



The Cavalier Chronicle

President's Message

Can you believe it, already 5 months in 2009 gone! Summer is around the corner and before you know it we will be shopping for Christmas again. For the past three meetings we have not had a quorum and were unable to vote on anything. With all the Nationals past, let's hope that everyone will put June 2nd on their calendars and be at the next regular meeting.

We will have Rebecca Kestle as our speaker and if you have never attended one of her programs, you've missed out. So here is your chance! We are hoping to get Dr. Stacy Andrew to come do a program on eyes and will have Dr. Jacobs come do his

famous program on hearts again this year. I believe these two programs would really be worthwhile for the new members and of course, we all still have plenty to learn! So keep your eyes and ears open for when they will be coming and please, let's fill the room for Rebecca's program in June.

On another note, we are still in need for a "Judges Hospitality" chair for our upcoming show. The show will be Thursday, February 4th, 2010. Our Judges for 2010 will be Shealagh Waters from England for regular classes and Audrey Lycan from Connors for sweepstakes and Junior handling.

If you are ready to send in your trophy donations, they need to go to Vickie Herring. You will be receiving a donation letter but you don't have to wait for the letter, we take trophy donations all year long.

Also, keep your eyes open for an item to donate to our auction. It's been a couple of years since we have had a real fundraiser except for holding the auctions.

Let's fill the room for the June meeting! See you there.

Sincerely,
Alice Alford, President

Member Spotlight— Dixie Westmoreland

Dixie & her husband Dwight live in Loganville (Walton County) & share their home with six cavaliers & five American cocker spaniels. They have been married for 30 wonderful years! Dwight was in the Army when they met, and so began their love of travel. The Westmoreland's have lived overseas in Heidelberg, Germany for several years and took the opportunity to travel through Europe while based there.

Dixie worked for 33 years, but took an early retirement in 2004, when her job was being considered for contracting out. She held various administration positions during this time, and admits that she does not miss it at all!

Initially involved with cocker spaniel rescue, Dixie says she flunked Fostering 101! Hard to believe since all of her cockers and two of her cavaliers are rescued. Dixie independently rescued two of her previous cavaliers as well.

In 1997, Dixie got her first cavalier,

Cricket and has been madly in love with the breed ever since!

Her cavalier kids are **OkayC Expresso at Brookhaven** (Betty, a black and tan); **Brookhaven Miss Emily** (Emily, a tri); **Pascavale Delilah at Brookhaven** (Delilah, a blenheim); **Excalibur Acadiana** (Cadi, a tri); and **Duncan and Mallory**, her "rescues", an older mother and son (both tris). Dixie adopted them from their owners who were transferred out of the country.

Dixie has been involved in pet therapy since 1995, and find that cavaliers are a natural for this, with their sweet and loving dispositions. Betty and two cockers, Nikki & Jasmine, are registered therapy dogs with *Atlanta Therapaws*, the local chapter of Therapy Dogs International. Betty has earned two therapy titles through CKCSC, USA (Cavalier Therapy Companion, and Cavalier Therapy Companion of Excellence). She visits an elementary school, a special needs school, libraries, an assisted

living facility, a hospital, and a psychiatric hospital. She has also done therapy visits with autistic children.

Betty and Dixie are taking lessons in Novice Rally Obedience, beginning agility, and beginning freestyle. Emily & Delilah are both training for therapy work, and Emily will be getting involved with the performance activities after more obedience lessons.

Dixie and her brood are to be commended for the wonderful community work they perform through Therapy Dogs International & our Club is very proud of her work!



Betty is one of Dixie's precious cavaliers that is also a champion therapy dog! Here she enjoys making reading FUN!

Cavalier King Charles
Spaniel Club Of Greater
Atlanta

Special Information:

Our next scheduled business meeting is **Tuesday June 2, 2009** at 7:30pm. The Board meets from 6 -7 pm prior to the business meeting.

The CKCSCGA conducts monthly business meetings at the **Doubletree Hotel Atlanta NE/ Northlake** located at:

4156 LaVista Road,
Tucker, GA 30084 770
-938-1026

Interested in **MEMBERSHIP??** Contact **Sue Hardwick** at shardwi@bellsouth.net

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Meet Dr. Rebecca Kestle—Our June Speaker



Don't miss the June meeting! Rebecca Kestle will be our Speaker!

We are very privileged to have Dr. Rebecca Kestle speak to us at our upcoming June meeting regarding the latest reproductive news and techniques. Dr. Kestle is a nationally recognized expert in canine reproduction: frozen semen, artificial insemination and whelping. She is also a successful breeder and exhibitor of Akitas (Jenscot Akitas) and a founder of the Dogwood Akita Club of Georgia.

Dr. Kestle has over 20 years of veterinary experience and has

her own practice, Centre Court Veterinary Clinic located in Sandy Springs, GA (www.ccvet.com). She is supported by Dr. James Walker and a staff of five technicians. Because of her background as a breeder and exhibitor, she understands the special needs of maintaining the health and stamina of a show dog. For this reason, many breeders in the south use Dr. Kestle as their vet of choice.

Dr. Kestle is a member of the Society of Theriogenologists and

Snybiotics has recognized her as an agent for PennHIP certification and frozen semen maintenance.

On a personal note, Dr. Kestle is a Georgia native, married and the mother of two. She received her DVM in 1985 from UGA.

Please plan to attend the June 2nd monthly meeting as Dr. Kestle's presentation and Q&A is not to be missed!!

Calling all Members!!

In order for our Club to conduct business, we need YOU at our meetings to establish a quorum!

The next meeting is June 2, 2009!

CKCSC of Greater Atlanta 2010 Specialty Show

It's getting closer...creeping up on you before you know it! What can it be? Why our 2010 Specialty Show, Banquet and Auction of course!

Too early to be writing about this you say? No it's not! February 4th will be here before you know it!

The reason our Specialty is so successful is due to the planning and hard work of our members!

We are still looking for a Judges Hospitality volunteer. If you have any questions what the duties entail, please contact Alice Alford.

And of course, we need folks to work on the Auction Committee. A lot of preparatory work is required here—making contacts for donations of auction items, obtaining the items, cataloguing and storing them, thank you notes, etc!

Of course, if YOU have anything you wish to donate for our lively Silent & Live Auction, it is very much welcomed!

If you think you can help out or want to know ALL the details of what it takes to be on the Auction Committee, please talk to Sue Hardwick. She has been our Auction Chair for our prior Auctions and can advise you on what you could do to participate!

There was not a quorum present at the March— May meetings, hence there are no published minutes.

CKCSCGA Regular Business Meeting Agenda— June 2, 2009

Agenda

- Call Meeting to Order @ 7:30pm
- Welcome Visitors
- Minutes of Previous Meeting Read
- President's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Dr. Kestle's program
- Adjournment
- Brags

The CKCSCGA Executive Board meets from 6—7 pm prior to the regular business meeting.

Social time is from 7—7:30pm

Regular business meeting starts promptly at 7:30pm



CKCSC of Greater Atlanta BRAGS!!



Marlene Anderson—Castlekeep Cavaliers

Castlekeep Taj placed 1st in the American Bred Dog class on 4/28/09 at the ACKCS National in Cape Cod. Taj is owned and handled by Julie Howard, bred by Marlene. Judge was Elaine Lessig.



Castlekeep Paloma Chiffon "Jackie" (AKC & YSA CH Cinderlace Bramble x CH Charterwood Damask) won Best Junior in Futurity at the ACKCS National in Cape Cod. Jackie is owned and bred by Marlene Anderson and DAU: Dawn Campbell. Jackie's handler at the Show was Renata. Judge was John Gannon. Jackie was the 1st Futurity in history for the AKC club.



Jill Scandroli—Catesby Cavaliers

Vineyard Hiacoomes' Highland Lily at Brookside placed 4th in the Bitches Puppy 6-9 month class at the 2009 CSNE show held in conjunction with the 2009 ACKCS National in Cape Cod. She is owned and bred by Jeanne Hinckley. Her Dam comes from Jill's breeding CH Elvenhome Rake's Progress x Catesby's Katama at Vineyard.

Vineyard Catesby's Seattle Grace (CH Rattlebridge Code Red x Catesby's Katama at Vineyard) placed 3rd in the Bitches Puppy 12-18 month class at the 2009 CSNE show held in conjunction with the 2009 ACKCS National in Cape Cod. She is owned by Jeanne Hinckely and Jill A. Scandroli.

GOT A BRAG??? It only costs a buck for a brag at our monthly meetings!
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CKCSC of Greater Atlanta BRAGS!!

Larry and Melissa Crane—Signature’s Cavaliers

Jayba’s Gentlemen’s Quarterly at Signatures won Winners Dog, Best of Winners on Friday (4/24-Anniston KC) and Saturday (4/25-Montgomery KC) and also Best of Breed on Sunday (4/26-Cahaba Valley KC) in Montgomery, Alabama.

Signature’s Last Man Standing “Cisco” placed Best of Breed on Friday (4/24) and Saturday (4/25) in Montgomery, Alabama.



OkayC Temptation at Signatures “Chrissy” won Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite on Friday (4/24) and Sunday (4/25) in Montgomery, Alabama.

Jayba’s Gentlemen’s Quarterly at Signatures won Winners Dog and Best of Winners both Saturday (5/9-Macon KC) and Sunday (5/10-Macon KC) in Perry, Georgia.

OkayC Temptation at Signatures “Chrissy” won Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite on Thursday (5/7-Columbus KC), Saturday (5/9) and Sunday (5/10) in Perry, Georgia.

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Kibbles N Bits

Club Contact Information

Sunshine:

If you know of a member who has been ill, suffered a family loss, celebrated a birth, marriage, etc. or JUST NEEDS CHEERING UP from the Club, please notify Maureen Miles at 770-460-9197 or mvmiles@bellsouth.net

Change of Information:

If you have a change in address, phone/mobile number or email address, please contact Sue Hardwick at mailto:shardwi@bellsouth.net

Breeder Referral:

Please send all changes, corrections or additions to your breeder referral listing on the Club website to Vickie Herring at mailto:ckcscga@aol.com

Peanut Butter Poppers

¾ cup non-fat Milk (-OR- omit egg and increase milk to 1 cup)
1 Egg (see above)
1 cup Peanut Butter (chunky or smooth)
1 cup Brown Rice Flour
1-¼ to 1-½ cups Oat Flour (or blender-ize some oatmeal to make a coarse flour), or Whole Wheat Flour
1 tablespoon Baking Powder (Rumford -- it's aluminum free)



Mix the peanut butter, egg, and milk together with a whisk (or in a blender), then add flour and baking powder to make a stiff dough. You'll want the dough fairly stiff; adjust quantity of flour if needed. You may have to use your hands to work in the last of the flour.

Roll out (or press with your hands) on well-floured surface, about ¼-inch thick. Cut into desired sizes with a cookie cutter or plastic knife and lift onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for about 20 minutes, then turn and bake another 15-20 minutes or until done. Cool completely and store in an airtight container or zip top bag. You can also freeze these treats to use at a later date!

Georgia Coalition of Dog Clubs Inc

This is a watchdog group which our Club supports. Given the ever increasing anti-breeder legislation that is happening on a nationwide basis, we all need to stay informed. Keep up with what is happening in Georgia by visiting this [web-site!](#)

Member News

Jim & Sharon Utych are proud of their sons—Stephen & Michael! Stephen has formally been accepted for the fall semester as a doctoral student in Political Science at Vanderbilt University. Michael has just graduated from GSU and has hopes to become a High School English teacher as he searches for employment!

If you would like to share any announcements or general news (dog or non dog related!) with your Club members—this is the place to do it! Email either Sharon Onorato Utych or Maureen Miles and we will make sure it gets into the Cavalier Chronicle!

We'll Leave the Light on for You...

The AKC has entered into an agreement with Motel 6 & Studio 6 which offers AKC dog owners a 10% discount on room reservations nationwide! When making reservations mention CP542764 at Motel 6 and CP542765 at Studio 6. Additional information can be found at:

http://www.akc.org/motel6_studio6/

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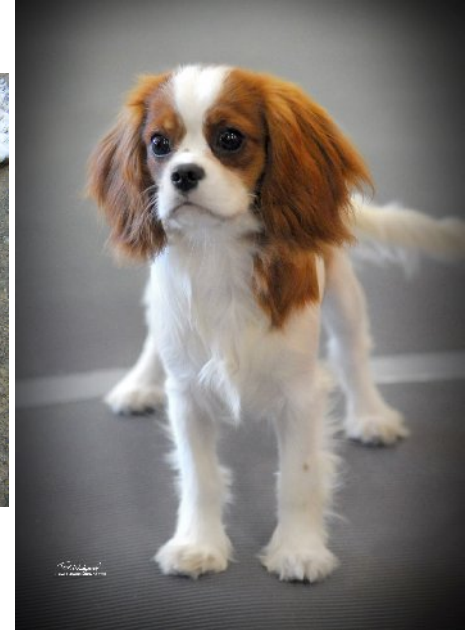
Ok all you CKCSC of Greater ATL members! You have got to have some pictures that you want to share with the group! Action shots, funny pictures, pictures that make you go AWWWW....you know what I mean! They can even be of your (dare I say it??) non-cavalier pets!! Just email a quality digital photograph with a short description to Sharon Onorato Utych at Utych@earthlink.net! We can't wait to see them!!! Thanks to our contributors...



Our handsome shy Skye (Brookhaven Dream Time) - Jim & Sharon Utych



Finn (Karvale Brookhaven Finn) is hesitant about walking in his first snow!! But I'm loving his snowy eyebrows!! - Jim & Sharon Utych



Here is Marlene's beauty Jackie (Castlekeep Palmona Chiffon) straight off her win as Best Junior in Futurity at the ACKCS National!



Andy's very first snow and he was just lovin' it! Michele Henson could not resist the photo op of her dashing young man!



My amazing therapy team! From left to right—Betty, Jasmine (cocker) and Nikki (cocker). Do you think I have a thing for Black and Tans??? - Dixie Westmoreland

Heartbreak at Petland



Maggie had severe joint problems in both hips and one knee. © The HSUS

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Celebrity Cavaliers!
Amanda Bynes loves a tri named Charlie!

I belong to a social network site for dogs called Dogster - it is basically a My Space for dogs! (www.dogster.com) That is were I met three adorable cavaliers: Ruger, Riley and Miss Maggie Moo Hicks—one half of the “Hicks Herd”. The head of the herd is Lisa Hicks—a wonderful person both in her human form and as the “typist” for the herd’s rants on Dogster!!

We have become friendly via Dogster and I wanted to share with you the love of dog that Lisa and Jeff Hicks have and also for you to meet a beautiful & strong willed lady named Miss Maggie Moo.

Maggie is still in a lot of pain but she is loved by all her Dogster pals and helps others learn what to expect from hip surgery. If you would like to read her Dogster diary it can be found at:

<http://www.dogster.com/dogs/786711>

The following article chronicles the issues of puppy mill dogs and appeared on the Humane Society of the United States website. It was written by Jim Baker. - Sharon Onorato

For Lisa and Jeff Hicks, a pet store visit in 2006 was more than just a routine shopping excursion. It was a chance to gain a new family member following the devastating loss of their 16-year-old Lab mix, Bear, to cancer. “Even though we still had three dogs, there was something missing in our family without Bear, and I had this overpowering ‘need’ to find a Cavalier,” says Lisa Hicks.

Most of her previous pets had been strays or adopted animals, but the Maryville, Tenn., woman had long wanted a Cavalier King Charles spaniel. She spotted her seemingly perfect pooch at a local Petland, where employees assured her the 8-week-old puppy was healthy and from a local breeder. “Finding her was, to us, like adopting a child,” says Hicks, who had

also recently learned that she and her husband could not have children. “It was a lifetime commitment.”

But what should have been the expansion of a happy family turned into a journey of pain and suffering when the couple discovered their beloved Maggie had severe joint problems in both hips and one knee.

Though Petland eventually issued a refund of the purchase price, the Hickses have spent nearly \$10,000 on orthopedic surgeries and associated medical bills.

The Hickses are among hundreds of people who have come forth since March 17, when The HSUS filed a class-action lawsuit on behalf of several of its members and other aggrieved Petland customers.

The suit alleges that Petland, Inc., and The Hunte Corporation—one of the largest distributors of dogs to pet stores in the U.S.—are violating a federal anti-racketeering law and numerous state consumer protection laws. It also alleges that the two companies have conspired to misrepresent to consumers that their puppies are healthy and from high-quality breeders, when many of them really come from squalid mass breeding facilities known as puppy mills.

The suit follows an eight-month HSUS investigation, released last November, that traced the origins of dogs in many of Petland’s retail outlets to puppy mills throughout the Midwest.

Among the flood of responses The HSUS has received after asking Petland customers to share their stories are reports of puppies who’ve died or developed infections or hereditary health problems following purchase, says

Kathleen Summers, director of the Stop Puppy Mills campaign. “In many cases, this has caused thousands of dollars in veterinary costs, not to mention the pain and suffering of the animal,” Summers says.

“I keep telling my vet every time I see her, I’m scared to death I’m not going to be able to keep Maggie healthy,” says Hicks. “We’re real concerned about that, and we just have to take it one step at a time.”

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Petland employees assured Lisa Hicks her 8-week-old Cavalier King Charles spaniel puppy was healthy and from a local breeder. © The HSUS

Perception is Reality—How we are shooting ourselves in the foot with the public



Judging Table
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“When the general public is at a dog show, they are in sensory overload”

When I worked for GE Commercial Finance, I had a boss that loved to say **“Perception is reality.”** He used it in nearly every team meeting we had, and even sent out surveys to our own internal customers asking them for feedback on how our team, and team members, were perceived.

Since I’m a computer programmer, the bar is set pretty low for interpersonal skills, but I’d like to think of myself as the exception to that rule, and always went out of my way to be very social with the departments I wrote applications for, and to explain to the users what the programs did. (Let’s face it; most computer programmers would prefer a dark basement, some Star Trek DVDs, and a couple of slices of pizza to the thought of having a conversation with a “real” person.)

For over a year, nearly all of my surveys came back with glowing reviews, but then I got one with very low scores, and the comment “Scot gave me exactly what I needed, and it works perfectly, but he consistently talked down to me, and made me feel stupid.” I didn’t give it much thought, but my boss printed the comment and taped it next to my computer. He explained his actions by saying, “9 out of 10 people may love you, but that 10th person will spread their negative opinion more strongly to others who don’t know you than the other 9 combined. **Perception is reality.**”

When you think about it, it makes sense. The last time you had a good meal at a restaurant, how many people did you tell? Probably a couple. But, I bet the last time you had a terrible dining experience, you told everyone you knew that could possibly ever eat there. If this meal was during a dog show weekend, you

probably told everyone near your set up, your fellow exhibitors, and maybe a couple of judges too.

Right about now you are thinking, “What does this have to do with dog shows?” Good question. The answer is **EVERYTHING!** If you haven’t noticed, the AKC is in a Public Relations battle with not only PETA, but dozens of other dog registries, and many high powered state/local politicians. Right or wrong, the perception the general public has of us is their reality. *You can’t talk Public Relations, without using the word PUBLIC.* (I have a feeling that “Public Relations” will be quite the buzz word to the new Board of Directors, as it should be.)

This PR battle begins and ends on the front line. A front line that isn’t in a far away country or on Capitol Hill, but one that is found at every dog show, next to every ring, all over the United States. The problem is that, as dog show participants, we stand on BOTH sides of this line...and John Q. Public is caught in the middle.

“Can I pet your dog?” ...“Is that dog fast?” ...“Is this a greyhound?” ...“My brother has a Golden Retriever that looks just like this.” ...“Do you ever put a Sherlock Holmes hat on the bloodhound, and fake pipe in its mouth?” ...“If your dog were a football player, what position would he play?” ...“Guess how much I can bench press.” Without a doubt, we have all heard questions and statements like that from a well meaning spectator at a dog show. Our reply is what will either win us the PR war, or lose us everything we hold dear about showing dogs. Unfortunately, by the time this article is printed, both Westminster and the Chicago International Kennel Club

shows will be over, and thousands of people will have either left with a positive experience, or a negative one. Those that left feeling good will tell a couple of people about the cute dogs they saw, or the Saint Bernard they got to touch. But, those that left having a negative experience will tell everyone they know about the “snobby dog show elitists”, they will NOT care when the AKC comes under fire, they will NOT care when BSL laws are passed, or when PETA compares us to the KKK. The John Q Publics of the world will sit back and watch as laws are passed which limit our ability to own dogs, and they won’t just watch, they will probably feel good about it...all because of a bad experience.

The challenge we all face, from big time handler to long time breeder to owner handler, is to provide the public a positive experience, to share with the public everything we love about showing dogs. Why do we do this? Why do we have the breeds we do? What is it about those breeds that we adore? Why do we like showing dogs? It only takes 2 minutes to influence their opinion...for the better or for the worse. Judging from the decline in entries, kennel club membership, and new exhibitors, we need to get a lot better.

You’re knee-jerk reaction is most likely: “They should know better!” or “Why isn’t the show giving club making an announcement?” When the general public is at a dog show, they are in sensory overload, they are seeing dogs they have never been exposed to, they are seeing that their Cocker at home doesn’t quite look like the Cockers at the show, and much like the masses walking through a mall at Christmas time, they are just there in body, and might have checked their head at the door. After all, this is their family day to-

Perception is Reality—How we are shooting ourselves in the foot with the public (continued)

gether at a dog show. As far as announcements go, well, most of the time, the announcement is muffled or too quiet, and sounds much like Charlie Brown's teacher "Wah wah wah wah, wah, wah, wah, wah."

"Behavior is the mirror in which everyone shows their image" - Goethe

As I sat at the St Paul shows, the first weekend of Jan, and watched the general public meander through the show building I was appalled at how they were treated. The treatment ranged from slight disgust, to a reaction that seemed to be a cross of nausea and a bad allergic reaction to shell fish. If you're a professional handler reading this, you're thinking that you have a string of dogs to show, or groom, or exercise, and you don't have time for "them". Although, I'm pretty sure that if you're able to text on your "Crackberry", while clipping the PWD, all while listening to your Ipod....you're able to answer a few simple questions...or at least smile politely. I realize that there isn't anything worse than having someone come up to as you are rushing to the ring to ask you questions, most likely it's a small child with a half melted chocolate ice cream cone and you just groomed your Samoyed. But, all it would take to give you peace is: "I'm about to go in the ring, catch me later today when I'm done showing." That answer resolves your issue of sticky fingers on nicely quaffed fur, but also gives John Q Public the perception that they will eventually get 30 seconds of your time.

Last year at the International, my wife (a professional handler) gave me the job of "handling the public."

Once we were done for the day, while she exercised the dogs, I pulled the Saint Bernard out of his crate, put him on the grooming table, and let everyone and their brother take pictures or pet him, or just look at him. (He had a temperament which fit that task, and his owner actually took pride that Harvey was our ambassador to the public.) It was a small, simple action, which drew quite a crowd, and hopefully gave them all a fun end to their day at the dog show. You know what questions they are going to ask you. What's his name? What kind of dog is it? Does he eat a lot? Being a professional handler is a lot of work, it's incredibly tiring, both mentally and physically...but try to remember, that to these people, to the people asking you these questions, you and your dog are the most fascinating thing in their world at that moment. You may have just finished 3 out of 2...but to the child asking to pet your dog...your dog is the most beautiful animal in their world. You may be tired, cranky, and no longer have an "indoor voice"...but to them...you will be remembered for your actions.

If you're a breeder, or owner handler, you should love the fact that someone is taking an interest in your breed or the dog you are showing. After all, that's how you got started, right? At some point, you too were the "public" asking all kinds of silly questions, and hoping someone would answer them for you. I look back on how I got started in dogs. Just some guy who had never shown before, looking for a Vizsla, and lucky enough to talk with Betty Anderson (She's got top ranked Vizslas!), taking lessons from the late judge, Lenny Schulman (Holy cow, a judge!), and from Michael Canalizo (I think he showed at Westminster!), watching my dog finish with Ron and Tigger Hahn (Real life professional handlers!). I was wide-eyed, and in

awe of these people. They all shared one thing. They all had patience, knowledge, and a pure love for not only what they did, but for sharing their experiences.

Thankfully, about 10 years ago, when I was "the public," those people gave me a positive dog world experience. There isn't a show that goes by that I don't think about some lesson that I learned from one of them, or the countless other folks that took the time to work with me.

If, we, as a dog show community are perceived as dog show snobs. If the general public looks at us, and perceives us to be rude, arrogant, and unwilling to answer their questions...then that is **THEIR** reality. When enough of the public have that same shared reality, then **OUR** reality will become one that does **NOT** include the AKC or dog shows at all, because at a time when we needed to win the PR battle...we were **too** busy to answer a few questions...we were **too** proud to let the "public" pet our dog...and we were **too** rude to care....that is....until it was **too** late.

Just remember, the next time John Q. Public asks you if your Whippet is a greyhound, or if they can pet your dog...take the time to give them a good experience. After all, a little kindness goes a long way.

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Photo by Mary Bloom, courtesy of AKC

ACKCSC 2009 National Speciality Show Results

The results are in! For those of you who attended and/or participated, we hope you had a wonderful time!

The 2009 Final Results

Best of Breed: CH Full of Malarkey Miles of Aisles

Best of Show: CH Blueheart Jewel of the Sea

Best of Winners: Balgaire Raisen Cain Gardengate

Best Puppy: Orchard Hill Ingenue

BOS Puppy: Lanola Somberello

Best BBE: CH Pinecrest Rock the Boat

ADM 1: CH Creekside Just for Keeps

ADM 2: CH Heavensgate Quincy of Aubinwood

ADM 3: CH Pinecrest Rock the Boat

ADM 4: CH Shadow Run Rush to Ministick

Best Veteran: CH Heavensgate Quincy of Aubinwood

Best Opposite Sex Veteran: CH Orchard Hill Where's the Party

Stud Dog: CH Mayfield Ace of Hearts

Brood Bitch: CH Hollambrie Enchantress

Brace: CH Kimark Bright Eyes & Kimark Give Me the Beat Boys

Below are the results for the Puppy Sweepstakes, Dog and Bitch Classes:

Puppy Sweepstakes

Judged by Patty Kanan

Best in Sweeps: Charwood's Tailor Made

Best of Opposite Sex: Timberidge Lil Sister

Dog Classes

Judged by Elaine Lessig

Puppy 6-9 mo: Orchard Hill Home by Dark

Puppy 9-12 mo: Lanola Somberello

Puppy 12-18 mo: Crizwood Undeniable

Novice: Timstar Mister Chance

ADH: Windham Innocent Bystander

BBE: Pinecrest on the Rocks

American Bred: Castlekeep Taj

Open Black & Tan: Nottinghill Belize

Open Blenheim: Johnasta Anton Du Beke

Open Ruby: Stepagmar's Copper Penny

Open Tri: Kinvaar Obsession

Winners Dog: Timsar Mister Chance

Reserve Winners Dog: Nottinghill Belize

Bitch Classes

Judged by Frank Kane (Puppy through ADH) & Kenneth McDermott (BBE through Winners)

Puppy 6-9 mo: Orchard Hill Ingenue

Puppy 9-12 mo: Timberidge Lil Sister

Puppy 12-18 mo: Wellington's Gibson Girl

Novice: Rossbunny Rainor Shine

ADH: Windham Forever in My Heart

BBE: Karless Peglen Funny Hunny

American Bred: Banner's Bliss

Open Black & Tan: Balgaire Raisen Cane Gardengate

Open Blenheim: Caryse Paden She's Magic

Open Ruby: Kimark U Ain't Seen Nothin Yet

Open Tri: Wellington I Love Lucy Lu

Winners Bitch: Balgaire Raisen Cane Gardengate

Reserve Winners Bitch: Karlee Peglen Funny Hunny



...Arf! Arf! An absolutely lovely time was had by all...

"Dogs are animals that poop in public & you're supposed to pick it up. After a week of doing this, you have got to ask yourself, 'Who's the real master in this relationship?'" - Anthony Griffin

New AKC Point Schedule for Cavaliers

Every year in May, the AKC adjusts the point schedules for conformation shows according to the number of cavaliers that were shown during the previous year.

The new schedule has been posted to the AKC website and is effective May 13, 2009 (see link: http://www.akc.org/events/conformation/paint_schedule.cfm)

We are located in District 4, which includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina.

The following details the point schedule for District 4: - Cavalier King Charles Spaniels:

1 Point

Dogs—2
Bitches—2

2 Points

Dogs—7
Bitches—7

3 Points

Dogs—12
Bitches—15

4 Points

Dogs—17
Bitches—19

5 Points

Dogs—25
Bitches—25

If you would like to view the various point schedules for all the districts & breeds, or just specific districts, please visit the AKC website.



*Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
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Atlanta Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Meetup Group

Everyone knows that cavaliers LOVE to romp with other cavaliers! Everyone knows that cavalier owners just LOVE to watch them play and romp together! How about 30+ cavaliers at one time getting together for some serious playtime?

That is what the Atlanta Cavalier Meetup Group is all about! This group was formed utilizing the popular "Meetup.com" website and currently has over 140 members!

This is a great group of cavalier owners who meet typically on a monthly basis to chat and watch

their cavs play. Most (but not all) of the outside meetups are held in Alpharetta at Waggy World inside Wills Park. Waggy World is a great dog park with separate areas for small and large dogs.

If you are placing a puppy into his forever home within the Atlanta metro area, recommending this group/website could be helpful to the new family!

Or, if you just want some good old fashioned fun romps with great cavaliers, check out the website for yourself!

<http://cavalierspaniel.meetup.com/50/>

The next meetup is on May 16th at 10am at Waggy World Dog Park in Alpharetta! Check out the FUN!!



Proud member of

The Atlanta Cavalier
King Charles Spaniel
Meetup Group

Next Meetup in: **1** days **22** hours

A great site to recommend to new "pawrents" of the pups placed into forever homes in the greater Atlanta area!!

...Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car he sticks his head out the window...

Steve Bluestone

Standing Committees & Chairpersons

Program Committee—Sue Hardwick (chair); Member Alice Alford

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Rescue Committee—Sonya Thompson (chair)

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Membership Committee— Holly Majka **Webmaster**—Sonya Thompson; Member Kay-C Phipps

Social Committee— Linda Whitmire (chair); Member Mark Fitchpatrick

We are always looking for ideas for programs & fundraiser or suggestions to make our club more successful! Please do not hesitate to contact any officer, board or committee member with your suggestions or if you would like to join a committee!

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Words to Find:

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| Agility | Cavalier Chronicle | Rally Trial | United Kingdom |
| Ann's Son | Champion | Rosettes | Winners Bitch |
| Best In Show | CKCSC of Greater ATL | Royal Dispatch | Winners Dog |
| Black and Tan | Conformation | Ruby | |
| Blenheim | Handler | Specialty Show | |
| Braggs | Judge | Syringomyelia | |
| Breeder | King Charles | Toy Breed | |
| Breed Standard | Mitral Valve Disease | Tricolor | |



We are a sanctioned breed specialty club and licensed by the AKC to conduct dog shows and matches. We maintain membership in the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, the [ACKCSC](#), which is the AKC Parent Club for the breed. The purpose of our Club is to protect and advance the interests of the breed by promoting quality breeding, sportsmanlike competition, and the education of both its members and the general public.

Our members range from experienced show competitors and breeders to first time pet owners, and we are the second Cavalier King Charles Spaniel local specialty breed club to become licensed by the [American Kennel Club](#).

Cavalier King Charles Club of
Greater Atlanta

*"Proud to be the 2nd CKCSC to
become licensed by the AKC"*



Find us on line for all the latest at [CKSCGA](#) !! Just click on the link and you are there!

Editor's Note

Ohmygoshitisalmost JUNE!! Can you believe it???

I am officially performing "spring cleaning" at our house in between searching for jobs and walking the boys around the 'hood!

I am coming across items that bring back memories and also items that I was looking for YEARS ago, and I think to myself...hmmmm, that's where I put that! Jim would just tell me a mind is a terrible thing to waste, Sharon!

Finn & Skye diligently watch me pull everything apart and then put it all back together again! Little do they know how much their quiet cavalier life is about

to change!

Our sons (the human ones!) are temporarily moving back home—Stephen for 2 months until he begins school at Vandy in July and Michael until he can land a teaching job! A full house would not be complete without Michael's pup—Willy, the crazy Boston Terrier! I am sure that next month's Editor's Note will describe how crazy life is around here!

In this issue of the Chronicle, I added a word game and I hope you have fun with it! I also want to thank everyone who are sending me pictures to place into the Chronicle as everyone LOVES to look at candid cavalier pics!

Don't forget to send me a picture to go along with your BRAGS!

I would appreciate any articles or items of interest that we can include into the Chronicle—remember, this is YOUR newsletter—I just put it all together—so your input and suggestions are always welcomed!

Enjoy our Spring—Summer's almost here!

Until next month -

Sharon Onorato Utych



Remembering those whose gave
their lives for our country...
Memorial Day 2009