



The Cavalier Chronicle

President's Message

As spring changes to summer and kids are out of school, we will all find ourselves getting involved in the fun things of summer.

This is the time of year when we don't have enough regular member attendance to have a quorum. As we make our plans for summer, let's not forget that our attendance is needed at the CKCS Club of Greater Atlanta regular monthly meetings.

Rebecca Kessel will be our speaker at our June meeting and

I would like to have a great turnout. She always has an interesting program on reproduction of some sort.

On another note, let's keep our eyes and ears open on the Legislature end of owning and breeding dogs. I have been receiving numerous e-mails from other states that are fighting these laws. I believe it's only a matter of time before we find these same laws introduced right here in our fine state of Georgia.

Let's all know who our Representatives and Senators are and be prepared to fight.

See you at the May meeting!

Sincerely,
Alice Alford, President

Member Spotlight— Holly N. Majka

Holly has been a member for a year & is also our new Membership Committee chair (don't forget to renew)! Holly is a 3rd grade teacher at Sarah Smith Elementary in Buckhead & enjoys teaching.

Her love affair with cavaliers began at an early age, growing up in Massachusetts & spending summers at Martha's Vineyard. It was magical day on the ferry to the Vineyard when she saw the most beautiful dog she had ever seen-- a blenheim cavalier, of course!!

The love affair was reignited when she began teaching in Georgia, as several of her stu-

dents had cavaliers & after spending time with these dogs, Holly knew it was the breed for her. Her Master's degree graduation gift to herself was a cavalier!

Holly's four legged children are Oliver (Blenheim), Rosalita (Tri) and Scarlett (Blenheim). Although she has owned cavs for 4 1/2 years, Holly just started showing within the past year & is hooked! She has shown Rosalita "Jayba's Come out Tonight" & Kay-C Phipps' Phoebe "OkayC Phoebe".

Holly feels fortunate that Wes Sherrill has allowed her the privilege of handling **OkayC Katie Scarlett O'Hara**. Holly is very appreciative of the time & knowl-

edge that everyone has been willing to share with her—especially several of our Club members! We are extremely fortunate to call Holly one of our own!



Holly is pictured here with Scarlett as she placed Best of Winners in Feb. 2009 at the Lawrenceville KC

The Cavalier King
Charles Spaniel Club of
Greater Atlanta

Special Information:

Our next scheduled business meeting is **Tuesday May 5, 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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Got History? Meet Our Club Historian— Mark Fitchpatrick



Word on the street is that our Club Historian makes a KILLER cheesecake!!!

Mark has accepted the position of Club Historian for 2009. This is a position which is new to CKCSC of Greater Atlanta. There are several reasons the Board determined the need for a Club Historian. The most important reason is the fact that as a non-profit, CKCSC of Greater Atlanta is required to keep all records available for viewing at all times.

At this point our records, photos, memories, etc. are in several locations. As club historian, Mark will address the task of

gathering all club information, records, photos, etc. so that they are under one roof.

This will be a daunting task since all of our club history is now in the possession of so many members.

Mark asks that each club member gather all items they may have and bring them to future meetings so they can be consolidated and catalogued.

If you have items which need to be collected and will not be attending a meeting in the near future, please help Mark by get-

ting the items to a member who can bring them to a meeting for you.

If that is not possible please call Mark at 404/634-9678 and he will arrange to meet you to collect the items. Mark will also be working on cataloguing photos and creating an album.

It will be exciting for all of us to be able to look back over our club history.

Thanks in advance to each of you for assisting Mark in gathering our history.

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
MAY 5, 2009!

CKCSC of Greater Atlanta 2010 Specialty Show

Can you believe that our next CKCSC of Greater Atlanta Specialty is only 10 months away??

Mark your calendars for the 1st Thursday in February 2010 (Feb. 4) for our Specialty Show and Friday February 5th for our Banquet and Auction!

We are currently in need of a Judges Hospitality coordinator for the 2010 show and are looking for assistance in setting up and man-

ning our tables at the Specialty.

We also need volunteers to assist in the Auction piece—we typically have a silent auction along with an exciting live auction the night of the Banquet. A lot of hard work goes into making the Auction the success that it is! Sue Hardwick has been phenomenal in coordinating our Banquet/Auction night and many hands make light work for all.

Interested???

Speak to Alice or Sue for more details. February will be here before you know it!!



CKCSCGA Regular Business Meeting Agenda— May 5, 2009

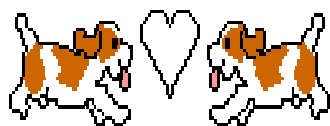
Agenda

- 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
- 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 GA Regular Business Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2009 Meeting

**** There was not a quorum present at the March & April meetings, hence we are republishing the minutes of the last official meeting****

Regular Meeting Agenda

Welcome Guests

Roll Call

Approve minutes of last meeting

Report of President

Report of Secretary

Report of Treasurer

Reports of the Committees

Election of Officers and Board

Election of New Members

Unfinished Business

New Business

Adjournment

Braggs

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Alice Alford

Members Attending

Alice Alford	Paul Ayers	Lee Chenevert	Missy Crane	Susan Hardwick
Jeff Herring	Vickie Herring	Brenda Martz	Dallas Martz	Kay-C Phipps
Carolyn Powell	Wes Sherrill	Linda Whitmire	Mark Fitchpatrick	Holly Majka
Carol Lesley				

Guests Attending

Larry Crane Denise Holm Sharon Onorato Ronnie Owings

Welcome Guests

Alice and the membership welcomed guests.

The November 2, 2008 minutes were published in the November 2008 newsletter and the December 2008 regular minutes were published via email on January 5, 2009. Kay-C Phipps motioned that the November and December minutes be approved as submitted. Vickie Herring seconded the motion. All approved.

CKCSC GA Regular Business Meeting Minutes January 6, 2009 Meeting

Report of the President

Vickie Herring motioned that we cancel the Tue February 3rd regular meeting. Susan Hardwick seconded the motion. All approved. Alice Alford also provided a Show Committee update. See Committee Reports.

Report of Secretary

Associate Membership applications: First reading—Ronnie Owings, Bethany Owings; Second reading—Sharon Onorato, Jim Utych.

Report of Treasurer

Vickie Herring presented the Treasurer's report. Our total balance as of 12/31/08 is \$20,603.43 with monies held in reserve for the Health & Education Fund of \$3,944.14 and the Trophy Fund of (\$257.21), resulting in a General Fund balance of \$16,402.08. There are no monies owed to the Club outstanding, no monies /expenses owed by the Club outstanding and no monies received not yet deposited.

The Holiday Party net loss was \$525.70, resulting in the Club paying \$18.13 per person for the event.

A suggestion was made during discussions that donations to the Trophy Fund be included on email reminders about the Specialty to the cavalier list communications.

Vickie Herring also presented the 2008 year end Treasurers Report, detailing income and expenses for the calendar year, including a detailed 2008 vs. 2007 comparison of income and expenses, and a 5 year profit/loss analysis.

Renewal & Breeder Referrals Update: The members who have not paid dues are considered past due. Thirty three (33) of fifty three (53) members have renewed. Twenty one (21) of our fifty three (53) Associate members have renewed including Juniors and 2 Honorary members. Twenty (20) Breeder Referrals have been updated. Our total membership, if all existing members renew, will be 115 members.

Committee Reports

Show Committee: Alice Alford reminded everyone that the date of the show is Thursday, 1/29 and to plan on being ringside to help set up at 9am that morning. She also encouraged members who have not yet signed up to complete the Banquet & Auction form to reserve a seat at the dinner.

CKCSC GA Regular Business Meeting Minutes January 2009 Meeting

Sunshine Committee: Dick Brock passed away in December. Please keep Judy and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Sonya Thompson is currently undergoing diagnosis. Everyone please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Auction Committee: Please send donations to Sue Hardwick. We are looking to fill our New Puppy, Grooming & Warming Box/Whelping Kit. Also art and collectibles are welcome. We do have over 40 donations to date, many from vendors & artists.

For those of you on the Auction Committee, plan to be at the hotel Friday, 1/30 at 3pm for setup that afternoon.

Election of Officers and Board

The Officers Slate was elected unanimously by membership. The 2009 Officers and Board are:

President:	Alice Alford	Vice President:	Paul Ayers
Treasurer:	Vickie Herring	Secretary:	Sue Hardwick
Director:	Kay-C Phipps	Director:	Sonya Thompson
Director:	Linda Whitmire		

Election of New Members

Sharon Onorato and Jim Utych were elected unanimously as new Associate Members

Unfinished Business—None

New Business

Alice Alford and Vickie Herring presented the remaining 10 year memberships awards. This year we had 13 members who been in the Club for 10 years.

January 1998	Kay-C Phipps, Carolyn Powell
February 1998	Kay Trad, Donna Sather
September 1998	Daryl Diegoli, Glenn Richmond, Lu Dunham, Helen Jesse, Gabrielle Pollmeier, Ben Schoenfeld, Cheryl Schoenfeld
December 1998	Maureen Miles, Susan Robinson

Adjournment

Linda Whitmire motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Dallas Martz seconded the motion. All approved.

Submitted by Sue Hardwick, CKCSCGA Secretary



CKCSC of Greater Atlanta BRAGS!!

Melissa Crane

Jayba's Gentleman's Quarterly won Winners Dog & Best of Winners (3 point major) on Sunday, April 5th at the Newnan show AND he also won Winners Dog & Best of Winners on Sunday, April 5th at the Birmingham KC show!

CH Signature's Last Man Standing won Best of Breed and won Group 1st on Thursday, April 2nd at the Nashville show AND also won Best of Breed on Friday, April 3rd at the Birmingham show!

OKAYC Temptation at Signatures won Winners Bitch & Best of Opposite Sex (3 point major) on Saturday, April 4th at the Nashville show. Handler was Larry Crane!

Holly Majka

OKAYC Katie Scarlett O'Hara won Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex at the Maury County TN show on Sunday, March 22. Scarlett is co-owned by Wes Sherrill and Holly Majka and handled by Holly.



Jeff & Vickie Herring

Welcome their new addition to the family! **Charnell Cosmopolitan** aka Tanner (CH Aranel Cosmic x Cinderlace Antoinette at Charnell) arrived from England in March! Tanner was bred by Sandra Ireland.



Kay-C Phipps

OKAYC Toughen It Up won Best of Breed, Group 4 on Saturday AND Sunday, April 4th & 5th at the Birmingham KC show. OKAYC Toughen It Up is owned by Pat Mixon and Joseph Threadcraft.

GOT A BRAG??? It only costs a buck for a brag at our monthly meetings!

Remember to fill out the brag forms on the tables at our next business meeting to make sure YOUR BRAG gets published!

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 Herrin at <mailto:ckcscqa@aol.com>

Doggie Snickerdoodles

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup shortening (Crisco)
- 1 cup honey
- 2 eggs
- 3 ¾ cups white flour
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ cup cornmeal
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon



Mix vegetable oil, Crisco, honey and eggs. Using a mixer, beat until well mixed. Then add the flour, baking soda and cream of tartar and mix well by hand. Knead dough until mixed well. Shape dough by rounded teaspoons into balls. Mix the cornmeal and cinnamon together in a bowl and roll balls in mixture. Place 2 inches apart on a cookie sheet sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Press the balls down with a fork and bake for 10 minutes at 400F. Cool and store in airtight container.

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!](#) *There will be meeting of the GA Coalition on Monday, April 20th at the Golden Corral Restaurant, North Point Parkway, Alpharetta at 7pm.*

Member News

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!

Important! All Members Please Read!

Please make sure that Sue Hardwick has your current email address! We use this listing to email out The Cavalier Chronicle, send out notifications regarding activities and just general correspondence.

If you DID NOT receive the March, 2009 edition of the Cavalier Chronicle via email, it means that a valid email address is not on file!

Please! Don't miss out on any news and be sure that Sue has your correct contact information!

Additionally, the Cavalier Chronicle will be posted to our website each month. It is in a PDF format, and you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to open and view the document. Adobe Acrobat Reader is a free download via the internet.

Monticello Cavaliers Mean Business!!

One of our own Monticello cavaliers are in the baking business! About a year ago, Alice placed a puppy (Bentley) with Eric Zimmerman in Savannah. Unfortunately, he was divorced and his ex got custody of Bentley.

Eric came again to Monticello for another puppy (Oliver). When he came to pick up Oliver, he conveyed to Alice his plan for starting a business of baking cookies for dogs! Alice never thought he would get it off the ground. But determination prevailed and now there is Oliver Bentley's Barking Bakery! Of course, the story on Oliver Bentley's home page is fiction, but cute. Alice received a sample package of Oliver's cookies and her Monticello cavaliers really loved them! Check out the Oliver Bentley's website by clicking [HERE](#)

FUNNY BONES!!!

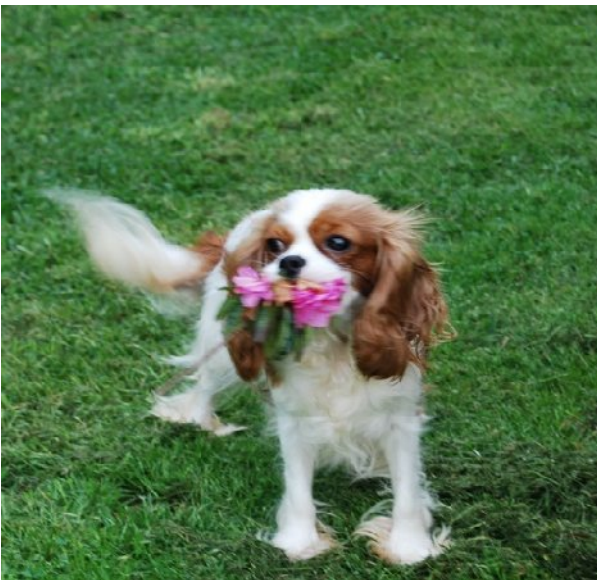
Ok all you CKCSC of Greater ATL members! You have got to have some pictures that you want to share with the group! Action shots, funny pictures, pictures that make you go AWWWW....you know what I mean! They can even be of your (dare I say it??) non-cavalier pets!! Just email a quality digital photograph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



Yep Yep Yep! I can smile AND stick out my tongue at the same time! How much TALENT can you possibly take?? - Finn (Jim & Sharon Utych)



Andy is Michele Henson's pride and joy!



Monticello Timeless Treasure (AKA Joy) is my flower child! She is the grand daughter of CH Peglen All Things Considered & the daughter of Kingsway Braveheart at Monticello—Alice Alford



Rosie enjoys dressing up like a little Southern Belle! - Lee Chenevert



2009 ACKCSC National Specialty Show

April 27 -30

Hyannis, Cape Cod, Massachusetts @ the Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis

ACKCSC - OVERVIEW OF EVENTS*

Schedule is subject to change based on the number of entries at this show*

Monday, April 27th, 2009

Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes - Judge: Patricia Kanan

Inaugural Futurity - Breeder Showcase - Judge: John Gammon

Regional Club Meeting

"Show Your Colors" Welcome Party - Hosted by C.S.N.E.

Tuesday, April 28th, 2009

Obedience Competition - Judge: Ms Elizabeth Chase

Rally Competition - Judge: Ms. Elizabeth Chase

Junior Showmanship Judging - Judge: Ms Elaine Lessig

Dog Class Judging - Judge: Ms. Elaine Lessig

Junior Showmanship Pizza Party & Seminar -

Frank Kane (UK) Seminar: Construction & Movement

Wednesday, April 29th, 2009

Rally Competition - Judge: Ms. Elizabeth Chase

HEALTH CLINICS

Hearts: Dr. Nancy Morris, DVM, Board Certified ACVIM (Cardiology)

Eyes: Dr. Alan Bachrach, DVM, Board Certified ACVO, (Ophthalmology)

Obedience Competition - Mr. David Lee Welch

Judges Education & Seminar - Followed by Ringside Observation

Bitch Judging - Judge Mr. Kenneth McDermott

Annual Meeting (*Members Only)

Dr. Claudia Waller Orlandi, Seminar - ABCs of Breeding (AKC/certification*)

Thursday April 30th, 2009

CGC Testing/Evaluation

Therapy Dog Presentation

Freestyle Performance - Demonstration

Veteran Class Judging - Judge Kenneth McDermott

Ringside observation for BOB

Best of Breed Judging - Judge: Mr. Kenneth McDermott

Non-Regular Class Judging - Judge Mr. Kenneth McDermott

Awards Banquet & Charitable Trust Auction Live Auction - conducted by celebrity auctioneer, The "Voice of Westminster", TV Commentator, Cavalier owner, DAVID FREI.

"Come Join Us in Beautiful Cape Cod in the Springtime!" - [click on this link to view the Specialty Show website for more information and details](#)

Be a responsible dog owner!

2009 Kids' Corner Drawing Contest!

As a responsible dog owner, you do many things for your dog. You give your dog food and water, playtime, exercise, attention, and love everyday. You bathe and groom him when needed, train him, and take him to the vet at least once a year. You also make sure your dog has proper identification, so you can find him if he gets lost.



Draw a picture of yourself doing something to take care of your dog or your favorite AKC breed.

You can find out more information about how to good care of a dog on the AKC web site at www.akc.org.

Winners will receive:

First place: The Complete Dog Book for Kids
Bailey's Purebred Dog Coloring Book
The AKC's Guide To Purebred Dogs poster
A Responsible Dog Ownership bookmark
Purebred dogs puzzle

Second and third places:
Bailey's Purebred Dog Coloring Book
The AKC's Guide to Purebred Dogs poster
A Responsible Dog Ownership bookmark
Purebred dogs puzzle



Deadlines: First, second, and third place winners will be chosen from each US grade group K-2, 3-5, and 6-8 in May and October. Entries postmarked after Sept. 30, 2009 are not eligible for entry. First place entries will be posted on the AKC website.

Send entries to:

The American Kennel Club
Attn: Public Education Dept.
8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Ste.
100, Raleigh NC 27617

Be sure to include a parent's or guardian's permission!

[See contest rules on back!](#)



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Contest Rules:

- ◆ Contest open to kids in US and Canada.
- ◆ **Entry must include name, address, age, school and grade and written consent of a parent or guardian to be eligible.**
- ◆ This contest is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. By consenting to a child's entry, all parents and guardians represent and warrant that any material submitted is original, does not infringe upon the copyright or any other right or interest of any other person or organization, and that any rights to such material have not been granted previously to any other person or organization, nor does any third party have any interest in such materials. By consenting to a child's entry, all parents and guardians (i) grant AKC the absolute and exclusive right and permission to edit, modify, publish, exploit and use the content of and elements embodied in the entry and the entry itself in perpetuity in any and all media (whether now existing or hereafter devised) and in any manner without further approval or consideration; (ii) agree that AKC shall have the right and permission to use the name, entry, and/or entry information of entrant in any manner or media now or hereafter known without further consideration except where prohibited by law.
- ◆ If your child sends us an email with a question or comment or enters one of our contests, the American Kennel Club will respond using his or her email address. The AKC will not store that email for future communications and will not share it with any third parties. The American Kennel Club reserves the right to post an email submitted by a child on our Kids' Corner newsletter site. If your child submits artwork, stories, comments or anything else to us which is posted at our site, he or she will be identified by first name, age and state.

You and your child's use of this site are conditioned on your having accepted these terms. You should check back on this policy frequently, since it is subject to change from time to time, and your continued use of the site is conditioned upon your acceptance of any modification hereto.

In order to review the information collected and to request deletion, a parent or child may email master@akc.org write privacy policy in the message space or contact us at the address or phone number listed below.

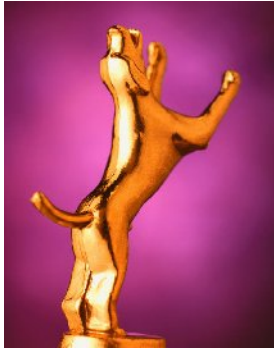
Mailing Address: Privacy Policy, American Kennel Club, 8051 Arco Corporate Dr., Ste. 100, Raleigh, NC 27617

Our Customer Service Department is open from 8:30 am to 5:00 PM Eastern Time. Phone number: 919-233-9767

- ◆ The contest is open to children in grades K-8, except employees of the AKC and their immediate families.
- ◆ Only one entry per child. Entries will not be returned.
- ◆ Entries must be no larger than 11x17 inches in size.
- ◆ The AKC retains the right to publish all entries on the AKC Web site, www.akc.org and in other AKC publications. Winners will be identified by first name and grade.
- ◆ No faxed entries allowed.
- ◆ Entries will be chosen by qualified judges based on originality, content, quality, and appeal.
- ◆ No purchase necessary to enter or win this contest.
- ◆ The total approximate retail value of the prize to be awarded each first place winner is \$38.90 and each second and third place winner is \$15.95. Prize is not transferable or redeemable for cash. No substitution, transfer or cash equivalent of a prize by a winner is permitted. All applicable federal, state, local or other taxes are the sole responsibility of winner.
- ◆ AKC shall have the right to disqualify any entries it deems do not meet the criteria due to technical, legal or other problems, or which they deem to be inappropriate or otherwise not in good taste, as determined by AKC in its sole discretion. Entries may not defame or invade the publicity or privacy rights of any person or otherwise infringe upon any person's personal or proprietary rights. AKC's decisions are final and binding with respect to all matters relating to this Contest. The potential winners will be notified by mail by June 15 and Nov. 15, 2009.
- ◆ If for any reason this contest is not capable of running as planned or does not allow the proper playing of the contest and processing of entries per these rules, or if tampering, unauthorized intervention, actions by entrants, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes, in AKC's sole opinion, corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this contest, AKC reserves the right at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual implicated in such action, and/or to terminate further entry in this contest.
- ◆ For a copy of these contest Rules, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to The American Kennel Club, Public Education Dept., 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Ste. 100, Raleigh, NC 27617. Requests must be received by Dec. 31, 2009.

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A Novice's Story



**...the person
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Celebrity Cavaliers!
Hopper & Hardy belong to
Courtney and David Arquette

As a novice, I do a lot of reading to learn more about our breed and the dog-show fancy in general. I belong to an Internet list that is dog show related. There was a recent post that I read and really identified with. Sharyn Hutchens of Timbreblue Whippets graciously agreed to let us share this in our newsletter.

I have had a wonderful experience as a novice, though it has been "intimidating" at times. I feel fortunate to be a member of this club because everyone has been so kind and willing to help and guide me. I thought the below article was a great reminder to everyone of what it is like to be the "new kid on the block". — Holly Majka

In the past few months I have talked to several wonderful people who might have been interested in showing but were turned off by the roughness of the dog fancy. "They were just so mean!" one woman said, "I know he's not perfect, but they didn't have one nice thing to say about him!" So this is my roughly semi-annual plea to experienced breeders and exhibitors to be kind to novices. We were all there once.

Please don't tell me, "If you can't stand the heat..." There is no need for rudeness in any walk of life. "Don't ask for my opinion if you can't take it" is just an excuse. If you want to be brutal with other very experienced people or to close friends, have at it. But the person who has just begun showing does not need to have her dog torn apart, even if you think "she needs to know the truth." We can help people without being cruel and totally destroying their interest in the fancy. The bottom line is that the novice on the end of that lead loves that dog.

An obvious novice at a show, likewise, does not need to have her dog taken apart from the ears to the toenails. She needs encouragement and kindness, regardless of what you think of her dog. If she sticks with showing, there will be time to mentor her later and gently suggest that she would do better with a dog of better quality.

Whenever someone asks me to evaluate a dog, and I know that person is only marginally (if at all) interested in showing, I always flash back to the judge who nearly killed all interest I ever had in breeding and showing collies. He informed me I should "trash that bitch and start over." I was 23, "That bitch" was a dog I had saved up for and dreamed of all my life. She was my first collie and I adored her. No, she was not the greatest collie in the world, but there was no reason I shouldn't have shown her and learned the ropes with her. That judge left me in tears, feeling stupid and worse, that my beloved Faith was just show-ring "trash."

Know why I didn't give up? Because a few weeks later I met the woman who would become my mentor, Anne Cross of Shadowmont Collies, also an AKC judge, but more important, a kind person who saw right away how much I had emotionally invested in this collie. When I asked for her opinion, I actually phrased it, "How bad do you think she is?"

I'll never forget her first words. "Faith is a delightful pet with a

lot of good qualities." She told me what those were and I think she ended with, "She could use a little more substance, but she's a beautifully feminine bitch." Later, when I got to know Anne better and she could see I was really interested in learning, she encouraged me to show Faith for awhile and then gently suggested that I might be more successful with a different collie.

And a pet owner who casually asks you what you think of her dog certainly does not want a litany of faults and reasons the dog should never be shown or bred. This person wants to hear good things about her much-loved pet. Every dog has good qualities. Obviously you wouldn't set a pet owner up for failure by suggesting she show the dog, but how much does a little dip in the topline matter to a family pet? So don't point it out.

If you think she's on the edge of breeding or showing a poor example of the breed, you might say, "Well, you wouldn't want to breed her because her chest is a bit narrow and her eyes are smaller than the standard calls for, but she is a lovely girl and I know you must be very proud of her!"

Evaluating kindly also applies to dogs you have bred, those in your own line, those sired by your dog, and any others you might feel some "ownership" of. Every year at our reunion, I see a few whippets about whom I think, "Well, gee, that's one breeding I'm glad I didn't repeat!" But I would never, ever tell one of my pet owners that her dog is not absolutely the cutest, smartest whippet I ever bred!

A Novice's Story—continued

Okay, I don't go that far, but when it comes to critiquing my breeding program aloud, that is not the place to do it or the people who want to hear it.

If the owner is considering showing and the puppy has not turned out the way we hoped, I might still encourage him to show if there are no disqualifying faults. Few of us started out with an easy champion and we all had to learn somewhere. In this case, I'd carefully point out a couple of places the whippet "could use improvement" so the owner won't expect to knock 'em dead. But I'm not going to tear that dog apart, even if I did breed her and consider her still mine in some way.

With anti-breeding legislation flooding the country, we need all the friends we can get. We do not need to come across

to the public as know-it-alls or rude or uncaring. Because when it comes time to contact legislators, you don't want those pet owners to think, "I don't give a rip whether those snooty people at the dog show ever breed another litter!"

For those of you who would say, "I tell it like it is," "You have to have a thick skin to show dogs," "If you don't want my opinion, don't ask for it," "If you can't take the heat, stay away from the dog show," I have a suggestion: Don't talk to novices or pet owners. Trust me, you will do nothing but harm to the fancy. Just smile and say, "She's just as cute as she can be." When you learn some tact and kindness, you'll be able to help.

I do think we are getting better with the public. More clubs are arranging dog show tours, considering the public's needs when they set up a show. I see more breeders handing

out cards instead of brushing people off.

But please think hard before you tear apart that novice's dog, even if she asks your opinion. It takes many, many years in the dog show world before you can really be objective about the dogs you love...and even then, it's not fun to hear someone trash your dog. As my mother used to say, "Be kind to one another. The world is hard enough."

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..Won't you let me take you on a sea cruise while we are in Cape Cod...

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Here's some exciting news from the staff of THE ROYAL DISPATCH! For the first time, the ACKCSC Annual will be part of the upcoming Summer issue. It will include everything you have come to know and love in previous annuals but in the larger format of The Dispatch. The deadline is May 15th.

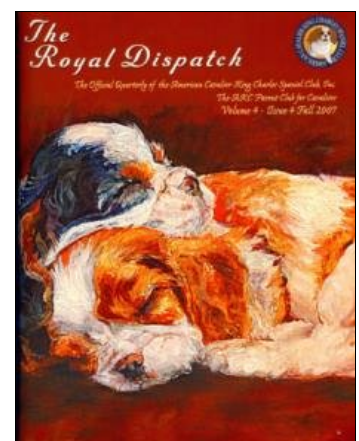
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New Exhibitor Mentoring Program



The American Kennel Club New Exhibitor Mentoring Program matches experienced dog fanciers & breeders with recent registrants of AKC dogs or those thinking about getting an AKC registered dog.

Seasoned handlers & exhibitors share their expertise with those expressing an interest in entering the exciting world of AKC dog show competition.

The primary purpose of this program is to attract new exhibitors and share with them the wonderful world of dog shows.

It can be intimidating to get started in any activity that has as much history as the AKC (125 years!), but those who have know it's a wonderful sport the entire family can enjoy.

Interested in getting involved in dog shows?

If you have recently registered a dog with AKC or are thinking about getting an AKC registered dog and are interested in working with an experienced mentor, please fill out an [application](#) and return to the AKC, ATTN: Public Education, 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27617 or fax to 919-816-

4275. If you have questions or comments, contact the AKC at 919-816-3712 or publiced@akc.org
Interested in sharing your expertise?

If you are an experienced fancier & would like to serve as a mentor you must be a member of an AKC-affiliated club and be in good standing with the AKC. Please fill out an [application](#), have a club officer sign it and return it to the AKC at AKC, ATTN: 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27617 or fax to 919-816-4275. If you have questions or comments, contact the AKC at 919-816-3712 or publiced@akc.org



It's SHOWTIME!!

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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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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](#).

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

Editor's Note

I can't believe April is almost gone and May is just around the corner! As I get older, it seems that time goes by faster and faster! But springtime is one of my favorite times of the year! It is a time of change—the flowers are blooming, the sun is warmer, the pollen is at record levels! Take time to enjoy the changing seasons and see how absolutely amazing and beautiful this place we call home, Earth, truly is!

I am experiencing change also. Unfortunately, I was one of the several thousands impacted by the economic turndown. As I job hunt from home, I sit and watch my two beautiful boys, Finn &

Skye, romp through the house, chasing and playing with each other. I laugh when they turn the corner at their high rate of cavalier speed and lose their footing on the flooring and ram into each other! Then I see how they sleep next to each other on the sofa without a care in the world; that is until Finn starts snoring! I don't know how short of a period of time I will have to watch their world, but I will be enjoying every second of it!

I hope you enjoyed reading this month's newsletter and I want to say thank you for the kind words on my first newsletter! I hope to make this both informative & fun.

If you have any fun pictures of you and your cavaliers that you would like to share, please send them to me! I would like to start a "Funny Bones" page and need YOUR funny or action shot pictures! Also, feel free to send me any recipes you may have or would like to share if you are a "doggie baker"! And of course, please feel free to contribute an article or a suggestion that I can follow up on!

Until next month -

Sharon Onorato Utych



Hope everyone had a happy and blessed Easter holiday!!