

Cavalier Communicator



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My Romeo by *Kimm McDowell*

Romeo is in advanced stages of heart failure and his enlarged heart is pressing on his esophagus, making him have some coughing fits. However, he seems to take these short attacks in stride, and is, in fact, in the backyard barking at an imagined squirrel right now. His 11th birthday was last month and I know my time is limited with him, and oh so precious. He has been the best dog ever and I love him so much. He enjoyed posing for the camera today and I

wanted to share.... He also seems to like his "puppy cut" (took down his ears and shaved him...he looks so cute. Romeo is why we have cavaliers today, and he is a wonderful ambassador to his breed, whether he was showing for Michelle or other kids in juniors, being the demo dog for dog obedience class, or making the rounds at the local retirement home doing therapy work. He's been the star at pet fairs, and dog shows, and the star of our hearts. He may not have

been a Best In Show winner, but he is...the Best Dog.... **CH Wye I Love You**



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CKCSC Approved Breed Seminar-Big Success by Kathy Yonkers

In an attempt to educate individuals as well as judges, the ACKCSC has developed various education offerings such as the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Approved Breed Seminar. The CKCSC-KZOO hosted an approved seminar with two outstanding presenters, Cindy Huggins of Courtlore CKCS and Bettina Sterling of Holyoke Toys with the assistance of Stephanie Sterling of Holyoke Toys. The ACKCSC Approved Breed Seminar meets the requirements as one (1) component towards Judge's Education.

This seminar provides information related to history, as well as form and function of the breed, an in-depth consideration of our Breed Standard. Individual that attended the ACKCSC Approved Breed Seminar received a copy of our Illustrated Breed Guides, a CD copy of our Illustrated Breed

Guides, a CD copy of the Approved Breed Seminar and an ACKCSC, Inc. certificate of attendance at an Approved Breed Seminar to provide specialized information to a targeted audience.

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Grooming Corner by *Amber Clark*

Grooming is more than just making your dog beautiful for the show ring or for a walk in the park. There are many benefits of regular grooming. It keeps the coat healthy and strong. It keeps the skin clean and healthy. Most importantly, and a fact often overlooked, grooming identifies possible health issues before they become a major problem.

Everyone loves the look of their dog freshly bathed, trimmed, and brushed out. The coat is so shiny and soft, you're almost afraid to touch it less it ruin the image. That's why we "show-people" cringe inwardly when someone comes up and wants to pet our dogs just before entering the ring. However, not only does our dog look great, rest assured that at this point, they are free of painful matting and the coat is healthy. When the coat is healthy, it is able to do its job and protect our four-legged friends. The coat not only keeps a dog warm in the winter, but it

helps keep a dog cool in the summer. It protects their skin from sun and wind damage, and prevents scratches and abrasions when our dogs are working as herders or hunters. A dog's coat does a lot more than most people think!

Proper grooming is also important to keep a dog's skin healthy. When a coat is tangled and matted, air can't properly circulate to the skin. This can cause numerous problems ranging from an unpleasant odor to major skin infections requiring a vet's attention. Itchy and unsightly dandruff can also become a problem when grooming is not done properly or regularly.

Whether you groom your dog yourself, or take him/her to a professional groomer, a regular grooming regimen will help identify potential health issues. Grooming requires someone to get deep into a dog's coat where you will be more likely to find rashes, abrasions, parasites, or growths. When these

things are caught early, you may be able to treat them yourself, or treatment with a vet will be much less expensive. Proper grooming also requires you to look closely at their ears, teeth, eyes, and... ahem...other areas. Unusual conditions that need treatment will be caught early.

All dogs, whether long haired or short, should be properly groomed regularly. The general recommendation is to groom every 6-8 weeks with thorough brush-outs in between. Healthy skin and coat are a great reason to do this, but the overall health benefits are even more important. If you should decide to take on this task yourself, make sure to do some research to ensure you are doing it properly. There are numerous books on the subject. Or talk to a professional groomer.

Believe it or not, most of us will gladly share our knowledge with you, even if it doesn't result in a new client. What's important is that your dog is healthy.





Dansyn Toast with Cristal wins a 4 point major at the Wisconsin Kennel Club March 1, 2009 Judge: Susan St. John-Brown Presented by Cheri Schmitz Owners / Breeders; Elaine Dempster and Fred and Louise Becker

Sire/Dam CH Huntcreast Moon Doggie and CH Dansyn Show Stopper.



Brookhaven Enchanted Forest wins a 3 point major at the Indy Winter Classic in Indianapolis, Sunday February 15, 2009. (Hoosier Kennel Club) Judge: Mr. Robert Sturm Owner Bruce and Vicki Clark Sire/Dam Eng Ch Pascavale Enchanted and Brookhaven Peggy Sue.



Clamar Lady Amylia wins 5 point major at Kentuckiana cluster in Louisville on March 15. (Louisville Kennel Club). Out of the bred by class Judge: William Cunningham Owner/Breeder: Bruce and Vicki Clark Sire/Dam Ch Myrnac Barclay Braun and Brookhaven Royal Cinnamon

New Champion

CH Blueheart Jewel of the Sea
 Ingham County Kennel Club 11/29/08 Judge: Judy Webb
 Breeder/Owner C C Berg
 Sire: CH Wandris Showcase of Sumara Dam: Kalidun Tripple Crown

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The presentation was 90 minutes in length with additional time allowed for questions and answers. There was example of each of the four colors of Cavaliers present for illustration and examination.

The CKCSC-KZOO had champions of all four colors for the forty (40) attendees to be viewed and examined. These included:

BIS, BISS Can GCh, AKC & Lux Ch. Bolowski v. h. Lamslag, GCN (tricolor)

AKC Ch Holyoke Havana Nights (black & tan- homebred champion)

•AKC & Can Ch. Shado Run Rush to Minstik (ruby)

BIS AKC Ch. Flying Colors Verace, AOM (Blenheim)

along with these champions we had excellent examples of Cavaliers at difference stages of development (puppy through adult) for attendees to view. Each attendee had opportunities to interact with the breeders of these Cavaliers and learn about the breed standard through living examples.



2009 Meeting Schedule of Events

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The April club meeting will be held at Applebee's restaurant in Otsego on April 14 at 6:30.

The May meeting will be held at the Applebee's restaurant in Otsego on May 19 also at 6:30

The club will participate with the Grand Rapids kennel club with a fun match at the Dog Day in the Park event on May 30.

Event planning is underway and members and friends interested in helping should call Elaine Dempster for details.

Future club events will be planned at the next few meetings so don't miss this opportunity to get in on the fun, and meet with other cavalier owners.

Puppy Corner

Litter Announcement:

**Fred and Louise
Becker of Dansyn**

Born 3-24-09

Sire: CH Sheeba Emerald King

Dam: CH Dansyn Kopy Kat

7 Puppies

4 males (3 Tris and 1 Blenheim)

2 females (1 Tri and 1

"Congratulations to Fred and Louise Becker on the arrival of their new additions."

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.



**CAVALIERS OF GREATER KALAMAZOO
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2009**

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MEMBERSHIP: ASSOCIATE \$25.00 _____

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WHEN DID YOU DISCOVER THE CAVALIER? _____

HOW MANY CAVALIERS OWN YOU? _____

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CAVALIER PASSIONS:

PET

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OBEDIENCE

CONFORMATION

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