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## LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP

To the Membership of the CKCSCGA  
From your Officers and Board of Directors

Summer is coming to a close and fall is just around the corner; that means there are just a few short months left until the CKCSCGA host the largest event in our club's history, The ACKCSC National Specialty. Over the last several months attendance at our club's meetings has dwindled, which is traditional over the summer, but now it is time for our members to

pull back together to assure we showcase our club and our state to its very best to the hundreds that will be arriving at Callaway Gardens in May 2006. To accomplish this we need each and every one of our members to take part, we want our visitors to go away saying this was the best National ever, one that every future host club will be measured by. The National is not the only upcoming event for our club. There are numerous other activities and events and we need all our members working together to continue enjoying the success our club has had over the years. According to our bylaws we need only 11 members for a quorum to conduct club business, I think you will agree that this is a very small number for a club that boasts a membership of 118. I also think you will agree that we do not need a small number of members making all the decisions for the direction of this club. As with any club, our membership is our greatest asset and the club can only be as good as the members make it. Everyone has something to offer. Take a moment to remember why you joined the Club, the wonderful ideas you wanted to bring to our meetings and work to make them a reality. So please mark the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month on your calendar and come share your thoughts & suggestions and as a bonus enjoy some fun social interaction with your fellow Cavalier owners. WE NEED YOU!

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The next meeting will be October 5, 2005 at 7:30 at the Red Lobster on LaVista Road in Tucker. We sincerely hope we will see you there!

# DOG POWER

Anyone who has pets will really like this. You'll like it even if you don't and may decide you need one.

Mary and her husband Jim had a dog, Lucky. Lucky was a real character. Whenever Mary and Jim had company come for a weekend visit they would warn their friends to not leave their luggage open because Lucky would help himself to whatever struck his fancy. Inevitably someone would forget and something would come up missing. Mary or Jim would go to Lucky's toy box in the basement and there the treasure would be, amid all of Lucky's favorite toys. Lucky always stashed his finds in his toy box and he was very particular that his toys stay in the box.

It happened that Mary found out she had breast cancer. Something told her she was going to die of this disease... she was just sure it was fatal. She scheduled the double mastectomy, fear riding her shoulders.

The night before she was to go to the hospital she cuddled with Lucky. A thought struck her... what would happen to Lucky? Although the three-year-old dog liked Jim, he was Mary's dog through and through. If I die Lucky will be abandoned, Mary thought. He won't

understand that I didn't want to leave him. The thought made her sadder than thinking of her own death.

The double mastectomy was harder on Mary than her doctors had anticipated and Mary was hospitalized for over two weeks. Jim took Lucky for his evening walk faithfully but the dog just drooped, whining and miserable.

But finally the day came for Mary to leave the hospital. When she arrived home, Mary was so exhausted she couldn't even make it up the steps to her bedroom. Jim made his wife comfortable on the couch and left her to nap. Lucky stood watching Mary but he didn't come to her when she called. It made Mary sad but sleep soon overcame her and she dozed.

When Mary woke for a second she couldn't understand what was wrong. She couldn't move her head and her body felt heavy and hot. Panic soon gave way to laughter though when Mary realized the problem. She was covered, literally blanketed in every treasure Lucky owned! While she had slept, the sorrowing dog had made trip after trip to the basement and back, bringing his beloved mistress his favorite things in life. He had covered her with his love.

Mary forgot about dying. Instead she and Lucky began living again, walking further and further together every night. It's been 12 years now and Mary is still cancer-free. Lucky? He still steals treasures and stashes them in his toy box but Mary remains his greatest treasure.

Live everyday to the fullest... because every day is a blessing from God!

## PROPOSED AGENDA: OCTOBER

Minutes of last meeting - corrections/additions

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Report of the Committees:

National 2006 - Callaway  
Sunshine

Unfinished Business:

Puppy Picnic  
Supported Entry - Priceville, AL  
Hurricane Relief

New Business:

Bylaws Amendments  
Survey  
Nominating Committee 2005  
Holiday Party 2005

The Cotton Cluster  
Priceville, AL

CKCSC of Greater Atlanta  
Supported Entry  
November 10 -13

Huntsville KC - Thursday - Judge: Nancy Hafner  
Huntsville KC - Friday - Judge: Loraine Boutwell  
Decatur KC - Saturday - Judge: Carole Beattie  
Decatur KC - Sunday - Judge: Sandra Lex

**Entries Close 10/26/2005**

## NEW RESCUE ASSOCIATION

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (ARP) -- Looking for someone special to help around the kennel or on dog show trips? Would you like that special companion, who understands, to share your home and life? Why not consider adopting a rescued handler/owner!

The Dog Show Handler/Owner Rescue Association is currently screening families who might be interested in adopting or fostering a handler/owner rescue (or D.S.H.O.R.s for short). While there are a great many canine breed rescue organizations in our communities, there has been nothing (until now) to help the displaced, neglected or abandoned handler/owner. The need is greater than ever and the Dog Show H.O.R. Assoc. needs your help to address this growing problem.

Who are the individuals that need help? Well, we see them every day. Some are lost or abandoned, then picked up in parks attempting to stack squirrels. Others are turned in by parents or spouses who didn't realize how much time, care and responsibility it takes to keep these special individuals. Often, these people are turned in with their own dogs. A number of them come to us because of bad knees and their families have decided they have outlived their usefulness. Many require medical attention due to years of caring for their dogs, yet neglecting their own diet, exercise and medical care.

You're probably asking yourself right now, "How can I help?" We've prepared some questions to help you decide if you might be a suitable D.S.H.O.R. family:

- Do you have a fenced yard?
- Do you mind the smell of liver in the house?
- Do you have a spare RV or Camper?
- Are you able to provide suitable clothing with many pockets?
- Do you have anything that can be groomed (often shag carpeting, stuffed animals or other family members) that can calm eager hands?
- Are you able to listen for hours on end, patiently, and supportively?
- Do you have thousands of extra dollars needed to properly support a D.S.H.O.R.?

If you've answered "yes!" to these questions, you may be the perfect rescue home! Adopting a D.S.H.O.R. can be a very rewarding experience. They are usually so willing to please, and are often happy with only an occasional class ribbon to play with. They can pick up droppings, are willing to help groom and show your own animals, and already know directions to every fair-

ground and showground in the lower 48 states. They can have vast amounts of knowledge and wisdom that they are willing to impart to anyone who has the patience to listen for hours.... and hours... and hours. While some may need a bit of re-socializing, better nutrition and regular exercise, most adjust very well to their new dog show families when given appropriate time, reconditioning, patience and access to liver. We also get a few breeder/handler/owner rescues (B.H.O.R. s) from time to time. Dog show B.H.O.R.s are often more difficult to place as they are usually alphas and may have a harder time getting along with existing dog show breeders. They tend to be less submissive, and often will try to control the household and existing breeder's program if strong boundaries are not set. There is hope though. For those with the experience, extra patience and a strong hand, even dog show B.H.O.R.s can find new and useful lives.

So, if you're interested in fostering or adopting either a dog show D.S.H.O.R. or B.H.O.R., please contact us. If you are not able to foster or adopt at this time, if you know of a D.S.H.O.R. or a B.H.O.R. in need of rehoming, or would just like to make a much needed donation, please give us a call at 800-555-HORS!

Associated Ridiculous Press--3/18/05  
Linda Hardman

## HAPPY DOG'S BEDTIME PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep  
The king size bed is soft and deep  
I sleep right in the center groove  
My human being can hardly move!

I've trapped her legs, she's  
tucked in tight  
And here is where I pass the night  
No one disturbs me or dares intrude  
Till morning comes and I want food!

I sneak up slowly and it begins  
My nibbles on my human's chin  
She wakes up slowly and smiles and shouts,  
"You darling beast! Just cut it out!"  
But morning's here and it's time to play  
I always seem to get my way.

So thank you, Lord, for giving me  
This human person that I see  
The one who hugs and holds me tight!

# CLUB MINUTES

# SEPTEMBER

The September, 2005 meeting of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta, Inc. was called to order at 7:37PM on 09-06-2005 at the Red Lobster on LaVista Rd. (11) Eleven members were present. Tommy Thompson was our guest.

A motion was made by Steve Lewis to accept the August minutes as published in the newsletter; Seconded by Susan Robinson. Motion passed.

## **Secretary Report**

Alice Alford read the following applications for membership for the second time: Associate membership; Kim Jennings, Parma, Mi.; Valerie Cordock, Ledyard, Ct.; Carole Romanini, Cape Coral, Fl.; Jean Hill, Cape Coral, Fl.; Lee and John Chenevert, Alpharetta, Ga.; Larry Blackburn and Charles Ekstrom, Cape Coral, Fl. And applying for Regular membership is Carole Conley of Gainesville, Ga. All seven were voted unanimously into the club.

Alice Alford read one new membership application was read for the first time: Applying for Associate membership are Steven and Donna Hauck. The Haucks live in Marietta, Ga. and are the owners of two cavaliers.

## **Treasurer Report**

Vickie Herring reported a Balance in General Fund at \$10,061.15. Reported we have received the final check of \$961.00 from the Cluster as our part of the profit from our show in April.

## **Committee Reports Show Committee**

Helen Jesse covered several details of the National and our show that are scheduled at Callaway next May. Kay-C Phipps will be the on site vendor manager. Vendors will be by invitation only (Helen has been working on the invitations based on vendor history in supporting the National Specialty.) Each vendor will be asked to consider contributing something for the Charitable Trust as well as pay for vendor booth space.

Reserve seating for the entire week will likely be available for purchase. Our club will receive one third of the reserve seating and the National will receive two thirds. Discussion held about the reserved seating. Reserved Grooming space within the banquet facility will also be available (with and without electric). As with the reserved seating our club will receive 1/3 of the proceeds for this space. The Parent Club is considering buying grooming tables for use by those who 'fly' to the National that can be rented for the week; these tables will be given to our club after the show to raffle or sell. Our club's trophies and ribbons have been chosen. Gilda Malik has already begun painting the top porcelain trophies. Helen and Susan Haller will be embroidering the class trophies over the Thanksgiving weekend. Instead of regional baskets or contributing to the National Welcome Bags, the regional clubs will be asked to contribute to the "I made the cut fund". This is a T-shirt that will be given to all who make the judges cut in the larger classes. Tickets for the Callaway Drawing will be sold at the Cavaliers of Puget Sound and also the Bay Area Cavalier Club.

## **Fund Raising**

Anyone with ideas on this contact Lu Dunham or any club officer.

## **Old Business Puppy Picnic**

Discussion held about puppy picnic. Four or five months ago, Brenda Martz and Paula Ayers had volunteered to have one at their home. Marlene Anderson made a motion that we contact Brenda and Paula to see if they are still interested in hosting this at their home on October 23rd or 29th.. If not we need to look at an alternate location. Alice Alford seconded motion. Susan Lewis will check with Brenda and Paula. Steve Lewis volunteered his family's home in Jasper, Ga. as an alternate.

## **New Business Rescue Trust**

## PAUSING TO UNDERSTAND OBJECTIONS TO PAWS

The National Cavalier Rescue program has now been approved as a 501 (c)3 and now provides insurance and an umbrella for regional club rescue programs. As a Member Club of the ACKCSC our rescue program is now covered under the American Cavalier King Charles King Charles Spaniel Club's insurance umbrella.

### Hurricane Canine Rescue

The AKC is taking donations for Katrina Canine Rescue. The ACKSC is also asking for donations and they are discussing matching donations. Their donation would be given to the AKC. Vickie Herring suggested we give a donation to one of the local rescue agencies. One she knew of is the "No More Homeless Pets, Atl". Helen Jesse made a motion we donate \$250.00 to the ACKSC to be matched and also \$500.00 to the "No More Homeless Pets, Atlanta". Jeff Herring seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Discussion

Discussion on why attendance at meetings has dropped and what we can do to get better attendance. Sue Hardwick suggested providing a survey to members. Vickie Herring suggested. After much discussion it was decided that a letter will be drafted to be put in the newsletter to see if this will help attendance. Vicki Herring volunteered to draft the letter.

Alice Alford brought up discussion about the Sunshine Committee, that it should be comprised of several members. Discussion about several members that have had surgery and no one knew. With more than one member, this is less likely to happen. Also, any member that knows anyone who needs to be remembered for whatever reason can call either of these members. Sonja Thompson and Susan Lewis volunteered to join Maureen Miles on this committee. They will also put a note in the newsletter about who to call, and who is sick, etc.

Marlene Anderson volunteered to do a monthly personal column in our newsletter.

You can e-mail Marlene with your information.

Susan Robinson made a motion to adjourn and Sonja Thompson seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Alford, Secretary

Members Present at the September meeting of the CKCSC of Greater Atlanta, INC

Susan Robinson

Alice Alford

Sue Hardwick

Steve Lewis

Susan Lewis

Jeff Herring

Vickie Herring

Lu Dunham

Helen Jesse

Marlene Anderson

Sonja Thompson

Tommy Thompson (guest)

### **NEW COLUMN for our Cavalier Club Newsletter: POOP SHEET/SCOOP SHEET/ OR: GIMME THE DOPE?**

Let me know which TITLE/NAME you think fits best for a column of MEMBERHIP NEWS: Example: Helen Jesse had knee surgery and is doing well/ walking like normal people do. I want to hear everything from who is knitting to who is having an affair. Please send any and all DOPE/SCOOPS to me. IF you are single and Cavalier nut/maybe we can hook you up with someone else single and nuts in our club? You'll never know unless you ask/raise your hand/holler at me. No dog show wins please/ just news about PEOPLE/ MEMBERS/HUMANS/ WHO YOU ARE? Yes, we want to know who you are, where you live/what you do. Anyone caught up in dread KATRINA? Anyone needing the club's help / member's help / just plain help - let me hear from you, and that means YOU!

Marlene Anderson



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## Important CKCSC of Grater Atlanta Meeting Notice

**Red Lobster**

**3937 LaVista Road, Tucker, GA.**

The regular general club meeting held on the first Tuesday of the Month – begins promptly at 7:30 pm.

If you need directions call Red Lobster @ 770-934-2645.