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# CSCOC Newsletter

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## CSCOC Highlights .....

### November Program Meeting

The program that was scheduled for the September Meeting has been postponed to November. Due to club business that needed to be addressed, it was necessary to re-schedule the movement program to a later date. We are hoping to get several dogs for critique of various styles of movement. Hope to see you there.

### 2003 CSCOC Summer Specialty—Canceled

It has been confirmed that the location where this year's specialty was held is not available for next year. The Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association and the Long Beach Kennel Club, with whom we share the show weekend, have elected to cancel their summer shows for the year 2003. An added note is that "The Oaks" is still being considered for shows in the future.

At the September Meeting, the general membership voted to also cancel the 2003 Summer Specialty (for 2003 only). The Futurity competition that would normally be held in June will be re-scheduled for the Winter Specialty in December.

It was voted that in lieu of our summer specialty, CSCOC would hold back-to-back specialties in December in conjunction with the Long Beach and Los Encino Kennel Clubs. Any dogs eligible for the 2003 Summer Futurity will compete one day in the "Senior Futurity". Puppies normally nominated for the Winter Futurity will compete the following day in the "Junior Futurity".

### Futurity

To date, 3 bitches have been nominated for the 2002 Winter Futurity and 0 puppies. There has been 1 bitch nominated for the 2003 Summer Futurity (which for 2003 will be called the "Senior Futurity").

## Upcoming Meetings

### Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

### General Meeting

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

*Canceled*



**The following are the objectives which this Club honors and abides by:**

*To encourage and promote the breeding of pure-bred Cocker Spaniels and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection:*

*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 Cocker Spaniels shall be judged:*

*To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials and field trials.*

*To conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows, obedience trials, and field trials under the rules of the American Kennel Club.*

## CSCOC Highlights (cont'd)

### **Membership Statements**

As of October 1, the following memberships are due to lapse. If this information is incorrect, please contact the Club Treasurer, Linda Praznik.

Linda Goldbaum  
Juan & Tracy Gomez  
Teddy McPhee  
Geneva Potepan  
Ryan Wolfe

### **2002 Winter Specialty**

At the September Meeting, it was discussed that a general raffle would be held in December at our specialty. Everyone is to bring a raffle donation. We are going to focus on baked goods, i.e. cookies, etc., but all types of donations will be accepted. It was decided by the general membership that no chairperson for the raffle would be selected. The club members who attend the December Event would be equally responsible in getting the raffle set-up and running it on the show day.

### **Membership Applications**

Membership applications were read at the September Meeting for:

Jane & James Wade

The applications will be voted on at the October Meeting.

### **Christmas Dinner Party**

Many thanks to Bea Jones for volunteering to chair our annual holiday event. More information regarding the Christmas Party will be published in upcoming issues.

### **Fund-Raising**

Fund-raising activities were discussed at the General Meeting. Ideas such as merchandising "used" show clothes and a garage sale was well-received. As the Cocker Spaniel National is scheduled for next year here in Riverside, additional funds will be needed to support the National and our own Club Treasury.

Approved at the meeting, was a fund-raiser for a food booth sponsored by CSCOC for the Lucerne Valley 4-H Club Dog Show on October 19th. Julie Virosteck, Quinn Ruvacava, and Jane & James Wade will be coordinating the food booth.

If you'd like to volunteer for this fund-raiser, please contact Julie. See the enclosed flyer for this event.

### **AKC/Eukanaba American Dog Classic**

The AKC Eukanaba will be held at the show-site in Long Beach in December. This means that the volume of show entries will be markedly increased next year for all the shows that are usually held there including our own back-to-back specialties.

### **Volunteers Still Needed !! CSCOC Needs Your Support**

- **2003 CSCOC Show Chairperson (December)**
- **CSCOC Fund-Raising Committee Chairperson**

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Julie Virosteck.

## Other Information Biscuits.....

### **Please Find Enclosed**

- Final Membership Dues Statements
- Events In September
- Health Article
- Flyer for 4-H Event / CSCOC Fund-raiser Food Booth to be sponsored

### **Future Meeting Reminders**

- October Board Meeting –  
**As Scheduled — Oct 29, 2002**
- November General Meeting —  
**As Scheduled — Nov 5, 2002**
- November Board Meeting –  
**As Scheduled — Nov 26, 2002**

### **News Clips**

*If you have any articles you'd like to have included in future newsletters, please mail them to Mindy.*

If you know of someone interested in Cocker and our Club's activities, perhaps they would like to receive a complimentary 3-month subscription. Forward their name and address to Mindy.



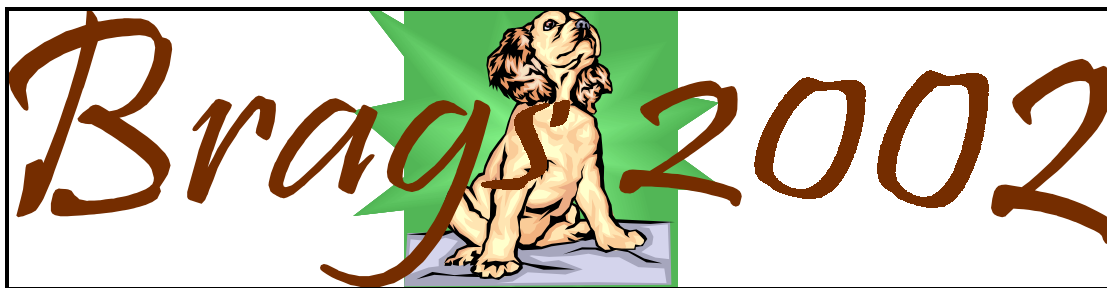
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**Events In October .....**

Date	Event	Judge
10/6	Golden State Dog Fanciers All Breed & Obedience Match West Covina, CA	Contact (e-mail) ford46rag@aol.com for detailed information
10/13	Golden State Dog Fanciers All Breed & Obedience Match West Covina, CA	Contact (e-mail) ford46rag@aol.com for detailed information
10/18	Bay Cities Cocker Spaniel Specialty Pleasanton, CA	June Dennis
10/19	Mission Valley Cocker Specialty Pleasanton, Ca	Marian Mason Hodesson Casey Cooper
10/20	South Bay Kennel Club All-Breed Match Gardena, CA	Contact (e-mail) SoBayKC@aol.com for detailed information
10/26—10/27	High Desert Cocker Spaniel Club of So. Calif. Ridgecrest, CA	Betty Griffin John Shoemaker Ann Smith Martin Hap Jones
10/27	Samoyed Club of Orange County— All Breed Fun Match Huntington Beach, CA	Contact (e-mail) Keanani@adelphia.net for detailed information
10/27	Desert To Sea Dog Fanciers All Breed & Obedience Match Riverside, CA	Contact (e-mail) tujsharpei@aol.com for detailed information

**CSCOC Board  
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Julie Virosteck
- Vice-President:**  
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- Delegate:**  
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**Linda Praznik**

Lace's Sugar Cookie took the Blue Ribbon in the 6-9 Puppy Class at Burbank!

**Jane & James Wade**

Our black/tan boy, Omni N Double J's Sirius ("Logan"), went Winners Dog and Best of Winners on Sunday at the Simi Valley KC for a 3 point major. On Monday he went Winners Dog and Best of Winners again for another 2 points!

**Mindy, Jerry, & Scott Tandy**

Naples Black Silk Stockings ("Nikki"), 8-month Great Dane pup, took her 6-9 puppy class of 5 dogs, 2 days out of 4 at the Labor Day Classic (Burbank/Simi Valley), owner-handled.

Scott showed Nikki during the Burbank weekend and in 112 degree heat took 1st over 12 entries in his Novice Juniors Class which advanced him to Open Juniors. The following day, he and Nikki took 3rd place out of 5 entries in their first time in Open Juniors.

**Lois Wilson**

At the Malibu Kennel Club, Glenmurray's The Highlander II ("Duncan"), won the Variety from the Open Class over Specials, handled as usual by co-owner, Julie Virosteck.

Glenmurray's The Highlander II was BOS to Best in Futurity at the ASC Summer Show in San Antonio, Texas. He also was first in his 9-12 class at the same show, handled by Julie.

Am/Can Braewoods Midnight Blue owned, by Lois & Marnie Wood, earned his first Best In Show (All-Breed) on Sunday, and an Award of Merit at the Canadian Spaniel Club National Show also on Sunday, and finished the weekend with a Group One. Linus is sired by Ch. Gildaro After Midnight and out of Glenmurray's Chasing' the Blues.



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**Debra Praznik**

The "Show Us Your Teeth" Follies!! Thanks to all who helped overcome "You Know Who's" Stubborn Lips!!!!

**Julie Virostek**

I got my letter from AKC and am now a Permanent Judge!!!! Woo Hoo!!!!!!

Ch. Doggone Justa Minute, CGC ("Minute") got a 1st place in Novice B Standard (Agility) with a perfect 100, giving her her second leg, handled by Quinn Ruvacava.

**Quinn Ruvacava**

Diamond got a 1st in Open JWW on Saturday and a 2nd in Open JWW on Sunday. He finished the second 1/2 of the course on his own! — Getting his 2nd leg!

## Taurine & Its Role In Heart Disease

The importance of the amino acid taurine in helping cats maintain normal health has been known for many years. Of particular interest to cardiologists is the role taurine plays in preventing heart disease in cats. Cats with taurine deficiency develop a form of heart disease called dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM). This fatal disease causes an enlargement of the heart, as well as weakened contractions, the combination of which often results in heart failure. In cats, taurine supplementation can reverse the disease. Since the late 1980s, the addition of increased levels of taurine in cat foods has virtually eliminated DCM from the feline population.

DCM also occurs in dogs, particularly among large and giant breeds, such as the Boxer, the Doberman Pinscher, the Great Dane, and the Irish Wolfhound. Unlike cats, dogs synthesize a sufficient amount of taurine in their own bodies and do not require any in the diet. Nonetheless, because of the knowledge regarding how taurine supplementation has helped cats with DCM, researchers have been investigating the role of taurine in canine DCM was well.

Early studies showed that the breeds which typically get DCM did not have taurine deficiency. In recent years, however, other breeds, such as Cocker Spaniels, Bulldogs, and Corgis, have been seen to develop DCM. In some of these dogs, the levels of taurine in the blood is low. It appears that taurine supplementation improves heart function in a small number of this latter group of dogs — those with DCM that have low levels of taurine in the blood. It is unclear whether these low blood-aurine levels are caused by a genetic problem, low dietary intake of taurine, or a problem with body's ability to absorb taurine.

More research is now being done to better understand the role that taurine plays in the health of dogs. A group researchers from the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, including myself, studied the diets and medical

progress of a group of dogs with taurine deficiency and DCM. As is typical in DCM, the majority of the dogs were male, and the most common breeds were Cocker Spaniels, Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, and Saint Bernards.

We found no association between blood-aurine levels and the amount of taurine in the diet. The levels of taurine in the diets of taurine-deficient dogs were not any lower than the levels in the diets of dogs that were not taurine-deficient. Finally, taurine-deficient dogs that were treated with taurine did not live longer or respond better to treatment that did dogs that were not taurine-deficient. It is clear that some dogs with DCM develop low blood-aurine levels, but as it is believed that dogs do not require taurine in the diets, additional research is necessary to better understand the reason for the low levels in those dogs. Further research is also needed on the effect of diet in general and of taurine supplementation.

Alterations in the way taurine is metabolized could be one cause for the low taurine levels in the blood of some dogs. A study from the University of California at Davis tested the effects of different protein sources on taurine metabolism. This was an important question because it has been reported that some dogs with both DCM and taurine deficiency eat lamb-based diets (although no definitive association has been made).

In the study, healthy Beagles were fed either a chicken-based diet or a lamb-based diet that contained the same taurine levels. Although the diets did not produce different blood-aurine levels, dogs fed the lamb-based diet excreted less taurine through their urine. Additional research is needed, but this might mean the ingredients in a dog's diet affect taurine bioavailability.

Finally, a recently published study showed that when healthy Beagles were fed a low-aurine, low-protein diet for four years, blood taurine decreased significantly. Of the 18 dogs that were studied, one developed DCM. When that dog's diet was supplemented with taurine, the DCM resolved. It

should be stated that the taurine and protein levels in the test diets were much lower than the levels that would be found in commercial dog foods. There are, however, certain veterinary diets (therapeutic diets that are only available through vets) that are designed to be low in protein. These may have low taurine levels. Some companies are now supplementing their veterinary diets with taurine. Finally, certain breeds or lines of dogs may have different dietary requirements for taurine.

If your dog does develop DCM, it may be worth talking to your veterinarian about testing the blood-aurine level, especially if your dog is of a breed that does not usually develop this disease. As we learn more about the role nutrition in heart disease, better prevention and treatment methods can be developed.

—Lisa M. Freeman, DVM, PHD

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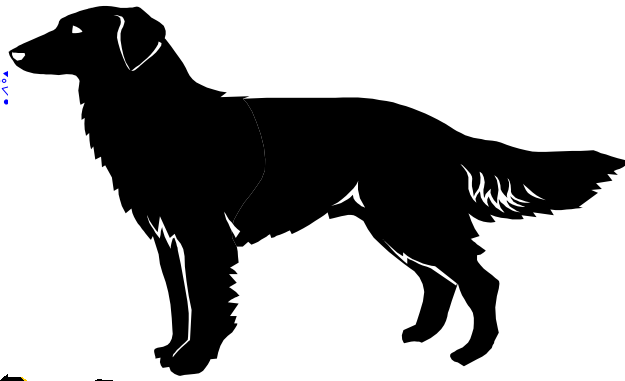
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### **Excerpt from the article— "The Heart of the Matter"**

Diseases of the heart muscle itself are known as *cardiomyopathy*. Diseases of the heart muscle that cannot be explained by congenital or acquired cardiac pathology are called *primary cardiomyopathy*. The term *secondary cardiomyopathy* is used to describe diseases of the heart muscle that develop secondary to another systemic disorder. Cardiomyopathies can cause the heart muscle to become thin and dilated or thickened and hypertrophied. In either case, the heart muscles cease to have adequate contractile characteristics, and the organ becomes an ineffectual pump.

— Steve Bentsen, DVM



# K-9 PLAY DAY

- *Saturday, October 19, 2002*
  - *Pioneer Park, Lucerne Vly*
  - *Judging starts at 10:00am*
  - *Sign Up's begin at 9:00am*
  - *Class Sponsorships only*
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And didn't need to go.

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With hugs and kisses true,  
With extra special tenderness,  
When one is sick or blue.

I show my family that I care,  
Almost every day,  
When strangers pass by our house,  
I shoo them all away.

I show my family I adore them,  
When I greet them at the door,  
With happy yips and wagging tail,  
Who could ask for any more?

I show my family that I'm loyal,  
And love them all the same,  
When they make mistakes with me,  
Or forget to play my favorite game.

I show my kids that I'll protect them,  
When Monsters come in the night,  
I chase them all out the window,  
And cuddle to ease the fright.

So I may not be a show dog,  
With pretty hair and bows,  
But my family, they do love me,  
And it's for them that I do show.



— Submitted by Linda Hulbert