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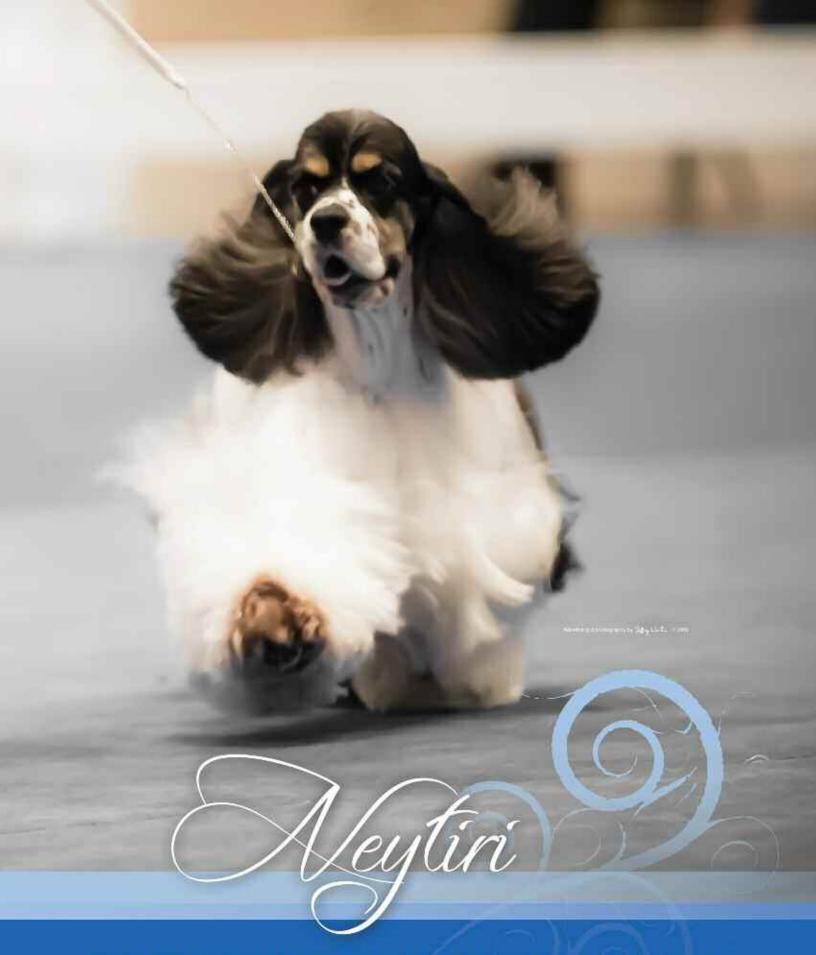
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THE NATION'S NUMBER ONE COCKER SPANIEL AMONG ALL VARIETIES

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Born on Thanksgiving night in 2009, this singleton puppy from a surgical implant has always been special and unique. Her gait and topline, reminiscent of his sire and dam, are my favorite part of this always smiling, happy-to-show girl. She was the number one Parti-Color Bitch in 2011, breeder-owner-handled, the number one Parti-Color All Systems in 2012, and so far the number one Cocker Spanial among all varieties in 2013. A special thank you to Bill and Cindy Mixon, and to Sharon Gerling for their advice on this breeding and to Jean DeWolfe for letting me use Peter's sperm with Trinity.

I would also like to thank the Cocker fancy for keeping Neytiri close by posting beautiful ring side pictures of her as she has been inspeccably shown in the midwest, south and east coast by the wonderful, and invaluable to our breed, team of Mike and Linda Pitts.

I'm forever grateful to Mike and Linda for taking over this girl, keeping her happy, and always making her look her best in the ring.

> Mariecel Torres-Young Conquest Cockers Portland, Occion



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• Gracie! •)

Not one to rest on her laurels, Grace will be back in the Rally ring in 2013 to earn that RAES.

Brest by Valenie Richardson & Vicky Bennett - Owned, loved and trained by Kelly Ladouseur

TREASURER'S REPORT

First, thank you for financially supporting ASC through donations, purchases, and attendance at our shows. And for making your checks out to ASC! Our current bank balance stands at \$92,875.70. Much of that is due to membership renewals - thank you! Below, I have summarized the financials for this past January's show in Knoxville. As you will see, we did not make a profit, though we came very close. I must emphasize how important not only your entries are to our show's being financially sucessful, but also your support of reserved seating, tack room reservations, raffle baskets & tickets, silent auctions, memorabilia purchases, and trophy donations. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. The best way is via email: asc.treasurer.beth@gmail.com

Thank you, Beth Williams ASC Treasurer

JANUARY 2013 SHOW FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Expense Summary		Income Summary	
Convention Center	\$23,380.12	Superintendent	\$5,331.25
Holiday Inn	\$4,658.15	Reserved Seating	\$4,770.00
Rentals ¹	\$4,545.02	Tack Room Space Rentals	\$10,010.00
Judges ²	\$2,144.29	Photography Licenses	\$525.00
Show DVD's	\$3,984.63	Show DVD's	\$3,975.00
Trophies	\$5,899.90	Catalogs & Catalog Ads	\$5,402.20
Other ³	\$1,327.87	Vendor Booth Rentals	\$3,300.00
		Trophies	\$5,899.90
		Judge's Education	\$800.00
		Futurity	\$224.00
		Raffle/Silent Auction	\$1,861.00
		Purina Funds	\$3,000.00
Total Expenses	\$45,939.98	Total Income	\$45,098.35

Net Loss from ASC show, January 2013 - \$841.63

- ¹ Tables, skirting, carpets, pipe & draping around the perimeter, speakers, microphones
- ² Most judges did not require reimbursement for air travel; H. Clark did not charge for judging S. Dillin's assignment; C. Ward & J. Virosteck did not charge ASC. All judges' hotel rooms were paid for by ASC
- ³ Includes: Venue gratuities, Flowers, Supplies for the tack room, bathing tubs, and rings.

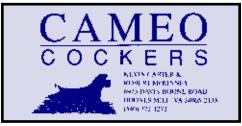




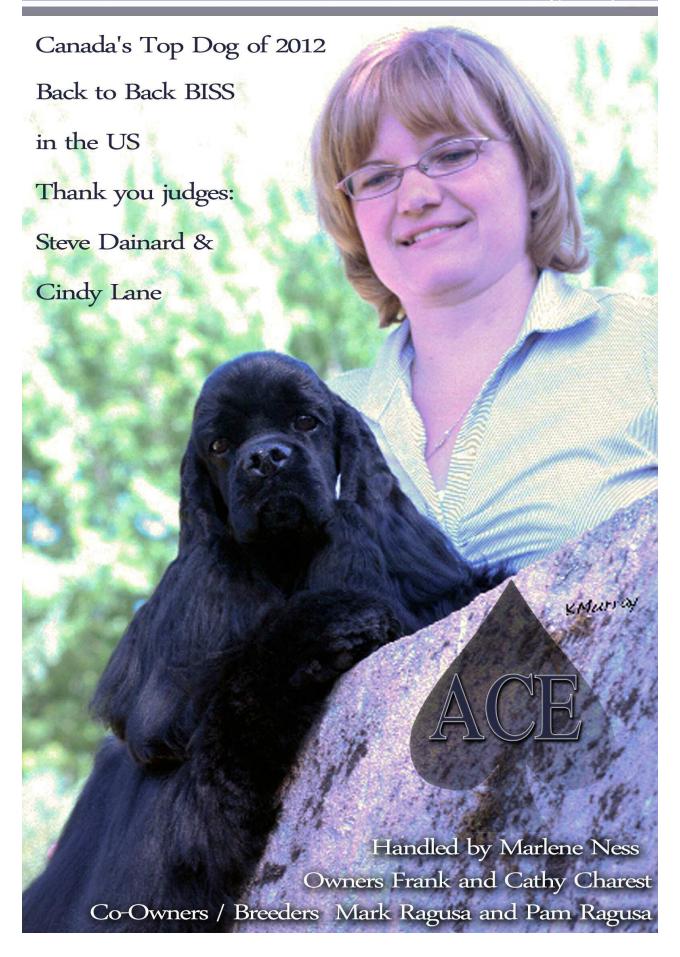


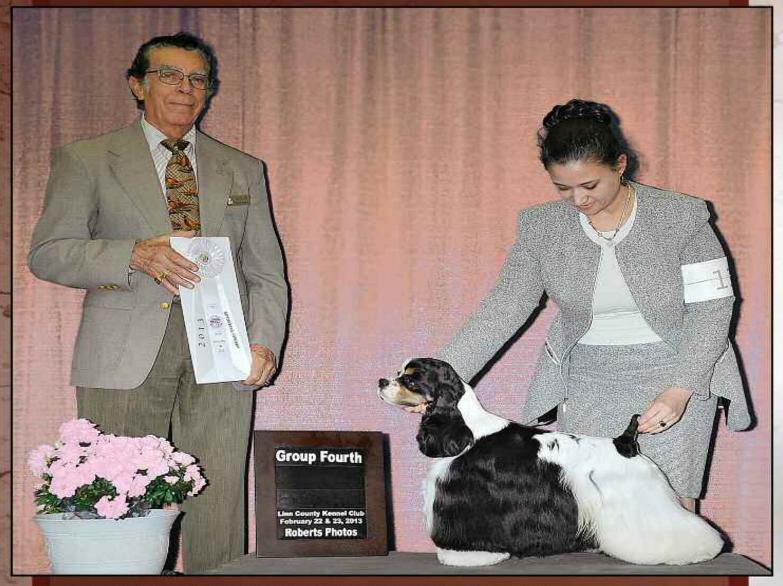






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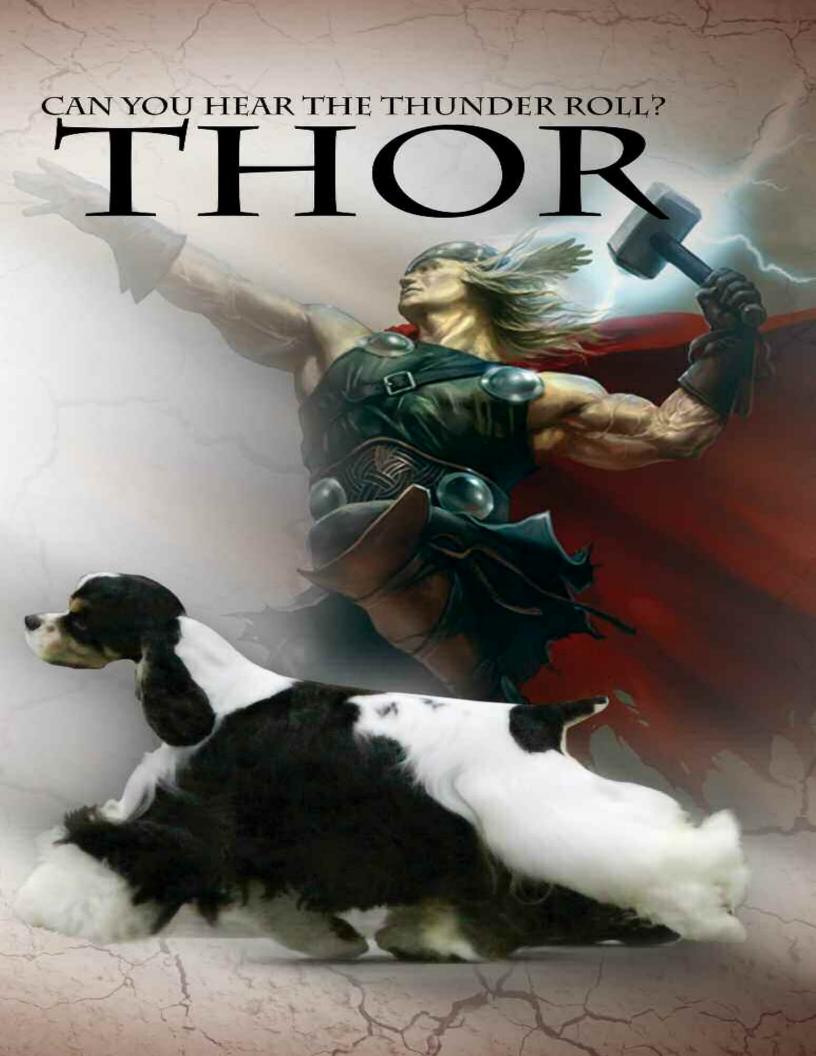
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Thor took Albany by Storm with 3 Bests of Variety & a Group 4! Thank you Judge Tomas Gomez!

Owners: Debra Eastham & Kimberly Hampton Winchester Cockers www.winchestercockers.com

> Handler: Patricia Elkins Tru-Luv Cockers

Candid by Kristi Marley / ad by Wendy Reyn - WINCONLINE.com



Become a Friend of the Foundation



What is the American Spaniel Club Foundation?

Formed in 1997, the American Spaniel Club Foundation (ASCF) is a 501-3(c) Corporation and is an arm of the American Spaniel Club, Inc., which was established in 1881. Your tax-deductible contributions to ASCF help with Rescue and Health Research to improve the lives of all Flushing Spaniels and Cocker Spaniels in particular.

The ASCF charter is to "engage in, advance, promote and administer charitable, scientific and educational activities and projects" on behalf of Flushing Spaniels and in particular Cocker Spaniels.

Our Mission

Health - The ASCF and responsible breeders share the common goal to improve the breed we are declicated to. ASCF has contributed as of 2011 more than \$60,000K to health research grants such as epilepsy immune disease and more. The ASCF also provides programs to recognize those breeders who do regular health testing.

Rescue - ASCF contributes funds to a network of cocker spaniel rescue groups. As of 2011 over \$55,000 has been contributed to these groups for medical attention needed to place the dogs with loving families.

Education – In addition to the activities above, ASCF promotes education about the Cocker Spaniel and other spaniels, through ASC Bulletin articles and articles for other organizations/publications and through fundraising promotions.

WHY BECOME A FRIEND?

The Friends of the Foundation was started to provide Cooker Spaniel and Flushing Spaniel owners like you a way to be involved in supporting the critical health and rescue programs for the breed we love.

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Friend membership is annual and open to anyone who loves Cocker Spaniels and Flushing Spaniels in general either as companions or through conformation and performance events.

BENEFITS OF BEING A FRIEND

Your annual Friends membership is tax deducible and directly supports the health, rescue and education programs of the ASCF. These programs do not happen without your contributions. Research and rescue in particular are expensive—and the need is always urgent.

By joining the FOF you are not only supporting the dogs you love, but you are also becoming part of the Spaniel community. FOF members are listed on the ASCF website and receive a discount at the ASCF website and receive and newsletters with up-to-date information about Cocker Spaniels, including health topics and rescue news.

To join, just fill out the application on the back of this fiyer. More information on our website at

JOIN Friends of the Foundation Today!

City	Address:	Name:

Zip

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How did you hear about us?

Please select your Friends membership level. Except for Lifetime Friendships (which are for a lifetime as name denotes), membership is for one calendar year from month of receipt.

Select One to become a Friend of the Foundation:

Life Time Friend (\$1000)

Best Friend-Annual (\$100)

Good Friend - Annual (\$50)

Friend - Annual (\$25)

Enclose the annual enrollment fee in US dollars with check or money order and send to:

American Sponiel Club Foundation, Inc Friends of the Foundation Program Marieta McFarlane, Secretary 13024 Tuomas Road KPN Gig Harbor, WA 98329

> Thank you for being a FRIEND!

ASCF raises money through programs like Friends of the Foundation to benefit the health of Flushing Spaniels, Cocker Spaniels in particular, to live longer, healthier lives.

ASCF, through its rescue network, helps Cocker Spaniel rescue groups with medical expenses. Genetic research helps breeders produce healthier pupples. Clinical research helps veterinarians. Canine research also advances human health.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to having you as our Friend.







Foundation Fundamentals

Friends of the Foundation

Calling ALL Cocker Lovers.

The Friends of the Foundation (FOF) is looking for ALL lovers of our wonderful Cocker Spaniels. This includes ASC members, owners, handlers, breeders, the puppy owners you have placed your puppies with, as well as the owners you will place your puppies and dogs with in the future. That also includes cocker that have been rescued and their owners.

The American Spaniel Club Foundation is dedicated to the health and welfare of the Cocker Spaniel and all Spaniel breeds. The needs are great and we cannot do this alone. If we all want to make a real difference in the lives and breeding programs of our cockers we need to raise a lot of money to do research and at the same time support rescue. This program can only work if we ALL pitch in and send out the FOF form that is on the www.ascf.org web site. We can't just talk about our cockers problems on the Yahoo list. We ALL need to pitch in and raise money to fund the programs of the ASCF. Other breeds have raised significant amounts of money that made significant differences in the health of their breeds and we can do that too.

Chris Miller of the ASCF Fund Raising Committee was at the ASC Flushing Show in January explaining the FOF program and handing out FOF forms to every cocker exhibitor she could find and talk to when they were not busy showing or watching the show. If she missed any of you our apologies but you can go to the web site and print the form. It is that easy. We had a lot of good feedback on how many of you were going to spread the word to their club members so everyone would know about the FOF. It would be great if everyone carried an FOF form with them when they go to Shows, Trials and any where they go with their cockers and get people involved. Letters were sent out recently to ALL the ASC

specialty club secretaries to print out the FOF form and give a copy to all their members so that they will copy them and send them to everyone that they know that has a cocker or has loved a cocker. We need hundreds and hundreds of people to donate to FOF. Fanciers, owners, everyone!.

If everyone just gave \$25 or more, we could have thousands of dollars to use for research. There are many other ways you can donate to FOF. You can donate in the memory of your beloved dog or a close friend or family member or mentor. You can give the ultimate donation of a Legacy gift in your will. If you know of a business or company that might donate – ask them – or help us to make contact with them and we will be happy to talk with them. Last year we gave out over \$13,000 in donations to research and rescue. This year we are hoping we can raise \$20,000. If we want to do our best learn more about the genetics of cataracts, autoimmune, epilepsy and other problems, it takes money – and the ASCF Friends of the Foundation is the program. Check the ASCF website for new information on current research grants. It's always being updated.

There was a Fun Day & blood draw for Cataract research April 28 in W. Trenton, N.J. and there may be more. Dr. G. Aguirre was the doctor that found the DNA marker for PRA. This is the kind of research we need to sponsor and want to fund. WE NEED DONATIONS not just from our members but ALL Cocker owners and lovers of the breed. Get out there and spread the word, have the FOF forms at every meeting, every show and every trial or event you go to.

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE! If you have any questions on the FOF program, contact Chris Miller at windwhisper@frontiernet.net Thanks in advance for your donations.

The ASCF Fund Raising Committee – Chis Miller, Laurie Ferland, Marlene Ness and Charles Born, Chair

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1st American Spaniel Club Foundation "Fun Day" Eye/DNA Clinic & Ice Cream Social a Success

By Debi Lampert-Rudman, Topaz Cockers ASCF "Fun Day" Chair

"I am delighted by what I saw here today. So many of the cockers presented to me today are those I don't normally see at a clinic. I was delighted with the variety of ages and whole families who came with so much detail and information. It was wonderful."

— Dr. Gustavo Aguirre, following clinic

West Trenton, NJ - 107 Cocker Spaniels, from 6 months to 16 years old, hailing from all along the East Coast: New Jersey, Massachusetts.

Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland, Delaware, Long Island, upstate New York and as far as 7 hours away, spent a gorgeous, sunny Sunday, April 28, 2013, enjoying each other's company, eating delicious Halo Farms ice cream with



fixings & Frosty Paws, winning hourly door prizes including a \$100 Gas Card donated by ASC member Elena Duggan of Virginia, and contributing major benefits to the future health of Cocker Spaniels at the American Spaniel Club Foundation's 1St "Fun Day" Eye/DNA Clinic & Ice Cream Social to find a DNA Marker for Cataracts with Dr. Gustavo Aguirre at West Trenton Animal Hospital, West Trenton, NJ.

A total of 126 dogs of various breeds attended the Eye/DNA clinic with Dr Gustavo Aguirre, VMD, PhD, PhD (hc), world-renowned veterinary ophthalmologist and genetherapy researcher at the School of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania at the West Trenton Animal Hospital, 568 Grand Avenue, West Trenton, NJ http://www.westtrentonanimalhosp.com/.

HOW THE CLINIC ORIGINATED & RAN

Organized by Debi Lampert-Rudman, Topaz Cockers, New Jersey, under the guidance of American Spaniel Club Foundation President Dee Torgeson-Rhismyr, Dr. Aguirre was contacted, a date confirmed, and a flyer circulated and posted throughout local media, ASC Bulletin, Cocker Classic, A C N

Magazine, Match Show Bulletin, Facebook, etc, for pre-registration.

In their confirmation emails, all attendees were instructed to bring a 5-generation pedigree, a special Cataract Research Form provided by Optigen President Sue Pearce-Kelling, copies of previous eye exams that could be left with Dr Aguirre, enclosed in a large plastic baggie.

Upon arrival, owners

were given an OFA eye exam paper to be completed and the time their eye drops were given were written on the upper right hand corner. At least 25 minutes had to elapse before exams would take place. The "down time" was filled with ice cream, door prizes, and friendly chat in the very comfortable waiting area in front of the fireplace.

Once the dogs' eyes were examined, they were ushered to the blood draw rooms –Richard Rudman was seated in the hallway directing dogs between the rooms. Two exams rooms were set up with two veterinary technicians in each. Once the blood was drawn, it was labeled and enclosed in a smaller baggie, placed inside the larger baggie with paperwork, and whisked off to the lab's refrigerator. By day's end, two large refrigerated coolers were filled with DNA samples, pedigrees, and forms ready for FedEx shipment on Monday to Optigen to begin research.

When we registered our clinic with OFA, they provided dated \$7.50 discount stickers for all those who wished to have the eye papers listed on the www.offa.org website. Normally OFA listings for eye exams are \$12.00 each.

"We know how expensive it is to drive to a health clinic









and then participate, even though costs for the eye exams were kept very low at \$25 each and the blood draw is free, but hope the prizes helped lessen some of that burden as we work together to eliminate cataracts in cockers. Also, we have hopes that it will help in the fight against cataracts in humans as well," Ms.Lampert-Rudman added.

Only Cocker Spaniels participated in the DNA research and free blood draw, however, other breeds were invited to offset costs. A Leonberger, some poodles and shelties, a Mi-Ki, Havanese, English Springer Spaniels, Samoyeds, Doberman, and Tibetan Terrier rounded out the "friends and families" that helped make the day financially successful.

Assisting at check-in and with eye dropping the dogs were volunteers Jessica Brickett Legath, Barbara Brickett, Rachael DeSanto of Pennsylvania. Jessica Legath also stickered the backs of eye papers with OFA discount stickers as attendees left. Barb Hart of Holland, PA handled all entry tickets and raffle check ins as people arrived. Assisting with donations of the ice cream fixings and photography throughout the afternoon were Lisa Gaertner and Jackie Mackoujy of New Jersey.

American Spaniel Club Foundation http://www.ascf.org/ and various door prize donors, including Angel Paws Pet Parlor, Hopewell, NJ angelpawsparlor.net, Freezy Pups of California https://freezypups.com/, and others kept additional costs to a minimum.

NO COSTS TO ASC OR ASCF FOR RESEARCH CLINIC

In fact, the entire clinic, as of this writing, cost ASC/ASCF nothing due to \$25 payments by each attendee, generous

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donations from a variety of sources, and low costs for Dr. Aguirre's fees. The DNA marker research is being conducted by Optigen http://www.optigen.com/opt9_about.html at no charge to ASCF and with possible donations from a grant being sought from the University of Michigan by Dr. Aguirre.

Thanks largely to the generous donations of the West Trenton Animal Hospital facility and staff, this wonderful health clinic was a remarkable success and enjoyable day. The veterinarians and vet techs led by Dr. John J. Kazmierczak, DVM, Dr. Jason Wilson, DVM, West Trenton Animal Hospital Manager Christine Rachwal, Victoria Brown, Vetcor Regional Manager, and Veterinary Techs Heather Sherotski, Eileen Oehrlein, Pam Aker, Ian Foulks, Tanya Kushnirchuk assisted with check-in's, held all dogs for eye exams, and performed all DNA blood draws and generally kept things on a top professional and pleasant path. In addition, West Trenton Animal Hospital generously donated all blood vials, packaged the blood for shipping, and closed its entire facility (which is usually open ½ day) for the Sunday event.

DR AGUIRRE'S FINDINGS & WHAT'S NEXT

Following the clinic, Dr. Aguirre discussed some of his initial findings and said that he had about half as many samples as he believed he would need for complete research to find a DNA marker for cataracts in Cocker Spaniels.

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Foundation Fundamentals (continued)



Dr. Aguirre said he found that in many cases dogs who were clear a year before were found to have significant cataracts the following year. "What I saw may change what we have previously believed about cataracts," Dr. Aguirre added. "A dog that was clear and examined by a highly-respected veterinary ophthalmologist and then has cataracts the following year is significant. And, this happened in many cases."

In addition, he said, owners were saying 'oh, that's just old-age cataracts' about dogs who are 6 or 7 years old and up. "That's not acceptable," Dr. Aguirre said. "Dogs do not have to go blind as they age. This doesn't happen in other breeds. If breeders were more concerned with Field Trial Champions rather than Bench Show Champions this wouldn't be acceptable. It doesn't have to be this way."

And, hopefully, once we have a DNA Marker, Cocker Spaniel breeders will rally and use it, and the future will look brighter for our beloved breed.

Based upon the success of this clinic, another clinic, set for either the end of 2013 or early 2014, will be held. Additional details will be provided in the next few months.

For more details email Debi Lampert-Rudman at Bonbritany@aol.com or call 609-303-0282 (H) or 908-337-9189 (C)

More About Dr Aguirre and Optigen:

Dr Aguirre's study focuses on inherited diseases of the eye, in dogs, humans, and other mammals. In 2001, Dr Aguirre, his colleagues and researchers at Penn were the first to restore vision in blind dogs using gene therapy. He is a founding partner in Optigen www.optigen.com a service company established to provide DNA based diagnoses and information about inherited diseases of dogs.

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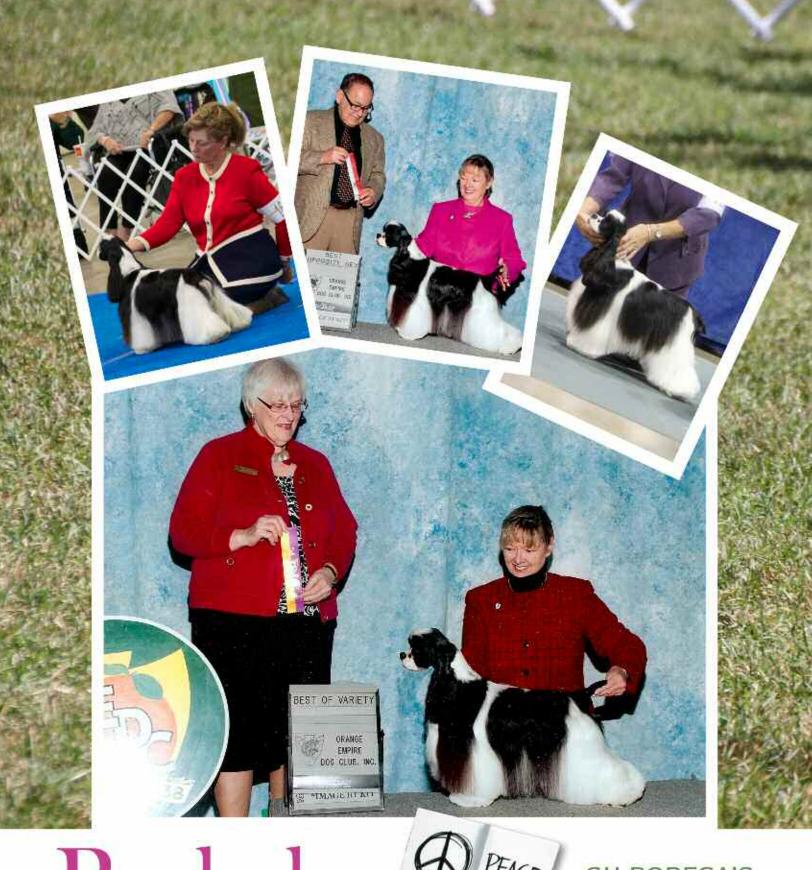
IN TWO WEEKENDS: FOUR SPECIALTY VARIETIES, THREE BOS TO BOB & THEN STAR WON THE BREED.

Thank you Maryland CSC & Carolina CSC for such wonderful shows and a BIG THANK YOU goes out to these judges:

Mr. Sam Houston McDonald, Mrs. Marilyn Spacht, and Mr. Joey Serrano

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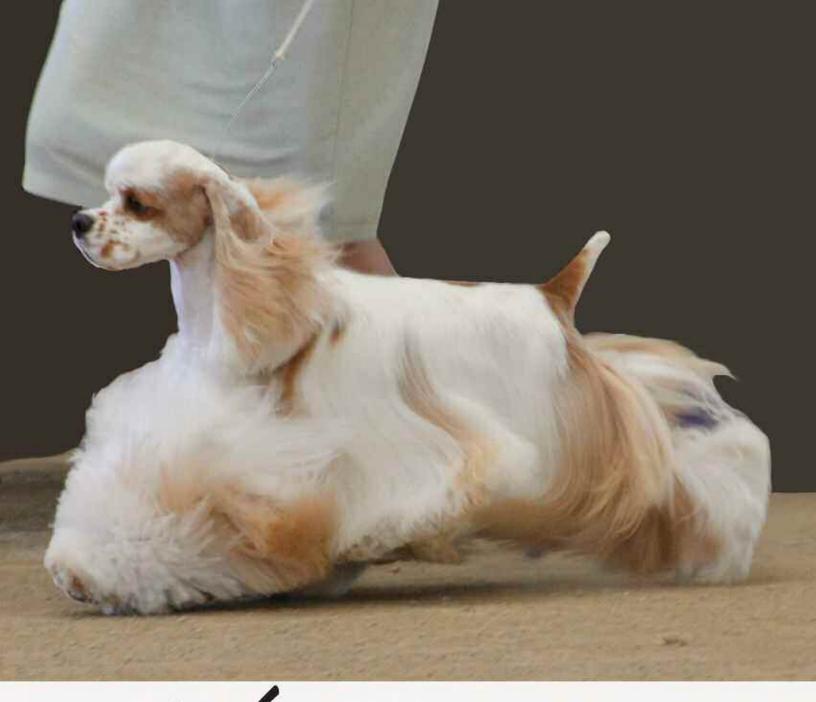


CH BODEGA'S PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATOR



Poetry in Motion

owned & handled by sandy mandas co-owned & bred by michaela garloff ch tell-tail's riverside rebel x ch san jo's showing at bodega handled at asc by stephanie mcalister hermann



Hilling his stride



Sch bodega's big man on campus

OWNED BY LINDA LAREAU | BRED BY MICHAELA GARLOFF | HANDLED BY TRACY LYNN CARROLL

CH TELL-TAIL'S RIVERSIDE REBEL X CH SAN JO'S SHOWING AT BODEGA

AMERICAN SPANIEL CLUB APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP JULY 2013

Comments on any of these applicants may be made in writing to the Membership Chair, Kevin Carter. In order to be considered, your comments must be received prior to July 1, 2013.

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Sponsors: Robert Ennis Mary Napper

Sandra Maday 9525 – 73 Ave Edmonton, Alberta T6E1B1 Canada

Sponsors: Kelly Ladouceur Patricia Wick







Thanks to Olga K. Evelyn who sent us the following:

"As I was "trying" to clean out my canine education files, I rarely make much progress because I re-read the articles and realize I can't get rid of it. So what started out as a cleaning session becomes review session. I found one quote and an article that are still relevant today. They are reminders that we must continually educate so that we can remain true to breed type as defined by our standard. WE ARE THE PROTECTORS OF THE BREED. They are great teaching tools.

"The breeders could improve the outlook (of the breed) by placing their marginal quality efforts in loving pet homes, not putting them in the ring in an effort to create some kind of record in the "number of champions" department. Established breeders have a responsibility to show good dogs, as the newcomers learn by watching what the experienced and successful (breeders) put out there.

As it is an expensive hobby, we combine our pocketbooks with our egos, and sometimes the outcome is not a pretty sight."

(Ms) Michael Allen - Baliwick Cocker Spaniels The article focused on breeds/breeding in general. Dogs in Review 2/26/01"

Part One of the article on Cocker Construction appears this month to be concluded in the September issue. And then look forward to an original piece on fronts by Elaine Mathis (LaMar's) who introduces the construction article reprinted here with permission.

COCKER CONSTRUCTION (Part One)

True breed type is coupled with correct construction and movement. Breed type in the cocker Spaniel consists of thee correct structure and proportions, the slightly sloping topline, correct head, proper coat texture, temperament and other qualities as specified by the Standard. The outline of the Cocker Spaniel moving has a presence of a "merry" dog with correctness in construction that enables him to have a coordinated, smooth, and effortless gait.

Having given my above definition of the ideal Cocker Spaniel, I present the following portions of one of the best articles I have ever read on construction and type relating to the Cocker Spaniel. Norma Warner or "Norbill" fame originally wrote these articles in the 1960's. I have edited and updated the articles with the permission of Richard Beauchamp, publisher of The Cocker Spaniel Visitor. Further publication by permission only.

Elaine E. Mathis LaMar's Cocker Spaniels

CONFORMATION AND GAIT

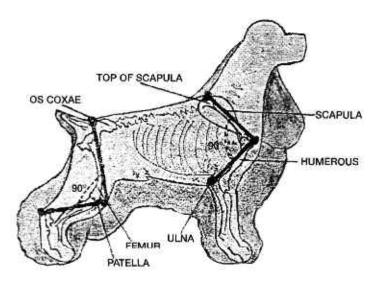
GAIT IS A MANNER OF WALKING. When applied to dogs it is the forward manner of walking. Also, it is the conclusion and result of conformation and the outward expression of soundness or unsoundness in the dog. Soundness in turn is one of the most important qualities in any dog and this "soundness" is best determined by gaiting the dog. Soundness is the quality of being "right." To be

sound means to be whole, entire, healthy, founded in truth or right, etc. So you can see why this is so important. Soundness is almost synonymous with conformation.

Conformation when applied to dogs is the most important term in the interpretation of the STANDARD of any breed. Conformation is the blended harmony of these parts into a perfect whole.

Perfect "parts" alone are not enough for without the proper size and balance and fitting together of these "parts", the dog could still be an unsound monstrosity.

The lack of understanding of conformation is by far the greatest factor among both breeders and judges for what is wrong with the overall picture of any breed and especially the Cocker Spaniel.



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Winners Dog

AMERICAN SPANIEL CLUB · JUDGE MS PATRICIA DARKE

Best in Specialty Show

CAROLINA COCKER SPANIEL CLUB . JUDGE MRS. MARILYN SPACHT

Bred & owned by Genea White Jones & Bruce Van Deman Presented by Mike & Linda Pitts





Cocker Construction (continued)

If it is the judge who lacks in knowledge of conformation he puts up dogs that are unsound and un-typey and therefore, he is directly responsible for the continued breeding and showing of those faulty specimens. If it is the breeder (and the term breeder is used loosely) who lacks the knowledge of correct conformation, he, of course, is responsible for these incorrect creatures existing in the first place and often ending up in the show ring. Education is of invaluable help to both breeders and judges and, therefore, a step in the right direction.

The Cocker Spaniel standard is quite specific about the composition of the individual parts of a Cocker. The blended harmony of these parts is an equally important part of conformation.

Our Standard states the shoulders are well laid back forming an angle with the upper arm of approximately 90 degrees which permits the dog to move his forelegs in an easy manner with forward reach. The shoulders are clean cut and sloping without protrusion and so set that the upper points of the withers are set at an angle which permits a wide spring of rib. It says the front should be sufficiently wide for adequate heart and lung space, yet not so wide as to interfere with the straight forward movement of the forelegs. It says the ribs are deep and well sprung and backs strong and sloping evenly and slightly downward from the shoulders to the set on of the docked tail, which in turn should be set on and carried on a line with the topline of the back, or slightly higher. It says front legs are parallel, straight, strongly boned and muscular and set close to the body well under the scapulae and the hind legs are strongly boned and muscled with moderate angulation at the stifle and powerful, clearly defined thighs and strong well let down hocks.

Keep in mind also that in the general description part of our Standard it says our dogs should stand WELL UP (emphasis mine) at the shoulder on straight forelegs with a topline sloping slightly toward strong, moderately bent, muscular quarters. He should be a dog capable of considerable speed combined with great endurance.

If you draw a line from the top of the withers (scapula) to the front of the shoulder (humerus) to the back of the elbow head you will find the angle will be approximately 90 degrees. The shoulder blade lies back 45 degrees from the perpendicular – this is the correct layback and the result of correct neck, shoulders and front parts blending and fitting together properly.

Although the word "forechest" is not mentioned specifically in our Standard, if you have the correct front angles described, you will have forechest and the Cocker Spaniel should be examined for same.

If you draw a line from just in front of the set on of the tail (sacrum) to the kneecap in front joint of the stifle bend (patella) then to the back top point of the hock you will find this also approximates a 90 degree angle. When it does, you have a CORRECT REAR with the parts blending and fitting properly.

If the front angle is more than 90 degrees, you get short necks, "terrierish" fronts, usually a lack of chest depth and no topline. Instead of gaiting with the correct reaching out smooth long stride, the dog will chop up and down moving twice as fast and covering only half as much ground. This is a common fault in Cockers.

If the hind quarters happen to be correct with this type front, then the dog moves with the rear over to one side to keep from stepping on his own front feet. He can be posed with a topline by spreading the legs and pulling them back but he seldom moves or stands with it naturally. Usually, though, in the dog with this type front, nature compensates by making the rear angle also more than 90 degrees and as a result the dog has a long ribbon-like thigh instead of the wide muscular hindquarters our Standard calls for. Usually this type of dog has no chest depth and certainly lacks the compact serviceable body our Standard asks for. This is also a very common type of Cocker seen in the show rings today and they do a surprising amount of winning.

When the front layback is correct and the rear too angulated the dog moves with a saggy or soft back and very often this is where we find a lot of slip stifles. If the dog straightens up the rear stifles he moves with a high rump and sometimes a reverse topline. Nature must compensate and when parts are not balanced to each other the resulting pressures, stresses and strains must go somewhere and the ened result is often manifested in slip stifles, cow hocks, dysplastic hips, etc.

Yes, we want correct structural arrangements and harmonious fitting together of all the parts that go into making up a CORRECT Cocker Spaniel. IT IS CONFORMATION.

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Foxhill

Foxhill London Bound

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Reno Bound



Snebba

(Ch Lydgate Latin Lover x Ch Foxhill New Attitude)

Snebba is pictured going WB/BW at the Georgia Specialty for her second major at only 8 months of age.

Owner: Brice Van Elswyk Breeder/Owner:
Jim and Kathy Van Elswyk

Oh, That Flexible Neck

Author: Dr. Karen Gellman, DVM, PhD and Dr. Judith M. Shoemaker, DVM

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In part one of this series, What is Posture and Why Should We Care about it?, Drs. Karen Gellman and Judith M. Shoemaker explored posture and why standing up is so



Example of correct neck posture – all eyes and hips are level and eyen

important for animals and people. So, what are some of the reasons our dogs have trouble standing comfortably or "stacking" correctly? The upper neck, the feet, and dentition/skull shape turn out to be the biggest players in abnormal posture, because they are areas rich in nerve cells that report on the body's relationship to gravity, especially that of the head and neck. And they are vulnerable to changes caused by domesticated life. When these anatomic regions become distorted or damaged, the information from their local nerves is also distorted or damaged. Bad information generates bad posture. But there is good news! When you can normalize the information, or mitigate its effects, the dog's posture will return to healthful neutral stance, like resetting an electronic device to its "factory settings."

Restraint and Force

Aside from carrying ID and vaccination tags, dog collars are mainly used to control a dog's movements: keeping them close on a walk, holding them back from jumping on a houseguest, and for training. Why don't we use bracelets, or belly bands? Because controlling the neck and head is the most effective-- the animal will always go where its brain goes. There's been awareness in recent years that damage can be caused to the delicate structures of the neck by dogs pulling against their collars. One result is that some of the worst leash-pulling culprits get put into harnesses, some of which are ineffective -- so they can really pull their owners around! Another has been the introduction of more sophisticated head collars and better training techniques.

Since head position is critical for all animals, the small muscles that control the head are loaded with sensory nerves that report on position--500 times more sensors than in limb muscles! The joint capsules and ligaments of the neck vertebrae are also "hard-wired" to provide intensive information about their position. When excessive force is exerted on the neck, whether from a leash, a kennel chain, or from an accident, there can be damage to those muscles, joint capsules, and nerves. For instance, a dog that always cocks his head to one side can be demonstrating distorted neural information. Sometimes the impairment is more subtle, as in a dog which only retrieves a Frisbee in one direction. Ever known a dog that lies down on one side only to sleep? All animals have to bend their necks in order to get up from lying on their side. If bending their neck is difficult or painful, dogs will avoid lying down on the side hardest to bend away from when rising.

While the most common cause of neck injuries is restraint, some dogs suffer trauma during athletic performance or rough play with their canine friends. Dogs with a strong play or prey drive may successfully suppress signs of a problem at the time of the trauma, but later adapt their posture and gait to compensate for the pain or dysfunction. Their restriction in movement or gaiting can become exacerbated over time, or only revealed in extreme athletic challenges. Meanwhile, compensatory posture can cause overload damage in joints that are inappropriately bearing excessive weight.



Some ways in which neck alignment can be distorted or hindered to cause compensatory posturing.

Juvenile intervention

Some dogs are never quite right from earliest life because of injuries during whelping. The most common example is a very large first born puppy that causes even a mild dystocia or birthing delay, especially in a primiparous or "maiden" bitch. The pressure on the pup's neck can be more than enough to damage its neck or overly compress its skull. This is the puppy that is the biggest in the litter, but the last to open its eyes, walk, run, and always seems a little dopey and uncoordinated. Some puppies can be injured post-birth with large litters, poorly designed whelping boxes, or inexperienced bitches. Many of these dogs can be helped with an early juvenile intervention.

If you assess each puppy's ability to initiate and maintain an appropriate relationship with gravity at the critical time, you will often see a wide variation in developmental levels. This is best done between 3-4 weeks of age, when they are able to thermo-regulate on their own, and are starting to become mobile, but not walking well yet. This window in time will give the best therapeutic results. Manipulative therapy and Postural Rehabilitation exercises can help train the poorly developed pup to use its body more correctly and more symmetrically. By intervening early, you can give each dog the best possible chance to live up to its potential-- making a dys-coordinated dog into a normal one, or making an average dog into a great one.

The meaning of pain

We humans give a great deal of meaning to pain, and have a thriving pharmaceutical industry devoted to pain avoidance. For animals, mild to moderate pain is a physiologic signal that the painful area is damaged and needs to rest and heal. Except under extreme circumstances, it is not possible to completely avoid moving one's neck during normal life processes. If it is not possible to

avoid using the damaged tissue, healing will be delayed, because both normal wear and tear and the injured parts will need to be repaired. Neutral posture and proper compensation for pain are designed to be the best way to heal. So, there are times when giving your dog pain medication for a limp can cause more harm than good-- if you make the pain go away, he will use the leg more and delay healing. It is imperative that the cause of the pain be treated, not just the pain and that normal posture be restored. Judicious use of pain control is appropriate.

Neck injuries and distorted nerve signals from that area can often be treated effectively with manipulative therapy. By restoring full range of motion, and resetting joint capsule position and receptor function, correct neurologic communication about the dog's head position and support relative to the ground can be re-established. The body puts such a high priority on keeping the brain and brainstem safe that other parts may suffer to accommodate it. It can be surprising how much lameness that appears to be in the hind end is "fixable" with neck treatment only!

Future Segments:

Feet on the ground For all terrestrial animals, essential information about their ground surface is transmitted by the feet. Yet, our modern man-made environment tends to alter the sensitivity of this feedback loop. Even more critically, dogs can get very large distortions in ground perception if their toenails scrape the ground in daily life, leading to postural distortions that are punishing to their joints. How does this

mechanism work? And can we fix it when it goes wrong?

It's more than just bite! Did you know that more than half AKC breed standards allow other than a scissors bite? It's not just aesthetics we are worried about-- malformed dentition and distorted skull shapes have a profound effect on posture and balance. Some simple juvenile interventions can go a long way to helping your dogs get a better bite.



Example of incorrect or compensatory neck posture – all sets of eyes and hips are uneven and not level.

Zone I Meeting

Saturday, March 30th, 2013 - Hamden, CT

Approximate attendance: 20-25 Meeting duration: 1h 30min

January Show site selection

The January ASC Flushing Spaniel show was discussed. The Zone membership present expressed their interest in having the January show return for the Northeast. The Zone Director shared that a venue lead was provided for a venue in Allentown, PA. This venue was investigated but found to have insufficient indoor space for the January Show. The following venue possibilities were offered by the members in attendance:

Rye, NY

Secaucus, NJ (Meadowlands)

Wilkes-Barre, PA (Mohegan Sun Event Center expected to open end of 2014)

Hartford, CT

Poughkeepsie, NY (Hyde Park public building)

A proposal has been received from the Winston-Salem, NC that is currently being reviewed. The ASC has been contacted by the City of Atlanta, GA and South Sioux City, NE. RFP details will be sent to both interested cities for a bid. In addition, the Knoxville Convention Center has expressed interest in continuing to host the January show.

Communications

The ASC List was discussed at length. Most present feel the list is not managed properly and the ASC responses to key questions/issues are missing or exceptionally delayed. Many also expressed excessive 'clutter' in the posts. The list is becoming too much a Social Media feed with members posting trivial items rather than keeping the list exclusively for membership information. Suggestions were offered by members as follows:

- Increase the number of ASC administrators/facilitators
- Remove posting ability by ASC members only allow ASC Board and or list administrators/facilitators to be able to respond to posts

It was suggested to establish an ASC Liaison for to generate and encourage communication between ALL the Flushing Spaniel Breed Clubs. The focus should be to unite the American Spaniel Club and obtain input on key components of the ASC January show and foster a sense of community.

Futurity / BBE Sweepstakes

A discussion regarding the rules for approved Futurity entries occurred where some members asked that the rules be revisited to allow for some leniency with regard to timing of eye & hip certifications. In addition, there was a consensus that eligibility for the BBE Sweepstakes should follow the same rules as the Futurity Stake. This is all part of a "Lead by Example" initiative that the membership believes everyone, from Breeders to Board members should follow.

Al Grossman issue

There were several members who voiced they were unable to view of didn't see the Board's response to Mr. Grossman's postings/letters to the Board and asked the Zone Director to send the Board's response via email. This will be sent in the next few days to the Zone I email list by the Zone Director

Bulletin

Some discussion occurred with regard to the bulletin and how some members, Life Members, in particular are not able to receive complimentary copies of the Bulletin since they don't have access to a computer. Suggestion was made to offer Life Members a reduced cost for hard copies.

Dues

The Zone Director asked the members how they would feel about a moderate dues increase of \$3-\$5 per member, per year. There were no objections voiced.

ASC Foundation

President Dee Torgerson-Risyhr spoke about some of the current initiatives of the ASC Foundation

Zone II Report

We had a zone meeting on Saturday of the CCSC show. I spoke about having a DNA blood draw and what it would entail to host it. Things mentioned were, we are so spread out it would be difficult to include the whole zone at one draw. Another mentioned that it will have to be closest to the largest amount of members and breeders. I did tell them that all dogs invited, not just members, or breeders, pets are also included.

One concern that several members have mentioned is that the ASC website is very outdated. What can be done to update?

Lastly is can we add a veteran sweeps to our summer national? This would bring in additional revenue. We have some lovely veterans to be showcased in this way.

I told them that I would take their concerns and suggestions back to the board for their consideration

Linda Donaldson Zone 2 Director

Zone IV Report

We have had several conference calls for the National Show Committee. Most plans are going well with some problems arising but the Committee members are working to resolve them. We are looking forward to a great show.

Several issues from Zone members about the direction and future of the ASC have been answered. The ASC Board has taken many steps to ensure the ASC is successful in the years to come and that the ASC is on sound footing financially.

There is a Zone IV meeting scheduled at the Mission Circuit Shows in Pomona for the end of May. Hope to see you there!

Respectively Submitted, Quinn Ruvacava Zone IV Director

March 2013 AKC Delegates Meeting

On March 11 & 12, 2013 I attended the delegates meetings in Newark, NJ. The committee meetings were held on Monday. I attended the Dog Show Rules meeting in the morning and the Parent Club meeting in the afternoon.

The Highlights from the Dog Show Rules meeting:

- A sub-committee will be formed to look into the issue of territory exclusivity
- A discussion on judges' eligibility is underway which will look into opening the restrictions of who can and cannot apply to become a judge.
- A discussion of Évent Cancellations is ongoing and guidelines are being created.
- A discussion the possibility of allowing altered veterans at all-breed shows went on but the committee does not seem to be in favor of this.
- There was a discussion of the wording that should appear
 in the premium list for the reserve major points to be that
 can be awarded at national specialties, should the parent
 club choose to offer this. Right now this does not have to
 be in the premium list unless the club chooses to include
 it.

Highlights from the Parent Club Committee Meeting:

- They discussed the Parent Club of Excellence designation and requirements which is a project that is being worked on.
- The Compete Dog Book is being re-done and was discussed. <u>If our club would like to submit photos of Cocker Spaniels to be used in the book they should be submitted by June 1.</u>
- A discussion on the CGC being added as a title. At this point over 4000 titles have been issued.
- The committee voted to oppose the three versus four delegate meetings amendment
- Addressed the issue of the parent clubs and the superintendents publishing addresses. This will be continued
- The committee learned that Limited Registration remains intact.
- They clarified the wording for the reserve major points in the premium lists
- We heard from the Basenji Club delegate regarding the issue of using an electronic balloting service. The Basenji Club presented a Proposal from a company called Simply Voting. More info is available at simplyvoting.com. This is going to be presented to the BOD for consideration.
- We discussed a letter from the Poodle Club of America regarding the ability of a judge to withhold awards in the 4 to 6 month classes on dogs with disqualifying characteristic like color. As is stands right now, Judges may not DQ in this class and could only but a dog with a DQ fault at the end of the line.
- A letter was sent to AKC from the Schipperke Club of America asking them to not except the invitations to Crufts that are presented at the AKC/Eukanuba show

each December because docked breeds cannot be shown at that show. While they only asked for them not to except them for cropped and docked breeds I feel they should not accept any of them because our standards call for those breeds to be cropped and/or docked.

On Tuesday at the Delegates meeting the following people were had been nominated become board members. Four were to be elected:

- Lee Arnold So. Colorado KC
- Carl Ashby United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club
- Judy Daniels Mt. Baker KC
- Tom Davies Springfield KC
- Alan Kalter American Bullmastiff Assoc.
- Gail LaBerge Atlanta Obedience Club
- Harvey Wooding Westminister KC

The following were elected:

- Alan Kalter
- Harvey Wooding
- Carl Ashby
- Lee Arnold

Chris Walker is the new Assistant Vice President of Social Media and Communications, who will be managing the AKC PR, Communications and Social Media Department.

It was voted to make a change to the Charter and Bylaws of the AKC, Inc. to Article III: Objects of the Club. The first line will now read:

• The objects of the Club shall be to advance canine health and well-being, to maintain and publish and official stud book, to adopt and enforce uniform rules regulating and governing purebred dog events, to regulate the conduct of persons interested in breeding, registering, selling, purchasing, exhibiting and running purebred dogs, to prevent, detect, and punish frauds in connection therewith, to protect the interests of its members, to publish an official kennel gazette, and generally to do everything to advance the study, breeding, exhibiting, running and maintenance of purebred dogs.

It was voted to make a change to the Charter and Bylaws of the AKC, Inc., section – Membership. Article IV – Section 1

• will now include the words "Agility Trials."

It was voted to make a change to the Charter and Bylaws of the AKC, Inc., section – Membership. Article IV – Section 3

• will now say "or annual agility trials."

It was voted to continue to hold 4 Delegates meetings each year rather than 3 meeting with 3 days of meetings.

Respectfully Submitted, Julie Virosteck AKC Delegate for ASC

P.S.-As a note; I will not be able to attend the June Delegates Meeting. We are purchasing a new home about 10 miles from here and will be moving at about that time.

Cavortin' Cocker Spaniels

GCH Vista N Cavortin's Hopeful Spirit

Ch Gaelic N Cutts What Women Want x Vista's Joyful Spirit



Thank you to respected breeder judge Mrs. Marilyn Spacht for this wonderful finish and to Tom Dowell for his excellent presentation.





Thank you to Jeff Wright for taking Hope to her championship and to all those who helped and supported us in our quest for these titles.

Thank you to breeder Joan Kasper - Vista Cockers. Owned by Sandra & Joanna Weber.

Cavortin' Cocker Spaniels

GCH Cavortin N Tumbleweed's Double Take

Ch Tumbleweed's Echo Of A Dream x Ch Tumbleweed's Faith In A Dream, RN, BN



Thank you to respected breeder judge Mr. Carl Anderson for this wonderful finish.





Breeder/Owner/Handled by Sandie for his Grand Championship.
Thank you to Jeff Wright for taking Ty to his championship and to all those who helped and supported us in our quest for these titles.

Breeders: Sandra Weber - Cavortin & Mary Napper - Tumbleweed

SPECIALTY BEST OF VARIETY Thank You Judge Mr. Fred Hyer



SPORTING GROUP FOUR Thank You Judge Mrs. Judy Webb



Steff GCHBBN'TUX BORN THIS WAY



Bred & owned by Beverly Warren • Bib N' Tux Cockers
Presented by Shelby Roberts & Lenny Brown • Assisted by Patrick Mazepink & Carly Kramer





herapy Dog News

MAKE ROOM FOR DANNY EVERYTHING'S COMING UP AZALEA

"...Bloom Where You Are Planted...."



ANOTHER NEW PLACE TO VISIT!

Spring had sprung in Marietta, GA, and it wasn't any coincidence that we were again at another new senior facility called AZALEA MANOR. We were increasing our visits to several more places each month and Danny Boy and I couldn't have been more delighted! We had wanted to visit more, but without transportation, it wasn't going to happen.

Enter in, Nancy, a corporate account executive for Guardian Home Heath Care and Hospice. She happened to be at ELMCROFT where Danny Boy and I had started visiting last year, on the same day we were visiting. During one of our visits there, Nancy approached me and asked if I would like to visit some of their senior facilities where Guardian places patients for nursing and hospice care. To that I was thinking, "Boy would I ever!" I had been praying to be lead to other places to visit as long as I had someone to take us. That's when I explained to Nancy my dilemma. "I would love to visit, but I don't have a way to get there." I explained that another

friend, Nancy, was taking time off from work to get me t ELMCROFT to visit and she simply didn't have enough time to do more.

Nancy didn't seem put off by it. She gave me a business card and told me to call their Corporate Volunteer Coordinator, Betsy Carter. When I got through to her, she was thrilled to know that I was interested in visiting with my dog, Danny Boy. She was so excited it was almost as if Lassie and Timmy were coming to visit! Even the receptionist at Guardian was excited when I called her and told her I was going to do visits at their facilities. Again, I explained to Betsy that I was visually challenged and could no longer drive. I didn't know how I would get to these places to visit. Betsy said she had a few ideas about that and would get back to me.

A few days later she emailed me back and said that she was willing to take me twice a month until she could find someone else to do it. Praise God! My prayers were answered! Betsy and I chose a date to visit shortly afterwards.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY VISIT, March, 2013. Rosemary & Danny Boy put on the Irish for the residents of ELMCROFTSENIOR LIVING. Danny was serenaded by the seniors with the song, "DANNY BOY."



Danny Boy shares his love and licks with the ELMCROFT seniors.



Danny Boy is all dressed up, ready to visit ELMCROFT in his Valentine's Day attire.

OUR FIRST VISIT TO AZALEA

Prior to our visit to AZALEA MANOR, Betsy treated me to lunch at IHOP. We got to know each other and I told her about my involvement in Pet Therapy. After we finished lunch, we headed for AZALEA.

As soon as Danny and I went in, we were surrounded by seniors wanting to see Danny Boy and meet him. There were about 20. I was expecting to only go see a hospice patient in bed but got to see a lively group of seniors instead. It was really nice! We met some folks who used to own Cocker Spaniels before they came there. They all made over Danny saying how handsome he was and Danny ate it all up! While they were watching TV, we visited each one by one. One lady in a lounge chair asked to bring Danny over to see her for the second time. No sooner did she ask, Danny did a flying sprint over to her chair and jumped into her lap without me prompting him. Needless to say we were both surprised he

did that. The lady was a bit startled but we all laughed and enjoyed Danny's antics.

After the visit, we went thru the McDonald's drive thru to get Danny his usual cup of vanilla ice cream. It's his payment for a job well done. He knew when we got there what we were getting. He started squealing and barking with delight but he had to wait till we got home to indulge. He jumped out of his crate from the car and ran straight to the door waiting for his ice cream. He slurped up the ice cream in no time flat! We said our good- bys to Betsy, and planned on going to another in 2 weeks.

After leaving I thought how such a simple act of kindness brings so many benefits to both parties. Making a difference in others lives does make a difference in my own. Later that evening, after the visit, Danny and I were still smiling!

Rosemary Mariush

TEAM McCOCKER GIRLS SHINE

THERAPY DOGS IN ACTION

Suzie Q, Tailormade Ribbons N Curls CGC TDIA BN ASCA-CD AKC-CD RAE THD, and MiMi Doll, Tailormade



Mimi with awards from the rally trial that got her the highest score ever!

Angel Bee Mine CGC TDIA BN ASCA-CD AKC-RE THD, continue to make a difference with their therapy work. Team McCocker Girls visit once each week at four different facilities, which include a hospice facility, assisted living, retirement resort,

and a nursing home. All of the types of facilities have different needs. It is good for our team to visit a variety of places as it keeps Suzie and MiMi ready to make a difference and meet the needs of the residents.

Since they both are trained, shown, and titled in many categories, obedience demos, tricks, and freestyle dance is part of their entertainment. People are delighted to have a dog visit them and even more surprised when it can do tricks or just show some basic obedience. Suzie and MiMi know some sign language since part of the obedience training contains signs only. I also teach the residents some basic sign language, and have also taught some basic signing to rehab staff members that work with patients that cannot speak due to a stroke. You never know in what small way pet therapy can help or make a difference. Of course, it goes without saying that petting is the favorite part of the visit for Suzie and MiMi.

Suzie Q recently competed in a rally trial in Oklahoma City and scored high enough to win High Combined in Rally Excellent and Rally Advanced. This is awarded to one dog per trial. Her scores were 95/100 and 96/100. This is her second High Combined in Rally. Both Suzie and MiMi have earned High Scoring Cocker at a cocker obedience specialty. It takes 10 double qualifying scores to earn the RAE title. Suzie is working on her second one and MiMi is working on her first. RAE is the highest rally title awarded by AKC.

Both girls love to wear costumes, and we also usually have a theme for our visit. I do clowning and balloon art on some of the visits and dress thev clowns. I take one dog at a time on each visit so they will have that special time with me. Both Suzie and MiMi has been award **TDIA** (Therapy Dog Incorporated



Suzie with her judge and the High Combined Award this spring

Active) for 50 successful visits and they have about 25 visits each toward the next 100. AKC also awards Therapy Dog..THD...title to put after a dog's name if they have completed 50 successful visits with an agency. They have both earned this as well. The McCocker Girls' breeder is Jan Taylor, Tailormade Cockers, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Therapy Dog (continued)

I am very proud to have two very reliable therapy dogs that enjoy being around people and going on our visits. I know that if they could drive, they would go more often! I encourage any of you that have the desire to do therapy work and have a dog with a great temperament, to look into the possibilities of pet therapy. There are so many people needing that extra spark to their day. It certainly is a way to give back and make a difference.

Joyce McIntyre,Trainer and Handler (Oklahoma) TDI Evaluator/CGC Evaluator



Suzie Loving the attention



Mimi in action on a visit

If your dog has what it takes to be a Cocker Ambassador---a good temperament and good around people and other dogscome join the fun! Basic Obedience classes and passing the AKC Canine Good Citizens test (CGC) are recommended to pass Theapy Dog organizations' testing for certification. Got any questions? please contact Rosemary Maruish, ASC Therapy Dog Committee, at rosebub2000@yahoo.com or any member of the Therapy Dog Committee.

CLAIRE BRINGS HARMONY TO HER VISITS

AN INVITATION TO VISIT BRINGS A SONG OF IOY TO HOSPICE RESIDENTS

Recently, Claire (K-J's Sea Cruise Smooth Sailing) and I had the privilege of teaming up with St Joseph's Hospice to give a music program to Cypress Point Nursing and Rehabilitating Center LLC. It is one of the places Claire and I visit. Something new for us is St. Joseph Hospice. Tom Edmonds, the Minister of Music at our church, who is also a Chaplain with St. Joseph's Hospice, invited Claire and me to do pet therapy with them and I said, "I would like to combine what we both do also."

This was almost two years ago and because of all the surgeries I have had, I haven't been able to do all of our usual visits with Claire. But, I never forgot the idea he presented. Tom and other chaplain's who are with St. Joseph Hospice do

a music program. These men are a very talented group who happen to enjoy singing. My part is to go out into the audience with the microphone and encourage, with Tom's help, the residents to sing.

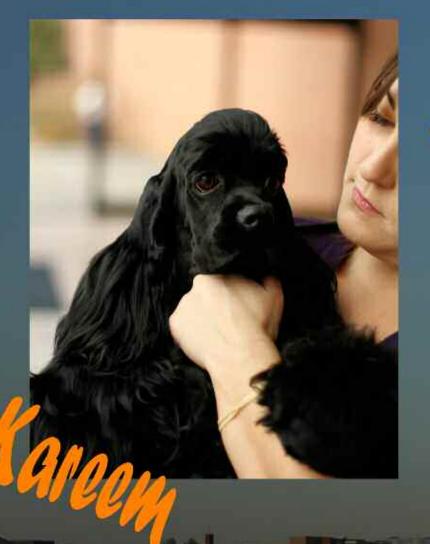
Some times I am invited to sing with them. But, I am not as good at it as they are. We all have a lot of fun doing it anyway! Tom especially has a talent for encouraging the residents to get involved with the music and sing along. The music and singing helps the residents to feel better and helps the chaplains minister to the residents as they are invited to participate in the program. They were a big hit as usual. The residents always want them to come back and sing with them. The residents aren't the only ones who feel better after it is over; we do too! And the residents always enjoy Claire whenever she visits them!

Judy Strait, Good News Cocker Spaniels





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glaucoma

Nancy Villwock

For EMB and anyone who may be touched by glaucoma...

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On June 20, 2000, my husband and I brought a bouncing brown Bouvier boy into our family. Our first dog! We named him Riley. If you have been to any of the ABdFC Specialty shows since then, you may have seen him — he is always the only brown Bouvier there. He was a beautifully put together puppy and while his coloring disqualified him from the show ring, it certainly didn't keep him from growing into a handsome dog and wonderful companion.

As Riley grew, he and I went to dog school. He wasn't a big fan of the school part, but he loved the ride in the car to get there! He earned his CD in just three attempts, and we were training in agility when he had his first glaucoma episode on June 18, 2003. At our breeder's suggestion, we had taken both of our dogs to a veterinary ophthalmologist who had diagnosed Riley as pre-glaucoma and we had been trying to prevent an attack with medication. We were fortunate to know the signs and we had an emergency packet of medication that we were to give him in the event of an attack, so I gave him the medication, got him in the car, and drove him to the ophthalmologist an hour away from our house. The pressure in his eye was extremely high, so they performed cryosurgery to try to lessen the pressure, but unfortunately the procedure was not successful. The optic nerve was dead and he had lost the vision in his right eye.

After the surgery we went back and forth to the ophthalmologist, monitoring the pressure in his eyes. The problem with glaucoma is that even though he had lost the sight in that eye, he was still experiencing painful pressure spikes, so on November 10th, we took him to the University of Wisconsin to see if there were any other treatments that would keep the pressure down. Unfortunately their only recommendation was that we remove his eye ~ their only guarantee that he would be relieved of the pressure forever. I was not at all prepared to take that step, although my husband believed it was what we should do. We left Riley there that night and drove home to think about it, planning to call them the next morning to let them know how to proceed. I remember making that call, shaking and crying as I spoke with the doctor who was going to perform the procedure, finally realizing that it really wasn't about me or what I wanted. It was in Riley's best interest to remove his eye. And so they did.

Once Riley recovered from his surgery, it was amazing to see how much better he felt. We knew we had done the right thing for him, and we knew he had been in more pain than we realized prior to the surgery. We continued to monitor the pressure in his remaining eye, until December 10, 2004, as I was decorating the house for Christmas. I noticed that he was rubbing his left eye, unable to open it. The moment I was dreading was happening ~ he was having a pressure spike in his remaining eye. I administered the emergency pack of medication for the second time, and we headed back to Wisconsin where they removed his eye. He was now blind, but out of pain at last.



At first we were so saddened by his blindness. He seemed sad as well, and was very confused at first. There would be no more obedience or agility training ~ no more dog school. The worst part was that he was unable to do his favorite thing in the world ~ he loved to watch the world go by through the window of the car or the front door of the house. It was so painful for us to watch him crash into things as he moved around the house that we even considered having a "doggie helmet" made for him. This just wasn't in the plan when we picked him up and brought him home on that beautiful June day.

Not long after he went blind he began to adapt. He learned to go a little bit slower when he walked, learned to pick up his feet a bit so he wouldn't trip on anything and he learned to use his coat to "feel" his way about the house. We actually thought he was counting his steps, because his ability to get around our house was simply incredible! You could just see his spirits lift as he adjusted to his new circumstances.

My husband and I began to adapt along with Riley. We began to guide him while he was on leash, keeping him from bumping into things in his path. We learned to tell him to step up, or step down so that he wouldn't bump his paw into a curb. We learned that sight in a dog is only his third best sense, and that his sense of hearing and sense of smell would compensate as he maneuvered in his new world, and our spirits lifted as well.

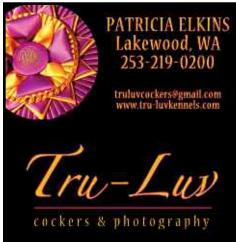
It has been inspiring to watch Riley learn to live life again. His attitude is amazing and I often think that if my life ever takes a turn for the worse health-wise, I hope I will react with the strength and courage that Riley has shown in the past seven years. When we take him for walks now we have to tell people that he is blind, and they are always surprised. His attitude hides his handicap, almost as well as his Bouvier fall does. We practice our obedience from time to time in the yard and he still knows his stuff. He remains the perfect passenger in the car, as he sits and "watches" the scenery fly by. And he still watches out the front door, ready to let us know that the deer are in the yard ~ again!

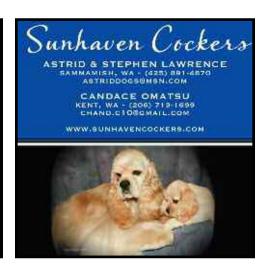
The diagnosis of glaucoma was not something that I ever wanted to hear. I wanted a pain-free and healthy life for my puppy, just like everyone does when they first bring one home. But there are so many afflictions that would be so much worse than blindness. So I want to thank you, Riley, for teaching me to be grateful for what I do have with you. You have taught us so many lessons through the years, and you continue to do so every day. I pray that we have many more years together before we have to say goodbye, but whatever the future holds, your incredible spirit will continue to be an inspiration to me always.

I am sharing Riley's story because I want you to know that if you receive the bad news that your dog is pre-glaucoma or has a glaucoma attack, you will get through it and so will your dog. Riley's treatment was probably the most drastic way of dealing with the aftermath of a glaucoma attack but we chose to remove each eye because it was the only way that he would be guaranteed to be free of the pain. I hope that there are other treatments now that can offer the same guarantee. You may not make the same choice ~ you have to decide what is best for you and your dog. Just know that living with a blind dog will change things a little, but you will get to a good place again and so will your dog. You will be amazed at their ability to adapt and you will probably be inspired too!

I also want to acknowledge that we were fortunate that our breeder suggested that we take our dogs to get a gonioscopy because there was an incidence of glaucoma in her breeding line. That is how we found out that Riley was pre-glaucoma and we were able to watch for the signs of an attack. If you are a breeder and have an incident in your line, I urge you to contact the owners of any related offspring, so that they can take their dogs to an ophthalmologist to have their eyes evaluated. It will be a hard call to make, but I know that those owners will be grateful to have the opportunity to be prepared for whatever lies ahead for them and their pet.









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Flip the page to find all the information you need for tack room space, electricity, seating, rosette donations, awards dinner and much, much more!

Questions for our regular class judges

JIM FEHRING



What made you decide to become a judge?

The first and foremost reason for becoming a judge is my love of the dogs. If I were to "do it all over again" I would likely become a vet instead of pharmacist and computer software engineer. But at the time of my career decisions I was

young and not thinking about doing what I might love, but just getting a job and making money. By judging I am able to see and touch so many beautiful dogs, not only in my two breeds but other breeds as well. I would never be able to do that if I were not judging.

Who, if anyone, has influenced your style of judging? How have they had an impact on your judging style?

I can't honestly state that I have developed a judging "style". I am also not going to name a typical big-name, all-breed judge nor can I really name just one judge. I have admired many judges who are thorough, efficient, and knowledgeable and in my opinion do a great job. From my experience and days showing, handling and exhibiting, I have to say I was most influenced by the following judges to whom I most enjoyed showing. I would have to say that from each I learned a lot about the dogs and judging and hope that I can even come close to emulating their expertise, experience and grace. Those judges would include our own Dick & Betty Duding, Marilyn Spacht, Elaine Mathis and Gloria Mitchem Geringer. Recently I was ringside observing the English Setter Club of America National Specialty. I could have judged the dogs that day. Not because of my considerable experience in that breed - but because the judge used her hands so proficiently that I could see from ringside when a dog was straight in the front, lacked rib spring, was long in the loin, had improper angles, short neck, questionable bite and other such faults too numerous to mention. It is was not hard to see how she prioritized dogs based on "soundness" after she had selected those that best represented breed type. I would hope I would be able to provide the same information and evaluation of dogs I am judging to those who are watching, so it is easier to see and follow the decisions that I make.

Describe your favorite dog show memory or moment. I have had several memorable moments and can't pick just one. The first and most influential was the day that we received our foundation brown bitch. The second was the day a Black puppy dog I bred and owned went WD/BOW at the ASC National Specialty from the 6-9 puppy class (in those days the classes all had double digit numbers entered in

DAVID KITTREDGE



1. What made you decide to become a judge?

When I decided to stop breeding and exhibiting, judging seemed a natural path. I have always loved the sport of pure-bred dogs, and this seemed an opportunity to stay involved and to give back something

to the activity that has been so much a part of my life for over 40 years.

2. Who, if anyone, has influenced your style of judging? How have they had an impact on your judging style?

I would say two people have had a profound effect on my prioritization and methodology in Cocker judging...and they're both named Betty! My original mentor, Betty Durland, of Dur-Bet fame, was all-important in helping me decide what qualities in a Cocker Spaniel are the most important must-have features. This prioritization was influential first in my breeding and exhibiting activities, and later as a judge of the breed. The lady who is most responsible for my methodology in judging is the late Betty Joanne Duding. I had tremendous respect for her treatment of exhibitors, her fairness, and her obvious love for what she was doing. When Betty's judging career was cut short by untimely illness, it was a great loss to our fancy.

- 3. Describe your favorite dog show memory or moment. As a judge, I've had many memorable times in the ring. Certainly, one of the most fun days I have ever had was awarding the great Ch. San-Jo's Born To Win the Parti-color variety from the Veteran class at the 2009 Flushing Spaniel show, and watching him go on to Best In Show that day.
- 4. Which of the breeds you judge do you feel has the most depth of quality? That is an interesting question. I equate breed quality to a sine curve...you see "peaks" of high quality for a few years and then going through "valleys" where the majority don't seem as typey. So the answer to the question would often depend on when you were asked. Currently, I have been enjoying my entries of French Bulldogs and Bulldogs. In the Sporting group, my strongest breeds lately have been Shorthairs and Labs.
- 5. Other than the ASC National Specialty show, if you had to pick just one show to judge, which show would it be? Kennel Club of Palm Springs (and I have!)
- 6. What is your pet peeve as a judge? Exhibitors who fail to realize that judging is all about comparison on the day. A dog

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All Aboard! It's time to hit the road, board the plane, take a cab, hitch a ride - whatever it takes to join us next month in Reno!

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

JUNE 9TH by 11:59pm

LAST DAY to receive special ASC rate for hotel room & RV reservations at Grand Sierra Resort!

JUNE 10TH

Reserved Seating Start Date

JUNE 12TH

Final ASC Catalog deadline
Tack Room Space & Electrical Reservations

JUNE 16TH

Hunt Test Entries Close

JUNE 19TH

Conformation, Obedience Rally Entries Close Pat Hastings Seminar

Dr. Cynthia Smith Reproductive Health Seminar Color Coat Genetics/Understanding Hock Joint Seminar

Candid Photographer License Fee

JUNE 28TH

Agility Entries Close

JULY 1ST

Bowling Tournament Reservations Awards Dinner Reservations

JULY 3RD

Post-Show Catalog Orders

JULY 9TH

Working Dog Test (Onsite)

All show information, full list of judges, all the forms you need, memorabilia options and much, much more can be found on the ASC website at www.asc-cockerspaniel.org.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

TUESDAY - Working Dog Test (offsite), Instinct Test (offsite)

WEDNESDAY - Move-In Day, Board Meeting, Instinct Test (offsite), Welcome Party

THURSDAY - Futurity, BBE Sweepstakes, Cut Down Sweepstakes, Hunt Test (offsite), Instinct test (offsite), Pat Hastings Seminar, Judges Education Seminar & Hands-On Workshop, Sanction C Obed/Rally Match, Junior Handling Seminar, Bowling Tournament

FRIDAY - Class Dogs, Veteran Sweeps, Cockers-Only Agility, Sanction C Obed/Rally Match, Instinct Test (offsite), Dr. Cynthia Smith Reproductive Health Seminar, Futurity Party

SATURDAY - Class Bitches, Cockers-Only Obedience (AM), Cockers-Only Rally (PM), All-Breed Agility, Eilene White Coat Color Genetics & Understanding Hock Joint Seminar, Joel Silverman "What Color Is Your Dog" Seminar & Obedience Skills Demonstration, Awards Dinner & Live Auction

SUNDAY - BOV & Bests Competition, Junior Showmanship, Parade of CH/Titleholders, Parade of Rescues, All-Breed Obedience, All-Breed Rally, All-Breed Agility, Move-Out

Questions? Contact Show Chairman, Stephanie Kaul, at stephanie@kauls.com or 408-399-1557.





GRAND SIERRA RESORT & CASINO

2500 EAST 2ND STREET RENO, NV 89595 | 775-789-2129

Grand Sierra Resort & Casino – ASC Rate \$89.00/nt for GSR Resort Rooms; \$111/nt for Summit Tower Rooms (plus applicable tax & resort fees/night). RVs are \$25/night. Dogs allowed in select rooms per GSR policy. Pet Fee Waived. Dog limits per room may apply. Show downstairs in Silver State Pavillion. 2500 East 2nd Street, Reno NV 89595 775-789-2129 For Reservations, call (800) 648-5080 and give group code "SPNL". Cancellation required at least 48 hrs prior to arrival. Cancellation made within 48 hours of arrival will forfeit the first night's room and tax.

You can also book your hotel room reservation online at: http://tinyurl.com/a9ojvm8 (not for RVs!)

The Grand Sierra Resort & Casino has undergone renovations including guest rooms, meeting rooms, ballroom, restaurant and bar. If there is damage due to your neglect of your dog(s), you will be asked to leave IMMEDIATELY and charged for cleaning/repair. All rooms with dogs will be checked daily.

- 1. Check in time is 3 p.m. Check out time is 11 a.m. Should late check-out be required, notify the front desk. You may be charged for a half-day depending on time of departure.
- 2. Dogs must be crated at all times when left unattended in guest rooms. NO EXCEPTIONS. Rooms with dogs MUST HAVE CRATES. Plastic is required under all crates in rooms. GSR has the right to restrict the number of dogs in any one room.
- 3. Dogs must NOT be bathed-groomed in the sleeping rooms. This will lead to severe clogging of drains, as well as housekeeping problems. The use of hotel linens for bathing dogs is NOT permitted. As a guest, you will be responsible for any damages that occur in your room.
- 4. Every dog owner/agent is expected to pick up after their dogs. Please use the designated exercise areas only. Exercising will not be allowed near the main entrance or in the pool area.
- 5. Parking of vehicles in non-designated parking spots will not be allowed.
- 6. Dogs are not permitted in the casino, restaurants, swimming pool area, gift shop, retail stores, or meeting room areas unless previously designated as dog show areas.
- 7. The housekeeping department must clean rooms daily (hotel policy). All rooms must be available for cleaning and all privacy signs must be removed no later than 2 p.m. each day. Exceptions will not be made. Anyone refusing service will have their room checked by an ASC show committee member and hotel staff.
- 8. Please make every effort to keep your dog quiet while in the hotel. Refunds made by the hotel due to disturbances, including noise caused by your dog, will be charged to your bill.
- 9. Dogs must be leashed at all times on the hotel property.

Important Reminders: It is **very important** that we all do our best to maintain cleanliness with our dogs at our hotel. There will be designated areas for exercising your dog(s). Don't wait too long to get them out. Go to the shortest route; take baggies with you in case of an accident. Do not walk away from your dog's mess. Demand others to clean up after their dogs. Please report someone who is not observing the rules.

Bench Show Committee Meeting and Hearing will be called on anyone who abuses our hotel. The AKC will back us if we have a problem. Inform any of the following people: Stephanie Kaul, Charles Born, or James Wade if you notice a problem.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JUNE 10TH IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE DISCOUNTED GROUP RATES!

Reservations made after June 10th will be available at the GSR's standard room rates.

RV RESERVATIONS

Ideally situated in the heart of America's Adventure Place, the RV Park at Grand Sierra Resort offers great rates and complete hook-ups on 178 easily-accessed pads, many with river views.

- 178 Camp Sites
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ASC has 25 RV spaces reserved at \$25/night. To make reservations, call (800) 648-5080 and give group code "SPNLRV".

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TRANSPORTATION

The GSR provides a free shuttle service to/from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport every half hour.

Departure from Grand Sierra Resort and Casino

The shuttle leaves the hotel on the hour and half hour, daily between 5:00 am and 11:30 pm.

Departure from Reno Tahoe international Airport

The Shuttle leaves from the exit located at the far end of baggage claim every 15 and 45 minutes past the hour daily between 5:15 am and 11:45 pm.

Taxis and Rental Cars can both be hired at the airport. If you wish to rent a car, please contact them directly for reservations:

Alamo (800) 462-5266 – www.alamo.com Budget (800) 527-0700 – www.budget.com Hertz (800) 654-3131 – www.hertz.com National (800) 227-7368 – www.nationalcar.com Thrifty (800) 367-2277 – www.thrifty.com Avis (800) 831-2847 – www.avis.com Enterprise (800) 325-8007 – www.enterprise.com

Advantage (800) 777-5500 – www.advantage.com

JUDGES' EDUCATION SEMINAR & HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

In conjunction with the National Specialty Show in Reno, Nevada, there will be a COCKER SPANIEL judges' education seminar presented by Robert Ennis. The seminar will be held on Thursday, July 11th at 3:00 PM. Immediately following the seminar, there will be a hands-on workshop for all seminar attendees. The cost is \$25.00 which includes a show catalog and a copy of both the powerpoint presentation and the illustrated standard. In order to have enough of these materials for all attendees, reservations are required. For any additional questions or to make a reservation, contact Robert Ennis at rennis1@roadrunner.com or 716 947-9975. Reservations can also be made online at: http://tinyurl.com/apafo2p

JUNIOR HANDLING SEMINAR WITH LINDA PITTS

Thursday, July 11, 2013 – 5:00-6:00pm in the conformation ring. Come and learn from the best!

Linda Pitts will offer a junior handling seminar to all juniors interested in or already participating in the sport of purebred dogs. Attendees to the seminar will receive a special pass to attend the bowling tournament that evening for free!

JOEL SILVERMAN'S "WHAT COLOR IS YOUR DOG?" SEMINAR & OBEDIENCE SKILLS DEMONSTRATION

Joel Silverman Presents "What Color is Your Dog?" & Obedience Skills Clinic
Saturday, July 13, 2013 – 3:00-5:00pm at the Silver State Pavilion, GSR (Exact Location TBA)
Obedience Skills Demonstration – Date & Time TBD (details in judging program)
Fee: No Charge for Attendees

Joel Silverman has been a professional animal trainer for over 30 years. Appearing on national programs such as Live, With Regis and Kathie Lee, CNN, MSNBC and FOX News, along with hundreds of local morning news programs, Joel has offered

advice on pet care and training based on his lifetime commitment to the welfare of animals and their special place in our lives. He currently hosts the nationally syndicated television show, Dog & Cat Training With Joel Silverman; and previously hosted the popular television series **Good Dog U** on **Animal Planet**. Joel is also the author of <u>What Color is Your Dog</u> and <u>Take 2 - Training Solutions for Rescued Dogs</u>. During the ASC National Specialty, Joel will give a seminar based on his popular book, <u>What Color is Your Dog</u>?, as well as a demonstration for training obedience skills such as discrimination and retrieves.

PARADE OF RESCUES

Please join us for the 5th Annual Parade of Rescues

Sunday, July 14, 2013 – Conformation Ring, Silver State Pavilion, Grand Sierra Resort

The annual "Parade of Rescues" shines the spotlight on the efforts of rescue groups and individuals and the wonderful cocker spaniels they have re-homed. We share their stories of how they came to their new lives and honor the people who have opened their hearts and homes to these very special cocker spaniels with a commemorative rosette. Check the judging schedule for parade time. To enroll in the event, please contact: Colleen Keough, keough@usc.edu, 626-441-3712 home or 626-755-8645 cell.

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The American Spaniel Club prohibits the use of video recording devices for commercial purposes at any time, at all ASC events. ASC also prohibits photography at ASC events for commercial purposes without prior written consent of the Show Chairperson and the payment of a \$175 candid photography licensing fee. Commercial purposes are defined as the intent to offer photos for sale or barter, in whole or in part, for use now or in the future, or for use in any other commercial applications. Any entity or individual interested in taking candid photographs at ASC, please send a written request to Show Chairman, Stephanie Kaul, PO Box 2939, Saratoga CA 95070 along with a check for the candid photographer license fee of \$175, made payable to the American Spaniel Club. Written request must be sent by ENTRY CLOSING DATE OF JUNE 19, 2013. Candid photographer license fees can be paid online at: http://tinyurl.com/b2zvye2

RAFFLES & AUCTIONS

Anyone interested in donating items for our Basket Raffle, please contact Patti Auld or Lisa Pino at 11166 Big Dipper Dr, Mira Loma CA 91752, (951) 681-8648 or crazyqlisa@aol.com. If you are interested in submitting items for the Silent Auction or Live Auction, please contact Stephanie Kaul at PO Box 2939, Saratoga CA 95070, (408) 399-1557 or stephanie@kauls.com. The basket raffle will be drawn and the silent auction will end Sunday, July 14, 2013 at 10am. The live auction will be held in conjunction with the Awards Dinner on Saturday, July 13, 2013.

50/50 RAFFLE

Be sure to get your 50/50 raffle tickets now and win half of the money collected! \$2.00 each or a book of 10 for \$10.00. Don't Miss Your Chance to Win Big Bucks! Drawing to be held Saturday, July 13, 2013. Winner Need Not Be Present to Win

To purchase your 50/50 Raffle Tickets,contact: Stephanie Kaul, PO Box 2939, Saratoga CA 95070, (408) 399-1557 or stephanie@kauls.com.



July 11-14, 2013 Reno, NV

Pat Hastings – A Glimpse of Structure in Action Seminar

Thursday, July 11, 2013 – 3:00-6:00pm; Grand Sierra Resort (Exact Location TBA Fee: \$30/person* (*ASC Members receive a 25% Discount!)

ADVANCED RESERVATION WITH PAYMENT IS REQUIRED

Complete Form below and submit by WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013.

No onsite reservations will be accepted)

RESERVATIONS/PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT: http://tinyurl.com/ammvc95

Based on her popular STRUCTURE IN ACTION: THE MAKINGS OF A DURABLE DOG seminar, this 3-hr workshop is a glimpse of what it takes to have the very best dog possible for whatever you would like to do with it. This is a journey intro structure and the pertinence to action. Anyone who owns and works with dogs needs to consider the dogs' structure when examining the job of the dog. It does not matter if it is going to spend its life on your couch, be in your breeding program, in the show ring, weaving poles, coursing or pulling a sled, it needs to be the best it can be.

AGENDA: • The basics of canine structure • How to evaluate the structural quality of your adult dog • What leads to the damage and injuries? • How to read and listen to your dog

Reservation Type	Qty	Price	Total
ASC Member Reservation		\$22.50	
Non-ASC Member Reservation		\$30.00	

Total \$_____

Make Checks Payable to: ASC or use your VISA or MASTERCARD

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July 11-14, 2013 Reno, NV

Canine Reproductive Health & Issues - Dr. Cynthia Smith

Friday, July 12, 2013 – 3:00-6:00pm; Grand Sierra Resort (Exact Location TBA)

Fee: Free for All Attendees

Advanced Reservations are Required

Complete Form below and submit by WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013. No onsite reservations will be accepted.

Learn about canine reproductive health and issues from one of the west coast's most prominent reproductive specialists. Dr. Cynthia Smith will discuss male and female productive health and issues. The first hour will be male reproductive health/issues. Followed by a 30-minute break. Then resuming with female reproductive health/issues for the remaining 90 minutes.

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Complete form and mail or email by JUNE 19TH to:

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July 11-14, 2013 Reno, NV

Color Genetics Made Easy & Understanding the Hock Joint

Presented by Eilene White

Saturday, July 13, 2013 – 3:00-5:00pm; Grand Sierra Resort (Exact Location TBA)

Fee: Free for All Attendees. Advanced Reservations are Required

Complete Form below and submit by WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013. No onsite reservations will be accepted.

Color Genetics Made Easy

Ever wonder what color you would get from a litter you were planning but didn't know how genetics played a role? The answers you got from different people made it even more confusing. This seminar will take the mystery out of cocker colors through genetics in an easy way. I promise no words like Alleles or DNA markers or etc..., just simple every-day language to give you the tools to understand how coat color is created.

Understanding the Hock Joint

The Hock Joint is actually the cornerstone and foundation of our cocker's rear end. However many times its' importance is overlooked and more attention is given to the better known Hip and Stifle areas. In reality – the hock is just as important (if not more) to our breeding programs and for correct sporting movement of our cockers. We will learn how to recognize and feel for good hocks, well placed hocks and weak hocks and how they affect our cocker's movement and our breeding programs.

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July 11-14, 2013 Reno, NV

TACK ROOM IN A BOX – Ex-pen & Table Rental

With today's rising travel costs and increased airline fees, it is often difficult to travel with all the items needed to exhibit a Cocker Spaniel. Let us help you! Purchase a 'Tack Room in a Box' and you'll arrive to the Grand Sierra Resort and find all the tack room equipment* you need for a show weekend ALREADY IN YOUR SET-UP: ex-pen (with plastic and shavings, water bucket w/clip, poop-water bucket and brush with disinfectant), grooming table with arm & noose, and 25' extension cord. (NOTE: DOES NOT INCLUDE your actual grooming space or electricity - those reservations must be made separately.)

Items	Qty	Price	Total
Basic Package: 1 ex-pen & table		\$150.00	
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July 11-14, 2013 - Reno, NV

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Items	# of Dogs	Qty	Price	Total
5x10 Space (1-5 Dogs)				
10X10 Space (6-10 Dogs)				
10x20 Space (11-20+ Dogs)				
Power Fee per Dryer			\$50.00	
Discounted Price for Four Dryers			\$175.00	

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July 11-14, 2013 - Reno, NV

Bowling Tournament Reservations

Thursday, July 11, 2013 - 6:30-7:00pm

Snacks & Drinks followed by two hours of bowling
GSR Bowling Alley
Fee: \$10/person

(Juniors who attend the Juniors Seminar attend for free!)

Join us for food, drinks, and strikes at this bowling tournament and social event. Chat, laugh, and knock some pins down while you socialize with some of the top breeders, handlers, and exhibitors in cockers. \$10 fee includes the snacks/drinks supplied by ASC from 6:30-7pm, 2 hrs of lane rental and shoe rental. Trophies will be awarded to the Best Adult Bowler and Best Junior Bowler.

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Show Your Best Hand Awards Dinner

Saturday, July 13, 2013 – 6:00 Cocker-tails; 7:00 Dinner

Join us for a lovely, seated dinner to celebrate the top dog and hall of distinction awards. Your ticket price of \$50 includes a baby greens salad topped with a medley of tear drop tomatoes, roasted garlic and artichoke hearts served with a white balsamic vinaigrette, choice of entrée (see below), chocolate mousse dome ona layer of chocolate cake covered in chocolate ganache for dessert, fresh seasonal vegetables, freshly baked rolls w/butter, freshly brewed coffee, hot tea, iced tea and milk. Cash bar will be available.

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Vegetable Lasagna		\$50.00	
Table of 10 (all reservations, including entrees choices & payment), must be included. Entrée choices: Chicken Entrée: Qty		\$500.00	
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July 11-14, 2013 Reno, NV

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The Instinct Test is a fun, low key activity. It is designed to give those of you who have been involved with conformation and other performance events a chance to see if your cocker has the trainability to work in the field. It will be an opportunity to test your cocker on his/her retrieving & bird finding ability, enthusiasm and desire. Canvas dummies, bird wings, and clip-winged pigeons will be used to test these skills.

The instinct test will be held offsite at the Boca/Stampede area, exit 193 off of I-80, which is about 30 miles from the show site. Bob will be available to give your dog the instinct test on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 10 to 2 pm. Please call (619) 316-0689 or email marsha4dog@san.rr.com to confirm the estimated test time for your cocker.

To register, please fill out the form and mail it to Bob Linehan, 12451 Thornbush Court, San Diego, CA, 92131 or email the information to marsha4dog@san.rr.com. If you have any questions, please contact Bob at marsha4dog@san.rr.com. You can also bring the form out to the event, but if you are interested, please drop Bob an email so that he will make sure to enough birds on hand.

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Cell Phone: _	How many dogs do you plan on testing?	

There is a \$10 fee per dog to cover the cost of birds. Please make your check payable to American Spaniel Club, and send to me at the above address along with this form. If you sign up at the show, that is fine too – just bring this form filled out to us to the Instinct test area.

Thanks for your interest! Hope to see you there!



July 11-14, 2013 Reno, NV

Sanctioned C Obedience/Rally Match Reservation

Thursday, July 11, 2013 and Friday, July 12, 2013, ASC will be hosting Sanctioned C obedience/rally matches ("show 'n go," "fun matches," or "run thrus") in the obedience/rally ring. Reserve the ring to practice what you want:

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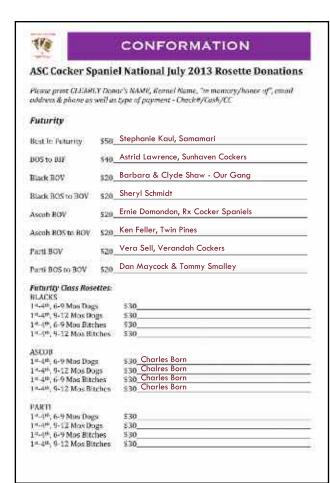
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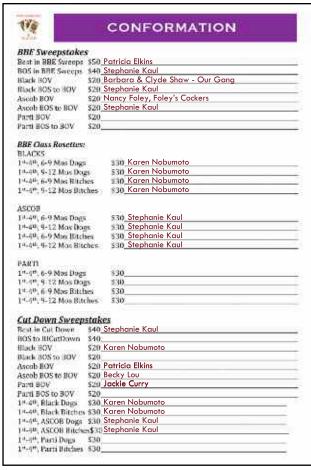
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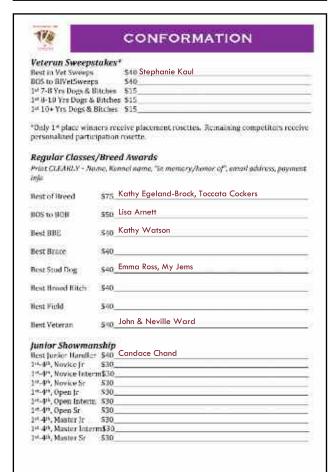
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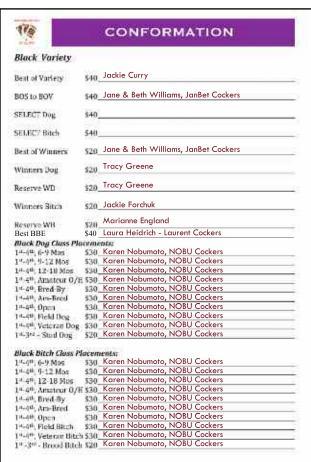
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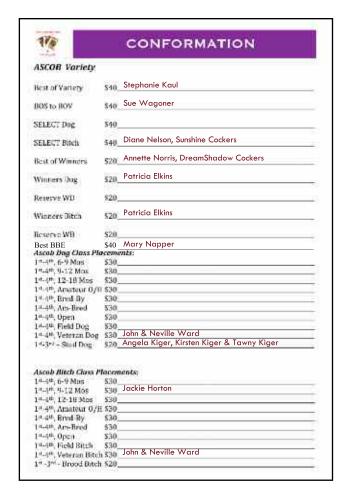
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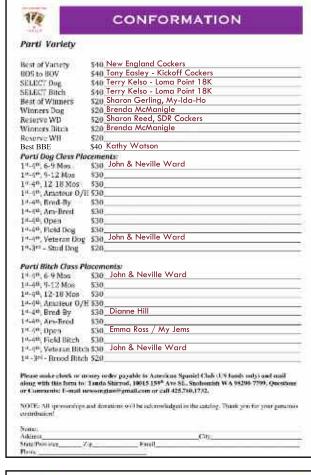


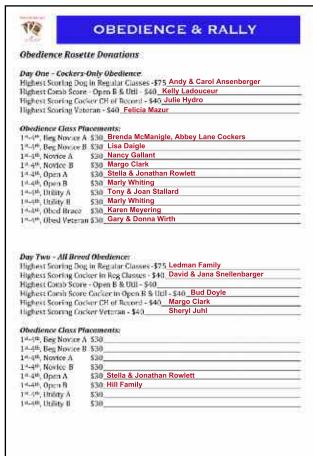


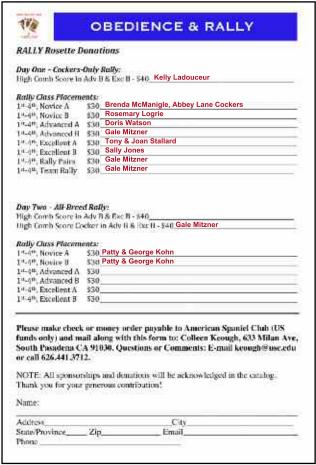




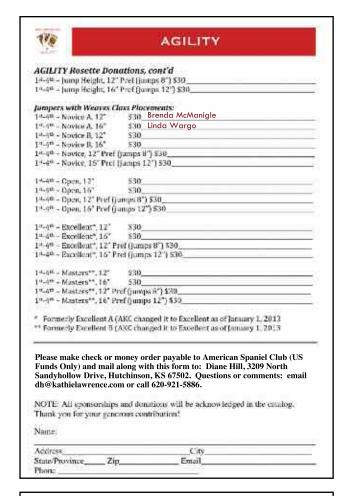


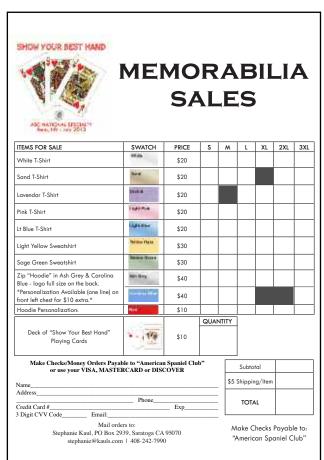






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Mr. A. Clinton Wilmerding, now age 93, is admiring the red English Cocker Spaniel dog, Rip's London Fog, with his owner, Mrs. Ransford D. Triggs (Carol). The photo was taken by Julius Rippel, husband of the dog's breeder, Carol Triggs, most likely at the Kennel Club of Philadelphia dog show in December 1950.

Rip's London Fog had won Best of Winners that day. He was whelped June 18, 1948 and sired by Ch. Treetops Tristan of Giralda (imp.) ex Treetops Turnaside (imp.)

This photo appeared in the January issue of the Dog News, a monthly publication based in Cincinnati, Ohio. The English Cocker columnist, Mrs. Adelaide Peterson, of Falls Church, Virginia, wrote the following caption.

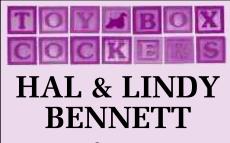
"Mr. Wilmerding, now 93 years old might well be called the Dean of the American Dog Fancy. He has been actively identified with the dog field as breeder, exhibitor and judge since 1880 and has served as an officer of the American Kennel Club."

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Questions (continued) JIM FEHRING

almost every class and BBE and OPEN classes were very large). Not so long after that with me on the lead my dog was awarded BOB at a Specialty where top winning Black and Parti color dogs were being shown and I had just gone BOV with my Ol' Brown Dog. That was followed by a number of great moments when a Brown dog that I co-bred and co-owned was the ASCOB BOV at the Flushing Spaniel Show, #1 Cocker, #1 ASCOB Cocker, won an all-breed Best In Show, won ASCOB BOV at Westminster, continued winning BOV and AOM awards at ASC shows and then retired when he was BOV at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship and even was pulled out during group competition in the evening.

4. Which of the breeds you judge do you feel has the most depth of quality?

Today the answer to this question has to be the Brittany. The Brittany is the ultimate hunting companion. I grew up hunting with them (everyone else including my wife's family had them and I had a German Shorthaired Pointer). Today more than 600 Brittanys are AKC DUAL CHAMPIONS. These dogs are both AKC Champions and AKC Field Champions. This is an outstanding achievement of form and function and it shows in the breed ring.

5. Other than the ASC National Specialty show, if you had to pick just one show to judge, which show would it be? I would love to judge my breed at Crufts, Westminster, a few foreign countries and any or all Spaniels at the ASC Flushing Spaniel Show. BUT, if you are going to make me pick just one, it will have to be judging at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. I have watched excitedly as 3 of my dogs were shown at Westminster and the thrill, history and prestige of this venue says it all.

6. What is your pet peeve as a judge?

This is the single and biggest peeve I have as a Judge for Cocker Spaniels (although this also applies to other breeds that I don't currently judge). It makes my blood boil when I see someone pick a cocker spaniel up off the floor by its Neck and Tail and lift it onto or off of the examination table. How cruel is that? Please don't tell me it is not. This is my opinion and my pet peeve, and I was asked the question. If you don't agree, we will have to agree to disagree. I don't care about ruffled coat – they have way too much to begin with, who cares if it is a bit "mussed" up. When someone can show me scientific evidence that doing this is advantageous to the dog,

then I might listen. Until then, PLEASE DO NOT do this in my ring. Having rescued a dog I bred and paying thousands of dollars to save his life from a ruptured vertebra in his neck, this pet peeve hits close to home. I don't have a problem with someone trying to get a dog to stack or lean into its front by gently "tugging" on the tail ... it is putting the full weight of the dog onto the full length of its vertebrae that "rocks my boat".

7. What do you enjoy most about judging

By judging I am able to see and touch so many beautiful dogs in our breed and other breeds. I am blessed to be able to do this.

I also want to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to the ASC Members for the votes of confidence and being selected to judge at the Cocker Spaniel National Specialty. I consider it a huge honor. Not everyone's dog or puppy will win. Only a select few can be WB, WD, RWB, RWD or BOV/BOS. If your dog or puppy does not win, I sincerely hope you are able to follow my judging, selection and placements. If you absolutely agree with me or not, I hope to be consistent in selecting for breed type and soundness with some degree of my personal opinion, preference and interpretation of our breed standard. After all, this is a dog show and just one person's opinion. Let's all have fun in Reno and enjoy our wonderful breed and the friends we have made over the years.

Questions (continued) DAVID KITTREDGE

that is your best at one assignment may not necessarily be the best at another. Some seem to view this as inconsistent, and it really isn't.

7. What do you enjoy most about judging? The dogs and the people. It is so much fun for me to interact with the dogs and the great ones are so memorable. And some of the greatest and most long-lived friendships I have made in my life have been with those who share our passion.





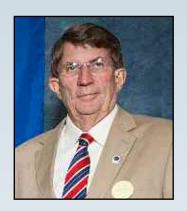


President's Message

As the old adage says, "How time flies when you're having fun!" It seems like just yesterday that we were at Purina Farms in St. Louis having a great time at the 2012 Cocker Spaniel National. I hope everyone is as excited as I am and making your plans to attend the 2013 National in Reno, NV. The ASC Board meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. local time on July 10. I encourage ASC members and visitors to attend. The show begins with the Futurity classes on Thursday followed by regular classes on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

I wish to compliment Debi Lampert-Rudman and all her helpers on their leadership in organizing the huge eyeclinic sponsored by ASCF where over 100 dogs were examined and blood pulled for a study. It is my understanding that this will be repeated within the next year. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Dale and I recently judged pair of American Cocker Spaniel specialties in Sydney, Australia. We found that the breeders and exhibitors in Australia are very passionate about their breeding programs, and observed that most American Cockers were owner-handled or breeder-owner handled. Several breeders were extremely interested in obtaining breeding stock from the United States, but have experienced difficulties in importing dogs; it is very expensive and time consuming. I encourage our breeders here in the US to be open to the idea of exporting top-quality animals. We had an opportunity to attend the Group and Best In Show Competition at the annual Sydney Royal Dog Show where it appeared to us from ringside that



the dogs were very comparable to the dogs in the US, the competition was highly competitive, with very few professional handlers. Thanks to the Australian club for inviting us to see the American Cockers down under, and for a very enjoyable stay in their country. We also attended the National Poodle Specialty, with over 250 poodles in competition, and enjoyed meeting the judge for the day, Lene Jorgensen from Denmark. Our thanks to Roslyn Thomas for coordinating all of our Ozzie activities for us.

I have observed that our Yahoo group has made some very informative posts recently. I want to thank you for the positive ways in which we are now using this technology. It is much easier to approach issues and solve problems if we work together in the correct spirit.

It appears to me that everything is in order for us to have a great National in Reno. Kudos to Stephanie Kaul and all her committee members. Plans are moving along nicely for the Annual Flushing Spaniel Show to be held again in Knoxville in January, 2014, chaired by Jane Williams. Please contact her if you wish to volunteer to help in any way. We will return to Purina Farms in July, 2014, for the Cocker Spaniel National, with this show being chaired by Ken Feller. He and his committee have lined up a new host hotel that I believe will be very satisfactory.

Hope to see you all for a great time in Reno! Give your spaniels a hug from me!

Calvin







TOP WINNING COCKERS FIRST QUARTER OF 2013

Shows held January 1 thru March 31. 2013 Compiled by Margaret Saari, DVM

ALL BREED BASIS:

- 1. GCH Casablanca's Thrilling Seduction, 1754 points; Owners: Bruce VanDeman, Carolee Douglas; Mary Walker & Linda Moore;
- 2. GCH Sovran's Aranjuez 767 points; Owners: Dr. Alan Santos & Michael Buckley
- 3. GCH Tamra's N Positively Over The Top, 677 points; Owners: Michele Walls & Judith Newton;
- 4. GCH AmikCreek Swiped by Marshens, 542 points; Owners: Ann Morgante & Heidi Armour;
- 5. GCH Mario's N Beechwood Midnight Express, 375 points; Owners: Frank & Catherine Charest & Mark and Pam Ragusa.

- 1. GCH BLT Into The Wild, 867 points; Owners: Becky Lou & Tran Lam;
- 2. GCH Trinity's Tucked Under My Wings, 575 points; Owners: Susan Gray & Stacy Dobmeier;
- GCH HiTrails Clouds In My Eyes, 499 points; Owner Kenyon Fairey;
 GCH Jem's May The Force Be With You, 435 points; Owners: Joanne Stamm, D &S Rosenblum, James Fehring;
- GCH Be-Fit's Too Hot To Touch, (Bitch) 266 points; Owners: Carol Thompson; Patti Nazarko & Diana Christian.

PARTIS:

- 1. GCH Conquest's This Is It!!! (Tri bitch), 2925 points; Owner: Mariecel Torres-Young;
- 2. GCH Tsunami's Curtain Call (BrnTri bitch); 305 points; Owner: Elena Sicurello:
- 3. GCH Afterglow TriStar (tri), 287 points; Owners: H Cole & Shelby Roberts:
- GCH Sherwood N Winchesters The Thunder Rolls (Tri), 279 points; Owners D. Eastham & K Hampton;
- 5. GCH Sherwood N Lomapoint Captain Crunch (R&W), 174 points; Owners: Judy Bjelland & K Olsen.

BREED BASIS

NOTE- these stats include BB at specialty shows.

BLACKS:

- 1. GCH Casablanca's Thrilling Seduction, 244 points; Owners: Bruce VanDeman; Carolee Douglas; Mary Walker & Linda Moore;
- GCH Mario's N Beechwood Midnight Express, 222 points; Owners: Frank& Cathleen Charest & Mark & Pam Ragusa;
- 3. GCH Sovran's Aranjuez 184 points; Owners: Dr. Alan Santos & Michael Buckley
- 4, GCH Bib N Tux Born this Way (Bitch) 91 points; Owner: Beverly
- 5. GrCh .Toybox Starshine at Caralot (Bitch) 78 points; Owners: Catherine Fennelly & Ellen Carson.

ASCOBS:

- GCH Aspire's Semper Paratus (bitch) 143 points; Owners: Lee & Cheryl Rosales:
- GCH Kaplar's Heartsong 134 points. Owner: Laura Henson;
- 3. Ch. Trinity's Tucked Under His Wing 115 points; Owners: Susan Gray & Stacy Dobmeier;
- 4. GCH BLT Into The Wild 76 points; Owners: Becky Lou & Tran Lam;
- 5. GCH Layton's Team Leader 68 points; Owners: D. Eastham, K. Hampton & Patricia Elkins.

PARTIS:

- 1. GCH Conquest's This Is It!!! (Tri bitch); 215points; Owner: Mariecel Torres Young;
- 2. GCH Nosowea'N wib's New Brew-Who Knew (Brn Tri bitch) 87 points; Owner: Joanne Thorp;
- 3. GCH My-Ida-Ho N Jems Captain (tri) Emma Ross & Sharon Gerling;
- 4. GCH Sherwood N Lomapoint Captain Crunch (R&W) 74 points; Judy Bjelland & K Olsen;
- GCH Tsunami's Curtain Call (BrnTri bitch) 62 points. Owner: Elena Sicurello.

2012 PRODUCERS

Compiled by Margaret Saari, DVM

TOP PRODUCING SIRES FOR 2012

CH Somerset Ridin' High (brn&tan) 12 champions CH Lydgate Latin Lover (B&T) 8 champions

Six champions each:
Ch, Brickett's Liar Liar (R&W)
GCH Foley's Twenty Four (Buff)
CH Lydgate Rise N Shine (Buff)
CH Mario N Somerset's Sportster (tri)
CH Saratoga N Bleumoon's Footnote RN BN (B&T)

Five champions each: CH Crazy 's Cause for Applause (Blk) CH Tumbleweed Echo Of A Dream (R&W) CH Winelight Potter (Buff) CH Winelight's Soulful Strut (Buff)

Four champions each:
CH Brickett N Carte Best Cut Diamond (Buff)
CH Clovercreek Never Say Never (B&W)
CH Coldry's Sweet Seduction (Blk)
CH Dalin's Dream Date (B&W)
Dom Perignom DeLa Gran Aldea (Buff)
CH Ectot's Good To Go (Buff)
GCH Hartline True To Bear (Blk)
CH HyerLuv's Diamonds R Forever (Buff)
CH K-Line's Son of A Gun (Blk)
CH Perje's Penthouse (B&W)
CH Tell Tail's Riverside Rebel (B&W)
CH Toybox Ruff Ryder (B&T)
CH Two Texas Trojan War Dog (B&W)

TOP PRODUCING DAMS FOR 2012

Four champions each
CH Charlot N Che-Lee Winelight Stardust (Buff)
CH Che-Lee's Licorice Drop (Blk)
CH Lydgate Leather N Lace(Blk)
CH Silverhall Seductive (B&T)
CH Somerset Sweet Cheeks (B&T)
CH Winelight Think of Me (Buff)

Three champions each:
CH Acadia's Lil Cajun Belle(Tri)
CH BLT's Amazin' Shea (Red)
Buckingham Sweet By and By (Blk)
CH Dalin Drumlin Drama Queen (B&W)
CH Infinity's Mariah Carry On(Brn&W)
CH Jawat's Golden Girl (Buff)
CH Jem's Makin A Splash (Brn&W)
CH Jem's Momandy's Rockin Robin (Tri)
Mountview Dazzles Acadia (Silver)
CH Normandy's Rockelle (Tri)
CH Nosowea's In It To Win It For Wibs (Tri)
CH Shadowcast Bringin Sex Back (buff)
CH Tri Pod's Keepsake (B&W)
CH Tri Pod's On The Road Again (R&W)
CH Vista's Music in Motion (Tri)
Windwhisper Gonna Getcha (Tri).

TOP BREEDERS FOR 2012 Twelve champions Bonnie & Wilson Pike (Silverhall), (3 co-bred);

Nine champions Jeanette Bruce (Winelight), (4 co-bred); Judi Kline(K-Line), (2 co-bred); Debra Podratz (Tri-Pod)

Eight champions
Diane Erdman Prock (Twilight) (1 co-bred);

Seven champions Renee Guidry (Acadia) Joanne Stamm (Jems) Kimberly & Robert Young

Six champions Donna Helmick (Wibs) (All co-bred) Pam & Mark Ragusa (Mario, Mar-K) , (3 co-bred)

Five champions
Regina Beinhauer (Normandy), (all co-bred)
Cheryl Brown (Che-Lee), (2 co-bred)
Sam & Fred Hyer (HyerLuv)
Lisa Pino (Crazy Q), (all co-bred)
Joanne Thorp (Nosowea). (4 co-bred)
Julie Turner-Hayes (Julre)

A Preview of . . .

January 2014 Show Information

Where? Knoxville, TN, Convention and Expo Center

When? January 10-12, 2014

Who Is Judging?

Bob Covey Cocker Spaniel Futurity

Michael Faulkner American Water Spaniels, Boykin Spaniels,

Parti-color Cocker Spaniels, English Springer

Spaniels, Field Spaniels, Sussex Spaniels

Patricia Keenan Black Cocker Spaniels, Junior Showmanship Sandra Lex ASCOB Cocker Spaniels, Clumber Spaniels,

Welsh Springer Spaniels

Doug McFarlane Best In Show, English Cocker Spaniels

Superintendent?

Foy Trent Dog Shows

Show Committee?

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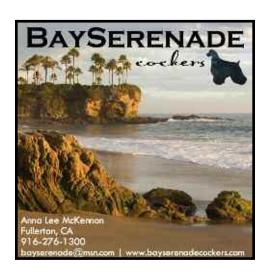
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Grounds/Ex-pens: Mike Pitts

More complete information in September Bulletin.







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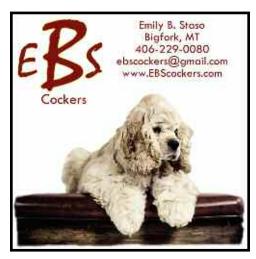
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We will be having 3 days of Indoors Agility. This is a one ring trial. Laura Finco will be the Judge all three days. Friday, July 12, 2013 will be Cockers only. We will have T2B, STD and JWW. Saturday and Sunday is All-Breed with STD, JWW and T2B. The closing date is June 28, 2013 at 11:59 p.m. Entries for Cocker Spaniels will be accepted first until Monday, May 20, followed by all other breeds. The Premium is online at Lynda Tjarks Agility Productions

http://www.lyndatjarksagility.com/index.php Trophy donation for Ribbons can be sent to:

Agility Rosette Chair: Diane Hill 3209 North Sandyhollow Drive Hutchinson, KS

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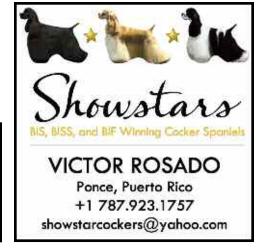
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Dog Bowls

Dog Food (1-week minimum, 2-week suggested), dog treats, etc.

Can opener

Leashes: walking leash, short leash Harness (to attach to seat belt)

Extra dog tag, (masking tape, laundry pen)

Cell #, Hotel # and Room #

Pet records stored in waterproof container or plastic sealable bag

Crate

Dog bed/blanket/toys

Supplies/paper towels, rug cleaner, toilettes, towels, flash light

Current dog photograph(s) with your notification information: useful for fliers should your dog go missing or must be left at shelter

Dog friendly hotel listings/ telephone lists

Shampoo

Litter/portable litter pan

Duct tape

Bottled water

Pet First Aid Kit

Portable First Aid Kit for Pets

Water-proof storage container for kit Antiseptic/anti-bacterial cleansing

wipes/Alcohol prep pads

Eye wash

Eye and skin wash in one

A sock (foot wrapper)

Latex surgical gloves

Electrolyte powder (add to water on hot

days)

Emergency space blanket

 $Small\ flashlight$

Bottled water

Medicated balm

Leash and collar

Soft muzzle

Speak to your vet about what to pack in case

your dog has a sudden allergic reaction

Flexible bandage

Gauze roll

Bandage scissors- to cut gauze and to clip

hair around wounds

Wood splint

Paper towels

Plastic baggies

Small cold pack and hot pack (self

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