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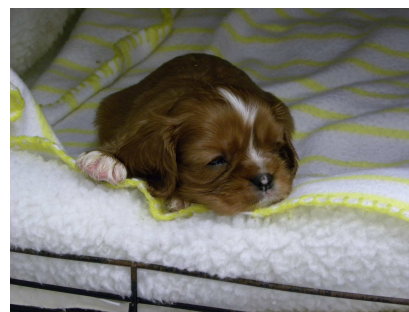
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Cavalier Puppies

The Greatest Gift



October 2009 Meeting Recap



The October meeting was hosted by Alice Dunn. Over 15 members and friends attended along with their cavaliers. A silent auction was held to support the club. Members approved updated bi-laws recommended by the board to align our club with that of the national club. Members enjoyed a pot luck supper followed by grooming tips for the pet cavaliers. Grooming products were provided by Isle of Dog.



November 2009 Meeting Recap

The November meeting was hosted by C.C. Berg and featured a guest speaker Joe Grissom from Royal Canin. The Topic of the seminar was Oral Hygiene. Joe provided three publication to attendees; Practical Guide to Dog Breeding and Breeders guide to Canine Reproduction and a guide to nutrients for good health in dogs and cats. He also provided refreshments for the event.



A presentation on Logo wear was also provided with orders taken after the meeting. Multiple items were raffled for fund raising for the club. CC has hosted this meeting for three years during the harvest cluster dog shows in Grand Rapids.

New Champion



Ch. Der Hagen's Livin Fast FWD (Chesney)

He is also the proud dad to his first litter of 3 tri boys/2 tri girls by Der Hagen's O Solo Mio (akc pointed). Kimm McDowell

Other Brags



WE ARE OFFICIAL !!!!!

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Southwest Michigan is now sanctioned by the American Kennel Club. We are now able to sponsor B matches. Congratulations to all who have spent time in effort to get our organization recognized.



Owners of Dansyn Cavaliers share their knowledge, experience and insight on whelping cavalier puppies.

Here at Dansyn Cavaliers we do not breed many litters, usually 1-2 per year so this is a very exciting time for us! The puppies are whelped in our bedroom. We use a Dura-Whelp whelping box which fits perfectly into a Midwest Puppy Playpen.

List of whelping supplies:

Warming box with heating pad
 Thermometer to check temperature of warming box
 Several washable hospital pads (changed after each birth)
 Warmed washcloths or small hand towels for drying new-born
 Latex gloves
 Rectal thermometer for taking bitch's temp
 Calsorb or Oral Cal Plus
 Nutra-Stat and/or Nutra-Cal
 Bulb syringe
 Cord care supplies: Betadine, dental floss, surgical scissors
 Lactated Ringers
 Oxygen
 Feeding tubes and syringes
 Milk Replacer
 Scale for weighing each puppy
 Oxytocin and Dopram
 Clavamox
 Vets office and home phone numbers
 Notepad and pen to record events of birth
 Puppy birth record sheet
 Lots of caffeine for those "all nighters"!



We weigh the puppies twice a day for the first week, watching carefully to make sure each puppy is gaining and we carefully observe each puppy for respiration difficulties. It is very important to make sure each puppy is latched on and getting its share from mom. Weaker puppies may appear to be nursing but are not strong enough to latch on and are easily pushed off by stronger pups. Weighing the puppies daily is so important! Check puppies daily for dehydration and weight gain. You may need to hydrate and tube feed a weaker puppy and it is important to learn the correct way of doing this. We recommend Myra Savant's book "Puppy Intensive Care" which has been a great resource to us. To view a video on tube feeding visit www.naturalholistic.com/tubefeeding.html

When the puppies are around 3-4 weeks old we start their potty training. We use the Right Spot Dog Potty available at www.therightspotdogpotty.com. We have used puppy pads and dog litter in the past but like this system much better. Puppies are placed on the pad after eating and sleeping and quickly learn to use their potty spot!

When the puppies are around 4 weeks old we start the weaning process. We usually start by mixing puppy milk replacer with a small amount of baby rice cereal. After feeding this for a few days we add a little ground puppy kibble and gradually remove the formula and cereal until they are eating just moistened kibble.

We also start early crate training around this time. The puppies are placed into a larger area in our bedroom set up with a sleeping area, potty area, and larger play area. We first place the bottom portion of a Vari-Kennel inside this area for them to sleep in. After a few days we add the top portion without the door. When they are around 5-6 weeks old we place the door on the crate and start closing it during naptimes. When the puppies are 7-8 weeks old we remove the larger crate and replace it with several smaller crates and start gradually training the puppies to sleep in the crate alone. Usually by the time the puppy goes to their new homes they are very comfortable with their crate. Each puppy goes home with their own crate and bedding. We feel this makes the transition to a new home much easier for our puppies and also our new puppy family.

From the time our puppies are born, they are handled and cuddled daily. We introduce them to as many "new things" as possible such as vacuum, TV, music, children, adults, other dogs, stairs and other items or experiences that they will likely come in to contact with in a normal household.

Whelping Advice Continued

Our puppies have their first Vet exam and receive their first puppy vaccine at 8 weeks of age. They will also have their eyes tested by an ophthalmologist around this time. We also evaluate the litter at this time and decide which puppies will be available as pets and which will stay here as show/potential. We then allow potential puppy families (which we have carefully screened), to visit with us and meet the puppies and mom. We go over all health documents of both parents (hearts, eyes, hips, and patellas) and copies are sent home with each family. We also give them a copy of our Cavalier Care Manuel and ask them to please read it before they return to pick up their puppy. Puppies go to their new homes at 10-12 weeks of age.

They go to their new homes with:

- Their personal crate and bedding
- Blanket with mom and littermates scent
- Copies of both parents health documents
- Pedigree of puppy
- Certificate of health completed and signed by our vet
- 3-4 toys they have been playing with
- Week supply of food and feeding instructions
- Puppy treats
- Vaccine and worming records
- Copy of shot protocol we recommend
- Health guarantee and contract

Cavalier Care Manual

Contents of our manual include: Bringing your new puppy home-what to expect, introducing your puppy to other pets, puppy proofing your home, how to housetrain your puppy, canine nutrition and a list of foods we recommend, canine dental and instructions on brushing teeth, bathing and grooming your puppy, first aid and emergency care, dangers of xylitol and other food/plants, list of dangerous plants and food, list of human medications not safe for pets, articles on potential cavalier health problems (MVD, SM, PSOM, flycatchers and epilepsy, episodic falling, blood platelets) and other helpful information.

We have tried to include all the information a novice puppy family would need to know throughout the lifetime of their cavalier.

It is always a time of mixed feelings when one of our puppies leaves for its forever home. We put so much of ourselves into our puppies. We have been truly blessed with wonderful pet homes. We stay in touch with all of our puppy families and welcome them to contact us at any time concerning their cavalier.

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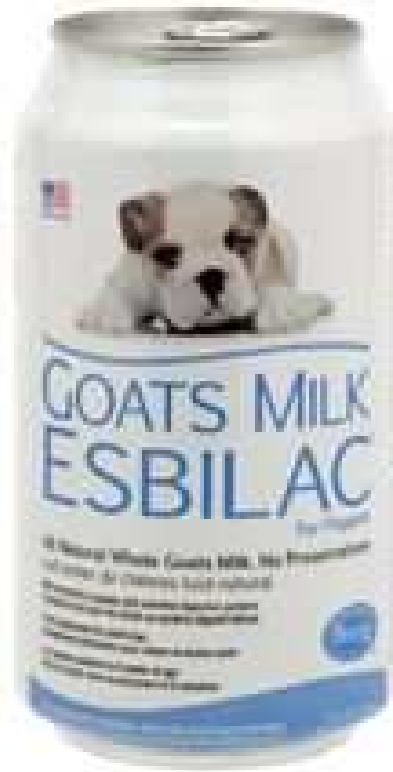
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All puppies should receive their mother's milk for at least 2 days, if possible. The colostrum milk gives extra nutrition and temporary immunity against some diseases

B. Clark, DVM

Feeding Alternatives Milk Replacer For Puppies



Goat's Milk

Esbilac® Liquid

“Recommended as a complete food source for orphaned or rejected puppies or those nursing, but needing supplemental feeding. Also recommended for growing puppies or adult dogs that are stressed and require a source of highly digestible nutrients.” Pictured below is Babe being fed for the first few weeks of life using a Gerber bottle with slow flow nipple. V Clark



Myra Savant Harris Puppy Formula

1 cup liver water

Boil liver in water – makes a cup when all cooked. Strain.

Can substitute 1/3 cup plain water if necessary.

1 can (10-12 oz.) evaporated goat's milk (don't thin)

Regular evaporated milk if you can't find goat's milk

1cup whole fat plain yogurt (Greek style)

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2 raw egg yolks

1 Tbs of mayonnaise or canola oil

1 tsp Karo syrup (any color)

1 dropper of baby multivitamins.

Blend in blender. Freeze in ice cube tray. Store in plastic bag. Thaw in refrigerator

Recipe provided by Elaine Dempster. Elaine uses this formula with her puppies during weaning and keeps it on hand just in case during whelping

Feeding advice for at-risk Puppies

When Babe began to loose weight we asked for advice from experienced breeders. The following advice and formula recipe was shared by Janet Dalton Vicki Clark

I have had a couple of small pups over the years--I would start by offering a small bit of Gerber baby meat -chicken-- on a teaspoon-slightly warmed--usually they love it and want more--I would gradually add a recipe that I give all puppies--4 weeks to 5 months--



2 cups goat milk(made from dry)
1/4 cup honey
5 egg yolks
1/2 cup yogurt
1 large can evaporated milk
Mix in blender--keep in the refrigerator warm slightly before feeding.
I usually go through 1 blender full a day by 6 weeks--
Janet Dalton

Elaine Dempster's favorite weaning recipe

Here's another recipe I use when I wean the puppies. I make it up and leave in the fridge ... I only take out what is needed and after I heat it up I add ground puppy food and tripe...they LOVE it and I haven't had any problems with diarrhea.

1 Can Evaporated Milk
2 Cans Water
2 Egg Yokes
1 T Karo Syrup
2 envel. Gelatin (unflavored)
1 Tbs Heavy Cream

Beat milk, water, egg yokes and syrup. Bring to a boil. Beat in gelatin. Cool and store.

Signs of Good Health

When you visit your veterinarian, be sure to bring up any questions or concerns regarding your puppy's health. To help you determine abnormalities you need to discuss with your veterinarian, please review the following lists

Copied from www.hillspet.com

What's Normal

Eyes: Should be bright and clear. Report any discharge to your veterinarian.

Ears: Should be clean and free of discharge, odor and redness. Untreated ear problems are painful and can cause hearing loss.

Nose: Should be clean, without discharge or sores.

Mouth: Should smell fresh. Gums should be pink. Teeth should be free of tartar or plaque. Mouth and lips should be free of sores or growths.

Coat: Should be shiny and clean.

Weight: Active, playful puppies are rarely overweight. Ask your veterinarian for nutritional advice on maintaining your dog's healthy weight.

Bladder/Bowel: Report changes in the frequency or consistency of your puppy's urine or stool to your veterinarian immediately.

What's Not Normal

Diarrhea: This common ailment can be caused by many factors including bacteria, viruses, internal parasites, toxic substances, too much food or psychological upsets. Call your veterinarian if stools are bloody, if there is a large volume of watery stools, if your pet is thin or potbellied or if the diarrhea continues for more than 24 hours.

Constipation: Like diarrhea, constipation can be caused by many factors, including ingesting substances such as hair, bones or foreign materials, or because of disease or insufficient water intake. Your veterinarian may recommend blood tests, radiographs or perform other tests to find the cause.

Vomiting: It is not uncommon for a pet to vomit occasionally, but frequent or persistent vomiting is not normal. Call your veterinarian if vomiting occurs more than five times in a few hours, large volumes are vomited, vomit contains blood, or is accompanied by diarrhea or abdominal pain.

Abnormal Urination: Straining to urinate or bloody urine may indicate a painful infection of the urinary tract. Contact your veterinarian immediately



TOP FIVE PUPPY HOUSEBREAKING TIPS

Housebreaking your new puppy may seem like a daunting task, but with a bit of insight into dog psychology and these proven puppy training tips, your new pet will learn quickly. If he's an adult dog who was never fully housebroken (he has accidents daily, weekly or monthly), you'll find it's best to treat him like a brand-new un-housebroken puppy.

1. Select the site. Before your new puppy enters your house, introduce him to the specific area of your yard you've already designated as his. He'll soon associate it with bathroom breaks.

2. Visit it often. It's best to take your new puppy outside about every two hours, as well as upon waking, after playing and feeding, and before going to bed. In addition, be alert to signals like sniffing and circling that may indicate he has to go.

3. Use his crate. When you can't be there, crate your dog. Your puppy respects his new "den" and will avoid soiling it. If you purchase a crate large enough to accommodate his adult size, you can partition off part of the crate so he won't go in a corner.

4. Correct him kindly. Accidents will happen. Remember that shouting, scolding and punishment serve no purpose and will only confuse your new puppy. Even if you catch him in mid-act, simply say, "No!" and immediately take him outside.

5. Praise him. Lavish praise on your dog each time he goes outside in his assigned spot. Speak in an upbeat voice, smile and reward him with treats after he does his business.

DOG-PROOF YOUR HOME

Whether your new friend is a puppy or adult dog, here are important tips to help keep him out of harm's way:

Keep household cleaners and chemicals out of his reach.

Restrict access to plants that are dangerous to dogs: poinsettias, azaleas, rhododendrons, dumb cane, Japanese yew, oleander and English ivy, to name a few.

Store breakable items safely out of the way.

Hide or cover electrical cords so he won't chew on them.

Safely store antifreeze, engine oil, laundry detergents and lawn chemicals.

Keep kids' toys off the floor, since some parts may be small enough for your puppy or dog to swallow.

Use a cover and/or protective fencing if you have a pool or a hot tub.

These and other
tips found at
www.eukanuba.com





DAUGHTERS and DOGS

By Kimm McDowell

My gosh, I can't believe I am doing this...AGAIN! As I watch my daughter, Michelle, guide her Rottweiler around the Junior showmanship ring I am filled with dismay. My hands shake, I'm starting to sweat, and I swear my heart is beating so wildly it's going to jump out of my chest. At my age, I have to start worrying about the random heart attack, so I force myself to close my eyes, fold my hands, and breathe deeply.

It would happen that I am slated to show "my" Rottweiler in group today and of course, I have to leave before the judge has made each child die a thousand deaths before she imperiously points her finger and makes their dream come true, or sends them scurrying back to their vehicle fighting tears for the umpteenth time. I pace nervously back and forth between the group ring and the juniors ring, fighting my desire to get into the working group near the front of the line (avoiding the ultimate horror in getting stuck behind the standard schnauzer!) or watching my daughter's attempt to grab that all elusive TENTH damn win that would qualify her to show at Westminster. Never mind her winning would qualify ME to spend hundreds of dollars to get her that opportunity. After three years in a row of missing that golden ticket of an invitation by just ONE win, Michelle has this weekend, and just this weekend, to end this streak of disappointments. After drying her tears in the past, I think I know how the owner of the Chicago Cubs must feel. Surely this is HER season to win, to qualify, to show her dog at the ultimate dog show.....Westminster Kennel Club! You can almost hear seraphim singing when you say the name.

Just as the ring steward was calling "WORKING GROUP, in order of size and movement!" I hear a scream that carries on the crisp autumn air clear as a church bell. With a discriminating ear only a mother could have, I can tell this scream of joy is from my other daughter, Lindsay, who was watching her sister battle it out in the junior ring while duty called me away. Lindsay is gown up, a lawyer now, but in her teenage years she also showed dogs, and one of the highlights of her life was getting into the finals at Westminster and placing second. Michelle looks up to her sister, but it has been difficult to fill her shoes because Michelle shows her horse in the summer, and is in advanced academic classes during school which limits her skipping class to run off to dog shows. Her opportunities being somewhat limited, every show becomes critical as we get to the end of the qualifying calendar year.

As I jockeyed myself and my dog into position at the ring gate, that single yell was all I needed to hear. I squealed in delight myself, and the entire seated row of judges' heads snapped around to see if I was having a fit or worse. I happily mumbled out loud to everyone who could hear that "my daughter just qualified for the Garden!" as I swept into the ring right behind the Great Dane. I was sorry I had missed the moment, but I knew that in a few short months I would have the thrill of seeing my youngest daughter compete on that green carpet, at the greatest dog show in the world. As I thought ahead of what excitement that New York trip would hold, my hands started to shake, I started to sweat, and my heart started beating wildly, like it was going to jump out of my chest. Oh my gosh, I can't believe I'm going to do this again!

World Wide Walk for Health

World Wide Walk for Health with Humberside CKCS Club at their Championship Show at Newark and Notts Showground on Sunday 13th June 2010 at 12 Noon. We are inviting all Cavalier enthusiasts, owners, and exhibitors at our show on the day to take part, and any Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Clubs around the world to join in on that day at 12 NOON (local time) and take part in a **WORLD WIDE WALK FOR CAVALIER HEALTH**.

Lets help change the way Cavaliers and breeders are perceived, and all join in to make this the largest dog walk in the world raising money for health awareness. Walks can be organized by clubs or you can just meet up with a group of friends at a local venue. Whether there are a group of 100 or 50 people, or two friends taking part every bit will help.

Pledge forms will be available to download from participating club websites for members to obtain pledges of money which will go into a central health fund using PayPal (outside UK) or cheques and cash excepted from UK participants on the day. Money raised will be used for Foetal Tissue Research and other research projects.

Please join us to raise the profile of our wonderful breed by doing something positive by letting people know that we do care, we are concerned for the health and welfare of our breed. **LETS MAKE THIS THE LARGEST WORLD WIDE CAVALIER WALK**

If you would like to take part, please contact the secretary of Humberside CKCS Club Linda Flynn e.mail: Linjato@btconnect.com or for further information call 01205 760374



UC Davis Online Birth Defect

Nili Karmi (DVM/PhD student), Dr. Noa Safra, Dr. Danika Bannasch

Researchers in the Bannasch Laboratory at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California-Davis are initiating a long term study on canine birth defects (CBD). ***The birth defects that we are currently targeting are cleft palate, umbilical hernia (requiring surgical correction) and cryptorchidism.*** ***As one part of the study, we are interested in determining if puppies are predisposed to birth defects when bitches are exposed to certain environmental factors. In addition, we will also determine genetic causes of these specific birth defects. In order to address these two issues, we need information about the bitches' gestational environment*** as well as DNA samples from affected and unaffected puppies.

We are asking breeders to use the following link to fill out an online survey about litters born in the last year. In order to fill out this survey, the breeder will need to have the litter registration information and the ability to print.*

If breeders are willing to send DNA samples, contact information is available at the end of the survey. *

The link is found on - <https://secure.offa.org/index.html> * Answer each question fully. It is a very good survey.

All information obtained is completely confidential.





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About Our Organization...Our objectives are:

- (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.**

Next Meeting:

January 10, 2010 Our Next meeting will be Jan 10. MSU Pavilion after the Spartan Mid Winter Fun Match.

Announcement:

There is now a wonderful new web site owned and maintained by the West Michigan Cluster (Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Muskegon and Holland Kennel Clubs). This web site was built to promote Michigan dog shows, events, responsible dog ownership, legislation to support the rights of dog owners, etc. You can view it at:

WWW.MIDOGSHOWS.COM

Should anyone have information to share on any classes, seminars, matches, brags, photo's, candid shots please contact Nori Goodhue at:

webmaster@midogshows.com

The events don't have to be AKC sponsored. Please enjoy and remember "It's all about the dogs"

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