



# Cavalier Communicator

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## Training Your Puppy



## Social Temperament

There are very few breeds of dog which have the type of social temperament that you will find in a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. Cavs actively seek out social contact and new friends starting shortly after birth, and will bond quickly and affectionately with your entire family, including children, other dogs, and even cats.

**You will find that a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel puppy will playfully approach every creature in your home and immediately try to make friends.**

**While this is wonderful, keep in mind that any time you take your Cavalier King Charles Spaniel out of the house, you should be mindful that not every creature will appreciate this outgoing nature.**

**This tendency to make friends does not remove the need for proper puppy socialization training - it just makes that process much easier.**

It's also important to keep in mind that, if your Cavalier King Charles Spaniel is both an inside and outside dog, that your yard fences need to be impenetrable, so that the friendly puppy won't go dashing carelessly out in the street to make friends.

Excerpt from : <http://www.pupdogtraining.com/cavalier-king-charles-spaniel.html>

# March Meeting “Chili Supper”

The March Meeting was held at Bruce and Vicki Clark's home after the Logensport Kennel club show in Auburn, IN. Members enjoyed chili provided by Nancy Berry and other snacks and fruit provided by members in attendance.

The meeting included a review of recent changes in the bi-laws approved by the Board of Directors. Changes were approved. The updated bi laws are available for review by all members. Contact CC Berg, Vice President for an electronic copy.

Thanks Elaine for bringing your puppies for us all to enjoy.

## Socialization Training for Puppies

Here are the most important things to keep in mind during the very first hour, and throughout the following weeks, in order to create the right socialization environment and prevent problems that will negatively affect social training. Beginning with the first day the puppy comes home with you, begin some training and constantly remind them in a loving way that there are right and wrong behaviors, and that they need to learn to control their instincts.

- Handle your puppy frequently - almost constantly - during the first weeks. You want the puppy fully accustomed to human contact.
- Within just a few days, begin working with the easiest verbal commands, such as how to "stop," how to "get down," and how to "go potty." There's an excellent training package called "[Secrets to Dog Training](#)" that will walk you through all of the first steps and will help you achieve quick success in training your puppy on the first tenets of obedience.
- Make sure the puppy is gradually exposed to all the things that are normal in your home.
- Get your puppy used to basic grooming habits such as bathing, clipping nails, brushing teeth, brushing hair, etc.
- Permit and encourage your puppy to explore their environment.
- Start introducing your puppy to toys and playing games such as hide and seek, peek-a-boo, and similar things you would do with a human baby to stimulate their mind and let them have fun.
- After your puppy has had their final vaccinations, it's a good idea to take your dog to a day care for dogs at least a few times. This will help them work their socialization skills with other dogs in a safe, specialized environment with professionals.

All this should be done in a happy, positive environment. So long as you focus on making things seem normal to your puppy, avoiding any threat of instilling fear and suspicion of new environments, and creating a good relationship between you and your puppy that's free from threat and the mistakes of negative reinforcement, you'll be laying an excellent groundwork for your dog's healthy life.

Information from: <http://www.pupdogtraining.com/puppy-socialization.html>

# New Champion



**CH Lil'Tails Simply Irresistible "Elliot"**  
**Sire: Cambridge Truman**  
**Dam: Lil'Tails Amazing Grace**  
**DOB 1/17/2007**

Elliot is owned by Brenda Bromley and was expertly shown by Sue Ledford at the Novi Shows this spring.

Elliot took reserve on Friday under Ann Hearn, winners dog and best of winners under Frank Washabaugh on Saturday and winners dog on Sunday under Mr James .

## Other Brags

Mr James awarded Elyzian Audrey Rose at Clamar Best of Winners on Sunday which was her first 5 point major. She was expertly shown by Kimm McDowell.



**We have a new website!** That's right, at our November meeting at CC Berg's house, Sue Hayes volunteered herself and her business partner (Tim Sokoloski) to put together a new website for our club. We wanted to try to make our website more inviting to new viewers as well as more informative to club members with up to date information on club news & events. Our new website address is [www.ckcscswmi.org](http://www.ckcscswmi.org) – go check it out!

As many of you know, putting together a website takes a lot of time. Because of this, it usually costs a considerable amount of money to produce a website. Sue, as a member of our club as well as a Cavalier "enthusiast", really wanted to use her resources to help the club. So at our November meeting, Sue proposed that she and Tim would put together a website for our club, as well as host the site at no cost. The only thing they asked in return was that we, as members, would show our support by going to one of their "Web Stores". Many members were at the November meeting where this was discussed and a vote was taken to accept this offer from Sue & Tim.

On Page 14 you will find the information for the "Web Stores". Be sure to go and check them out. There are several to make a selection from. This is our way to say "Thank You" to Sue and Tim for the wonderful website they have given to us.

Our club contact for the website is Joy Smith at [smittyd@wml.com](mailto:smittyd@wml.com) or (269) 751-8093. Please feel free to contact her with any questions or comments.



## Training dogs for Therapy Work by CC Berg

When I started in the sport of dogs, I had a vision of a beautiful Doberman at my side with eyes glued to my face in flawless attention going through the paces in an obedience ring. In the meantime, ten years down the line, I am still working on that.

Another of the things that I was interested in doing as an activity was pet therapy with my dogs. I thought that it would be a good way to give back to the community and help educate them as well as benefit them.

I contacted the West Michigan Therapy Dogs Inc. and took both my Doberman and Cavalier through their training classes. My Cavalier, Pearl, was only nine months old when she attended.

I pursued the idea of working with my Cavalier in the hospital that I worked in because there was a real need for small dogs. However, there was a requirement to have any pet working with patients to have a Delta Pet Partner certification.

This was not so at other hospitals but happened to be at the one that I worked for. I contacted the Delta Society and purchased the work book. I took the open book test and sent it in. Also required was a training test. West Michigan Therapy Dogs has a couple of testing days per year for Delta Certification as well as a hands-on training day where the dog is exposed to hospital equipment. The first time that I went to be tested, Pearl passed and I failed. I let go of the leash. Go figure.

We did go on to pass at the next date and spent a year going to DeVos Children's hospital visiting patients. I never got Vixen, my Doberman, certified as I figured she would be a bit intimidating to children and parents alike. However, we do occasionally go to the Veterans Hospital where she is warmly welcomed.

If you are interested in pursuing a therapy dog activity that includes Delta Certification, the manual and information is available to be checked out of our club's library. For any other questions, feel free to contact me.

Fondly, CC Berg

# How To Train A Rescue Dog

Through the years I've answered many questions concerning rescue, from where do they come from, to what the process is to adopt a rescued dog. One of the questions that many are fascinated with is how well does a rescued dog train; easily or with great difficulty? Can they be trained, at all? The answer to all three is yes, since each new rescue is different from the last one was or the next one will be.

Following are some basic steps that apply to all new dogs coming into foster care:

Assess your new rescue by carefully watching, to determine what kind of issues he or she has and what their needs are. This can take some time to evaluate properly.

Begin teaching your new foster that people are friendly and can be trusted. Perhaps he has been abused or perhaps that's not the case, at all. He may act shy, fearful or may bark at people but this may be from the lack of socialization, not abuse. Carrying a small bag of treats with you when meeting new people is very helpful. Ask people to give him a treat and pet him under the chin or chest if he seems nervous. Never push him into situations he isn't comfortable with, however. This will take time and patience; trust doesn't happen overnight.

Teaching the sit command is useful and can be used when meeting new people. It also enforces that you are in charge and that sitting and waiting makes good things happen to him. It also leads to a higher level of trust and an all around comfort level around people.

Crate training is also a good idea, if they are not already trained. Until you know whether your foster dog can be trusted uncrated, this will keep him safe when you are not available or during the night. Some dogs are very nervous when left alone, often due to separation anxiety or may become destructive or relieve themselves in the house. Crating will help keep both your foster and your home safe. Feeding in the crate also helps enforce that good things happen in the crate.

Dogs thrive on consistency, so always be consistent with your expectations, commands and rewards. Use the same words for everything, every time and your foster will soon understand what is expected. Have a word for everything; going in and out, sitting, crate time, playing, eating, car rides, going for walks and literally any other thing you want to teach your foster.

When your foster dog goes to his new home, strongly suggest they attend a basic obedience class. This is a very bonding experience for both the dog and the new owner. They are for dogs of all ages and new owners of all ages and experience levels. It will help with socialization, trust and your foster dog will become a proper canine citizen.

If you have never tried fostering but have thought you'd like to, please try it. It's an experience like no other.

Alice Dunn  
Kalidunn Cavaliers

## Words of Advice on training

### Leash Training

When the dog pulls – the owner/trainer just stops (and stands as still as a tree) and stays there till the dog puts a little slack in the lead. When the pull isn't happening the person just starts walking – until the lead tightens again. It may take a while for the dog to figure out what's going on

I recommend using Rescue Remedy Pet Formula when a dog is stressed. **Do not use Rescue Pastilles on Dogs due to the sweetener Xylitol.**

<http://www.bachflower.com/Pets.htm>  
<http://www.bachflower.com/Article-Pets.htm>

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 Michigan, USA

Teach **stairs** like any other agility obstacle. Puppy size then higher and higher. You do not want pups rushing up or down in anxiety. This is fear induced and dangerous.

### On Potty Training

Make a potty spot in a specific place in the yard and cover it with white pine bark so they know that spot. It is similar to the puppy litter I have trained to so the transition is easier and you do not have a large area to pick up

For training dogs **not to jump up** on people I have used the technique where I put a harness on the cavalier and clip on a leash and let it drag along. When the dog jumps up I put my foot on the leash so it brings them back to the floor. At the same time I say "off"

**NEVER** lead train a dog that is teething. **NEVER.** Its already a stressful time for the dog and can make them not want to go with you if they feel pressure on the neck.

I have recommended this **clicker training** information:

<http://www.clickertraining.com/dogtraining>

I have thought about giving this puppy kit to new owners

<http://store.clickertraining.com/putrkitpl.html>



Kathy Yonkers  
 Stuarthome CKCS



A slightly different technique to **combat pulling**. You start out with the dog and when it pulls, change directions, walk in the new direction until there is another pull, then change direction again. I use the command "with me!" with every turn, as that is what I was taught. It only takes changing direction a few times before the dog learns that he is going where you go and not the other way around.

I also recommend a "The Four Paws brand 10 ft Dog **Training Lead**" to train them. You can gather the training lead up in your hand when you want to have more control and let it out to let them roam Kathy



## Potty Training

Our puppies are going potty in a "potty pan" soon after we move them from the whelping box to an elevated puppy pen. As soon as I put them in the pan they go potty. It is a dog litter box BUT I don't use dog litter, which is compressed newspaper pellets which they like to chew. Instead, we put a couple folded sheets of newspaper in the bottom of the litter box AND put a cut-to-size piece of metal 'hardware cloth' with ¼ inch square mesh on TOP of the newsprint because that keeps them from chewing the paper. And then we just lift the hardware cloth, knock any solid waste onto the soiled newsprint, roll it up, pitch it out, clean the box and/or hardware cloth at the sink if needed, and set it up again with clean paper. It is the best method we have tried, and all of our 3.5 week old puppies will use it...they just need to become more reliable, which they will.



We purchased the potty pan at a pet supply store. It is a plastic tub with a lipped side for the pups to get in and out. The pan came as a kit to be used with the pelletized newspaper puppy litter system. I bought hardware cloth (1/4 inch mesh) from Lowes (any hardware store sells it in rolls) and cut it a little larger than the plastic tub. We put a few sheets of newspaper in the pan and push the hardware cloth/wire mesh over the newspaper. .

I hope this helps

John and Susan Ellis  
Elyzian Cavaliers

## Rules for the Trainer: Puppy House Training

- Puppy house training is a family activity. Everyone in the house needs to know this stuff.
- Remember you're building new habits for your dog. Expect that to take some time.
- It must be done in a positive way. Avoid yelling or scolding which only makes things worse.
- The puppy instinct doesn't include, "I need to learn where the right place to poop and pee is." You can't judge your puppy for not knowing this before you teach him.
- Simply letting your puppy outside is not an effective way to house train your puppy. It doesn't teach them anything.
- You will be cleaning up some mistakes at first, so plan ahead for this. Have the proper cleaning and deodorizing products available to clean up the mistakes when they do happen.
- Young puppies have poor bladder and bowel control. If left inside alone, they're going to use the restroom indoors. They won't have a choice. Don't blame them.
- A puppy can hold their business for about one hour per month of age, plus another hour.
- Your puppy has a natural cycle: Food goes in, water goes in, poop comes out, water comes out.

Information from <http://www.pupdogtraining.com/puppy-house-training.html>

## Puppy Crate Training

Like basic obedience training, **puppy crate training helps establish certain boundaries**. Puppy crate training is especially helpful during puppy house training, and for fixing or preventing behavior problems.

Using a crate lets you show the puppy there are things in your home they have no business being around, that there are times to restrain themselves, and the basics of having time alone. This helps you to deal with a variety of different problem behaviors before they ever come up.

**After puppy crate training, the dog will see the crate as their personal sanctuary.** In the crate, they're safe, they have privacy, they don't worry about being corrected, and they can easily cope with confusing stimulus. Information from <http://www.pupdogtraining.com/puppy-crate-training.html>

### Puppy Crate Training - First Steps

When you introduce your puppy to his or her crate, it needs to be a positive experience. Don't force your dog into the crate as a way of introducing it. That could make them never want to be near the crate again!



1. Introduce the crate wherever you and your puppy will be, leaving the door wide open for them.
2. Eventually, put some treats & toys inside the crate. Encourage the puppy to go get those treats or toys.
3. Put whatever your puppy sleeps on into the crate so that they'll realize this crate is something they should learn to rest in.
4. As the puppy's comfort level grows, **occasionally** put his or her meals inside the crate and leave the door open while the puppy eats.
5. With the puppy outside the crate, put his or her favourite toy inside the crate and then close the door. Soon, the puppy will start **asking you to open the door so he or she can get inside and get the toy**. Once he goes inside, lavish your puppy with praise.
6. Hide one of his favourite toys inside the crate while he's not looking, and let him discover it himself.
7. Once he's obviously growing comfortable with the crate, wait for your puppy to go into the crate (or, begin training him with a command word such as "**go to your crate.**") One he's inside, close the door. Feed him a cookie once he's inside and tell him what a good dog he is, but don't leave him inside for more than a minute. After a very short time in the crate, let him out again.
8. Repeat the previous step while slowly increasing the length of time your puppy is in the crate before you open it.
9. Occasionally, leave your puppy in the crate for an hour while you go about your daily business around the house, checking on him every so often.

Education Opportunity



The Animal Lovers Lecture Series:  
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## PET SAFETY WARNING

**Please tell every dog or cat owner you know. Even if you don't have a pet, please pass this on to those who do.**

Over the weekend, the doting owner of two young lab mixes purchased Cocoa Mulch from Target to use in their garden. The dogs loved the way it smelled and it was advertised to keep cats away from their garden. Their dog (Calypso) decided the mulch smelled good enough to eat and devoured a large helping. She vomited a few times which was typical when she eats something new but wasn't acting lethargic in any way. The next day, Mom woke up and took Calypso out for her morning walk. Half way through the walk, she had a seizure and died instantly.

Although the mulch had NO warnings printed on the label, upon further investigation on the company's website,

**This product is HIGHLY toxic to dogs and cats.**

Cocoa Mulch is manufactured by Hershey's, and they claim that "It is true that studies have shown that 50% of the dogs that eat Cocoa Mulch can suffer physical harm to a variety of degrees (depending on each individual dog). However, 98% of all dogs won't eat it."

\*Snopes site gives the following information:  
<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoamulch.asp>  
<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoamulch.asp> \*

Cocoa Mulch, which is sold by Home Depot, Foreman's Garden Supply and other Garden supply stores contains a lethal ingredient called 'Theobromine'. It is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs. They will ingest this stuff and die. Several deaths already occurred in the last 2-3 weeks.

Theobromine is in all chocolate, especially dark or baker's chocolate which is toxic to dogs. Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of theobromine, a xanthine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline. A dog that ingested a lethal quantity of garden mulch made from cacao bean shells developed severe convulsions



## Study - PSOM

### A Request from Lynette Cole, DVM, MS, Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Dermatology

"I have a request that is very sensitive, and I need help with recruitment, so I am reaching out to the cavalier community. I have found a human otolaryngologist that is EXTREMELY interested in primary secretory otitis media ( PSOM) , since his whole life's work has been devoted to studying secretory otitis media ( SOM) in people. If you are not familiar with PSOM, please go to the [www.ackcsc.org](http://www.ackcsc.org) and click on the website, then click on health, and then on the drop down box choose PSOM. This human otolaryngologist believes that part of the problem in people and possibly cavaliers with this disease is a dysfunctional Eustachian tube, which is the tube that equalizes pressure in your middle ear. This allows the mucus to build up in the middle ear in those with the disease, and does not allow these secretions to be expelled. He and his colleagues believe that there are abnormalities with the muscles that open this tube that normally allow the secretions to be removed in those with SOM or PSOM. In order to test this hypothesis, he needs to dissect out these muscles, and perform additional imaging studies with advanced MRI. In order to do this, these dissections and MRI must be performed on deceased cavaliers. I know this is a very sensitive topic, and some of you may not be able to participate in this project, and I can understand your feelings. It is very hard to discuss asking people to contact me when the time has come to euthanize their beloved pet. And sometimes, the decision is one that is made under very dire situations. However, the only way to advance our knowledge of some diseases is to take samples after the pet is deceased. I personally care so much about the cavalier breed that I am trying to do everything I can to find better ways to understand, control and treat their diseases. I need both cavaliers with and without PSOM for this study and will be recruiting them from the USA. If at all possible, I would prefer to have the cavalier brought to me at the Ohio State University for euthanasia. Please contact me prior to make proper arrangements. If that is not possible, please have your veterinarian refrigerate the dog after euthanasia, and then have your veterinarian contact me." Thank you,

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## Study - Cancer

### **The Van Andel Research Institute,**

a world class human cancer research institute, recently received a Federally fund grant through the National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute, to study five types of cancer that occur in both dogs and humans. The ultimate goal is to develop improved diagnostics and more individualized therapies for both canines and people.

We are requesting the help of purebred dog owners, who may own a dog affected with one of these cancers. The five initial cancers we are studying are:

- 1) Hemangiosarcoma
- 2) Lymphoma
- 3) Osteosarcoma
- 4) Malignant histiocytosis
- 5) Melanoma of the mouth or toe

We are requesting fresh (NOT in formalin, NOT frozen) tissue samples from tumors, when pets have biopsies, surgeries such as splenectomies, or are euthanized. Samples may be collected post mortem, as the euthanasia solution does not affect the DNA in either the dog's blood or in the tumor cells.

Additionally, if you have a dog with one of these cancers who has already been treated (splenectomy, chemo, etc), we would still appreciate a blood sample along with a histopath report confirming the diagnosis. We need 3-5 mls of whole blood in an EDTA (purple top) tube. It can be sent priority mail, and blood can be shipped at room temperature.

If the pet is scheduled for surgery or, sadly, euthanasia, if you or your veterinarian contact us ahead of time, we can FedEx a collection kit which includes an overnight FedEx return shipping form, along with collection media and containers.

Owner consent forms and veterinary info pages can be found on our website, at:  
<http://www.vai.org/helpingdogs>

I will be happy to answer any questions I can, as well. Owners, veterinarians and researchers working together will help us to unravel some of the mysteries of these nasty diseases.

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## About Our Organization...Our objectives are:

(a) to encourage and promote quality in breeding of pure-bred Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and do everything possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.

(b) to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel shall be judged.

(c) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience and agility trials.

(d) to conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows and obedience and agility trials under the rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

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### Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Kalamazoo dog show on Memorial Day Weekend. Watch your e-mail for details.

### Announcement:

#### AKC has announced the new point schedule

#### SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION 5 - EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 2010

Division 5 is comprised of: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio.

	1 POINT		2 POINTS		3 POINTS		4 POINTS		5 POINTS	
	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
Cavaliers . . . . .	2	2	6	6	9	10	11	12	14	15

At this year's National in Orlando, FL, the ACKCSC and Charitable Trust will be offering an MVD RESEARCH STUDY CLINIC. The researches at the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania have put out and URGENT request for blood samples. We need as many as we can get and encourage everyone to have their Cavalier's blood draw and sent into VHUP. For more information go to <http://www.ackcsc.org>.

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