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CSCOC Newsletter

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CSCOC Highlights

Judging Slate Nominations & Elections

We will be nominating and electing our 2004 Summer Specialty Judges for: Regular Classes, Obedience, Sweepstakes/Futurity, and Junior Handling. Please be ready to have suggestions ready for the meeting.

Membership Dues Reminder

Please remember that membership dues are due now. If they are not paid by October 1, your club membership will lapse, so please make your payment to Linda Praznik, Treasurer, ASAP. Reminder statements are included in this newsletter for your convenience.

Meetings & Programs

Volunteer(s) needed We need a volunteer to coordinate the event in December. If interested, please contact Julie Virosteck as soon as possible.

Scheduled Upcoming Programs:

December — Christmas Dinner Party!!

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mimi's Café

7:30pm



General Meeting

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

Hap & Bea Jones

7:30 p.m.



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)

ASC Ballot

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the September General Meeting was cancelled. An ASC ballot was to be voted on at the meeting. This ballot was subsequently voted on via e-mail and results were sent to ASC. The results are as follows:

Regular Classes: Doug McFarlane
Futurity: Judy Bjelland

E-Mail Addresses

Please be sure to have your most current e-mail address added to the membership roster. This will insure you receive the most current online reminders and notifications that may be sent through this media. If you did not receive the recent ballot information, please notify Mindy Donovan-Tandy at MLDT@earthlink.net and Quinn Ruvacava at q_t_r@hotmail.com, so that we may update our records.

Just A Dog

If it were my brother, I'd find an allergist to help him with his allergies, no matter the cost.
But they tell me; it's just a dog.

If it were my sister, I'd find the best laser eye surgeon so she could see again,
no matter the cost. But they tell me; it's just a dog.

If it were my mother, I'd hire a staff of oncologists for the cancer that is stealing her away from me,
no matter the cost. But they tell me; it's just a dog.

If it were my father, I'd find the best orthopedic surgeon to enable him to walk again,
no matter the cost. But they tell me; it's just a dog.

If it were my husband, I'd hire every medical professional necessary to put him back together after
that terrible accident that almost took him away, no matter the cost.
But they tell me; it's just a dog.

If it were my child, I wouldn't skimp on dental care, no matter the cost.
But they tell me; it's just a dog.

If it were my best friend, I would go with her to the doctor, everyday that she needed me to help her
through the worst pains in her life, taking off work if necessary and putting my own needs aside, no
matter the cost. But they tell me; it's just a dog.

If any member of my family were dying, at that moment I would pull out all the stops and do
whatever was in my power to save their life, no matter the cost.
But they tell me; it's just a dog.

Just a dog.
Just my friend.
Just my family.
Please...my dog..no matter the cost..

Author—Nancy Campbell

Other Information Biscuits.....

Please Find Enclosed

- Upcoming October Events
- Membership Dues Statements
- Rattlesnake Vaccine Article

Future Meeting Reminders

- October Board Meeting –
As Scheduled — October 28, 2003
- November General Meeting —
As Scheduled — November 4, 2003
- November Board Meeting –
As Scheduled— Nov 25, 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
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Events In October

Date	Event	Judge
10/4 - 10/5	AKC Agility Trial Lakeview Terrace, CA	Sharon Kihara Richard Mackintosh
10/10	Cocker Spaniel Club of Las Vegas Henderson, NV	Richard Byrd
10/11 - 10/12	Black Mountain Kennel Club Henderson, NV	Gregory Anderson Julie Virosteck
10/11 - 10/12	AKC Agility Trial Costa Mesa, CA	Greg Beck Patricia Corl
10/17	Bay Cities Cocker Spaniel Club Pleasanton, CA	Beth Speich Gary Walker
10/18 - 10/19	AKC Agility Trial Riverside, CA	Gillian Crawford Dan Presby
10/18	Mission Valley Cocker Spaniel Club Pleasanton, CA	John Remondi Larry Fenner
10/19 - 10/20	Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore Pleasanton, CA	Marissa O'Connor Sandra Olsen
10/25 - 10/26	High Desert Cocker Spaniel Club of So California Ridgecrest, CA	Maureen Russo Daisy Schapheer Nancy Gallant

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*RATTLESNAKE VENOM NOW AVAILABLE FOR DOGS
(Article From Victorville Daily Press)*



Rattlesnakes are found throughout much of California's natural environment. When confrontations between rattlesnakes and dogs occur, the dog often comes out the loser. Red Rock Biologics of Sacramento has invented a vaccine to provide protection for dogs against rattlesnake bites.

The vaccine is available in California through veterinarians, and is believed to be the first vaccine commercially available for protection against snakebite.

Although the vaccine can be used on any dog, Red Rock Biologics president Jim Wallis notes it is especially useful for dogs taken on hiking and camping trips. "Dogs are often bitten by rattlesnakes when they are some distance away from the nearest veterinary care," he said. "Sometimes a dog owner may not even be immediately aware their dog has been bitten."

According to Wallis, the vaccine represents a significant advantage over the existing use of anti-venom to treat dogs for snakebite injury by generating a protective immunity to help prevent venom intoxication. "Antibodies working against the venom are already present in vaccinated dogs," he said. "Dogs that are not vaccinated have to wait until they get to a veterinary clinic." Dogs taken to a vet and treated with traditional anti-venom may face added expenses and a higher risk of side effects.

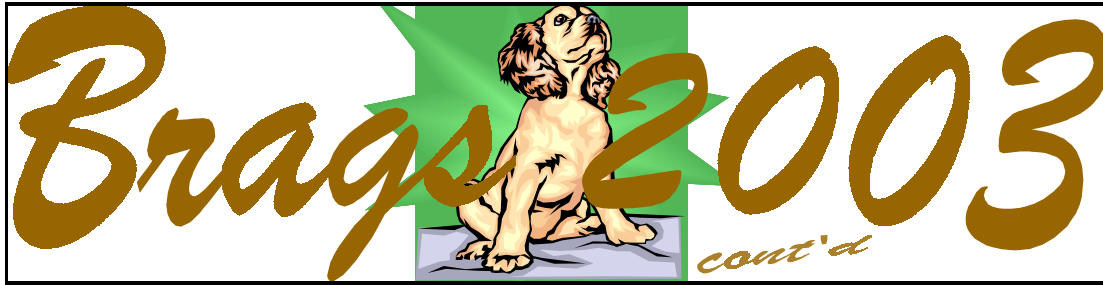
A single vial of anti-venom can cost \$600, and more than one vial may be needed to treat a bitten animal. Side effects may include a life-threatening allergic reaction. The vaccine will avoid these disadvantages by reducing or eliminating the requirement for anti-venom in vaccinated animals. But Red Rock Biologics veterinarian Dr. Dale Wallis cautions that the vaccine does not eliminate all the risks of a snake bite. "It's an aid -- not a bulletproof vest," she said. "The problem is it also depends on how much and how potent (the venom is). It's possible for a large snake to put out a lot of venom."

The vaccine is administered in two doses the first year, and will probably need an annual booster. "We're still doing additional studies," Dr. Dale Wallis said. Wallis also added that the vaccine has shown no adverse side effects. Wallis doesn't know what veterinarians will be charging for the vaccine, but based on wholesale price "it shouldn't be cost prohibitive for most dog owners," she said.

The vaccine is based on the hemotoxin of the Western diamondback rattlesnake, which will offer cross protection of our local species such as the sidewinder, Southwestern speckled and Southern Pacific rattlesnakes. A vaccine has not yet been developed for a Mojave Green rattlesnake bite, which is a neurotoxin. Contact your local veterinary clinic to inquire whether it offers the vaccine.

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Submitted by Jane Wade



**The Brags Page is dedicated to those who wish to share with others. Not always does it have to be about dogs or about happy times. The wish to share is all that counts.**

**Lois Wilson**

In Canada a week ago AM/CAN Braewood's Midnight Blue (Linus) took Group 3 two days in Saskatoon. AND AM/CAN Glenmurray's The Highlander II finished his Canadian CH in his first 3 shows. He and Linus will be seesawing back and forth for a while until Linus retires sometime this fall.

**Jane & James Wade**



On Sat Aug. 30, at the Simi Valley KC Barnabus (Shenanigans In Dark Shadows) went WD, BOS for his first point under judge Joyce Dowling. The next day he went WD, BOS again but this time for a 3 point major under judge Greg Anderson! Barnabus is out of my boy DJ (CH. Sterling's Darkfall) and Gyn Gerhardt's bitch Friday (CH. Shenanigans On Friday)  
Owned by Gyn.



**Shenanigans In Dark Shadows (Barnabus)  
Ch. Sterling's Darkfall x Ch. Shenanigans  
On Friday**

Also on Sunday my black bitch Raven (Loma Point A Gift To Dbl J) went WB. BOW, BOV to pick up the major too! This was her first points! Raven was bred by Judy Bjelland and is out of Ch. Tropico Dare Bare x CH. Eighty Eights Lilly.Z  
Both pups were 7 1/2 months old at the time!

**Loma Point A Gift To Dbl J (Raven)  
Ch. Tropico Dare Bare x Ch. Eighty Eight's Lilly.Z**

**Bonnie Compas**

Ezetera's Stardust On Parade won her first point and Best Puppy at the age of 8 months.

**Robert & Rita Lewis**

Ch. Jo-Bea's Hob Nobbin - "Hobbs" won Best Veteran and Award Of Merit at the 2003 Summer ASC in Riverside.

Coventry's Parti Of One - "Lydia" won Best Of Winners and Best Of Variety at the Richmond Ca. show. She did it from the 6-9 puppy class ! She is our first home bred Hobbs grand daughter out of Ch. Petticoat's IronWill and our Ch. Sunrise Lil' Mis High Society

We have a new litter of Hobbs grand kids. 2 Tri Boys, 1 Tri Girl and 2 B&W Girls. They are out of Ch. Abbey Lanes Ruffing It and Ch. Sunrise Lil' Mis High Society.

Fall Has Finally Fallen...  
But The Hot Weather Is Still Here...  
Care For Your Dog's Needs In This Heat!



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**SEE YOU AT THE  
OCTOBER MEETING !!**