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In this issue, you will find a few nice brags as folks as the summer circuit kicks off. There is some director news from New Brunswick/PEI. Just remember, the newsletter is here for you to share your successes, new litters and any other news or articles you wish to share.

Many of you have probably heard about the seizure of 33 cocker spaniels in Texas. This was apparently the home of a highly reputedly breeder in the US wish some top winning dogs still out there being shown. I saw a video clip of the authorities taking these dogs off the premises. I was horrified to say the least and just can not get this out of my mind. In my mind, this is simply one of the worse cases of neglect and this happened right under unsuspecting noses. The purpose of my actually bringing this up is to beg of you all, if you are in need of any help at all, this is what your club is for. PLEASE JUST ASK FOR IT!!! Your club members have one common goal, and that is the health and welfare of our beloved breed. I personally want to say that if anyone needed help grooming their dogs or cleaning their kennel or needed help housing a few dogs or placing a few dogs, buying dog food etc. I would do anything in my power to help out.

Our condolences to Dianne McKenty-Tanguay and Karen Kipling as they both lost one of their furry babies last month.

If there are any errors or omissions please let me know so I can correct it immediately.

Chris Wagner, Newsletter Editor

New Member Applicant

The following new applicant has applied for membership in the American Cocker Spaniel Club of Canada. If you have any objections, please forward in writing to the Secretary* with 30 days of publication of this Newsletter.

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Upcoming events for Ontario South

In conjunction with -

South Western Ontario Sporting Dog Association (3 sets of points available in a 2 day show)

Regional Specialty Show - Saturday June 27

Regular classes - Kevin Flynn

Sweepstakes & junior handling - Ken Feller

Obedience - Susan Des Coates

Booster - Sunday June 28 - South Western Ontario Sporting Dog Association

Boosters - Saturday July 18 & Sunday July 19 - Hamilton Kennel Club - Rockton ON - (pending approval from the host club)

CGN test - Aug 8 (all breed) - Kilbride Kennel Club Show

News from New Brunswick/PEI

There is not much news from this region. As you are aware, I am the only ACSCC member.

This year I am showing Angelica (Am/Can Ch. Forever's What's Up Dawg x Can/Am Ch. Marsuvica's Madison Dancer). She is a beautiful black.

Also, we had a litter of 5 in January from Josie (Am Ch. Kaplar's Total Eclipse x Can Ch. Marsuvica's Autumn Splendor). Josie is a Christopher Robin daughter.

We are keeping a black girl from that litter.

Unfortunately, it's difficult to interest most in showing, but we are pleased to place our puppies to wonderful pet homes.

Dwain McLean

Just a little brag for my Cocker Monsters. On Sunday at the Camrose, Alberta show (Mar 29) Ch Brandia's Midnight Serenade (aka Dora) finished her Championship in Grand style, with Winners Female, Best of Winners and Best of Breed, at the ACSCC Booster (25 Cockers). If that wasn't exciting enough, she then received a Group 2 Win in the Sporting Group, giving her a total of 82 points.

In Battleford Sask, Ch Rachris N Brandia's Blue Bayou (aka Oliver) got Best of Breed on Saturday. He did a repeat Best Of Breed win on the Friday of the Saskatoon, Sask show two weeks later.

Sincerely,
Sharon Smythe

Just wanted to brag on my 'Chaz' He finally obtained his 3rd leg to obtain his CDX title here in Canada! He needs 1 more in the US to finish that title as well. He placed 3rd in his class along with a 2nd place finish for #2 RE leg, with 1 more to go for that title as well and we hope to finish that soon and be working for his RAE title. Chaz is now known as

U-CD WeLuv's Look At Me NOW Can. CDX RA AgN AgNJ CGN Am. CD RN NA NAJ NAJP CGC

We are also working on a few more agility titles and my buff Faith also has acquired her RN title with 2- 2nd places @ Chatham. She also is working on more agility titles and a few OB as well.

My lil 'Cruz' also got his 1st CD leg at just over a year old.

Thanks for letting me share :)
Laurie Rivard

Some news from us at Lanaudiere

Lanaudiere Petunia (Lanaudiere Eagle Classy/AM CAN Ch Kesa N Whitsend's Best Buddy) started her show career in the middle of April at the age of 9 months old. In two weekends she did some nice winning. She went BPIS, a Group 2nd over a special and is at 8 points. She finished her two last points with a BW and 2 Best Puppy in Group at the Hochelaga KC. Thank you to judges who appreciate her qualities, Mr Butch Macdonald and Cecilia Ringstrom, Mr Alvin Krause and Mrs Kristen Francis (BPIS and Group placement). Mr David Kelland, Carmen Haller and Mr Thomas Nesbitt appreciate her qualities the last weekend.

An other baby girl will start in the ring in June, her name is Lanaudière Secret Charm.

We have also a new arrival at Lanaudiere, a Papillon from a breeder in Manitoba. This baby boy will start in the ring in August. This breed is wonderful, a nice dog in a small package. It's name is Canishere Time For Chance aka Matis.

Sylvie D'Amboise

Liam (Am/Cdn Ch Christycrest Broadway Star) co owned by Barbara Garrow and myself, took Best in Show at the Norfolk Kennel & Obedience Club show on Sunday April 5 under judge Michael Gelinas and then again at the Sault Ste Marie Kennel Club under judge Brian Taylor. Liam is being shown on both sides of the border and is doing very well. We couldn't be happier with his performance and as always, Liam is handled by Marlene Ness.

Chris Wagner

Ch.Silverdi's Afternoon Delight (Nik-Nik) crossed peacefully over The Rainbow Bridge early Tues evening
Nik-Nik was born Aug 28th 1992 .She would have been 17years in Aug
she was the daughter of Am/Can Ch Artru Ambush ex Am/Can Ch Jack's Dusty Rose C.D
It's so hard when they leave but Nik-Nik has many friends who have crossed before her

my precious red girl
Dianne McKenty-Tanguay
Silverdi perm reg

Litter news from Copadales

June 1st, Bunny (Mario's She Keeps Goin N Goin) owned by Betty Soulsby and myself, delivered 7 healthy puppies, a red/white boy, 2 tri boys, 2 red/white girls and 2 tri girls. he sire is MBIS A/C Ch Christycrest Broadway Star. We have been waiting a long time for that ever coveted nice red and white girl so we are anxious to see how these pups turn out.

Denise Copas

If your personal information has changed, please fill out the attached and mail it to Kelly Ladouceur,

Change of Personal Information

Name:		
Address:		
City:	Province:	Postal Code:
Phone Number:	Email Address:	

About Sable Cockers (submitted by Joanne Scott)

Thank you Connie Bliss-Cochran for sharing all your info.

History of Sable Cockers:

Sable cockers have always been a part of the cocker spaniel breed. Sable can be found in the Springer Spaniels and English Cocker as well, and which is where our American Cocker spaniels derived from. It has also been one of the hottest "color" topics and color wars in the history of the cocker spaniel. The sable pattern has been traced back into the early 1900's, where many were registered as mahogany. In the early AKC stud books, the breeder/owner could register a dog whatever color they wanted to. In other words, there were no set colors as per the standard they had to go by at the time. So often you would see many different colors and markings listed than what you see today through AKC.

Sable is NOT a rare "color" like some say. It just isn't bred as often as the normal colors by the show community. Many show breeders still have and breed sables, even though they cannot be shown in the USA.

But there are still many sables around. And like all colors, some are very nice representatives of the breed standard, while others are not. Do your homework if looking to purchase a sable. Buy one from a responsible breeder who has the overall health, temperament and quality first and foremost and not just the color.:-)

At one time, sable cockers competed in the States in the show ring with all other colors. Many achieved their championships. In the late 70's things started to change and a 12 year fight ensued over the sable issue. It wasn't until the 1990's that due to the Parent Club politics and some disgruntled breeders in a private war with each other, but who unfortunately had the clout, sables were thrown out of the show ring and so far have never been allowed back in. Many have tried to get it voted back in, but politics and unethical practices by the board has managed to either get the voted count counted against the sable, and now refuses to allow the club to vote on this matter. (*See the link to the Sable Time Line below, for more detailed information)

One of the problems were the parent club didn't know where to put the sables in the show ring, since they weren't considered a solid color, because of the overlay. The parti sables were shown with the partis. In the beginning, there wasn't much ado about the color. Most didn't breed for it, but it did pop up now and again.

Back in the 1960's a little cocker was born called Jolie Buttons. She was a black girl who was very tightly line/inbred. She was bred to a parti and they produced a Mahogany (sable) named Sir Benjamin VII. She again was bred to a tricolor parti named Birchwood Bacharach, and they produced another Mahogany (sable) named Birchwood Mahogany Key, and a sable girl named Birchwood Mahogany Mirth. This was in the the early 1970's and these dogs were behind the sables of today.

Some of the earliest sables listed in the AKC and CKC stud books were:

Brown Bear (5-10-1927) Brown Sable
Gypsie (5-19-1930) Orange Sable
Hosking's Nancy (11-26-1924) Orange & Sable
Pete Holt (11-07-1939) Red with Black Ears
Rockfield Muffy (4-15-1909) (CKC) Sable & White
CH Rowcliffe Red Chief (11-1-1931) Sable
Ruben R (11-14-1911) (CKC) Red Sable
Sable Bomber (5-12-1941) Sable
Sable Broc (5-12-1941) Sable

Sable Nipper (10-09-1944) Dark Sable

The Pied Piper Of Fieldhead (6-11-1934) Tan w/ black hairs

Zipper's Sable Boots (12-18-1938) Sable w/ white markings

Sables are still being bred and can still be shown in Canada and other countries. But because of the American Spaniel Club, the AKC will not allow the sables to be shown in the US. They can still compete in performance and many have achieved performance titles.

Another problem with the sables is sabling is considered a pattern, like the roans etc. But it is listed as only a color with AKC. This needs to be changed as there are red sables, brown sables, black sables and clear sables. There are also sable roans. Sable is basically tan points "Gone Wild" on a cocker. The area where the tan points are on a normal tan pointed dog, spread out all over the coat eventually. The overlay on the coat is the actual color the dog is. But because the tan points have spread out, the dog appears red, mahogany, buff etc. with a darker color overlay. the correct color for the dog is the overlay such as a black sable. Which actually would have been a black & tan dog, but the tan points spread out under the coat and made just the overlay black.

Sables have been a hot issue for many years now. Many of the breeders in the US would like to see the sable allowed back in the show ring. No matter what anyone thinks, sables are here to stay, and are a very pretty sight to behold.

Sable Links

For more information on sables here are some places to look at with your computer.

"Sable Coat Color In Cockers"

This is an excerpt out of an article by James Mel. Phillips

Dated 1938, published in Journal Of Heredity #29

"The Sable Timeline"

The story about how Sable cockers were duped out of the ring

Do We Have A Standard

An article written by Michael Allen that helped fuel the fire AGAINST sables

and helped to get them thrown out (due to a personal vendetta she had against another breeder at the time)

"Sables Are Cockers Too!"

Website all about sables and a email list for sable fanciers

Sable Cocker info from Artistry Cockers

Her story about her sables, including CH Artistry's Soot N Cinders, and sable genetics explained