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Presidents Message

The Cavalier Chronicle

It was great to see so many faces at our Meeting last Tuesday; Keep it up. Sue Hardwick Bess is doing a super job in lining up speakers for our meetings and we can at least attend. It is disappointing when you come to a meeting where we had a speaker and only a handful in attendance, also embarrassing.

All is going well with the show plans. Judges contracts are in hand, application to AKC is in, and first proof of the premium is due by Sept 12.

Hope everyone is enjoying the cooler and wet weather which was needed very much.

Alice Alford, President CKCSC Atlanta



Club News — Call To Action, see further info in this newsletter

Those of you who did not attend last night's meeting missed a wonderfully informative talk by Gail LaBerge of the Georgia Canine Coalition. The bill which will change USDA regulations that is in committee was TERRIBLE for all of us and luckily the Georgia Canine Coalition has made great progress in influencing some needed changes to the bill. Their work is on-going and not over. As a club we have taken up her challenge to make a financial contribution to their cause. Without funding there is no way for the Georgia Canine Coalition to be able to continue their important work. The CKCSCGA board is asking that you consider making a financial contribution for this cause. Based on the information Ms. LaBerge shared, if the bill does not change even more it will be devastating for all of us.

Please give serious consideration to joining your fellow CKCSCGA members with a contribution for the AKC Political action committee. Contributions need to be paid to CKCSCGA and once the monies are collected we will send a club check for the total collected. Due to the time left for them to accomplish their goals on our behalf, we need to send our contribution to them prior to October. Several members made their contributions at last night's meeting.

Please send your contribution made out to CKCSCGA to club treasurer Vickie Herring, 97 Spivey Chase Trail, Jonesboro, GA 30236. Please put "AKC PAC donation" on the memo line.

Mark Fitchpatrick, Correspondence Secretary

Urgent Message From AKC

2012 is an election year, so it is extremely important to the dog world to have our voices as dog owners, breeder and exhibitors heard by legislators. Animal rights organizations with their deep pockets now have the ears of the politicians, it is time for us in the fancy to step up and help get our message out.

An excellent and effective way to do this is to take part in the Presidents [Challenge issued by Carl Ashby III](#), Chairman of the American Kennel Club's Political Action Committee. The board of the CKCSC Atlanta supports this effort by recognizing how important PAC donations can be in state wide and federal elections.

Together, we can make a difference this election cycle and stop the advance of animal rights radicals who will otherwise continue their war against dog breeding and even dog ownership.

Please send your donation for this cause to CKCSCGA to club treasurer Vickie Herring, 97 Spivey Chase Trail, Jonesboro, GA 30236. Please put "GCC PAC donation" on the memo line.

Gail LaBerge, from the Georgia Canine Coalition spoke to the club at our August meeting and addressed three areas of interest for our members

- Proposed USDA regulations changes as a result of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA)
- Extension of the comment period for these changes to Wednesday August 15, 2012
- Legislative outlook for the state of Georgia
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The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) administers the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The Animal Welfare Act requires certain breeders to provide basic care for dogs bred and sold as pets. Currently, "retail pet stores", which are described as *those who sell a puppy directly to a final customer for use as a pet*, are exempted from complying with the Act. Because of this broad wording, most small or hobby breeders are currently covered by this exemption and do not have to be licensed or regulated by the USDA.

In May 2012, the USDA division that is responsible for enforcing the Animal Welfare Act, the Animal and Plant Health and Inspection Service (APHIS), proposed a new rule targeting a wide variety of breeders. The proposal will take away the "retail pet store" exemption that breeders have enjoyed if they sell a pet at retail to buyers who do not physically enter the breeder's facilities and personally observe the animals available for sale.

This change could impact many individuals. Those most dramatically impacted would likely be the small/hobby breeders who sell relatively few dogs. Breeders or others who own more than four "breeding females" and sell at least one puppy to a buyer sight unseen (including over the internet, by phone, and so on) would no longer be exempted from the Animal Welfare Act. As a result, they would be required to obtain a federal license as a commercial breeder (or "dealer") and be regulated and inspected according to USDA commercial breeding kennel standards.

Gail encouraged members to sign the AKC petition currently in circulation, and provide comments to the USDA by the new deadline. Links to the petition are available on the AKC USDA/APHIS resource page at http://www.akc.org/governmentrelations/usda_aphis.cfm. She additionally provided background on the areas of concerns in these regulations, and we discussed their potential impacts. The proposed regulations changes are problematic in three areas:

1. Having to have a license if you have more than 4 "breeding females", which is not defined.
2. Having to have a license if you sell a puppy to anyone who does not pick that puppy up at your house.
3. Having to have a license if you sell a puppy that was not raised at your home, for example a puppy you received for stud service.

Georgia Canine Coalition, Inc.

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The Georgia Canine Coalition, Inc. (GCC) is the collective voice of dog owners, dog clubs and hobby breeders in the State of Georgia. As such, the GCC has concerns with the proposed regulations and also with the requirements for compliance for the proposed changes. As currently written, the GCC considers the proposed changes to be overly broad, difficult to enforce and shows a lack of understanding of how a hobby/show breeder breeds and sells puppies.

Our breeders are in no way considered a large scale or commercial operations. They breed selectively to improve their breed and to have a few puppies for showing or placing into a carefully selected pet home.

The USDA Commercial breeding requirements were not designed for home environments, which is the environment in which our members whelp and raise their puppies. Not only cost, but also local zoning, insurance and other restrictions would prevent our members from meeting the requirements set forth in the proposed changes. If the requirements were implemented as proposed, it would threaten the future of hobby/show breeders and especially impact those who have what are considered rare breeds.

Those individuals who want a certain breed often find that particular breed is not available in their area and they must contact and work with breeders in other areas of the country. If a breeder has sold a dog in the past to someone, and that person is in another area of the country, the breeder is usually willing to ship the new dog to the buyer. And in other cases, especially with rare breeds, the breeder, after an extensive vetting of the future owner, is willing to ship the dog to the new owner. Under the proposed regulation changes, that breeder would have to have a USDA license even if the breeder only had a litter every 3-5 years. This would greatly affect breeders who know each other, know each others bloodlines and are comfortable with transferring a dog without the new owner actually picking the dog up at their house.

The term "breeding females" is not defined and therefore could include any other animals you might have in your house. While many of our members may keep 5 or more intact females, they may have only a few litters in a time span of 3, 5, or even 10 years. A responsible breeder will not breed a female until they are at least 2 years old, so a breeder could have several young females that are intact who might never be bred. In addition, many of our breeders co-own dogs with others, have a puppy back agreement with another breeder, and also co-own dogs with those they are mentoring in the sport of dogs. Under the proposed regulation changes, these breeders and dog owners would be subject to USDA Commercial Regulations.

The GCC and its members feel that the estimate of the number of breeders affected is too low and that the actual number would be closer to 10 times the projection of 1,500.

The AWA licensing was designed to provide oversight and protection to dogs bred in large commercial kennels that operate away from the public view. The GCC and its members support the licensing and monitoring of commercial operations, which was what the AWA license and inspection program was designed for.

The show/hobby breeder were never intended to be regulated by the AWA, and the GCC asks that you please review the unintended consequences that the currently proposed regulation changes would cause for those who are small hobby/show breeders. Those breeders were never intended to be covered by the AWA.



POSITION STATEMENTS

BREED SPECIFIC LEGISLATION

The Georgia Canine Coalition opposes legislation based on a particular Breed. The Georgia Canine Coalition does support education programs for the public concerning responsible dog ownership. The Georgia Canine Coalition does not believe that a dog should be declared a nuisance or a danger based on breed.

DANGEROUS DOG LAWS

The Georgia Canine Coalition does support enforceable, reasonable and non-discriminatory laws concerning dog ownership. The Georgia Canine Coalition believes in dog owners being responsible for their dogs. The Georgia Canine Coalition believes in a fair process to establish guidelines for defining "Dangerous Dogs" and a fair process for enforcing those guidelines. The Georgia Canine Coalition does recognize that there are times when it has been proven that a dog is "dangerous" and that it may need to be humanely destroyed.

LIMIT LAWS

The Georgia Canine Coalition does not support limiting the number of companion animals a person can own. The Georgia Canine Coalition does not believe that "limits" protect or serve to prevent any nuisance problems occurring because of dog owners who are not responsible for the dogs they own. The Georgia Canine Coalition believes that other ordinances are better suited to address nuisance problems.

MANDATORY SPAY-NEUTER LAWS

The Georgia Canine Coalition does not support mandatory spay-neuter. The Georgia Canine Coalition feels that mandatory spay-neuter laws do not have the effect of preventing unwanted litters. The Georgia Canine Coalition does believe in educational programs to educate the public about responsible breeding practices. The Georgia Canine Coalition does believe in educating the public concerning spaying and neutering pets.

BREEDING RESTRICTIONS

The Georgia Canine Coalition supports programs to educate the public about responsible breeding practices for purebred dogs and the also supports programs on being a responsible owner. The Georgia Canine Coalition supports reasonable and enforceable laws that protect both the health and welfare of purebred dogs as long as those laws do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who are meeting their responsibilities as a reasonable breeder.

HUMANE TREATMENT AND CARE OF DOGS

The Georgia Canine Coalition believes that dog owners have a responsibility to provide proper care and humane treatment for their dogs at all times. This should include adequate and nutritious diet, clean water, proper housing and regular veterinary care.

DOG FIGHTING

The Georgia Canine Coalition opposes all forms of dog fighting, breeding for dog fighting and training for dog fighting. The Georgia Canine Coalition supported the strengthening of the Anti-Dog Fighting law in Georgia.

MINUTES OF MEETING
CKCSCGA - REGULAR MEETING

August 7, 2012

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

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MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order at 8:42 PM by Alice Alford .

WELCOME GUESTS: Beverly Manley, George Manley

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Quorum Present? Yes

Regular members: Alice Alford, Jonathan Alford, Mark Fitchpatrick, Holly Brookins, Jeff Herring, Vickie Herring, Linda Whitmire, Paula Ayers, Shannon Schilling, Sue Bess, Maureen Miles, Gabrielle Pollmeier,

Associate Members: Denise Newlon, Ken Bess, Sharon Utych, Jeanne Deloney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

A motion was made by Gabrielle Pollmeier to approve the June 2012 minutes as submitted. With corrections. The correction was that a quorum was present and Vickie Herring was left out of list of trophy committee members. The motion was seconded by Linda Whitmire. Motion carried.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

Jeanne Deloney will have a jar at all meetings/events to collect Rescue funds. When a certain amount is collected (to be determined) she will turn the monies over to Vickie Herring, who will then write a check to ACKCSC Rescue Trust.

Specialty- The concurrent shows will not happen because AKC will not give us permission. Show will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2013. Judge will be Sandra Ireland as Peter Towse cannot come. Alice has contracts from Sandra Ireland and Wally Rice.

Don Watson assured us that all is fine with our Specialty and the date belongs to us.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY:

None

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

AKC Owner-Handler Exhibitor series will be closing on August 8. No points will be awarded. Show is Aug 23-26.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

Vickie Herring read Treasury Report. Total assets are \$27,656.68. We are negative in the Trophy fund- please consider making a donation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Show committee: All judges' contracts are in. Show chair is Denise Newlon, asst chair is Jonathan Alford. Trophy committee is Vickie Herring, Linda Whitmire, and Paula Ayers. Vickie Herring was added to the Trophy committee, having been left out of the June minutes. Rosettes/Ribbons will be handled by Paula Ayers and Shannon Shilling. Judges' Hospitality is Margie Roe. Ringside Hospitality is Mark Fitchpatrick. Host hotel will be handled by Paula Ayers. PR/Social media will be handled by Sharon Utych. Paula will ask Brenda Martz to be the ring steward. Alice will talk with Brian McNabb about doing photography.

Hospitality committee: no report at this time

Puppy Picnic: Club voted that we will buy an easy-up tent for functions (motion came from committee to spend between \$150-\$250). We need more space. We will try to have patellae screening, micro chipping, and pet photography at puppy picnic.

Programs: Dr. Blischok will come in September to talk about the newest cardiology protocols, treatment, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Monday, August 15- comments close for Aphis, link is on AKC website.

Chattapoochie Fest is Sunday, October 7 from 10am-5pm at Rogers Park Dog Park, 4291 Rogers Bridge Road, Duluth, GA. We need volunteers to man the Meet the Breed booth with their Cavaliers. We will re-print brochures to advertise Cavaliers of Greater Atlanta. We will look into making up packets for people to take home with them that includes Club info, AKC info, responsible dog ownership, coloring books from AKC, pencils and stickers. Sharon Utych will order bags.

NEW BUSINESS:

AKC political action committee needs donations from club membership. Checks will be turned in to Vickie Herring. Mark Fitchpatrick will be sending out an email with more details regarding donations to PAC. Vickie Herring made a motion that the Club will send a check for \$150 to the legislative fund, Linda Whitmire seconded, motion carried.

January 2013 meeting will be held Tuesday, January 8.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:15 PM Linda Whitmire made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sharon Utych. The motion carried.

Dog

Fancy's October

2012 Issue

Featuring the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Dog Fancy Magazine will be featuring the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel in our upcoming October 2012 issue. Not only will this breed be our Front Cover Breed but there will also be 4-6 pages of information, articles and photos devoted to the breed. We will have a full comprehensive article including history, companionship, grooming needs, health is-

Look At Us!!!!

Lynnette Bragg This is Toby winning Best of Winners and Winners Dog at our recent trip to Ashville. This is his first Major in the AKC. We are so excited!! Wish us luck as we head to Greensboro, North Carolina next week!!!!



Chef's Corner

Wheat Free Salmon Treats

1 8oz. Can Salmon with juice

1/2 cup chopped Parsley

3 Eggs, Shells included

1/2 cup Sesame seeds ground up in coffee grinder

1/2 cup Flax seeds ground up in coffee grinder

2/3 cups Potato flour

Put ingredients into a food processor, mix very well! Pour potato flour through the opening while running. When dough forms, like a pie crust, and rolls into a ball it is ready. Place onto potato floured counter or board. Knead

more flour into this and when it is a rolled out cookie consistency, it is ready to roll out into about 1/4 inch thick. Use pizza cutter to roll out long strips, cut into squares. Or use a cookie cutter.

Bake on cookie sheet, sprayed with Pam or use parchment paper. Bake at 375 oven for 20 minutes. Turn and bake about 10 more minutes. You can make them as soft or as hard as you like.



Meet the Breed

What: Chattapoochie Pet Fest

Where: Chattapoochie Dog Park, 4291 Rodgers Bridge Road, Duluth GA

Date: Sunday, October 6, 2012

Time: 10am to 5pm for visitors, 8 to breakdown for vendors

Needs:

1 10x10 tent

2 -3 tables (preferably 5-6 ft tables) to set up literature and poster boards

1 cooler with ice and water (for dogs and people) Bring your own chairs to sit on

Bag of non chocolate candy for kids to give out at the tent

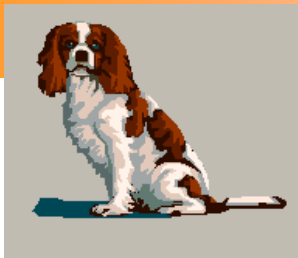
A photographer to take pics so we can submit pictures to the AKC RDO wrap up for the AKC Website and also use for our newsletter.

We will need people to bring and set up the tent in the morning and also someone to take down the tent and pack up after the event.

We will need folks to bring cavaliers, preferably all colors, for people to pet. If you plan on only staying an hour or so, then please let us know so we can make a schedule to ensure we have enough cavaliers to cover the entire length of the event. Just let us know the times you could be available and we would then schedule you and your cavalier. Also please let us know if you plan to stay throughout the event and the number of cavaliers that are staying. If you are staying and bringing puppies you will need to bring an xpen for them. Please be ready to answer any questions folks may have about our breed and our club.

We will notify the AKC about the event and they will send some literature about RDO days (this will be a Responsible Dog Owner

Next



Please put September 4 on your calendar. Our next CKCSCGA meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept 4. The meeting will be at Northlake Holiday Inn, 2159 Ranchwood Dr, Atlanta, 30345. The phone number for the hotel is 770-934-6000. The board meeting will begin at 6:00, followed by the social hour at 7:00 and meet-

ing/dinner at 7:30. As always, members are welcome to attend the board meeting. We

will have the pleasure of welcoming our guest speaker Dr. Darlene Blischok-Lapekas, DVM. Dr. Darlene Blischok-Lapekas, DVM, will speak at our September meeting about canine cardiology. She is a consultant for IDEXX, interpreting radiology, echo cardiography and ECG data to formulate therapeutic plans for sick and healthy pets with heart and respiratory disease and enjoys helping fellow veterinarians and pet owners allow for the best quality life for our beloved four-legged family in sickness and health. She previously worked at Georgia Veterinary Specialists until January 2012, where she practiced cardiology. Dr. Blischok-Lapekas completed her undergraduate and graduate training at Virginia Tech, and moved to Atlanta in 2001. She lives here with her husband, two Golden Retrievers and their two cats. She enjoys gardening when we get rain, reading when we don't, and pottery all the time. Mark Fitchpatrick, Correspondence Secretary



NATURAL REMIDES

Vomiting and Diarrhea

Vomiting and diarrhea are the most common symptoms seen in dogs. They can occur alone or together. It can be a very minor self-limiting problem or a very significant major problem.

Below are some common questions pet owners ask when their dog has vomiting and diarrhea. The focus of this article will be on how you can care for these problems at home.

What is vomiting and diarrhea?

Vomiting is the act of expelling contents from the stomach through the mouth. Diarrhea is the act of having abnormally loose or liquid stools. This can also be associated with an increased frequency of bowel movements. Some dogs will have a large amount of liquid or abnormally loose stools once and others will have semi-formed stools frequently with straining.

What causes vomiting and diarrhea?

Vomiting and diarrhea can be caused by a variety of problems including eating too fast, eating too much, eating something that is not digestible, changes in the dog's food, eating spoiled food or garbage, infectious agents (including bacterial, viruses or parasites), as well as systemic problems such as cancer, diabetes, pancreatitis, kidney disease or liver disease. For a full list of possible causes do a Google search on "Gastroenteritis in dogs".

Vomiting and diarrhea can affect you dog by causing extreme fluid loss, which leads to dehydration, electrolyte disturbances and/or acid-base imbalances.

A common question that pet owners often ask is, "What can I do at home?"

Home treatment of vomiting and diarrhea

Specific treatments of vomiting are dependent on the cause. Here is the general approach to treating vomiting and diarrhea:

If your pet vomits once and/or has a small amount of diarrhea then eats normally with no further vomiting, has a normal bowel movement and is acting playful, then the problem may resolve on its own.

If you discover any predisposing cause such as exposure to trash, change in diet or plants your dog may be eating, always eliminate that cause.

If your dog vomits several times, has diarrhea and you cannot take your dog to your veterinarian (which is recommended), then you may try the following:

Do not give any medications without consulting you veterinarian. Some medications can be toxic.

Dealing with both vomiting and diarrhea can be difficult. Often with Vomiting we hold food for 2 to 4 hours – with Diarrhea sometimes it is longer – even 24 hours. These are general guidelines trying to treat both conditions. If your dog is acting sick, lethargic or the vomiting and/or diarrhea continues – PLEASE see your veterinarian.

Withhold food and water for four to six hours. Oftentimes, the stomach lining may be very irritated. Some dogs will want to eat and continue vomiting. Give the stomach "time to rest" for a few hours.

If your pet has not vomited by the end of this time, offer small amounts of water (a few tablespoons at a time). Continue to offer small amounts of water every 20 minutes or so until your pet is hydrated. Don't allow your dog to over drink as this may lead to vomiting.

If there has been no vomiting after the small increments of water are offered, then you may gradually offer a bland diet.

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Small frequent feedings of a bland digestible diet such as Hill's Prescription Diet i/d, Iams Recovery Diet, Provision EN or Waltham Low Fat, are usually recommended. You can make a homemade diet of boiled rice or potatoes (as the carbohydrate source) and lean hamburger, skinless chicken or low-fat cottage cheese (as the protein source). Feed small amounts at a time. Don't over feed as your dog may eat the entire bowl and vomit. Feed a meatball size portion and if there is no vomiting, offer a small amount more about 1 hour later. Give small amounts frequently – every 3 to 4 hours – for the first day. You can gradually increase the amount and decrease the frequency as your dog tolerates.

Many veterinarians recommend Pepcid AC (generic name is Famotidine) to decrease stomach acid. This helps many pets. The dosage most commonly used is 0.25 to 0.5 mg per pound every 12 to 24 hours. A 20-pound dog would get about 5 to 10 mg (total dose) once to twice daily. This is an oral medication, which can be found at most pharmacies in the antacid section. Pepcid (Famotidine) does not require a prescription. It is often used for 3 to 5 days.

Some veterinarians recommend Pepto-Bismol or Kaopectate (for dogs only!). The active ingredients are generally subsalicylate and Bismuth. Two tablespoons of Pepto-Bismol contain almost as much salicylate as one aspirin tablet (which is toxic to cats). Do NOT give cats Pepto-Bismol or Kaopectate! The subsalicylate, an aspirin-like compound, can decrease diarrhea caused by intestinal infections. The bismuth agent is a chalk-like compound designed to coat the lining of the stomach and intestines. This helps some pets with diarrhea. The typical daily dose administered to dogs amounts to approximately 2 teaspoons (10 ml total) per 10-pounds, ideally split between two to four doses. This can be found at most pharmacies and does not require a prescription. It is often used for 1 to 2 days. **DO NOT USE FOR CATS.**

Feed a bland diet for 2 days.

The return to regular dog food should be gradual over a period of one to two days. At first, mix a little of your dog's food into the bland diet. Feed that for one meal. Then feed a 50/50 mix for one meal. Then feed ¾ dog food and ¼ bland diet for one meal – then feed your dog's regular food.

Leash-walk your pet to allow observation of bowel movements, observe for normal urinations and note any additional vomiting that may otherwise occur without your knowledge.

Administer only prescribed medications.

Vomiting and Diarrhea

This is important! If the vomiting and /or diarrhea continue or worsen, if you note blood in the vomit or feces, or if other symptoms appear, call your veterinarian promptly. If your pet is not eating, if he acts lethargic, if the vomiting continues or if any other physical abnormalities mentioned above begin, it is important to see your veterinarian. Your pet needs the professional care your veterinarian can provide. If your pet is having the clinical signs mentioned above expect your veterinarian to perform some diagnostic tests and to make treatment recommendations dependent upon the severity and the nature of the clinical signs.

When are vomiting and diarrhea an emergency?

If the vomiting and/or diarrhea continue after your pet eats, if your pet doesn't want to eat or if your pet acts lethargic, medical attention is warranted. Please see your veterinarian. If your dog is losing weight, if you see blood in the vomit or feces, or if your dog has ineffective vomiting (he is retching but unable to produce vomit), this is an important medical emergency. It can be caused by a life-threatening emergency called Bloat.

Great links for more information

For more details about vomiting and diarrhea in dogs do a Google search for "Vomiting in Dogs", "Chronic Vomiting in Dogs", "Acute Diarrhea in Dogs", "Vomiting and Diarrhea in Dogs", and "Dehydration in Dogs".

Disclaimer: As always, advice given in this article is not meant to replace veterinary care. Always consult your veterinarian prior to following any advice offered here or by anyone.