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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.

GENERAL NEWS

2005 Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas event was held at the Candlelight Pavilion in Claremont. All that attended the show, "The Wonderful World of Christmas". "Thank you's " are extended to Lisa Pino for coordinating this event .

Futurity

There is 1 bitch nominated for the Summer Futurity.

2005 December Specialty

Many thanks to all those who helped again this year to make our December Specialty successful. Thanks to everyone! Our raffle earned a grand total \$525 this year. Many thanks to Lisa Pino and Patti Auld for coordinating this successful raffle.

Make-A-Wish Foundation

The ASC and ASCF are working with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to make a 7 year old little girl's wish of a cocker spaniel come true. Julie Virosteck has received a buff puppy dog donated by Jeff Wright and Per Rismyhr that will be neutered next week and taken to her. I thought it might be fun and nice if our club would put together a "puppy care package" to go along with the puppy. This was discussed at the board meeting and all thought it was a great idea. If any of you would like to bring something to the club meeting Tuesday, Feb. 7 at Mindy and Jerry's house Julie can take these items to her as well. This will be published in the ASC Newsletter and on the web site as well.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mimi's Café

Corona, CA 91720

7:30pm

General Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Mindy, Jerry & Scott Tandy

Chino, CA 91710

7:30pm

GENERAL NEWS (CONT'D)

2006 Summer Specialty Sweepstakes Nominations

At the February Meeting, there will be nominations and elections for the Sweepstakes / Futurity Judge for our 2006 Summer Specialty. Please come with nominations that you have thought about, and know who you would like to judge our show.



Nominating Committee

At the February Board Meeting, the Board will be selecting members who will be on this year's nominating committee. This committee is responsible for reviewing our membership roster and providing a recommended slate of Board Officers for 2006-2008.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let one of the current Board Officers know. At that time, the Board will submit your name for consideration to participate on the committee. The deadline for expressing your interest in this activity is Monday, February 20, 2006.

2006 Eye Clinic

CSCOC will be offering a 2-day eye clinic on April 22-23. The clinic will be held at Lois Wilson's. Thanks goes to Quinn Ruvacava for volunteering to chair this event. More details will be coming shortly.

Pet Expo

Mark your calendars for the 2006 Pet Expo. It'll be taking place at the Orange County Fairgrounds on April 21, 22, and 23.

Meeting Locations

Wonder where 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):

February 2006: Mindy & Jerry Tandy

March 2006: Open

April 2006: TBA—Awards Dinner

May 2006: Lisa Pino / Patti Auld

June 2006: Mindy & Jerry Tandy

July 2006: Canceled

August 2006: Lois Wilson

September 2006: Open

October 2006: Open

November 2006: Open

December 2006: TBA—Xmas Dinner

REMINDERS

Future Meeting Reminders

- February Board Meeting: **As Scheduled - February 28, 2006**
- March General Meeting – **As Scheduled - March 7, 2006**
- March Board Meeting – **As Scheduled - March 28, 2006**



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.

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
Chino, CA 91710

"E-Newsletter"

If you are interested in receiving your newsletter via e-mail rather than snail mail or in being removed from the e-newsletter online distribution, please contact Mindy at MLDT@earthlink.net

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Date	Event	Judge
2/4 - 2/5	So Cal Portuguese Water Dog Club AKC Agility Trial City of Industry, CA	Kera Holm Kimberly Buchan Tamra Domico
2/19 - 2/20	Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club San Jose, CA	Virginia Lyne Linda More
2/25 - 2/26	Silver Bay Kennel Club Del Mar, CA	Joe Tacker Noman Kenney
2/25 - 2/26	Silver Bay Kennel Club AKC Agility Trial Del Mar, CA	Blair Kelly Kristin Dewey

CSCOC Board Members

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Dog Food Quiz

Most People know that dogs should not eat chocolate. But do you know about these less-well-known hazards to your pet? Taking this quiz may help keep your best friend from being sick as a dog! (See answers on page 8)

Question 1: Many people give this fruit to their dog as a treat. However, just a few bites can cause fatal kidney failure in some dogs.

- Strawberries
- Apples
- Grapes
- Bananas

Question 2: Dogs who eat this may become very ill from alcohol poisoning.

- Applesauce
- Oatmeal
- Grape Jelly
- Bread Dough

Question 3: Ingestion of just a few of these nuts can cause temporary paralysis of the back legs in some dogs.

- Macadamia nuts
- Peanuts
- Brazil nuts
- Pecans

Question 4: What raw fish can cause poisoning in dogs?

- Salmon
- Bass
- Sardines

Question 5: This food is sometimes used to season dogs' meals, but can cause anemia.

- Peanut butter
- Bacon fat
- Onions
- Chicken broth

Question 6: In some dogs, this sweetener can cause hypoglycemia.

- Saccharin
- Xylitol
- Aspartame
- Sucralose

Question 7: Raw chicken bones are more dangerous to dogs than cooked ones.

- True
- False

Question 8: Dogs— especially dogs that are fed a straight diet of dry food with little variety—may get an inflammation of the pancreas called “pancreatitis” if they eat certain foods that they are not used to. Which of the following is most apt to cause pancreatitis?

- Mashed potatoes
- Raw eggs
- Turkey skin
- Sugary candy

Question 9: A common food byproduct used in gardens has been found to cause vomiting, tremors and fast heartbeat when dogs eat it. What is this byproduct?

- Composted vegetable waste
- Cocoa bean mulch
- Composted corn husks
- Peanut shell mulch

Question 10: Which of the following holiday plants is *least* toxic to dogs?

- Mistletoe
- Actually, none of these are toxic to dogs
- Holly
- Poinsettia

Dog Food Quiz Answers

Question 1: Grapes

Both grapes and raisins can be toxic. Some dogs eat them with, seemingly, no ill effects. However, some dogs become ill after ingesting only a few grapes or raisins. The first symptoms is vomiting, followed by acute kidney failure, from which many dogs do not recover. As of yet, the toxin is unknown, nor do we know why some dogs become sick and others eat grapes or raisins without a problem.

Question 2: Bread Dough

The yeast-containing bread dough can ferment in the dog's stomach, releasing large quantities of alcohol. Small dogs are most susceptible to this toxicity.

Question 3: Macadamia nuts

The ingestion of as few as six macadamia nuts has caused paralysis in dogs. Dogs with macadamia poisoning will appear anxious and have difficulty moving their rear legs. The legs may appear to be painful. Luckily, the paralysis is temporary and clears up within a few days. The causative agent of the paralysis is unknown.

Question 4: Salmon

Salmon and trout can be infected with a parasite called *Nanophyetus salmincola*, a type of trematode worm. The worms themselves can be infected with a type of bacteria known as *Neorickettsia helminthoeca*. The bacteria only infects canines; other animals show no symptoms from eating it. When dogs eat raw fish infected with this bacteria, they can show symptoms including weakness, vomiting, loss of appetite, swollen glands, and fever. Ninety percent of untreated dogs die. Cooking kills the worm and the bacteria.

Question 5: Onions

Onions and garlic contain a chemical called thiosulfate. When ingested either in large quantities or in small quantities over a long period of time, they can cause an anemia called Heinz body anemia. This is reversible if you stop feeding the onions or garlic.

Question 6: Xylitol

This toxicity usually occurs when dogs eat large amounts of sugar-free candy or gum. In humans, xylitol does not cause a drop in blood sugar; in dogs it does. This can lead to weakness, staggering and other symptoms of hypoglycemia. There is also some evidence that some dogs may develop liver failure after ingesting xylitol.

Question 7: False

The reverse is true. Cooked bones are much more dangerous— they are much more brittle than raw bones and can splinter into sharp shards.

Question 8: Turkey skin

In dogs, pancreatitis often results from eating a very high-fat meal. While dogs that are used to eating high-fat diet, like sled dogs, can eat pure fat with no problems, dogs that are not used to such foods often cannot. When such a dog eats a high-fat meal, its pancreas overproduces enzymes, to the extent that they actually begin to "digest" the pancreas and inflame it. Common culprits are turkey skin and ham fat. Symptoms include vomiting and stomach pain. This is a medical emergency, and such dogs must be treated by a vet. Some breeds, like miniature schnauzers, are genetically predisposed to pancreatitis.

Question 9: Cocoa bean mulch

Cocoa bean shells contain the same toxic theobromine that chocolate does, and are poisonous to dogs for the same reason. The mulch has an attractive chocolate smell that is irresistible to many dogs.

Question 10: Poinsettia

Despite common misconceptions, poinsettias are only mildly toxic, and most dogs who eat them will experience no symptoms at all. Some dogs will drool or vomit after eating them. Holly causes intense nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe causes vomiting, diarrhea, neurological problems and heart failure.

DOGGIE DICTIONARY



1. **LEASH:** A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.
2. **DOG BED:** any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.
3. **DROOL:** Is what you do when your persons have food and you don't. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and look sad and let the drool fall to the floor, or better yet, on their laps.
4. **SNIFF:** A social custom to use when you greet other dogs. Place your nose as close as you can to the other dog's rear end and inhale deeply, repeat several times, or until your person makes you stop.
5. **GARBAGE CAN:** A container which your neighbors put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and moldy crusts of bread.
6. **BICYCLES:** Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.
7. **DEAFNESS:** This is a malady which affects dogs when their person want them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.
8. **THUNDER:** This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.
9. **WASTEBASKET:** This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrapper. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house until your person comes home.
10. **SOFAS:** Are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean.
11. **BATH:** This is a process by which the humans drench the floor, walls and themselves. You can help by shaking vigorously and frequently.
12. **LEAN:** Every good dogs's response to the command "sit !", especially if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events.
13. **BUMP:** The best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.
14. **GOOSE BUMP:** A maneuver to use as a last resort when the Regular Bump doesn't get the attention you require.....especially effective when combined with The Sniff. See above..
15. **LOVE:** Is a feeling of intense affection, given freely and without restriction. The best way you can show your love is to wag your tail. If you're lucky, a human will love you in return.