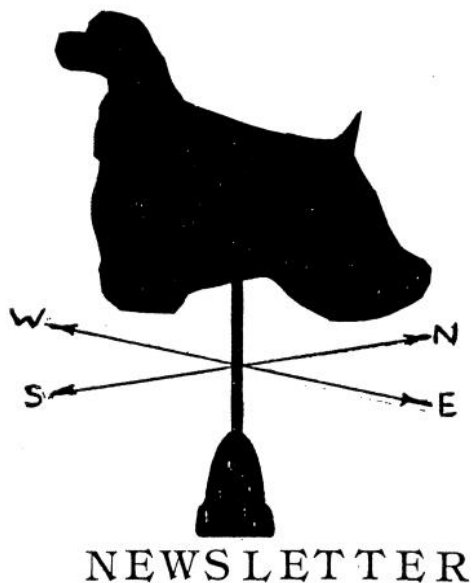


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UPDATE ON VARIETY SEPARATION:

Contrary to what certain directors are saying, there will be a review of the variety separation issue. This review will take place at the semi-annual CKC meeting in Saskatoon on Sept. 7, 1985. The chairperson of the Dog Show Council has been issued a directive from the Board Chairman, Dick Meen, that all relevant material is to be presented to the Board at that time. We have requested a meeting with the Chairperson of the Council before the September meeting, however we have not received a reply to this date. Dick Meen has agreed to chair this meeting.

As many of you already know, we are also conducting another opinion survey. This is for ACSCC members only and will once again be presented to the Directors as proof that the majority of Am. Cocker fanciers wish to retain variety separation. If you have not received yours, please contact the secretary, Lois Proctor and thanks to the people who have returned their questionnaire promptly.

Prior to this issue, the Board of Directors has voted to reflect the wishes of the majority of breeders. The close-mindedness and stubbornness of some directors on this topic is incomprehensible to many people including some Board members.

We would like to thank the American Cocker fanciers who have written to CKC and/or Dogs in Canada on this topic and have forwarded copies to us: Manfred Poehlman, Maxine Norris, Judy Prouty, Sylvia Goodeck and Joan Van Doorneck.

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BRAG & BITCH:

Received a nice letter from Jacqueline Ambler, Boutyme Reg'd Regina and she reports the following:

My homebred black bitch Ch. Boutyme's Bare Essence C.D. took 1 Variety and 2 Best Opposite to Breed awards at the Hub City K & OC shows at the beginning of May. In the middle of May at the Regina K & OC shows she took another 2 Best Opposite awards and on the last day surged forward with the Variety, onto Best of Breed (over top winning cocker) and then netted a Group 2nd under Judge Hayden Martin. At the Bank City K & OC shows the following weekend she picked up another Variety and 3 Best Opposite awards....not bad for a bitch that was clipped down at the end of last July after a run-in with thistles!

The final day at the Bank City K & OC had a Breed Booster supported by friends of the Breed and the results are as follows:

Black Variety - (4-4-3-2)

WD & BOW - BLK -ADAMSOWN DARIUS QUINN- OWNER: S. THOMPSON
WB - B/T - RAMICAM'S RAINMAKER- OWNER- J. DONAHUE
BV - B/T MALE - CH. TUPELO RING OF LIGHT - OWNER: M. & S. WAGNER
BOS - BLK BITCH - CH. BOUTYME'S BARE ESSENCE C.D. - OWNER: J. AMBLER
BP - BLK MALE - CH. SHADYHILL'S LIMITED EDITION - OWNER- C. BRIGGS
ASCOB Variety - (1-0-2-1)

WD - RED - WESTLYN'S FERRIS OXIDE -OWNER: N. WILEY
BP & BV- BUFF BITCH - CH. SHAM-O-JET'S LYNDONLEA AMANDA
OWNER: J. ROBERTSON & N. DELAURIER

BOS - CHOCOLATE MALE - CH. SHADYHILL'S THE ROOT BEAR - OWNER: C. BRIGGS

Parti Variety - (2-2-2-0)

WD & BOW - B/W -NICKLEODEON'S APRIL WINE -OWNER: K & C PASLOSKI
WB - R/W - GLENROTHES GENUINE RISK- OWNER: C. VAN TASSEL
BV - CAN/AM CH. HOMESTEAD'S DIAMOND JIM - OWNER: C. DAVIES
(TRI MALE)

Best of Breed - CAN/AM CH. HOMESTEAD'S DIAMOND JIM
Best Opposite to Breed - CH. BOUTYME'S BARE ESSENCE C.D.
Best Puppy in Breed - CH. SHAM-O-JET'S LYNDON LEA AMANDA

Lou and Kay Nickle of Nickleodeon Kennels are proud to announce that two girls sired by their lovely R/W dog Am. Cdn Ch. Kamp's Kharge Kard, bred to Am. Ch. Gammon's Geisha Girl went 1st and 2nd in their class of 24 in 6-9 mos. Futurity bitches at A.S.C. summer National in Atlanta, Georgia. These girls, Gammon's Do Right Dynasty- B/W and Gammon's Glad Tidings, R/W, are still only six months of age. The R/W bitch, Gammon's Glad Tidings went first in a class of 31 the following day.

Ron Daron, formerly of Playboy Kennels and Lou, Kay and Kathy Nickle of Nickleodeon, sadly announce the passing of Am. Can. Ch. Winsome Way Baron of Rayrilla. "The Baron" will always be remembered for his winning ways, flashy performances and his lovely disposition which he passed along to his get.

Vera Pinkous, Herronhaven Kennels reports Ch. Herronhaven's Tiny Tany CDX BDA/AMCD had a litter on May 25th consisting of 3 males--one black, one red and one beautifully marked B/T. The sire is CH & OTCH. Bonnijoy's Button BDA/AMCD.

Lots of news from Pat Warmington, Tissac's Reg'd, of Sault Ste. Marie. Tissac's Brass Boots, "Katie" took Group and puppy in Group over adults at Sault Ste. Marie Kennel Club's sanction match on April 28, 1985. On May 12 at the German Shepherd Dog Club of Algoma's sanction match "Katie" took Group 3rd - all under 4 months of age. She is a B/T bitch by CH. Ganymede's Buffer's Gingerboy CDX, TT ex CH. Ganymede's Shasta Princess. This is a puppy to watch!

Ch. Mistyhill Tissac's Reaction, buff bitch by Am. Ch. Buckinghamhill Natural Reaction ex Am. Ch. Starlyn Stars Buckinghamhill went BV-BB at Sault Ste. Marie K.C. show May 20. She has now been bred to Ch. Ganymede's Buffers Gingerboy CDX.T.T. Congratulations to Pat!

SHOW INFORMATION:

Cocker Spaniel Club of Central Ontario is holding a specialty show for American & English Cocker Spaniels on Sept. 22, Ballantrae Ontario. For further information contact:

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Sweeps: Ron Daron

CLUB BUSINESS:

The A.C.S.C.C. recently received an anonymous letter which was extremely derogatory and critical of another breeder of American Cockers. The letter described bad breeding practices, inherited defects etc..

The A.C.S.C.C. wishes to state that while we do not under any circumstances condone the deliberate breeding of defective dogs or selling of questionable pet pups, we will not become involved in any attack on a breeder from an unnamed source.

The breeder described in the letter could reside in any province as there are bad breeders everywhere. Perhaps this problem is best handled on a local level with reputable breeders informing the pet buying public of what to look for in a sound pup and to request eye certification (at least) on the parents. The person who buys a pet puppy also must take some responsibility for his purchase and can only make a sensible choice if he has some facts to help in his selection. Ad ad in the local paper offering information on the breed, while expensive, is a step in the right direction.

We might also suggest that articles on breeding and rearing of puppies could be sent "anonymously" to the offensive breeder.

Regional representation:

The response to our efforts to conduct elections for directors for Quebec and Saskatchewan has been dismal. Since there has not been sufficient interest in having directors for these provinces, we will discontinue the election process until further notice.

The A.C.S.C.C. recognizes the vast geographical area of Canada and the fact that some members may feel "more at home" in their neighbouring province. We would appreciate input on the subject of Regional representation, ie: if you live near a provincial border and your "doggie" association is in the neighbouring province, you may prefer to be included in a province other than your resident province.

We were pleased to welcome Mr. Harry Pitstra, Director for Alberta at our meeting on June 1st.

If you have not yet responded to our spinal disc disease survey, please do so; this is an important issue. The next newsletter will contain an update on this problem.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

The following appeared in the English Setter Association of America newsletter and was written by Eileene Petros for the Pointer Club Northwest newsletter Jan/Feb. 1985.

WHAT ARE WE DOING TO OUR DOGS?

I took Dieter in to Spermco today. I had taken him about a month ago, and they collected about 30 straws of high quality semen that went through the freeze in good shape. Today they collected him, and he had a sperm count of about 5%. What made this big difference? A PARVO SHOT. He had had a shot about 21 days ago. Had he been used at stud today, it would take a major miracle for the bitch to conceive. Not to mention what it might do if the bitch had just had her Parvo Shot. One has to assume if it affects the males this radically, it is surely effecting the bitches, but it isn't as easy to check. Dieter will be collected again in 30 days, and then 30 days after that. In every dog that has been checked so far, from 21 to 30 days after the Parvo Shot, the sperm count is practically non existent. 30 days later it is a little better, and then 30 days later they finally come back to normal.

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Taken from English Setter Association of America Newsletter, May 1985.

A STANDARD OF PERFECTION FOR THE OWNER/HANDLER

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS: The ideal owner/handler is a creature with the manners of a Utility Dog, the disposition of a Sporting Dog, the intelligence of a Working Dog, the perseverance of a Hound, the determination of a Terrier, the sparkle of a Toy, the resilience of a Non-Sporting Dog, and the patience of a Herding Dog.

HEAD: Bloody but unbowed which encases an APPLE JR, used for sizing up Judges and Handlers.

EYES: Slightly crossed from one eye watching the dog and the other always on the judge.

MOUTH: Optional, but needed for impressing novices with wins and for describing and explaining losses.

ARMS: Well muscled from lugging crates, lunch, grooming supplies, totes, and chairs, sometimes across the back forty.

A STANDARD OF PERFECTION FOR THE OWNER/HANDLER CONT'D....

BACK: Strong. For owners with big dogs, aching. The same applies to those with small dogs who must stoop a lot.

KNEES: One on each leg, often pitted by small stones, from kneeling at outdoor shows or creased from mats at indoor shows.

FEET: Very important, especially when coupled with strong legs for gaiting dogs. Newer specimens tend to develop curled toes from having them stepped on too much.

SEX: Either sex is acceptable, although it's usually advantageous to be of the opposite sex from the judge.

DISQUALIFYING COLOURS: Green with envy, or red with rage. Neither desired and should be heavily penalized.

ATTIRE: Comfortable shoes, pockets a must, doghair on clothes is optional.

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LATE NEWS:

Our meeting with Doreen Nevraumont, Chairperson of Dog Show Council, took place on August 12, 1985 at the C.K.C. offices with Dick Meen as Chairman. Present were; Dick Meen, Doreen Nevraumont, Ed Dixon, John Devlin, and A.C.S.C.C. representatives Jean Palmer, Lois Proctor, Kay Nickle and Ron Darou.

There was discussion about our mutual problem and everyone agreed that it has dragged on too long.

John Devlin, who was breeding and showing Cockers in the 1940's, recounted the early days of variety separation in Canada and the reasons for it.

The September meeting of the C.K.C. will be in Saskatoon. There will be a motion to rescind the motion which eliminates variety separation on January 1, 1986. How the C.K.C. Directors vote on this motion is anybody's guess. We can only hope that they are reasonable.

Dr. Meen pointed out that, if the motion is rescinded, our breed will be vulnerable to the same attack from another Board in the future. However this is the first indication we have had that the C.K.C. will compromise and he has offered assistance from C.K.C. in solving this dilemma. This co-operation, while long overdue, is welcome and no decisions will be made until ACSCC members have had an opportunity to comment. If the motion does not pass.. ..?

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Our condolences to Al Brown and family on the passing of Marnie Brown. Marnie and Al bred parties under the Blomidon prefix for many years, in Unionville, Ont... Many of us can recall their flashy R/W 'Rufus the Red.' Marnie was an enthusiastic worker at events presented by The Cocker Spaniel Club of Central Ontario while she was a member and we could always expect a 'Classy' Specialty Show when she was in charge..

