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# CSCOC Newsletter

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## CSCOC Highlights .....

### Meetings & Programs

This month, the meeting will be held at Linda Praznik's house. They are having a new grooming room built. We'll have a chance to get a first-hand look at their new addition!

Many thanks to Bonnie Compas, who has volunteered to chair our annual Christmas Dinner Party. Thank you!

#### Scheduled Upcoming Programs:

**December**— Christmas Party

**January** — Meeting Canceled

### 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.

With the tragedy of all the fires, a communication process was established in an attempt to keep everyone informed regarding the statuses of our friends/associates via e-mail.

If you have an e-mail address and did not receive these communications, 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.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Board Meeting

**Canceled**

### General Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

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)

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### Club Memberships

Membership dues were due on October 1. There was one lapsed membership, Shannon Wolfe. Many thanks to Shannon for her support of the club and our activities. Enclosed please find an updated membership roster for the 2003-2004 club year.

### Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner is scheduled for our regular meeting night on Tuesday, December 2nd. It will be held at the Marie Callendar's in Ontario near the Ontario Airport. More information will be coming shortly.

### Futurity

There are 4 bitches and 1 puppy nominated for this year's Junior Futurity.

2 bitches are nominated for the 2004 Futurity.

### 2003 December Specialties

Our back-to-back specialties are scheduled for Friday, Dec 5th, and Sunday, Dec 7.

Everyone is asked to bring some baked goods for the raffle on Friday, and another raffle item for the raffle on Sunday. Lois Wilson has volunteered to bring raffle tickets to sell.

Our annual Christmas Potluck will be held at Julie's set-up on Sunday, December 7th.

### 2004 Summer Specialty

The 2004 Summer Specialty will be held on Saturday, June 19th at Cal State Long Beach. Many thanks to Bea Jones for volunteering to be show chair.

The general membership nominated and elected a judge for the regular classes. The name will be published upon acceptance by the elected individual.

### Zone IV Rep Donation

The general membership discussed and approved a \$75.00 donation to the Zone IV ASC Rep fund to assist in offsetting travel expenses.

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## Other Information Biscuits.....

### Please Find Enclosed

- Upcoming November Events
- IBD Article
- Membership Roster
- Show Chairman Seminar

### Future Meeting Reminders

- December General Meeting –  
**As Scheduled — December 2, 2003**
- December Board Meeting —  
**As Scheduled — Dec 30, 2003**
- January General Meeting –  
**Canceled**

### 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's 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

## Events In November .....

Date	Event	Judge
11/1	San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club Irwindale, CA	Joanne Engel
11/2	Antelope Valley Kennel Club Irwindale, CA	Sue Klinckhardt-Gardner
11/2	Paw Prints Agility Victorville, CA	Show N Go Agility Match
11/8	Del Sur Kennel Club Rancho Santa Fe, CA	Thomas Bradley
11/9	Cabrillo Kennel Club Rancho Santa Fe, CA	Ted Nichols
11/15—11/16	AKC Agility Trial Lakeview Terrace, CA	Cindy Macklin Karen Mailloux
11/21	Cocker Spaniel Club of Arizona Goodyear, Az	Richard Beauchamp

## CSCOC Board Members

**President:**

Julie Virosteck

**Vice-President:**

Mindy Donovan-Tandy

**Secretary:**

Marleta McFarlane

**Treasurer:**

Linda Praznik

**Delegate:**

Bea Jones

**Delegate:**

Quinn Ruvacava

**Delegate:**

Lois Wilson

**Delegate:**

Doug McFarlane

**Past-President:**

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## Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Some dogs launch an excessive immune response along their GI tracts to agents that come in contact with their gut mucous membranes. This chronic reaction, known as inflammatory bowel disease, is a primary cause of GI problems in dogs.

IBD is usually triggered by dietary proteins — beef, horsemeat, and cow's milk are typical offenders — or bacteria, although food additives, stress parasites, and generic factors have also been implicated. These foreign factors incite the formation of immune complexes, which release enzymes and destructive chemicals known as free radicals.



The resultant tissue swelling spurs mucus secretion, inhibits sodium and water absorption, and stimulates giant, frequent, random bowel contractions culminating in diarrhea.

Signs of IBD depend on the location of the inflammatory response, generally the stomach and intestines. In addition to chronic — and sometimes bloody — diarrhea, affected dogs may experience painful defecation, frequent vomiting, dehydration, weight loss, anemia, and dull coat.

Although IBD can affect dogs of any breed, the German Shepherd Dog, Boxer, Basenji, Irish Setter, Labrador Retriever, and Lundehund appear predisposed.

Dogs of any age can have IBD, but the mean age of diagnosis is 6 years. For dogs whose clinical signs persist for more than a few weeks, Washabau recommends detailed diagnostics, which include endoscopy, colonoscopy, and mucosal biopsies.

The main treatment for IBD is a switch to a hypoallergenic diet consisting of new protein and carbohydrate sources, such as lamb, duck, venison, or kangaroo.

If desired, a challenge diet can then be performed, under veterinary guidance, to determine which ingredient (s), caused the initial problem.

While dietary changes often control the disease, immunosuppressive drugs and antibiotics may be added to quiet the gut. In most dogs, IBD follows a lifelong course of remission interrupted by flare-ups.

