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October 7th**

President's message

Don't let anyone tell you that our club is weak. It has come to my attention that we have members that think otherwise. We are a strong club, we still have founding members that are still very active. We still have great meetings with educational speakers, we have successful shows, we have successful auctions. All this is because we have members that have dedicated love for the breed and club. I would like to thank all those who contribute to making these club functions a success. As one member stated "If we care about this club and this breed and each other we will do whatever we can to continue what I've always felt was one of the Best Cavalier Clubs in America - not to say one of the only clubs that has donated over \$10,000 to the Charitable trust, became the 2nd show giving specialty club, held a wonderful specialty each year, sponsored many educational programs not only at the shows but at our meetings."

We, as dedicated club members will go forward to make this club even stronger by being positive, and challenging anyone who speaks of it otherwise.

Alice Alford, President

Don't forget our CKCSCGA annual meet the breed day. This year's meet the breed is Sunday, October 5. Go to our club web site at www.ckcscatlanta.org and all of the information is on page one as the site opens. We look forward to seeing many members in attendance. Be sure to bring your dogs and a chair. For those of you who have attended past meet the breeds you know what a fun day is in store. For those of you who have not attended in the past, you don't want to miss it. See you there.

Mark Fitchpatrick, Correspondence Secretary

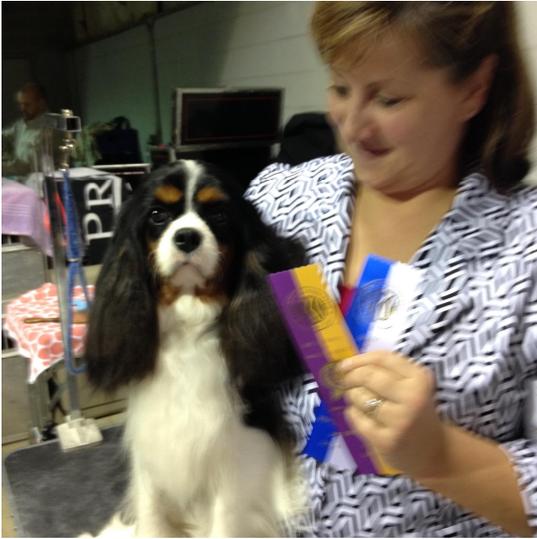
Club Meeting, Please Come!!!

The CKCSCGA September meeting will be held Tuesday, October 7th at Northlake Holiday Inn. The board meeting will begin at 6:00 followed by social hour at 7:00 and member meeting/dinner at 7:30. The Northlake Holiday Inn is located at 2158 Ranchwood Drive, Atlanta, GA 30345. The phone number for the hotel is 770-934-6000. Please make every effort to attend. There is a great deal for the club to discuss and vote on. Every member's presence is encouraged.

Mark Fitchpatrick, Correspondence Secretary



Pascavale Kingsley won Winners Dog at the Central Carolina King Charles Spaniel Club show
Paula Ayers



Kinvarrs Pistols At Dawn finished her Championship on Saturday at the Murfreesboro show. She went breed over the Specials.



Finn and Skye visiting Alzheimer residents on their weekly therapy visit to Benton House in Alpharetta - Jim & Sharon Utchy



Signature New Moon at the Chattanooga show on Saturday went Best Bred-By In Show.

Then on Sunday He went Winners Dog, Best of winners and Breed over the specials from the bred -by class. Missy Crane

A Cavalierish Weekend! By Sharon Utych

Have you heard of Meetup.com website? It is a social website where you can host a page for a club or a group with similar interests. There are all kinds of meetup groups on the Meetup.com website and in Atlanta, there is a meetup group called The Atlanta Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club meetup group. I am the organizer of this group and it mainly consists of 'pet people' and their cavaliers. We do a bunch of fun things with our cavaliers, like visit off leash parks, Halloween costume contests, a holiday party and get together, crafts and cookouts in the summer and educational seminars on grooming provided to us in the past from Sue Hardwick Bess and for the past two years, Larry & Missy Crane.

This year, we took an endeavor to take our September meetup on the road! We planned a weekend in Savannah GA where we made sure that it was all about our cavaliers and not us! In all, 14 meetup members and their guests along with 12 cavaliers trekked to Savannah and kept our fingers crossed that we would not be stormed on or that we would not boil in the heat!

It was a great weekend! On Friday, we met for a group dinner with our cavaliers at a great restaurant with a huge covered outdoor patio. The cavaliers were all the hit with the wait staff, of course. Then that evening the skies opened up long enough for us to get soaked as we headed off to our 9pm ghost tour in a hearse! The cavaliers all enjoyed the ride in the hearses and the lap time! We learned a lot about Savannah history, ghosts and orbs!

Saturday was a great day! It was cloudy and cool and no rain! We used Old Savannah Trolley Tours to "hop on and hop off" with our cavaliers throughout the city. We had lunch as a group at the City Market Café, a visit to the Grateful Hound store and our favorite store, Oliver Bentley's Biscuit Company! We toured, walked, shopped and rested. Along the way, people stopped us to take pictures, asked us about our breed and commented how beautiful they are and how they never have seen so many cavaliers in one place! We felt like rock stars!

Our highlight was our Oliver Bentley Biscuit Company walking tour with Mr. Eric (proprietor of Oliver Bentleys), Abby (Mr. Eric's lab) and Ollie B. himself! We walked around various squares and learned the history of Savannah on our dog walking tour. After the tour, we had dinner at a local upscale restaurant with our cavaliers (of course). It was a grand time!

One comment we heard throughout the weekend was how well behaved our cavaliers were. From the tour trolley, the wait staff at each restaurant, the store personnel to people walking along the street asking to pet or take pictures of our cavaliers...everyone said how wonderfully friendly our cavaliers are! The ONLY exception to that would be other dogs...especially of the non-cavalier type! Everyfur started barking at dogs passing by and stopping, especially the French Bulldogs! On one of our walks, we ran into two cavaliers in a square and every tail went wagging into overdrive. However, no barking!

Sunday turned into a beautiful sunny day to leisurely eat breakfast and drive back home to Atlanta. It was a great weekend with our cavaliers! Savannah is very dog-friendly town and if you want to vacation with your cavalier, I highly recommend Savannah. Just make sure you always carry water and a blanket for your cavalier! – Sharon Utych

Meet the Breed Booth Volunteers Needed

We are holding our AKC sanctioned Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) activity on Sunday, October 5 at the Chattahoochee Pet Fest in Duluth GA. Our club has a "Meet the Breed" tent at the event where we have all sorts of fun! Club members bring their cavaliers for the attendees to meet and pet. In addition, attendees get to speak with responsible cavalier breeders and owners who can educate them on our precious breed and hopefully steer them away from puppy mill and backyard breeders. You will be surprised how many people who stop by are unaware of the concerns we have regarding the health of these cavaliers that are being bred purely for monetary gain and those breeders that seemingly have no concern of the overall health and conformation of the breed.

We also have educational packets that we give to the children that contain crayons, pencil, stickers, an AKC balloon, color sheets, educational game sheets, AKC brochures on being a responsible dog owner, RDO pledge, Rescue Trust information and our club information.

It is a great time to spend networking with people who are interested in the breed and our club members outside the ring and monthly meetings!

The club provides the tent, table, water and the handouts. We need you to volunteer you and your cavaliers for an hour or two at the Pet Fest. There is usually a member that brings an x-pen, but bring a chair and make sure you have your cavalier leashed!

The event is held at the Chattahoochee Dog Park, 4291 Rogers Bridge Rd, Duluth from 10am to 4pm. There will be lots of vendors, rescues, vet booths, silent auction, pet blessing and the naming of the Dog Mayor of Duluth!

Interested in coming, helping, and meeting potential cavalier owners? Come on down and volunteer!

Please let Alice Alford know if you can help!

We need YOU and YOUR cavaliers to represent OUR breed!



It's Almost Puppy Picnic Time!

Can you believe that in only two short months our annual puppy picnic will be here! WHERE did the year go?! Let us pray for great autumn weather; cool, crisp autumn air with lots of sunshine! As you remember, last year's picnic was canceled due to inclement weather, so we are keeping our fingers, toes and paws crossed that November 2 will be a bright sunshiny day with moderate temperatures!

If you have not received your Evite invitation in your email or any of the weekly email notifications from Evite, please send Sharon Utych an email at utyach@earthlink.net and she will add you to the list to receive and respond to the Evite.

Why do we need you to respond to the Evite invitation? To put on a picnic of this size, we need to know how many people are coming so we have enough food to feed everyone! Moreover, we need to know for our doctors how many cavaliers they can expect at the health clinic. These are the most important responses we need from you if you are planning on attending.

Additionally, we will have Therapy Dogs Inc come and test, so if you are planning to have your cavalier tested to become a registered therapy dog, we need to know this. If no one wants this, then we do not want the tester to come all way out to the picnic for no reason (it is a drive for her). There are a series of questions to respond to once you RSVP "yes" for the picnic, and we really need you to respond to them. Several folks have not responded, so please take the time to go back into the Evite details online and respond! THANK YOU!

If you can help with the set up on Saturday, November 1, please contact Linda Whitmire directly. Many hands make light work in getting everything prepared for Sunday.

The picnic is open to members and non-members alike. If you know of any of your puppy people that would like to attend, send Sharon their email information so an invitation can be emailed to them.

Beginning this year, you can PREPAY for your health clinic! You can visit our website and pay online via PayPal (you do not need to have a PayPal account to do this); or you can print out the payment form and send in your check to our club treasurer, Sue Bess. Of course, you can still pay at the picnic (cash or check).

Visit our club website, www.ckcscatlanta.org for FULL DETAILS on the Puppy Picnic!

It has its own tab on the left hand side of the home page.

It's on the Club website!

What is on the club website? Have you checked it out this past month? We have some easy payment methods on the website for the following activities:

Puppy Picnic Health Clinics – you have the option to prepay using the online store OR downloading the payment form and sending it into Sue Bess prior to the Puppy Picnic. This saves you time at the picnic with paying! Plus, do not forget that there are links on the payment page to download the OFA forms to complete PRIOR to the picnic. That definitely saves time!

Holiday Party Reservations – you also have the option of paying using our online store OR downloading the payment form and sending it into Sue Bess prior to the party!

2015 Specialty Banquet – you have the option of paying using the online store OR downloading the payment form and sending it into Sue Bess!

Also, there are direct links on the 2015 Specialty Show tab to take you directly to the Info-dog.com site to register! Do not forget our Trophy Fund donation also has an online option and a form to download! Lastly, check out the 2015 ACKCSC National Specialty tab as this information has been updated with a link to take you directly to the National website for all the National information!

In addition, did you know...under the Membership tab, there is information on how to nominate a person for the CKCSCGA Member of the Year. We are also working on placing the annual membership renewal online, which would be a first for our club!

One Possible Cause of Fading Puppy Syndrome

Submitted by Mark Fitchpatrick

I recently read an article concerning a study on treating umbilical cords of newborn babies in third world countries where umbilical cord treatment is not the norm. The study found that the mortality rate for those babies whose umbilical cords were treated fell a full 20% once the mothers were taught how to treat the cord until it fell off. The mothers were taught to treat the cord with a simple antiseptic. They found that bacteria can enter the untreated cord through the open end even when there is no sign or symptom of redness and those babies would fade and die.

In the US the cords of newborns are routinely treated in every hospital. It is strongly suggested that the umbilical cord of every newborn puppy be treated immediately following birth and every day until the cord dries and falls off. Several things can be used to treat the cord.....Betadine, hand sanitizer, alcohol, iodine. Bacteria entering the cord could quite possibly lead to a fading puppy.

MINUTES OF MEETING
CKCSCGA - REGULAR MEETING

September, 2, 2014

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 7:33PM by Alice Alford, Pres.

WELCOME GUESTS: no guests

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Quorum Present? Yes

Regular members: Alice Alford, Susan Bess, Mark Fitchpatrick, Paula Ayers, Sharon Onorato, Missy Crane.

Associate members: George Manley, Beverly Manley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

A motion was made by Missy Crane to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2014 meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Paula Ayers. Motion carried.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

None

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY:

George and Beverly Manley submitted application for Regular membership. Their transition from Associate to Regular membership was approved.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

none

REPORT OF TREASURER:

We had a beginning balance in the checking account of \$12,067.46. Total expenses were \$140.99, giving us a balance of \$11,926.47 on August 31, 2014. The savings account balance is \$10,030.29. The petty cash balance is \$122.00.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Chattahoochee Puppy Fest - Missy Crane stated that she will attend. Need to get tent from Linda Whitmire. Missy Crane offered to get tent. Hand out packets are prepared.

Puppy Picnic - Nov 2. Health clinics are set up.

Holiday Party - Dec 14. Club will subsidize \$5 per person. Same prices as last year. Changing menu.

Show committee - Ken Bess will be show chair. Trophies - Paula Ayers and Linda Whitmire. Ribbons - Beverly Manley.

Sharon Onorato will handle advertising and publicity. Sharon is given a budget of \$250 per year. If she needs more money it will be discussed and approved by board.

Beverly Manley will be education chair

Banquet will be at hotel - \$35, subsidized \$10

Silent auction at show -

Live auction at banquet - 4 or 5 very nice items

Mark Fitchpatrick will be auction chair

Judges Hospitality - Sue Bess

Ringside snacks - Mark Fitchpatrick

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

By-law committee has been formed. Mark Fitchpatrick, Sharon Onorato, and Beverly Manley will be on the committee. First function will be to discuss the feasibility.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:21PM Missy Crane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Paula Ayers. The motion carried.