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A TRUE COMFORTER SPANIEL

Hi, my name is Cooper. Until last week I lived with my Mama "B". I want to share our story with you.

When I was born there were three of us in our litter. Everyone told my Cavalier mom that she did just perfect –it was exactly the number of puppies that was needed to make everybody happy. I can still remember living and playing with my two other brothers. Repeatedly I was told I was a very lucky boy –I already had a Mama that had waited for several years just for me!

Once I was old enough, my Mama "B" came to Atlanta to see me. She and I spent a week getting to know one another. She had to learn how to take care of me (she had never owned a dog before in her life) and wanted to make sure that she knew everything that she needed before we went home to make our life together. To get to our home I had to get into a black bag and go on something called an airplane - it was kind of fun, every time I stuck my head out people would stop and come and pet me. I liked that - traveling on airplanes isn't that bad.

When we got to our new home I found that I had a "sister", her name was Ronnie –she was a cat. It took me awhile to make friends with her, but I succeeded. She and I learned to sleep on the couch together with Mama "B".

Mama "B" had to go to work every day and sometimes she stayed away over night, but she had a nice lady come in and take care of Ronnie and me several times each day.

We went on long walks in the park where I met other Cavaliers. There were squirrels to chase and birds

to bark at. Life was wonderful. Mama "B" and I even got to go on something called a vacation, where I met her parents (my grandparents), her brother Tom and her best friend Penny.

Over a year ago, Mama "B" got sick and had to go to something called a hospital. She stayed there for many days. When she came home we got to spend time on the couch together while she got better. Then everything went back to almost normal, though Mama "B" would stay home one day a week because the medicine she was taking made her so sick. I liked it when she was home with me, though I felt really bad that she was sick. I just laid real quite next to her and tried to make her feel better.

Our life got back to normal and things were going really well. Then this past fall Mama "B" went to the doctor and he told her that her cancer was back. Mama "B" took the news pretty good and started making more plans. This time she said that we were going to move so that we could be closer to Uncle Tom and Penny. It would be really good for both of us to have friends and family close by.

When Christmas came, she told me that she was going to take a trip and talk with Uncle Tom and Penny about moving close to them. I would stay home cause it would be easier for her to travel this way.

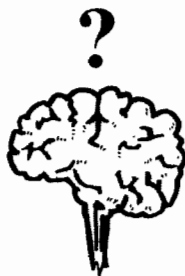
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WHAT'S ON MY MIND

Lu Dunham

Wow, things sure have gotten busy all of a sudden! Final stuff for the premium, another dog in rescue, last minute stuff coming in for the auction and trying to get info about the show to Roxy for the website. At least we all have power back and there are no more ice storms in sight.



I guess the thing that has occupied my mind the most in the past few weeks is the ever growing issue of puppy mills and brokers in our area. I've lost count of how many calls I've had with people telling me horror stories about puppies they've either met and considered buying or actually took ownership of and then realized that the dog was ill or had some underlying genetic defect that was not disclosed upon purchase. These are coming from the internet and also the Atlanta area newspapers.

I really feel that we as a club and as responsible breeders need to re-visit this issue and see what we can do to educate the public about puppy mills, irresponsible breeding and the health issues related to our breed. I'm not sure what it is that we need to do, but would like to explore our options. So I've added the topic to the agenda for the March meeting. Please be thinking of ideas. Certainly a "Meet the Breed" could serve this function, but I'm sure there are other ways too. I'm thinking again about ads in the newspaper, or trying to get someone to do an article? With our show coming up we might be able to generate some interest from the press.

Anyway, that's it for now. Let me say again how nice it is to see folks turning out for the meetings, especially those we haven't seen in a while!

PROPOSED AGENDA: MARCH

Minutes of last meeting - corrections/additions

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Report of the Committees:

Show 2005

Atlanta - National 2006

Rescue

Sunshine

Unfinished Business:

Computer Raffle

Trophy - winners dog 4/2004

Puppy Picnic

New Business:

Trip to Callaway

Public Education

A COMFORTER SPANIEL

It was right after the holidays that Mama "B" got the flu and had to go to the hospital again. I didn't get to see and was real worried. Uncle Tom and a variety of others came and stayed in our house. They tried to be nice to me, but it wasn't the same without my Mama "B". I kept trying to ask them where is my Mama - but all they would tell me is that she was sick and in the hospital. Everyone was very sad, I tried to cuddle up with them and give them kisses so that they would stop being so sad but it didn't work.

Finally one day Penny came and told me I was going to visit my Mama "B". She was no longer at the hospital, but in something called a Hospice - at least I could see her now. When I got to her room I ran and jumped on her bed and gave her kisses. All Mama "B" could say was "I love my Cooper, I love my Cooper". I saw that she had my picture on her wall so she could see me whenever she looked up.

Penny played with me and let me sleep in her bed every night. She made sure that I got to visit Mama



"B" everyday. After a couple of days, Mama "B" was sleeping most of the time so I just laid next to her real quite. She would rub my head sometimes, but most of the time she just slept.

Even after Penny left to go to her home, Uncle Tom would take me to visit Mama "B". But then one day nobody went to visit Mama "B". I was told that Mama "B" had gone to be with the angels. Mama "B" had made plans with Penny that I would go and live with her, so off I went on a long car ride.

When I got to my destination Penny had not yet arrived. I was so glad when she got there, I gave her kisses all over. Penny explained to me that Mama "B" was now our own special angel and she would watch out for both of us now.

The next evening Penny took me to where there were a lot of people, many of them were crying and very sad. I went from group to group trying to make them feel better. Some would look at me and smile and then they would pet my head. At the end of the evening Penny took me up to where there was a very large box. She lifted me up so I could see into it. There was my Mama "B"! Penny let me lean down and give Mama "B" one last kiss on her cheek. As we both said goodbye to Mama "B" I hugged Penny really tight. I kissed Penny to tell it that it was going to be all right, I would be her Cavalier now. We both loved Mama "B" so very much and would miss her. Mama "B"'s last gift to each of us was to make sure that I would live with Penny in the days ahead; so that I could do what I do best —be a comforter spaniel.

TROPHY FUND

Thank you to the following club members for their trophy fund donations. We have received **80%** of what was donated last year. Our club now has **75** households in our membership roster. To date we have received donations from **30** of these households. We need to hear from the remaining **45** households. Any size donation is always welcomed and of course is greatly appreciated. I am asking each one of you to find a way to send your donation for the trophy fund to Vicki Herring within the next **4** weeks. There is not much time left to collect what is needed to cover our expenses for our April 2005 Specialty. If you want to be recognized as a trophy donor in the 2005 Specialty catalog we must have your donation recorded by March 1st.

Benefactors (\$100 or >)

Linda Baird & Rebecca Hefty
 Vicki & Jeff Herring
 Helen Jesse & Lu Dunham
 Judy and Bob Tschetter
 Margaret Valentine & Sunni Dunn
 Rita & John Guest
 David Fisher
 Kathy Aycock
 Ruthann Garretson

Sponsors (\$50 or >)

Marlene Anderson
 Paula Ayers & Brenda Martz
 Debbie Dame
 Sharon Dones & Shyla Henderson
 Sheree Moses
 Susan Haller
 Kristin and Larry Jacks
 Carol Quaif
 Alice Alford & Carolyn Powell
 Carolyn Adams
 Carol Upthegrove

Donors (\$25 or >)

Deborah Brown
 Judy Farthing
 Mindee & Vic Hill
 Milanka Ingram
 Karen Evans
 Andrew Duval
 Joy Hovis

MEETING MINUTES

The February, 2005 meeting of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta, Inc. was called to order at 7:45PM on 02-01-2005 at the Red Lobster on LaVista Rd.. by President, Lu Dunham. Eighteen (18) members and 3 guests were present.

A motion was made by Steve Lewis accept the January minutes as published in the newsletter. Seconded by Paula Ayers. Motion passed.

Secretary Report

Alice Alford was absent. John and Rita Guest have met the requirements for and wish to be regular members. They were voted on at the last meeting and are welcomed as new regular members. Lu Dunham read 2 associate membership applications. Helen Davis , Gray TN, and David and Patty Miller, Oak Ridge TN.

Treasurer Report

The current total in the General Fund is \$3637.73. Vickie asked if the group wanted the line item treasurer's report to be handed out at each meeting. After some discussion, it was decided to only report the balance. If a member wishes to see the line item report, they can request it from Vickie at any time. This will save considerable time and cost for printing.

Committee Reports

2005 Show Committee

Helen Jesse wanted to know if the group wanted to continue the Logo Chocolate coins for the banquet and show. A show of hands indicated that the group did not wish to have the coins this year.

Box Lunches for ringside on Sunday - we can get Honey Baked Ham's "Executive Box Lunches" at a cost of \$5.00 plus delivery, tax, etc. Lu reviewed the choices and it was decided to offer 3 options - Turkey Sandwich with Pasta Salad, Ham Sandwich with Fruit Salad, and

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Roast Beef Sandwich with Potato Salad. All box lunches will come with chips and a pickle. The club will also provide water and sweet tea, plus a dessert item. Lu will get firm prices and determine what we need to charge for the box lunches to cover costs.

2006 Show and National

Everything is on track. Callaway has invited us to come for a visit before the show. . We could have a meeting there.

There will not be regional baskets this year at the National. Regional Clubs have been asked to contribute 330 of any item for the Welcome Bags. Lu has contacted Callaway about a contribution for the Welcome Bags, perhaps bottles of their water, Callaway Blue. Any other ideas for what we could contribute as a club should be directed to Lu.

Rescue

Susan Lewis reported that a new dog has come into rescue. Mackenzie is approx. one year old, tri- female. She has been spayed by Dr. Hamer and is recuperating. There was a problem in her home with a 4 year old child treating her badly. She probably will do best if placed in a home with no small children.

Sunshine

Marlene Anderson's husband is back in the hospital. Our thoughts are with him and hopes for a speedy recovery..

Unfinished Business

Computer. Gerri Dueringer was absent.

Membership match

Discussion was held about having a Puppy Match, Membership Match or Picnic in May, but not before the 15th. This will be held at Brenda Martz home . Brenda will look at her calendar

MEETING MINUTES

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and Paula will check the show calendar. They will get back with us in March.

WD Trophy 2004 Issues

Vickie has heard from Tanice Berst about paying for the trophy she was asked to return. There are issues with Canadian vs US Dollars. Vickie will advise us next month with the progress.

New Business

Programs

Marlene wants us to have a round table discussion about our plans for our cavaliers. There will be an opportunity to have such discussions at the conclusion of each meeting for those that are interested.

Marlene also suggested that our club host a traveling visit to local breeders, charge a fee and invite any interested parties. She will work on details of how this would work.

Other

Lu announced that for the first time there will be filming of the breeds at Westminster. Westminster Kennel Club website will offer streaming video of each breed competition.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Robinson, Acting Secretary

eNEWSLETTER

Last month we announced the trial of an eNewsletter. Well thanks to computer problems and an ice storm that hit Atlanta, the trial of an eNewsletter did not happen. As editor I want to let you know why this did not happen and say that we are going to try again this month. Please see Alice's message from last month as to why we are trying to move to this delivery mode.

We are trying a new way of distributing the newsletter to our membership. Since publication costs keep going up (printing and postage), we thought we would try to send the newsletter out via email. I will be send the newsletter out to our membership as an Adobe Acrobat file (pdf). You should be able to read it using Acrobat Reader. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer you can obtain a "free" version by going out to the Adobe website and downloading it. Please replay to my email when you get it and let me know if you are successful in reading the document. If this works out will be discontinuing sending hard-copies of the newsletter to all who have email.

Alice Alford
Secretary
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WANTED

Articles for our newsletter

Short stories, poems, items of interest - anything written by our membership will be welcomed for publication. Please email your articles to: hejesse@mindspring.com

CKCSC of Greater Atlanta Charity Auction

As many of you already know, we have a Charity Auction at the banquet held in conjunction with our spring Specialty. As in previous years we plan to raise money for the ACKCSC Charitable Trust as well as funds needed to run our club. I already have received several wonderful donations through various contacts with outside sources (either my own or other club members). I just wanted to share some of that information with you. To date I have received or have knowledge of the following items for our auction:

- Custom framed original watercolor painting donated by Michael Allen
- Custom framed signed Cavalier prints donated by Betty Moore
- Several pieces of original sterling silver jewelry donated by Laura & Ken Ottinger (two pendants, a money clip and a key ring)
- An original hand painted porcelain chocolate box with a Blenheim Cavalier donated by Gilda Malik (artist for our top trophies 2006)
- Promise of an original handmade quilt donated by Diane Cohen
- Custom framed, signed and numbered Chris Quinn print donated by the Cavalier's of Puget Sound Cavalier club
- Several embroider towels and other various embroidery pieces donated by Susan Haller
- Cavalier rug donated by Judy & Bob Tschetter
- Custom framed needlepoint artwork donated by Susan Robinson
- Luggage tags and magnets donated by Gone Doggin
- Cavalier ornament from Poland donated by Janice Zuckerman (www.thewoofery.com)
- Blenheim Cavalier yard statue donated by Susan Haller
- Custom framed, original Copper Tooling artwork donated by Ray Romanini
- Gift certificate for a custom sketch of your Cavalier donated by Ray Romanini
- Hand painted Cavalier shirt donated by Vicki and Jeff Herring
- Cavalier statue donated by Alice Alford
- 100\$ gift certificate donated by Pat and Mike Landers for a shopping spree in their booth
- Walnut tray with Blenheim and Tricolor Cavalier donated by Carol Bond
- Cavalier tapestry throw donated by
- Hand painted pillow with original artwork of two Ruby Cavaliers donated by Judy Gates
- Whole color Cavalier art work donated by artist Chris Quinn

Remember that since we are hosting the National Specialty in 2006 this is the only auction that we will have until our Specialty in 2007. Our 2005 auction will be raising the \$2,500 that we need to complete our pledge to the Charitable Trust; any money raised beyond that amount will be placed in our club's general fund to help with the cost of our 2006 & 2007 Specialty Shows. We really need to make this the best auction yet in order to raise the funds that we need for the next two years!

**Please bring your auction items to the March meeting and give them to Lu so that I can make sure that they get into to auction program or send them to me at:
290 Hendrix Rd. Newnan, GA 30263**

Thank you for you participation
Helen Jesse
Auction Chair

TROPHY DONORS NEEDED NOW

CKCSC of Greater Atlanta Trophy Fund Donation

Benefactor = \$100 or more; **Sponsor** = \$50 or more ; **Donor** = \$25 or more;
Friend = less than \$25

Print clearly how you would like your donation to be identified in our
Specialty Show catalog

(donations must be received by March 1st in order to meet catalog deadlines)

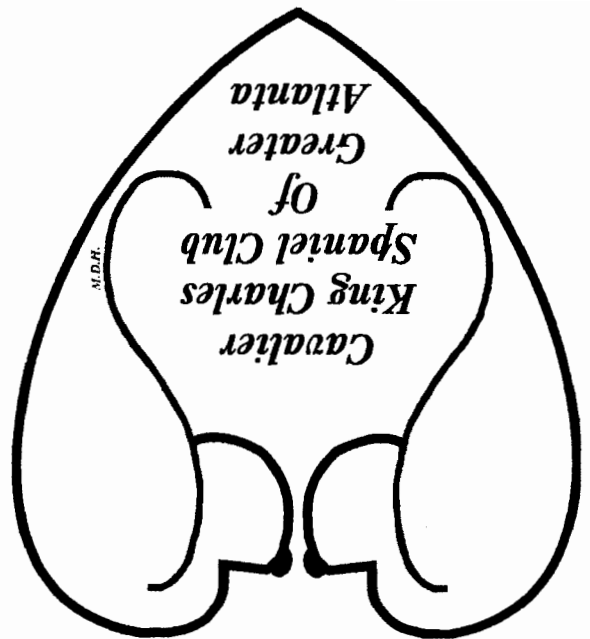
All donations are welcomed and needed.

Please return this form along with your check to:

Vicki Herring
97 Spivey Chase Trail
Jonesboro, GA 30236—5476

Make checks payable to:

CKCSC of Greater Atlanta



Address club correspondence to:
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C/o Alice Alford, Secretary
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Hillsboro, GA 31038
Address Newsletter correspondence to:
Helen Jesse
Email: oskot@mindspring.com

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.