



# Cavalier Chronicle

## *President's Message*

Once again we are enveloped in those long summer days that I love so much. This year in our area I think it has been particularly nice. Sunny days and low humidity. What more can we ask for.

Since our last newsletter, the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club has held their Nationals in Oklahoma City. Although Oklahoma City was not on my bucket list of places to visit, I was invited to judge the futurity and so I made the trip. It is truly an honor to be asked to judge. When I got to Oklahoma, I found it to be a lovely area with so many friendly people. The venue was wonderful, the history of the area interesting, and the dogs exemplary. The National is the place to be to see how breeders across the country are doing with their breeding programs and, as always, keeping our eyes open for potential stud dogs to improve our own breeding programs. There is nowhere in our country that you can see so many beautiful Cavaliers at one time in one place.

Hopefully some of you can come to Minnesota next year to enjoy in the festivities and the beautiful dogs at the 2017 Cavalier National Specialty.

Our own Specialty is right around the corner, and we have some really fun things planned. As always, our show will have two very well respected judges: breeder-judge Debbie Kerr from Scotland, and the former "Voice of Westminster," David Frei. David will also be co-hosting our auction as well as judging. Thursday evening will

be fun with local wine and cheese vendors to open our welcome party. The show rings will be set up with obedience equipment for anyone who wants to run their dog through. Friday evening is our "Cavalier Reunion." Everyone is invited to come with their Cavaliers. There will be complimentary pizza and beverages for all. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there.

Once again the reminder to be aware of the temperature of your car before taking your dog with you during these hot summer days. Also be aware of the hot pavement when walking your dog. Before walking on hot pavement try taking off your shoes and walking on it yourself. And finally lots of fresh clean water for our guys, and for ourselves. Keeping hydrated is important.

Finally, just as a little aside during this election year. I stumbled across two little quotes.

One by Rudyard Kipling:

"Politics are not my concern.....They impress me as a dog's life without a dog's decencies."

And one by Will Rodgers:

"I love a dog. He does nothing for political reasons."

Let's embrace our dogs and all of the joy that they bring into our lives.

*Carol Rose, Karlee Cavaliers*

### Annual CKCSCNENY Specialty Schedule of Events

August 11 - 13, 2016 Saratoga County Fairgrounds, Ballston Spa, NY - In conjunction with the Adirondack Cluster All-Breed Show

Thursday at 6:00 PM a meet and greet party with tastings from local merchants - open to the whole show circuit.

Friday Morning: puppy & veteran sweeps; Afternoon: after lunch by Conformation competition.

Friday evening: A get together of our Cavaliers

Saturday afternoon: another Conformation competition

Saturday evening: Our Specialty banquet and live auction.

More details on the inside pages.

# Come to the Specialty in Ballston Spa

August 11 -13, 2016  
Saratoga Fairgrounds, Ballston Spa, NY

*The Club is dedicating this show to our good friend, Traci Daoust who lost her battle against cancer last year right before our show. A special bronze perpetual trophy has been created and will be awarded to the Best Breed by Exhibitor. This trophy has been sponsored by Bill & Greta Smith.*

## **The activities are free! And you won't regret spending time with us!**

You can see Cavaliers from all over the country competing in Conformation judged by International judges and our favorite David Frei - known as "The Voice of Westminster." It's an opportunity to catch up with your club members and meet new ones. We are *always* looking for volunteers - it would be nice if you signed up to help ahead of time, but that is not necessary. During the show days there is always something to do, all extra pairs of hands are most welcome.

If you haven't been to our specialty show you will be in for a surprise. We talk, we mingle, we share information. You will not be left alone, unless you want to be. There will be three highlights this year other than the conformation shows. Our meet and great party is held on Thursday night where you can do tastings from local merchants. By popular request we will be offering tastings again from Saratoga Crackers, Palantine Cheese & Fudge. As well as wine from Olivia vineyards. Come taste and if something is to your liking they will have product to buy. I always go home with a ton! Palantine has some of the best cheese curds I have had (my nieces and nephews always ask - "did you bring us some?"), Saratoga Crackers are definitely unique, especially for entertaining. If you come on Thursday night you can practically get a meal for free.

We are also having a gathering of all our club Cavaliers on Friday night. It will be a wonderful reunion of the puppies you bought from the breeders in the club. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP to Amy Cox so we have a good count and enough food. There is more information on the next page.

Lunches on Friday and Saturday will be supplied by our Club. Just something simple, a sandwich or wrap. It would be helpful to get a head count - please respond to Pat Hicks at the information below.

My favorite event after the competition of course, is our banquet. Treat yourself to an evening of good food, friends and the live auction afterward, which is a show in itself. Our auctioneers: Phil Champagne a well known vendor and owner of Champagne tables will be conducting this event along with David Frei. Lots of fun, camaraderie between bidders, along with free desserts and beverages.

### **Our Banquet will be catered by The Turf Tavern**

Salad, Rolls, Beef & Broccoli Stir Fry, Eggplant Parmesan, Chicken Milanese, Rice, Vegetable, Dessert, & Beverages  
\$36.00 per person.

### **Reservations should be made in advance by 7/31/16**

**Payment by check made out to CKCSCNENY or by PayPal through [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) with payment going to: [NENYcavaliers@aol.com](mailto:NENYcavaliers@aol.com)**

**If you are paying by check send to:**

**Pat Hicks, 6 Kelly Rd., Latham, NY 12110**

**For Hospitality Questions, Contact Norene Oehler: [jozefjon4@yahoo.com](mailto:jozefjon4@yahoo.com)**

We are bringing our Specialty logo t-shirts back. Offering the same excellent quality that we originally had. Available in both short and long sleeved womans cut. As well we are offering two styles of sleep shirts/cover ups that will feature another piece of artwork by Darlene Petralia our own talented artist and founding President of our club. These will be on sale at the show venue, but will be offered later for ordering.

I hope to see you at the show-  
*Mary Pat Brunson, CobbHill Cavaliers*

# ***Pupalooza Pizza Party and Parade of Cavaliers***

*Party Time!*

**Cavaliers reunite  
Brothers & Sisters, Aunts, Uncles &  
Grandparents  
PLUS the breeders that bred them**



On behalf of The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Northeastern New York, (our local club) we would like to invite you to our ***First Annual Cavalier Reunion*** during our show specialty. Come join us in Ballston Spa during the Adirondack Cluster Dog Show.

**Date: August 12th, 2016**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Location: Saratoga State Fairgrounds,  
Ballston Spa, NY in the Bovine Pavilion!**

**Don't worry it has been cleaned superbly.**

***(It has a covered roof in case of rain and plenty of space to mingle.)***

**RSVP by August 5th to Amy Cox: [amy@petsessories.com](mailto:amy@petsessories.com)**

What could be better than spending an evening with your favorite Cavalier friend(s) both canine and human, and meeting new Cavalier friends at the same? Add in some complimentary pizza and beverages! Then to make it even more fun, how would you like to have your puppy be in an all cavalier parade? Sashay around and strut your stuff in the show ring in the Puppy Parade.

**\*NO AGE LIMIT, ALL CAVALIERS ARE PUPPIES FOR THIS EVENT\*!**



**NO flexi-leads, please**

***The Fairgrounds requires a proof of current rabies vaccination -  
PLEASE bring a copy just in case you are asked.***

## MEET OUR MEMBERS: FRITZ & DONNA SCHUSTER

Fritz and Donna Schuster have been involved in the world of dogs and dog shows for over 40 years. They have been active in many dog clubs and have served as wonderful mentors to dozens of newcomers to the sport of dog showing.

Fritz was born and raised in Austria. He arrived in the U.S. in 1957 and is a licensed electrician, a trade he worked in for most of his working years. Donna was born and raised in Southern Connecticut and worked in cardiology at Stamford Hospital. They have two children: a daughter who lives in Dallas, Texas, and a son who lives in Wyoming.

For many years the Schusters lived in Southern Connecticut. In 1994, they built a lovely "second home" in Rushville, NY, in the rolling hills of New York's Finger Lakes, between Seneca Lake and Canandaigua Lake. They moved there permanently in 2003. And, now, the story of their lives with dogs continues in their own words.

"Our first breed was The German Shepherd Dog. Fritz developed an interest in the breed from his step-father who trained Shepherds for the French Army and the German Police. After we met and were married, it seemed like the logical direction to take. We had our first litter of Shepherds in 1970, and eventually went on to show them.

Strangely enough though, our first CH was in 1974 and was a Cairn Terrier. We never bred Cairns, but enjoyed showing them. With that little Cairn we were bitten by the dog show bug. He was handled superbly by Roberta and Ron Krohne. He was WD, BOW at Westminster. Like now, the Westminster Kennel Club was allowing class dogs, but then entries became larger and that led to champions-only for some time afterward.

We were active in many all-breed and specialty clubs along the way, including the formation of the Nutmeg Valley Cairn Terrier Club. Donna handled the newsletter for the German Shepherd Dog Club Of Greater New Haven. Donna also helped with organization and planning of futurities for the Shepherds. More recently, Fritz has done some stewarding when possible. We have mentored quite a few people along the way as we both feel educating newcomers to our breed is important.

As we got older, we realized the Shepherd was more than Donna could handle and we set out to find a breed that would work for both of us. Our first Cavalier, from Dawn Lindemaier of Legacy Cavaliers, came to us in 2005 after five years of searching. He finished quickly, taking the breed over Specials his first weekend out from the 12-18 mo. class. He went on to become CH Legacy Gotta Wear Shades, aka Cruz. Cruz is now twelve years old and still heart clear. Next came Legacy Airs Above, or Emily Ann as she was known to her friends. She did some nice winning until an injury sidelined her. She went on to prove herself in the whelping box with multiple champions and is behind most of our winners here today. Our Kennel name is Huntingridge which came from a place we lived. We have gone on to finish fourteen champions, many of them homebred, and hope to continue breeding and showing for a while yet.

We also bred and showed and raced Thoroughbred horses for a time. Each of the animals we have been involved with has taught us so much. Horses were helpful in learning structure and movement.

We feel truly blessed having had the success we have had with our Shepherds, the occasional Cairn, and most recently our wonderful Cavaliers. We have made so many friends in the world of dogs. We have tried never to lose sight of our mission to continually try and improve our breed. That is an obligation we accepted when we started this journey so many years ago."



**A common scene in the Schuster's kitchen while you are having tea and talking. Of course after the meet and greet!**

*Lynn Beman, Trisdonn Cavaliers*

### Cavalier Coat Colors

As I am sure you all know, Cavaliers come in four recognized colors: Blenheim (chestnut & white), Tri-color (black, white, with chestnut points), Ruby (all chestnut), and Black & Tan. Historically, although not recognized by the AKC Standard, Cavalier ancestors were also known to be black & white (no tan markings at all), and all black. There is also a strain that produces chocolate brown coat colors; lacking the black gene, these dogs also have light liver noses and light gooseberry-color eyes. Dogs with these no-longer recognized coat colors can be seen depicted in 18th- and 19th-century paintings.

Carol Rose and Darlene Petralia recently whelped a “Rainbow Litter,” a litter of puppies of all four colors. “Charm” (CH MACH Three's A Charm Vom Welfenhof CD BN RN MXB MJS NF T2B), a lovely Blenheim owned by Carol Rose, Darlene Petralia, and Sabine Gregory, took time off from her amazing performance career to produce this litter of 4 beautiful puppies. The sire of this litter was Mary Beth Squirrell’s handsome B&T boy “Loki” (Can.CH Embee's Mischief Managed). While not rare, this is an unusual enough occurrence to spark some discussions about the genetics of coat colors in Cavaliers. Given the complexity of the coat-color genetics, the following chart might help explain how a Rainbow Litter came about.

Cavalier Coat Colour Inheritance	 aaeess	 aaEess	 aaEEss	 aaeESS	 aaeEss	 aaEeSs	 aaEeSS	 aaEESS	 aaEESS
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*A Two paws up welcome to our newest members:*

*Debbie O'Donnell - Niskayuna, NY  
 Matt Stuto - Castleton, NY*

## EARLY SPAY-NEUTER: What's Behind the Controversy

Some years ago (more than I want to say), I took my new 12-week old Cavalier puppy to the vet for her first check-up. One of the first things he told me was that he recommended I purchase their “Puppy Plan” which covered all the required vaccines plus the spay surgery to be performed when she was six-months old. I declined and still he insisted that I HAD to spay this sweet girl before she reached maturity. That was when I went to find another vet. Although I did opt to have her spayed after her first estrus (heat) cycle when she was almost a year old, I wondered how many dogs have been spayed or neutered too early for their proper growth and physical development.

For decades, especially in the U.S., veterinarians, animal shelters, animal advocates, and many breeders, have advocated spaying or neutering dogs early – usually before six months of age. In fact, some shelters will neuter puppies as young as 8 weeks prior to adopting them out. In recent years, however, research studies and simple observations of the dogs themselves are leading many of us to seriously re-think this practice. While the topic is still controversial, it is becoming clear that neutering, especially when performed at a young age, may cause more harm than good, [Note: for simplicity, I will use the term “neuter” to include both the spaying of bitches and castration of dogs].

First, it is important to remember these three things:

- Until something better comes along, surgical neutering remains the best strategy against pet overpopulation and unwanted litters of puppies.

- The breed-specific studies cited below are directly applicable to those breeds only. Whether or not the data can be extrapolated to other breeds such as Cavaliers is unproven.

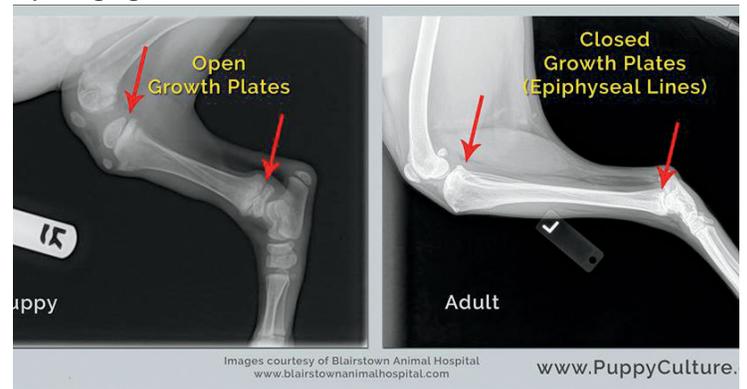
- Most dogs in shelters and rescue situations are neutered before adoption simply because, once the dog leaves the shelter, it is difficult to enforce compliance by the new owners once the dog is reached a more appropriate age for neutering.

### Now, some reasons to consider delaying neutering.

Dogs neutered before a year of age do achieve different adult conformation (size and body structure) compared to dogs neutered later in life or left intact. While this is particularly true for the larger breeds that tend to reach maturity at a later age, it is also apparent in most Cavaliers who were neutered as young dogs, before reaching sexual maturity. Most Cavaliers do not have their growth plates close before the age of one year. When reproductive hormones arrive on the scene (puberty), they signal a

number of changes in the body, one of which is final closure of growth plates, the areas within bones that are responsible for causing lengthening. When the signal from reproductive hormones is missing, as is the case for dogs neutered prior to puberty, the result is a longer-legged more “spindly” appearing dog. Because of the loss of hormones, these dogs do not have the ability to grow naturally.

Neutering at a young age significantly increases the likelihood of urinary incontinence in female dogs. Urinary incontinence is a common problem in middle-aged and older female dogs. A review in 2012 of several studies concluded that there is a link between spaying and the incidence of incontinence, particularly in dogs neutered at a young age.



Neutering, especially at a young age, is associated with higher incidence of hypothyroidism, particularly in females, according to a 1981 study evaluating 3,206 dogs with hypothyroidism.

Castration increases the risk of prostate cancer and cancer of the bladder and urinary tract in males, according to a study published in 2008.

Neutering may result in a change in coat texture and amount of coat, usually evident in the over-blown, over-grown, and rather wooly “spay coat” seen in many spayed females. While not a health issue, it can be a maintenance issue for the owners.

### On the positive side, neutering can decrease some undesirable behaviors including dog-on-dog aggression, urine marking, mounting and roaming, especially in males.

It should be noted, however, that there are many undesirable behaviors that are not reduced with neutering. These may include fear-induced aggression, resource guarding, territorial aggression, separation anxiety, noise phobias, decreased trainability, excessive barking. In fact, the Vizsla study cited below indicates that neutering

exacerbated these undesirable behaviors.

Spaying will definitely prevent the development of Pyometra (a dangerous uterine infection causing a pus-filled uterus). Pyometra, which can be fatal if not caught early, can occur at any age in an intact bitch, although the incidence in youngsters is quite low. It can also occur whether or not the dog is being used for breeding. Reproductive hormones produced by the ovaries trigger the development of pyometra. If there is no uterus, pyometra cannot develop. Repeated heat cycles with no pregnancies does not leave the uterus in good health. In fact, dogs' bodies respond as if they are really pregnant after the heat has finished even though they are not pregnant. This is evident in the occurrence of "false pregnancies" where a bitch might lactate, begin to nest and even show signs of labor despite not being pregnant. Pet owners should consult with their breeders about the proper time to spay the female to avoid pyometra but still wait long enough for the growth plates to close.

Spaying may decrease the incidence of breast cancer, depending on the age at which surgery is performed. A 1969 study demonstrated that dogs spayed before their first heat cycle had a 0.5% incidence of breast cancer. When spayed between their first and second estrus, the incidence increased to 8%. Dogs spayed after two or more estrus cycles had a 26% occurrence, and when dogs older than two and a half years of age are spayed, the incidence of mammary cancer increased to 40%. This is the only published study to have produced such hard and fast findings, but results are consistent with what is seen in clinical practice as reported by many veterinarians.

Castration prevents prostate gland infections (bacterial prostatitis), benign prostatic hyperplasia (age related prostate gland enlargement), and testicular tumors. With conventional neutering, both testicles are removed, so obviously this eliminates the possibility of testicular tumors. Removal of the testicles also eliminates testosterone production and that, in turn, causes the prostate gland to shrink down to a teeny tiny size. Bacterial infections don't occur in such small prostate glands. Additionally, without testosterone benign prostatic hyperplasia doesn't occur.

**Below are some breed-specific studies which support the concept of delaying neutering.**

While not specifically related to Cavaliers, these findings should be factored into the decision of when – or if – to neuter your dog.

**Golden Retriever Study:** In 2013, a study was published documenting the evaluation of 759 Golden Retrievers between one to eight years of age. When early-neutered dogs (neutered before one year of age) were compared

to late-neutered (neutered after one year of age) and intact dogs, the following significant differences were found:



- Early-neutered males had a 10.3% incidence of hip dysplasia compared to a 5.1% incidence in intact males. No significant differences were found amongst the female population.

- Early-neutered male and female dogs had a 5.1% and 7.7% incidence of cruciate ligament tears, respectively. The intact population of Golden Retrievers had zero cruciate ligament tears.

- Early-neutered males had a 9.6% incidence of lymphoma. Intact males had a 3.5% incidence of this disease. No significant differences were found amongst the female population.

- Late-neutered female dogs had a 7.4% incidence of hemangiosarcoma (another devastating type of cancer that is common within the breed), compared to a 1.6% incidence in intact females and a 1.8% incidence in early-neutered females. There were no significant differences found amongst the male population.

**Rottweiler Studies:** Two Rottweiler studies have provided a wealth of information.

- The first study demonstrated that male and female Rotties neutered before one year of age had a 3-4 times greater incidence of osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer that is usually fatal and very common in the breed.

- The second study documented that intact female Rottweilers were more likely than their male counterparts to achieve exceptional longevity (13 years of age or older). However, spaying before four years of age eliminated this longevity advantage.

**Vizsla Study:** Findings from a 2014 study of 2,505 Vizslas demonstrated an increased incidence of several undesirable behavioral issues and varieties of cancer (hemangiosarcoma, lymphoma, and mast cell cancer) in the neutered dogs compared to their intact counterparts.

**Labrador Study:** According to a study that investigated 1,500 Labradors, neutering before six months of age doubled the incidence of one or more of the following joint diseases in both males and females: torn cruciate ligaments, elbow dysplasia and hip dysplasia. Although Cavaliers are low on the list of breeds prone to hip dysplasia, the rest most certainly do apply to our breed.

In conclusion, the decision about if and when to spay or

neuter your dog should be based on careful assessment of the pros and cons of neutering in conjunction with your level of responsibility towards preventing unintended breeding. Hopefully, responsible breeders have discussed when to spay or neuter the puppies they sell to pet owners prior to sending the dog home, so that their puppies will be given the best chance to develop proper structure and good health in their new homes.

To me it is simple: why take away the hormones needed for proper growth and development. Yes, it might require a bit of extra effort to care for a young dog or a young bitch in season, but it is not difficult. By advocating the delay of neutering, responsible breeders are not advocating unwanted litters, they are simply looking out for the best long-term health of their puppies.

*This article is excerpted in large part from an article written by Dr. Nancy Kay-“Speaking for Spot.”*

*Edits from Lynn Beman, Trisdonn Cavaliers & Mary Pat Brunson, Cobbbill Cavaliers.*

**2016 TITLE ACHIEVEMENTS to date**  
(listed alphabetically by kennel name; registered name)

- CH CASTLEVIEW MIRASSOU AT MIDNIGHT (Suzi), Traci Daoust.
- CH KARLEE GRAY STONE ONE OF THOSE THINGS (Jessie), Carol Rose & Katherine Rose & Darlene Petralia
- GCH CH & CAN CH STELLAR ROMANCING THE STONE AT TYCWN (Morgan), Anne Knauss - Silver Medallion Level

We have a few youngsters in the show ring this summer - please cheer them on!

**Glossary of titles**

- APDT- I American Pet Dog Trainers Level I Rally
- AX - Agility Excellent
- BOB - Best of Breed
- CA - Coursing Ability
- CAA - Coursing Ability Advanced
- C-ATCH - Canine-Agility Trial Champion
- CDX - Companion Dog Excellent
- CGC- Canine Good Citizen
- CGCA - Canine Good Citizen
- CH - Champion
- GCH - Grand Champion
- MX - Master Agility Excellent
- MXJ - Master Excellent Jumper with Weaves
- NF - Novice Fast
- OA & OAJ - Open Agility & Open Agility Jumpers
- RN, RA RE - Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent
- THD - Therapy Dog

**WAITING AT THE RAINBOW BRIDGE**

***In remembrance of...***



“Rebel”  
Gray Stone Peglen Quaker RA MX MXJ OF  
11/05 - 1/16  
Kara Grogan Loy



“Dino”  
Gray Stone Martini Man  
4/04 - 6/15  
Wendy Marziani



“Owen”  
Amer. Can. CH Karlee’s Gray Stone Owen  
6/03 - 1/16  
Carol Rose

**MORE NEWS**

**2016 National Specialty**

The ACKCSC National Specialty was held May 9-13 in Norman, Oklahoma. By all reports, it was a highly successful show with beautiful Western-themed decor, great hospitality and entertainment, and lots of gorgeous dogs. While none of our Club members had dogs entered, we were nonetheless well represented: Carol Rose judged Futurity, Dr. John Ioia judged Juniors, and Barbara Ioia served as Ring Steward for most of the competition including Futurity, Sweepstakes, and Bitches. What an honor to have some of our most knowledgeable members representing us at the National this year.



**Educational seminar about Cavalier breeding and pedigrees**

On June 18, 2016 Carol Rose hosted at her home an information seminar about looking into breeding and pedigrees. Those of us that attended were treated to some great insight and history from long time breeders. Janet Beck of Chanctonbury recounted how she got into the breed while she was living in England. She has had a long of line of dogs and, as it was said they still have the “Chanctonbury look.” We then heard from Darlene Petralia and how she got started. For her while looking for a Cavalier back in the day it was not easy, especially if you mentioned you wanted to breed. Breeders were very protective of their dogs and she was encouraged by a founding member of the CKCSC,USA club to contact Janet Beck. So the story goes on they became true friends and fanciers as they were trying to produce the best for the breed.

We then heard from Carol Rose, who did not start out in Cavaliers - but rather with Lhaso Apso’s. Being at shows together, Carol and Darlene developed a bond and formed

Karlee Gray Stone Cavaliers. Together they have produced multiple champions.

Throughout the talks of these fine breeders we learned to not only look at our pedigrees but to write them down so we remember! What are you looking to improve in your brood bitch is a significant point when picking a stud. BUT - an important point they kept saying over and over - what is the perfect picture in your mind of your Cavalier? It is our ethics that as responsible breeders we want to try and achieve the best healthy puppies for the families that we send them to, but we are also trying to build our lines with sound dogs that hopefully will be one day recognized as a “insert your kennel name here” dog.



**Darlene Petralia & Janet Beck listening about questions and then responding- Carol Rose showing Deb Matisse websites - that’s education**





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#### CURATOR'S CURIOSITY CORNER



*Photo courtesy Bonhams NY*

#### Toy Spaniels – c.1910

*Arthur Wardle, RI (British, 1864-1949) signed 'Arthur Wardle' (lower center) oil on canvas 22-1/4" x 14-3/16"*

This painting, while not of Cavaliers as we know them today, depict two Toy Spaniels in the very early 20th Century, before our breed was developed. Offered for sale at Bonhams NY "Dogs in Show and Field" auction in February, with a pre-sale estimate was \$18,000-\$25,000, bidding stopped at \$14,000 when the reserve was not met. After the sale, dealer William Secord, purchased the painting for \$12,000 (including buyer's premium).

Arthur Wardle was a very successful and prolific late 19th-century English artist who created an extraordinary body of work. One of the pre-eminent painters of purebred dogs, his paintings and drawings of dogs number several hundred and were popularized by their use in books, on cigarette cards, prints and postcards. His understandings of purebred dogs allowed him to could capture the ideal of each breed – indeed critics claimed that he enhanced the dogs in his portraits so that they closely depicted the breed standard