



Cavalier Communicator

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CKCSC KZOO TEAMS UP WITH GRAND RAPIDS KENNEL CLUB FOR DOG DAYS IN THE PARK

Mark your calendar for May 31 when CKCSC KZOO teams up with Grand Rapids Kennel Club for Dog days in the park.

Dog Days in the park is an annual event celebrating dogs of all breeds. CKCSC KZOO will partner with this event to offer our clubs first fun match for cavaliers. The judge will be Janet MacKallor Beck of Chanctonbury CKSC. Janet has been breeding Cavaliers for 33 years and has judged specialty sweepstakes and matches through the years. Janet has produced many chamions and her dogs are the foundation of many breeders in the USA.

Plans are in the works for a meet the breed tent to inform the public and other breed owners about our breed. A cavalier



parade is planned with bagpipes followed by our fun match .

Other activities planned by the grand rapids kennel club include:

Carnival Games Informational booths, vendors, rescue groups,

Educational booths, demonstrations of Agility, Frisbee by Apryl Lea, Obedience and Rally.

An all breed fun match will be held in the morning. Entry fee is \$8.00 and \$4.00 for junior handlers.

There will be Canine good Citizen evaluations

Sgt. Matthew Mathis from the Grand Rapids Police Department will be there demonstrating his K-9 unit.

Freestyle demonstration performed by the Dancing Fanatics,

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MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



The March club meeting was held at the Clark's on Saturday evening after the Auburn Show. After surmounting Map Quest issues, members gathered for wine, food, and good conversation. Bruce Clark, DVM presented information on Canine First Aide and CPR .



CKCSC KZOO PARTNERS WITH GRKC DOG DAYS IN THE PARK

special guestnSonshine D' Clown, an obstacle course, and silly category fun match for dogs and their owners.

Our fun match will include classes that rescues can be involved in "best kisser", "longest ears" , "best tail wagger"...etc.

There will be something for everyone!

People that want to volunteer to help us with Dog Days in the Park, contact the CKCSC

-KZOO event chair, Elaine Dempster and attend the CKCSC-KZOO meeting on April 12th starting at 11:00 am at Barks 5th Avenue,

><http://www.barks.biz/NewSite/ContactUs.htm>

For more information on Dog days in the Park see the flyer on page 5.



B R A G S



Dansyn Toast with Cristal

“Crissy” owned and bred by Elaine Dempster and Fred and Louise Becker won her first points under judge Ms Arlene Czech on Feb 21, 2008. Crissy took winners bitch and best of opposite sex at

the Park Shore Kennel Club show. Crissy was proudly presented by Fred Becker out of the Bred by Exhibitor class.

Sire, CH Huntcrest Moon Doggie
Dam, CH Dansyn Show Stopper
Elaine

B R A G S

Forest (Brookhaven Enchanted Forest) owned by Bruce and Vicki Clark won Reserve Winner’s Dog on Sunday March 16 at the Kentuckiana cluster of dog shows in Louisville, Kentucky.

He won the 9-12 month puppy class on March

14,15,and 16th going on to compete against the winners of 5 other classes. The open class of dogs had 15 dogs entered on Sunday. The winner of this class went on to achieve winner’s dog. After the ribbon was awarded, the reserve dog from the open class

entered the ring. Judge Sally J. Bell pointed to Forest, handled by Bruce and said. Reserve!!! Forest will be 1 year old on April 6. His sire is Eng Ch Pascaval Enchanted and his dame is CH Brookhaven Peggy Sue.
Vicki



B R A G S

My lil diva, **Trinket**: a black and tan out of Kim's CH Elliot and Linda & Laurie's Gracie.... at the tender age of 20 months completed her AKC Agility Excellent Jumpers (AXJ) at the OCKC trial.

Trinket is an absolute dream to train and compete with, and has far exceeded my expectations and goals to date. Finishing her AXJ, with all 1st Placements and

in less than 5 months of competition!!! And at less than 2 years of age! I am very very proud of her, and blessed to have such a special partner!!! Kari

Here's the link to Grand Rapids Agility Club for those who are interested in Agility.

<http://infodog.com/clubs/2008527502.HTM>



B R A G

CH Dansyn Top Hat & Tails "Domino"

has Finished his championship with 3 majors at Central Indiana KC Feb. 9 2008 under Judge James Hupp.

Domino was Bred by Fred and Louise Becker His Sire is CH Sheeba Special Inspiration and

his Dame CH Maplecrest Cindy Lou Who.

He was born 8/06 See more of Fred and Louise's accomplishments at :

WWW.DansynCavaliers.Com

Elaine



R A I S I N G A S H O W P U P P Y C O N T I N U E D F R O M F E B R U A R Y I S S U E .

The next important thing is to KNOW HOW TO GO POOP in different situations. The dog I had sold into that loving (pet) home that I was now showing had been raised to be let outside into their one acre fenced yard... and to go potty unattended and only in her yard. Big mistake...now I had a dog on a show circuit making herself sick because she wouldn't potty either on a leash, or in an ex-pen. I would get up thirty minutes early each day to devote time just to that dog... but she sill

wouldn't potty ... and she went home with a bladder infection from it.

DO: Set up an ex-pen in your yard and sprinkle some sawdust init. Make sure the puppy is put in that set up on a regular basis. Almost all dog shows have exercise pens with sawdust in them, and a dog that is willing to do their business on sawdust is comfortable using that set up. DO: potty walk the dog on a flex lead and repeat the words "GO POTTY or some other

appropriate phrase you are sure your handler won't be embarrassed to say, and take the dog to a different area if possible to teach them to potty somewhere other than in your backyard.

Make sure your puppy had CRATE time even when at home. He needs to know that being in a crate is not a punishment, but that it is an acceptable, safe place to relax. Going into his crate and being rewarded with a continued on page 4

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treat, toy or chew bone helps ;your dog to develop a positive association with his crate... so that at a future show the puppy isn't frantically trying to get out of "this horrible box!"

Teach your puppy what CATCH means. I use popcorn, and another handler I know balls up bread/// either way it is white (easy to be seen) and won't hurt them when you hit them between the eyes! Say the word "Catch" or "Cookie" just as you toss the popcorn in an underhand manner and in a slow, high arc. Whenever you watch movies at home, it becomes a family affair as the dogs line up for their chance at CATCH. This will give your handler a work that will turn on that excited expression in the ring. And after leaning the works and mastering the CATCH game use different types of treats, including liver/chicken/cheese so the puppy is trained to bait for anything.

Teach you puppy to STAND and to SHOW BITE. The easiest way to do this is to put the puppy up in the air on a grooming table or to use Happy Legs, (a wonderful product which resembles four obedience dumbbells which have a magnet on one end that sticks to a metal surface, while the other end has a rough surface for the feet to grip onto). Either way, let the puppy learn that to back up from a mouth exam means "falling off" (obviously you don't let them fall off a grooming table entirely...I just let their back legs slip off and catch them letting them think they were in danger). If you try to teach the mouth exam on the ground you may be setting yourself up for a power struggle. Also, I personally have never found that dogs that are trained on a grooming table or Happy Legs learn to "talk" during the mouth exam...they are focused on the necessity of standing still...and will end up in a win-win situation with lots of praise.

Make sure your dog goes to "the Beauty Parlor" on a regular basis. That means getting a bath, sometimes even if they don't need one. Start bathing your dog while he is young. This ensures that your handler isn't having to give a bath on the road with a struggling wet dog trying desperately to get out of the bathtub! Nail grooming don't weekly is essential to the well groomed show dog. I personally use a rechargeable Dremel tool, purchased at Home Depot, which has a slow speed perfect for puppies. Grinding is less traumatic, recedes the quick in the nail, and leaves a nice smooth appearance.

Teach your puppy to WALK NICE. This means he is not allowed to drag you full force down the road. A training chain collar and a few good jerks backwards generally solves the problem...however a few hard-headed males have been introduced to "Mr. Prong Collar" when necessary. I would encourage a puppy to always walk ahead of me (unless working on formal obedience work) because that is a good start to gaiting out in front of you in the conformation show ring ... but your dog needs to learn not to pull against the lead.

Of course, one of the most important things you can do to raise a puppy you and your handler can live with is to Socialize, Socialize, Socialize. Take your puppy everywhere you can. Anytime the goes up to strangers praise the dog with a pleased sound to your voice. It is also helpful to have a pocketful of treats that you could pass off to the stranger for them to reward the dog. This will encourage your dog to look up to each stranger in an interested manner, which is an asset in the show ring. Also, if you don't have a pack of dogs of your own at home try to find play partners for your puppy so they see other breeds and learn to interact positively with other dogs. Puppy kindergarten classes are a wonderful start for any puppy.

I hope this guide is useful for someone getting into the wonderful world of show dogs. Whether you decide to use a professional handler's services or not, these tips will help you to develop a show dog you can live with. Good luck with your new show puppy and see you at the shows!

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GRAND RAPIDS KENNEL CLUB

MAY 31, 2008

RIVERSIDE PARK, NORTH BOAT LAUNCH ENTRANCE

- CONFORMATION MATCH \$8. RALLY, OBEDIENCE CORRECTION MATCH BY GR DOG TRAINING CLUB. COST IS \$8. CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TEST \$10.
- CLOWN, CARNIVAL GAMES, FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE. VENDORS WITH LOTS OF GREAT DOG ITEMS FOR SALE
- DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. GRPD K-9 UNIT ON HAND
- DOGS WELCOME ON A LEASH
- LEARN HOW TO DO CANINE FREESTYLE AND FRISBEE CATCH
- **LOW COST MICRO CHIPPING BY THE KENT COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY - \$15**
- *OBSTACLE COURSE, FUN CLASSES FOR YOUR DOG, WITH PROCEEDS TO GO TOWARD A WORTHY RESCUE ORGANIZATION*
- *DIRECTIONS TO SITE: FROM NORTH US 131 TO EXIT 89. LEFT AT END OF RAMP TO ANN, LEFT AGAIN TO MONROE, LEFT AGAIN TO THE NORTH BOAT LAUNCH ENTRANCE. FROM SOUTH, US 131 TO EXIT 89, GO LEFT ON ANN, THEN FOLLOW ABOVE.*
- **STARTS AT 10:00 AM GOES UNTIL 3:00 PM. MATCH ENTRIES START AT 8:30 AM**

INFORMATION AT: WWW.GRANDRAPIDSKENNELCLUB.ORG



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The Objectives of the Club

- (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.

CAVALIER HEALTH SUMMARY

Canine Hip Dysplasia*

Dysplasia comes from the Greek words *dys*, meaning “disordered” or “abnormal”, and *plassein* meaning “to form”. The expression **hip dysplasia** can be interpreted as the abnormal or faulty development of the hip. Abnormal development of the hip causes excessive wear of the joint cartilage during weight bearing, eventually leading to the development of arthritis, often called *degenerative joint disease (DJD)* or osteoarthritis.



The terms DJD, arthritis and osteoarthritis are used interchangeably. Today, the general veterinary consensus is that hip dysplasia is **hip joint laxity resulting in osteoarthritis**.

CHD in its severest form can be diagnosed by clinical signs, but it usually requires radiographic evidence of hip joint laxity and/or the appearance of DJD to arrive at a definitive diagnosis.

An affected dog may have one or any combination of the following clinical signs:

- Presentation: 5 months to 12 months for the **severe form** of hip dysplasia; later for the **chronic form**

- Abnormal Gait
 - Bunny-hopping When Running
 - Thigh Muscle Atrophy (loss of muscle mass)
 - Pain
 - Low Exercise Tolerance
 - Reluctance to Climb Stairs
 - Audible “click” When Walking
 - Increased Intertrochanteric Width (“points of hips” are wider than normal)
 - Clinical signs by themselves do not necessarily mean that a dog has hip dysplasia, other conditions of the hip can mimic CHD. A radiograph is essential for a more accurate assessment of the dog’s hip joint integrity.
- *Source: <http://www.pennhip.org>