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President Fall 2009 Message

How fast this year has flown! Fall is now arriving. Soon the leaves will be changing and falling, giving our cavaliers another fun activity! It is also the time to begin to plan for the New Year 2010 with our nominations and end of the year elections and dinner. Please feel free to invite any non-members also to these meetings.

Please plan to attend our next meeting on October 18 at 2:00. The meeting will be at my house at 5585 Wilcox Rd., Dublin, Oh, 43016 (directions below). The slate of officers nominated will be announced. Many thanks to our nominating committee: Launa Baldwin, Pat Doty and myself, with alternates Valerie Childress and Yvette Clutter. If any member is interested in nominating another member or themselves for an office, please be sure to follow the bylaws as stated below:

- Additional nominations may be made at the October meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.
- Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.

After this short meeting, Meranda Hendricks will be the instructor for a pet first aid course. She will now be presenting a program from the American Health and Safety Institute which includes a book for each student to keep and hands on practice with bandaging and CPR practice on a canine manikin. She has graciously agreed to offer this course at a discounted rate of \$10 for each CKCSCCO club member. Non-members are also invited, but their cost will be \$15. Please RSVP to me at 614-889-5871 or email at mcbell5871@att.net by Oct. 11 so we can be sure to have enough books for all. Meranda did first aid for our club a few years ago, and everyone learned so much and had great fun!

Our last meeting of the year will be our Annual elections and dinner on Nov. 14th after Best in Show at the Lima Kennel Show at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Many thanks to Meredith Johnson-Snyder who has once again volunteered to open her house to members and friends for this meeting. The club will purchase the meat for this event. BYOB but soda, water, and coffee will be available. Members are asked to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. Meredith's address is 1793 Rome Corners Rd., Galena, Ohio 43021. Phone number: 740-965-5915.

In closing, I want to thank all who helped and made my tenure as President so rewarding. The CKCSCCO has accomplished a lot in the last two years, and I am certain that our 2010 President and Board will keep things moving right ahead. I value all of the old and new friends I have made through this club, and all the information I have gleaned from our members. Have a wonderful fall, and I look forward to seeing you all at our October meeting.

Sincerely,

Chris Bell and Millennium Cavaliers

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Russell the Rescue

Six weeks ago, I sent out an email about a rescue that ACKCSC Rescue was taking in. I decided to pick him up and foster him since the owner told me some things about him. After three weeks of evaluating him and working with his issues, Russell went to his new home. See Photo.

There are two Cavalier Rescue originations. Both have similar goals. We are lucky to have both since there seems to be an increase of dogs being turned over to rescue groups. If you would like to help in either the financial way or volunteer way, go to these web sites and find out more.

<http://ackcsc.org/rescue.htm>

<http://www.luckystarcavalierrescue.org/>

Thanks ahead of time for your support,

Steve McElheny

Other Items of Interest

2010 Blenheim Castle Show:

www.thecavalierclub.co.uk/events/blen_details_2010.pdf

<http://www.dogshowtravel.com/CavalierEngland2010.htm>

Health Studies in Columbus Area:

PSOM conducted by Dr. Lynette Cole (Club Member)

<http://acksccharitabletrust.org/psom.htm>

Asymptomatic Valvular Heart Disease:

http://www.medvet-cves.com/sp_cardio_trials.asp



CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB OF CENTRAL OHIO

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REPORT 07/11/2009

Meeting opens at 4:25 at Chris Bell's home in Dublin, OH at 4:25 PM.

Present: Chris Bell, Steve McElheney, Ellen Poti, Jackie Harris, Karen Bolton, Marty Bell, Pat and Richard Doty, Jason Poti, Glenn Fulton, Sandy Chertok, Maggie, Marlene Loescher, Jayn Bobick, Verly Scott, Mary Bett Wirth, Yvette Clutter, Nadine and Kurt Glave, Sandra, Steve and Dave Young, Mary McNamara, Valerie Childress.

President Welcomes attendees.

Secretary Report: Secretary passes hard copy of general membership meeting notes from 6/13/2009. Jackie motions to approve minutes as they stand, Steve seconds, motion approved. Minutes to be added to Secretary official ledger.

Treasurer Report: current amount in club account is \$2243.97.

Membership Report: Lee Ellen not present, but first reading/ meeting for Glenn Fulton, Sandy Chertok, Steve and Sandra Young and Nadine and Kurt Glave. Non club members introduced.

Agenda for today outlined including paraffin bath for humans, massages with donation to Rescue Trust, agility demo by Pat Doty and Yvette Clutter, Ask an expert, sales by Ellen, summer cut by Karen Bolton, demon of ear , nail care by Steve McElheney. Dinner should start around 5 PM.

Old Business: Decision to table plans for A match in fall , Ellen Poti and Meredith to organize B match for 2010. July 2010 Blenheim castle tour – Valerie Childress has contacted travel agent . Continue to work on towels to use for supported entry prizes.

New Business: Nominations committee: Chris is going to chair the nominating committee and will ask two others to be on committee along with two alternates.

Next meeting for general membership is October 18 where we will be taught CPR/ first aid for dogs. This is an event which dogs may not attend.

Jackie motions to adjourn, Steve seconds and all approve.

Meeting closed at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Poti, Recording and Corresponding Secretary

Legislative Report

Meredith Johnson-Snyder

Below is a report from John Yates of the American Sporting Dog Alliance. John died this week from lung cancer--see tribute after his article which outlines the proposed legislation, HB124, which will seriously impact quality breeders in Ohio even though its purpose is to supervise and eliminate sub-standard breeders but its effect would put the responsible breeders out of business. Where then would the general public get a quality puppy? If we do not stop this bill and also vote no against the Farm Bill which restricts farmers for caring of livestock as they always have. No one wants to see cruelty in raising livestock or slaughtering livestock for meat. However, meat has always been a staple of the food pyramid. Humane Society of the United States wants to end the enslavement of animals and thereby animals producing meat for our consumption; PETA, HSUS, and animal rightists think that animals should be free and only seen from a distance such as zoo or wild animals. Of course there won't be zoos-- enslavement of animals again; all animals should be free even if the domestic animals cannot fend for themselves. So many celebrities have gotten on board in this movement because it gives them more publicity in what the celebrities think is a really good movement, worthy of publicity. But those giving big bucks and support to the animal rights organizations have never really understood what PETA and the HSUS are all about.

If the care of farm animals as legislated is impossible for farmers to do as their profit margin will disappear and they will be forced to stop farming; the family farm already is becoming a thing of the past. Meat, dairy and eggs may be hard to obtain if livestock farmers have to stop farming due to draconian legislation. With the passing of Proposition 2 in California, many farmers have been seriously hampered by the rules and regulations imposed upon them. Some have just quit or moved out of California. If this issue passes in Ohio we will be in the same boat.

A veterinarian friend of mine called me last week about a breeder who was breeding toy dogs under horrible conditions. She was called into this case to meet with the county Dog Wardens who were eager to seize seventy dogs from the hundred or so at a woman's breeding facility. The place was filthy; dogs and puppies standing in excrement with urine burns on their bodies; water was dirty if the dogs had water at all. The dogs were terribly matted, some of the males had mats encasing their penises with resulting infection; they also had mats around their anuses so that dogs could not defecate and again pus was present. Teeth were falling out with infection, ears were grossly infected, and fleas were rampant. When the Dog Wardens arrived they had changed their tune and only wanted to take seven dogs. Evidently the breeder in question had some connection to one of the county commissioners. The same thing used to go on when I was on the board of the Humane Society in Morrow County. The Commissioners had many ties to the community and hated phone calls from members of the community complaining about the Humane Society persecuting them over animal abuse. The Commissioners just wanted the case to go away; many cases never got through the prosecutor's office. We could not prosecute most horrible cases of animal abuse such as starving cattle in a field that just went on starving among the cattle already dead. In the case of the breeder of these toy dogs who were so terribly neglected that they could not live normally, nothing would be done as the Dog Wardens determined to take on this case seemed to have backed way off leaving our horrified veterinarian with no power to act. In this case, the Ohio Revised Code which outlines the regulations for animal care could have been enforced but was not. HB 124 would put more regulations on the books when the present regulations were sufficient if enforced.

House Bill 124 would take away the rights of breeders period; our privacy would be invaded, our dogs could be seized like they have in so many other communities where seized dogs are nearly impossible to get back. Only one hobby or show breeder will sit on the board of the kennel authority. We must fight this Bill as its passage is only a first step toward the animal rightists' goal of no ownership of any pets, including man's most honored companion. If you don't think it could happen here, think again!

And now for the words of the late John Yates:

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This report is archived at

<http://eaglerock814.proboards.com/index.cgi?action=display&board=general&thread=47>

We cannot be too emphatic about the devastating nature of HB 124 and its impact on people who raise dogs in Ohio. It is very radical animal rights legislation straight from the heart of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), which is the political mouthpiece for this movement to gradually eliminate all animal ownership in America.

If dog owners do not act decisively and in large numbers, they will have only themselves to blame if this terrible legislation is passed into law. Immediate action is required to save the dogs that you love. No excuse is good enough for failing to act now. Some people may think we are exaggerating and using scare tactics. We are not, and we will prove it in this report. First, we will summarize the major provisions in HB 124, and then we will provide a direct link to the actual text of this legislation so that people can read it for themselves and prove that everything we are saying is true.

Ohio dog owners have every reason to be scared - very scared! And they have every reason to be very angry because this legislation denies innocent dog owners the basic rights and legal processes that are guaranteed to someone charged with murder or rape. You will no longer truly own your dogs if this legislation passes. They will become, in essence, wards of the state.

Here are some of the major provisions of HB 124 and its companion bill, Senate Bill 95:

- A Kennel Authority would be created to write regulations, administer the law and control virtually everything done by dog owners. The Authority's politically appointed Board of Directors would be heavily weighted toward animal rights activists. Only one person who raises dogs and one person representing pet stores would be on the Board. There is no legislative or judicial oversight over the decisions of this board.
- This committee would be given a free hand to design and implement all of the rules for kennel licensing, inspections and paperwork, as well as all construction, maintenance and management requirements.
- The board will require every kennel owner and "any other person" who sells even one dog to obtain a tax vendor number. You must pay sales tax for selling even one dog or puppy.

- Each applicant for any kind of kennel license will be subjected to a criminal background check by the state Attorney General.
- Every license applicant must post insurance or a bond to cover the state's cost of enforcing the law at the kennel.
- The Board is given a completely blank check to write "any other requirements and procedures" to define and enforce the law. People with animal rights beliefs will have total control over the lives of dog owners.
- Anyone who buys, offers to sell, sells or gives away nine or more dogs a year is intensely regulated and licensed as a dealer, which is called a "dog intermediary" in the legislation. Anyone who sells even one dog or puppy to a pet store also is considered a dealer.
- Anyone who raises more than nine litters of puppies a year, or has 40 puppies a year, must be licensed as a "breeding kennel" and subject to extremely intense regulation. For some breeds, only four litters a year could produce 40 puppies. A "breeding dog" is defined as any dog that is not spayed or neutered, regardless of the dog's actual purpose in a kennel.
- Anyone from out of state who sells a dog or puppy to an Ohio resident must document the entire history of the dog, and provide a veterinary health certificate. This will make it very difficult for Ohioans to obtain a dog from another state.
- Tail docking, ear cropping and dewclaw removal (or the removal of any other claw) can be done only by a veterinarian. Owners no longer could dock tails of newborn puppies, as has been standard practice for centuries. Owners also could be prosecuted if a dog accidentally rips off a claw, such as when hunting.
- Kennel owners would no longer be allowed to treat even minor ailments or injuries, possibly even including parasites, which are now defined as a disease. All treatments must be done by a veterinarian.
- No one can sell a dog at any public place, which would include field trials, dog shows and other canine gatherings. All sales must be at the kennel facility.
- The state is required to inspect "any facility...upon request of a member of the public" or a public or quasi-public official. That means that animal rights activists can demand and get state inspections of the home and property of anyone who has dogs, without making or proving any allegation of a violation, and without producing proof of any kind. This will lead to continual and frightening harassment of law-abiding dog owners by animal rights groups, and the state must respond to all requests for inspections, even if they are obviously bogus.

- Inspectors are given absolute and incontestable power to enter and inspect “any public or private property” to see if a violation of the law has occurred. There is no requirement for a search warrant or probable cause (a warrant is an option method, but is not required). Anyone who refuses to allow an inspection, or hinders it, can be assessed for the entire cost to the state to investigate and prosecute, including wages and expenses for an unlimited number of state officials.

- Any dog may be impounded if the state has probable cause to believe any violation of the law has occurred, but probable cause is not required to be presented before a court, as is guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. A hearing before the state agency is set within five days, and the dogs could be permanently forfeited to face adoption or euthanasia. A dog owner cannot appeal to a local court, but can appeal only to the Environmental Division of the Franklin County Municipal Court, and the kennel owner must post a bond. The state agency thus becomes the cop, prosecutor, judge and jury.

- Civil penalties ranging up to \$15,000 can be imposed administratively (with no appeal) for violations, and separate penalties can be assigned for every dog in violation for every day it is in violation. Thus, a dog owner can be destroyed financially without ever getting his or her day in court, even for minor or accidental infractions.

- The state “shall deny” a license to any person who has violated any part of the law or any rule, and that includes paperwork deficiencies, accidental mistakes and minor technical errors.

- The state “shall deny” a license to anyone who “does not have the expertise or capacity to comply” with the law or regulations. That gives the state absolute power to judge the qualifications of anyone to own a dog, and no objective standards are defined. The decision is entirely subjective.

There is no appeal. This also means that most poor and working class people could be denied licensure simply because they don’t have enough money to meet all of the state’s insatiable demands. This is a very real issue in today’s troubled economy, and Ohio is among the states hardest hit by the current deep recession.

- No puppy under 12 weeks of age can be sold unless the litter is registered with the state. This essentially creates a database of every dog in Ohio, which many dog owners think will be used someday to mandate pet sterilization or ban certain breeds of dogs.

- The law provides exacting specifications for kennel sizes, construction and temperature control, and allows the Board to create even more stringent regulations. These rules effectively prohibit a dog owner from raising puppies inside his or her own home, and also effectively ban outdoor housing in the winter for most breeds of dogs (it may exclude hunting and sled dogs,

but there is some ambiguity in the language) if the water cannot be kept unfrozen 24 hours a day. The use of crates to train dogs kept in a home also is effectively banned.

- Except for dogs that are continuously confined to a kennel, any dog that is found without a collar and license tag (even inside the owner's home) can be seized, sold or killed. This would appear to include puppies, No person or group who is licensed as a dog rescue would be allowed to breed any dogs or raise any puppies. This would destroy the breed rescue network in Ohio, as most of the participants actually raise the breed they are helping to rescue.

- And reams of time-consuming paperwork and compliance documentations would be required, and minor omissions or errors could cause a license to be denied or revoked.

It is the belief of the American Sporting Dog Alliance that the terms of HB 124 that are outlined above will combine to force almost every kennel in Ohio to close its doors. The combination of stringent rules, unreasonable liabilities and draconian enforcement measures will either result in kennels being closed by the state, or kennel owners being scared and intimidated into quitting to avoid the probability that the state would destroy their lives.

Please do not take our word for it. We want you to read this legislation yourself and form your own conclusions.

Here is a direct link to the actual text of HB 124:

http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=128_HB_124 .

Please read it.

The American Sporting Dog Alliance regards this bill as an unconscionable perversion of the American concept of justice that shows utter disdain for the Bill of Rights, individual privacy or the concept of private property.

What You Can Do About It:

Ohio dog owners are up against an array of powerful forces from the animal rights movement. They are well organized and well funded, and have been preparing for this legislation for many years.

To stop this legislation will require an outpouring of clear opposition from several thousand Ohio dog owners, and the time for it to happen is now. If dog owners do not act in large numbers, there is a high probability that this terrible and destructive legislation will be passed into law.

Please be scared. Please be angry. Please be scared and angry enough to fight back as if your life depends on it - and it does. Here is what you can do: Contact the chairperson of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Rep. John Domenick (D-95) and the Minority Chair, Rep. Jeff Wagner (R-81). Faxes and written letters are the best.

Emails alone probably are less effective, but far better than nothing.

Here is contact information for Rep. Domenick:

Address:
77 S. High St
12th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-6111
*Phone: *(614) 466-3735
*Fax: *(614) 719-6995
*Email: *district95@ohr.state.oh.us

Here is contact information for Rep. Wegner:

Address:
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10th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-6111
*Phone: *(614) 466-1374
*Fax: *(614) 719-6981
*Email: *district81@ohr.state.oh.us

In addition, please contact as many members of the committee that you can.

Here is a link to a list of all representatives on the committee:

http://www.house.state.oh.us/index.php?option=com_displaycommittees&task=2&type=Regular&committeeld=93

Click on the name, and a page with contact information on the left side will appear. If your own legislator is on the committee, it is urgent to contact him or her as well as the chairpersons. Even if your own representative is not on the committee, please make an effort to contact him or her as well. Most of them care deeply about your views, and need to know that large numbers of their constituents oppose HB 124.

It also would be very prudent and effective to speak directly to your representative. A group of dog owners would be very effective at meetings with legislators. Please ask your friends to help. Many legislators will be back in their own home districts at least weekly this time of the year. Here is a list for contact information for all Ohio legislators:

http://www.house.state.oh.us/index.php?option=com_displaymembers&Itemid=57.

It also would be very helpful to write letters to the editor of local newspapers, and to make sure that all of the people you know are aware of this legislation. Ask your friends to help by contacting their legislators, even if they do not own dogs. Most Ohioans will respect your right to own dogs, even if they do not own dogs themselves.

Also, please email this report to everyone you know. We need their help.

The American Sporting Dog Alliance represents owners, breeders and professionals who work with breeds of dogs that are used for hunting. We also welcome people who work with other breeds, as legislative issues affect all of us. We are a grassroots movement working to protect the rights of dog owners, and to assure that the traditional relationships between dogs and humans maintains its rightful place in American society and life. The American Sporting Dog Alliance also needs your help so that we can continue to work to protect the rights of dog owners. Your membership, participation and support are truly essential to the success of our mission. We are funded solely by your donations in order to maintain strict independence.

Please visit us on the web at <http://www.americansportingdogalliance.org>.

Our email is asda@csonline.net .

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The American Sporting Dog Alliance

<http://www.americansportingdogalliance.org>

Avia Cavaliers Now Distributing Healthy Pet Products

The benefits of a healthy pet diet of raw feeding are well known to many cavalier breeders and owners. Superior nutrition promotes superior health! As a result of our own positive experiences with raw feeding, Avia Cavaliers now retails Healthy Pet Products (HPP) in central Ohio. Formulated by a cavalier breeder using organic beef and poultry, these products serve as a complete food, available in beef, chicken, fish and tripe varieties. For more information on the HPP, visit their website at: www.healthypetdiet.com



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