



# The Cavalier Chronicle

## Auburn University Offers CM Screening for Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and Brussels Griffons

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### Upcoming Events

Next meeting

June 3rd

The Wilford and Kate Bailey Small Animal Teaching Hospital at Auburn University is now offering a Chiari-like malformation (CM) screening package to owners and breeders of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and Brussels Griffons. Referrals are not required and limited appointments will be offered on Thursdays only. To schedule a CM screening, call the Bailey Small Animal Teaching Hospital front desk at 334-844-4690.

CM, a malformation of the skull, is a common cause of syringomyelia (SM) in dogs. The Auburn University CM screenings will identify dogs with CM or the likelihood of developing SM. Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and Brussels Griffons with CM/SM are not recommended for breeding.

To qualify for the CM screening package the dogs must be at least one year old and asymptomatic (showing no signs of CM/SM). Pre anesthetic testing (blood work and thoracic radiographs) must be done by a veterinarian elsewhere within two weeks of the CM screening appointment at Auburn University.

The CM screening package includes:

- Physical and neurologic examination by the neurology/neurosurgery service
- General anesthesia • MRI of the head/neck • Two CD copies of the MRI images
- Breeding advice based on a previously published grading scheme from the British Veterinary Association

Cost of the CM/SM screening package is \$750.

The CM screening appointment may be rescheduled in case of hospital emergencies during the Auburn neurology/neurosurgery regular service. If the CM screening needs to be rescheduled, owners/breeders will be notified by hospital staff by the afternoon prior to the original appointment. During the screenings fur will be shaved for an IV catheter. The dogs will be discharged the same day, unless it is deemed medically necessary to admit to the hospital for further treatment. Dogs with clinical signs of SM (including neck pain on examination) will not be eligible for this screening procedure and asked to make an appointment for a diagnostic work-up, if desired.

**Auburn University's veterinary hospital is a teaching hospital, so students, interns, and residents may be involved in the screening and treatment of dogs. All students, interns and residents involved in the CM screenings will be overseen by a board-certified neurologist.**

The Bailey Small Animal Teaching Hospital at Auburn University is located at 1220 Wire Road, Auburn, AL 36849. To learn more about the Wilford and Kate Bailey Small Animal Teaching Hospital at Auburn University, visit [www.vetmed.auburn.edu](http://www.vetmed.auburn.edu).

Please join your fellow CKCSCGA members at the June 3rd meeting.

# BRAGS



Debbie Browns gang being hams for the camera on vacation.



We have a star among us, GCH Crème Brulee will be shown to the world on the TV show **“Satisfaction”, starting July 17th** on the USA Network.



"Finn discovers it's hard being a nursemaid 24/7 to his momma" - Sharon Utych

## Our Club Website...

Have you visited the Club website recently? Be sure to check it out as we now have it updated with all our Specialty results! In addition, we have added a few new "tabs" of information, such as the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary ACKCSC Specialty Show and a Legislation tab. We have also tried to "fill in the blanks" for our pictures of Member of the Year and Ten Year Members too! However, we still are missing a few pictures! So if you happen to have a photo of a Member of the Year or Ten Year Member that you could help us out with, please email it to Sharon Utych ([utyach@earthlink.net](mailto:utyach@earthlink.net)) to be updated onto the website.

Our Newsletter tab has been updated also. There are still some missing newsletters, so again, if you happen to have any of those missing issues on your computer, be sure to send them to Sharon to have them updated to the website!

Our Trophy Fund drive is now open ALL YEAR on our website. Here you can make a safe and secure donation ANYTIME to the Trophy Fund to offset costs for the 2015 Specialty Trophies! We still have a form you can download, complete and mail into our Treasurer. Now we have two great ways to support our Trophy Fund Drive!

Our Legislative page will be updated when there is news from the GA Canine Coalition to share and there is a link available to always check out the AKC website on updated legislative matters!

Here are a few fun statistics regarding our website traffic...

Did You Know that from January 13, 2014 to March 18, 2014?

We have had 2966 visits to our website of which 2370 were unique visitors

Approximately, there are 36 visits to our website a day lasting about 2 minutes 37 seconds.

The number one page that is visited most often is our RESCUE page (2000 views)

The next top 5 pages visited are: Home page (1348), GA Breeder Referral (1266), Breeder Info Tab (682), Therapy Dogs tab (174) and AL Breeder Referral (244)

We have had visits to our website from other sites with our link: ACKCSC.org (13), Onofrio.com (17), ackcsc.org (14).

**Most used search engine to "find" our website is google (2031), then bing (138).**

As you can see from the statistics, people come to our page looking for rescue information, breeder referrals and information on becoming a therapy dog. These are most likely prospective pet people or pet people looking for another pup or rescue. Our website is our face to the public and a way to keep them informed about our breed and our club involvement! If you have not visited our site lately, go check it out at <http://www.ckcscatlanta.org>

## AKC Announces New Therapy Dog Title Levels!

Initially this program granted the title of THD to recognize AKC dogs and their owners who have given their time and helped people by volunteering as a therapy dog and owner team. This initial title of THD was earned after 50 documented visits. In 2014, therapy dog titles were expanded to recognize those dogs who continue to serve our community with their loving touch.

Four new titles have been announced in addition to the THD title:

- AKC Therapy Dog Novice (THDN). Must have completed 10 visits.
- AKC Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA). Must have completed 100 visits.
- AKC Therapy Dog Excellent (THDX). Must have completed 200 visits.
- AKC Therapy Dog Distinguished (THDD). Must have completed 400 visits.

**Each higher title supersedes the prior title for the dog's AKC registration. However, if your dog is currently at the THD level (AKC Therapy Dog THD - Must have completed 50 visits), and you are above the 100 level of visits, you can submit paperwork to receive the THDN and THDX titles to have to display. Each is a separate registration fee. If you are at the THD level, you can submit paperwork to receive the THDN title certification, however THD will still be the title on your dog's AKC registration.**

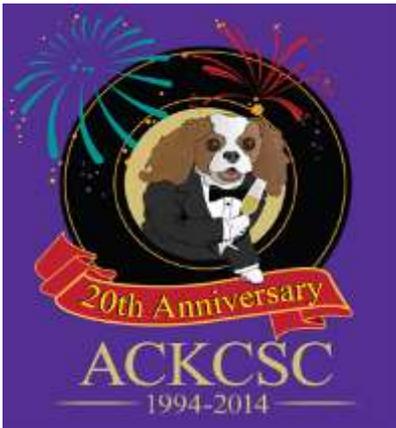
The AKC Therapy Dog Patch is earned with the THD title and subsequent patches and medallions are earned at the 100 and over visits levels.

**The AKC Therapy Dog™ program awards official AKC titles to dogs who have worked to improve the lives of the people they have visited. AKC Therapy Dog titles can be earned by dogs who have been certified by AKC recognized therapy dog organizations and have performed the required number of visits.**

AKC does not certify therapy dogs; the certification and training is done by qualified therapy dog organizations. The certification organizations are the experts in this area and their efforts should be acknowledged and appreciated.

Why Did AKC Start A Therapy Dog Title?

AKC has received frequent, ongoing requests from dog owners who participate in therapy work to **“acknowledge the great work our dogs are doing.” Many of our constituents are understandably proud of their dogs.**



## ACKCSC 20th Anniversary National – My Perspective by Sharon Onorato Utych

I attended my first ACKCSC National this past April and boy was it a wonderful time! It also happened to be the 20th anniversary of the ACKCSC so it was a standalone Specialty with LOTS AND LOTS of cavaliers in attendance! I attended with former CKCSCGA club member, Jen Wehking and helped her with her brood of St. Jon cavaliers for the week, which was a lot of fun!

The first evening was a Welcome Party and it was packed! Being from the Philadelphia area, I need to say that the buffet hors d'oeuvres were Philly girl worthy! Mini meatballs, sliders, cheese steaks, stuffed and fried veggies, the infamous “chicken balls” and hot peppers! It was a great evening of socializing, karaoke and even ACKCSC trivia bingo! Guess who won a door prize! MOI!

Then the Specialty began. This was the first year for Agility (offsite) and OB and Rally. I missed seeing these events but stayed for the sweeps and conformation. I won't go into all the winners in this update. You can check out our club website ([www.ckcscatlanta.org](http://www.ckcscatlanta.org)) for all the details of all the major winners and class winners! Just click on the 2014 ACKCSC National tab and you will see a link for all the results!

I will say this was the first year that a Black & Tan took Best in Breed! CH Mileslip Licorice, owned and bred by Sheryl Skidmore! And Sonny looked GREAT!

Of course, each day there was silent auction to benefit the ACKCSC Charitable Trust. Our club member Helen Jesse ran both the live and silent auctions and should be commended, as there was some really NICE “stuff” to bid on each day on the silent tables and during the Banquet. I even got to work the silent auction table one day and tried to sell out the available aprons and microfiber towels with Gabriel, the Charitable Trust emblem, embroidered on them. Yes, I bought everything in sight too! The vendors all brought great things and I wanted EVERYTHING! But I settled on a spaniel bowl, some more snoods for Skye, two beautiful portraits of my Finn and Skye on agate, Mary Pickett earrings, an embroidered windbreaker with “The Finnick Skye” and a great cavalier head on it, a 20th anniversary cup, t-shirt, blanket and coasters and of course something from the auctions and a bit more! I broke my bank. For those who really know me...I actually broke my “sock money” out and ran amuck!

During the show, snacks of Philly pretzels (YUM) were brought in and the last day we had a special cake and cupcake presentation where everyone received an anniversary cupcake!

Everyone was in tears for the wonderful Veterans Parade. About 20 veterans paraded through the ring and brought tears to everyone's eyes as our beautiful golden oldies paraded. They all each received a beautiful rosette with their name on it!

I also attended a seminar on the results of the BPA in mother's milk study and an MVD update both of which were interesting. I even brought back sample BPA packs for more tests and at our last club meeting ALL my sample packs were taken so I hope that those who took them send them back to the University to complete their study!

Thursday evening was the Charitable Trust Banquet and Live/Silent Auctions with David Frei as the live auctioneer. It was a packed ballroom and everyone received a souvenir sugar cookie and champagne flute. The evening was fun and lively! But it was to bed early to head home the next morning!

Before Jen and I left, we had to stop at a local bakery and fill up on our baked goods we miss so much! And even though it rained the majority of the drive home, we had a fun great time driving home in “Dwayne”, Jen's RV.

The venue was the Radisson in Camp Hill PA just outside Harrisburg PA. They did a wonderful job accommodating all the folks and cavaliers in attendance! Picture below is Jen, Sharon and Copper!



**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CKCSCGA - REGULAR MEETING**

April 1, 2014

Holiday Inn Northlake 2158 Richwood 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
- Brags

**MINUTES:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Alice Alford.

**WELCOME GUESTS:** No guests present.

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Quorum Present? Yes.

Regular members: Alice Alford, Denise Newlon, Sharon Onorato, Paula Ayers, Linda Whitmire, Sue Bess., Ken Bess ,Margie Roe, Missy Crane, Jan Schmidt, Carolyn Powell  
Philips Associate members: Jim Utych. Junior Ashley Powell.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Minutes need to be amended. A motion was made by Denise Newlon to approve the amended April minutes. The motion was seconded by Linda Whitmire . Motion was carried.

**REPORT OF PRESIDENT:** None

**Report of Secretary:** None

Treasurer: .32 cents in interest gained, renewd corp. license we are non-profit.

**Show Committee:** Concurrent Specilality 1-31-14. Show chair needed. Banquet at the show site, Paula will look into hotel rooms and rates. Light eats at the show site and a Pot Luck for the Banquet, auction to be held at show.

**Puppy Picnic**

November 2 will be the date of the next picnic. Linda is proposing that the COS be invited to join as a Fun Match to bring in additional people for clinics. We must confirm with AKC for approval.

**Trophy Committee**

No report

**Hospitality committee**

No report

**Program Committee**

She is rescheduling to accommodate her schedule.

**Nominating Committee**

Vote taken by Treasurer casting vote for membership, ballot was accepted for new officers as follows:

President - Alice Alford

Vice President - Linda Whitmire

Recording Secretary - Denise Newlon

Corresponding Secretary – Mark Fitchpatrick

Treasurer – Sue Bess

Board member at large - Paula Ayers

Board member at large - Missy Crane

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Change the 25% of the live auction that we donate to the charitable trust to making a donation to the ACKCSC Rescue Trust, until we reach Diamond status then we will review. Paula motioned and Linda seconded, all approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:30PM Linda Whitmire made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Margie Roe. The motion carried.

Submitted by recording secretary, Denise Newlon

