

Northeast News & Views



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the CKCSC, USA National Specialty in Pennsylvania in October. The show was a great success and it could not have turned out so well without all the hard work by all the many volunteers it takes to pull off such a big event. Although every regional show we host involves a lot of planning to make great, the National show is one that has so many more pieces to it that the planning begins the year before and involves a lot more people. Volunteers started working on the ballroom setup and goodie bag assembly on Wednesday with the main activities starting Thursday morning with a great handling and grooming seminar by Ernesto Lara. Members that train their Cavaliers for agility also had an opportunity to compete early in the weekend. The weekend continued with puppy sweeps, the Top 20, a breeders' panel, a banquet, a therapy seminar, and 3 days of judging a fabulous Cavalier entry.

At our regional shows, we don't have nearly the amount of activities of the National, but we do like to have seminars and events planned in which members would like to participate. We have had some great seminars this past year with the Canine Holistic Health Seminar with Dr. Morgan in June and the Contracts Seminar with attorney David Feldman in August. We are, however, always looking for new ideas. If you have an idea for a seminar you would like to see at a show, please tell me or anyone else on the board. Regardless of the subject of the seminar, you are guaranteed to walk away having learned something new.

One of the very interesting and important announcements made at the National Specialty was by the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel USA Health Foundation. The Health Foundation has teamed up with the North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine to

provide funding for studies on health problems affecting Cavaliers.

This is exciting because it means we have researchers that are actively working on helping us as Cavalier owners and breeders prolong the life of our Cavaliers and their offspring. As "guardians of the Cavalier" the health of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel is of utmost importance.

This is also the time of year to begin thinking about whether you have an interest in serving on the CNE board of directors. If you have ever had an interest, questions, or want to learn more about the open board positions, please reach out to Charlie Weidig, the chair of the Nominating Committee. A new Nominating Committee is assembled every year to work on filling the open board positions of the year. Every other year has the potential for more positions changing due to the Officer positions being up for election. This year is one of the bigger years of change on the board.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season.

Michael Gross
President

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PUPPY REFERRAL



The CNE Puppy Referral website is located at <http://www.eastcoastcavalierbreeders.com> and is one of the best ways on the Internet for puppy buyers to learn about the great breeders we have in the club. The website provides lots of valuable information to help puppy buyers make an informed decision about where they get their new puppy from. We encourage CNE breeders to advertise their Puppies on the website. Contact Francesca Gross at fgross@bluedaycavaliers.com for details how to get your puppies listed! This site also works well for retired adults as well. Check out this website also if you are a member looking to add a Cavalier to your family from a reputable breeder with available puppies!

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Catching the Bug

Not too long ago my family considered me normal, well, relatively speaking anyway. I had a little tri color dog who was my constant companion, but she was just a single Cavalier named Ceili. Granted, I referred to her as my dogter, which they found a tad excessive, but she was only one dog and I was a workaholic so...she reminded me to walk and eat and sleep so...she was good for me.

Shortly after our third anniversary Ceili was sleeping on my pillow and I thought I heard something odd in her heartbeat. I hoped I was imagining things but sadly, I wasn't. A cardiologist came regularly to our boutique veterinary clinic so I immediately scheduled her for an echo. It turned out the cardiologist would only communicate through my vet, rather than face to face, so the second hand news I was given was that my precious girl would have somewhere in the neighborhood of 1-3 years left to live...I was devastated.

My first real ray of hope was when I reached out to Anne Eckersley. Anne talked me off the ledge and she suggested I speak with Jaime Redniss who ran the CNE Health Clinics. A fast -friendship was struck, and before I knew it I was sitting beside Jaime at various health clinics checking people in and admiring all the dogs. At the clinics, Ceili was seen by cardiologists who weren't too busy to speak to me about her condition...a condition which turned out to be quite mild.

Clinics are busy with all breeds of dogs but it can be quite rewarding. It was at these clinics where I witnessed some of the most positive aspects of Club membership. Members make an active effort to better the health of the breed through yearly testing. Even with the most careful testing nothing is certain but it does strengthen the odds in the Cavalier's favor. At clinic we see the joy on the faces of exhibitors when exams go quickly. We also see, and are part of, the support network that kicks in when a basic auscultation turned into an echo and hugs and tissues are needed. I point to my wonderful Ceili and her active and meaningful life as a ray of hope for those parents—I mean owners.

It has been over 5 years now since Ceili and I first sat at the

desk with Jaime, Momo and Morgan. Jaime exposed me to the show bug then made sure I got a wonderful little Morgan boy who led me into the breed ring and now does rally as well. A beautiful puppy from Anne rounds out our family and you can still find Ceili and her 2 little "brothers" by her side manning the CNE Health Clinics—that is when Ceili isn't happily wagging her way around the breed ring in Veteran Bitch.

I am now the crazy dog lady of my family and my great-nieces call me Auntie Woof Woof much to my delight. Vacations are spent driving to Indianapolis, Williamsburg, York etc...so all the dogs can get their time in the breed/rally limelight. I count my dogs' family as my own and my human family endures my seemingly endless explanations as to how I'm related to most of my closest friends through the dogs. I never would have guessed that the decision to bring one little dog into my home would change my world so completely.

Have you been similarly infected with the Cavalier bug? Do you want to get more involved but don't know where to turn? We are always looking to increase show participation and volunteerism. Hesitant to jump in with four feet but you are interested in just sticking a paw in the water? Don't miss out on the Cavalier comradery, all are invited so bring your dog(s) and yourself and come down to any of our CNE and CKCSC events; we don't bite!

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Suggestion Box

We are always looking for new Judges to make our shows more exciting and interesting. If you have any suggestions for qualified Show Judges, whether Club Judges, Foreign Judges, or AKC judges, please get in touch with Vanessa Weber. Vanessa has a difficult job, and suggestions are always welcome. Finding judges for the shows is a time-consuming and difficult task.

Contact at: vanessanweber@gmail.com

A Very Successful National Specialty Live Auction!

By Liz Keane
Kean Cavaliers
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When Mike Gross asked if I would do the Auction for the National, I was told that Joan Twigg was not going to participate. Well, I told Mike, I will be happy to help but I NEED Joan and ONLY will do it is she is involved. Joan is a wealth of information when it comes to "CAVALERIA" as she calls it. One quick phone call and Joan was onboard and we were brainstorming immediately!

I not only learned so much from her but found that she was extremely helpful with getting people to donate items for the auction. Joan, of course, is always generous to our club and I really enjoyed working with her again on the National's 60th Diamond Jubilee. We raised close to \$8,300 with the help of MANY generous donations. Carolyn Peterson was great, as always, and set up a PayPal option to make payment easier for the winning bidders.

I enjoyed watching Steve Harrison work the room. He was so kind to help us, taking on the high pressure position of AUCTIONEER for the National. He did a super job and we are very grateful!

Many thanks to all who bid, bought, donated and helped to get items to our venue. Mike and Francesca Gross stored all of the items and got them all to the auction along with their tall order of duties as show chairs for the weekend! It was a joined effort and I was happy to be a part of it.

CNE thanks you, Liz, for all you did to make this event so much fun and such a success!





Capturing Your Cavalier in Photos

Our Cavaliers (and other dogs) provide companionship, joy and entertainment for us. And, of course that means you probably like to take pictures of them. That's fairly easy when they are sleeping, but when awake and active, getting a good photo can be a real challenge. Here are a few things you can do to improve your odds of getting some good shots.

When shooting a subject in motion, you want to be photographing it in bright light so you can use a fast shutter speed to avoid blurriness; and you may want to change the Autofocus setting as well, to increase your odds of getting a great action shot.

You want to have plenty of light so the camera can use a fast shutter speed. The less light available, the lower the shutter speed, which can result in blur. Raising the ISO (the sensitivity of the image sensor) of your camera also lessens the amount of light it needs, so you can try that, too. A combination of good light and raising the ISO can double the chances you'll get some good pictures. If you have a nice sunny day, you can leave your ISO fairly low, like 200 or 400. If it's cloudy, there will be less light and you may need to go above 400, up to ISO 800 or even 1000. If you're indoors, you may need to push that up to ISO 1600 or above. Let the shutter speed be your guide. Your goal is to be shooting at around 1/500 second or above to try to stop the action.

If you desire more control over what shutter speed the camera is using, you'll probably want to change the exposure mode from full Automatic (if your model offers that) to Program or Shutter Priority.

In P or Program the camera chooses both shutter speed and aperture based on the light it sees and the ISO that's set. If you want a higher shutter speed, you can use the Main Command Dial (near your thumb on top or near the viewing screen on the back) to change the shutter/aperture combination the camera is suggesting. What you're trying to do is open the lens (aperture or "f/stop") wider so the camera can use a faster shutter speed. You can do the same thing using Shutter Priority. In this case you set the shutter speed, and the camera matches up the correct aperture, again based on the amount of light and the ISO setting.

Finally, make sure to set your camera's autofocus system to Continuous. That way it will try to keep your subject in focus as it moves. This can be done with switches on the body, on the lens, in the menus or a combination. Check your manual to find out how to set the autofocus on your particular camera model.

So remember, the keys to getting great action shots of dogs at play are good light, fast shutter speed and continuous autofocus. Work with those (and lots of luck) and you'll make some pictures you love almost as much as you love your Cavalier.



CAVALIERS OF THE NORTHEAST

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The members of the Nominating Committee for 2017 are:

Charlie Weidig - Chair

Joan Geoghegan

Joan Twigg

Kim Hess

Barbara Grimm Curley

An election for the following positions is scheduled for June 10, 2017:

- President – 2 year term
- Vice President – 2 year term
- Secretary – 2 year term
- Treasurer – 2 year term
- Representative to National Board – 3 year term
- One Director – 3 year term

Suggestions for nominees, including self-nomination, are encouraged and welcome. The ultimate responsibility for the selection of the Officers and Directors of the CKCSC, USA lies with its members. Please submit names of eligible members, together with a brief resume (see note) to:

Charlie Weidig, Chair, Nominating Committee

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Deadline: December 11, 2016

Note: The resume for each candidate must be submitted on one side of 8 1/2 x 11" paper and must include:

- Candidate's name, address, and telephone number
- Education and professional qualifications
- Offices held, past and present
- Other positions or committees, past and present
- Other activities related to dogs
- Disclosure of conflict of interest
- Personal statement

The resumes will assist the Nominating Committee in making their choices for the Board positions available, and the Committee will consider all submissions received within the deadline. The slate will be published no later than March 18, 2017. After the Nominating Committee slate is published, the membership may make additional nominations if they so desire.

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Would you like to help with future newsletters? We would love to have assistance with both content and editing of future News & Views. If you have content such as photos, stories, or articles of interest for future newsletters, please send them to Liz Greak at bargelizard@comcast.net.

If you have ever used Microsoft Publisher or would like to learn and want to help with the newsletter, please contact Mike Gross at mikeagross@gmail.com.



Critique for Fun Match: Upper Marlboro, MD September 24, 2016 - Judge: Liz Keane

Senior Puppy Dog

#42 Eli 11/15/15 11 month old with full lozenge, well marked with good bone and substance. Very happy and enjoyed working with his owner today.

Novice Dog

1st #32 Julian Young Blenheim with great balance, good angles front and rear, and strong hind quarters. Handsome expression with large round eyes and the promise of a good coat. This boy is just what I like to see at his age. A pleasure to award him WD/BOS

2nd #22 Chewcreek Up In Smoke 12/24/15

1 year old ruby with rich crimson coat and large dark eyes. This boy has a solid topline and good rear drive. Very happy to perform for his owner today.

Sp Limit Blenheim Dog

1st #35 Foxwyn Aramis 8/03/14 2 year old blenheim heavily marked with correct straight coat. Good topline and tail carriage on the move. This boy is a great size, and had good ring presence. Happy to award him RWD

2nd #28 Darane some kind of wonderful 08/01/12 4 year old blenheim with lots of coat. Large dark eyes with proper fill lead to a sweet expression. Short coupled and compact in size. This boy enjoyed the day.

Sp Limit Tri Dog

1st #31 Loki 04/25/15 18 month old with good coat, and rich markings. This boy was up to size with good balance and solid topline. Great attitude and enjoyed working with his owner today.

2nd #29 Darane Charade 06/20/14

2 year old heavily marked boy, smaller than #1 presented nicely and moved with purpose around the ring. This boy was all cavalier and enjoyed the task today.

S/p Limit Ruby dog

#2 Noonvale Firewalker 06/19/10 6 year old in full coat, rich color with super pigment. Held a nice outline both standing and on the move. Happy to perform today.

Sp Limit Exhibition Only (Ch Class)

1st # Foxwyn Cool Water 08/03/14 2 year old blenheim of correct size. Nicely balanced with good front and rear angles. Coat in great condition. This boy moved freely and never stopped wagging.

2nd Ch Darane Smooth criminal 01/26/10 6 year old Black & tan with great outline, soft expression and large dark eyes. Good lay back of shoulder. This boy was larger than #1 it was a hard decision between 1 and 2.

3rd #23 Ch Chewcreek Three amigos Dusty bottoms, JW 12/28/11 5 year old blenheim compact in size with good make and shape. Good turn of stifle, and good depth of chest. This boy had large round eyes and dark pigment.

4th #26 Ch Chewcreek Red solo cup, JW 3 year old smaller boy, short backed with good substance to size. Beautiful large round eyes on a well cushioned muzzle finished his sweet expression.

WD #32 RWD #35 BPD #42

Junior Puppy Bitch

1st #34 Rosearbor Give a Hoot 7 month old black and tan with rich dark coat and large round expressive eyes. Good length of neck with a solid topline, made for a great outline on the move. This girl was full of personality happy to award her Best puppy in Match.

2nd #33 Derby Lovely Tri color with great bone and substance for her age. Super outline and strong hind quarters. Expressive eyes with proper amount of fill finished a pleasing head. Wish she would have co operated a bit more today. I look forward to seeing her in the future.

3rd #21 Chewcreek Pebbles in the Sand Pretty Ruby girl with rich color, short coupled with great length of neck. She was enjoying the day and was a pleasure to watch.

Graduate Puppy Bitch

#6 Darane White Wedding This blenheim girl moved with purpose around the ring. Good angles front and rear propelled her smoothly on the move.. Still raw, I enjoyed this girl she has all the correct proportions. I look forward to seeing her again. Happy to award her RWB

Novice Bitch

1st #7 Avia Persuasion One year old Black and Tan with large dark eyes and well cushioned muzzle. Solid topline and good tail carriage. She had a great personality and showed herself off!

2nd #8 Lola 18 month old Blenheim with lots of coat. Nice round dark eyes with good pigment. Great size and worked well with her owner today.

Bred By Bitch

#9 Darane All about Eve 4 year old blenheim with great shape. Topline was rock solid leading to a correct tail carriage. She was a pleasure to watch as she floated around the ring. Well angulated front and rear allowed her good reach and drive. This girl could move!

American Bred Bitch

#41 Kalais Harlow 9 month old Black and Tan with good substance to size. Loved her expressive large dark eyes and head shape. Good length of neck lead into a solid topline. She carried herself with ease around the ring with a silky coat to finish the picture. I was happy to award her Best in match.

Special Limit Blenheim Bitch

1st #10 Buttercup 2 year old blenheim of great size and type. Presented in full bloom today and happy to show herself off.

2nd #36 Darane The Antiquary Bigger girl than 1 also in full bloom. Solid topline and good rear quarters. She was very happy and enjoyed working with her owner.

Special Limit Tri Bitch

#11 Kayangce Fanny Price Great size and shape on this 10.5 year old tri girl. Whom did not look or act her age! Good neck and solid topline and well angled rear made a great outline. Her sweet expression and gay temperament was all cavalier. Pleasure to see her today.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch

1st #19 Chewcreek Piper 3 year old with good coat and pretty eyes. Her outline was pleasing on the move, she had good reach and drive. Super attitude on this girl!

2nd #38 Darane Electra Another 3 year old much smaller than 1, compact little girl who was eager to please. She had a nice coat and enjoyed the day.

Sp Limit Black & Tan Bitch

1st #20 Chewcreek Devil may Care 1 year old with great shape and pleasing head. her rich coloring was an eye catcher. Good length of neck lead into a nice layback of shoulder.

2nd #37 Lacie Smaller than 1 at 18 months Nice dark eyes and proper fill gave her a sweet expression. Her dark shining coat was in great condition. She was having fun today, a pleasure to see.

Sp limit Exhibit Bitch (Ch Class)

1st #13 Ch Darane Stardust 2 year old, full of type. Feminine head with dark round eyes. Short coupled with good angles front and rear. Moved with ease around the ring.

2nd #14 Darane True Colors Almost 2 year old with tons of personality. Solid topline and tailset made for a great outline. This girl moved with purpose.

3rd #12 Ch Darane Red Sonja,JW Super type on this smaller ruby girl. she was out of dress today but still held her own. Beautiful eye on a well cushioned muzzle made the sweetest expression. She was just the right size for me.

4th #24 Ch Carane My Darling Clementine at Chewcreek Tri color with great substance to size. Good angles front and rear gave her a super outline on the move. A true cavalier personality, she was a pleasure to judge.

Veteran Dog

#30 Thurston Howell 10 year old in great coat. Good muscle tone and moved freely around the ring. Happy to perform today. I enjoyed this boy!

Veteran Bitch

1st #15 Ch Darane Holly Blue 9 year old black and tan with super outline. Moved well with plenty of reach and drive. This girl does not know she is 9 years old, truly a puppy at heart.

2nd #16 Bryndael The Gay Divorcee 11 year old ruby in great condition. Lovely round dark eyes and pleasing head shape. good bone and well let down in hock.

3rd #18 Darane Elizabeth Bennett 9 year old tri color with lots of type. Correct outline and plenty of rear drive. This girl enjoyed herself today.

4th #17 Krystle Hotter N Hell 8 year old Ruby with plenty of coat, great pigment and large round eyes. Very spry and had a good time on the day.

Best Veteran #15, Best In Match #41

Best of Opposite in Match #32, Best puppy in Match #34

Cavaliers of the Northeast Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2016

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Chase	6,307.14
TD Bank CD	3,709.46
TD Bank Checking	20,004.09
Total Checking/Savings	30,020.69
Total Current Assets	30,020.69
TOTAL ASSETS	30,020.69
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	47,132.34
Retained Earnings	-13,806.71
Net Income	-3,304.94
Total Equity	30,020.69
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	30,020.69

Critique for Fun Match: Lancaster, Pennsylvania November 20, 2016 - Judge: Kathy Kates

I would like to thank Cavaliers of the Northeast for inviting me to judge this match with a special thanks to my hard working ring steward, Trisha DePhillip and Kim Hess who hosted the event. Thank you to all the exhibitors; the dogs were well presented and I had a wonderful day!

Junior Puppy Dog:

1st KELLENE BACKSTREET BOY (Kelli Marshall) 5 ½ months old tri, very handsome head on this little boy with lovely eyes, compact body with good bone, he stands a bit high in the rear now but his topline will settle with time, moved well. **Best Puppy Dog**

Novice Dog:

1st KELLENE HIT THE ROAD JACK (Kelli Marshall) 5 ½ months old blen, adorable expression with lovely eyes, he is on the small side but has a good topline, well broken markings, moves very well for his age, just needs practice.

2nd TOULOUSE (Erica Venier) 7 months old tri, handsome head with good eyes, good bone and substance, up to size, good side gate but a bit close moving away at this time.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog:

1st AIDAN (Rachel & Erica Venier) 7 months old blen, gorgeous head with huge round dark eyes, lovely neck leading into well laid back shoulders and a level topline, tons of coat coming in with well broken markings, moved very well when he decided he wanted to go! **Winners Dog and Best Opposite Sex in Match**

2nd BLUEDAY HENRY REARDEN (Mike & Francesca Gross) 3 ½ years old tri, handsome head, eyes are a good shape but rather light, he still has a sweet expression, ideal angles front and rear allowed him to move with reach and drive in all directions. **Reserve Winners Dog**

Special Ruby Dog:

1st ERLIN (Glen & Helen Hutchinson) 5 ½ months old ruby, really sweet face on this little guy, round dark eyes, rich ruby color, well laid shoulders but his topline needs to settle, moves with balance around the ring, needs more weight on him and time to mature.

Special Limit Exhibit Dog (for exhibition only):

1st TOBY (Trisha DePhillip) 3 ½ years old tri, handsome little dog I know very well, lovely head with large eyes which could be a shade darker, lots of lovely straight coat, good shoulder placement leading into a level topline, moved well with reach and drive, a true toy spaniel.

2nd MR BOTTOMS (Trisha DePhillip) almost 5 years old blen, another boy I know well, masculine head with large round dark eyes, correct angles front and rear and a dead level topline, thick well broken coat, he insisted on pacing around the ring. Neither boy was shown by their owner so they were a bit distracted. I was happy to have been able to go over them.

Junior Puppy Bitch:

1st KELLENE ROAD TO RIO (Kelli Marshall) 5 ½ months old tri, adorable little girl with the sweetest expression, large round eyes but shows white in her left eye, good angles and a level topline, moved very well for her first time on the lead.

2nd GIA (Kim Hess) 5 months old b&t, sweet face with lovely eyes, bright tan markings in all the right places, compact girl with good bone but falls away at the croup which made her carry her tail low, moved well.

Senior Puppy Bitch:

1st NANNETTE (Erica Venier & Leslie Slusher) almost 1 year old blen, classic moderate head with lovely large round dark eyes, ideal shape with correct angles front and rear, level topline and correct tail carriage, lots of silky well broken coat with rich chestnut markings, moves with exuberance but could have more drive. **Winners Bitch, Best Puppy Bitch, Best in Match, Best Puppy in Match**

2nd COSETTE (Kim Hess) 11 months old b&t, sweet face with good eyes though a bit extreme for me, lots of shiny black coat with bright tan markings, good shape while standing, moved well going around the ring but close going away.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch:

1st BLUEDAY HARPER (Mike & Francesca Gross) 2 years old blen, cute face with lovely eyes, she does have a few freckles but they don't take away from her expression, well laid back shoulders leading into a level back with correct tail carriage, she moves very well with reach and drive, wonderful temperament is the icing on the cake. **Reserve Winners Bitch**

American Bred Bitch:

1st HARLOW (Kim Hess) 11 months old b&t, another sweet face with a temperament to match, beautiful outline while standing, moved well but the best part was her super topline and tail carriage.

Special Limit Tri-Color Bitch:

1st BLUEDAY WONDERFUL WONDERFUL (Mike & Francesca Gross) 21 months old tri, precious expression on this little girl, a shape I like though perhaps a bit long in back, super topline and tail carriage, she moves very well but this was her first time on the lead, will do better with more practice.

Special Limit Ruby Bitch:

1st KELLENE ONCE UPON A TIME (Kelli Marshall) 2 years old ruby, okay head with good eyes, could use more fill in the muzzle, deep ruby color, well laid back shoulders, moved with reach and drive.

Special Limit Black and Tan Bitch:

1st KELLENE QUEEN BEE (Kelli Marshall) 1 year old b&t, truly lovely head with pretty eyes, this was her first time on the lead and she had a hard time stacking but when she moved she had a good topline with correct tail carriage and plenty of reach and drive, good bone and substance.

Special Limit Exhibit Bitch (for exhibition only):

1st BRIDGET (Erica & Rachel Venier) 5 years old blen, a girl I've long admired, correct moderate head with good eyes, lovely neck leading into well laid shoulders and a level topline, moves very well with reach and drive.





Thanks to the people who step up and volunteer their time we're able to participate in dog events and enjoy the many other benefits that CNE provides. Do you and your dogs enjoy shows and other events? Do you participate in club activities such as fun matches or health clinics. These activities and events don't run themselves. Club members who volunteer their time are the ones who make it happen! There are all kinds of volunteer opportunities. You'll have a great time and learn more about our great pastime. More experienced members are happy to mentor! Always wanted to be a newscaster? Be an announcer at one of our shows? Like to organize and direct? Gate and ring stewarding might be for you. Friendly and outgoing? Join the hospitality crew. Get involved as a show co-chair to really see what goes into our great long weekend events. Some volunteer roles are more demanding than others but even a couple of hours will be appreciated! If you regularly participate in events, taking your turn in a volunteer role is an important part of the sport. If you don't help out at some point, are you being fair to those who do? Come and join us! Besides, it can be lots of fun and very rewarding. The recent issue of The Bulletin highlights our fabulous National Specialty Weekend - made possible by the tremendous talent and efforts of our members. Please feel free to contact our board members for more information.



New member Marie Manning with Norton



Charlie Weidig announcing at York



Judy Perini, York Co-chair

BREEDER—BUYER CONTRACTS—AVOIDING JUDGE JUDY

Here are some excerpts and highlights from a presentation at our Sturbridge show in August, 2016. Attorney David Feldman of ForEverCare Mediation and Legal Services talked about the importance of contracts as a vehicle to help people resolve conflicts concerning their animals.

Mr. Feldman's mission is to assist and empower people to resolve their conflicts and disputes with others in a thoughtful, satisfying and creative way. He especially focuses on people involved in the animal care community. "I believe that people can often find ways to work through challenges together if they are willing to give it a chance. This has been born out through many years of experience. An added benefit to this approach is that when parties fully participate in the solution, they are more likely to stay committed to the agreements they have created. I strongly prefer mediated and negotiated solutions to litigation wherever possible. Typically the cost and time involved is significantly less than litigation. Also, the solutions achieved are more creative and helpful to all parties"

Why have a contract? Cavalier breeders are great people. Everyone health tests. Cavalier show homes are the best. Pet people love their Cavaliers. No one breeds before the recommended age. Everyone only wants what is best for their dogs. Everyone gets along. Hopefully we do but sometimes we don't feel the love. We have all heard horror stories, as breeders, about people we wished we never sold a puppy to....and a few about buyers not getting the support they and their new puppy deserved. A contract helps us become familiar with what is expected, should it be for a pet, a breeding/show dog or a stud fee.

Breeder's perspective – explains what you expect from the buyer and provides some protection from people who might mistreat or misuse the puppy.

Buyers perspective – buyer feels that breeder has done their homework and is reputable

A contract explains what the breeder wants and expects from the buyer

The breeder should be there for the life of the dog.

Breeder red flags - buyer won't sign contract and questions the need for one.

Buyer red flags – Breeder does not have or want a contract

Good Contract = Clear, concise communication.

Don't sign what you don't understand – ask questions! Your contract should encourage mentoring not micromanaging. A contract should not be too overbearing or unreasonable.

Contract non- negotiable items – may have to be willing to go to court if these provisions are violated.

Some deal-breakers are:

- Spay / neuter
- Non-breeding clause – restricted registrations
- OFA x-rays and health clearances at a certain age

Recommendations

- Feeding a certain food
- Going to puppy class
- Have a fenced yard or promise to walk on lead at all times
- Crate train

Enforcing the Contract

Do what you can to avoid going to court which is inconvenient, expensive, not enjoyable and risky

Educate your buyers. Get them involved

David gave some suggestions to avoid encourage cooperation. Perhaps specific monetary damages agreed to in advance by both parties for a breach with a penalty that is reasonable and spelled out.

Some Examples: if the dog costs \$3,000, courts are unlikely to impose a \$20,000 penalty for

failure to x-ray. However, if the contract says dog is not to be bred then the court might be willing to award higher damages. If the breeder has to bring legal action, then the buyer pays attorney's fees.

All disputes are to be handled in the court where breeder lives. Also consider, arbitration, small claims, or mediation instead of lawsuit. It is helpful to have local attorney review your contract and advise on local or state laws.

From buyers perspective: What will a breeder will do? Give a health guarantee? What will the breeder do if puppy is diagnosed with a problem? What support will breeder offer for life of dog and will the breeder take the dog back for life? Cost involved? Timing - For buyer – look at your contract BEFORE seeing the puppy. For breeder, discuss and provide before buyer takes possession and help weed out potential buyers who are not compatible.

Contracts should assist in building the foundation for a happy and long breeder/owner relationship.

These are simply notes from the seminar and our observations. Please visit www.forevercaremediation.com for more information about legal matters and animals.





Getting to the Heart of the Matter

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Health Research Endowment
Advancing Transformative Research and Academic Excellence

At NC State's College of Veterinary Medicine, we believe that health care should be handled in a proactive fashion. In keeping with the College's focus as a research-based academic institution, the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel (CKCS) Health Research Endowment was established by Cavalier owners and breed enthusiasts to ensure that Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – and other small breed dogs – live long, healthy and joyful lives.

As beneficiaries of the CKCS Endowment, the College's mission is to improve the health of the Cavalier breed through research, while training the next generation of veterinary scientists with a passion for the breed. Focused on heart Mitral Valve Disease (MVD) and Syringomyelia (SM), the endowment funds critical research and seeks to minimize inherited health-related threats common to Cavaliers.

The most common cardiac disease among all dogs, MVD is a leading cause of death in Cavaliers. SM is also an extremely serious condition in which fluid filled cavities develop along the spinal cord and brain. The College's talented staff is working on deepening its understanding of causes and cures for these two conditions.

To succeed, we need the help of gracious donors like you! Please consider joining us as we secure a healthy future for the Cavalier King Spaniel breed. Contributions are tax-deductible within the charitable guidelines of the IRS.

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Mitral valve degeneration is known to be an inherited disease, it is particularly common in Cavalier King Charles Spaniels...

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By funding this program, it is hoped that not only can the breed itself be improved, but that treatment can be developed for other similar small dogs. Your support could improve the health outcomes of many millions of dogs worldwide. Even more, the research will have a cascade effect; researchers and academic institutions around the world will be well-versed in the challenges that impact the breed.

Philanthropic donations are necessary to advance the important research benefiting the health and future of the long-historied and valued CKCS breed. Much of the information and knowledge gained through the research will also be applied to other small breed dogs. Your support will greatly assist in our work to ensure that Cavalier King Charles Spaniels have the opportunity to live long, healthy and joyful lives.

There are several convenient ways for you to participate in support of the CKCS Health Research Endowment. We are happy to answer your questions and provide the necessary information to help you structure a gift appropriate to your interests and circumstances. Please contact us at 919.515.2011 regarding any additional information you, your accountant or attorney may need.

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