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CSCOC Newsletter

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CSCOC Highlights .....

Membership Statements

Reminder notices are again included in this edition for those dues still outstanding. Please remit your payments to the Club Treasurer, Linda Praznik, ASAP.

August Potluck



Our annual dinner meeting potluck is scheduled for August. Please plan on bringing your favorite recipe along with your family and friends. Please bring enough to serve 12-15 people and the appropriate serving utensils. We're looking forward to a fun-filled and FOOD-filled evening! If you have any questions, please contact Mindy at either mldt@earthlink.net.

Volunteers Are Needed !!
CSCOC Needs Your Support

- **Christmas Dinner Chairperson:** It's getting late, folks and we need to get started on this!
- **2002 Raffle Chairperson—Winter Specialty**
- **2003 CSCOC ShowChairperson**
- **CSCOC Fund-Raising Committee Chairperson**

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Julie Virosteck.

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 30, 2002

7:30pm



General Meeting

Tuesday, August 6, 2002

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)

2002 Summer Specialty

The 25th Silver Anniversary Specialty was a resounding success. We had visitors come as far as Ohio to join in the festivities. Many past members sent their best wishes, even though they couldn't be there. There was a wonderful turnout of the founding members who received a commemorative coffee cup specially made for them by past member, ***Shari McIntyre.***



Many thanks to all the members who supported this event. Special recognition should be given to those individuals who went the "extra mile"…. it is very appreciated; ***Debra Praznik,*** for the those great steaks, potatoes, and everything else!; ***Quinn Ruvacava,*** for doing a great job as Obedience Chairperson and general help during the day; ***Teddy McPhee,*** for a fine job of coordinating our regular raffle; ***Bonnie Compas,*** for general helping out and clean-up; ***Hap Jones,*** for bringing some memorabilia to share; ***Scott Tandy and Kevin Virosteck,*** for the selling of all those raffle tickets!; ***Julie Virosteck,*** for everything…...

This special event took a lot of work and special thanks need to go to some non-members who saw where they could help and pitched in without question; ***Penny Dante*** (Cocker Spaniel Club of Las Vegas) and ***Jane and James Wade*** (Cocker Spaniel Club of Southern California). Thank you very much!

Of course, not to be forgotten, thank you to ***Jack & Jean Fowler,*** for stewarding & judging our classes, ***Chris Cornell,*** for an outstanding job in obedience judging and we were glad he was able to stay the whole day with us and have dinner, and of course, our show secretary, ***Dorothy Hicks and Gwen Lattin,*** for a job wonderfully done.

Lastly, best wishes were received from alumni members: ***Bill & Kathy Bartee, Mike Yeager, Earl McNeese, Shari McIntyre,*** and in attendance was ***Harry & Pat Jones, Dennis Blake, Frank Wood, Nancy Tucker and Eileen & Alex Weston.*** Hope I didn't forget anyone!

Judge Nominations

At the August Meeting, nominations will be opened for the following judging slates. Please come prepared with your recommendations:

- 2003 Summer Specialty—
  - Futurity & Sweepstakes
  - Obedience & Jr. Showmanship
- 2004 Summer Specialty —
  - Regular Classes

Futurity

To date, 3 bitches have been nominated for the 2002 Winter Futurity and 0 puppies. There have been no bitches/puppies nominated as yet for the 2003 Summer Futurity.

New Bred-By-Exhibitor Rules

Please note that, per AKC, effective September, 2002, any dogs entered in the above category must be bred-by and owned by the same individual to be eligible for this class.

Contact Your Senator SB 1373

Please read the enclosed legislature. This bill is detrimental to all responsible dog owner/breeders. Please contact your Senator to show displeasure!

Other Information Biscuits.....

Please Find Enclosed

- Flyer for October Cocker Specialties
- Membership Dues Statements
- Senate Bill 1373
- Events In August

Future Meeting Reminders

- July Board Meeting – **As Scheduled —July 30, 2002**
- August General Meeting — **As Scheduled —August 6, 2002**
- August Board Meeting – **As Scheduled— August 27, 2002**

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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California Considers Breeder Registration & Fee--Letters Needed!
Hearing Now Set for April 22, 2002
April 18, 2002

Dog fanciers in California are facing additional burdens as the state legislature considers new requirements for breeders and pet dealers. Introduced by Senator Jack O'Connell and amended most recently on April 16th, SB1373 requires breeders and pet dealers to register with a local animal control agency and pay a fee before the sale of each animal. Breeders and pet dealers are further required to list their "registration fee receipt number" in any advertisement associated with the sale of that animal. Lastly, breeders and pet dealers must ensure that the dog or cat has been microchipped and the owner's identification registered in a local or national database.

SB1373 was referred to the Senate Committee on Business and Professions. A hearing has been set for Monday, April 22nd. Fanciers may recall that SB236, a similar bill also introduced by Senator O'Connell, stalled in committee in 2001 after facing tremendous opposition by dog owners.

This state-mandated program will be extremely costly, time-consuming and ineffectual for local animal control authorities to enforce. It also places undue burden on responsible breeders as well as buyers. Disreputable breeders will ignore the new regulations just as they shirk current animal control laws. Those conscientious breeders who do comply with the new regulations will be forced to pass on these expenses to the new owner, and thereby do a disservice to California consumers.

The AKC promotes responsible ownership and encourages dog owners to properly identify their pets. However, the form of identification-whether by collar, tattoo or microchip-should be made by the owner, not the government. Finally, the decision about whether to enroll with a pet registry should be left to the owner, not dictated by government.

SB 1373 is overly intrusive, cost-prohibitive to enforce, and discourages personal responsibility. It places too many burdens on responsible breeders and will lead to increased costs for new owners. It will also create a sea of bureaucracy and paperwork for local animal controls that are already understaffed and underfunded. SB1373 must not be allowed to pass.

What You Can Do:

· Write a letter of opposition to the committee:
The Animal Council, an animal federation in California, offers the following information: A committee consultant will prepare a written analysis including existing law, arguments pro and con and listing support and opposition, naming organizations and usually a general reference to individual opposition. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS LISTED AS OPPOSITION.** Fax is usually the safest method and assures us of building a good-sized stack of paper for the opposition. **AKC clubs in California should act now!**
Opposition letters for the Bill Analysis should be clearly marked as **SB1373 OPPOSITION** and addressed as follows:

The Honorable Liz Figueroa
Chair, Senate Committee on Business and Professions
Senate Committee on Business & Professions
State Capitol, Room 2053
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Bill Gage, Chief Consultant
COMMITTEE FAX NUMBER: 916-324-0917

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Remember, these letters need to be faxed to the committee immediately. For more information on this bill or other issues affecting dogs and their owners, contact doglaw@akc.org.