



The Cavalier Communique

The Official Newsletter of the ACKCSC



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From the Editors' Desk

Dear Members,

Summer has arrived, and it seems that Dog Shows and Specialty Shows are starting to happen again.

Seeing lots of photos of winning Cavaliers, with owners, handlers and Judges wearing masks.....and how great it was that Westminster Kennel Club happened, at what looked like a beautiful venue. Congrats to all the winners.

Sadly, Our National Show was canceled this year, but we can now look forward to next year's show in Ohio.

Joni and I hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter, and as always welcome your feedback. Our next deadline for content would be September 15, 2021.

Marji McCormick and Joni Marquardt

Our Cover

GCH CH Briarcrest Burberry CDX, RE, THDN, TKN, CGCA, CGCU

owned by Mrs. Gail Katz

Benson is NOT just another pretty face with not only conformation titles, but also his CDX Obedience Title, his Rally Excellent Title, a Therapy Dog Novice Title, his Trick Dog Title and his Advanced and Urban Canine Good Citizen Titles. Proving once again that Cavaliers will truly do anything you ask of them. And verifying once and for all that they are not just pretty faces!

Welcome to our newest Regional Club—Middle TN CKCSC

We are so pleased to welcome this newest Regional Club. The President, Roger Hunter, has contributed their first update from the club with a brief recap of their journey to acceptance.

We look forward to meeting your members at the local shows and at the 2022 ACKCSC National Specialty in OH!



American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club

We welcome the following new ACKCSC Members:

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Anyone may apply to become an Associate Member or to upgrade to a Regular Member by following the instructions on the membership page of the website. See: [Membership](#)

Applications should be submitted to Dee Wallis at the address above. Applications will be published quarterly. Deadlines for *submitting* Applications are: Spring - Feb. 15; Summer - May 15; Fall - August 15 and Winter - November 15, of each year. The process of publication and research before approval will take approximately four months after submission of the application.

Sponsorship of a new member is a major responsibility. Sponsors are expected to know well the applicants they sponsor. Any member applying to the ACKCSC Breeder Referral List must have been an ACKCSC member in good standing for at least two consecutive years.

Cavalier King Charles Spaniels *AKC TopDogssm* Using Breed Totals
Starting January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021
For Events Processed Through Friday, May 28, 2021

Rank	Name	S e x	Wins	Total
			BOB/V	Defeated
1	<u>GCHG CH Roi L Man In The Moon</u>	D	24	553
2	<u>GCHS CH Sheeba Valegro</u>	D	22	391
3	<u>GCHB CH Kbpride Perle Cuff Link</u>	D	24	374
4	<u>GCHS CH Castle Peak Field Of Dreams CGC</u>	D	14	363
5	<u>GCH CH Shirmont Remembers Sigma Chi</u>	D	18	282
6	<u>GCHB CH Northpointe Spennithorne Thyme After Thyme</u>	D	12	279
7	<u>GCHB CH Harrington The Bear Necessities</u>	D	12	197
8	<u>GCHS CH Chocoletto Du Chateau Noblesse</u>	D	9	175
9	<u>GCHS CH Fields Edge Sugar Magnolia</u>	B	9	165
10	<u>GCH CH Ellemich The Huntsman</u>	D	7	135
11	<u>GCH CH Chadwick Best Seller II</u>	D	6	134
12	<u>GCHS CH Piccadil's The Greatest Showman Come Alive</u>	D	7	130
13	<u>GCH CH Wyndancer Trouble With The Curve</u>	D	5	99
14	<u>GCHS CH Sunburst Santino</u>	D	5	98
15	<u>GCH CH Kbpride Denton's Gentle Ian From Royalty</u>	D	4	84
16	<u>GCH CH Benchmark Magic Thyme Of Onthemark</u>	D	3	75
17	<u>GCH CH Chadwick Scuttlebut</u>	D	4	66
18	<u>GCHS CH Chadwick Jet Setter At Hudsonview</u>	D	5	64
18	<u>GCH CH Purple Rose Vom Kaninchen Garten</u>	B	2	64
20	<u>CH Burwyns First In Flight</u>	D	3	63
21	<u>GCH CH Pinnacle's Cyber Monday Siri Where's The Deal</u>	B	1	57
22	<u>CH Althof Beach Boy</u>	D	2	56
23	<u>GCH CH Angel's Pride Katelynn</u>	B	8	54
24	<u>GCH CH Roseriver Denali At Cottfordcourt</u>	D	2	51
25	<u>GCH CH Kean Liven The Dream</u>	B	5	49

Cavalier King Charles Spaniels *AKC TopDogssm*

Using All-Breed Totals

Starting January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021

For Events Processed Through Friday, May 28, 2021

Rank	Name	Sex	Wins				Group				Wins BOB/V	Total Defeated
			BIS	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III		
1	<u>GCHB CH Kbpride Perle Cuff Link</u>	D	0	0	0	2	4				24	1,119
2	<u>GCHS CH Sheeba Valegro</u>	D	0	2	0	2	2				22	1,108
3	<u>GCHG CH Roi L Man In The Moon</u>	D	0	0	1	2	1				24	1,053
4	<u>GCHB CH Harrington The Bear Necessities</u>	D	0	1	3	1	2				12	857
5	<u>GCHB CH Northpointe Spennithorne Thyme After Thyme</u>	D	0	2	1	1	1				12	733
6	<u>GCH CH Shirmont Remembers Sigma Chi</u>	D	0	0	3	1	1				18	723
7	<u>GCHS CH Castle Peak Field Of Dreams CGC</u>	D	0	0	0	1	1				14	647
8	<u>GCH CH Ellemich The Huntsman</u>	D	0	0	1	2	0				7	541
9	<u>GCHS CH Chocoletto Du Chateau Noblesse</u>	D	0	1	1	0	1				9	501
10	<u>GCH CH Chadwick Best Seller II</u>	D	0	1	0	1	0				6	425
11	<u>GCH CH Pinnacle's Cyber Monday Siri Where's The Deal</u>	B	0	0	0	1	0				1	322
12	<u>GCH CH Angel's Pride Katelynn</u>	B	0	0	2	0	2				8	319
13	<u>GCHS CH Fields Edge Sugar Magnolia</u>	B	0	0	1	1	0				9	300
14	<u>GCHS CH Piccadil's The Greatest Showman Come Alive</u>	D	0	0	1	0	0				7	256
15	<u>GCH CH Wyndancer Trouble With The Curve</u>	D	0	0	0	0	2				5	248
16	<u>GCHB CH Mayfield Academy Award</u>	D	0	0	0	1	1				4	245
17	<u>GCH CH Kbpride Denton's Gentle Ian From Royalty</u>	D	0	0	0	0	1				4	221
18	<u>GCH CH Purple Rose Vom Kaninchengarten</u>	B	0	0	1	0	0				2	219
19	<u>GCH CH Chadwick Scuttlebut</u>	D	0	1	0	0	0				4	202
20	<u>CH Burwyns First In Flight</u>	D	0	0	0	1	0				3	176
21	<u>CH Althof Beach Boy</u>	D	0	0	0	0	1				2	171
21	<u>GCHS CH Castle Danger Walking On Sunshine</u>	D	0	0	1	1	1				4	171
23	<u>GCH CH Orchard Hill Say It's True</u>	D	0	0	0	0	1				2	143
24	<u>CH Spice Rack Indica Fred</u>	D	0	0	1	0	0				2	137
25	<u>GCHS CH Sunburst Santino</u>	D	0	0	0	0	0				5	98

NOHS Points Ranking for Cavalier King Charles Spaniel (2021)
Through: May 28, 2021

Rank	Dog Name	Owner Name	Sex	OHS Points
No. 1	GCHS CH Piccadil's The Greatest Showman Come Alive	Janet York	Dog	705
No. 2	GCHS CH Castle Danger Walking On Sunshine	Jay Livesey/Brent Strege	Dog	690
No. 3	GCH CH Legendcrest Finnickyskye Dream Catcher CGC	Mrs. Sharon Onorato Utych/Mr. James Utych	Dog	360
No. 4	CH Kell's Love Me Do	Michelle Alameda-Wilkinson	Dog	330
No. 5	CH Althof Beach Boy	C Cornelia (Conny) Hansen	Dog	135
No. 6	GCH CH Ranlyn's Diamonds Are Forever	Lynnette Bragg	Dog	100
No. 7	GCH CH Ivyline Shirley Temple At Gylden	Julie and Kevin Ellingson/Ivy Giampapa	Bitch	85
	GCH CH Kean Liven The Dream	Shawn Barton/Liz Keane	Bitch	85
No. 9	GCH CH Northshore Rodin Fils De Bijou	Holly Kersten/Linda Ogilvie	Dog	70
No. 10	CH Bonitos Companeros Sunny	Perry Sharp/Liz Sharp/Lily Sharp	Dog	65
	GCH CH Mayfield Hercules At Hiflt	Robert Parris/Wendy Parris	Dog	65
No. 12	CH Countrymanor Little Mac	Robin Kowalski/Alyssa Gillette	Dog	60
No. 13	GCH CH F-Stop Red Astaire	Nicky Hunt/Florence Josephs	Dog	50
	GCH CH Northshore Lady Lizzie Belle	Clint Ogilvie/Linda Ogilvie	Bitch	50
No. 15	Crownheir Irish Blessing	Mrs. Kelly Fadel/Mr. Christian Fadel/Miss Faith Fadel	Dog	45
	GCH CH Quail Run Union Man	Nikki Bogle/Lennox Jean Bogle/Harper Lynne Bogle/ Linda E Kornhi	Dog	45
	CH Snowtoz Kind Of Magic	John Donohoe/Jill L Darling/Ann Donohoe	Dog	45
No. 18	CH Miletree Salvador De Londoncor	Cesar Cortes/Marta Londono	Dog	40
No. 19	CH Foxwyn Revolutionary	Hannah Dingman/Caryna Baker-Fox	Dog	35
	CH Lowilani Red Label	Mrs. Aloha Lani Brokopp	Dog	35
No. 21	CH Brookhaven I'M A Believer	Hannah Dingman	Dog	30
	CH Lewiswood Mr. Lucky Of Tribeo	Lisa I Barkow/Roger W Smith/Carolyn Adams	Dog	30
No. 23	CH Saranade Royal Wizard At Woodhaven	Sondra Liston/Meg I HENNESSEY/Penny Freberg	Dog	25
	CH Spice Rack Indica Fred	Randi Max/Kelly Collins	Dog	25
	GCH CH Tintagel De Los Ursidos Kodiak	Benjamin Williams/Brittani Williams/Judith Gimenez Echazarra	Bitch	25



Cavalier Top Ten Juniors

May 31, 2021

- 1 Madyson Smith**
- 2 Katryna Smith**
- 2 Justine Vilmo**
- 4 Annaliese North**
- 5 Isabel Beaumont**
- 6 Lily Sharp**
- 6 Brighton Brown**
- 8 Cecilia Neiser**
- 8 Elinore Weeks**
- 8 Skylar Knlosik**

ACKCSC National 2022 Performance Chair

I am so looking forward to 2022! Our National Specialty in Ohio will be wonderful and busy! There will be many events that have been difficult to get to this year, all under one roof in the same week! We have new competitions such as Fast Cat (for 3 days). At this time, it is planned for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 13-15. Kay Trad will be leading this event. For questions please email her at kst@numail.org. Agility is planned for Monday and Tuesday April 11 & 12. Joan Williams is taking the lead for this event. For questions her email is nojowil@gvtc.com. Both Agility and Fast Cat are open to all breeds.

The following events are Cavaliers only. I will be leading Obedience and Rally with the aid of a wonderful committee, Wednesday and Thursday April 12 & 13. CGC and Trick Dog testing are also planned for those days. Don't forget to bring your own trick dog props.

We are hoping to have Juniors testing during their party and seminar on Wednesday evening. My email is smlact@aol.com. We will also need volunteers for our many events, if you have questions about how you can help out, or how to prepare for these tests, please email me.

The American Kennel Club website has a great deal of information on these events. There are downloadable forms that are quite helpful.

I personally compete in a few venues with my Cavalier. Because successfully competing in Conformation at a National Specialty is so difficult, and we all like to return home with ribbons, please consider entering Novice Trick dog and Canine Good Citizen as you may receive a ribbon at these activities. You'll have fun with your Cavalier and enjoy learning and competing with your dog. You may even make a few new friends!

See you all in 2022

Sincerely,

Gail Katz

ACKCSC Performance Chair

AKC Scholarship Recipient!

By Courtney Wicker

My Cavalier and Veterinary journeys are two stories that, at some point, have merged into one. I grew up in Whitsett, NC, and attended Eastern Guilford High School and then UNC Greensboro where I majored in Biology and minored in Chemistry. I have always known I wanted to be a veterinarian and everything I've done has been aimed at following that dream. I worked at a small animal veterinary clinic in Greensboro during my senior year of high school and continued throughout college. Also, I have had the opportunity to shadow a local equine vet, travel to New Zealand for a month to assist with yellow-eyed penguin conservation, visit Costa Rica for sea turtle conservation, and much more. I have been blessed to be able to participate in so many amazing experiences that led to my acceptance to North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine's Class of 2022.

As a child, my parents raised Boston Terriers, which sparked my interest in dog breeding. I remember watching dog shows on TV and imagining myself being an owner-handler one day. In 2013, my family got our first Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, a ruby girl named Lady. Instantly, we all fell in love with the breed. My interest and knowledge of the breed grew over the years and led me to become a member of the Central Carolina Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, for which I am now a board member and education co-chair. I have learned an extensive amount of information from our club members and become wonderful friends with many of them. I'd like to specially thank them for being welcoming and encouraging! In 2019, I purchased my first show prospect, Granlaurel Shotgun Rider "Connor", from Tia Painter Gregory. Connor has been an amazing dog to work with and get my feet wet in the show world. He LOVES to show and is also the sweetest boy at home.

Last year, I had my first litter of show-prospect puppies and kept 2 beautiful ruby girls whom I'm very excited about! My kennel name is Lovegood Cavaliers, which was suggested by my sister because we are Harry Potter fans (Luna Lovegood, anyone?) and well, who doesn't love good Cavaliers!? Throughout this process, I have enjoyed learning about Cavaliers, their health, showing, and breeding. My goal is to breed healthy Cavaliers who meet the standard for conformation and temperament - I want the whole package, as we all do, a beautiful dog who is up for anything, outgoing, happy and long-lived.

At some point along the way, my veterinary interests and canine breeding interests merged into one. During veterinary school, I was president of NC State CVM's Theriogenology Club, for which I organized reproduction-related lunch meetings and events for students to learn more about Theriogenology. Also, I was awarded a summer research scholar position and worked with Dr. Natasha Olby and Courtney Sparks on their research of Chiari-like Malformation and Syringomyelia in Cavaliers. Through this experience, I have discovered my passion and dedication toward improving Cavalier health, both from a veterinary and breeder standpoint and would like to continue helping with these causes in the future. At this time, I am unsure of what I will do after graduation, but I know I will be a valuable and trustworthy resource for dog breeders that can provide professional insight on how to improve breed health, manage breeding dogs, and raise healthy puppies.

I am very pleased with the American Kennel Club for holding dog breeds to high standards since 1884, providing breeders with guidelines for what makes the perfect dog based on their breed, and hosting several types of events in which breeders can display their dog's best qualities. I am honored to have been a recipient of the American Kennel Club Veterinary Outreach Scholarship in 2019, 2020 and now 2021, and thus to be an AKC advocate and representative at NC State. This scholarship has continually supported my veterinary education, as well as encouraged my involvement in dog sports and interest in canine Theriogenology.





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PUPPY VACCINATION: A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF HEALTHCARE

Author: Russell Kelley, M.S.

The canine neonate is developmentally immature at birth compared to many mammalian species. Physiologically, the neonatal puppy is born blind, deaf, and possesses very limited ability to thermoregulate. Immunologically, the neonatal puppy is almost entirely dependent upon maternal derived immunoglobulins delivered via colostrum. Colostrum intake by the neonatal puppy raises serum immunoglobulin G [IgG], a common type of antibody, from 0.3 g/L at birth to 6-16 g/L at two days of age [Chastant and Mila, 2019]. How important are immunoglobins to puppy survival?

Efforts by Mila and co-workers [2014] found that mortality rate was dramatically increased between days 2 and 21 of age [44.4 vs 4.9%] in puppies with serum IgG concentrations below 2.3 g/L compared to puppies with serum IgG concentration of 6.94 g/L or higher. While the establishment of the maternal derived immunity [Passive Immunity] is promising, the elevated concentration of IgGs from the bitch is not permanently retained by the puppy. Generally, serum IgG concentrations [mostly maternal derived] in the puppy is dramatically reduced by 2 to 3 weeks of age. The level of serum immunoglobulins does increase over time, however at weaning, the levels are still only a small fraction compared to adult dogs. This is one reason why vaccinations are so important to help preserve the health status of puppies.

What does a vaccine do? A vaccine creates an immune response [the creation of antibodies] against a specific antigen [viral or bacterial], such as Canine Parvovirus. This immune response will not only result in the production of specific antibodies against the antigen, but also create a memory system that allow the puppy to rapidly respond if they are exposed to the specific antigen. Some vaccines are designed to increase the resistance against a single pathogenic organism while others target immune protection against multiple antigens. In many cases, puppies will receive multiple doses of a given vaccine about 3 weeks apart to maximize the immune response. The

latter doses generally elicit a greater immunological response, thus enhancing the resistance level against the pathogen.

Are vaccinations necessary? Absolutely! Pathogens are part of the environment, so it is highly likely that your puppy will be exposed at some point. Therefore, if you are considering obtaining a puppy or have recently obtained a puppy, please discuss a vaccination plan with your Veterinarian. Keep in mind that all vaccinations are designed to help preserve the health and well-being of you puppy, thereare a few vaccinations that are mandatory [list may vary by residential State]. A proper vaccination plan is one of the most crucial preventative healthcare steps that you can take to help keep your puppy healthy.

A quick reference guide on the type and frequency of vaccinations to talk about with your new puppy owners may be found here: <https://www.royalcanin.com/us/dogs/puppy/puppy-vaccinations>

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Russ Kelley, M.S. is an Alumni of Auburn University, Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences. Russ joined The Iams Company in 1997 as a member of the Strategic Research Group [Discovery] where he led efforts in Maternal and Neonatal Nutrition with an emphasis on fatty acid metabolism. He also led efforts in the Service and Working Dog arenas and developed multiple collaborative Research Alliances with external organizations. Later he also led Gastrointestinal Health efforts with emphasis on Puppy and Stress Models.

Upon retiring from The Iams Company, Russ founded Kelley Canine Consulting where he served numerous organizations around the globe on Colony Management, Facility Design, Nutritional Management, and Breeder Selection Criteria. Russ returned to the industry in 2016, joining Royal Canin as ScienceLead/ Service and Working Dog Research Manager. Russ is based in Lewisburg, Ohio and, in addition to his current role as a Scientific Services Nutritionist, is also a member of the Discover Team in Aimargues, France.

Defining a Painful Neurologic Disease in Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

03/01/2021

Author: Sharon M. Albright, DVM, CCRT

Several central nervous system malformations are seen in Cavalier King Charles Spaniels which cause symptoms of pain and abnormal sensations such as tingling or numbness. The disorder is complex, and study is difficult because not all dogs with anatomic abnormalities show clinical signs and there are some dogs that exhibit severe signs but have no malformations. With funding from the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) ([Grant 02162-MOU: Defining the Genetic Foundations of Chiari-Like Malformation and Syringomyelia as a Tool to Better Treat Neuropathic Pain in the Dog](#)), investigators at North Carolina State University completed an extensive study of the anatomic and genetic characteristics of this disorder and how they relate to clinical signs. Results will help define the disorder and provide veterinarians and breeders with valuable information to identify and care for affected dogs and breed away from this painful condition.

Chiari-like malformation (CM) is a bony malformation seen in all Cavalier King Charles Spaniels where the skull is too small for the brain. This changes the flow of fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord (cerebrospinal fluid) and contributes to the formation of fluid-filled cavities within the spinal cord known as syringomyelia (SM). These cavities can damage the spinal cord and result in clinical signs of pain and abnormal sensations.

In humans and dogs, studies have demonstrated an association between SM and structures that anchor the bottom or caudal end of the spinal cord within the vertebral canal. The CHF-funded research team first set out to accurately define the anatomic changes common in Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. Use of strict criteria to evaluate MRI scans showed that in general, the spinal cord and associated structures do end closer to the tail in this breed compared to other breeds of similar size.¹ In addition, the farther back the spinal cord ended, the more likely dogs were to have SM in the mid to low spinal cord.

When investigators compared this anatomic data to the clinical signs experienced by dogs, they were able to identify one structure in particular that was associated with pain. Neither the location of the end of the spinal cord proper nor the membrane that surrounds it were associated with pain. However, when the elastic band connecting the end of the spinal cord and its membrane to the vertebrae was short, dogs were more likely to experience pain.² It makes sense that this shorter connecting structure could alter the mechanical properties of this region and place stress on the spinal cord and related structures.

This information provides valuable clues as to the cause of lumbar pain in Cavalier King Charles Spaniels affected by these malformations. With a precise description of the structures involved, veterinarians can more accurately diagnose affected dogs and eventually develop more targeted and effective treatments. Investigators have also completed a genetic analysis of dogs with this disorder (publication pending). Identification of genetic mutations associated with the malformations and clinical signs described here will provide another approach to identify affected individuals and inform breeding decisions to decrease the incidence of this disorder. The AKC Canine Health Foundation and its supporters, including the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel owners who participated in this study, remain committed to unraveling complex diseases so that all dogs can live longer, healthier lives.

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02162-MOU: Defining The Genetic Foundations of Chiari-Like Malformation and Syringomyelia as a Tool to Better Treat Neuropathic Pain in the Dog

Grant Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$78,786

Natasha J Olby, VetMB, PhD, North Carolina State University
January 1, 2015—March 31, 2020

Sponsor(s): American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Charitable Trust

ABSTRACT

Chiari-like malformations and syringomyelia (CM/SM) are a common problem in Cavalier King Charles Spaniels (CKCS) causing severe neuropathic pain. The morphometry of the skull has been examined in detail and the development of clinical signs and syringomyelia has been correlated to reduced caudal fossa to cranial cavity volume ratios and stenosis of the jugular foramen respectively. There is evidence this disorder is a complex hereditary trait but attempts to identify genetic causes have been hampered by assigning an affected or normal phenotype. Use of quantitative data from magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) will allow us to perform a more appropriate genetic analysis of this important and common disease. Quantification of neuropathic pain is challenging and while owners of affected CKCS frequently complain that their pet is experiencing significant pain, a routine evaluation by palpation does not always correlate well to their history. Humans with CM report increased sensitivity to touch and temperature. During case phenotyping for the genetic study, Dr. Olby will also investigate sensory thresholds in affected and normal CKCS to improve the ability to document and treat pain in these patients. This project will define the genetic etiology of this disease with the long-term aim of developing genetic tests for use by breeders and will quantify the sensory dysfunction experienced by these dogs to facilitate objective therapeutic trials.

Funding for the research is provided through the efforts and generosity of the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Charitable Trust. The AKC Canine Health Foundation supports the funding of this effort and will oversee grant administration and scientific progress.

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THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES AKC MY CANINE & ME AWARD



New York, NY – The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world’s largest purebred dog registry and advocate for all dogs, is pleased to announce our newest award, AKC My Canine & Me. This award is intended to honor children and young adults who are making a positive impact on the world with their dogs or achieving personal growth and success utilizing their knowledge of dogs and their dog ownership.

To be considered, students must be nominated by a parent, teacher, mentor or another adult familiar with their efforts. Additionally, they must be in good academic standing and provide a report card (for grades K-8), GPA (Grades 9-12) or school transcript with the application.

A short essay should also be included describing the bond between the child and their dog, and the reason for the nomination. All children nominated will be enrolled in the Junior program and receive a Junior number.

“This award is a great way to highlight children who understand the importance of the human canine bond and used it to positively influence their lives and community” says Ashley Jacot, Director of Education. “We believe these bright young minds are the key to a better future which is why we are pleased to acknowledge their accomplishments with the AKC My Canine & Me Award.”

Winners will be determined and selected based on the following four categories:

Personal Achievement Award: Celebrating children who have overcome personal challenges with the help of their dog.

Influential Junior Award: Children demonstrating leadership skills with their dog during after-school activities or gatherings and inspiring their peers and teachers as a result.

Innovative Junior Award: Celebrating children who have excelled in honing their creativity through training skills with their dogs.

Community Achievement Award: Celebrating juniors who show commitment and passion through fundraising and contributing to their community for the welfare of dogs.

Winners will be announced annually and awarded \$1,000 scholarships which can be used toward tuition, additional training classes or another dog-related activity. Additionally, they will receive a plaque honoring their achievement and a mention and interview on AKC.TV.

If you would like to nominate a child for the AKC My Canine and Me award, please visit AKC.org to learn more about the program and to apply.

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Westminster Kennel Club show 2021

*Submitted by
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The Westminster Kennel Club (WKC) show is definitely a highlight on my list of canine events. Moving this year's show from New York City (NYC) to the 67-acre Lyndhurst Estate was no easy feat. Kudos to the organizers and all involved with the decision to reschedule the time and venue of the show. Their decision was difficult particularly during the pandemic when vaccine availability was still an unknown.

Qualifying to compete at Westminster is an honor. Many, including myself, although registered were unable to attend. All exhibitors in attendance deserve heart-felt thanks for it is the canines competing in various events that made this year's show a success.

Watching the class competition provided an up-close evaluation of the each Cavalier. Under the discriminating eyes of Judge Evalyn Gregory, the following awards went to:

Best of Breed: Ch Ellemich The Huntsman

Best of Opposite Sex: GCHB CH Piccadil's Six Pack Guinness Blonde

Select Dog: GCH CH Trueelegance Lunar Eclipse

Select Bitch: GCH CH Purple Rose Vom Kaninchengarten

Award of Merit: GCHS CH Castle Peak Field of Dreams CGC;

GCH CH Kbrpride Perle Cuff Link; CH Orchard Hill Authentic;

GCH Northpointe Spennithorne Thyme After Thyme

Several dog fanciers took the time and effort to post photos and videos of the class competition of many breeds. In addition to the streaming of the breed classes, these social media posts provided a sense of a virtual presence at Westminster. Many posted photographs of the grounds and indoor tour of the Lyndhurst Estate which now is enshrined in the National Trusts or historic preservation. For those who could not personally attend, I recommend a virtual tour of the mansion at Lyndhurst.org.

Using a huge tent, organizers transformed the grounds into the traditional look of Westminster. A time lapsed video of showing how this was accomplished can be seen on the Westminster.org website. On this site, is streaming video of breed and group conformation competition and much more. I was especially fascinated by athletic ability and dexterity of the canines competing in master's agility events.

Four new breeds were officially recognized by the AKC. The canines that made their official debut at Westminster were: the Barbet (a curly haired and bearded dog); the Belgian Laekenois (a shaggy appearing shepherd); the Blewer Terrier (a long-haired toy terrier) and the Dogo Argentino (a white, smooth coated muscular dog).

The commentators for the Saturday and Sunday night were veteran Judge Dr. Don Sturz, Director of Communications, Gail Miller Bisher and Fox Sports host, Chris Myers. Dr. Sturz and Ms. Bisher provided interesting 'tid bit' information concerning various breeds, handlers and breeders which enhanced the virtual event particularly for loyal Westminster fans.

On Sunday evening, the esteemed Judge, breeder and handler, Pat Trotter carefully evaluated the group exhibitors which included Bourbon, the Whippet; Mathew, the French Bulldog; Conor, the old English sheepdog; Striker, the Samoyed; Jade, the German Shorthaired Pointer; Boy the Westhighland White Terrier and Wasabi, the Pekingese. Many of us personally know the handlers, breeders and owners of these fabulous canines. Watching the canines and handlers perform at the top of their game was exciting and invigorating. Judge Pat Trotter delivered a heart-warming speech thanking all involved to make the 2021 WKC show a success. She echoed the sentiment most fanciers hold most dearly namely the admiration and unconditional love we hold for our canines regardless of their breed or show standing. Judge Trotter then decisively announced her choice for Reserve Best in Show as Bourbon, the Whippet and Best in Show as Wasabi, the Pekingese.

Super congratulations to the breeders of Bourbon (whippet) Justin Smiley and Yvonne Sovereign and Wasabi (Pekingese) David Fitzpatrick. This is the fifth time a Pekingese has won the BIS at Westminster.

The WKC plans to move the show back to Madison Square Garden in NYC however; the shows are scheduled to take place in January 2022.

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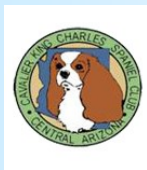


CKCS Fanciers of the Susquehanna Valley *Submitted by Karen Sage*

COVID-19 pandemic didn't stop this chapter from participating in the Worldwide Walk for Cavalier Health. The walk was held April 13, 2021 at Stone Quarry Park in Leola that offered a wonderful mile-long paved path circling an open grassy field and overlooking a fast-flowing creek, that added to the beautiful surroundings for our group to break their pandemic isolation. All humans were outfitted with paw-print masks (if they didn't have their own) and each Cavalier was given a paw-print bandana with the Worldwide Walk for Cavalier Health logo. Over 30 parents/owners and their Cavaliers from the Susquehanna Valley participated in this walk. Everyone not only had fresh air and exercise, but received a gift bag with goodies for dogs and people alike. Raffle prizes were donated and those contributions added to the coffers for the Charitable Trust and provided wonderful, and coveted, Cavalier-themed items to the lucky winners. Trivia questions about Cavaliers gave attendees another opportunity to win prizes and everyone had fun learning more about the breed and attempted to be the first and loudest, to answer the questions correctly. It was quite obvious the group has greatly missed our regular activities which had to be canceled during the past year, but all were grateful for this opportunity to share in Cavalier love. As we slowly come out of the other side of the pandemic, the officers and board of directors are busy at work planning new and exciting events for our members!



Regional Club Reports—Continued



CKCSC of Central Arizona
Submitted by Shelly Fields

As we slowly approach some sense of normalcy, we are starting to plan for our 2021 specialty shows. After great deliberation, we have decided to resume our affiliation with The Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association with the dates being November 26th and 27th. The venue is Rawhide at Wild Horse Pass in Chandler, which is a lovely venue. Our esteemed judges will be James Moses and Carla Mathies. Information on our show will be up on the club website within a couple months along with trophy sponsorship opportunities. November is a lovely time in Arizona...hope to see you there!

Please stay safe and remember to acknowledge all the things you are blessed with and grateful for!



CKCSC of Greater Atlanta
Submitted by Sharon Utych

Things are opening up! We are so happy to be able to meet again as a group and attend dog shows! We hope you plan to attend our upcoming August specialty, which was rescheduled from February due to COVID restrictions. It will be held in conjunction with the Cherokee Rose Cluster shows and concurrent with the Conyers KC shows.

Our dates for the Specialty are Saturday & Sunday, August 28/29, 2021. Our judge panel will be the following: Saturday conformation will now be Ms. Conny Hansen (Althof US) and Sunday conformation, Junior Showmanship and Beginner Puppy Competition judge will be Mrs. Marilyn Mayfield (Mayfield US). Mrs. Pat Mixon (Tudorose US) will be judging Sweeps. Please be sure to check our website for all the rescheduled information (www.ckscatlanta.org). We are holding a Saturday ringside basket raffle with some exciting baskets! Come and bid on them! We are planning a Saturday evening social at the Host Hotel beginning at 7pm. All exhibitors and members are welcome to attend for a fun relaxing evening with pork & beef sliders and pot luck sides.

For our February 2022 Specialty (February 5 & 6, 2022) our judge panel will include Mr. Cesar Cortes (Londoncor UK) and Ms. Karin Ostmann (Sheeba US), pending AKC approval.

We as a club are sad to report that one of our beloved club members and board member, Brenda Martz passed away on Easter Sunday morning, April 4, 2021. Brenda was Paula Ayers' sister and the other half of Brookhaven Cavaliers. Not only was Brenda a loving mother, grandmother, aunt, sister and wife, she was a wonderful mentor to many in the cavalier world. Brenda made you feel welcome at every specialty she attended, and she left a huge void in our club with her passing.

We held a puppy party on March 28 at club member Linda Whitmire's home in lieu of our annual puppy picnic. We had a great time socializing with our club members and we also had a Trick Dog demonstration with the amazing Gwyneth and Kay Trad. In addition, Alice Alford tested for AKC CGC and Trick Dog and several members cavaliers were awarded new titles! Canine Good Citizens – Catcher (Jim & Sharon Utych) and Huntley (LaVada McCosh) Community Canine – Edgar (Jim & Sharon Utych) and Stevie (Sharon Utych & Linda Whitmire) Trick Dog Novice – Gigi (Linda Whitmire) We also held our annual elections and welcomed two new board members! Also, thank you to Carol Land for her many years of service. Our new board is: President: Linda Whitmire, Vice President: Paula Ayers, Treasurer: Carolyn Powell, Secretary: Sharon Utych, Director: Mark Fitchpatrick, Director: LaVada McCosh, Director: Jim Utych Upcoming plans include a Fall puppy gathering in September at the Utych's where a grooming tips presentation will be given. We are hoping for nice autumn weather! We hope to see you at our upcoming Specialty!

Regional Club Reports –Continued



Bay Area CKCSC
Submitted by Kevin Ellingson

The last three months have been fairly quiet for club activities. During this period, we held one general meeting by video teleconference using Zoom on May 23, 2021. Following our general meeting, club member Kevin Ellingson and AKC Judge Judy Vanderlip discussed the changes to dog shows due to COVID-19 protocols.

During this period, our Board made the decision not to hold a Specialty in 2021. We are looking into our options for where and when to hold our Specialty in 2022.

Our Board is also currently planning to have our first in person meeting since November 2020. We are looking forward to the chance to get to meet in person and socialize with our dogs.

Although the club has only had one meeting in the last three months, our members have been busy with activities with their dogs. Several of our members exhibited dogs at the recent shows in March in Anderson and in May in Gridley and Placerville. Additionally, we have members that have been participating in performance activities such as Barn Hunt.

We are looking forward to the opportunities this year will present as we are able to get back to in person activities.



Middle TN CKCSC
Submitted by—Roger Hunter –President

We applied about 1 1/2 years ago for the fast track and we completed our Sanction "B" & "A" matches and applied for our "Licensed Specialty" status in February and we finally received verification this week and we are very excited. Our club will hold our first Specialty next year in October in conjunction with the Tri-Star KC in Lebanon, TN. We will keep you guys updated on the date.

Our club will be holding "supported entries" for 4 days in October with Tri-Star KC. Tri-Star offers \$50.00 to person(s) who obtains a "straight 5-point" Major in dogs & bitches (no cross-overs). We will also "support the entries" for 4 days in March 2022 in conjunction with Nashville KC & Tullahoma KC, as we have since we started our club.

We will keep you updated on current local events as Tennessee has started lifting the Covid -9 restrictions. The Middle Tennessee Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club will be well represented at the 2022 Nationals and we will be bring baskets for the Trust & Charity. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Nationals.



CKCSC of So. California
Submitted by - Sue Miller

Welcome summer 2021! The show scene here in Southern California is opening up and everyone seems thrilled to be back out there. So much to be thankful for and grateful to so many of the clubs working hard to put on a show once again with many having to relocate to another venue and change of judging slates, but they are doing it. Today we have our first Show, a Toy Specialty that actually does not have a mask requirement!

With the summer season upon us so goes the HOT weather! We must be very watchful of our dogs and us to make sure we all stay cool and hydrated. So, bring lots of water, cooling apparatus and make sure your vehicle's AC is working well. One certainly does not want to get out there and have that AC fail! We like to use the cooling pads that are soaked in water and then frozen...they really help keep a crate cool with a fan attached for air movement.

Our 2022 specialty is in the works and the planning is moving forward. We are staying positive that the show will go on at the beginning of March. Committees are being organized, judges confirmed and hoping that many will be able to join us for this exciting weekend of shows...looking forward to seeing that RED carpet once again

Our club is looking into having a Fun Day in the Fall. Site and activities to be discussed and announced.

On a sad note, our very own Betty Joan Turner passed away on May 31st Memorial Day. Betty was an honorary lifetime member of our club and contributed so much to the club including the gorgeous club logo. Betty was an artist extraordinaire, and I know many have treasured pieces of her work. Our 2022 specialty will be done in her honor. I know how humbled she would be by that. There was no known memorial services for her, but I think that if folks donate to the club rescue in her name, she would be most pleased. Betty had a heart of gold and I know will be missed by all...rest easy sweet Bettyxxx

Regional Club Reports –Continued



Cavaliers of Southern New England
Submitted by Anne O'Reilly

Our 16th Annual Health Clinic will be held on Sunday, JUNE 27, 2021 in Suffield, CT with exams by a veterinary cardiologist and a veterinary ophthalmologist as well as Dr. Ann Huntington, who graciously allows us to use her hospital and performs OFA hip, elbow, and patella exams and does microchip insertions. This very successful event was not held in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions which meant many disappointed clients since we had totally filled our appointment registrations more than one week ahead of the deadline. Since we have moved our date from March to June this year to try to be more realistic about things opening up, we are very happy that we again have filled our times 10 days ahead of time and have several people hoping they can be moved from a waiting list to an actual appointment.

At our April Meeting we held our election of officers and board of directors. Our officers are: President --- Stephanie Abraham; Vice-President --- Jana Rychlik; Corresponding Secretary --- Carole Rapoport; Treasurer --- Kathy Tiedemann; and Recording Secretary and Webmaster --- Sheryl Skidmore. Our Board of Directors include Kelli Scanlon, Cathy Coffman and Anne O'Reilly. Our awards night is usually held at our April meeting but since we have been meeting via Zoom we have postponed it until our Summer Picnic.

We again are looking forward to our fourth annual Summer Picnic to be held on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at the beautiful Roseland Park in Woodstock, CT. We try to invite as many Cavalier owners that we know of to join us for a simple summer picnic with quite a few Cavaliers of all ages with their owners. It is great to network with some of our puppy families who love to come to show off their pride and joy! This year we will enjoy celebrating our dogs at the awards portion of our picnic.

In September, the Cavaliers of Southern New England will host our third All-Breed Obedience and Rally trials. These will be held at Silver City Dog Training Facility in Taunton, MA on September 11th and 12th. We have several club members who work very hard year-round to train for these trials and as a club we enjoy supporting their endeavors. To learn more about these performance trials please visit our website: www.csne.us.

Also, to look forward to are our October specialties for which the planning is well underway. These will be our 21st and 22nd specialties and we are hoping you will join us for 5 wonderful shows (3 all-breed plus our 2 specialties). Our judges for 2021 will be, on Saturday, Mr. Cesar Cortes judging Conformation and 4-6 Month Puppy; Mrs. Kim Groen Baillie will be judging Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes; and Mrs. Stephanie Abraham will be judging Junior Showmanship. On Sunday, Mr. David Kirkland will judge Conformation and 4-6 Month Puppy; Ms. Judy Gates will be judging Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes; and Mrs. Stephanie Abraham will again judge Junior Showmanship. If you have not yet attended one of our specialty shows you perhaps do not realize what you are missing: the gracious hospitality of our club members, the fabulous fall foliage, the outstanding judging, the trophies and challenge trophies, the raffles, our auctions, our Saturday evening banquet, and other little things that make up a very special weekend. Again, please check out our website for details:

www.csne.us.



CKCSC of Greater Houston
Submitted by—Dorothy Swanson

Temperatures are soaring and it is hot! It must be time for the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Houston Back to Back Specialties on Friday, August 27, followed by the Toy Club of Greater Houston Shows, Aug 28 and 29th. This is the second year at the Houston Galleria Omni Hotel. Within a short distance to the hotel are some of the finest restaurants and shopping in Houston. The morning show will be judged by Mary Hanus. Puppy Sweepstakes will be judged by Janis McClary, followed by Mrs. Doris Cozart judging the afternoon show. The club will host a hospitality suite for the weekend with a gathering after the specialties on Friday evening. Special Room rate is \$99 through the link - [Omni Houston Hotel | Toy Club of Greater Houston](http://www.omnihouston.com). The show superintendent is Onofrio. Watch for more information on the club website at www.ckcscgh.com. This year we are offering the Puppywarmer small incubator and Puppywarmer Oxygen Concentrator Standard through our online raffle.

All our meetings have been held via zoom which really helps in the Houston area. In March, M. Nicole Morrison presented the program on the Texas legislation. Once a month we have a special zoom discussion for the breeders. There always is something new to learn or share with the others. Our June meeting will focus on summer travel and safety with many people planning summer vacation plans. Our club's health clinic was not able to be held this year due to clinic closures. Since it is one of the largest serving the Houston area, it has been a struggle to get appointments with cardiologists and eye specialists during regular office hours. We look forward to our annual Fun Day in the Park, Saturday, Oct 30 with lots of fun games.



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