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RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY AT BARK'S IS A SUCCESS!



Rescued Cavalier "Hope" stayed close to "mom" but was brave to sit in Bruce's lap.

Nadia took it all in, sitting in the camp chair and in her crate with the fan keeping her cool.

Members met to share their cavaliers with other dog owners and the crew of Bark's to promote responsible dog ownership



Cavalier Puppies were appreciated by breeders and visitors alike.

CKCSC KZOO displayed pride and professionalism.



Agility Demonstrations for veterans and beginners



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L I S S A , R E S C U E O F T H E M O N T H

Our newest rescue arrived in early August. Her name is Lissa and she's 26 lbs., so very overweight, which is something we've begun working on. Lissa was born in a puppy mill in Mo., so no one knows exactly how old

she is. Her paperwork states she is a Tri-color but she is a Blenheim. Typically, puppy-miller's have no idea what puppies were born to what parents or when, so paperwork is given out that is most often not even

slightly correct. I'm sure her paperwork belongs to another girl born on or around the same time, in the same horrible place and conditions.

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MY FIRST AGILITY TRIAL- TRINKET'S WORDS

Our morning started off really early. Before the sun was up, Mom was sure to give us all a light breakfast, a little bit of exercise and potty breaks, and then she loaded me and my "big" brothers and sisters into a loaded car for our trip to an agility trial. I have tagged along on many such occasions, but this one must be different because mom was sure to have *my* agility leash and toy too.

We all took a long nap and when our car came to a stop the sun was coming up. Mom started to unpack everything and set up our home away from home. We each had our own crates equipped with fans, set up under a large shade tent so we would all stay nice and cool. I am not sure where mom is going to sit though? Next mom took us all for a long walk, to let us sniff,

stretch our legs, and go potty. There were a lot of other dogs and people around. It was very exciting. Mom then put us all in our crates, while she and a friend went to check some things out. When mom returned she had several numbers stuck to her shirt and she took me out of my crate, while she asked me "Is my special little girl ready to go play?" She grabbed several treats, and my favorite fur tug toy. "Oh yeah I am ready!" ...I could not help but tug and growl as I trotted next to her.

Mom and I then got into our groove, by doing some of our tricks. I can spin in really tight circles, trot backwards, bow, dance, and we also did some fun jumps. Mom then passed my toy off to her friend, who gave me a kiss, and some petting and wished us good luck. The next thing I

know, mom and I are walking into the ring. Right in front of us is the first jump and I can see all the other toys out there. How exciting! Mom gives me a kiss on the top of my head as she whispers, "Let's have fun". She then asks for a sit, and I know my job, I sit and anxiously wait for her to say "Ok". Mom says it and I am off. It is some of the most fun 30 seconds in the day, leaping, jumping and running, over jumps, through tunnels, and things mom calls contacts. Mom's job is to show me what comes next and my job is to have fun. We are a good team.

When we get done, I get some treats, and my tug toy. Mom and her friends were all smiles, and they kept petting me and telling me what a good job I did. This is great! I got to run and

play 4 total times and I got some really pretty "ribbons" to decorate my crate. But was even better was all the cheering and petting I got when we were presented with those ribbons. And how proud my mom was of me!

"So when do we do this again mom?"

Kari Selinger



Trinket

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



L I S S A ' S S T O R Y (C O N ' T F R O M P A G E 1)



Lissa Loves her toys

I'm not entirely certain how Lissa found her way into rescue, originally, but I received a call from Trish Hutchins, stating that her adoptive family could no longer deal with the behaviors that are typical of puppy mill dogs; fear of men, afraid of a leash, trouble with house-training, fear of being

touched, not able to attach to the family and other things they could not understand or deal with. Lissa was left alone during the day, uncrated, so they would come home to daily messes. After a few months, not being able to make the progress they had hoped for and expected, she was surrendered to Lucky Star Cavalier Rescue and is living with our family.

Lissa has started to make good progress. She is still fearful of many things but will allow Ken to touch and even hold her for a few minutes, which is an enormous achievement for her, due to her well earned, intense fear of men. We are taking our time, giving her whatever time is needed to be-

gin healing her emotional wounds. The process cannot be sped up, cannot be predicted, but one day she will go home. In the meantime, we will get to know Lissa as completely as possible, as that will be the only way to know which family will suit her best That day will be the true beginning of her new life. Until then, she's our girl, we are her family and we will love her.

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L E G I S L A T I V E U P D A T E

Our club must promote awareness of legislation which could potentially impact our rights as animal owners. The challenge is to establish a presence and make ourselves heard. Animal activists groups are all too often consulted or somehow manage to influence legislation pertaining to pet owners rather than organizations such as the AKC and local clubs. The activist organizations fail to differentiate the responsible animal breeder and enthusiast from the puppy mill operator. As a re-

sult, legislation which makes it harder for responsible owners and breeders to engage in the fancy are effected. Examples include dog licensing, air travel restrictions and others. It is vital that we all take an active role. Participation in our club activities is a good start. Other things we can do include:

- Become knowledgeable of animal rights groups and campaigns so you can support valid objectives versus the hidden agendas of many organizations – get the facts;

- During the upcoming election year, get to know local candidates and their aides and promote organizations such as AKC so that they are aware of the valuable resources in local and national breed clubs;
- Write letters to the editor and press releases about club events and programs;

We can only make a difference if we are persistent and become active at every opportunity.

Bruce Clark, DVM

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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.

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CAVALIER HEALTH SUMMARY

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniels are generally healthy, sturdy small dogs. However, as with many other breeds, there are health concerns. The number one health concern is a form of degenerative valve

disease called Mitral Valve Disease (MVD).



MITRAL VALVE DISEASE: MVD IS AN ACQUIRED DISEASE OF THE HEART. IN THIS DISEASE, THE VALVE THICKENS AND DEGENERATE THUS LEADING TO CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE. THIS FORM OF DEGENERATIVE VALVE DISEASE COULD EVENTUALLY INDUCE TERMINAL CARDIAC FAILURE AND RESULTING DEATH. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE, THAT MANY CAVALIERS LIVE TO OLD AGE WITH MVD IN VARIOUS STAGES.

Cavalier Clubs throughout the world are active in fighting diseases and disorders in this beloved breed by providing health clinics, funding breed specific research and delivering breed education programs.

