



# The Cavalier Chronicle

## No Cavalier Left Behind by Dawn Glaser Falk



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Below is a picture of the numbers from the dogs that were turned over to the ACKCS Rescue Trust at the close of the auction Saturday. One by one, as each dog was brought out to our vehicles, the number that had identified them for the previous two weeks was handed to us. As we took possession of each dog and its number, we gave it a hug and a kiss and promised better days to come. We put 12 dogs into Sue's van to go to Iowa, seven into Sherry's SUV for the trip to Arkansas, and the remaining 11 were loaded into my Minnesota-bound Tahoe for a total of 30 dogs.

By our count at the end of the auction and at that point in time, the various rescue groups had saved 94 of the 99 Cavaliers that were for sale. Not perfect, but also more than we had dared hoped for.

One of the saddest, most upsetting moments of the day occurred when two of the young male dogs, #81 and #83, were sold to an Amish woman who clearly ran a commercial breeding/puppy mill operation. At the start of the auction, she purchased 86 (that's right - 86!) stainless steel self feeders - the kind that hang on the outside of a cage so food can be dumped into it easily. She was a small, wiry, plain, stone-faced gal with a harsh, narrow, chiseled face, cold eyes and an angry expression. If anyone ever says to me again "if looks could kill" this woman's face is what will come to mind. She obviously was an experienced bidder, giving just a blink and an ever-so-slight nod of her head as the auctioneer called out prices. And she won those boys for a combined total of more than \$12,000. We were heartbroken. They were so young and so pretty and their fate for a sad, neglected life had just been sealed. And there was nothing we could do about it. So with a mix of glad hearts for the dogs that were saved and heavy hearts for the handful that got away, the transport team for the Rescue Trust packed up and headed for the gate.

We were about to exit the property when one of the auction staff stopped us. There was some confusion about payment for the brucellosis testing done on the dogs that were now in the care of the Rescue Trust, and he needed one of us to stay until the issue was resolved. Since I was last in line to leave it was easiest for me to return to the pole barn and wait while they sorted out the problem. And I'm both glad and relieved that I did.

When I pulled up to the building I learned something I could hardly believe: Renee Bruns, having been informed somewhere along the way that those two boys were bought by the Amish woman, negotiated hard and fast to get them out of her possession. Those helpless dogs were already loaded into that woman's mini van - along with the 86 stainless steel feeders and a dilapidated Vari Kennel - and she was about to drive away with them. But Renee, really just in the nick of time, saved them.

Words cannot describe how it felt to watch the auction staff collect those beautiful boys from the Amish woman's vehicle and carry them over to me, the last remaining representative of the Rescue Trust. I cried tears joy, relief, victory the likes of which you can only imagine. Such a wonderful moment.

So in the collection of numbers that I have from the auction, 81 and 83 are missing. Those numbers were given to the Amish puppy mill woman when she bought the two young dogs. And while I didn't get their numbers, the ACKCS Rescue Trust, thanks to National Director Renee Bruns, got them. They are now known as Huxley (tri boy) and Chesley (Blenheim boy), and they will never be just a number again.

By Sunday we learned that every effort that was made to get all the dogs from the auction led to success. A national, if not an international, community of Cavalier fanciers came together and accomplished the desired result: no Cavalier was left behind. Kudos, kudos, kudos to all!



## Upcoming Events

*Christmas Party  
December 14th*



**Jim & Sharon Utych are so proud their boys Finn & Skye as they earned their AKC CGCA title at the Puppy Picnic! Here they are graduating with Paula Ayers' cavalier, Smarty who earned his AKC CGC title.**



**Jim & Sharon Utych are over the moon as Skye took Best of Opposite at the CKCSCGA Fun Match!**



## Puppy Picnic Pic's





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Hi everyone!

The American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rescue Trust (The Trust) was organized to benefit Cavaliers in need who have been lost, abandoned or are unwanted, to provide a cohesive, nationwide network of rescue volunteers and to provide public education in an effort to reduce the number of Cavaliers that come into rescue. The Trust is organized under IRS Section 501(c) (3) providing donors with federal income tax deductions, to the extent allowed by IRS. Further, The Trust provides insurance covering the activities of its volunteer workers following the guidelines set down by The Trust.

I'm sure many if not all of you have heard about the dogs from Alabama that were put up for auction. We, at the Rescue Trust are prohibited from purchasing dogs at auction. However, there are experienced individuals who have joined together to do so. The Cavaliers purchased at auction through this fund raiser will be turned over to the Rescue Trust.

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed, but especially now that we have these dogs rescued from the auction! Please sign up as a volunteer. Due to insurance requirements, we cannot let you help without having duly signed you up! To volunteer, go to our website: <https://cavalierrescuetrust.org/> and click on volunteer application. There are so many ways you can help – transportation, evaluate reported dogs at shelters, provide a foster home, do home visits for potential adoptive homes, or even adopt a rescue Cavalier of your very own!

## It's on the Club website!

What is on the club website? Have you checked it out this past month? We have some easy payment methods on the website for the following activities:

Holiday Party Reservations – you also have the option of paying using our online store OR downloading the payment form and sending it into Sue Bess prior to the party!

2015 Specialty Banquet – you have the option of paying using the online store OR downloading the payment form and sending it into Sue Bess!

Also, there are direct links on the 2015 Specialty Show tab to take you directly to the Infodog.com site to register! Do not forget our Trophy Fund donation also has an online option and a form to download! Lastly, check out the 2015 ACKCSC National Specialty tab as this information has been updated with a link to take you directly to the National website for all the National information!

In addition, did you know...under the Membership tab, there is information on how to nominate a person for the CKCSCGA Member of the Year. We are also working on placing the annual membership renewal online, which would be a first for our club!

Dear CKCSC of Greater Atlanta Members: Just a few reminders as we approach December!

1. Deadline for the Holiday Luncheon is Sunday, December 7! Be sure to turn in your reservation form and payment to our treasurer, Susan Bess. You can find the form on our website at: <http://ckcscatlanta.org/holiday-party-payment-form-online-pay>

*Don't want to mail in your reservation?* You can also pay online using our safe, secure store. Just click on the above link. It will take you to the form and the online payment section.

2. Our December business meeting will be held on Sunday, December 14 at our Holiday Luncheon (Maggiano's Buckhead from 1pm to 6pm). We do have business that requires the membership to vote on, so please plan to attend. Additionally, we will be recognizing our 10 year members and our 2014 Member of the Year. If you have a nominee for Member of the Year, please send an email to our club president, Alice Alford with the person's name and a short paragraph as to why you feel this person should be member of the year. Cutoff date for nominations is DECEMBER 1. Email Alice at [jonboy5@msn.com](mailto:jonboy5@msn.com)

3. It's membership renewal time! Susan Bess has mailed out the membership renewal packets this week so be sure to look for it in your mail. You can also renew your membership ONLINE this year if you chose to do so. Just visit our website at: <http://ckcscatlanta.org/membership-renewal>

4. Our 14th Annual Specialty Show is fast approaching! (Saturday January 31, 2015). *Please note the day change from Thursday to Saturday.* It will be a FIVE majors weekend so be sure to get your entry in! Closing date for entries is January 14, 2015. Show superintendent is MB-F. <http://www.infodog.com/clubs/2015516501.HTM>

Be sure to donate to our Trophy Fund! This helps offset the costs of our trophies that we award at our Specialty. You can donate online via our website or use the form and mail in your donation to the club treasurer. Your donation will be recognized on our website and ringside. <http://ckcscatlanta.org/trophy-fund-donations>

We will have ringside snacks for the exhibitors and guests of the Club and will also be holding a ringside silent auction during the Specialty.

We will have our Live Auction & Specialty Banquet on Saturday evening at the Atlanta Airport Hilton. We will only have about 5 high quality items available to bid on at the Live Auction (no Silent Auction at the banquet). After the auction, there will be an informal Breeders Forum discussion. To make the banquet affordable, the Club has subsidized the cost of the meal. Reserve your spot via our website (you can print out and mail in the form and payment OR you can pay online using our safe, secure store). <http://ckcscatlanta.org/specialty-show-banquet-information>

5. Lastly, if you have any brags, pictures or articles for the newsletter please send them to Denise Newlon at [newlond@bellsouth.net](mailto:newlond@bellsouth.net)

Thank you, Sharon Utych, Interim Corresponding Secretary, CKCSC of Greater Atlanta

## Trophy Fund Drive

With our Specialty fast approaching, please consider donating to our Trophy Fund that supports all the trophies given out at the Specialty. Our club has always had wonderful trophies and it is all due to our club member's generosity.

Giving to the Trophy Fund is easy! Just visit our website ([ckcscatlanta.org](http://ckcscatlanta.org)) and on the home page, click the "Trophy Fund Donations" tab on the left side of the home page. There you will have TWO options to make a donation.

The first is a safe, secure online transaction via our "online trophy donation" section. Just select the designated amount / contributor level and follow the prompts! The second option is to mail in your donation using the Trophy Fund donation form, which can be downloaded from the website. In this issue, we have also included the form for your use so you do not need to go to the website to print it out!

All contributors from the "Friends" level up to the "Benefactor" level will be listed on our website and displayed at the Specialty.

Please consider making a donation this year to our Trophy Fund!

Club members please contact Maureen Miles if they have any deaths, hospitalizations or family emergencies so I can send flowers or a card to the family or them. email below or phone me 770 460-9197

Maureen V. Miles, AKC Breeder of Merit  
Pied Piper Cavaliers  
[www.piedpipercavaliers.com](http://www.piedpipercavaliers.com)

Fayetteville, Ga.





# HO! HO! HO!

Our annual Holiday Luncheon will be on Sunday, December 14 from 1pm to 6pm at Maggiano's Little Italy in Buckhead.

This is a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season as we share a delicious Italian family style meal with our fellow club members, family and friends!

The club has again subsidized the cost per person to keep this affordable for everyone to attend. Cost is \$25 per adult and \$15 for children 12 and under. Deadline for reservations is December 7, 2014.

There are two convenient ways to pay! You can visit the club's website and make your payment online via our safe, secure store or you can download the reservation form off the website under the "2014 Holiday Party" tab on the home page of our website and mail it and a check to our club treasurer, Susan Bess.

At the luncheon, we hold our fun "White Cavalier" gift exchange. You do not need to participate in the gift exchange to enjoy the afternoon. Sometimes is just fun to sit back and watch the scheming and stealing of coveted gift items and the white cavalier! If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped unmarked gift of \$25 or less. It can be cavalier related, dog related or people related. *Shh...don't tell anyone I told you but the gifts that are stolen like crazy are usually beautiful cavalier items!*

We will have a shortened December Business Meeting at the beginning of the luncheon where we will cover a few club items and present our Ten Year Member awards and Member of the Year award. Be sure to make plans to attend!



## Holiday Luncheon Reservation Form

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**Date:** Sunday, December 14, 2014; **Time:** 1pm to 6pm

**Place:** Maggiano's Little Italy – Buckhead, 3368 Peachtree Rd, Atlanta GA 30326

**Family style dinner includes Appetizer & Salad, Main Courses (3), Veggie & Starch and Desserts (2). To keep this affordable for everyone, the club has subsidized the cost of the meal!**

**Cost per adult \$25, Children 12 & under \$15**

**Please make checks payable to *CKCSC of Atlanta* and mail reservation form to:**

**CKCSC of Greater Atlanta, c/o Susan Hardwick Bess, Treasurer**

**1087 Glenwood Ave. SE, Atlanta Georgia 30316-1817**

*Reservation deadline is December 7, 2014. Confirmation of receipt of reservation will be sent to the below email address*

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***Banquet Reservation Form***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 per person; Number of children: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 per child

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PayPal transaction id: \_\_\_\_\_

Number participating in the White Cavalier Gift Exchange: \_\_\_\_\_