



Cavalier Chronicle

President's Message

Thank goodness we made it through another holiday season, and now we can get on with everyday life. With January being a long and sometimes dreary month, it's nice to still enjoy a bit of holiday with our Annual Meeting/Holiday Party on January 21st. Once again it will be at The Vista in Clifton Park. Norene Oehler is organizing this event, so please let her, or our Treasurer Pat Hicks, know if you will be attending. As always, we will be having our Yankee Swap which is so much fun, and our Silent Auction table, which helps us raise money for Cavalier Rescue and the Charitable Trust of the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club.

I know that everyone is aware of what Rescue does, but the Charitable Trust was started in 2002 by the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club for the protection of the health of Cavaliers. The areas of health research that the Trust is covering are blood issues, cardiac, ears, eyes, neurologic, and orthopedic. You can learn more about the research and take the Health Survey by going onto their website: www.ackcsvcharitabletrust.org. Please take the Health Survey as the information will be documented and used for future research.

Looking ahead, our show committee is working on our Specialty. Our judges have been chosen. Pending AKC approval, we will be having Anne Ingram from Ireland, Elaine Whitney from Canada, and MaryBeth Squirell

from Canada will be judging sweepstakes. The auction committee is looking for donations for both the live and silent auction. Everyone's donations are appreciated. These help us finance our show and allow us to make substantial donations to ACKCSC Rescue Trust and to the Charitable Trust. Our members should feel really proud, because this club is one of the top donors to Rescue. It's all because of your generous donations to our club that we are able to say that.

For those of you who like to read, here are a few of my favorite recent dog reads. My number one favorite is *The Art Of Racing In The Rain*. I'm sure most of you have read *A Dogs Purpose*, another great read. Then I recently read a book called *Bespotted*, which I also enjoyed. And also *Merle's Door: Lessons from a Freethinking Dog*. I think it's fun to share reads, because there are so many books that I may have missed out on if someone hadn't recommended them. Anyhow, I hope that you will enjoy one or two of these books.

And finally, my quote for New Years: *"We all get the exact same 365 days. The only difference is what we do with them."*
(Hillary DiPiano)

Let's all do good things.
Carol Rose, Karlee Cavaliers

Annual Meeting & Holiday Lunch

Please come and join in the fun at the Annual Meeting and Holiday party. It's your chance to mingle with your friends, meet new members and have a great time.

Saturday, January 21, 2017

1 PM - 5 PM - (NOTE: NEW TIME)
The Vista at Van Patten Golf Club
924 Main St., Clifton Park, NY

Cost: \$31.00 per person

RSVP by January 16 to Pat Hicks (vjb1209@aol.com)
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Payments:

- by check mailed to: Pat Hicks, 6 Kelly Rd, Latham, NY 12110
- Paypal & credit card payments via paypal, (Paypal.com) email for payment on Paypal: nencycavaliers@aol.com.
- Payments can also be made at the door on the day of the event.

Our Yankee swap is the best. Bring a wrapped gift and enjoy the fun as your gift may exchange hands to those that want to try and keep it. Suggested price for gifts is \$25.00

We will also have our silent auction - please consider donating an item or two and be sure to bring your \$\$\$!

HEALTH ARTICLES: submitted by Lynn Beman, Trisdonn Cavaliers

UMBILICAL HERNIAS

Last year, when I had my girl Sorcha spayed, the veterinarian also repaired the umbilical hernia that she had since birth. Recently, I had a friend who had purchased a puppy who also had an umbilical hernia ask me about it. Since she was an experienced dog owner, but had some questions, I thought that maybe I should share some information in our newsletter.

Before birth, all puppies have an opening in the abdominal wall, called an “umbilical ring,” around their navels that allows the umbilical blood vessels to transmit nourishment to the fetus. Normally, this opening closes on its own after birth. The exact reason that the umbilical ring fails to close in some dogs is unknown. The prevalence of umbilical hernias in certain breeds indicates that there may be a genetic predisposition to the condition, but this is not yet scientifically proven. Some believe that the way the umbilical cord is cut or chewed by the puppy’s mother may also cause slight damage to the umbilical ring and cause it not to close. Again, this is not proven.

When the ring does not close properly after birth, the result is an umbilical hernia: a protrusion of the abdominal lining, abdominal fat, or – in extreme cases -- abdominal organs through the area around the umbilicus (navel). The result of the opening in the muscle wall at the puppy’s navel is that normally a small amount of abdominal fat protrudes, forming what in humans would be an “outie” belly button. This is often observed in certain breeds, including Airedale Terriers, Basenjis, Pekinese, and Cavaliers.

The most commonly seen umbilical hernia is what some refer to as the “reducible” type. Typically not overly large in size, a reducible umbilical hernia is one in which the protrusion may be gently pushed back into the abdomen by a veterinarian. In this case, the protrusion is simply abdominal lining or fat. Typically the only symptom seen in these cases is the swelling of the site itself, without any serious effects on the health or well-being of the puppy. Commonly, the opening in the abdominal wall will close by itself within a few weeks or a few months, but the harmless bubble of fat may still remain visible on the belly. At this point, gentle pushing on the bubble does not result in it moving back into the abdomen. Since this type of umbilical hernia is not dangerous or harmful, and the genetic links are not proven, there is no common sense reason to remove the parents from a responsible breeding program.

The reducible type of hernia can be surgically repaired

when the dog is spayed or neutered. My girl Sorcha, who had never been bothered by the hernia site, was 5 years old when she was spayed and the hernia site repaired. The surgical incision was just a bit longer than normal to allow for the removal of the protruding fat bubble. The additional cost for the umbilical hernia repair was \$50.

However, occasionally, a puppy might have what is called a “complicated” or “irreducible” umbilical hernia. This is a true hernia in which part of one or more abdominal organs are protruding through the opening. A dog with an irreducible hernia typically exhibits additional symptoms beyond the swelling of the site itself, including noticeable pain, warmth at the swollen site, vomiting, lack of appetite, and general malaise. This is a serious medical issue and does require veterinary care (surgery) to prevent the trapped organs from being damaged.

Finally, I had once been told that dogs with umbilical hernias cannot be shown in conformation. I asked a well-known breeder-judge about this and was told this is not the case. There is no regulation in the AKC regarding the disqualification of dogs with umbilical hernias, whether they have been repaired or not. Judges do not check for the presence of the hernia, nor for any abdominal surgery needed to repair the hernia. My first-hand experience is that Sorcha was able to compete in the show ring successfully despite the presence of her little belly bubble.

In researching this article, I found a very good and sensible discussion online at: <http://www.showdogsupersite.com/kenclub/breedvet/umbilical.html>

CANINE INFLUENZA

It’s flu season for humans, but for our dogs, it seems that dog flu is a year-round problem caused by the canine influenza virus (CIV), an influenza A virus that is highly contagious and easily spread from infected dogs to other dogs. Dogs of any breed, age, sex, or health status are at risk of infection when exposed to the virus. Outbreaks are commonly seen when groups of dogs are in close contact, such as shelters, kennels, grooming and boarding facilities, and dog shows.

There are now two strains of influenza in the U.S. canine world: H₃N₈ and H₃N₂. Both produce the same symptoms and are named based on the amino acids in their cell wall.

The H₃N₈ strain began as an equine virus that later adapted and transferred to dogs, becoming a new canine specific virus. The first U.S. outbreak of H₃N₈ occurred in

2004 at Greyhound tracks in Florida and rapidly spread to tracks around the country. It has now been reported in 40 states and is endemic in Colorado, Florida, Pennsylvania, and New York.

The H₃N₂ strain is new highly contagious virus strain first identified in March 2015 in Chicago. The H₃N₂ strain emerged in Korea, China, and Thailand, and was likely transferred by the avian flu virus. From the initial outbreak in Chicago, it quickly spread over the midwest and by October 2016 had been documented in at least 30 states with thousands of dogs having tested positive for the H₃N₂ virus.

Transmission is by aerosolized respiratory secretions (coughing, barking and sneezing), by contaminated objects (kennel surfaces, food and water bowls, collars and leashes), and by people moving between infected and uninfected dogs. The virus can remain viable (alive and able to infect) on surfaces for up to 48 hours, on clothing for 24 hours, and on hands for 12 hours.

Incubation period is usually 2-4 days from exposure to onset of clinical signs. The highest amounts of viral shedding occur during this time, so dogs are most contagious during this 2-4 day incubation period when they are not exhibiting signs of illness. Viral shedding decreases dramatically during the first 4 days of illness, but may continue up to 7 days in most dogs and up to 10 days in some dogs with H₃N₈ canine influenza. Intermittent H₃N₂ shedding for up to 26 days can occur; therefore, dogs infected with H₃N₂ should be isolated for at least 21 days.

Symptoms of both strains include coughing, sneezing, eye discharge, lethargy, loss of appetite, and a fever of 104-105 degrees. The nasal discharge may be purulent. Severe

cases can develop into pneumonia. Diagnosis is based on symptoms and serological testing through collecting blood at the onset of the disease; and again at 7-10 days after the onset of symptoms. Nasal and throat swabs taken during the first 4 days of illness may identify the virus. Cornell Veterinary College is one of the laboratories able to do the testing of these samples.

Treatment of the disease is mostly supportive care, with antibiotics given for secondary infection, non-steroidal medication to reduce fever, and plenty of fluids. Most dogs recover in 2-3 weeks.

Vaccines are currently available for H₃N₈, but both labeled as an "aid in the control" of the disease. Recently, Merck and Zoetis received provisional approval for new vaccines against the H₃N₂ strain. These vaccines may not completely prevent infection, but appear to reduce the severity and duration of the illness, as well as the length of time when an infected dog may shed the virus.

Because these two flu strains are still emerging pathogens, canines have no naturally acquired immunity when first exposed to these viruses. If the virus enters a kennel or other closed group, a high percentage of the dogs may become infected. Although most dogs have a milder form of canine influenza and recover without complications, some may develop severe pneumonia. Approximately 20-25% of infected dogs are expected to remain asymptomatic, but can still shed and thus spread the virus. So far, there is no evidence that canine influenza infects people.

As with any vaccination protocol, it is recommended that dog owners confer with their veterinarians as to the best course of action regarding vaccine prevention.

Club Meetings for 2017:

All on Sunday's - 1:00 pm - Carol's house

March 19

May 21

July 16

Aug 11-12 CKCSCNENY

Specialty Shows, Ballston

Spa NY

Sept 30 -- Carol's campsite,

Wine Country Circuit

Nov 12, tentative



A Two paws up welcome to our newest members:

Carrie Cronin from Clifton Park, NY

Mary Cunningham from United Kingdom UK

Honorary Member —David Frei from Cannon Beach, OR

Karen & Andy Liddle from Oneonta, NY

Margarita & Nick Sainato from Albany, NY

Alicia & Chris Sparano from Alphaus, NY

Sheila & John (Joshua, Shea & Matthew) Wright from Flemington, NJ

“MEET THE BREEDS” EVENT by Laura Calabrese

In September, our Club participated in the Saratoga County 4-H organization’s “Meet The Breeds” event held at their training facility in Ballston Spa, NY.

As a relatively new member of the club I thought it would give me a chance to help out in some small way and promote the breed. My husband, John, and I had recently dropped off our young Cavalier, Luca, to stay with Pat Martello and I was missing him terribly. I was hoping that this event would also be a “puppy fix” for me. It turned out to be so much more!

The day of the event, Carol Rose, Darlene Petralia, and I arrived at the 4-H center around 10 AM to set up our booth and settle in with two of Carol’s puppies, her Blenheim

“Izze”, her young tri-color “Myrtle,” and Darlene’s Black and Tan puppy “Cinder” (short for Cinderella). Michael Grady soon joined us with his handsome Ruby boy, “Walker,” as did Marty Melia with his Tri-girl Sassy. All four colors were now represented and we were off and running.

Being relatively new to the breed, I could not answer a lot of questions but helped monitor the puppies and listened

and learned from the rest of our group. The turnout was great considering all of the other events going on this time of year. People in attendance, young and old, were genuinely interested in not just our Cavaliers, but all of the other breeds that were there. Our puppies probably attracted a little more attention than most of the other breeds, but then again we are talking Cavaliers here.

Carol Rose graciously shared the puppies with the children that came by and let them sit under the tent and hold the puppies in their laps. The expression on their faces was



unforgettable. Some of them squealed with delight while others sat gently petting the pups and welcoming their little kisses. I witnessed gentleness and a willingness to share with others as new children came along.



In closing, I think we can learn a lot from the innocence of children and their willingness to

share the little things in life and be accepting of others. The world would be a far better place if we could all be like them and our beautiful Cavaliers! If you are new to our Club, I encourage you to join us the next time we participate in a Meet The Breeds event.



PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES

FEES ARE:

- \$20 FOR SINGLE MEMBERSHIPS**
- \$25 FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS**
- \$15 FOR ASSOCIATE SINGLE MEMBERSHIPS**
- \$20 FOR ASSOCIATE FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS**

As a courtesy to Pat Hicks please let her know if you are NOT renewing your membership - but we hope you will. Payments can be made same as stated under the Annual Meeting.

MEET: DEBRA MATTICE, OUR TROPHY CHAIR

Deb Mattice is truly a native of the Capitol District. She was born in Niskayuna, lived with her family first in Schenectady until they moved to Burnt Hills. She attended Burnt Hills schools from elementary through high school and then attended Adirondack Community College.

Prior to her retirement, Deb was a retail store manager and over the years worked for Stewarts Shops and Dick's Sporting Goods.

About twelve years ago, she married Bruce Mattice. They have a "blended family" which includes her 4 sons and his 2 sons, ranging in age from 40 to 29. After living in Queensbury NY for a number of years, she and Bruce now live in a lovely farmhouse-style home situated

on 40 acres in the town of Galway. Animals on the property include a cat, her two Cavaliers, what she describes as "numerous Labs," a herd of wild deer, coyotes, fox and numerous other types of wild life.

Always a dog-lover, she was still a child when she got her first dog, a rescued Cairn Terrier. She says she slept for two weeks in a sleeping bag on the kitchen floor with the dog until the Cairn was reliably housebroken.

About 19 years ago she was at a Stewart's Shop grand opening and saw a bulletin board posting for a Labrador puppy for sale. She was smitten and purchased this puppy, which in the way of dogs, quickly became "Bruce's dog" despite the fact that Deb was the one who wanted it. A few years later, she purchased her first Chocolate Lab, "Madison," and so began her long-time mentorship with Nancy Scholz and, as she said, "everything sort of mushroomed from there," leading to the creation of Galador Labradors. Madison was the foundation bitch for her breeding program. For many years, Deb did not show her dogs in conformation, although she did some obedience work with the dogs. As she says, "I was working 6-7 days a week in retail

and we were busy raising 6 boys – at the time we didn't have the flexibility to show dogs in conformation. "I did obedience training at Glens Falls Kennel Club which was fun, yet challenging but not competitive". Nancy Scholz encouraged Deb to join the Mohawk Valley Kennel Club where she met Carol Rose.

Several years ago, Deb's son Dennis, who is an actor and at the time was living in NYC, wanted to acquire a small, city-appropriate puppy and everyone felt that a Cavalier would be a good choice. Carol did not have any puppies at the time, so Dennis wound up getting "Oliver" from Stephanie Abrams in CT. Shortly thereafter, Dennis went on the road tour of a Broadway show and Oliver went to live with Deb and Bruce for 6 months. He fit right in and made himself at home with the big dogs. Debbie had been wanting a "bed dog" (one that wasn't big enough to kick the humans off the bed at night). She decided that a Cavalier would be perfect for her.

Of course, at this point she wound up getting a Karlee Gray Stone puppy from Carol. After a couple of trials and errors to find the right "show potential" puppy, Deb got "Tia" (CH Karlee Gray Stone Sunrise Sunset at CobbHill) who was bred by Carol Rose and Mary Pat Brunson. She later purchased her second Cavalier "Amelia" (CobbHill Born To Fly) from Mary Pat.

While she's still breeding and showing her Labs, Deb is enjoying showing her Cavaliers. She is proud that Tia is now a Champion

and Amelia has started in the conformation ring. She finds Cavaliers easy to live with and a breed that "just goes with the flow" without drama. She joined the CKCSCNENY a couple of years ago and is an active member. Last year she took over the duties as Trophy Chair for our August Specialty and did a great job in selecting terrific trophies but also getting sponsorships for them. Thanks to our generous members, she succeeded at this part of the role as well.

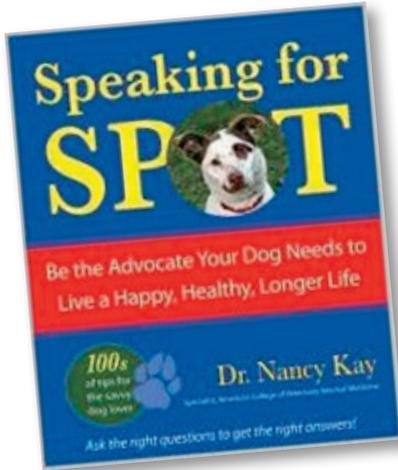
Lynn Beman, Trisdonn Cavaliers



Deb & Tia at the 2015 National in Asheville, NC



BOOK REVIEW



Speaking for Spot: Be the Advocate Your Dog Needs to Live a Happy Healthy Longer Life, by Nancy Kay, DVM. Paperback, published August 6, 2011, 400 pages, \$16.95 (Amazon.com)

Award-winning veterinarian and author Dr. Nancy Kay

provides an insider's guide to navigating the often overwhelming, confusing, and expensive world of veterinary medicine. Dr. Kay explains how to initiate and nurture a healthy relationship with your veterinarian. She provides expert advice and insider tips, and how best to be an advocate for your pet when at the vet's office. Plus, the book includes descriptions of hundreds of common diseases, symptoms, and what might be expected during the vet appointment. This book does not provide treatment solutions; it is meant to be used prior to seeking veterinary care and preparing and following through with the veterinarian's advice. I found this to be an excellent book for the new or less experienced dog-owner and think it would make a wonderful addition to every breeder's "puppy packet" to send home with the new owners. It is well organized, provides sensible, easy to understand, no-nonsense discussions on topics such as selecting a veterinarian, veterinary health insurance, cost considerations, and that very difficult end-of-life decisions that most pet owners are eventually faced with. In reading reviews at the Amazon site, it appears that the Kindle edition has some issues and is not recommended. As a point of interest, I found Dr. Kay is very approachable through her website and her weekly "Speaking for Spot" blog, which is worth signing up for. She also offers discounts for quantity purchases and to rescue/animal welfare groups if you purchase this book directly from her.

Lynn Beman, Trisdonn Cavaliers

FYI, Lynn is bringing a donated copy from the author for our silent auction at the Holiday Party.

2016 ACHIEVEMENTS

(listed alphabetically by kennel name; registered name)

- BIELMAN'S SPRING AHEAD LITTLE LULU, CGC (Lulu), Amy Cox
- BIELMAN'S YOUR MAKING ME TIPPY TIPPY, CGC (Tippy), Carrie Cronin
- CH CASTLEVIEW MIRASSOU AT MIDNIGHT (Suzi), Traci Daoust
- GCH CH KARLEE GRAY STONE GUNS N ROSES (Axl) Carol Rose & Bill Smith
- CH KARLEE GRAY STONE ONE OF THOSE THINGS (Jessie), Carol Rose, Kate Rose Szczesny & Darlene Petralia
- GCHS CH & CAN CH STELLAR ROMANCING THE STONE AT TYCWN (Morgan), Anne Knauss - Silver Medallion Level
- CH KARLEE GRAY STONE SUNRISE SUNSET AT COBBHILL (Tia), Debra & Kate Rose Szczesny

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
- CH - Champion
- GCH - Grand Champion
- MX - Master Agility Excellent
- MXJ - Master Excellent Jumper with Weaves
- NF - Novice Fast
- OA & OAJ - Open Agility & Open Agility Jumpers
- RN, RA RE - Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent
- THD - Therapy Dog

HEALTH CLINIC

In November we held our Club's annual Cardiac Clinic. Dr. Cassidy Sedacca, one of the cardiologists at Upstate Veterinary Service, and his vet tech both gave up their Sunday to come do the clinic. We are grateful that the owners of Harmony Veterinary Clinic in Ballston Spa once for once again donating the use of their beautiful facility. By the end of the day, there were 31 auscultations and 3 dopplers done, with nearly all of them providing good outcomes, including many dogs over 5 years of age testing clear. The most impressive result was Michael Grady's beautiful B&T boy "Roddy" (CH Jovan Royal Rock N Roll) who at 13 is still heart clear. It is nice to see some clear evidence that the cardiac health of our breed is slowly improving. Even if your Cavaliers are not being shown or bred, it is always a good idea to have their hearts checked by a Board Certified Veterinary Cardiologist once a year. Doing so not only has a specialist listen to their hearts, but may give an early warning for any impending issues and helps breeders know if their breeding program is successfully advancing the health of our breed.

CKCSCNENY had a **new** event at our Specialty this year! Held on the Friday evening of the show, we invited all of our puppy people both far and near to join in the fun and food with complimentary pizza and refreshments followed up by a cavalier parade.

We named it our **'First Annual Pupalooza Pizza Party and Parade Of Cavaliers'**.



We had planned to have everyone sashay around the ring but as a very last minute impromptu idea, we had everyone stack their cavalier on the table while our Honorable Judges, Carol Rose, and Lisa May judged the pet cavaliers on the table. Followed up by a down and back and all the way around.



Even with the horrible heat and humidity, there were 10 people with their cavaliers who participated in the parade. Headed up by myself and Payton leading the way along with Carrie Cronin with Tippy, Suzanne



Druger with Winston, Roberta Thomas with Arianna, Jennifer Schrock with Zelda, Nancy Chando with Taylor, Sarah Kaplan with Phila, Pat Riley with Holly, Margarita Sainato with Daisy and Eva Melia with her granddaughter Amya with Sassy, Ruby, Jessie.

This event demonstrated to our puppy families

and friends what we are doing when we are talking about showing. Some had never attended a dog show at any level. Everyone there was a real winner!



We have not formally met to discuss next year's event, but a few ideas have been talked about to make it even grander. Some of those ideas included having 1st Place blue ribbons printed (without a date so they can be used any year), having every person's cavalier win a blue ribbon. Possibly ordering bandanas with our logo on them as prizes and or a small dog toy.

Looking forward to making plans for next year's event!

Amy Cox, Bielman's Cavaliers

WAITING AT THE RAINBOW BRIDGE *In remembrance of...*



Morgan New Forest - "Morgan"
09/27/2003 - 11/26/2016
Kim Evanoski



Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club - NENY

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CAVALIER CHRONICLE

JANUARY, 2017

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CURATOR'S CURIOSITY CORNER



A Tricolour King Charles Spaniel In A Classical Landscape

by Abraham Bruiningh van Worrell (Dutch, 1787-1860)

oil on canvas; 20" x 24"; signed lower right: "A B Worrell."

Exhibited: The Kennel Club Art Gallery, London: English Toy Spaniels: The Cavalier and King Charles Spaniel in Art, July 2014-January 2015
Sold: Bonham's New York: Dogs in Show and Field, Feb 16, 2016. Sale Price: \$6,000

A.B. van Worrell, a Dutch-born painter, began his career in Holland where he was awarded full membership of the Royal Academies of Holland and Belgium. Moving to London in 1820, he first painted mainly Dutch views for the English market, such as landscapes with milkmaids by Frisian cows in strongly colored landscapes. He translated this style to his English landscapes which brought him financial success and commissions. Examples of his work are found in the Royal Collection and the British Museum. Known for his landscapes and genre scenes, he also executed commissioned portraits of dogs including "Bell, A Favourite Setter," and this lovely large portrait of a Tri-color Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, painted c.1840-1850.

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For more information on our club and links to Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, visit our website: nencycavaliers.com