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Editor

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Jan Rowley

President's Message

It's hard to believe that the holidays are over and that 2010 is well underway! BACKCSC ended 2009 with a very successful Holiday Party—the best attended in several years! Thanks to Rochelle Walkup for setting it up; and my thanks also to those who helped move the gift exchange along—Santa Jim Nash and his several helpers. Kevin Ellingson debuted in a new role in the club as the “Voice of Cavalier Christmas.”

January has been busy as usual. Kathryn Blink, a Dalmatian breeder, presented to the club; the topic was “In Pursuit of the Purebred Puppy.” She was entertaining and informative—see the summary on page 6. The BACKCSC held another successful health clinic arranged by Jo Ann Weise. Dr. Anna Paling was our board-certified cardiologist this year, and she listened to 56 hearts; Dr. Hacker, a board-certified ophthalmologist, examined the eyes of 38 Cavaliers. Thank you to all who helped out and to Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center for letting us use their facility once again. The month ended with the Golden Gate Kennel Club show at the Cow Palace. We had quite a few club members (and their Cavaliers of course!) on the bench and educating the public about our terrific breed. I am grateful to those club members who participated in the show and in setting up and taking down the decorations!

I'd like to welcome our two new members, Melissa Percivalle and Cherry Roberts. Beverly Meyer who has been an Associate Member for several years became a Regular Member as well.

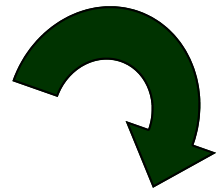
Jo Ann Weise, BACKCSC Vice President, is arranging the programs this year. The dates for all meetings are posted on the web site, and we will be adding the topics as soon as possible. Most of our meetings will continue to be held at the Tri-Valley SPCA—this location has worked well for our presenters, and it's fun to have dogs attend as well!

Fun Day is May 23rd and our 8th Regional Specialty Show will be held in October! If you are interested in helping with either event, please contact Peggy Bosley. We will also be working hard this year in preparation of hosting the ACKCSC National Specialty in 2011!!!!

Thank you to Jan Rowley for her continued hard work and dedication to producing this publication 4 times a year!!!! My thanks also to the Lovely Lily for continuing the column formerly written by Webber The Wise and to all of you members who contribute your news or articles; this is a great educational tool that we have, and I encourage everyone to participate.

Happy 2010!!!! I hope to see you all at our meetings this year!!!!
Sincerely,
Molly Hughes

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Lovely Lily . . .

*Please allow your Cavalier access to your computer
and let him or her know how to
contact Lily at: thecavalierwag@sbcglobal.net*



Dear Cavaliers, Thanks for your letters - keep them coming. I love e-mail.

Dear Lily,

Why does my Mom get so upset when I eat dirt and grass? They smell soooooo delicious!

Sincerely,
Nature Lover

Dear Nature Lover,

They do smell great don't they? I am pretty sure humans have no real sense of smell - they ignore so many things we find to be interesting.

I personally adore a little snack of fresh young grass every now and then. There are a few delectable clumps along the road where we walk. I try to snag a mouthful every time I pass by. Be sure to chew grass well. If you don't, the sharp little blades of some types can tickle the inside of your tummy and you may spit it right back up. My doc says it is OK to nibble a bit of grass if I want to. She has no idea why we do it. (See, no good sense of smell! LOL)

The dirt is another matter altogether. By definition, dirt is a collection of all kinds of material, both dead and alive. Decomposed animals and plants, possibly fertilizer, plant food, and insects are all part of dirt. That is why it smells so good. I had a good whiff of some bone meal one time (it is made from bones - yummm!). Mom put it around the iries in the garden. In the dirt. Of course we all wanted to eat that dirt. There is a theory that when we eat dirt, we are trying to get minerals that we lack in our diet. I think it is also possible that we get bored and start sniffing around for something to do. So ask your people for more walks and playtime, more challenging toys to play with, and a high quality food. Then you can enjoy those smells, but will be so satisfied with other things in your life that you won't need to eat the dirt.

Be sure to remind your people that they should not use anything toxic on the grass or the dirt in your part of the yard. It's a matter of our good health and safety. And probably theirs, too!

Bon appetit!
Lily the Lovely

Dear Lily,

Why, in heaven's name, when they already have a perfect Cavalier, ME, did my people go and get a silly puppy? And what can I do about it?

Depressed and Displaced

Dear Depressed and Displaced,

Whoa! No need to feel depressed. Your people got a new puppy because you are such a wonderful dog that they want more like you. Cavaliers are sometimes called potato chip dogs because it is hard to have just one! And you now have a golden opportunity to become not just a great dog, but the world's smartest dog.

Check this out! Scientists studying animal behavior are using mimicry to teach complex behaviors; in other words, getting one animal to copy the behavior of another animal. If you can get the puppy to copy what you are doing, it will learn things on its own. You can help train the puppy! Puppies learn things fairly easily - they are like little sponges! So teach that little one to play tug with you, to potty in the right place, to sit quietly while your dinner is being prepared, to stay close to your people, and any other good things you do that earn you praise. Embrace the fact that the puppy looks up to you. Help keep an eye on the little one. You can also alert your people if the pup is in trouble. And if the two of you get in any trouble, odds are that the pup will get the blame. Win/Win.

I have a new little brother here, and this time around (there have been other puppies in the past), I took on the role of auntie. The little guy LOVES me! We nap together, go outside together, eat our meals together, and play together. I coach him on when to stop bugging his Mom or his sister, too. This is a great job I have - being his buddy. I think it can be great for you, too!

So you are not really displaced, just promoted! And if it feels right, take on the benevolent monarch position in the house - it sure has its benefits, and has worked for me for over a decade.

Bright times ahead!
Queen Lily

Golden Gate 2010

The prestigious Golden Gate Kennel Club Dog show was held on January 30th/31st at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. The entry again was sizeable, and the benches were again decorated beautifully! Many club members participated and a good time was had by all.

Members (and friends!) who helped with set up of the bench were Molly Hughes, Joanne Nash, and Roger and Jo Ann Weise. Tear down was ably handled by Molly, Jo Ann, Joanne, Glen Karcher, Christine Moe and Dominique Oboyski. We thank all of them for their willingness to pitch in after a very long two days of showing!

BACKCSC congratulates all the winners! They are as follows:

Saturday, Jan 30th

Best of Breed: Ch. Lyric's Pen-Pal, Breeder: Trish York. Owners: Trish York and Christine Burnett

Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Luxxar Cara Mia, Breeder Paula Campanozzi, Owner Dena Fennel

Best of Winners and Winners Bitch: Liliun Bloomin Viola, Breeder: Dr. Jamie Adkins, Owner, T. McCoy

Winners Dog: Quail Garden Kilkenny, Breeder: Linda Geller, Owners: Jo Anne Mittelman and Linda Geller

Reserve Winners Bitch and Best Bred By Exhibitor: Delta Rose Hope, Breeders: Dena Fennel and Cathy Gish, Owner: Dena Fennel

Reserve Winners Dog: Rutherford Fellini at Bootjack. Breeder: Roberta Jones, Owners: Roberta Jones, Melody Dawkins and Jacki Medernach.

Sunday, Jan. 31st

Best of Breed: Ch. Magical Touch at Judyland. Breeder: K. M. Fox, Owner: Jo Anne Mittelman

Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Luxxar Cara Mia. Breeder: Paula Campanozzi, Owner: Dena Fennel

Best of Winners and Winners Bitch: Liliun Bloomin Viola, Breeder: Dr. Jamie Adkins, Owner, T. McCoy.

Winners Dog: Carrington Candyman, Breeders and Owners: Carole and Geoff Brunning

Reserve Winners Bitch: Bailebrae Gypsy Lore. Breeder: Maria Theresa Grotano, Owners Emma Rose and MT Grotano

Reserve Winners Dog: Delta Rose Maximilianus, Breeder and Owner: Dena Fennel

Best Puppy: Quail Garden Kilkenny: Breeder, Linda Geller, Owners: Jo Anne Mittelman and Linda Geller

Jo Ann Weise

Vice President, BACKCSC and Golden Gate Chair

Rescue Update . . .

Well, rescue has been busy!!!!!! In early December, Cavalier Rescue Trust took in 29 Cavaliers from a commercial breeder in Northern California who was going out of business. We were glad that she decided to place her remaining dogs with rescue.

There are so many people to thank for all their efforts—starting with those of you who brought towels, crates, and other supplies to our holiday party and others who have encouraged friends and acquaintances to foster.

I left the holiday party and met a veterinarian in Sacramento who had volunteered her services. The next morning, she and I met Trish York at the breeder's kennel. The dogs were briefly examined and had blood drawn to test for heart worm and brucellosis. We had hoped to get the dogs out that day, but we had to wait for test results. So, Trish York and I returned 2 days later and left with all 29 Cavaliers. Joanne Nash, Julie Ellingson, Eileen Silva, and several volunteers from Davis met us along the way and delivered the dogs to foster homes. Maria Theresa Grotano, Debbie Oliver, Joanne Nash, Eileen Silva, Julie Barto, and Dominique Oboyski are club members who have provided foster homes for this group.

Last year when we made the change from BACKCSC providing rescue services under the auspices of the regional club to working under the ACKCS Cavalier Rescue Trust we had concerns about it being the right decision. However, this effort would not have been possible under our old structure. Christine Moe worked with Community Services at UC Davis, and Davis spayed or neutered over 10 dogs for free!!!! This was amazing and obviously a huge savings for the Trust. We have had several veterinarians foster dogs and provide medical care at no cost to us, and quite a few veterinary technicians from UC Davis fostered as well. The Cavalier Rescue Trust allows us to place dogs with foster providers who do not belong to the club—something we could not have done before.

The dogs range in age from 9 months to 12 years; there are more females than males. All things considered, they were in okay condition; quite a few had ear infections and some had minor skin infections. Some were underweight, but none were severely malnourished. Many of the older ones have some level of heart murmur. House training and socialization were (and still are with some) the two main problem areas. I am very grateful to the dedicated foster homes who are helping to prepare these guys for their forever homes!

Six Cavaliers went to Southern California in December, and all but one of them has found a permanent home. Six of the dogs that stayed up here will become permanent members of their foster families. The rest will be looking for forever homes soon; all have been spayed or neutered now, but some are still waiting for dentals to be done.

As soon as they are ready for placement, the pictures and bios will be posted on www.cavalierrescuetrust.org. If you know anyone who is interested in giving one of these dogs a home, please refer them to this site. Please encourage them to read the articles that are available there about rescue Cavaliers and the changing face of rescue. These dogs are doing well and some of the older ones are very sweet (and they would all love to live the good life in a Cavalier-loving home!), but they are not an inexpensive alternative to a Cavalier from a responsible breeder.

As if 29 were not enough, we also took in a 15 year-old, Alfie, who is being fostered by Jo Ann Weise. We still have Kirby and Butler, and one more young female who is still being evaluated came in a few weeks ago!

Our needs remain the same—we can always use new foster homes. The volunteer form is available on the web site. We will need people to do home checks as we start placing the dogs in their permanent homes. I do have a good supply of crates right now! Reasonable medical care is a constant challenge; please let me know about veterinarians who provide rescue discounts or reasonable services.

To everyone who has made taking care of all these dogs possible—I can't thank you enough!!!!

Molly Hughes

President, BACKCSC and ACKCSC Cavalier Rescue Trust Coordinator

Shopping at www.backcsc.com

Did you know you can do your birthday, anniversary, and just plain I'm-in-a-shopping-mood shopping and support your club's fundraising goals at the same time? Just go to www.backcsc.com and click on [The Club](#) and select [Fundraising](#) from the drop-down menu. So, get ready, set, and go to www.backcsc.com and start shopping!

Amazon.com sends a percentage of each online purchase to the club (2 - 5% average)

Cash Back Shopping for you and hundreds of online stores and a percentage of each online purchase for Cavalier Rescue

BACKCSC Club Gear - \$5 of each item goes to Rescue

Cavalier Health

Although cancer has not been a concern of note with Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, it is not unheard of. And, many of us who live with Cavaliers also live with other breeds who may have a disposition toward malignancies. With that in mind, your editor felt the following information from Johnny D. Chretin, DVM, DAVVIM(O) of VCA West Los Angeles Animal Hospital would be of interest to BACKCSC members. Dr. Chretin was pleased to have this information shared.

Stem Cell Therapy for Lymphoma

“We are pleased to announce that through collaboration with Engene Biotechnologies Inc. and Advanced Veterinary Services we will soon be offering autologous, peripheral blood stem cell transplantation (PBSCT) for the treatment of dogs with lymphoma. This exciting new treatment is expected to cure greater than 40% of dogs diagnosed with this common malignancy. PBSCT is a myeloablative bone marrow transplantation that utilizes a minimally invasive procedure called aspheresis to acquire peripheral blood stem cells. Following a standard chemotherapy protocol each dog will take up residence with us. Leukopheresis of stem cells from an intravenous catheter, total body radiation and intravenous re-infusion of the CD34+ stem cells will be performed. Although these procedures are short and minimally invasive, it will take approximately 10-14 days for re-establishment of their immune system. During this time, our patients will be catered to in a newly-built and spacious isolation ward that comes equipped with a flat panel television and sound system for their enjoyment.

“In the future, we plan to offer this state-of-the-art treatment to dogs with non-malignant diseases and to begin allogeneic bone marrow transplantation.”

Dr. Chretin wrote to me in an email that: “We are hoping to put the "average of one year survival" to rest with this new treatment option. If you have a dogs that may benefit from this new and exciting technology or if you have any questions regarding it, please have your veterinarian contact Dr. Chretin at (310) 573-2951. You may also check out the hospital’s website at: www.vcawla.com

Speaking of Major Medical . . .

For those of you who have yet to sign up for Dr. Nancy Kay’s *Speaking for Spot* email list, this would be an excellent time to do so. Just open another tab on your browser and go to:

<http://www.speakingforspot.com/helpayingforveterinarycare.html>

Dr. Kay’s most recent email (Financial Assistance to Help Pay for Veterinary Care) offers a comprehensive list of organizations that can provide financial aid.

And, for those of you who do not have a copy of *Speaking for Spot* (the book), go to www.backcsc.com and click on Links, click on Amazon.com and your purchase will generate funds for BACKCSC. Or, go to Dr. Kay’s website and purchase a signed copy between now and April 30, 2010 and a portion of the proceeds will go to Guide Dogs for the Blind. If you read BARK, you’ll see Dr. Kay is included in their top 100 List of influential persons.

A Personal Cavalier Health Experience . . .

Two Single-Protein Diet Recommendations

Robert Elman recommends "Preference" dog food by The Honest Kitchen. Preference is a dehydrated grain-free, gluten-free foundation diet made with vegetables, fruits, and nutrients. You add water and a protein source to create a complete diet. It's been fantastic for Roberta's Cavalier Trevor—he has had issues with digestion since puppyhood and last year developed pancreatitis probably from chronic SIBO (small intestine bacterial overgrowth). They needed to find a low fat food with a protein that he could tolerate, and this has been perfect. Roberta adds eggs, but she even knows of a dog who has tofu with his Preference! Because you can pick the protein source, it is perfect for dogs with food allergies/sensitivities. Your editor checked the website (www.thehonestkitchen.com) and found no retailer in the North Bay, but noted there are several scattered around the Bay Area, so check it out.

When the Rowley's Robbie became very ill several months ago, it was recommended that he be fed a single-protein food that would ideally contain no poultry and no potato. I don't know if you've ever looked for something this specific, but Jan can tell you that there is little to be found, and one has to read each ingredient on the bag because websites don't always tell the whole story. She finally found a product that filled the bill and that Robbie has been thriving on: Holistic Select Radiant Adult Health (Anchovy, Sardine & Salmon Meal Recipe).

If you've had a personal experience from which others may benefit, please send to the editor at:
thecavalierwag@sbcglobal.net

January Program Summary

In Pursuit of the Purebred Puppy

The BACKCSC was very pleased to have Dalmatian breeder, Kathryn Blink, speak to the club in January. Club members Joanne Nash, Christine Moe, and Jo Anne Mittelman also participated and addressed Cavalier-specific concerns.

Kathryn talked about responsible breeders—what they are and what they aren't—as well as how to find a responsible breeder. I would love to repeat her presentation here but I'm limited by time and space. However, some excellent articles on buying a puppy can be found at the AKC site (www.ACK.org) under the Future Owners tab; at www.ckcsc.org under Searching for Cavaliers & Breeders. Health information can also be found at www.ackcsc.org.

I think one of the most important points that came out of this presentation is that “Dogs are for life!” whether you are the breeder or the owner. If all dog owners would do their research on their preferred breed (even mixed breeds) AND buy from a responsible breeder, shelters and rescue groups could almost go away.

Summary written by Molly Hughes.

The Dog Tipster

Tips for Dog Lovers

Contributions by an anonymous dog lover . . . and, You!

The Dog Tipster - sharing good ideas for dog people!

Send your tips to the Dog Tipster, c/o the editor, at doglicks@sbcglobal.net.

1. Have a multi-dog household? Identify each dog's bowl with a different colored sticker - we use the ¾ inch diameter round colored labels. Then as you measure out food, you can give more or less for the dog carrying too much or too little weight. You'll also know into which bowl to add each individual dog's medication, supplements, etc. Clear mailing seals (1" circles sold at stationary stores) will protect the dots and help them withstand dish-washing.
2. Do you have a dog that scoots on his rear often? Does your older dog lick the carpet? Eat rather odd things? These symptoms may indicate a need for more fiber. You can add some powdered fiber for people to your dog's food (monitor your dog - too little isn't helpful, and too much can also cause temporary problems). Another option is to give your dog(s) mini-shredded wheat cereal pieces as treats - dogs usually think those are terrific treats. Plain or frosted mini-wheats seem equally enjoyable to dogs.
3. Speaking of licking the carpet . . . and other annoying canine habits . . . I've found a quiet and harmless deterrent to replace tossing a soda can filled with rocks/pennies and/or yelling. Canned Air. Yep! I have cans located in various areas of the house and am able to reach for one on a moments notice. It must be said, of course, that you do NOT spray toward the face, and you do NOT spray at very close range. The sudden burst of air on the coat is enough to provide a distraction and allow for correction.

Browsing the Web . . .

Recommended by Rochelle Walkup, this website addresses frequently asked questions regarding Syringohydromyelia and Chiari-like Malformation: <http://www.veterinary-neurologist.co.uk/faq.htm>

Jo Ann Weise gives a heads up: [Nature's Variety Issues Nationwide Voluntary Recall On Raw Frozen Chicken Diets With A "Best If Used By" Date Of 11/10/10](#) or go to: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/UCM200248>

With Spring just around the corner, this is an excellent website for preparing to get rid of those weeds brought on by our thankfully wet winter: <http://www.gardeningknowhow.com/organic/homemade-pet-friendly-weed-killer.htm>. The key here is "pet friendly."

Browse through this excellent web page for "common sense measures to protect your dogs, yourself and others:" http://www.avma.org/animal_health/disease_risks_dogs/protection.asp

An excellent follow-up to the above article is the following article on puppy socialization in the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior Newsletter- go to page 8: http://www.avsonline.org/avsonline/images/stories/archived_newsletters/2008_Newsletters/avsab_june_2008_newsletter.pdf

Excellent article on the pet hospice movement: <http://www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/apr09/090415o.asp>

What we all need to know to protect our Cavaliers from Lyme disease: www.LymePrevention.com

JoAnne Mittelman wants to remind everyone to get all the information you need to attend the 2010 National Specialty in Orlando April 6-9 at: <http://www.ackcsc.org/>

Litter Bits, Championships and Other Points of Interest . . .

Karen Ferrell reports that less than a week after finishing his championship, Denny (Ch. Crizwood Undeniable) was shown as a special for the first time at the Golden Valley Kennel show in Turlock. What a pleasant and unexpected surprise it was when he won Best of Breed over four other specials under judge Elizabeth Muthard. In late December at the Oakland Kennel Club show in San Mateo, he again won BOB under judge Norman Patton. Now, as he is nearly two years old, after limited showing, we look forward to enjoying more shows in the future as a special.



We have a New Champion at Harrington! Bridgette finished at the Rose City Classic in Portland on January 23, 2010. She was Winner & Best of Opposite under Judge Barbara Wood for her second 4 point major. Bridgette is now officially known as CH Harrington Pardon My French. She is from our first litter and is our first homebred Champion. (Owned by Susan & Allyson Gonyo)

Too Good Not to Share!



Raleigh and Emmie Tosh at Christmas, 2009

*From
Golden
Gate
2004*



*Two Precious Rescues -
Birdie & Kelsey
Rowley*

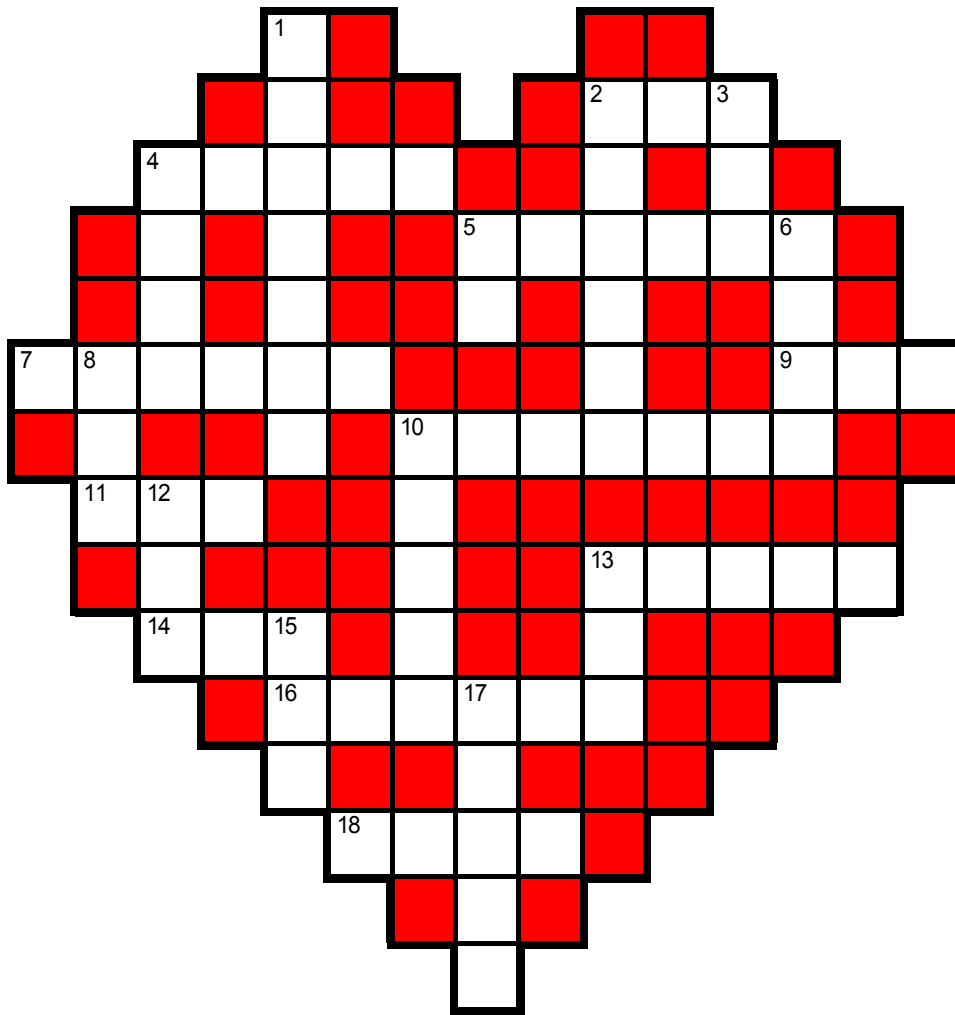


2010 Club Committees

Membership:	Peggy Bosley
Website:	Molly Hughes
Legislative:	Allyson Gonyo and Elisa Rosenberg
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Fundraising:	Jo Ann Weise
Programs:	Jo Ann Weise
Historian:	Jo Anne Mittelman
Health:	Jo Anne Mittelman and Joanne Nash

Check your Membership Directory for email and phone information for the Committee representatives. They would be happy to hear from you with comments, ideas and the offer to help.

With all our Heart



ACROSS

2. Heart healthy treat will be given if your Cavalier will do this.
4. Great item to have at ringside while watching the Cavaliers we love.
5. January heart event
7. Our hearts are _____ with love for our Cavaliers.
9. Heart condition
10. Blenheim Spot
11. The Cavalier is our favorite _____.
13. Dog _____ magazine
14. American Registry
16. _____ Gate
18. Love is a _____ puppy

DOWN

1. _____ long with plenty of feathering (Standard)
2. Corresponds with the human knee
3. Certifying organization for dogs visiting hospitals, for example.
4. Standard calls for coat to be "free from _____"
6. Early command
8. Gastrointestinal condition
10. Ideal topline
12. Certifying organization for hips & patellas
13. 2010 May event: _____ Day
15. J. Nash is an Evaluator for this
17. A worthy fund

GETTING TO KNOW RALLY!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010

The BACKCSC will hold its next general meeting on Sunday, February 28th at Dogtopia, 7132 Johnson Drive , Suite D, Pleasanton , CA .

AKC licensed Rally judge Noelle Pilat will be joining us and talking about Rally, after which we will have a Rally demonstration by members and friends of BACKCSC and a time to enjoy trying the rally course with your own dogs.

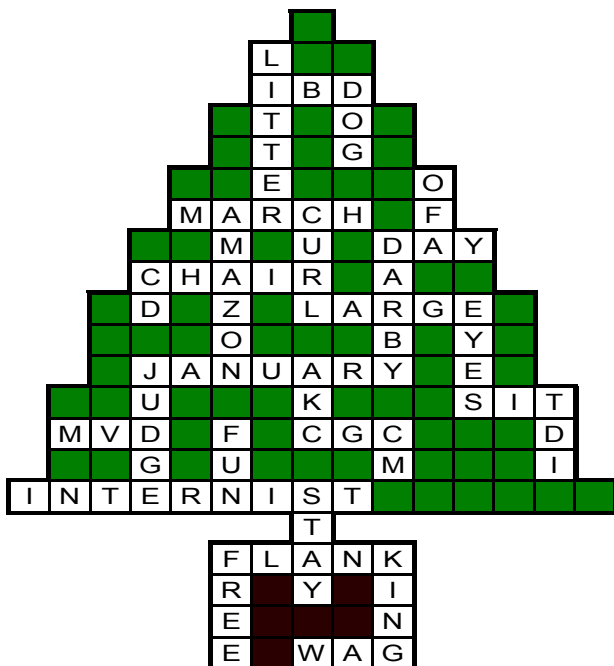
11:00 am BACKCSC Board Meeting at Dogtopia
1:00 pm BACKCSC General Meeting
2:00 pm Getting to know Rally! Presentation by Noelle Pilat

Directions:

From the South Bay : Take highway 680 North to the Stoneridge Blvd. exit. Go right at the end of the exit and then take the first left, which is Johnson Drive . Follow Johnson Drive around to 7132 Johnson, Suite D.

From the North Bay : Take Highway 680 South to the Stoneridge Blvd. exit. At the end of the exit turn left, back over the freeway. Go to your first left at Johnson Drive and follow Johnson Dr. to 7132 Johnson, Suite D.

From Oakland and points west: Take Highway 580 to Highway 680 South. Then take the Stoneridge Blvd. exit and follow the directions above coming from the North Bay .



Puzzling Comments

To the right is the solution to the puzzle in the November issue of The Cavalier Wag.

If you have clues that you would like to see incorporated into a future puzzle, send them along to the editor at:

thecavalierwag@sbcglobal.net

If you would like to have your own creation printed in a future issue, send it to the editor .