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**American Kennel Club News Article
Underdog Prompts AKC to Remind Potential Dog Owners to Research the Right Breed for Their Lifestyle**

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-Taking the Time to Pick the Right Breed Makes You The Real Hero-

With the release of the action adventure movie *Underdog*, the American Kennel Club® reminds moviegoers about the importance of making careful, educated decisions when considering adding a dog to their home.

Distributed by (c) Disney Enterprises, Inc., *Underdog* is a live re-make of the classic animated television series of the same name and revives the famous phrase—"There's no need to fear, Underdog is here!" The story features "Shoeshine," a Beagle superhero who gains heroic powers after a mysterious accident occurs in the

laboratory of maniacal scientist Dr. Simon Barsinister. "Shoeshine" uses his new superhero powers to protect the beleaguered citizens of



Capital City as well as his Cavalier King Charles Spaniel sweetheart "Polly Purebred." The underworld boss "Riff Raff" is portrayed by three Rottweilers who, in a rags to riches story, went straight from city shelters to major movie roles.

The AKC® joins the National Beagle Club, the American

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club and the American Rottweiler Club in sending the message that potential puppy owners should carefully research a breed when buying a dog and should buy only from a reputable source.

"People who see *Underdog* may think about owning one of the three dog breeds featured in the film," said Lisa Peterson, AKC spokesperson. "Each of these wonderful breeds has its own distinct traits and personalities. With 157 AKC recognized breeds to choose from, people need to do their research and select the dog that best fits their family."



**Talking About the Breed:
Facts to consider about a Cavalier
King Charles Spaniel**

Cavaliers are house dogs who want to be with their human family members and will follow them from room to room. Puppies need socialization and training to become well-adjusted, well-trained members of the family.

- This breed loves children who are gentle and well-behaved. Children who are loud, boisterous or rough will frighten a Cavalier.
- Cavaliers are a long-haired breed and need regular grooming to avoid a tangled or matted coat.
- A fenced in yard is a must for a Cavalier. The fence and gate must be secure enough at the bottom so the dog cannot slip

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Charles Spaniel (continued from page 1)

or dig out from underneath, as well as tall enough (at least 4 feet).

- The breed has the highest percent increase over the past decade in terms of popularity -- having moved up the AKC's list from 75th in 1996 to 27th in 2006 — a 511% increase. Therefore you must be extra diligent in

locating a reputable breeder as unscrupulous breeders and importers abound.

Always start your search for a Cavalier with the AKC's designated parent club, the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club at <http://www.ACKCSC.org>



Brookhaven Royal Cinnamon (Sissy)

**Training will
enhance the bond
between you and
your dog**

C a n i n e G o o d C i t i z e n

Many dog owners choose Canine Good Citizen training as the first step in training their dogs. The Canine Good Citizen Program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, tracking, and performance events. As you work with your dog to teach the CGC skills, you'll discover the many benefits and joys of training your dog. Training will enhance the bond between you and your dog. Dogs who have a solid obedience education are a joy to live with. They respond well to household routines, have good manners in the presence of people and other dogs, and they fully enjoy the company of the owner who took the time to provide training, intellectual stimulation, and a high quality life. We sincerely hope that CGC will be only a beginning for you and your dog and that after passing the CGC test, you'll continue training in obedience, agility, tracking, or performance events. The above article is an excerpt. To read the complete article on the Canine Good Citizen Program, go to AKC.org/events/cgc/index..cfm.

O r g a n i z a t i o n a l M e e t i n g H e l d f o r C K C S C - K Z O O

The first meeting of the CKCSC-KZOO Club was held at Bark's 5th Avenue in Kalamazoo, MI, on August 11, 2007. Officers were elected and bylaws were adopted.

Plans were made for the upcoming Responsible Dog Ownership Day to be held

on September 8, 2007 from 11AM to 2PM at Barks. A club meeting will proceed the event.

A fun event for our cavaliers was held after the meeting. The winners proudly displayed their certificates and posed for this group shot.



AKC Agility information

Agility is a sport that appeals to young people and to senior citizens. It has great spectator appeal. Agility is designed to demonstrate a dog's willingness to work with its handler in a variety of situations. It is an athletic event that requires condi-



tioning, concentration, training and teamwork. Dog and handlers negoti-

ate an obstacle course racing against the clock.

The AKC offers two types of agility classes. The first, Standard Class, includes contact objects such as the dog walk, the A-frame, and seesaw. Each of the contact obstacles has a "safety zone" painted on the object and the dog must place at least one paw in that area to complete the obstacle. The second is Jumpers with Weaves. It has only jumps, tunnels and weaves poles with no contact objects to slow the pace.

Both classes offer increasing levels of difficulty to earn Novice, Open, Excellent and Master titles. For complete information and to read the remainder of this article please go to AKC.org/events/agility/index.cfm



Legislative update

There are many concerns for dog owners about the laws being proposed by legislatures and city governments across the country. Some of these legislative activities are designed to address a specific situation but actually have the potential for many unexpected and undesirable effects. Other legislation is the result of very well funded extremist organizations pursuing their goals of eliminating animal ownership or imposing their extreme views

through legislation. We will be discussing these topics in future newsletters as well as providing an update of local and AKC legislative concerns and activities. If you are interested in reviewing some of these activities please go to www.akc.org/canine_legislation and read about the successful elimination of California AB 1634 which would have required owners to spay or neuter all dogs and cats six months of

age, with few practical exceptions or about the changes signed into law in the Louisville, KY's Animal Control Ordinance requiring home inspection and expensive fees for owning unaltered dogs. Please contact a club officer and relate any local issues you become aware of so that we are all informed and can take action to protect our rights as dog owners.

Bruce L. Clark, DVM

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Rescue Corner

The whole concept of rescuing a dog was something very new to me. I was introduced to Lucky Star Cavalier Rescue in 2005 shortly after I had become aware of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel breed. I had fallen completely in love with the breed, their amazing temperament, beauty and unconditional love. In August of 2005 I met Hope and completely fell in love with this

little girl. She captured my heart even through all her fear and timid, shy personality. I have had the great privilege of watching Hope come out of her shell as she came to live with me and started to trust me. With Hope, she's not as quick to trust as most other dogs. She will always be a much more shy & timid dog – but she's has truly grown by leaps and bounds. The first time she

wagged her tail, it absolutely brought tears to my eyes. Things happen on her terms, her comfort level; she is a lap dog now and will actually make eye contact with me when I am holding her. The addition of my 2nd Cavalier, Phalin, in October of 2006 has helped her to come out of her shell more and develop into an



"Hope"

Even sweeter girl. I would encourage you, if you are not familiar with dog rescue to check it out. It's life changing to experience unconditional love from a dog, but it's an even greater experience to be touched by a rescued dog! Kylea Poole

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CAVALIER KING
CHARLES SPANIEL
CLUB OF GREATER
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The Objectives of the Club

(a) to encourage and promote quality in breeding of pure-bred Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and do everything possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.

(b) 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 the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel shall be judged.

(c) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience and agility trials.

(d) to conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows and obedience and agility trials under the rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

President Message:

Welcome to the CKCSC-KZOO!

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Greater Kalamazoo exists for the love of Cavaliers!

The CKCSC-KZOO is a local AKC specialty club established to represent, protect, and promote the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel in the Greater Kalamazoo, Michigan area.

As a group, we want to have fun, support each other, and celebrate our Cavaliers!

Our members have varying experience in the CKCS breed – show breeders, exhibitors, pet owners, rescue owners, rescue workers, pet

therapy dog owners, breeder judges, handlers and obedience trainers.

We have all come together for the love of the breed.

The CKCSC-KZOO has a proactive plan, which includes matches (judge by leading Cavalier breeders), public education, and ACKCSC endorsed breed seminars. The club wants to encourage and promote junior handlers as the next generation of Cavalier Fanciers.

The CKCSC-KZOO is working on becoming AKC licensed. In addition, we are working toward qualifying as one of the ACKCSC member clubs. Our future goal is to host a

Cavalier's specialty in Michigan!

Regards,
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