



# CSCOC Newsletter

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**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 .....

### 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.

### 2005 Summer Specialty

Next year's CSCOC Specialty will again join the Long Beach Kennel Club. Also, joining that show week-end will be West Coast Cocker Spaniel Club on Friday. A meeting was held at Dottie McCoy's on 8/18 to discuss the possibility of creating a Cocker Cluster! More information will be forthcoming at our September Meeting.

### August Potluck Dinner Meeting

Many thanks to Lois Wilson who offered her home for our annual potluck dinner. The food was delicious as usual!!

The puppy party was a blast, and we had a fun and informative time evaluating the many pups we had on hand. Many thanks to Julie, Geri Roy, Jose Burbano, and Lois for bringing their pups to share!



## Upcoming Meetings



### Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 31, 2004

Mimi's Café

Corona, CA 91720

7:30pm



### General Meeting

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Quinn Ruvacava

Westminster, CA 92683

7:30pm

### New Members

An application from Jackie and Norris Williams was read at the August Meeting. Their application will be voted on at the September Meeting:

Norris & Jackie Williams

Applications from the following individuals were received at the August Meeting. Their applications will be read at the September Meeting and voted on at the October Meeting:

Jose Burbano  
Geri Roy

### Futurity

There are 8 bitches and no puppies nominated for the Winter Futurity in December at this time. Closing date for nominations is November 1st.

There have been no nominations for the Summer 2005 Futurity at this time.

### Meeting Locations

Wonder who's that next CSCOC Meeting is going to be, so you can plan on attending? Here is the current list for upcoming meeting locations (subject to change):

- October:** Fran & Debra Praznik
- November:** Doug & Marleta McFarlane
- December:** TBA
- January 2005:** Canceled
- February 2005:** The Tandy's
- March 2005:** Open
- April 2005:** Awards Dinner
- May 2005:** Hap & Bea Jones
- June 2005:** Connie & Tom Peterson
- July 2005:** Canceled
- August 2005:** Open

1:00pm she called Senator Figueroa. She came to the podium in a rather meek manor. She was visibly shaken by the attention given to this issue. Ms. Figueroa appeared to have problems presenting her bills, which there were 12 before SB1548. She got to SB 1548 and immediately said "She was dropping the amendment banning of cropping dogs ears". The whole room went up in a LOUD roar. We all started cheering and clapping. I must say it was a very emotional time for all of us. Many thanks to the Doberman Pinscher Club for all their hard work by organizing the fight. They did an outstanding job. Please.. the next time you see a Dobie owner give them a pat on the back, they deserve it.

### SB1548—Ear Cropping

#### Ban Defeated

*(The following are comments from the president of the Great Dane Club of California who attended the hearing.)*

Individuals who attended the hearing were scheduled to meet with other concerned dog owners in the cafeteria at the capital building. There were about 110 other dog breed club members. Two representatives from the firm of Livingston & Mattesich informed the people of what should be expected.

The chairperson, Senator Judy Chu called the assembly to order and started hearing around 200 bills scheduled for the day. Time dragged on and finally at about



#### News Clips

If you have any articles you'd like to share with the membership, please mail them to Mindy to have them published in the newsletter.

## Reminders.....

### Please Find Enclosed

- Upcoming September Events
- Dues Statement Reminders
- Heat Stroke Article
- Judging Critique Letter

### Future Meeting Reminders

- September Board Meeting – **As Scheduled — Sept 28, 2004**
- October General Meeting – **As Scheduled — October 5, 2004**
- October Board Meeting – **As Scheduled — October 26, 2004**

### Newsletter Subscriptions

If you know of someone interested in Cockers and our Club's activities, perhaps they would like to receive a complimentary 3-month subscription. Please 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  
E-Mail: MLD T@earthlink.net

## Events In September —

Date	Event	Judge
9/4 - 9/6	West Coast Cocker Spaniel Club AKC Agility Trial Ventura, CA	Kele McGlohon Mark Ouska
9/11 - 9/12	Dog Agility Club of Chino AKC Agility Trials Irwindale, CA	Edith Allen Karen Mailloux
9/18 - 9/19	Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club Cypress, CA	Cynthia Sommers Tomas Gomez
9/25 - 9/26	Kennel Club of Riverside Perris, CA	Doug McFarlane Eric Ringle
9/25 - 9/26	Hollyw ood Dog Obedience Club AKC Agility Trials Lake Terrace, CA	Sheila Lavin Eva Martin

## CSCOC Board

### Members

**President:**

Julie Virosteck

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Linda Praznik

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**Delegate:**

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Lois Wilson

**Delegate:**

Doug McFarlane

**Past-President:**

Hap Jones

**Question:**

A friend of mine lost his dog early this spring to heat stroke. What is heat stroke and how should it be prevented or treated?

**Answer:**

In my experience as a veterinarian and as a working dog trainer and handler, I have attended to far more cases of heat stroke in the spring or fall than I have during the summer months. Most people are conscious of the risks and predisposing causes of heat stroke in the summer and take appropriate precautions. Many people, however, drop their guard during other seasons, which can lead to a possible disaster. Heat stroke is most likely to occur when we are less conscientious about how heat, muscular exertion and confinement can affect our dogs.

Heat stroke occurs when the dog's ability to regulate its body temperature is lost. A dog regulates body temperature primarily through respiration. When the respiratory tract cannot evacuate heat quickly enough, the body temperature rises. Normal body temperature is less than 103F, but once the temperature goes over 105F a number of physiologic events can occur that make it even more difficult for the animal to regain control of its temperature. At this time, oxygen delivery to the system cannot keep up with rapidly elevating demand. If the temperature exceeds 108F, cellular damage starts to occur in a number of organ systems including the kidneys, liver, gastrointestinal tract, heart and brain. The extent of the cellular damage depends on the magnitude and the duration of the temperature elevation. Clearly, this can be a life-threatening situation, but for those animals that survive there is the possibility of long term problems after the occurrence.

There are a number of predisposing factors for heat stroke. Some of the most significant are listed here.

- \* Heat
- \* Humidity
- \* Muscular activity
- \* High body mass
- \* Anxiety
- \* Poor ventilation
- \* Dehydration
- \* Obesity
- \* Antihistamines
- \* Phenothiazines (some medications for vomiting)

- \* Brachycephalic breeds (short-nosed breeds)
- \* Increased age

Dogs experiencing heat stroke will have a muddy pink color of their gums instead of the nice red-pink color that normally exists. Their heart rate will be dramatically elevated, and they will be panting furiously. They tend to stand or walk very slowly without regard to where they are. Some will lay on their sternum. Most dogs will have a wild or panicked expression and are not particularly aware of their environment. Any combination of these symptoms should have an owner scrambling for a rectal thermometer and taking those steps necessary to help drive the temperature back down. If a thermometer is not available, presume it to be heat stroke and initiate treatment. If the animal does not respond favorably, the diagnosis can be reevaluated later. Significantly delaying the treatment of heat stroke can dramatically increase the risk of long-term consequences or death.

Heat stroke is an emergency that requires veterinary assistance, but you can effectively initiate treatment in most cases before heading for the veterinary hospital. You must aggressively assist the dog's efforts to lower body temperature with the use of water and air. Since the lungs cannot keep up with the heat buildup, we now have to cool the skin and associated blood vessels so the body's temperature will decrease. Submersion of the dog in cool water will start to bring the temperature down quickly. You will want to avoid extremely cold water or ice since they cause the blood vessels in the skin to constrict and will not allow for a meaningful heat exchange. If there isn't anything available to submerge the dog in, you can start wetting him down with a hose. Wet him down all over, but let the water run continuously in the groin area since there are large numbers of significant and relatively superficial blood vessels in that area that will allow for more rapid cooling of the blood. The dog should be in a well-ventilated, shady area to allow for evaporation of the water. Evaporation cools body temperatures very effectively. When you are transporting him to the veterinary hospital, keep the air conditioner on or the windows open, or use the back of a truck to increase evaporation. Do not use an enclosed style crate since it allows for very little evaporation or fresh cool air for the lungs. Do not cover the dog with a wet towel as it will prevent evaporation.

Once the temperature starts dropping, you should seek veterinary assistance. It is advisable in most cases to start these animals on intravenous fluids and monitor kidney and liver function for at least several days. The necessity for this laboratory work depends on the magnitude and the duration of the elevated temperature, but even in relatively short mild occurrences, it is a wise precaution to take.

Obviously prevention of heat stroke is a far better alternative than treatment. Everyone is aware of the risks of having a dog in a vehicle in the summer, but there are some less obvious risk factors that we all need to be aware of. Even moderate

environmental temperatures can be very significant when there is little or no ventilation. Heavy muscular activity drives body temperatures up with alarming speed. Following intervals of high activity, return the dog to an air conditioned vehicle, or wet the dog down and go to an area that is shaded and preferably breezy to allow for evaporation. Do not wet the dog down and return it to an enclosed style crate, as you will be creating a steam bath like environment. Make sure there is access to reasonable volumes of cool fresh water both before and after activity. We also need to be conscious of those animals that are at increased risk, which would include those dogs that have high body mass, older dogs, and those that are carrying more weight than is normal for them. Being aware of the various risk factors as well as the environmental considerations should help all of us avoid this potentially devastating problem.

**Dr. Henry De Boer Jr.** practices veterinary medicine at his Pioneer Valley Veterinary Hospital in western Massachusetts. An accomplished competitor in the sport of Schutzhund, his involvement with working dogs dates to the mid 1960's when he began training and handling hunting dogs. In 1984 he became involved with the sport of Schutzhund and has gradually risen to the level of national competitor. Known primarily as a motivational trainer, he also provides training assistance to others to help them achieve their training goals. His wide range of experience lends a unique understanding to the special veterinary problems of working canines and their handlers. Dr. De Boer provides specialized online veterinary services to working dogs and their owners on his innovative web site: <http://www.workingk-9vet.com> **Working K9 Veterinary Consultation Services.**

# Braggs 2004



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.

## Debra, Fran, & Linda Praznik

Lace's Knight of Diamond went Best of Winners in Utah and Nebraska!

Lace's Diamond Beam went Winner's Bitch on Saturday, May 22nd at the Pasadena Kennel Club Show!

Jo-Bea's Crusader graduated top of his Novice Obedience Class, scoring higher than several yellow labs, boxers, and pitbulls with a 163.

Darkhaven's American Hero ("Jeffery"), in his 1st Novice Agility run on Sunday, May 30th at the Mission Circuit, scored a perfect 100 coming in 4 seconds after the leader and qualifying for 2nd place.

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## Doug & Marleta McFarlane & Marissa O'Connor

Ch. Ashwood's Footprint got an Award of Merit at the English Cocker Club of So. Calif. Specialty and a Group 2 at Ventura DFA Show! Last weekend He won Best of Breed at the Mt. Palomar Shows both days!!! Owned and loved by Doug, Marleta, and Marissa!

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## Lois Wilson

Am/Can Ch. Glenmurray's The Highlander II ("Duncan") took the Black Variety at the Cocker National with Julie Virosteck, co-owner, at the helm of course. The next weekend, back in Canada, Duncan had a Group 1 and 3 Group 2's at the Edmonton Shows and this weekend in Calgary, he had 3 Group 1's!!!

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## Mindy, Jerry & Scott Tandy

Congratulations to Scott Tandy who captured the Best Junior Handler at the Cocker Spaniel Club of Orange County under judge Sue Goldberg with his partner, Ch. Doggone Off Like A Shot, NA, NAJ, CGC ("Tuffy")

- ◆ Scott and Tuffy then went on to win 2nd place in Open Juniors the following day at the Long Beach Kennel Club.
- ◆ At the Conjeo KC Shows, Scott and Tuffy placed 3rd in Open Juniors both days moving Scott into 2nd place in the nation in Junior Showmanship showing ASCOB Cockers.

Ch. Doggone Off Like A Shot ("Tuffy") after having a busy weekend doing junior showmanship duty, went the following week to an agility trial and qualified 3 out of 4 runs earning 1st in each of his classes. Tuffy earned 2 legs in Open Standard and 1 leg in Open Jumpers Weaves and is happily owned/handled by Mindy Donovan-Tandy.

Naples Black Silk Stockings ("Nikki") (Great Dane) earned her Canine Good Citizenship (CGC) Certificate at the GDCC Sanctioned Puppy Match on July 10th. Nikki is proudly owned by Mindy Donovan-Tandy and Maren Cornish, handled by Mindy. P.S. A Big Thanks to Doug McFarlane for doing such a GREAT JOB judging the Great Dane Puppy Match. It was much appreciated!

## Notice To People Who Visit My Home

1. The dog lives here ... you don't.
2. If you don't want dog hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture.
3. Yes, he has some disgusting habits. So do I and so do you. What's your point?
4. OF COURSE he smells like a dog.
5. It's his nature to try to sniff your crotch. Please feel free to sniff his.
6. I like him a lot better than I like most people.
7. To you he's a dog. To me he's an adopted son, who is short, hairy, walks on all fours, doesn't speak clearly, and hates cats. I have no problem with any of these things.
8. Dogs are better than kids: they eat less, don't ask for money all the time, are easier to train, usually come when called, never drive your car, don't hang out with drug-using friends, don't smoke or drink, don't worry about whether they have the latest fashions, don't wear your clothes, don't need a gazillion dollars for college, and if they get pregnant you can sell the pups.

— Submitted by Julie Virosteck

