Happy Autumn! It’s hard to believe that the BACKCSC 12th Annual Specialty is less than one week away!!!! Many people have been working hard to put “the special” in our Specialty! Check out our website for full details. Our club is known for putting on a great event for both exhibitors and attendees due in part to a nice venue, great welcome bags, ringside snacks, nice prizes, and warm hospitality. But, the bottom line is that this show is about Cavaliers, and we do all of this for the Cavaliers. I read somewhere about a club that claps for ALL dogs in each class--not just the winners or the favorites. I think it would be lovely to see all our club members at this show--supporting and welcoming all participants.

Also, I should have warned you sooner, but Beverly Meyer has found lots of interesting items and many club members have donated as well for the raffle and silent and live auctions--so I hope you are prepared to spend, spend, spend!

Thank you all so much for the overwhelming response to our request for trophy and class sponsorships! Almost all have been sponsored, and you can see a list of the sponsors (and pictures of many of their dogs and loved ones) on the website. If you haven’t looked recently, now’s the time.

I’m sure you’ve noticed the new look for The Cavalier Wag. Jo Ann Weise has retired after being editor for over two years, and Victoria Marina-Tompkins has taken over. Thank you so much to Jo Ann for all your hard work and thank you to Victoria as well for taking on this duty. We are so lucky to have such dedicated members to publish this newsletter; it’s a great bridge between emails and our website.

We have also started a Facebook page to serve as an extra means of communication. However, emails and the website are still the official means of club communication. If you are not receiving our emails, please contact Allyson at allysongonyo@hotmail.com.

See you all this weekend!

Molly
A Word from Willie...

“But soft! Methinks I scent the morning air.”

(Act I Scene 5 Hamlet)

Good day, fellow Cavaliers!

I am really excited to tell you about my latest adventure! I am taking a class here called K9 Nose Work. No, there is nothing wrong with my nose, either in appearance or function. I am learning to use my very-powerful nose for a purpose – and boy, is it fun!

This is the same training taken by those amazing dogs who help people find stuff like drugs or bombs. Of course, this is a beginning class. I wouldn’t know what drugs smell like. What I can recognize is the sweet smell of goodies. And that is what we use in class. Sound good to you?

Here’s how we started. I was taken into a room with a lot of cardboard boxes, scattered around on the floor. My teacher gave me a piece of cheese. Then she tossed another piece of cheese into a little flat box. I walked over and ate it. Then I looked at Mom to see what she wanted me to do. She kind of ignored me so I decided to check out another of the boxes. It was empty, but I thought I smelled something nearby. So I checked out another box, and another, and another. Imagine my joy when I found a piece of cheese in a box! Of course I ate it. Yum!

Mom was kind of kicking and moving the boxes around all the time after that. She would pick them up and put them back down. At first I followed her, but then I got another idea that there was more cheese somewhere. So I roamed around and I found it! Yum. Boxes were moving everywhere and then I smelled another piece of cheese. And another. And another. All the while Mom and the boxes were moving all over the room. Magically it seemed that small pieces of cheese caught my attention in different boxes in different places. The last hunt had cheese under the flap of a box and that was harder to find.

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My Cavalier niece, Annie, who is REALLY shy around other dogs, took this class 6 months ago, and she seems a lot more confident in general than she used to be. She also hunts like a tiger when Mom has her practice. She is smart and fast, and it seems to be her favorite thing to do. I hope I can learn enough to get as good as she is. She does her practice hunts outside in the wind where she has to work harder, they tell me. And there are no boxes for her any more - just a tiny treat hidden in weird places. Sometimes she has to move something to find the treat.

I just practice in different rooms with the boxes. I hope at class tomorrow that I get lots of chances to find those goodies. Mom tells us that if we get good enough finding treats, then we will learn to find other scents and then get rewarded with treats. Either way works for me! I love this game!

So, Cavaliers! Ask your people to let you take nose work classes, too. My teacher says there are 5,000 dogs competing in this relatively new sport. You can, too!

As always, your friend,

Willie
Onstage William Shakespeare

Note from Willie’s “Mom”
The governing body of the sport of nose work is the National Association of Canine Scentwork- NACSW:

“Ron Gaunt, Amy Herot and Jill-Marie O'Brien founded the NACSW to ensure the highest standard of excellence for competitors in the sport of K9 Nose Work® and to cultivate a community of enthusiastic dog lovers and dog sport competitors. Together, the three founders pioneered the concept of detection-style training and competition for pet dogs, finding great enthusiasm among dog lovers for their unique talents in developing and executing canine sporting events that truly bonded dog and human, and were lots of fun, too.

The first official NACSW trial was held in January of 2009, in Southern California, and since then there have been over 135 trials in 17 states. NACSW K9 Nose Work trials have earned a reputation for being an exciting, supportive venue to compete with your dog. Trials are all day events and require a large number of volunteers - typically NACSW members and competitors - to deliver the NACSW K9 Nose Work trial experience.”

NACSW
Last issue I talked about the three “Charlie’s”—our trio of tri’s! The Charlie in Santa Clara did find his new home!!!! We’re so happy for this sweet senior who waited so patiently for a wonderful new family!

I guess I need a new rescue feature called “The Charlie Corner....” Charles, the twelve-year old male being fostered around San Luis Obispo is still available; AND, we have a new Charlie being fostered in San Diego. He’s around four years old and so shy that we don’t have a picture of him. Please keep an eye on the website to see when he’s available.

Daisy is looking for her new forever home! She lost quite a few teeth during her recent dental, but has no trouble eating. Her heart is great for a nine-year old girl, but she does scratch a bit when she wears a collar. Daisy gets along well with other Cavaliers and loves adults (children make her a little nervous). Daisy is just SO sweet and SO cute!!! She’s hoping for a home where she won’t be left alone much. Daisy is the perfect size to take along with you! Check out www.cavalierrecuetrust for more info on this sweet girl!

This is Nigel, another senior citizen. He’s almost 10 years of age. His original owner moved into assisted living, and her daughter tried to give Nigel a home. However, one of the resident pugs didn’t enjoy Nigel’s company. He’s doing well with the Cavaliers in his foster home, but would have no problem being an only dog. He loves naps and laps and a daily walk.

He does have a murmur but is not on medication at this time. Please check out the Trust website for more info on Nigel.

AND, COMING SOON:

Chloe is an adorable little tri who will be ready for a new home shortly after her dental and spay. She will eight years old next month, and would like to be in a new home for her birthday!

We also have Louie, a young black and tan male, who is working on his confidence and manners, and Tullie, an older Blenheim female.

I am sorry to say that the vet discovered numerous tumors as Lou Ann (who was mentioned in the the last WAG) was being prepped for her dental. We were ready to remove the first two discovered, but finally the vet found one large one that was inoperable, so Lou Ann was put to sleep. Rest in peace little girl.

For quick links to information on adopting, volunteering, or donating to the Rescue trust, go to the Rescue page at www.backcsc.com.
To celebrate the dedication and enthusiasm of the owner-handler exhibitors the AKC has created the new National Owner Handled Series. AKC recently released the points ranking through September 25, and two Northern California Cavaliers and their owners have qualified for 2013. They are Harrington Haute Couture (owned by Susan & Allyson Gonyo) with five points, and Ch Tassajara Jack Kerouac At Sorella (owned by Susan Savage Green and Donna Savage) also with five points.

Kumar and Jo Anne were thrilled beyond words with DJ's Back to Back BISS wins at the recent COPS Specialty in Olympia, WA. COPS always does an outstanding job of putting on a great show in a lovely PAC NW setting. Enjoyed the show and enjoyed seeing some beautiful Cavaliers!

Taffe McFadden congratulated by Judge Diane Whitfield, UK

Quail Garden Loch Lomond Deja Vu with Mr. Richard Camacho, Judge
At Mensona Kennel Club the newest Del Sol Puppies participated in the 4-6 month puppy competition.

Del Sol This Love "Favor" (McHenry/ Meyer) was Best of Breed 4-6 Puppy and also took a Group 2nd.
Del Sol Wake Up Call "Chase" (McHenry/Jewik) was Best of Opposite!

Del Sol One More Night "Adam" (McHenry) recently took Best Puppy and Reserve Winners Dog at Donner Trail Kennel Club on his 1/2 Birthday (6 months! )

Jo Ann Weise reports that the club has two new Canine Good Citizens! Torie (Plumridge Royal Victorian) owned by Janet Doherty and Olivia owned by Trish Krokel. Both acheived their CGC title on October 12th. Torie was bred by Jo Ann Weise, and she is very proud of both Torie and Janet!!!! For those of you who haven’t met her--Olivia is an English Toy Spaniel!!
Recent Events...

BACKCSC members participate in our AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Event at Read Booksellers in Danville on September 29.

The BACKCSC sponsored a very informative seminar on Canine Reproduction, Whelping and Puppy Intensive care by Myra Savant Harris the weekend of October 12th/13th. The seminar was very well attended and everyone present had a wonderful time and learned quite a bit from Myra, who is a very entertaining presenter, along with having good information to help breeders make more informed on dog and bitch care, their breeding programs and puppy care. The seminar was held at the La Quinta Inn and Suites in Livermore where BACKCSC has sponsored seminars in the past. Special thanks go out to Jo Anne Mittelman, Molly Hughes, Julie Ellingson, and Reesa Lawton for their valuable help and assistance with advice, lunch deliveries, set up and clean up! Many of the attendees asked who we were going to have speak next time as some had been to our previous seminars as well.
Janis Fox, long time club member, retired from her grooming business “Foxy Clips” on Sept. 30th. Many of us have had the pleasure of her expert grooming through the years and will miss taking our pups to her! We wish her all the best in her retirement!

Her Story

“I met Joanne Nash at a benching show at the Cow Palace. I brought my two Cavaliers (Fred & Ginger) to Joanne’s house for her evaluation and then later became a club member in Jan. 1996. I started grooming in 1995 and opened my own business (Foxy Clips) in 2003 in San Mateo at Scrub-A-Pup. I ended up specializing in Cavaliers and have totally loved my career and bringing my dogs (Roger & Molly) to work with me. I just closed my business at the end of September (2013) because I started to feel the effect of standing on my feet all day and bending over the tub and grooming table. It was hard to say good-bye to clients and doggies that I have done over the last 15 years.

I used to go to a dog park in Foster City and have meet a lot of great Cavaliers and owners over the years, Gayle Hester is one of those people. I also love being a member of the Bay Area Cavalier Club and did nail trims at Fun Day from 2005 to 2010. I missed my first Fun Day in 2011 because I lost my little Cavalier girl, Ginger at age 17. I have become good friends with Jo Ann Weise and still donate my grooming services for rescue dogs that Jo Ann fosters.

I am quickly getting used to being retired and love having time to myself with Roger & Molly and I am looking forward to more time with Cavalier friends and club events/meetings.”

Best wishes to Janis as she enjoys her life after grooming!

Photo of Janis with Ginger by Gayle Hester
Sportsmanship. We talk about it on a regular basis. Most try to display good sportsmanship regularly. The AKC has a Code of Sportsmanship. So why do we have so many people making comments about the lack of sportsmanship in and out of the ring? Unfortunately, because there are more than enough examples of poor sportsmanship in all breeds, and these actions warrant the previously-mentioned comments. Just as unfortunate is that social media has made it easier to rant and rave regardless of whether these rants are justified. At a large cluster, it seemed that poor sportsmanship was rampant in many rings. One judge apparently felt the need to congratulate those on their wins as well as thank exhibitors of their sportsmanship when appropriate. That wasn’t received well by those who did not get thanked. When I caught up with one of our regular AKC reps at a show the following weekend, we discussed this very topic and, without naming names, reviewed some examples of poor sportsmanship and how it was handled by the exhibitors, the judge and the rep. In one ring, the judge explained why he chose the dogs that day before he handed out the ribbons. One displeased exhibitor not only took to the social media channels to vent about her displeasure of the judge’s choice, she found the AKC rep and ranted and raved. When given the AKC options of filing a complaint if she felt it was necessary, she declined. Rather than chalking the day up to “another day, another dog show”, it was as if she took the judge’s decision as a personal insult. The judge, not knowing who she was, judged the dogs on the day they were shown to him. He could tell by the look on her face she was not pleased, and he did the sportsmanlike thing as a judge to explain his choice. He merely expected similar courtesy in return.

In another ring, the judge gave clear directions to everyone as to how he wanted the dogs exhibited. In the end, he congratulated the winners and some of them for their sportsmanship. When he did not congratulate two of the exhibitors on their behavior, they went to the AKC rep to complain. Think about it. Two exhibitors who failed to get recognition for their sportsmanship went and complained, and the rep had to follow up on their complaint per their insistence. When he escorted the two exhibitors to the judge at an appropriate time and gave them the chance to voice their complaint, they didn’t want to, at first. But then they blurted out why there were upset. The judge’s response? They had scowls on their faces and visibly pouted when he made his choice and they didn’t congratulate the winner. So how could he thank them for being sportsmanlike when they clearly weren’t? The exhibitors tried to insist that he gave only them reprimanding directions about how to not handle their dogs. The judge explained that he gave everyone that same instruction. Once again, rather than chalking the day up to “another day, another dog show”, it was as if they, too, took the judge’s decision as a personal insult. The judge, not knowing who they were, judged the dogs on the day they were shown to him.

These two scenarios bother me. But they should also bother you and hopefully you pause and reflect on some of your own behaviors at dog shows. When you win, are you gracious to the judge as well as the other exhibitors? When you lose, do you visibly pout? Do you rant and rave in social media outlets about why the judge made a poor choice or that the dog that beat you is a much lesser specimen? I don’t know anyone that enters a show hoping to lose. Try to remember that your face and body language is extremely telling. Try to find something good to reflect upon. Did your dog show well? Did you handle your dog well? Did your grooming show off your dog to his or her best regardless of the ribbon color? Did you play nice? Did you congratulate the winner or thank the losers? Knowing that we all can’t win the ribbon we want every time, please remember that good sportsmanship goes a very long way. And poor sportsmanship goes even further. The public is standing ringside watching. Our community is a very small one and the old adage continues to ring true, “actions speak louder than words.” Stay classy, my friends.
I'd like to sincerely thank the following BACKCSC members and friends who have generously donated items, services, or events for the Welcome Bags, Raffle, Silent Auction, or Live Auction for our Specialty.

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Our Specialty Raffle and Silent Auction are open to all attendees of the show. Please drop by our Specialty in the Agriculture Building and check out the items from these donors. I also encourage you to check out the donors’ websites and like them on their Facebook pages!
October 18 & 19  2013 BACKCSC Specialty Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton
See www.BACKCSC.com for full details

November 2  (Saturday!!) Holiday Photography Session and Annual Meeting,
Tri-Valley SPCA, 4651 Gleason Drive, Dublin
Meeting at 1:00 pm; Presentation at 2:00 pm

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Please always remember that this is your publication! If you come across any information or articles that you feel the rest of the club membership would enjoy or benefit from, please forward them on to me. And remember, we must have written authorization from the author to reprint any or all of their articles. Book reviews are always fun and always welcome! Please submit pictures in jpeg format and articles in Word format. We are not able to work with a PDF file.

As many of our members are having extraordinary success in the ring, we are finding that on occasion we may be limited (due to file size constraints) to how many pictures and captions we can squeeze into each edition of the Cavalier Wag. Please note that we reserve the right to publish up to two announcements per member. If the need arises that we limit these submissions, we will contact you to prioritize which announcements are most important to you.

In an effort to publish the information you provide accurately, please remember to include the picture with the corresponding verbiage into the same email. Please do not send them in separate emails.

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NONFICTION BOOKS

Through a Dog’s Eyes—Jennifer Arnold. Lots of good training info, as well as an inspiring story.

In a Dog’s Heart—Arnold’s second book which tackles adopting a dog and teaching the essential behaviors.

A Dog Walks Into A Nursing Home—Sue Halpern. Pet assisted therapy and how having a dog teaches us more about being human.

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Dogs by Desmond Morris—A comprehensive guide to over 1000 dog breeds. Good for folks trying to figure out the difference between a Norfolk and Norwich Terrier, with a better understanding of what each breed was bred and designed to do.

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