

CKCSCCO Newsletter



President's Message

Greetings **CKCSCCO** members,

Hopefully this message finds you rested from all the holiday hustle and bustle, and now you are ready and willing to participate in the exciting Year 2008 activities for our club.

An overview of some of our events held last year included:

- Meredith Johnson-Snyder's presentation on Cavalier Breed Type Sanctioned B Puppy Match in May
- Dr. Lynette Cole's presentation on PSOM
- Yvette McCulla's CGC demonstration at our summer picnic

Finally, let me invite each of you to the Feb. 4, 2008 general meeting at my house. Bring your ideas for activities and events, speakers, meeting locations, and suggestions to help improve our club and build our 2008 calendar. Furthermore, feel free to invite any friends who are also interested in our breed. We are off to a great start! But we need you-your energy and your ideas. This is YOUR club so please come and share your ideas with us.

Looking forward to seeing you at our February meeting,

Chris

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February 4th 2008 Meeting Agenda

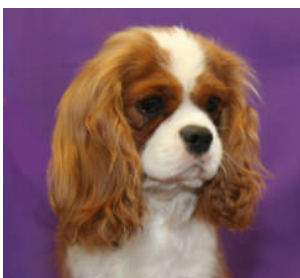
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Map and Directions to Chris Bell's House for the February 4th Meeting At 7:00 PM

Directions: From I-270, take the Tuttle Crossing Blvd Exit 15. Turn West (away from the Tuttle Mall) onto Tuttle Crossing Blvd. At the traffic light turn Right (North) onto Emerald Pkwy (Shell gas station on corner). Go about .5 mile and turn left onto Rings Rd at the crossroads (USPS on your right). If you come to another traffic light at Weorner Temple, you missed the road and will have to turn around. The 2nd traffic circle or turnabout is Wilcox Rd. Go South (left). Our house is the 2nd from the end of the cul-de-sac and sits far back from the road @ 5585 Wilcox Rd. Phone 614-889-5871.



Club Officers



Pictures courtesy of Meredith Johnson-Snyder and club web site.

Are We Ready To Do Our Share In Rescue?

By

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National Director of Education for the ACKCS Rescue Trust

Breeding purebred dogs unfortunately brings with it a responsibility to do breed rescue as there are too many purebred dogs, our own Cavaliers included, which wind up needing to be rescued from circumstances they did not create. Responsible, ethical Cavalier breeders care about the future of every puppy they bring into the world and participate in the breed rescue challenges faced by every national, regional, and local specialty breed club.

Rescue is multifaceted and includes:

- establishing a rescue network to take in dogs
- nursing of neglected or abused dogs back to health
- transporting dog
- finding appropriate foster homes fostering dogs
- re-homing dogs into forever homes



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However, rescue should also center around education so as to one day hopefully eliminate the need for rescue but not the need for quality purebred puppies, in our case our beloved Cavaliers. In my view the rescue process includes the education of not only rescue volunteers, but the education of breeders, veterinarians, humane societies, shelters, rescue organizations, and politicians about the value of legitimate breeders, the differentiation of legitimate, ethical breeders from puppy mills or backyard breeders, and the value of purebred dogs in our society. I believe that doing rescue work for our breed encompasses more than the rescue of our wonderful Cavaliers; rescue should entail a concern for all breeds. An understanding of the emotional issues of doing rescue work is critical for the process of dealing with abused and neglected dogs is heart wrenching; however, doing rescue work is more than just trying to save one dog from an auction (as important it may be to that dog), it is creating a vision and a plan for a comprehensive rescue program that has education at its center so that one day need for rescue will be diminished greatly.

Many years ago I wrote an article called "Puppies Are Forever" which appeared in a local newspaper and was reprinted several times in magazines. I am including part of the article here as the article still expresses my horror of abused and neglected dogs and my passion for ethical breeding which includes a responsibility from birth to death for the puppies we bring into the world. It is this sense of responsibility we must foster in breeders and then we must encourage and push them into becoming involved in their community as active advocates for all dogs, but especially our Cavaliers.

Her eyes still haunt me. For over twenty years in my mind and heart I have seen a sad, emaciated little Beagle; her belly huge with puppies, eyes desperate and afraid, stumbling along the winter street in the snow looking for a place to have her babies. Before I could park and



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call to her, she was gone. I'll never forget her and I think of her every time one of my own special girls, well nurtured and very loved, has babies. I think of that little Beagle's puppies being born into an unloving, cold world.

Nor will I forget the dog dropped along our road a few years ago. Coming home from church, my husband and I spotted a strange looking animal lying dead on our road. By its shape and color we thought it was a pig. My husband got a shovel to bury it and I walked over to look and wondered how a pig could be dead on our road. I was horrified as I saw it was, in fact, a white dog denuded from mange. Black-and-blue heel marks were imprinted on its side, its toenails were long and curled into the pads of its feet, blood congealed in its ears; its face was a tortured grimace. I had nightmares for weeks thinking of the awful life that poor dog must have endured --- another puppy brought into a world of pain and sadness.

If that poor Beagle or white dog lying on the road and the other poor unfortunate dogs I have seen all over the world had a purpose it might have been to sensitize me enough to begin doing all breed rescue work and now legislative work. Like many, I have rescued many dogs in the last ten or twelve years, given them shelter, adopted a couple permanently, gotten them well, rehomed them, and sadly euthanized them when absolutely necessary. Several years ago I began working with the local humane society; two weeks ago we rescued a very pregnant Beagle running loose and ready to deliver what would be six healthy puppies. We took her to a local vet who had to do a C section to save her and the puppies; the vet is raising the litter and we will find adoptive homes for them. I had a feeling of déjà vu remembering that little Beagle in the snow I could not help so many years ago.

The point I am making is this: I feel we are responsible for all breeds and because I have embraced that responsibility, I have been told by my local Humane Society, by rescue people and by legislators who usually take a stand against all breeders, lumping us all together with puppy mills, that I have personally changed their attitude toward AKC and AKC breeders because I do rescue work and because I care about the welfare of all dogs. As I protest against the legislation now before our Ohio Legislators, I have a bit more credibility with Legislators. We can all work to change the perception of us responsible breeders that is held in the minds of rescue activists, legislators, veterinarians, the media, and most of all the public. We need to show by example that responsible breeders are a solution, not the problem. We need to be proactive, not reactive; we as legitimate, ethical breeders must be seen and heard before anti-dog or breeding legislation is introduced. We must convince the public that the world would be rather empty without our purebred dogs.

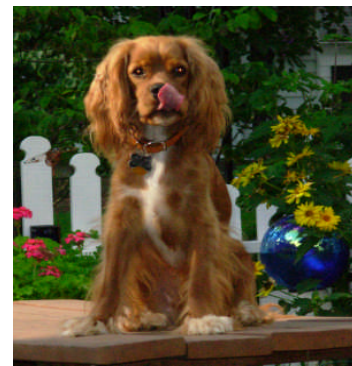


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As the national director of education for the ACKCS Rescue Trust, I would like to see us develop educational materials on Cavalier breed specifics in the form of a brochure that could be sent or given to all local humane societies, dog wardens, shelters, rescue groups, veterinarians, local politicians, and the media. Our National and specialty clubs must play a big role in the dissemination of such educational materials. Specialty club members must become ambassadors for our breed working on the grassroots local level.

Perhaps we could also develop a program of breeder mentoring and education so we can take new breeders under our wings to foster a correct attitude and ethical development in breeding dogs. The proliferation of new breeders into this breed is amazing. Right now we have so many people getting into Cavaliers that we now have new breeders mentoring newer breeders. Unless we, the knowledgeable and ethical breeders, try to influence new breeders, more Cavaliers will appear in rescue because these new breeders will not have mentors to guide them in responsible breeding. Some will not wish to be educated, but most will I hope.

We must develop relationships with the local humane societies, dog wardens, shelters, and rescue groups to build good will toward and recognition of ethical breeders of purebred dogs. We must, and this is all important, volunteer on the boards of humane societies and at shelters. We must show a sincere interest in the welfare of all dogs so that our requests to work with us when a lost or abused Cavalier appears are taken seriously. Don't be afraid of volunteering at shelters or fostering dogs when needed at the local level; my dogs have brought home far more diseases from dog shows or a vet's office than they have from my taking in a foster dog. I am very, very careful and make sure I have lots of bleach stocked if I feel it is needed.

We could develop or use some of AKC's educational materials in schools to teach children about responsible dog ownership. I would like to see us develop a power point presentation that could be used to instruct Boards of Directors of Humane Society as well as personnel and volunteers of Humane Societies and shelters about basic dog care and needs, basic anatomy, diseases, and breed specifics related to the welfare of Cavaliers.

I have outlined above my vision for the rescue education for the parent club. These are only my goals; perhaps you, our membership, can add to these goals and help us achieve them for the protection and future of our breed. Don't be a part of the problem, be a part of the solution. Help us help our Cavaliers.



(\$25) Individual Membership (\$40) Family Membership

Breeder List (\$25 additional to Member Dues)

Member's Name or Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Breeder List Information

Kennel Name if any: _____

Web Site if any: _____

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