



# Cavalier Chronicle

## *President's Message*

I am sitting here enjoying the long evenings of summer. A thunder shower has just passed through and now the sun is shining. It brings me back to the time when I was just starting out, learning the ropes of the dog show world. Thinking of my very first show dog and of Bob Sharp, the person who mentored us so many years ago. Bob, who recently passed away at the age of 90, was a true "dog man" in every sense of the word. He was a breeder, handler, and an all-breed judge. A man whose life was devoted to dogs. The art of showing a dog, the art of grooming, and the science behind creating good dogs were all things that Bob passed on to us. He gave us the basic knowledge and support and then, like baby birds, he let us fly, to become independent and make our own breeding decisions, but he was there to assist us if we needed guidance. This is what being a mentor means to me. Teaching people new to the breed about structure, type, bloodlines and pedigrees, and then letting them go forth and make their own breeding decisions. We are fortunate today in that we can go onto the computer and look at photos of Cavaliers from years gone by and see the dogs generations behind our current dogs. Talking to breeders who have been in this breed and picking their brains is part of becoming a good breeder. Thinking of the health of this wonderful breed is also part of becoming a good breeder.

As breeders, we are also here to mentor our puppy families and help them to make the right decisions for their new family member. We put these puppies on this earth and we truly are forever responsible for them. That is what an ethical breeder does. I love what I do, and the people who have come into my life through these dogs. I am proud to call myself a breeder and honored to be able to mentor new people to our breed.

It's hard to believe that the time is upon us for our Specialty Show. How fast this year has gone. Our club members are working hard to put together a wonderful weekend of dogs and fun. For those of you who have not been able to attend our meetings, I encourage you to come and join in the festivities. Besides seeing beautiful Cavaliers being judged by internationally respected judges, you can enjoy the weekend of food, fun and friendship put together by our show committees. Remember this is the "August Place to Be." We have some nice activities in the plans, so watch the Yahoo group list and as we are in the process of updating our website we will hopefully have everything on the calendar in the near future.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Straw Hat Specialty

*Carol Rose, Karlee Cavaliers*

### **WHERE** will you be on August 7-9, 2015?

Correct answer: At the **CKCSCNENY SPECIALTY** @ the Saratoga Fairgrounds, Ballston Spa, NY

Come join in our Specialty - it's your Club and we want to see you. Welcome party starts at 5:30 on Thursday night. Come mingle with the Club members, exhibitors at the show and enjoy free wine tasting, crackers, cheese and chocolates from local merchants.

Watch the Cavaliers compete in Obedience, Rally & Conformation on Friday & Saturday. Complimentary lunches provided.

Bid in the silent auction, purchase raffle tickets for a brand new Dyson 65 Animal vacuum. Or the 50/50 raffle. Tickets are affordable and help fund our projects including Rescue throughout the year.

Want a fun night out? Don your loudest Hawaiian shirt and come to our banquet on Saturday. Good food, free drinks & desserts followed by the Live Auction. David Frei (The Voice of Westminster) and Phil Champagne (Champagne Tables & our fav vendor) will duel as auctioneers. Laughs will be guaranteed as well as "I really want that," bidding on items.

**MEMBERS PROFILE:**

**Meet Joe and Norene Oehler**

During the past several years, if there's a CKSCSNENY event, especially our annual Specialty Shows in Ballston Spa, Joe and Norene Oehler invariably are there helping in many different ways. Norene is Hospitality Chair for the Club and organizes the annual Holiday Party in addition to all the food served throughout our Specialties. She also helps Greta Smith with the fund-raising auctions. Joe is on the Building & Grounds Committee and spends hours prior to the Specialties working with Bill Smith to clean the pavilion (which includes removing the evidence of its County Fair bovine residents), help with set-up, bringing in the borrowed tables, and doing whatever is needed to help out.

A native of Buffalo, Joe got a Business degree from Erie Tech and then spent 4 years in the Navy as a Yeoman 2nd class, studied with the Judge Advocate General, and was assigned with an air group VS-24 stationed aboard the USS Yorktown and the USS Intrepid. After the military, he moved to Syracuse, where he was office manager at Syracuse Auto Parts. He got a part time job at Reeds Jewelers which soon became a full-time career. He studied in New York City at the Gemological Institute of America and earned a Graduate Gemologist degree. When he retired from the jewelry business, he began working for The Costumer and as a lab technician with Lenscrafters.

Norene, born in Syracuse, knew from the age of 3 that she wanted to be a teacher like her dad. She has a Bachelors and Masters from SUNY Oneonta and has taught Home Economics in 8 different schools in the Syracuse and Albany areas; teaching sewing is her passion. She retired in 2010, but is currently substituting in the East Greenbush School District. Following her belief that "we are all put on earth to help one another," Norene sews items such as walker-bags and scarves to donate to hospitals and shelters and sponsors children through Child Fund. In 2009, she received the Presidential Service Award from President Obama for her work with the Soldiers Angels Letter Writing Team. She

sells her handmade craft items in local shops and makes Cavalier clothing items such as drying coats, finishing coats, season pants and pee jackets which she sells at the National Specialty and on-line.

Joe and Norene met on a blind date in 1976 and were married one year later. They lived in Cazenovia until Joe was transferred to Albany in 1990 for work. They have 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren and are very involved with their family. In the summer, the Oehlers can often be found living in their RV which is kept in a small campground along the Mohawk River.

The Oehlers got their first Cavalier, "Clara" (Karlee Gray Stone Uptown Girl) from Carol Rose in 2009, and quickly became involved in our Club as well as the world of dog shows. They bred Clara in 2012, and kept a promising puppy from that litter: "Josie" (CH Clairboro Tuesday Afternoon, CGC). Josie, co-owned handled by Bill Smith, won "Best Puppy in Show" at our Club's 2013 Specialty, "Best Puppy in Sweeps" at the 2013 Delaware Valley Specialty, and "Reserve Winners Bitch" at the 2014 National Specialty. She completed her Championship in 2014 and has also earned her Canine Good Citizenship title. The other dog in the Oehler household is "Lily" (All Boxed In Heart's Desire), a sweet Boxer who is ostensibly Joe's dog, but who probably thinks she is an honorary Cavalier.



### About the 19th-Century Painting “King Charles Spaniels” by Richard Ansdell

When I started including works of art depicting Cavaliers in our newsletters, my original intention was to show that it was possible to buy a nice piece of 19th-century art for as much, or even less, than we might pay for a Cavalier puppy from a responsible breeder. As time went by, I know I strayed from that objective, and the painting featured in this issue strays even further. But it has such an interesting history which I want to share it with our members.

The artist, Richard Ansdell, enjoyed enormous popularity during his lifetime. His work was embraced by the Victorian-era public and today his paintings are held in museums throughout the U.K. as well as in international museums and private collections. Ansdell received no royal commissions because he refused to paint Queen Victoria’s dogs unless they were brought to his studio.

In 1988, this painting achieved a record price for a work by Ansdell when it sold at Sotheby’s New York for \$198,000 (pre-sale estimate \$25,000-\$35,000). It was part of a large collection of works owned by the infamous socialite Claus von Bülow. Von Bülow had been acquitted in 1985 in a retrial of charges that he twice tried to murder his wife Sonny. The auction reportedly was part of the settlement of a lawsuit brought against von Bülow by his stepchildren. Under terms of the agreement, he was to leave the United States, give up all claims to his wife’s estate and any right to profit from

publicizing the affair.

King Charles Spaniels is an appealing work. The engaging and expressive depiction of the dogs preoccupied with the relationship not only with themselves, but with their owner, whose identity is hinted at through the draped red shawl and knitting lying beneath the stool. Ansdell painted another painting in 1842 which is almost a companion piece, depicting what could be the same two dogs: King Charles Spaniels with Puppies which is in the Walker Art Gallery collection, Liverpool. (see image below)

*Lynn Beman, Trisdonn Cavaliers*



### Can my dog eat this?

YES	YES, BUT . . .	NO
 <b>BANANAS</b> Rich in potassium and vitamin C	 <b>APPLES</b> . . . don't let him eat the seeds!	 <b>AVOCADOS</b> Can cause vomiting
 <b>BLUEBERRIES</b> High in antioxidants	 <b>LEMONS</b> . . . he may not like the bitter taste.	 <b>CHERRIES</b> Can cause cyanide poisoning in large quantities
 <b>KIWIS</b> Good source of vitamin C and potassium	 <b>ORANGES</b> . . . they're high in natural sugar; give in moderation.	 <b>GRAPES</b> Can cause kidney failure
 <b>PINEAPPLE</b> Try frozen for a cool treat!	 <b>PEACHES</b> . . . remove the pit; it can cause intestinal blockage.	 <b>RAISINS</b> Can cause kidney failure
 <b>STRAWBERRIES</b> High in fiber and antioxidants	 <b>WATERMELON</b> . . . remove the rind first!	

*A Two paws up welcome to our newest members:*

*Janet Beck from Westmoreland, NH*  
*Laura & John Calabrese from Gloversville, NY*  
*Suzanne Holt Druger from Manlius, NY*  
*Lisa Hossler from Penfield, NY*  
*Ewa & Martin Melia from Acra, NY*  
*Linda & Sam Polizzi, Rome, NY*  
*Katherine Wickwire from Cortland, NY*

*A tail wagging welcome back to the Club to*  
*Brenda Rath from No. Syracuse, NY*

## Health News

### WHY DOES DOG URINE KILL YOUR GRASS?

Most dog owners, at one time or another, discover that their once green lawn is covered with round brown spots caused by their dog's urine – we call the pee spots in our house. Your dog's urine pH has a lot to do with whether your grass stays green. If your dog's urine has an alkaline pH, the likelihood of the brown urine burns showing up on your lawn is great.

Your dog's urine pH should be between 6 and 6.5 – which is slightly acidic because dogs are carnivores. (The higher the urine pH, the more alkaline it is.) Vegetarian mammals like rabbits and horses naturally have a very alkaline urine pH. Human urine is naturally slightly more alkaline (6.5-7), although many owners wrongly assume their dog's body functions in exactly the same manner as their own.

It's important to keep your healthy dog's urine pH below 7, because a higher pH will not only burn your lawn, it will predispose your dog to developing struvite crystals. The flip side of that coin is a urine pH below 6 can cause dogs to develop a different type of problem – calcium oxalate stones. So, for the health of both your dog and your lawn, you should strive to keep your pet's urine pH right around 6.5, and no lower than 6 and no higher than 7.

You can test the urine at home by buying pH strips at the local drug store. In the morning, before feeding your dog, collect the urine sample. You can either hold the pH tape in the stream of urine, or you can catch a urine sample in a container and dip the tape into the sample to check the pH. This should be done immediately with a fresh sample to insure accuracy. Don't measure urine pH throughout the day after feeding your pet.

There are dietary methods to change the pH. When carnivores eat a cereal-based diet, their urine becomes alkaline as a result, and alkaline urine burns grass. Meat-based diets are innately acidic, which is perfect for carnivores. Alkalizing grain-based diets are not a good idea for carnivores. Not only do they create urine that burns grass, more importantly, they very often are the cause of chronic urinary tract infections (UTIs) because lack of acidity removes the antimicrobial activity in urine. Alkaline urine can also create cystitis (irritation of the lining of the bladder), crystals, and even stones (uroliths) that may require surgery. Grain-free diets are

best for dogs.

Dry foods increase urine concentrations and also ammonia levels. Ammonia has a pH of 10 or more. A moisture-rich diet promotes a healthy specific gravity (urine concentration) that decreases the likelihood the urine will burn your lawn. If you feed kibble, add plenty of water to the bowl to increase the liquid intake of the dog which will help reduce the ammonia levels.

There are products on the market to reduce urine pH that contain the acidifying amino acid DL-methionine. While this is probably a safe addition to your dog's diet, a more logical approach is to simply stop feeding grains and alkalizing foods and increase your dog's water intake to help dilute the urine.

Concentrated urine can be another cause of those brown spots because it has more solutes (particles) than dilute urine, which can affect grass health. The reason many people believe female dogs kill more grass than males is because females typically squat and pee in one spot (depositing a whopper load of solutes), whereas males tend to urinate in smaller amounts as they wander from spot to spot, or they destroy your favorite plants instead of a single area of the lawn.

Finally, a less likely cause could be a high nitrogen level in the dog's urine. When the nitrogen load in the urine is very high, it will kill the grass, while normal nitrogenous waste excreted in urine should not. If a dog's urine pH is in the correct range and you're still seeing lots of new brown spots, have your vet do a check of the urine for nitrogen levels and get suggestions for a product that can help reduce the urine nitrogen level.

If you've managed to get your dog's urine pH into the 6 to 6.5 range and the vet says the urinalysis is perfect, but she's still killing your lawn, there are a couple of other ways to deal with those burn marks.

One way is to hose down or at least pour water on the patch of grass as soon as your pet urinates. Even if you walk your dog in the grassy area of a condo complex like I do, you can fill a 16oz bottle with tap water and take it out along with the poop bag when you and the dog go out for a potty walk. When the dog urinates, just pour the water on the spot.

Of course, you could always buy a can of grass-green spray paint to cover those brown spots.

*[Excerpted from an article written by Karen Becker, DVM in 2013]*

WAITING AT THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

*In remembrance of...*



Gray Stone Tobey - "Tobey"  
12-8-99 to 2-18-15  
Gary & Barbara Dagastine



CH Tweed's Piping Hot - "Piper"  
5/11/08 - 4/3/15  
Traci Daoust & Michael Grady



Legacy Airs Above - "Emily Ann"  
9/17/05 - 7/9/15  
Fritz & Donna Schuster

*Send a special note to a fellow Cavalier Fancier*

*congratulations, condolences, or just?*

*Tell them you made a tax deductible donation in their name to either the Rescue Trust or the Charitable Trust...*

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**ACHIEVEMENTS**

**2015 new titles**

*(listed alphabetically by kennel name; registered name)*

- Bar-Jon's Leading Man CGC, RN, RA (Oscar), John & Barbara Ioia
  - CobbHill Uncorked Tenacity, CGC (Copper), Angela Case
  - Kavalor Just Jack of Bar-Jon CGC, CGCA, RN, RA, RE, APDT I, TD (Jack), John & Barbara Ioia
  - Karlee Peglen On the Fly CA CAA, (Rizzo), Kate Rose Szczeny
  - Helmsdale Kyla at Tweed NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ, AX, MX (Kyla), Donna Tessitore
  - CH Rhiannon's Button It Up (Will), Fritz & Donna Schuster
  - GCH CH Torlundy Courtlore Eye of the Storm (Katrina), John & Barbara Ioia
- In the last issue the following new titles were not included. I apologize for the error - MPB**
- Sherah Maybe Payton Place CGCA (Payton), Amy Cox
  - CH Winrob's Master Plan (Tyler), Donna & Fritz Schuster

**Glossary of titles**

APDT-I American Pet Dog Trainers Level I Rally  
 AX - Agility Excellent  
 BOB - Best of Breed  
 CA - Coursing Ability  
 CAA - Coursing Ability Advanced  
 C-ATCH - Canine-Agility Trial Champion  
 CDX - Companion Dog Excellent  
 CGC - Canine Good Citizen  
 CGCA - Canine Good Citizen Advanced

CH - Champion  
 GCH - Grand Champion  
 MX - Master Agility Excellent  
 OA & OAJ - Open Agility & Open Agility Jumpers  
 RE - Rally Excellent  
 TD - Tracking Dog  
 RA - Rally Advanced  
 RN - Rally Novice



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MaryLou Falco

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Lynn Beman

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Lynn Beman &

Mary Pat Brunson

Puppy Referral:

Michael Grady

Rescue: Lynn Beman

Traci Daoust

Sunshine: Greta Smith

Hospitality: Norene Oehler

**CURATOR'S CURIOSITY CORNER**



**TWO KING CHARLES SPANIELS, 1842**

By Richard Ansdell, RA (British, 1815-1885)  
oil on canvas 36 x 28in.

Richard Ansdell, one of the foremost animal and sporting painters of the mid-Victorian era, rivaled even Landseer in the popularity of his work. Ansdell's success and his prolific output made him a wealthy man. This portrait of two obviously much loved dogs sold in February at Bonhams, NY "Dogs in Show and Field" sale. It was most expensive lot in the auction, selling for \$81,250 (pre-sale estimate \$80,000/120,000) to a phone bidder who also bought other paintings at this sale which was held during Westminster Kennel Club week. See the article inside this issue for more about this painting.

*Photo courtesy of Bonhams New York*

For more information on our club and links to Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, visit our website: [nencycavaliers.com](http://nencycavaliers.com)