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CSCOC Newsletter

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CSCOC Highlights .....

2003 Junior & Senior Winter Futurity/Sweepstaks Judge Nominations

As our club will be having back-to-back specialities in December, the nominations of the futurity/ sweepstakes judge will be selected in June. 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.

2003 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 the 2003-2004 year.

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 Sunday, February 23, 2003.

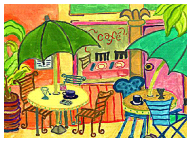
Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Mimi's Café

7:30pm



General Meeting

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

Debra & Fran Praznik

7:30pm



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)

Futurity

There are 2 bitches nominated at this time for the 2003 Summer Futurity which (for one-time only) has been re-named the "Senior Futurity" to be held at the 2003 Winter Specialty. 2 bitches have been nominated for the "Junior Futurity" at the 2003 Winter Specialty at this time.

Futurity Forms: You may obtain your forms online. Go to http://cscoc.org/page4.html to print a copy. They are located under the "Newsletter & Forms" Button.

Awards Dinner



Our annual Awards Dinner will be coming up in April. In March, Bea Jones (chairperson) will be sending out the forms to fill out for the various club awards. Be sure to fill them out and get them back to her. The April Awards Dinner is a time to celebrate our achievements from the year 2002.

Eye Clinic

Our Annual Eye Clinic is scheduled for April 12th. Dr. Mac will again be conducting the examinations. Chairperson, Debra Praznik, will be publishing a flyer shortly for the clinic.

Pet Fair

The Pet Fair is again coming up on April 4-6 at the Orange County Fairgrounds. Sharon Rogers from the West Coast Cocker Spaniel Club is coordinating the booth exhibit that showcases the Cocker Spaniel. Volunteers and dogs are needed. If interested, please contact Julie Virosteck.

Programs

We have a "NOT TO MISS" program scheduled for the May 2003 Meeting. AKC Rep, Mike Shea, will be speaking to our club on how to conduct a Bench Committee Review. Let's make a good turn-out for our guest speaker!

Field Trials

Have you ever been to a Cocker Field Trial? It's something you should really see. There is a trial taking place from 2/26 to 3/2 in Gorman, California. Please see attachments.

Volunteer Job Openings

We are looking for volunteers for the following jobs. Please contact Julie Virosteck if you are interested.

- **2003 CSCOC Show Chairperson (December)**



Remember your pets on Valentine's Day. Give them a little extra special something for the unconditional love they give you all year round.

Other Information Biscuits.....

Please Find Enclosed

- Upcoming February Events
- Directions to the February Meeting
- Legislation Update
- Field Trial Information

Future Meeting Reminders

- February Board Meeting – **As Scheduled— February 25, 2003**
- March General Meeting — **As Scheduled— March 4, 2003**
- March Board Meeting – **As Scheduled— March 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 February .....

Date	Event	Judge
2/1 - 2/2	AKC Agility Trials So. Calif. Portuguese Water Dog Club City of Industry, CA	Eva Martin Joni Weed Sherry Porter
2/2	Golden State Dog Fanciers All Breed and Obedience Match	Info Contact: E-Mail: ford46rag@aol.com
2/8 - 2/9	AKC Agility Trials Keeshond Club of So. Calif Pomona, CA	Kera Holm Sharon Kihara
2/16	Golden State Dog Fanciers All Breed and Obedience Match	Info Contact: E-Mail: ford46rag@aol.com
2/22 - 2/23	Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego Del Mar, CA	Jerry Watson Joanne Engel
2/22 - 2/23	AKC Agility Trials Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego Del Mar, CA	Adrienne Lynch Roger Greenwald
2/22	**Mission Valley Cocker Spaniel Club Specialty Santa Clara, CA**	**Betty-Anne Stenmark**
2/27	**Cocker Spaniel Club of Arizona Scottsdale, Az**	**Harry Smith**
2/28	Superstition Kennel Club Scottsdale, AZ	Ms. Corliss Cesario Westerman

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:
Hap Jones

Brags 2003

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.

Julie Virosteck

Ch. Doggone Justa Minute CGC, NA got her 1st leg for her JWW title in Agility with a third and 100 score. She got her second leg with another 100 score and a 2nd score. Minute is lovingly handled by Quinn Ruvacava.

Virginia Gilleland

Sandcastle Penny From Heaven finished at Whidbey Island Kennel Club with a 5-point major and Best of Variety over 5 Specials!

Debra Praznik

For the 2nd year in a row, "Team Generation", won "Funniest Costume" at the Mission Valley Show with "The Ontario Ballet Company". Four cocker bitches dressed as Sugar Plum Fairies: Sparkle, Miney, Lily & Sugar!

Working A Show Can Be Exhausting.....





James, Bryon, Jerry & Scotty

EVENT #2003369605

Western Washington English Springer Spaniel Club
Spring COCKER Trial
Premium List

Open to English Cocker and Cocker Spaniels only

Western Washington English Springer Spaniel Club
(AKC Licensed Club)
Hosted By Southern California Sporting Spaniel Club

Location:
High Desert Hunt Club
Gorman, CA

EVENT #2003133218

ECSCA Southern California Field Trial
Premium List

Open to English Cocker and Cocker Spaniels

English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.
(AKC Member Club)
Hosted by Southern California Sporting Spaniel Club

High Desert Hunt Club, Gorman, CA
Saturday, March 1, 2003

Field Trial Headquarters
Best Rest Inn 51541 N Peace Valley Rd Lebec CA PH 800 766-9009
Ask for Cocker Field Trial Group Rate: $59.00 per night plus tax

Schedule of Events

WED 2/26	11AM-3PM	Training Day @ High Desert Hunt Club Lunch in the Field ($5.00 per person)
THU 2/27	6AM-730AM	Continental Breakfast at Best Rest Inn
	8AM-Finished	WWESSC Field Trial - Open All Age at HIGH DESERT HUNT CLUB
	12N-1PM	Lunch in the Field ($5 per person)
	6PM-9PM	Dinner under your own arrangements at local restaurants
FRI 2/28	6AM-730AM	Continental Breakfast at Best Rest Inn
	8AM-Finished	WWESSC Field Trial – Open All Age at HIGH DESERT HUNT CLUB
	12N-1PM	Lunch in the Field ($5 per person)
	6PM-8PM	Dinner @ High Desert Hunt Club ($20 per person)
SAT 3/01	6AM-730AM	Continental Breakfast at Best Rest Inn
	8AM-Finished	ECSCA Field Trial – Open All Age at HIGH DESERT HUNT CLUB
	12N-1PM	Lunch in the field ($5 per person)
	6PM-8PM	Awards Banquet Dinner ~ Los Pinos Restaurant ($15 per person)
SUN 3/02	6AM-730AM	Continental Breakfast at Best Rest Inn
	8AM-Finished	ECSCA Field Trial – Open All Age at HIGH DESERT HUNT CLUB
	12N-1PM	Lunch in the field ($5 per person)
	5PM	Awards presented in the field
	6PM	Dinner - 300 Manford Way, Pasadena Hosted by Vicky Thomas & Paul McGagh

You are encouraged to prepay for lunches and dinners. Please send a separate check payable to SCSSC indicating what meals you are purchasing and for how many people.

AKC Legislative Updates

New California Laws:

AB2474 was signed into law in California law in September. Sponsored by Assemblyman S. Joseph Simitian, the legislation requires a bittering agent be added to antifreeze, in hopes of preventing animals and children from drinking the sweet-tasting poison.

- The governor also signed Assemblywoman Patricia Wiggins's **AB1357**. The law requires commercial pet sellers to provide customers with information about caring for the animals they purchase.

FAA Publishes Proposed Rule On "Incident" Reporting;
Extends Comment Period

The 106th Congress, then-Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), introduced the "Safe Air Travel for Animals Act" proposing draconian regulations on air carriers. Lautenberg's bill would have had the effect of stopping virtually all air shipment of animals. Unable to move the bill independently, Lautenberg attached it as an amendment to a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill. The AKC and other animal interest groups vigorously fought the Lautenberg provisions in conference. They were replaced in the final bill by provisions requiring the airlines to report "incidents" of loss, injury or death of animals during air shipment, and requiring the Secretary of Transportation to work with air carriers to improve training of employees who handle animals.

On September 27, 2002, the FAA published a proposed rule implementing the requirement to report "incidents" involving air shipment of animals, and provided a 30-day public comment period. **The proposed rule is so broadly written that it could make compliance by air carriers difficult and add to the trend in the airline industry to simply embargo the carriage of animals. Furthermore, for the first time, the proposed rule would enshrine in federal law reference to animal owners as "guardians." Finally, the rule involves some potentially troubling privacy issues by making information on pet owners whose animals are involved in reportable "incidents" available to the general public and animal rights organizations, who could subject pet owners to unwanted publicity or harassment.**

The AKC and other interested organizations requested an extension of the comment period so that the public would have adequate time to evaluate and comment on the proposed rule. On October 18, the FAA published a notice extending the deadline for comments an additional 60 days, until December 27, 2002. In the meantime, the AKC is working with other animal interest groups and the air carriers to formulate comments and suggested changes in the proposed rule that will meet applicable statutory requirements without imposing undue burdens on air carriers or on those shipping animals by air. These suggestions will also include eliminating the animal rights language. When those consultations are completed, the AKC will urge members of the fancy to write comment letters on the proposed rule and will provide guidance on how to prepare comments.

The Editors Note from the Taking Command (Watchdog) Newsletter:

It seems that not a day goes by without some reference to animal "guardians," either in the media or in draft legislation. The terminology is being injected into the vocabulary with alarming frequency, and AKC has noted phrases such as "stewardship" cropping up almost as often as the word "guardian." Though originally spearheaded by animal rights groups, the language is now being used by city officials, animal task force members and state agriculture departments. The changes may seem harmless, but "guardians" cannot be held legally responsible for their dog's actions, nor do they feel more compelled to better care for their canine companions. Please be on the look-out for "guardian" proposals or similar references in your area, and alert the Canine Legislation department when you hear of one. Teaching and encouraging others to be responsible for their pets is vitally important, but we must at the same time preserve our right to own pets. If we don't, there may soon be no more pets to take responsibility for.

Regards,
Stephanie Ortel

A New Disease

We have identified a new disease, probably caused by a virus among dog owning people. It apparently has been in existence for a considerable time, but only recently has anyone identified this disease, and begun to study it. We call it the Acquired Canine Obsessive Syndrome (ACOS). At first, ACOS was originally considered to be psychological in nature, but after two young researchers suddenly decided to become show breeders, we realized that we were dealing with an infectious agent. Epidemiologists here have identified three stages of this disease and typical symptoms, and they are:

A. You have the early symptoms (Stage I) if:

1. You think that any show within 300 miles is nearby.
2. You begin to enjoy getting up at 5 a.m. in the morning to walk and feed dogs.
3. It is fun to spend several hours a day grooming dogs.
4. You think you're being frugal if you spend less than $3,000 a year on shows.
5. You can't remember what it was like to have just one dog.

B. You definitely have the disease (Stage II) if:

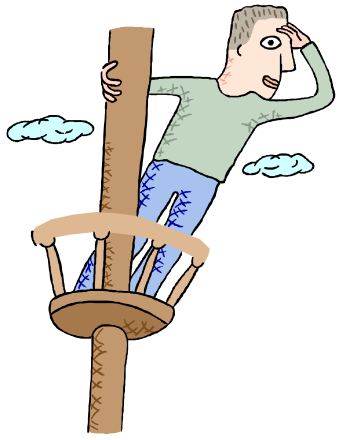
1. Your most important factor when buying a car is how many crates you can fit in it.
2. When you look for a house, the first thing you think of is how many dogs you can kennel on the property.
3. Your dog food bill is higher than your family's.
4. You spend as much on veterinarians as on doctors.
5. You have no money because of showing dogs.
6. You have to buy more than one vehicle a year, because you keep burning out the year or 70,000-mile warranty going to shows.
7. You have more pictures of the dogs than of your family.
8. Your idea of a fun vacation is to hit a show circuit.
9. Most of your conversations revolve around the dogs.

C. You are a terminal case (Stage III) if:

1. You wake up in the morning and find out that you put the kids in the crates a and the dogs in the beds last night.
2. You know each dog's name and pedigree, but can't figure out who that stranger in the house is; it turns out to be your husband/ wife.
3. Your neighbors keep insisting that those kids running around your house bothering the dogs are yours.
4. You keep telling the kids to "heel" and can't understand why they won't, and why they keep objecting to the choke collar.
5. You cash in the kid's college trust fund to campaign the dogs.
6. You've been on the road showing dogs so long that you can't remember where you live.
7. Your family tells you "It's either the dogs or us"; you choose the dogs.

Do you have this dreaded disease? Well, there is hope. In the course of our research, we have found that most cases seem to stop at Stage II, and remain chronic. We, with great difficulty, managed to acquire several Stage III ACOS patients. They are currently in our isolation wards, where we are studying them to gain a better understanding of this disease. It is a sad sight, seeing these formerly vibrant people as they shuffle around their rooms in endless triangle or L-patterns, making odd hand motions (as if holding a lead and baiting a dog), and making chirping noises. Merely saying the words "The Garden" can send them into an uncontrollable frenzy. Unfortunately, there isn't much hope for these cases, but with time and research to further understand this disease, we hope to come up with a cure. We are now attempting to isolate the causative agent, and may be able to develop a vaccine in the future. An interesting sidelight of this disease seems to be that exposure at an early age has an immunizing effect. Several people afflicted with ACOS at Stage II and Stage III have close family members (children, husbands, wives who have absolutely no disease. It is thought by some of our researchers that this may be due to environmental effects, to an aggregated immune function, or to the fact that those at these stages of the disease tend not to associate with their close family members possibly due to the memory deficit induced by the disease - that is, in that they don't remember that they have close family members!

What can you do to prevent this disease? Until a cure is found, prevention is the measure. Avoid kennels advertising "show stock," since it may be that dogs are carriers of the disease. Leave town on those days that the local newspapers inform you of a show in the area. If you inadvertently come into contact with an ACOS-afflicted person, leave as soon as possible (they do tend to cling), and thoroughly shower, preferably with germicidal soap. If you are living with an ACOS-afflicted person, take comfort that, if you haven't succumbed yet, you are probably safe.



See You At the February 4th Meeting!