



Cavalier Communicator

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Safe Handling Tips for Pet Foods and Treats

Consumers can take steps to help prevent foodborne illness, including *Salmonella*-related illness, when handling pet foods and treats. These products, like many other types of foods, can be susceptible to harmful bacterial contamination.

Salmonella in pet foods and treats can cause serious infections in dogs and cats, and in people too, especially children, older people, and those with compromised immune systems.

Salmonella in pet foods and treats potentially can be transferred to people ingesting or handling the

contaminated products. FDA has stepped up its efforts to minimize the incidence of foodborne illness associated with pet foods and treats. Pet owners and consumers can also help reduce the likelihood of infection from contaminated pet foods and treats by following safe handling instructions

Buying

Purchase products in good condition, without signs of damage to the packaging such as dents or tears.

Preparation

Wash your hands for 20 seconds with hot water and soap before and after

handling pet foods and treats.

Wash pet food bowls, dishes, and scooping utensils with soap and hot water after each use. Do not use the pet's feeding bowl as a scooping utensil—use a clean, dedicated scoop or spoon.

Dispose of old or spoiled pet food products in a safe manner, such as in a securely tied plastic bag in a covered trash receptacle.

Storage

Refrigerate promptly or discard any unused, leftover wet pet food. Refrigerators should be set at 40° F.

A D R E A M L I T T E R

On Aug. 5, 2005, our beautiful B/T Cavalier, Locket (Promontory Solitary Locket) gave birth to four beautiful puppies, sired by Emil (CH. Campanards Mr Sweden At Vesta). She blessed us with two Ruby boys, a B/T girl and a Ruby girl. As I'd expected, the

puppies were beautiful and Locket was an exemplary mother; attentive and dedicated to her little ones. As the puppies grew, I began the process of watching for the flaws that will transform a show potential puppy to a wonderful pet, for some lucky family. To my sur-

prise, the puppies didn't "fall apart" as I'd half expected. Rudy, Rhett, India and Meg seemed to have it all; beautiful heads, flat toplines, tails that were neither low nor high, nice shoulders, fronts and rears. I knew I must be missing something, so I called Sandra Jones Shauble,



U.S. Food and Drug Administration



SAFE HANDLING TIPS FOR PET FOODS AND TREATS

Dry products should be stored in a cool, dry place—under 80° F. If possible, store dry pet food in its original bag inside a clean, dedicated plastic container with a lid, keeping the top of the bag folded closed.

Keep pets away from food storage and preparation areas.
Keep pets away from garbage and household trash

Raw Food Diets FDA does not advocate raw meat, poultry, or seafood diet for pets, but is step-

ping up its efforts to minimize the risk such foods pose to animal and human health. The agency understands that some people prefer to feed these types of diets to their pets. Keep raw meat and poultry products frozen until ready to use. Thaw in refrigerator or microwave. Keep raw food diets separate from other foods. Wash working surfaces, utensils (including cutting boards, preparation and feeding bowls), hands, and any

other items that touch or contact raw meat, poultry or seafood with hot soapy water. Cover and refrigerate leftovers immediately or discard safely. For more information, including recommendations to protect both you and your pet when using raw meat, poultry, or seafood in the animal's diet, see <http://www.fda.gov/cvm/foodbornetips.htm>

AGILITY

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FAST AND

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TITLING

FAST (F i f t e e n a n d S e n d T i m)

This agility titling class is meant to be an additional test of strategy skill, accuracy, speed, timing, and distance handling, to demonstrate a dog's athletic ability and willingness to work with its handler in a fast-paced atmosphere over a variety of agility obstacles. The class may be offered once per day as an addi-

tional class at a club's option. The class is not part of the Master Agility championship titling program.

There is a maximum of 80 possible FAST Class points awarded at all levels, which is the sum of the fifteen point valued obstacles (60 points) plus a Send Bonus value of 20 points. Teams must suc-

cessfully complete the Send Bonus to achieve a qualifying score, as well as a minimum number of required points defined at each class level.

Teams will be assessed one (time) fault for every full second over SCT which will be subtracted from the total points accumulated.
Kari Selinger

A D R E A M L I T T E R (C O N T I N U E D)

asking if she would enlighten me. Sandra is Emil's owner and she comes from years of showing and breeding Springer Spaniels, so she really knows structure and movement. Sandra was happy with the entire litter, also, and I was thrilled.

India went to live with

Maureen Pogorzelski in Wisconsin, Rudy was placed with Linda Davis in North Carolina and Rhett and Meg stayed with me. Much to all our delight, India, Rudy and Rhett are all AKC Champions and Rudy had the honor of being BISS at the Central Carolina CKCSC Specialty on Sept. 1, 2007. It was a

wonderful win for our handsome boy. Linda Sandra and I were all very proud of Rudy's win.

Emil caught my eye at an earlier CKCSC show and I knew I wanted to use him with Locket, in the future. Locket's breeding to Emil was a loose line breeding, both going back to Swedish



Locket



Rudy

lines. Sandra Jones Shauble and many long time breeders teach that line breeding is the best way to breed for consistency. Both Sandra and I felt strongly that this breeding would have very good results. It goes without saying that both

Locket and Emil were fully tested (heart, eyes, hips and patella's) before the breeding took place and were over the age of two years. That is always the first and most important step. Also, Locket is a spitfire, full to the brim with enthusiasm, with an in-your-face, kissy, bubbly personality. I love that about her but didn't necessarily want to double up on it. Luckily, Emil has a sweet, laid back, gentle nature. Emil is also incredibly typey, had the correct temperament for Locket and with health testing having been done, the three legs of the stool for breeding responsibly made their litter something to look forward to. We were not disappointed.

As a side note, Sandra and Jack fell in love with Locket during her stay in 2005. They asked if I would consider retiring Locket with them, once she was spayed. Today, Locket lives with Emil, Sandra, Jack, their Cavalier Reno and their beloved retired Springer Spaniel, Sunny. Locket's new job is to keep all Emil's incoming girls company during their stay and Sandra reports that she does it very well. We miss our girl very much, but know that her new life is beyond wonderful.

Locket gave us so much and we will love her forever.
Alice
Dunn

T H E D O G S H O W

Dog shows, or "conformation" events, are the signature events of the AKC. They concentrate on the distinctive features of purebred dogs and help to preserve these characteristics by providing a forum at which to evaluate breeding stock. Exhibits are judged against individual breed standards,

which have been established for the AKC-recognized breeds by their parent clubs. These written standards describe the ideal size, color, and temperament of each breed, as well as correct proportion, structure, and movement. The West Michigan Harvest Cluster Dog Show is just

such an event. Sponsored by the Greater Muskegon Kennel Club, The Kalamazoo Kennel Club, and the Grand Rapids Kennel Club, the event will be held for three days starting on November 9, 2007 at the Delta Plex in Grand Rapids, MI. For more information visit Events at AKC.org.



EMIL

C A V A L I E R B R E E D S T A N D A R D

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel is an active, graceful, well-balanced toy spaniel, very gay and free in action; fearless and sporting in character, yet at the same time gentle and affectionate. It is this typical gay temperament, combined with true elegance and royal appearance which are of paramount importance in the breed. Natural appearance with no trimming, sculpting or

artificial alteration is essential to breed type.

SIZE, PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE

Size - Height 12 to 13 inches at the withers; weight proportionate to height, between 13 and 18 lbs. A small, well balanced dog within these weights is desirable, but these are ideal heights and weights and slight variations are permissible. Proportion - The body ap-

proaches squareness, yet if measured from point of shoulder to point of buttock, is slightly longer than the height at the withers. The height from the withers to the elbow is approximately equal to the height from the elbow to the ground. Substance - Bone moderate in proportion to size. Weedy and coarse specimens are to be equally penalized. American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club



ACKCSC, The AKC parent club for cavaliers.

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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
Emerging Diseases / Disorders:

PSOM : A recent report in the veterinary literature has documented an otitis media (middle ear infection) that appears to affect the CKCS breed in particular.

Due to the mucoid nature of the ear disease the condition has been



referred to as primary secretory otitis media (PSOM) or "glue ear." Clinical signs of PSOM may not be presented (referred to as sub-clinical). If

clinical signs are present, they may include hearing loss, neurological signs (facial paralysis, head tilt, involuntary eye movement, and circling, unsteady and clumsy walking patterns), neck scratching and head shaking.

Fact Sheet on PSOM <http://www.ackcsccharitabletrust.org/research/psom.htmls>

Is PSOM a genetic disease?
It would appear that this breed is genetically predisposed to developing the disease, but the mode of inheritance is not known. Continuing research such as this is made possible through the dona-

tions of people who are interested in improving the health and the lives of our beloved Cavaliers. Please make your donation today to



the ACKCSC Charitable Trust to support continuing health research for Cavaliers.