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CSCOC Newsletter

# CSCOC Highlights .....

#### Meetings & Programs

Many thanks to Mike Shea, our AKC Field Rep, who came to our May Meeting and gave a very informative presentation regarding event review committee.

Scheduled Upcoming Programs:

**June** — Review of upcoming National in Riverside and what our club needs to do to assist.

July - No Meeting

August — It's Potluck Time!!

#### <u>2003 Junior & Senior Winter</u> Futurity/Sweepstaks Judge Nominations—Reminder

At the **June General Meeting**, nominations *and election* for the 2003 Junior and Senior Winter Futurity & Sweepstakes Judges will be held. Please come prepared to nominate a knowledgeable candidate.

#### Membership Statements Enclosed

Club membership dues are now due and payable. You will find your statement enclosed in this issue.

# **Upcoming Meetings**

<u>Board Meeting</u>

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

**General Meeting** 





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

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

o 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:

**T** o 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.

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

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# CSCOC Highlights (cont'd)

#### Fund-Raisers

In our ongoing task of finding new fund-raisers for the club, two ideas were agreed upon at the May Meeting.

Please visit our new online web-store at **www.cafepress. com/cscoc**. You can now purchase various merchandise with our club logo. We hope to have additional graphics coming shortly. Each item that is purchased will generate a \$2 to \$5 profit for the club. So, go visit the store and be sure to tell your friends!

The second fund-raiser will be auctioning off items on E-Bay. We will be setting up an account and looking for items to auction off. As these are donated items to our club, all proceeds will go to the club. If you have anything you'd like to auction off, please contact Mindy Donovan-Tandy. She'll get together with you and work out pictures of the item and a description to be put online.

#### Eye Clinic Recap

We had 135 dogs over 2 days tested at the eye clinic in April. Many thanks to everyone who helped out especially the Prazniks and the Joneses!

#### <u>Eukanaba Invitational—</u> <u>December</u>

The American Spaniel Club is sponsoring a breed booth at the invitational. It will only be for 1 day. If you are interested in volunteering for an hour or so, please contact the coordinator, Rosalie Anderson at (e-mail) particrasher@msn. Com .

#### Lament of a Stud

My job is making puppies And get two tries at that They pat me on the head and say "Good Boy," and that is that.

It's half my job to give 'em teeth And toplines, fronts and other, Remember, it's only half my job... They also have a mother.

It's not my job to carry pups And make 'em grow and nurse 'em And feed and clean and make 'em strong That's for "mother" and a person.

It's not my job to wean And feed the calcium and food And stack and gait and housebreak, And make 'em a "showing" brood.

It's not my job to plan the breeding, And learn what produces well, To study pedigrees, learn what's there, And pick out those to sell

It's not my job to guarantee champs, The breeder picks the pair, To mate and whelp and feed and show, and HOPE the champ is there.

It's not my job to be on hand When points are given out. The breeder, owner, dam and friends Take credit with a shout.

It's not my job to deliver a winner. It's only genes I sell... But let the puppies turn out bad, And guess who catches HELL!!

Contributed By Bonnie Compas

#### Other Information Biscuits.....

#### Please Find Enclosed

- Upcoming June Events
- Directions to the June
  Meeting
- Legislative Update (compiled by the Great Dane Club of California)
- 2002 CSCOC Club Awards

#### Future Meeting Reminders

- May Board Meeting Canceled
- June General Meeting As Scheduled— June 3, 2003
- June Board Meeting As Scheduled— June 24, 2003

#### 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 Cockers and our Club's activities, perhaps they would like to receive a complimentary 3-month subscription. Forward their name and address to Mindy.

For a 12-month subscription, please forward a \$10.00 check payable to CSCOC to the Newsletter Editor: Mindy Donovan-Tandy, Newsletter Editor MLDT@earthlink.net

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# AKC LEGISLATIVE LIAISON UPDATES FOR APRIL 2003

Submitted by Laurie Twitchell and Beth Vickrey (thanks, Beth, for helping out)

## **CALIFORNIA**

## CA Bill Prohibits Performance Events/Hunting with Dogs

There is currently a bill pending in the legislature that would introduce some very severe restrictions to hunting with dogs and will also create some onerous duties for owners who have dogs anywhere near game animal habitats.

The bill is AB342 and the key provisions are:

1) AB342 makes it illegal for any dog to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill any mammal, or to train a dog for such purposes.

2) If this legislation passes, earthdog, tracking, coonhound, herding, lure coursing, and field trial events could be prohibited.

3) Any dog that instinctually takes a wild or feral mammal not as an organized hunting or performance event would likewise violate AB342. In effect, any dog chasing a rabbit in his backyard would be prohibited.

4) Owners will be held responsible for not maintaining control over their dogs and could be fined if the dog violated this law.

5) The bill would give authority to Parks & Wildlife agents to destroy the animal on site in some situations.

I will be monitoring this bill and continue to send correspondence and emails to the proper Assembly members letting them know of our opposition.

## AKC FIGHT - "GUARDIAN" VS. "OWNER"

There is a movement by the Animal Rights organization to change the legal title of animal owners from "owner" to "guardian." The AKC opposes this change because it believes that this re-characterizes the human's relationship to the dog. The AKC believes that this change in title will also change the legal duties and rights that dog owners have for their dogs. So far a couple of cities in northern California have made this change.

I will continue to monitor what the AKC has to say about this changes, however, so far, any cities that have adopted the change have only adopted the title change, there has been no change in the legal duties and right of the owners. The mere fact that a name is

changed from "owner" to "guardian" is really meaningless unless the legislature also changes the definition that accompanies the name. This hasn't happened and so far it has been much ado about nothing.

## NATIONAL

### AKC is working with the USDA to:

\* Close a loophole in the small breeder exemption in current regulations.

The small breeder exemption exempts persons from licensing requirements if they maintain three or fewer breeding females. However, some individuals have argued that they are not required to be licensed even when they keep more than three breeding females on the premises so long as any single member of the household does not own more than three. This practice is not in keeping with the intent of the act and regulations should be clarified to apply to the premises, regardless of ownership.

\* Strengthen the authority of the USDA to deny licenses to unsuitable applicants.

USDA should be allowed to deny a license application to a person who has violated any federal, state, or local law or regulations relating to animal cruelty, neglect, or welfare OR who would be operating in circumvention of those laws OR who has provided false information to any government agency. USDA also needs explicit authority to deny a license application or renewal during the period when an applicant's license is under suspension.

\* Make it harder for dealers to operate illegally.

USDA should prohibit Class B Dealers - persons who buy and sell dogs they have not bred and raised - from knowingly obtaining dogs from persons who required to be licensed are not licensed. The agency should also require Class B dealers who obtain dogs from persons who are exempt from the licensing requirements of AWA regulations to obtain a certification from that person stating the basis on which they are exempt.

The purpose of these changes will help improve enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act and put a stop to unscrupulous dealers who manipulate the system.

### Events In June ......

Date	Event	Judge	CSCOC Board
6/1	Kennel Club of Pasadena Pasadena, CA	Norman Patton	CSCOC Board Members
6/1	West LA Obed. Training Club Show N Go Agility Los Angeles, CA	For Info, Contact: Paula Klein (310) 836-0945	Vice-President: Mindy Donovan-Tandy Secretary: Marleta McFarlane Treasurer:
6/6	Bay Cities Cocker Spaniel Club Antioch, CA	Jean Fowler	Contraction of the second
6/7	Greater LA Dog Fanciers Club All-Breed Fun Match West Covina, CA	For Info, Contact: (310) 324-0070	ă
6/8	Golden State Dog Fanciers All –Breed Fun Match West Covina, CA	For Info, Contact: E-mail: ford46rag@aol.com	Delegate: Quinn Ruvacava Delegate: Lois Wilson
6/7 - 6/8	Hi-Desert Agility Club AKC Agility Trials City of Industry, CA	Ken Muehl Carol Shlaes	& Doug McFarlane & Past-President:
6/14 - 6/15	Bahia Sur Kennel Club Chula Vista, CA	Arlene Davis Martha Olmos-Ollivier	B Hap Jones B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B
6/28 -6/29	Shoreline Dog Fanciers Assoc AKC Agility Trial Yorba Linda, CA	Ann Croft Sharon Kihara	

CSCOC 2002 Club Awards

Championship awards

Ch. Glenmurray's Who's a Riot Ch. Glenmurray's Where's the Riot Ch. Glenmurray's The Highlander II Ch. Glenmurray's Bye Bye Blues Ch. Sandcastle's Pennys from Heaven Ch. Sandcastle's Penny for your Thoughts

# Agility Award

Julez Blue Diamond NA, NAJ

# **Breeder of the Year**

Lois Wilson

Member of the Year

Julie Virosteck

Top Winning Jr. Showman

Scott Tandy



Please be sure to attend the June Meeting — We have judges to elect and the National to discuss!