Legislation" tab has been updated with information from the AKC PAC.
- Our "Calendar of Events" is also updated with all the meeting information and special events
- We have also added a "Puppy Picnic" tab on the website so members can keep updated on the happenings and also non members to generate interest in membership!

Stop by our website (www.ckscatlanta.org) and give us a "CLICK" to become one of our website visitor statistics!