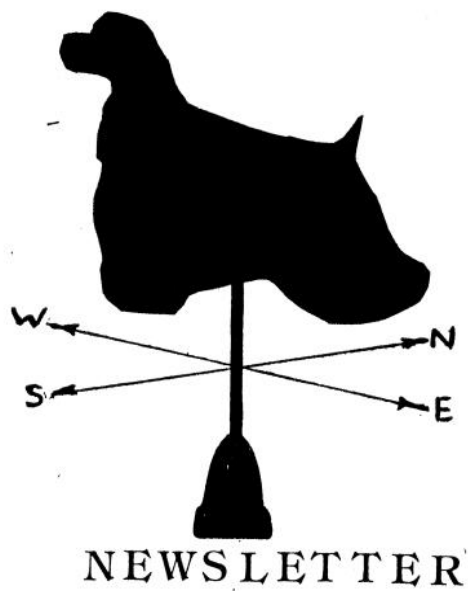


The American Cocker Spaniel Club  
of Canada



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OCTOBER, 1984

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

In our July Newsletter we requested input from breeders and exhibitors on the subject of the point system with a view to putting an end to the excessive attention we have been getting from the C.K.C. in recent years.

A great deal of effort, time and money went into last year's discourse with the C.K.C. and it is because of that effort that you have been showing your American Cockers in separate varieties this past summer.

The National Club's responsibility is to represent Canadian breeders of American Cockers; we cannot represent you if you don't tell us what you want. Our recommendations will go to the C.K.C. in December, if we are successful in retaining our variety separation at the expense of losing points in some classes, then so be it. But, if you have not added your voice to this problem, then don't complain if this becomes fact.

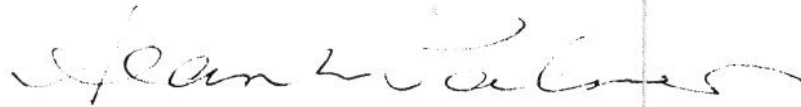
We cannot predict what the C.K.C. Board will do, all we can do is try to convince some board members that we are united in our wish to continue with the variety separation. Members should let their provincial C.K.C. Directors know that they have not changed their minds.

In any group (or club) there will always be people who disagree on some subjects. This is healthy and normal. Life would be pretty boring if everyone agreed with everyone else. However, there will always be common ground on which we can agree.

When it comes to American Cockers, some breeders believe that all varieties should be shown together, perhaps one day, that group will outnumber the group which favors variety separation. When that time comes, the National will work towards that goal. At the present time, the majority of breeders wish to retain variety separation and the National Club will represent the majority.

There are other areas concerning our breed that the A.C.S.C.C. should be involved in and the questionnaire in this Newsletter will help us to pursue matters which interest you. Since the Club is so new, we must consider finances when we embark on a new project. We are resourceful however, and will endeavour to do as much as we can to inform you.

The President.



### Current Affairs

The membership of the A.C.S.C.C. was reviewed across Canada and with a view to ensuring equal representation, a Standing Rule was passed which states that when the Provinces of Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan have five or more members in good standing, they may elect their own Director.

Since the Province of Alberta has the required number of members, nomination forms will be mailed to all Alberta Members in good standing in January, 1985.

The duties of a Director are to inform American Cocker fanciers about the Club and its objectives; to act as liaison between the Members and the Club and to bring to the attention of the Executive any areas of concern pertaining to American Cockers.

The membership will be reviewed periodically to ensure that each Province has proportional representation.

Maxine Norris is Director for B.C. and Jean Hallett represents the Maritimes.

### Membership

Membership renewal form is included in this letter along with the questionnaire. Please return this to Lois Proctor.

Because Lois has her hands full with the secretarial duties of this Club, Kathy Nickle has volunteered to be our Membership Chairperson as of January, 1985. Please direct all inquiries or applications to:

Miss Kathy Nickle,  
715 Don Mills Road,  
Apt. 2204,  
Don Mills, Ontario M3C 1S5

### Show Information

October 20, 1984 - Mid-West Cocker Spaniel Club of Canada Specialty Show for American and English Cocker Spaniels in Edmonton, Alberta.

For more information contact  
Mrs. Theresa McDonald,  
12010 - 104th Street,  
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 2L4  
(403) 479-0051

December 16, 1984 - American Cocker Spaniel Club of Canada is holding its first Booster show in conjunction with the Credit Valley All Breed Championship Shows in Toronto.  
Judge - Mr. Robert Wills  
Trophies - by donation.

## Show Results

The Cocker Spaniel Club of Central Ontario held their 42nd Specialty Show for American and English Cockers in Ballantrae, Ontario on September 16, 1984.

### Puppy Sweepstakes -

American Cocker - Judge - Joan Van Doornick Thompson.

Best Black Puppy: Larmaro's Lucinda Lace, owned by K. & N. Knorre

Best Ascob Puppy: Satinwood Seventh Heaven, owned by Debbie Truscott

Best Parti color Puppy: Jaywick's More Than a Legacy, owned by D. Mills and Judy Klepp.

English Cocker - Best Puppy

Ch. Hobbitt Hill Gina of Honeybrae, owned by L. Honey and G. DeHayes.

### Best in Sweepstakes

1. Satinwood Seventh Heaven
2. Larmaro's Lucinda Lace
3. Jaywick's More than a Legacy
4. Hobbitt Hill Gina of Honeybrae.

### Regular Classes

Judge - Mrs. Beth Speick

#### Black

Best of Winners and Best Cdn. Bred,  
Best of Variety, Kaydana's Knight Rider, D owned by Diane Fair  
B.O.S. and Best Puppy Larmaro's Lucinda Lace, owned by K. Knorre

#### ASCOB;

Best of Variety - Ch. Artru Attention, D. Truscott

Best Opposite Sex) Artru Maid Marion, Marty Flugel

Best Puppy )

Best Cdn. Bred - Satinwood's Seventh Heaven - D. Truscott

Best of Winners - BeGay's Black in Action - Gay Ernst

#### Parti-colour -

Best of Variety - Laurim's Tri Performance. D. Dr. J. & Mrs. B. Duncan

Best Opp. Sex - Ch. Jaywick's One of a Kind B. Judy Klepp

Best Cdn. Bred - Wynelle's Single Scoop. B. P. Hartman

Best Puppy - Jaywick's More Than a Legacy, D  
D. Mills and J. Klepp

Best of Winners - Laurim's Tri Performance - Dr. J. & Mrs. B. Duncan

### American Cockers

Best of Breed - Kaydana's Knight Rider - Diane Fair

Best Opp. Sex - Artru Maid Marion - M. Flugel

Best Cdn. Bred - Kaydana's Knight Rider - Diane Fair

Best Puppy - Artru Maid Marion - M. Flugel

### English Cockers

- Best of Breed - Ch. Here Comes the Fudge Protocol. B R. B. Reynolds  
Best Opp. Sex - Ch. Brightside Special Edition, D J. & M. Somerset  
Best Cdn. Bred - Ch. Here Comes the Fudge Protocol, B R. B. Reynolds
- Best Puppy - Ch. Hobbitthill Gina of Honeybrae  
L. Honey and G. DeHayes
- Best Spaniel in Show:  
Kaydana's Knight Rider. American Cocker, owned by  
Diane Fair
- Best Cdn. Bred - Kaydana's Knight Rider.  
Best Puppy in Show - Ch. Hobbitthill Gina of Honeybrae - English Cocker  
owned by L. Honey and G. DeHayes.

### Brag and Bitch

Donna Rogers is now the Canadian distributor for "Pines 'N Birches" of Minnesota. Donna tells us that the new Christmas cards are great and the catalogue we have seen has a charming selection of Cocker notepaper, thank you cards, etc.

Donna's address is "Pines 'N Birches", c/o Donna Rogers, 17 Brownell Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3R 1L8.

Debbie Truscott wrote to tell us about her "Corky", Am. & Can. Ch. Artru Attention. This lovely Ascob dog went Best of Breed at the Niagara Specialty in Tonawanda, N.Y. Last year he went Best of Variety all three days at the same shows but decided to behave this year.

Corky's kids are out this fall. Satinwood Synchronicity and Satinwood Seventh Heaven are living at home, while Satinwood Sapphire lives with Doug and Cindy Mills and Satinwood's Salutation resides with Jim and Beth Cummings.

The Truscotts are waiting for Artru Girl of a Different Colour to come into season to give "Corky" an opportunity to sire some Black babies.

Glenrothe's Fly 'N Colors, homebred tricolor owned by Grace Mitchell of Regina gained his championship in four shows at 10 months of age. In this short career, he has won two Best of Breed awards (over Best in Show dogs) 1 fourth in group, 5 puppy in group and 1 puppy in show. Very impressive for a youngster.

Diane Lilley, Maple Ridge, B.C. has reason to be on cloud nine. Her black bitch, Can & Am. Ch. Timothy's Sparkle Plenty went Best of Breed at the American Spaniel Club National Specialty in Lincoln, Nebraska on July 21, 1984. Sparkle was handled by Diane and Ann Stevenson was judging.

Not to be outdone by Sparkle, Timothy's Titan finished his championship at 10 months with four puppy groups in six shows.

Titan is sired by Ch. Cottonwood's Congressman out of a Ch. Tabaka's Tidbit O'Wynden daughter, Tabaka's Touch of Timothy. Titan's dam has another litter in the box; 4 girls and one boy sired by Ch. Forgay's Winterwood.

Kamp's KhargeKard, R/W parti dog owned by Lou and Kay Nickle of Nickleodeon, Stouffville, Ontario went Best of Variety over Specials at Ox Ridge Kennel Club show in Darien, Conn. on September 22, 1984 under judge Mrs. Emma Dodds. This was his American debut. He also went Best of Winners the next day at the Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club show under judge Mrs. Barbara Kloss. "Chase" is handled in the States by Marty Flugel who loves him as much as the Nickles. Chase was bred by Mrs. Jack Kamps. His sire is Am. Ch. Kamp's Kredit Kard and his dam is Am. Ch. Kamp's Sylvan Acres Snowflake. Watch for Chase in Canada later this year.

Colleen Davies of Winnipeg has a real winner in Ch. Homestead's Diamond Jim. His tri dog known to his friends as "Disco" took Winners Dog for a five point major at the American Spaniel Club's summer National in Nebraska. He continued his winning ways the next day at Omaha Council Bluff's Specialty to gain another 5 point major for Best of Winners. Both wins were over large competition. This 14 month old dog now has 13 American points and is handled by Mark Dakin.

Kay Nickle of Nickleodeon just called to report that "Chase", (Kamp's Kharge Kard) went Best of Winners for a four point major at the Detroit Cocker Spaniel Specialty under judge Ken Miller, and Best of Winners for a 5 point major at the New Jersey Cocker Specialty under judge Ellen Reilly. He'll be finished and home before you know it Kay.

What do you get if you cross a Bulldog with a Whippet..... Bull Whips?  
Bedlington and a Pug..... Bed Pugs?  
Collie and a Pulik..... Colic?  
Saluki with a Utility Dog..... Salud?

#### What it Cost to Raise a Purebred Puppy

Several years ago when "Ontario's controversial "Animals for Research" bill was under discussion somebody had the bright idea that raising purebred dogs for research could be a money-making proposition. A team of economists set to work to find out how much it really cost to raise one Beagle puppy to the age of six weeks.

They arrived at the figure of \$116.00 based on a mass production rate of several hundred puppies a year.

Suffice it to say that the Beagle farming industry is not overcrowded. "Nobody makes money raising a few dogs each year. Not if they do the job right". This comment was made by a member of the study team.

Canadian purebred dog breeders who are chiefly hobbyists aren't in the habit of fooling themselves. They know that the dog hobby, like any other hobby, costs them money. They don't expect to break even. They are satisfied if they sell a few pet puppies a year to help defray some of the costs of their operation. But as for making money or getting paid for all those hours of t.l.c. they give a litter-forget it.

"How come?" the uninitiated might ask, "a purebred puppy brings a fancy price". Do you mean to tell me that if a breeder sells five puppies at \$200.00 a piece, he's not making any money on the deal."

That's right. The key words are "properly raised". And this is what producing a properly - raised litter involves.

Stud Cost - This usually equals the price charged for one pet puppy. Whether the sire of the litter is owned by the breeder or whether the dam is sent elsewhere for stud service, the cost is about the same. In the case of the breeder - owned stud dog, if he is a champion, this animal represents a considerable investment and it costs a few hundred dollars a year just to keep him around.

In the case of an outside stud dog; there is a substantial stud fee to be paid for his services. The female must be either driven or shipped to him and there are always a few long distance telephone calls involved in making the arrangements.

Cost of owning the dam - The female half of any good breeding also represents a considerable investment. If she is a champion and a proven producer, she may be even more valuable than the stud dog. But her productive years are limited. On the average, a dog of a medium-sized breed may be expected to raise not more than 25 puppies during her lifetime. Perhaps only 20 of these will be offered for sale, the other five being retained by the breeder as breeding and show stock. The dam also costs several hundred dollars a year to maintain. And if she lives to be ten, for many of these years she will be a pensioner. A female cannot be successfully bred until she has reached maturity at one and a half or two years of age and retires when she turns seven.

So figure the price of another pet puppy to take care of the cost of the dam.

Cost of veterinary services - This begins with a preliminary examination of the female to make sure she is ready for breeding and continues until eight weeks after her litter is whelped and the pups receive their first permanent vaccination. In between, there are such things as whelping assistance charges, antibiotics, vitamins, puppy formula, dewclaw removal and tail docking, stool checks and wormings to be paid.

Figure the price of another puppy to pay for all this. And if the dam needs a caesarian or runs into complications, or the pups require cosmetic surgery such as ear cropping, veterinary costs can run as high as the selling price of two puppies. Perhaps even three.

Cost of Kennel Operation - This includes such things as licensing, taxes, heat, light, insurance, dog food and supplements, and all sorts of other items associated with even a small kennel operation.

There is garbage pickup service, grooming and cleaning supplies, maintenance and paper work, some casual labour as well as the operation of a suitable vehicle. Charge off another puppy here.

Cost of Capital Investment - This is the most variable item on the list. Some modest operations are nothing more than a few pens set up in the basement opening out onto exercise runs. While others maintain extravagant air-conditioned buildings with automatic exercise run flushing systems and employ one or more full time kennel helpers. The average is somewhere in between and probably represents an investment in the neighbourhood of \$5,000.00. But, it doesn't end here. To comply with

most local by-laws, licensed kennels are required to be located on 3 or more acres of land. So, if you add in the extra land value, the total capital investment is something most hobby breeders choose to ignore.

In fact, they'd be pleased not to think of cost at all. The total amount expended each year in pursuit of the dog hobby becomes staggering when the costs of showing is included. Hobbyists are constantly in a loss position and they know it. But, as was said before, they'd be satisfied if they get back some of the money they spend. The reward they're all seeking is to breed "the perfect dog" and that can't be reckoned in dollars and cents.

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Come bow your head for poor Joe Blow  
Entered his dog in the Specialty Show  
He bathed, scrubbed, clipped and trimmed  
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