



# CAROLINA CAVALIER

Central Carolina Cavalier  
King Charles Spaniel Club

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## Bragg: A big Show in Raleigh!

In the obedience Ring, Dana and Magic pulled off a stunning win. On the long down stay, Magic was approached by the giant German Shepard positioned next to her in the line up. Dana kept smiling and Magic held her position, totally ignoring the inquisitive Shepard. The Shepard was eventually asked to leave the ring and everyone began to breathe again. Magic won the event handily. Magic is truly.... Magic!!



**Dana & Magic**

In the show ring it appears that we have a rising super star in our midst. Cosmo won a major at the Regional set of shows over Labor Day weekend and then went to Wilmington and won two more points.

The best part of the Labor Day show was that he was shown by novice handler and owner, Kathy Eason, and she did not realize that they had won until she was out of the ring!

With 2 majors under his belt we all wish this sweet fella a heart felt good luck in his campaign.



**Cathy and Cosmo**

### Meeting Notice CCCKCSC General Meeting

**Date:** Nov. 5, 2005

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Location:** You Lucky Dog Day Care & Boarding @ 8604 Jersey Court

**Program:** discussion to be followed by a Potluck Lunch.

**Directions:** This location is just south/east of 540 / US 70 junction. From 70 take Angus Dr., then left on Jersey Court.

Please bring a chair & dish to share for the pot luck.

### CCCKCSC Board Meeting

**Date:** Dec, 2005

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:**

Home of Bill Nelson

### Up Coming Events

CCCKCS "A" match to be January 7th, 2006 at DKC.

Awards Banquet and Judges Dinner to be January 7th, 6:30 PM at Stonewood Grill Falls of Neuse Rd. in Raleigh

## CCCKCSC By-Law changes

The changes requested by the AKC to the Central Carolina Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club by-laws were mailed out and we will be voting on these changes at our next meeting on November 5th. It is very important that members attend this meeting so that we will have a quorum. Please come and vote.

### “A” Match

CCKCSC is now on its way to holding our first A Match (one step down from a sanctioned points match) Our A Match is planned for early January. Reserve your schedule now for this fun event. If all goes well we will be holding another “A” match later this year in anticipation of receiving full sanctioning by the AKC so that we can have a Breed speciality match and award points.

### Editor’s Corner

I look forward to letters and articles submitted to the newsletter. Given the mission of the club, these items should be informative, educational or humorous in nature. All submissions must indicate the name of the author.

Any and all pertinent articles, educational material, book reviews, pictures and creative writing are welcome.

Please send your Articles, Obedience, Show, Agility results, pictures and litter announcements to the editor prior to the 1st of Aug., Oct., Dec., Feb., April, June.

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Ready, set, show!

### General Announcements

#### Club Logo

Calling all members with artistic talents!

The club needs a logo and the board is looking for help and input from our members in the development of the logo.

If you have ideas, please contact Newsletter editor Amy Leigh Martin @ amyleighmartin@msn.com

Or call 919-787-2994



## Sept. Meeting Minutes

Central Carolina Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club  
Minutes of the meeting held September 10, 2005  
at You Lucky Dog, Raleigh, NC

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm.

20 people present; 17 members, 3 guests..

Dee Wallis presented a brief program on the CGC test given from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM in conjunction with AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Month.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as published.

Minutes of the last meeting, published in the August Carolina Cavalier Newsletter, stand as published.

President Bill Nelson reported

that the club has been sanctioned by the AKC to hold A (OA) matches. After holding 2 A matches the club will be allowed to apply to hold a point show. The schedule for this point show is sometime in early 2007.

CCCKCSC first A match is planned for Jan of 2006. Date TBD.

- Hurrigan Katrina Relief funds will go thru the ACKCSC (parent club) and all funds collected will go to the relief trust. CCCKCSC Bylaw changes requested by AKC will be published in the next Newsletter and are to be voted on at the November meeting. The most significant change is the geographic area center will shift from Raleigh to Chapel Hill and will allow us to include Greensboro, Pindhurst/SoutherPines, Sanford and Asheboro.

Treasurer's report was read.

The Secretary' report was read.

Membership: Dee Wallis read the names of

Rebecca Klemp and Marcia Earwood were voted in as new members.

Meg Stradling reapplied for membership. Darcy Nagle and Sonny Lewis were read as new applicants. They will be voted on at the November meeting.

Rescue: The Florida Club is giving a Cavalier Party after the Eukanabu Show next Spring.

New Busniess

Dana Pritchett will be the Match Chair for our 1<sup>st</sup> A match

The club voted to donate \$500 from club funds for Hurricane Katrina disaster relief for pets fund.

A collection of additional funds totaling (\$130) was made by meeting attendees.

Braggs from the recent Labor Day Show were announced.

Next member meeting will be Nov 5th, 2005 at You Lucky Dog. Time is 1:00. The amendment of the club bylaws will be voted on. Please Attend. Program will be a followup on responsible dog ownership.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM

**Don't forget to bring a dish to share for to the  
Meeting & Potluck Nov.**



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**Health Issues....that Platelet thing:**

Amy Leigh Martin

In August of this year I took my 10ish year old Cav, Mattie to the vet for a routine update of her bordetella vaccine. While there the vet noted that her heart mumber had taken a leap from a 1.5-2 to a 4. This in spite of weight loss and healthier diet. The vet recommended running a routine geriatric blood panel to verify her otherwise good health prior to putting her on standard heart meds.

A day or so latter I received a rather frantic call from the vet indicating that Mattie had an extremely low platelet count and that I must rush her back for further tests. My immediate fear was some form of leukemia. However, the vet was more concerned with the possibility of a tick born disease and recommended a tick titer panel. While that was in process I was to watch for petechia and unexplained bruising and bring her back immediately if there was any evidence of this. I did mention to the vet that Cav's are prone to large platelets and questioned her about this throwing the count off. She said no, not to this extent.

The tick titer panel came back clean. (*No surprise. Mattie is a house dog.*) No evidence of tick borne disease. Thank goodness! An additional platelet test showed improved count but still "too low". About 50,000. Continue to watch for bruising and petechia. All the while, Mattie is as frisky, active and happy as I have ever seen her. Another week goes by and another platelet count..about the dame as the last. Finally the vet consults a more experienced vet, one who's more experienced with Cav's. And guess what!!? Mattie's "low platelet count is "normal" for a Cav. It's called Macrothrombocytosis

I'm writing this little story to alert you all that this condition is not well known outside of Cavalier owners and to be prepared to ask your vet to do a bit of research prior to ordering a lot of testing. 30% of Cav's tend to have this congenital abnormality. Automated cell counters cannot accommodate the larger platelets and therefore come back alarmingly low. I've recently been contacted by two other members reporting similar experiences with their dogs.

The parent club web site, [www.ackcsc.org](http://www.ackcsc.org), is a great source of information about Cavalier health issues and has a very good article about this condition.

We're on the web at

[www.carolinacavaliers.com](http://www.carolinacavaliers.com)