



# Cavalier Chronicle

## *President's Message*

As the long days of summer shorten to the cool crisp shorter days of autumn, I find that this can be a rather bittersweet time. The beauty of the foliage against the many beautiful blue skies that we have had this fall, and the time that we have been able to spend outside with our Cavaliers has been a delight. Walking through the rustling leaves and watching them chase the falling leaves as they drop from the tree tops...This is the pleasure that they bring us. Soon we will be watching them plow through the snow and chasing the snow flakes. Oh to be one of our dogs!

Having just returned from my morning walk with Eli and Stormy, my two Standard Poodles, and walking in the door that devotion from the Cavaliers is evident. Though I have only been gone 40 minutes, the greeting that I get is as if I have been gone for a month. They are always happy, always have a smile on their faces. What a good example of how we should live our lives: with a positive attitude and lots of gusto!

Looking back at the months gone by, we attacked our specialty with gusto and it was again a

wonderful success. Our Supported entry at what may be the final Wine Country Circuit in Romulus was a success and our most current endeavor, the 2nd annual Cardiac Clinic, was a success. Dr Sedacca saw 29 auscultations and 4 Doppler's. Not bad for only the second year.

The current battle against anti-dog legislation continues as our Associated Dog Clubs of NYS continue to fight the fight with our very capable lobbyist Bruce Geiger. It is a continuous fight against the Animal Rights people. ADCNYS is run through donations of clubs and private people. Please consider a donation, perhaps in memory of a dog who has gone over the rainbow bridge. It will benefit the future of our dogs.

Looking Ahead, the holiday season is fast approaching and, as it does, let's be thankful for all that we have, for our friends, our health and most especially for our Cavaliers

Wishing everyone a happy fall and a bright Holiday Season

*Carol Rose, Karlee Cavaliers*

### **November General Meeting:**

**11/13/13 at 6:30PM**

**NOTE: NEW LOCATION**

**Teal, Becker & Chiaramonte CPA Office  
7 Washington Square, Albany, NY 12203**

### **Annual Holiday Party & Meeting:**

**Saturday, 1/11/14 1:00PM - 5:00PM**

**The Vista at Van Patten Golf Club  
924 Main St., Clifton Park, NY**

*SPECIALTY 2013:*

This year, our second two-day Specialty featured lovely summer weather with near perfect temperatures and humidity, beautiful Cavaliers, happy (mostly) exhibitors and wonderful judges and fantastic auctions. Show Chair, Dr. John Ioia, Club President, Carol Rose, and their hard-working teams of committees ensured that this show was even more successful than last year's inaugural specialty.

On Thursday evening, during a Wine & Cheese Welcome Party, exhibitors were able to pick up their unique "Welcome Bags," each hand-embroidered by Norene Oehler and organized by Mary Pat Brunson.



Then everyone enjoyed Sweepstakes, judged by Patty Kanan (Torlundy). Sweepstakes Winners were: Best Puppy – CH Dreamvale Tri Your Luck At Parkbury, owned by Joan Parker, bred and shown by Karen Sage & Elizabeth Colbert; Best Opposite Sex Sweepstakes – Huntingridge Dream On With Onnalea, bred by Jane Meier & Donna Schuster and owned by Donna & Fritz Schuster; Best Veteran Sweeps – CH Jovan Royal Rock N Roll, owned by Michael Grady.



Friday's Winners, under judge Cindy Huggins (Courtlyure) were: BISS-GCH Grandville Butterscotch Kiss (Laliberte); BOS – GCH Tudorose Apollo (Mixon); SEL-CH Piccadil's Destined To Be Rich BN (York); BW-Piaffe Lord Of The Dance (Rychlik); BBEB-- Titania Step Aside At New Horizon (Jones & Pili); and Best Puppy-- Clairboro Tuesday Afternoon (Oehler & Smith).



Saturday's Winners, under judge Brenda Turnbull

(Peakdowns) were: BISS – CH Bonitos Companeros Kaleo (Bialek); BOS –CGH Grandville Butterscotch Kiss (Laliberte); SEL-CH Piccadil's Destined To Be Rich BN (York) and GCH Dancasa Cute As A Button (Tiedemann); BV-CH Jovan Royal Rock N Roll (Grady & Lorditch); BW/BBE –Kean Ultraviolet (Keane); Winners Dog--Stellar Romancing The Stone At Tycwn (Knauss); and Best Puppy--Kje Harley Davidson Phat Boy (Barnes).



Proving, once again, that Cavaliers are more than just beautiful dogs, we offered Obedience and Rally under judge Patricia Scully.

High Scoring dog in Rally on both Friday and Saturday was Bar-Jon's Leading Man (Ioia). High Scoring dog in Obedience on both days was Orchardhill Over The Top CD RE BN NAP NJP (Tuck).



Although a small club, our members worked tirelessly. Hospitality Chair, Darlene Petralia and her committee which included Michael Grady and Pat Reilly ensured that we had an abundance of food and a lovely venue decorated with fresh floral arrangements. All of our trophies, towels embroidered with the show logo and toys for the winning dogs, were organized by Trophy Chair, Lynn Beman. Once again our Club members generously donated all of the funds necessary to purchase the trophies. The trophy table featured an Adirondack-style twig sculpture of a horse, paying tribute to our Saratoga location.



Bill Smith's Building & Grounds Committee, including Joe & Norene Oehler and Wes & Sharon Shave, made sure that everything was set up perfectly and cleaned up afterwards.



Stewards were Donna Tessitore and Sharon Shave (for performance events) and Barbara Ioia, Traci Daoust and Matt Stotz (for conformation). Mary Lou Falco and our Treasurer Pat Hicks managed all the money matters.



Special recognition is due to our amazingly organized Auction Chair, Greta Smith, who kept track of all the incredible donations we received for both our Silent Auction and the Live Auction which was held on Saturday Night. Her committee, comprising Jill Darling, Norene Oehler, Carol Rose, Lynn Beman, Mary Anne Proctor and Mary Pat Brunson, secured wonderful items. Our top-bid item was a hand made applique quilt from our Club member, Pat Schafer, complete with a Blenheim label on the back.



Auctioneer Phil Champagne, a vendor known throughout the northeast, had never held a microphone before but quickly learned how to coach impressive winning bids from the audience. A large portion of the funds raised from the auction will be used to support the American Cavalier Rescue Trust in the coming year. Funds from the 2012 auction allowed our small club to donate \$1,000 to the Rescue Trust and also donate funds to help the canine victims of the Moore OK tornado. We are grateful to all who opened their checkbooks to support our activities, to our members who worked so hard and to the exhibitors, especially our friends from New England, who came to show their dogs or just to support our event.



*Lynn Beman, TrisdomCavaliers*

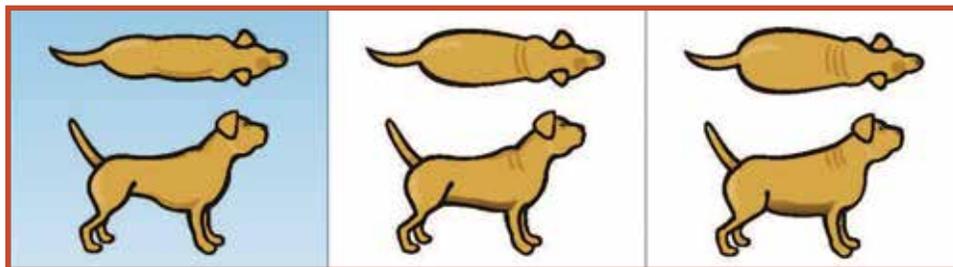
**HEALTH ARTICLE:**

*Obesity In Cavaliers*

Recently, a long-time breeder said that the biggest fault in Cavaliers today was obesity. Her answer started me thinking about all the seriously overweight Cavaliers I have seen in the community, at Cavalier parties, on rescue websites and even dogs belonging to our Club members. I did some research and what I found was somewhat alarming.

Nearly all the websites dealing with overweight dogs list Cavaliers within the top five breeds who are most frequently overweight. Top Five! Right up there with Dachshunds, Beagles, Labradors and Cocker. One article stated that the life expectancy of an overweight or obese Cavalier can be shortened up to 25%. Think about this a moment: if the average life span of a Cavalier today is 10-12 years, then being overweight can shorten an individual dog's life to 7.5-9 years.

If you look down at the top of your dog and cannot see a noticeable "waistline" (an indentation just below the rib cage) your dog is overweight. If you cannot feel your dog's ribs, s/he is seriously overweight.



Other issues that excess weight can cause in Cavaliers are: musculoskeletal ailments like disc and cervical neck disease, luxating

Yes, hormone and metabolic disorders can cause a dog to be overweight, as can eating too fast which can also increase a dog's chance of choking and developing digestive issues. Just as with people, slowing metabolism from age can cause the dreaded "midlife spread" in dogs. If you're still feeding your 5-year old dog the same portions you fed when s/he was a year old, you're giving too much food and therefore too many calories. Dog food manufacturers are notorious for overstating on their packaging how much food should be given each day (they sell more food that way!). Too much food and lack of exercise will cause a fat dog.

However, the most common reason for an overweight dog is the dog's loving and well-meaning owner. With Cavaliers, this is especially true since anyone who lives with one knows that our dogs think that they are always

starving and it is all too easy for an owner to give in to those large, dark brown pleading eyes. In reality, the humans in the dog's life can control what the dog eats.

What does being overweight do to a Cavalier? All those excess fat deposits wrap around internal organs, including the heart, take up room inside the dog, put added pressure on lungs, trachea and intestines. The heart has to pump harder so that blood can circulate through the enlarged body.

Cavaliers are predisposed to Mitral Valve Disease; studies have shown being overweight can almost guarantee that a dog will develop MVD earlier and possibly more severely than if s/he was slender and in shape. As a somewhat brachycephalic breed, our dogs when overweight are prone to developing respiratory issues: loud snoring, tracheal collapse which can be fatal, and a harder time breathing and cooling themselves through panting in hot humid weather which further stresses the heart and respiratory system.

patellas and cruciate ligament tears, and premature arthritis; diabetes; severe pancreatitis which is painful and often fatal; and various skin conditions. Auto-immune disorders and certain types of cancer have all been linked to obesity in dogs.

Getting and keeping a Cavalier at a good weight involves commitment on the owner's part. First, find a way to slow down the dog's eating to stop the gulping of food. By adding water to dry kibble, not only is the dog getting additional fluids, but the water causes the kibble to stick slightly to the sides of the bowl so the dog takes more time eating. Some people buy special bowls designed to slow eating.

Feed a good quality balanced food. Skip all the commercial weight-control and low fat/high fiber diets, which are actually dangerous when used over long periods of time. Regardless of their weight, dogs still

need the good nutrition: food that is high in animal protein and moisture, with low or no grains. Portion control is – just as with human weight-loss programs – the most important method. Use a measuring cup to accurately measure each meal. Feed 2 meals a day, dividing the carefully measured daily food allotment. Take into account additional calories acquired through treats and tidbits. One way to deal with treats is to pre-measure the afternoon meal and use that measured food amount as the source of treats: a piece of kibble from the pre-measured meal can be used as a treat instead of a large biscuit or doggie cookie (one Milkbone biscuit is 110 calories!). Don't add things like raw vegetables (i.e. green beans or raw carrots) unless you count those into the daily calories. After about a week, the dog will adjust to the reduced rations. In our house, a small dab

of peanut butter is used for giving pills and supplements. One day we realized that their waists were disappearing – the “aha moment” came when we realized the calories in each dab of peanut butter. Those dabs are now minuscule when pills or supplements are given.

Feeding quality low carb food with good amount of protein in carefully measured portions to control caloric intake, along with some daily exercise, is what will take the weight off your dog. Cavaliers can't open the refrigerator or snack cupboard (although they all wish they could) and can't eat chocolate or ice cream. We, as their owners, need to harden our hearts, ignore their pleading and cute tricks and tell them we're doing this for their own good so we can share our lives with them for as long as possible.

*Lynn Beman, TrisdonnCavaliers*

**Don't forget the added calories!**

All of these together would equal more than 1/2 the necessary calorie intake of an ideal weight Cavalier.

2 TBSP of Pumpkin Puree = 10  
1/4 c frozen green beans = 10  
1/8 c fresh blueberries = 10  
4 baby carrots = 10

1 tsp of Peter Pan Peanut Butter = 65  
1 TBSP of non-fat greek yogurt = 10  
3 Mother Hubbard mini biscuits = 24  
1/2" cube of cheddar cheese = 20

**RESCUE UPDATES:**

Our work with the ACKC Rescue Trust has been busy this year, but thank goodness not overwhelming. We've taken in 5 dogs which were surrendered from NY, CT, MA, and NJ. “Chloe” and “Anyia” were adopted by Club members Pam & Ed Schafer. “Sadie” was adopted by a doctor and her husband who live in Worcester MA. “Rosie” sadly died unexpectedly while in the loving care of Sharon and Wes Shave. And “Shorty,” a little Ruby male, is being fostered by Diane Zdrodowski in NJ. We will be looking for a perfect home for Shorty soon. We expect to have 2 more dogs surrendered in the next couple of weeks. Working with Rescue is not always about dogs being surrendered. Sometimes it's helping distraught owners work through behavior problems they're having with the dogs (often housebreaking issues), offering advice such as using dog walking services or obedience training. It's always best when beloved dogs are able to stay in their homes instead of being surrendered to Rescue. So far this year we have handled over a half-dozen of these types of situations, often

involving multiple phone or email conversations. We still *need* foster families. Right now we are able to keep up with the dogs coming in, but we could be overwhelmed with the next phone call or email. We especially need help in the New England states and on Long Island. If you can foster – or if you know of people you've sold puppies or dogs to, or family or friends, who might make a great temporary home, please let Traci or Lynn know. Cavalier Rescue Trust also always needs monetary support. Our Club has generously donated to the Rescue Trust this year, as have all the adopting families. Still, all surrendered dogs get vet checks and whatever treatments they might need, including neutering and dental cleanings, before being released for adoption. Many of the dogs are surrendered because their owners cannot afford the medical and surgical treatments that the dog needs. We who love this breed have a special obligation to help those little dogs in need. Please check out the Rescue Trust's website or Facebook page for ways to help. [www.cavalierrescuetrust.org](http://www.cavalierrescuetrust.org) [www.facebook.com/cavalierrescuetrust](http://www.facebook.com/cavalierrescuetrust)

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*MEMBERS PROFILE:*

*Bill & Greta Smith* have been members of CKCSCNENY for about 4 years now and have had not only some notable success in showing their dogs but have become active and contributing Club members as well.

Bill grew up in the Albany/Colonie area, while Greta was raised in the Mohawk Valley. Greta says that they “had parallel childhoods,” often experiencing the same things in their childhoods, yet they never met until the summer of 1970. Both families spent time camping on Piseco Lake in the Adirondacks. That summer, Bill, who had been in the Air Force which included duty in Vietnam and was on temporary duty at Griffiss Air Force Base, walked into the Piseco Lake Lodge camp store where Greta was working for the summer. They were married six months later.

Greta went to SUNY College at Geneseo, went on for her M.A. and taught Special Education classes at Ft. Plain School District. Bill attended Hudson Valley Community College, studying mortuary science, graduating in 1975. With degree and National Board Certification in hand, the couple began looking for a community to settle in. While driving through Canajoharie, Bill stopped at the local funeral home to inquire about employment. In a bit of serendipity (and a long story), the owner was looking for a young associate and Bill was hired practically on the spot. He became a partner in the funeral home within a short time. Retired from the Ft. Plain Schools, Greta now teaches special education courses at the College of St. Rose in Albany.

The Smiths have two daughters. Sheli, her husband Collin and 9-month old Maddy live with two Cavaliers, Maggie and Daisy (a Gloria/Rory daughter). Kirsten and Ron and 2-year old Evan have Jazmyn, a Shih Tzu and

Zoey, a Maltese. When the girls were growing up, the Smiths were active in 4-H and the girls participated in horse shows throughout the region.

Bill and Greta are been involved in the Canajoharie community. Bill serves on the Board of Directors of Arkell Foundation, is a member of the Canajoharie-Palatine Chamber of Commerce, is past-president of the Lions Club and is on the Montgomery County Disaster Task Force. He and Greta are supportive of many local charities, including the Arkell Museum and Library.



Cavaliers came into the picture when Sheli acquired Maggie, a tri-color Cavalier. In 2009, when Bill decided he wanted a dog to keep him company during the evenings that Greta was teaching, they too decided to get a Cavalier. They were referred to a breeder in Scotia. Of

course, that was Carol Rose! Carol sold them “Lucky” (GCH Karlee Gray Stone Play it Again) a “Gloria & Bobby” son from the last litter sired by Bobby (Gray Stone Roberto).

With Carol’s encouragement and guidance, Bill began taking Lucky to handling class when he was just an 8-week old puppy. Because of their experience competing in horse shows, Bill and Greta quickly fit into the dog show world, while also realizing it is easier to wash and groom a dog than it was a horse. Bill and Lucky had wonderful success in the ring. With Bill as owner/handler, Lucky finished his Championship in April 2011 in Syracuse, continued on through his Grand Champion title and won “Best in Specialty Show” at the Club’s 2012 inaugural specialty at Ballston Spa.

Today Lucky is mostly retired from the show ring (although he still provides stud service) and goes to the funeral home office with Bill where he often provides comfort to grieving families.



Lucky waiting to be a comforter spaniel

The Smith's second Cavalier is "Bentley" (Castleview Whata Class Act), a Piper/Reckless puppy bred by Traci

Daoust. Bentley, too, has had wonderful success in the show ring. Maturing early, he earned his Championship title from the puppy classes and his Grand Champion title by the time he was 17 months old. His impressive wins include Best Puppy in Sweeps at the 2012 Meadowlands specialty and 2012 Ballston Spa specialty and BISS at the Delaware Valley Specialty.

Bill is also a co-owner with Joe and Norene Oehler of "Josie" (Clairboro Tuesday Afternoon, a Clara/Reckless daughter) who was bred by the Oehlers. Josie, handled by Bill, won "Best Puppy in Show" at our Club's 2013 Specialty and "Best Puppy in Sweeps" at the 2013 Delaware Valley Specialty.

Bill and Greta joined the CKCSCNENY soon after getting Lucky. Bill said that he especially appreciates the terrific mentoring that Carol Rose has provided. They both said that they have met some exceptionally nice people through the Club and appreciate the fact that the Club is open and welcoming to anyone who loves Cavaliers.

*WAITING AT THE RAINBOW BRIDGE*

*In remembrance of...*



*Sweet Rosie*  
? - July 22, 2013  
Fostered by Sharon & Wes Shave



*Madeleine Elizabeth* May a.k.a. Queen Bee  
1/27/2006 - 7/15/13  
Lisa & Bill May

**WINE COUNTRY CLUSTER:**  
*A bitter sweet ending*

What a great weekend everyone had this year at Sampson State Park. The Wine Country Cluster is well-known for it's changing weather: from sunny skies to torrential down pours of rain and raw temperatures. Everyone comes prepared for all four seasons. This year was spectacular. Cool evenings and mornings but the sun shone and it was almost hot in the afternoons. Unbelievably there was no rain. This was most likely the last year the cluster will be held at this venue and it was sad to say good-bye.

The Cavalier entry was large all four days, with majors every day except on Sunday. The competition was good. Our Club did well each day in winning and placing. Thursday, CH CobbHill Golden Marguerite, "Ivy" (Rose/Brunson) shined and won BOB. GCH Castleview Whata Class Act, "Bentley" (Smith) & CH Tweed's Piping Hot, "Piper" (Daoust/Grady) both got Select. Karlee Gray Stone Viva La Vida at Bar-Jon, "Izzy" (Rose/Petralia/Ioia), Trisdonn Karlee Ghillies Girl Sorcha, "Sorcha" (Beman), CobbHill Cymbidium, "Trisket" (Brunson) all won their classes. Friday, Smith's Bentley and Daoust's Piper both got Select. Nirvana Magic Baccara, "Neena" (Darling), Rose's Izzy and Beman's Sorcha all won their classes.

Saturday was our supported entry. Stellar Romancing the Stone at Tycwn, "Morgan" (Knauss) swept up most of the trophies by winning BOB, BW, & WD. This win gave Morgan his CH title.

Onnalea, "Stevie" (Schuster), Rose's Izzy, Beman's Sorcha, and Brunson's Trisket all won their classes.

Later on Saturday, we gathered at Carol Rose's campsite for our general meeting and potluck lunch. Several guests, new and old, were in attendance as well as a fair number of members. As usual, we were not short of good food with snacks, pulled pork, hot dogs, sausage n peppers, mac n cheese and ending with apple pie and some pretty tasty cookies, all home baked by Karen Sage, Greta Smith and Liz Retton.

The numbers dwindled on Sunday as people were anxious to get home. Carol left Ivy with Carla Close to handle and she went on to get BOS. Smith's Bentley won Select.

GCH Karlee Gray Stone High Society, "Gimlet" (Brunson) was competing for her CT title in lure coursing during the weekend. She completed 2 out of 3 runs. On her DQ run, she must have lost the sight of the lure, looked around and saw me 100 yards away and came running back. What a good dog she was, on all three runs she would come walking over to me to put

her kennel lead on. Phew!

*Mary Pat Brunson, CobbHill Cavaliers*

*Thank you to Fritz Schuster and Karen Clark for taking these wonderful photos. Karen and her husband Dave traveled from Ohio to have "Gatlin", Huntingridge Gatlin shown for the first time in NY State by Pat Martello. It only took me 7 years to get her to come to Wine Country. Photos left to right: Gimlet, Ivy in Toy Group, Fans, Morgan, Trisket, Gatlin, Sassy, Stevie, Bentley & Ivy.*



Rose's Ivy won BOS. Smith's Bentley and Daoust's Piper both got Select. Karlee Gray Stone Over the Moon, "Sassy" (Rose/Petralia) won RWB, Virgo Cherry Bomb, "Cherry" (Wnek) won BBE bitch. Huntingridge Dream on with

**NEW TITLE:**

*Canine Good Citizen*

At a recent RDOD (Responsible Dog Owner Day) sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Kennel Club, Caithlin earned her CGC title. Congratulations to Lynn and Donald Beman for persuing this title. Here she is smiling up at Lynn with her ribbon and new scarf. Another thank you goes to Pat Hicks for coordinating and testing the dogs at the event.



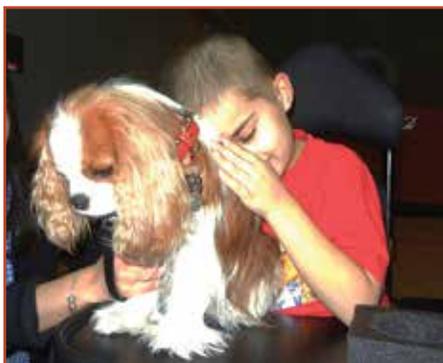
**Trisdonn Karlee Ghillie's Girl Caithlin, CGC**

**CROSSING BORDERS:**

*Jake & Trinket*

In December 2010, Peggy Wallace (Burbrook Cavaliers) whelped a litter of five puppies at her home in Ontario Canada. The dam was Peggy's bitch "Talia" (CH Burbrook Tequila Sunrise). The sire was "Rory" (Rossbonny Ruff n Ready), owned by Peggy's American friends, Carol Rose and Darlene Petralia (Karlee Gray Stone Cavaliers). Three puppies from this "storm" litter, born during an icy and snowy winter night went on to win Champion titles in Canada and the U.S. Another puppy, much smaller than the rest, went to live with Sue Jamieson in Ontario, Canada.

She was named "Trinket." Sue decided to keep the name and started to do therapy work with her. When Sue and Trinket were volunteering at a children's rehab hospital, they met Jake. He was seven years old and has Ependymoma brain cancer. All three formed a special bond; Trinket, Jake and Sue. Jake absolutely loves Trinket and hoped that one day he would have a Cavalier of his own.



Sue asked to purchase a t-shirt with the artwork that Darlene Petralia did for our Club's 2012 Specialty because she thought Jake would really like it. I took the smallest size I had to her when I went to the Canadian

National and gave it to her on behalf of our Club. Sue told me that the day before (8/30/13), Jake's MRI came back clear – good news although this type of cancer can come back.



Now Jake's dream of having his own Cavalier is a reality. Peggy had a litter

that was born early this August and there was a special little girl in there for Jake. When he went to visit the new puppies with his parents, sister Kiana and friend Sue, she gave him the t-shirt. He was smiling from ear to ear!



Cavaliers just seem to bring good people together from far and wide, forming friendships which cross borders. And not every dog needs to have a fancy title in order to make a difference in the world of an adult or a child.

*Mary Pat Brunson, CobbHill Cavaliers*



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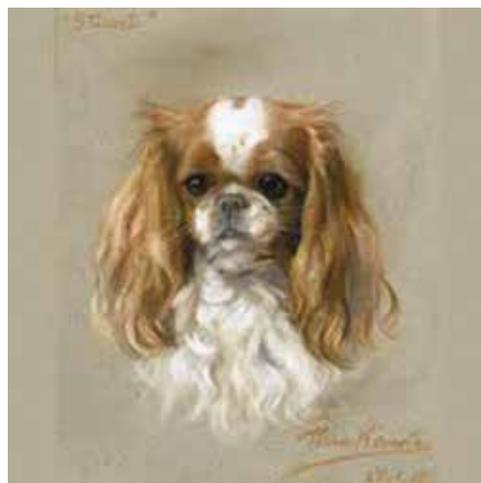
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Sunshine: Greta Smith

### CURATOR'S CURIOSITY CORNER



#### **"Stuart" a Blenheim Spaniel, 1915**

By Persis Kirmse (British, 1884-1955)

Pastel on Paper, 12-1/4" x 9-3/4"

Signed and dated lower right

*Sold in 2010 for \$1,159. Photo courtesy Bonhams.*

Noted for her images of dogs and cats, Persis Kirmse's illustrations were often used for calendars and postcards. Members of the European aristocracy commissioned her to paint portraits of their pets. She also wrote and illustrated several children's books. Her younger sister, Marguerite Kirmse, who became an American citizen, is more well-known in the U.S. for her etchings of dogs.

For more information on our club and links to Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, visit our website: [nenycavaliers.com](http://nenycavaliers.com)