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## FROM IRAQ TO OHIO

Not many people find a best friend in a paper sack half way around the world, in a country littered with war and terrorists. But, that is what happened when Marine Cpl. Jeffery A. Boskovitch, a Reserve Marine from Akron, Ohio, decided to befriend a tiny mutt. For some pocket change and little bit of candy, the pup became his. It would have been impossible to guess that this friendship would span half the globe, involve the Commandant of the Marine Corps, a couple of Army generals and a congressman, and pull the heartstrings of thousands of Ohio residents.

Boskovitch, a sniper with 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, found the puppy when he decided to inspect a paper bag carried by an Iraqi boy sometime in June. Inside the bag was a small brown and black dog. He convinced the child to sell the puppy for a quarter and three jellybeans. The boy agreed and Boskovitch called the dog Beans. Boskovitch and other members of the unit took care of the mutt and declared Beans their unofficial mascot. In a letter to his mother, he wrote, "Beans is so cool." He emailed photos of Beans to his mother and she began raising money to get Beans to Ohio. Although Boskovitch grew up around dogs, he always wanted one of his own. According to Boskovitch's mother, Kathy Wright, he told his girlfriend he wanted to get a dog when he got home from Iraq. "Jeff always wanted a dog, is

own dog. He liked big dogs, something he could wrestle with," said Wright.

However, Boskovitch did not get off the plane with the rest of the members of

3/25 when they returned to Cleveland Oct. 6. The young corporal was killed Aug. 1 in an ambush attack which left

five other Marine snipers dead as well. His wish to get Beans home to Ohio sent his mother on a mission. "I never meant for Beans to be a replacement for my son. I just felt I had to honor his request," Wright said.

When the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Michael W. Hagee, visited the families of the fallen warriors Aug. 12 and asked if there was anything he could do, Wright showed him the picture of her son with Beans. "Please help me get this dog home," Wright said she plead. "He smiled and said he would do whatever he possibly could." Hagee stood by his word and established "Operation Beans." Finding Beans, however, proved to be more difficult than first imagined. Marines of 3/25 were hiding Beans. "Finding Beans took a little while because the boys were hiding her. They were scared that if

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## WHAT'S ON MY MIND Lu Dunham

Wow, I can't believe November is already half over. The holidays are fast approaching and there's no way I'll be ready for Santa Paws.

As you may have heard, Helen and I have bought a new home. By the time you read this we should be through closing and starting to do the remodeling we have planned and starting to pack. We hope to be moving in by the first of 2006. We'll still be in Newnan, about 6 ½ miles from where we are now. So needless to say, things are a bit busy at our place, so this will be brief.

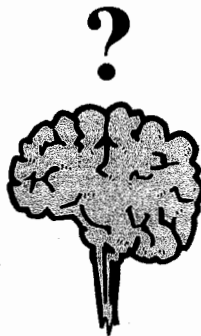
I'm sure you're all busy too, with plans and preparations for the holidays, but please, if you haven't already done so, take a few minutes out for our club. Respond to the membership survey. You should have gotten an email with the details... but if you didn't simply paste this address into your web browser: <http://www.ckscatlanta.org/survey/index.php?sid=3>

We hope that the information obtained from this survey will help us to meet your needs and goals as members of our club. If we don't hear from you, we can't begin to respond to your desires.

Don't forget to renew your membership and plan to attend the holiday party (12/11) at the Herings. Details are in this issue.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Lu



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# Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta

## Holiday Party & Gift Swap

Sunday, December 11th, 2:00 p.m.



Where: Home of Vickie & Jeff Herring, 97 Spivey Chase Trail, Jonesboro  
(directions below)

Co-hosted by: Sue Hardwick

What you need to do:

- (1) RSVP to Vickie at 678-284-0086, Sue at 404-486-9148 or email CavParty@aol.com
- (2) Bring a side dish to share. Last names beginning:  
A-E bring a vegetable dish  
F-L bring a starch dish  
M-Z bring a dessert

The main course will be Honey Baked Ham furnished by the club. Beverages will be furnished by Jeff & Vickie. Please keep in mind when planning your dish we usually have a large group attending.

- (3) If you wish to participate in the Gift Swap, bring a wrapped gift valued at around \$25+. Items are ususally Cavalier or dog related. Participation is not limited to club members, guest are welcomed to bring a gift and take part.

Directions:

- ◆ I-75 Exit 224, Hudson Bridge Rd. & Eagles Landing Parkway
- ◆ From southbound 75 turn right on Hudson Bridge Rd - from northbound 75 turn left
- ◆ Straight on Hudson Bridge Rd. until it intersects with Jodeco Rd., turn right on Jodeco Rd.
- ◆ From Joedeco Rd. turn right on Spivey Chase Lane (5th street on right)
- ◆ 97 Spivey Chase Trail is on the left at the corner of Spivey Chase Lane & Trail (circular driveway entering from both streets)

PROPOSED AGENDA: DECEMBER

- Minutes of last meeting - corrections/additions
- Report of the Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Report of the Committees:
  - CKCSC Gr. Atlanta 2006 Show/
  - ACKCSC 2006 National Show
  - Seminar
  - Wrap Up Party
  - 50/50 Drawing
  - Ads
  - Fund Raising
- Sunshine
- Rescue
- Unfinished Business:
  - Puppy Picnic
  - Supported Entry - Priceville, AL
  - Survey
  - Nominating Committee 2005
  - Holiday Party 2005
  - Programs for 2006—CGC, Bench Committee, Red Cross Pet First Aid
- New Business:

ROOMMATE WANTED

Looking for someone who wants to share a room at Callaway Gardens for the 2006 National Specialty and for the CKCSC of Greater Atlanta Specialty Shows. If you are interested please contact Kim Jennings at:  
kimjennings@direcway.com

CONGRATULATIONS

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Southern California posted the following to the ACKCSC National List just after our last newsletter was sent out.

***The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Southern California has been granted the status of 'licensed' by the AKC.***

Congratulations to all of their club members for the hard work that we know it took to get to this point. This makes them the 6th regional Cavalier King Charles Spaniel club licensed to hold Specialty shows.

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**Membership Dues & Breeder Referral Reminder**

You should have received your membership dues and breeder referral renewal form in the mail already. There is also a form included in the newsletter. Print it out and mail with your dues to:  
Vickie Herring, Treasurer CKCSCGA, 97 Spivey Chase Trail,  
Jonesboro, GA 30236-5476.

# CLUB MINUTES

The November, 2005 meeting of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta, Inc. was called to order at 7:30PM on 11-01-2005 at the Steak and Ale on LaVista Rd. Fourteen members were present.

Steve Lewis made a motion to accept the October minutes as published in the newsletter. Seconded by Susan Lewis. Motion passed.

## Secretary Report

Alice Alford read the following applications for associate membership for the second time; Denise Hawkins, of Kennesaw, and Bill Trapnell, of Atlanta. They were voted unanimously into the club.

Alice Alford read letter from the ACKCS Rescue Trust Board of Trustees, thanking our club for our second donation of \$250.00 for aid to the canine victims of hurricane Katrina.

## Treasurer Report

Vickie Herring gave the treasurer's report. Vickie also advised that she would be sending membership renewal statements by U.S. Mail this year since we now send our newsletters by e-mail.

## GA Coalition

Lu asked if we wanted to renew our membership in the Ga Coalition. Discussion held and this was tabled to next meeting.

## Committee Reports

### Show Committee

David Fischer, show chairman, advised that the AKC has approved our show. David also asked for volunteers to help at our show. There was discussion about who could show their dogs if they were part of show committee. A motion was made by Paula Ayers that the Show Chairman and the Judges Hospitality Chair would not be allowed to show their own dogs but their dogs could be shown by someone else. Seconded by Susan Lewis. Motion carried. The following committee positions were discussed.

# NOVEMBER

Sonya Thompson volunteered to be Assistant Show Chairman. Advertising – Someone suggested Geri Dueringer and David will call her. Announcer, since we have two paid stewards, we will ask one of them to do announcing. Catalog Chairman – Paula Ayers, Canine Good Citizen – Alice Alford. Exhibitor hospitality – everyone in our club! Finance – Vickie Herring. Grounds – Richard Grapp. Hotel Liaison – Lu Dunham. Judges Gifts – Susan Haller. Judges Hospitality – David Fischer and Geri Dueringer. Publicity – No committee needed as the National Club will be including us in their advertising at no cost. Paula Ayers volunteered to post to L-List and Cavalier List. Trophy – Helen Jesse. Seminar – Paula Ayers, with the help of Vickie Herring, Brenda Martz, and Sue Hardwick. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help at our show please contact David Fischer at [Ca-noebrook@hotmail.com](mailto:Ca-noebrook@hotmail.com).

Other discussion concerning our show:

Advertising rates for our catalog. We will charge \$75.00 per page with 1 photo, \$60.00 per page without a photo. \$50.00 for half page with one photo and \$40.00 for half page without photo. \$30.00 for one fourth page which will be a business card with no photo.

Fund Raising – Suggestion to have a 50/50 cash drawing. Lu will ask National Board if we can sell tickets all week. Drawing to be held at Wrap-Up-Party on Sunday. Suggestion to have a raffle at the Conyers shows in February. Alice Alford volunteered to collect items from members and also will donate wire crate to put items in. Paula Ayers to contact Conyers Club for permission to hold this fund raiser.

Health Clinics- Our club decided we did not need to have additional clinics as the National's Clinics will be held on Wednesday PM, All day Thursday, and Friday AM.

Wrap Up Party – Discussion of how much the club wishes to pay towards this event. David

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Fischer volunteered to donate \$500.00 to help fund this event. There will be a cash bar also.

Show Photographer – Bonnie Gray

### **Old Business**

#### **Puppy Picnic**

Gerri Dueringer and Alice Alford to plan this to be held in spring.

#### **Priceville show**

Trophies have been shipped.

### **Discussion**

Jeff Herring asked the status of Mike Lander being a vendor at the National and our show. Lu and Helen advised they have not heard anything back from the National Committee for Corporate Sponsors. The National is in charge of all vendors for the entire week. Lu advised she would contact Michael as soon as she heard anything.

### **Holiday Party**

Jeff and Vickie Herring have volunteered to host the Christmas party at their home again this year on December 11, beginning at 2:00pm. They live in Stockbridge. Look for more information on this and mark calendars.

### **Survey**

Sue Hardwick will finish and send out.

### **New Business**

#### **Judges nomination**

As a member club of the ACKSC, Parent Club, we are given the opportunity to have in put on judges for the National Show. This year we are asked to contribute 4 regular or breed judges and 4 sweepstakes judges. These names should be turned in to Lu by Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.

Lu asked for volunteers for the Judges Selection Committee for the years 2008 and 2009 for our shows. Paula Ayers volunteered to chair this committee with Helen Jesse and Marlene

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Anderson as committee members. Paula asked for any suggestions to be e-mailed to her at [playerscav@aol.com](mailto:playerscav@aol.com) These can be American or International judges.

Susan Lewis made a motion to adjourn and Helen Jesse seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Alford, Secretary

### **November attendance**

Alice Alford  
Carolyn Powell  
Sonya Thompson  
Lu Dunham  
Susan Robinson  
David Fischer  
Jeff Herring  
Vickie Herring  
Paula Ayers  
Sue Hardwick  
Susan Lewis  
Steve Lewis  
Helen Jesse  
Michael Lander

## 2006 WESTMINSTER

The following Cavaliers have received 'official' Westminster invitations for the 2006 Westminster Kennel Club Show:

CHARTERWOOD MARQUIS  
CRAIGOWL JARROW  
FREDERIK V.H. LAMSLAG  
HURLEAZE BRISTOL BLUE  
LYMREY HI OCTANE

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she was discovered, they'd have to get rid of her," Wright said. Wright stayed steadfast, never giving up hope, knowing the dog was there somewhere. Hagee was determined as well, directing his staff to get everything worked out. "If Beans can comfort the mother of a fallen Marine, then it is our pleasure to help," said Hagee's spokesman. Referring to Hagee, Wright said, "He was so polite, compassionate and sincere. I know generals are busy and are used to barking out orders, but he wasn't a general, he was a gentleman,"

After a month and a half of phone calls and appealing to whoever would listen, everyone's persistence paid off. Beans was on her way to a new home. The logistics were all worked out, and the Marines would fund the flight for Beans to arrive aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., via Spain, or so everyone thought. Days before her scheduled flight home, Beans would again face uncertainty. Orders to fly Beans across the world were not signed and the Army would not sign a waiver. Wright, disheartened, called everyone she could think of, including Ohio Congressman, Dennis J. Kucinich. Once again, her determination proved triumphant. Beans was soon to be hers, finally.

Wright credits Hagee, his staff, U.S. Army Generals George W. Casey and John P. Abizaid, and Congressman Kucinich for making her son's wish come true. "It was a joint effort among the Marines, the Army and even the Air Force, because Beans flew to North Carolina on a C-5. I just want to thank everyone. General Hagee, General Casey, General Abizaid, my congressman and all the many people I don't even know," Wright said. Beans finally arrived at Cherry Point on Oct. 5. She made a trip to Camp Lejeune later that evening to spend a final night with her friends in 3/25. Sgt. Derrick Moore, an Embark Chief from Brook Park, Ohio, volunteered to pick Beans up at Camp Lejeune and fly back with her. "I know it means so much to Mrs. Wright. I felt it was an honor to pick up

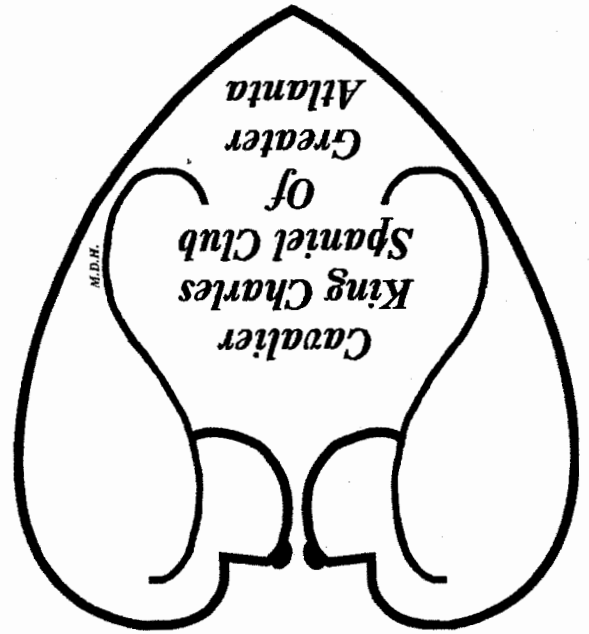
Beans and deliver Beans to her," said Moore. Beans arrived in Ohio around 1:30 pm. on Friday. "It was bittersweet. I knew Jeff wasn't getting off the plane, but I was so happy to have Beans," Wright said. Beans was thin and seemed tired, but Wright said she had to take her to visit Jeffery before anything else.

"I took her to Holy Cross Cemetery where Jeff is buried. That was the first thing we did. I wanted him to see that she was here. Then I asked Jeff, 'Now what?'" Wright recalled. As of Friday, Beans was getting checked out by the vet and taking a break from all the attention. "She may have sand ticks or sand fleas. I mainly just wanted her to rest," said Wright.

Wright says she is not sure if dogs should be a part of a unit or not. She was sure there were many stories about Beans and her time spent with 3/25. She heard that Beans was a part of several missions, including alerting the unit to an ambush attempt. Whether Beans deserves to pin on a rank is questionable. For now, she said she was just happy to finally have Beans with her. "I'm the type of person who follows the rules. If the rules say 'no dogs,' then I stand by that. I wouldn't want it to cause distractions or diseases. But, the reality is that people care for loving animals," said Wright.

There are numerous stories left untold by veterans who had reluctantly left their four-legged friends behind, but not this one. A friendship forged at war formed a mother's will. The mother's will tested a general's commitment. The general's commitment had, in the end, honored a warrior's final wish. Welcome to the United States, Beans.

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## Important CKCSC of Grater Atlanta Meeting Notice

### **Steak & Ale**

**2150 North Lake Parkway, 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: 770—939—3582