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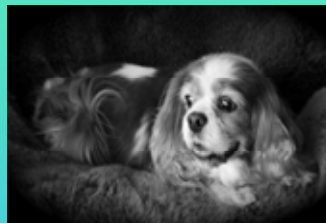
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P . J . A R E S C U E S T O R Y

Rescued dogs most often conger up visions of those who have been severely abused, neglected, ignored and unloved. But that is not always the case, as with PJ, a sweet, loving, 12 yr. old Cavalier girl, who was dropped off at a shelter in Illinois in January 2008. She is the face of a segment of the population we often do not think about; the old, beloved companions of the elderly, who must be left behind when family members will not or cannot step in, but the elderly person is no longer able to care for their friend of so many years.

It's heartbreaking and is becoming more and more prevalent in the aging society we live in,



P.J.

who are also dog owners. The elderly very often do not think about contacting a rescue group and many do not know they even exist. For them, the

only option is often the dog pound, which is where PJ was left. Thankfully, the shelter she was surrendered to is rescue friendly, so rescue was immediately contacted. They immediately put out the word about this darling Cavalier girl. Because of that, PJ is currently in foster care with Cindy Koehring, being so spoiled, loved and cared for. Cindy said it's a good thing she is at her limit with dogs, or PJ would not be leaving. Here is a quote from Cindy, after having PJ (Precious Jewel) in her home for just one day. It rings so true of anyone who has

M A R C H C L U B M E E T I N G

Plans are underway for the March Meeting. Bruce and Vicki Clark have offered their home for the meeting to be held on March 8th at 5:00 pm . The meeting will follow the conformation show to be held in Auburn IN.

Bruce Clark, D.V.M. will provide first aid information for pets and Vicki Clark and Nancy Berry will provide supper. The menu include chile and fixing, fruit and assorted crackers and cheese cake. Members are encouraged to bring a beverage of their choice, their

favorite wine to share, and their cavaliers
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P R E C I O U S J E W E L

ever been blessed with being a foster home: *"You know I had truly forgotten how rewarding in can be, helping in this way. You can give all the money in the world and it's not the same as seeing their little faces when they figure out they are "safe"*

If you have ever considered becoming a foster home, please do it. You will never be sorry you did. The next PJ could be the Cavalier you help save. Incidentally, although PJ is quite deaf, she is still heart clear!!
WoW!!

Contributed by
Alice Dunn



Presious Jewel

How to raise a show puppy you (and your Handler!) Can Live With

What if that last elusive major is needed, and the show is difficult for you to attend?

After a particularly frustrating weekend showing a puppy I had sold into a loving, wonderful, but yet non dog-show knowledgeable home, I decided to write an article designed to help eliminate potential problems that can arise when people are raising a show quality prospect that they hope will go on to win awards and accolades in the future. I

know there are some owner/handlers out there who will dismiss this article thinking they will never have need for a professional handler's services....but are you sure? What if that last elusive major is needed, and the show is difficult for you to attend because of work/money constraints? Often it is less expensive to send your dog with a trusted and

talented professional handler to finish. However, whether you show your own dogs or use a handler's services I hope this article helps you to prepare a dog for the lifestyle challenges needed to be a well adjusted, confident, stress free show dog.

By Kimm McDowell
Professional Handler
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B R A G C O R N E R C A N I N E G O O D C I T I Z E N

CC Berg Reports:
Pearl gained her CGC at the therapy dog class. Her Doberman gained her CGC last June at "Dog Days in the Park" hosted by the GR Kennel club so members could start training for that event. She has the materials and will make them available at the next meeting.

After signing the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge, owners and their dogs are ready to take the CGC Test. Items on the Canine Good Citizen Test include:

Test 1: Accepting a friendly stranger

Test 2: Sitting politely for petting

Test 3: Appearance and grooming

Test 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)

Test 5: Walking through a crowd

Test 6: Sit and down on command and Staying in place

Test 7: Coming when called

Test 8: Reaction to another dog

Test 9: Reaction to distraction

Test 10: Supervised separation

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN (CON'T)



AKC Canine Good Citizen

Equipment

All tests must be performed on leash. Dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain. Special training collars such as pinch collars, head halters, etc. are not permitted in the CGC test. We recognize that special training collars may be very useful tools for beginning dog trainers, however, we feel that dogs are ready to take the CGC test at the point at which they are transitioned to regular collars.

Encouragement

Owners/handlers may use praise and encouragement throughout the test. The owner may pet the dog between exercises. Food and treats are not permitted during testing, nor is the use of toys, squeaky toys, etc. to get the dog to do something. We recognize that food and toys may provide valuable reinforcement or encouragement during the training process but these items should not be used during the test. Excerpts of Information found at AKC.org

RAISING A SHOW PUPPY

One of the first things a show dog needs to know is HOW TO EAT HIS DINNER. This may sound simple, but there are some definite Do's and Don'ts:

DO: Feed the dog in many places including in his crate. When a dog becomes accustomed to eating only in HIS kitchen out of HIS bowl they often are put off when fed in

a crate... and at a dog show that is where a handler will feed him.

DON'T: Make the dog's food available all day at home...it makes for a picky eater. Instead feed at scheduled times ... and give him a reasonable amount of time to eat his food (no more than twenty minutes), then pick up the bowl and make him

wait until the next feeding.

DON'T: Feed table scraps on a daily basis (a treat once in awhile is OK)... I was riding with a handler in his van once as we had to travel around to find Burger King cheeseburgers for a client's dog because that was the only thing the dog would eat (sigh). Kimm McDowell

The Remainder of Kimm's article will appear in upcoming issues.

KALAMAZOO 2008 SANCTIONED "B" & "OB" MATCH

Members of the CKCSC-KZOO club attended the February 3, 2008 Kalamazoo Kennel Club, Inc. 2008 Sanctioned B match. Classes included Conformation classes for puppies 2-4 months, 4-6 months, 6-9

months, and 9-12 months. Adult classes included 12-18 month and open class.

Four cavalier puppies and 1 adult cavalier participated in the match.



CKCSC KZOO members visit before competition.

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The Objectives of the Club

- (a) to encourage and promote quality in breeding of pure-bred Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and do everything possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- (b) to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel shall be judged.
- (c) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience and agility trials.
- (d) to conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows and obedience and agility trials under the rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

CAVALIER HEALTH SUMMARY

Syringomyelia (sear-IN-go-my-EEL-ya) is a disorder in which a cyst forms within the spinal cord. SM causes a wide variety of neuropathic symptoms due to damage of the spinal cord. PAIN is the most important clinical sign of the disorder. It



appears in many species including dogs and especially in majority of toy breeds. SM in Cavaliers has been identified by researchers

and small population samples have been explored. As indicated, Syringomyelia is one of the most common spinal cord disorders of toy breed dogs and has been reported in the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, King Charles Spaniel, Griffon Bruxellois, Yorkshire Terrier, Maltese Terrier, Chihuahua, Miniature Dachshund, Miniature and Toy Poodle, Bichon Frise, Pug, Shih Tzu, Pomeranian, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Boston Terrier, Pekingese, Miniature Pinscher, and French Bulldog. Prevalence in other breeds including random bred

(mutts) has not been measured at this time.

To read more: <http://www.thecavalierclub.co.uk/health/syringo/syngom.html>

