



Cavalier Chronicle

The Year End Review

President's Message

The year 2015 is quickly slipping away as I write this, and by the time that you receive this newsletter it will be 2016. It's hard to believe how fast this year has gone by. We have had some very nice accomplishments in 2015, and some sadness with the loss of one of our very dedicated members Traci Daoust. There will always be a void without Traci. As a member of this Club she will be remembered for her ability to be honest, sensitive to people's needs, and someone with great sportsmanship.

I am now looking forward to the year ahead and our future accomplishments. Our show committees are hard at work planning for our 2016 Specialty Show. The dates for this year are Friday August 12 and Saturday August 13. We are planning some fun events on the days leading up to the shows.

Thursday August 11 we will be hosting our regular Welcome Party, but this year in addition to having our regular local Wine, Cheese and Cracker vendors we will be also providing Obedience and Rally run throughs in the ring. It will be a nice chance to practice with our dogs.

Friday evening the Club will be hosting a Doggie Family Reunion. Everyone is invited, along with their Cavaliers, to join in the "Joy of Our Dogs." Lots of fun for our dogs and ourselves. Pizza and activities will be provided by the Club.

Our Judges for this year's shows (pending AKC approval) will be: Sweepstakes –Marianne Creary (Cempa Cavaliers, Ontario Canada); Breed on Friday –David Frei (NY, NY); and Breed on Saturday – Debbie Kerr (Kinvaar Cavaliers, Scotland). We would like to have EVERYONE join in the Specialty. If you are not able to attend on Thursday or Friday because of your work schedules, then come on Saturday and stay for our dinner and Live Auction.

It takes real teamwork to put on a show like this and everyone's time and talent will be appreciated. We will have a list of jobs and a sign-up sheet at the Annual Meeting. I know it seems like a long time away, but it will be here before you know

it, and the committees are organizing things right now. Another thing that I'd like to ask is that if any of you have any nice pieces that you'd like to donate to our auction, we are looking for doggie (not necessarily Cavalier), and non-doggie items. Also bottles of wine are nice to intersperse amongst other auction items, so donations of wine would be most appreciated. We have a history of having a lovely auction with very nice things, and we really would like to keep it that way. We cannot do this without everyone's help. Maybe you have friends who would be willing to donate handmade items, or if someone knows somebody that has a vacation house that could donate a weekend. It takes a village to make something like this happen.

Looking back at the year we have had some fun events, with several of our potluck puppy parties, which are always well attended. I am not really too sure if it's more about the puppies or the food, but we always seem to have a grand time. I'm looking forward to more of these in the year ahead. Of course as always the Cardio-Clinic was a huge success. I am so glad that our Club members who breed continue to use this clinic to monitor the hearts of their breeding stock. We're hoping to be able to reschedule our Breed Seminar and to hold a grooming clinic sometime this spring. I think we are always looking for tips on grooming.

As 2015 fades away and 2016 begins my hope is that our Club will continue to grow, that we continue to work and play together as a team, and appreciate each and every one for who they are and the ideas that they have.

One of my favorite New Years Quotes: *We will open the book. It's pages are blank. We are going to put the words on ourselves. The book is called opportunity and the first chapter is New Years Day. Lets write a good one.*—Edith L Pierce

I'm hoping for a great story this year with lots of fun and lots of memories to be made.

Carol Rose, Karlee Cavaliers

Annual Meeting & Holiday Lunch

Please come and join in the fun at the Annual Meeting and Holiday party. It's your chance to mingle with your friends, meet new members and have a great time.

Saturday, 1/16/15 Noon - 4:00PM (NOTE: NEW TIME)
The Vista at Van Patten Golf Club
924 Main St., Clifton Park, NY

Cost: \$31.00 per person
RSVP by January 12th to Pat Hicks : VJB1209@aol.com

Payments:

-by check mailed to: Pat Hicks, 6 Kelly Rd, Latham, NY 12110
-Paypal & credit card payments via paypal, (Paypal.com) email for payment on

Paypal: nenycavaliers@aol.com.

-Payments can also be made at the door on the day of the event.

Our Yankee swap is the best. Bring a wrapped gift and enjoy the fun as your gift may exchange hands to those that want to try and keep it. Suggested price for gifts is \$25.00

Our most important event of the year is our Specialty show held in Ballston Spa in conjunction with the Adirondack Circuit. The dates have changed for 2016 - they will be 8/12 & 8/13 - a week later than usual. Remember we are always looking for volunteers to share this great time. Here are glimpses from 2015:

This year's CKCSCNENY back-to-back Straw Hat Specialties, held during the first week of August, began on a sad note when we learned that our much-loved Show Chairman, Traci Daoust, lost her 18-month long battle with breast cancer just a week before our show began. Traci, who was only 53 years old, charmed everyone with her bright smile, upbeat attitude, and dedication to our club and her dogs. She was so strong in the face of adversity, which included the recent loss of her father and also of her beautiful Cavalier "Piper" (CH Tweed's Piping Hot). She was admired by all who knew her. Traci was not only our Show Chairman, but was the Secretary for our Club and also served many years as our Rescue Coordinator and as the District 1 Director for the Cavalier Rescue Trust. She will be deeply missed by our members, her friends and family. All of us are convinced that Traci ensured that our weather throughout the week was perfect for outdoor shows.



We began our Specialties on Thursday Evening with a Wine & Cheese Welcome Party, featuring delicious products made by our local vendors and a food-themed Chinese auction. This year we opened our events to all exhibitors participating in the Adirondack Circuit.

Our judges for the two days were: Lori Moffa for Performance, David Frei for Sweeps, Michael Forte & James Reynolds for

Conformation. David also set up a booth on the All-Breed grounds for Angel on a Leash.



Trophies this year included Friday's beautiful Spaniel Bowls created by Cindy Koehring with class prizes being custom coaster sets featuring our Club's show logo. Saturday's trophies were Woodstock Chimes. Once again all of our trophies were sponsored by our generous Club members, resulting in only a small trophy expense for the Specialties' bottom lines. We are so fortunate to have such generous members who also devote their time to organizing and implementing these two days of specialty shows.



We offer Obedience, Rally and Conformation. We were pleased to note that this year, a young girl was in the ring showing puppies owned by her grandmother, Dorothy Heffner. She and her puppy won her class in Sweeps. Her presence bodes well for our sport's future.





Toni Tuck showed us a great performance on how smart Cavaliers can be in Performance Competition.

Saturday night's delicious buffet dinner, organized by hospitality chair Norene Oehler, included the sale of a special Sangria, dubbed "Renee's Rescue Remedy," which was sold to raise funds for the Cavalier Rescue Trust. Dinner was followed by the closing of another successful Silent Auction and the highlight of the evening: the Live Auction. Organized by Greta Smith, this year's auction was once again conducted by Phil Champagne (our favorite dog show vendor) and by our good friend David Frei. Thank you, Phil and David, for using your persuasive talents to help us raise money for our Club and for Rescue.

Finally, just a few days after our Specialties and the Adirondack Circuit were over, we welcomed the newest addition to the Karlee Gray Stone family. Harper Rose Szczesny thoughtfully waited for her mom, Kate Rose Szczesny, to finish with her dog show responsibilities before making her appearance. Congratulations to Kate and Andy Szczesny. We are all looking forward to seeing little Harper in the ring with a promising Cavalier at the other end of the lead.



**Happy faces after the Banquet and Auction:
Dr. John Ioia,
Darlene Petralia,
Carol Rose,
Judge Michael Forte,
Diane Zdrowski,
Phil Champagne,
David Frei,
Barbara Iola**

DUES ARE DUE

FEES ARE:

\$20 FOR SINGLE MEMBERSHIPS

\$25 FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

\$15 FOR ASSOCIATE SINGLE MEMBERSHIPS

\$20 FOR ASSOCIATE FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

As a courtesy to Pat Hicks please let her know if you are NOT renewing your membership - but we hope you will.

Payments can be made same as stated under the Annual Meeting.

MEET YOUR MEMBERS: AMY COX-KUPFERMAN & MIKE BIELAWA

Amy Kupferman-Cox and Mike Bielawa are two of our newer Club members, but both have quickly immersed themselves in the world of Cavaliers and Club activities.

Amy grew up in Yonkers and Spring Valley, before her family moved to Ballston Lake in 1969. Her family got their long-promised first dog, an Irish Setter, while living in Spring Valley. She recalls when she was a teenager having her mom say if she had it to do over she would have had 5 dogs instead of 5 kids. Amy guesses that's why she decided "to do the dog thing."

After graduating from Shenendehowa High School in 1974, Amy worked as a portrait photographer from 1974-1982. In 1982, she started working for New York State, first with Social Services, then the Tax Department, and finally with SUNY, where her last position was as Executive Assistant to both the Assistant and Vice-Chancellors. She retired in 2012.

Amy has one daughter, born in 1977. Dr. Jessica Paige, a successful chiropractor with her own practice in San Jose, CA, who also coaches a college ladies Lacrosse team and was selected Coach of the year 2015. Of course Amy is very proud of her.

By 1992, Amy was very involved with greyhound rescue and was one of the founders of Greyhound Rescue of NY, Inc., she served on the board in many positions, from secretary to president. She has owned 6 ex-racers and fostered countless others.

She also started making the special collars that Greyhounds require. This led to her own business, "Petsessories Custom Pet Collars and Leads," which now also includes collars and harnesses for other breeds, dog beds and snoods, and is today on ETSY as PetsessoriesPetBeds or www.petsessories.com. Amy recently turned her photographer's eye to working in chalk pastels as an animal portrait artist.

Mike Bielawa, Amy's long-time partner, grew up as one of 7 children on a farm in Nassau, NY in Rensselaer County. A graduate of Averill Park High School, Mike

raised 3 sons who have given him six grandchildren. After high school, Mike went to work for the County of Rensselaer, where he worked as a supervisor at the Highway Department for 32 years before retiring in 2009.

Mike and Amy met through their love of motorcycles: they were both on a Harley Owners Group club ride on July 5, 2009. The group rode their Harleys to the Catskills, stopping in the little town of Margaretville, NY, where Mike and Amy sat together having lunch.

On their first date, Mike told Amy about his terrible motorcycle accident: In June 2004, a deer jumped into the front of his motorcycle while he was doing 65 mph. He suffered a broken neck, hips, pelvis, leg and shattered knee, and was told he wouldn't walk again. Mike is a walking miracle as he actually died from the accident and came back.

About 3 weeks (and 3 dates) after Mike and Amy met, Amy was riding her Harley to work when a Fed-Ex truck pulled out in front of her, causing an awful accident in which she had multiple injuries. While waiting to go into emergency surgery to treat her broken bones and internal bleeding,

she phoned Mike who was in South Dakota at a large motorcycle rally. After 5 days in the hospital, she went home. Mike surprised her by getting back early; he moved in and started caring for her and her pets including "Lan" an old ex-racing Greyhound and 2 Italian Greyhounds. For 10 months, and through Amy's 3 additional

surgeries, Mike took care of everyone. Amy says "The care he provided to me was like no one else could have, because he understood." They eventually got engaged in February 2012.

In December 2010, after losing "Lan," Amy realized she wanted a different breed of dog. By March 2011, she had convinced Mike she needed a Cavalier, especially a tri girl. She contacted Carol Rose who offered her



the young tri-color bitch Carol had named “Amy” aka “Chanctonbury Ambrosia at Gray Stone.” When they went to see the dog, Carol said they could wait and think about it, but as Amy says, “At that minute there was nothing to think about, except put her leash on since she was coming home with us. I put the “J” in front of “Amy” and she then became Jamy, our first dog together,” Within a few weeks I knew I wanted another cavalier, so we got a black and tan girl named Bree, in November 2011.

Early in 2012, Carol asked us to have a litter of pups for her with Jamy and GCH Rossony Rebus. On May 4, 2012, 6 pups were born within 2 hours and 20 minutes, a text book delivery. Both Amy and Mike were hooked! In February 2015, Jamy’s 3rd litter, this time bred to GCH Burbrook Storm Chaser, produced 4 girls. One of them is Karlee Gray Stone Arctic Blast (“Poppy”) who was best puppy in sweepstakes at the ACKCSC Nationals in April 2015.

They bred Bree, and from that litter kept a Ruby girl, “Payton” who rides with Amy on her Harley. In September 2014, Amy took Payton to get her CGC title at a Club match. She also entered her in the conformation class “just to see.” Michael Grady volunteered to take her in the ring. Amy says “I couldn’t believe it! Payton won her first ribbons that day and I had the thrill of winning. I went on to show her in Springfield the following October and she also earned a CGCA at that time. I have also shown our tri girl Sadie, (a Chase daughter) a few times and I am learning more about showing.”

Amy and Mike both say they love the breed. In addition to “Snicky” the 13.5 year-old Italian Greyhound rescue, they have 4 adult Cavaliers and a promising puppy. Bielmann’s Cavaliers has a puppy reunion every summer. Amy and Mike say it’s been fun watching our puppy families grow. We have become involved with our Cavalier club and have met and made so many fabulous friends and people.”



Lynn Beman, Trisdomn Cavaliers

2015 ACHIEVEMENTS

(listed alphabetically by kennel name; registered name)

- Bar-Jon’s Leading Man CGC, RN, RA (Oscar), John & Barbara Iola
- CobbHill Uncorked Tenacity, CGC (Copper), Angela Case
- Helmsdale Kyla at Tweed NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ, AX MX MXJ NF (Kyla), Donna Tessitore, In CPE(Canine Performance Events) earned her C-ATCH in November and her Standard Championship in May; USDAA - United States Agility Dog Association; Performance Level I Titles in: Gamblers, Jumpers, Snooker, & Relay
- Kavalor Just Jack of Bar-Jon RE, CGCA, APDT I (Jack), John & Barbara Iola
- CH Karlee Gray Stone Guns N Roses (Axl) Carol Rose & Bill Smith
- Karlee Peglen On the Fly CA CAA, (Rizzo), Kate Rose Szczeny
- CH Rhiannon’s Button It Up (Will), Fritz & Donna Schuster
- GCH CH Snowtoz Johnny Walker Red (Walker), Jill L. Darling & Michael Grady
- GCH CH & CAN CH Stellar Romancing The Stone At Tycwn (Morgan), Anne Knauss - Bronze Medallion Level
- GCH CH Torlundy Courtlore Eye of the Storm (Katrina), John & Barbara Iola

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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: 1/1/2015-12/31/2015

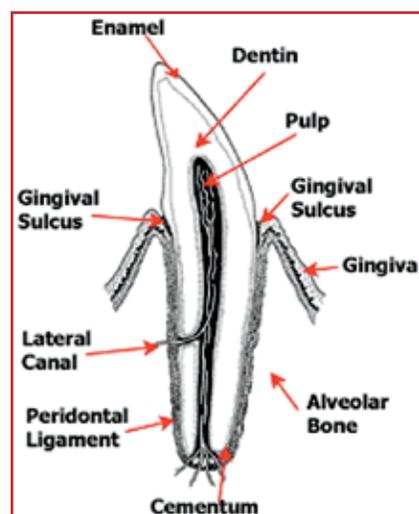
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Specialty Show	\$14,588.79
EXPENSES	\$13,352.47
Advertising	\$25.00
Newsletters	\$456.86
Insurance	\$1,506.00
Office	\$343.61
Website	\$230.89
Lobbyist	\$50.00
Donations	\$637.50
Rescue Trust	\$2892.00
Specialty Show	\$11,355.37
Sunshine	\$347.80
ACKCSC Dues	\$100.00
Square	\$166.88
Paypal	\$23.21
Misc.	\$200.00
SURPLUS 2015	\$ 4,594.47
Checkbook + PayPal Account Balance 12/31/15	\$19,782.83

Respectfully submitted by, Pat Hicks, Treasurer

ORAL HYGIENE FOR OUR DOGS

Being in the dental health field as a Dental Hygienist for 40 plus years and being "In Dogs" for 40 plus years, I have always been aware of the dental health of my dogs. Years ago before we knew how detrimental periodontal disease and the bacteria that cause it were, it seemed to be enough just to have teeth extracted as they became loose and possibly have a dental scaling once or twice in a dog's lifetime. Today we know how important good dental hygiene is to the *Whole Dog*.

Before I address how I keep my dogs teeth clean I'd like to just give you a quick picture of the anatomy of dog's teeth. An adult dog has 42 teeth which generally erupt between 12-26 weeks of age. Each tooth consists of the pulp which is the center of the tooth. This is where the blood and nerve supply is. The vessels and nerves enter the tooth via the apex of the root. The majority of the tooth is made of dentin which surrounds the pulp. Dentin is as hard as bone, but softer than enamel. And lastly is the enamel which is the hardest tissue in the body. The enamel is what makes up the chewing surface of the tooth. The tissue that surrounds the teeth is called the periodontium. It



consists of Alveolar bone which forms the jaw and the sockets into which the roots of the teeth extend. Periodontal Ligament is the tough tissue that helps hold the tooth into its socket. Cementum is hard calcified tissue that covers the dentin of the root of the tooth. Gingiva is the gum tissue.

Understanding dental and oral anatomy is the first step in providing good dental care to your dog.

Next is understanding the difference between plaque and Calculus (Tarter).

Plaque is the sticky colorless film that forms on the teeth. Bacteria live in the plaque which can cause inflammation of the gum tissue leading to gingivitis and periodontal disease. Calculus (Tarter) is hard and porous and forms along the gum line. Tarter is made up of hardened plaque which has not been brushed away. As tarter continues to form it will go beneath the gum line and continue to spread to the entire tooth. I am sure that you have all seen teeth that are totally enveloped in tarter.

Today we know that these bacteria from plaque and tarter can cause all kinds of problems from heart problems to liver and kidney issues. Bone loss and loose teeth are a result of poor oral hygiene. We all know how prone our breed is to bone loss. It just seems to be the nature of this breed due to the shape of their mouth.

My repro vets are very clear in their stand regarding breeding a bitch with calculus (Tarter) on their teeth. They are also very clear regarding calculus on the teeth of our stud dogs. It is not acceptable. So it is my goal to keep my dogs teeth relatively free of tarter and plaque. I have always hand scaled my dogs teeth, going beneath the gingiva to remove the tarter that builds up and causes inflammation. I have found that using a curette scalar is easiest for cleaning posterior teeth, and using a straight sickle scalar for anterior teeth works the best. Here in my house it is not always easy to do a good scaling due to cooperation issues. Sometimes it is nearly impossible to scale without the help of strong able bodied assistant. My life has been made much easier when I was introduced to a portable ultrasonic scalar. Though I still need help holding most of my dogs while I scale, with the Ultra sonic scalar you can just watch the tarter fall off of the teeth. It is important to scale beneath the gum line to remove all of the tarter that has built up. Once I have scaled all of the tooth surfaces I use a mixture of baking soda and peroxide or flavorless pumice powder to polish my dog's teeth. It is important to have a smooth surface after scaling because rough surfaces will allow plaque to adhere to the tooth more readily. Once I have cleaned my dog's teeth I will check their mouths each time I bath and groom which is usually around once a week. Though ideally we all should be brushing our dog's teeth daily or every other day, when you have multiple dogs it is not so easy to do. So a good look once a week should be enough to keep things under control.

I do not recommend this for a dog with gross deposits of calculus. A dog like this should have his teeth cleaned by a veterinarian and have a full periodontal check with rays and extractions if needed, but once you have done this and if you are diligent you should be able to scale and polish and keep teeth pearly white with only an occasional professional cleaning at your vet.

Also chewing on bully sticks or elk antlers or other types of bones is helpful in keeping everything in check.

Diet can also have a bearing on buildup, but as with humans it seems that some can do everything right and still build up tarter and some do everything wrong and have beautiful white clean teeth. It's body chemistry.

There are also various products on the market that claim to reduce tarter. I have used some and I have had mixed reviews on different products. Chlorhexidine rinse or gel is the most effective antiplaque antiseptic. You can find more products and information on the Veterinary Oral Health Council website. www.VOHC.org

As with our own dental health it is staying on top of things that keep a healthy oral cavity and a happy healthy dog. We all need to remember that the mouth is the gateway to the rest of the body. Clean teeth, happy dog!!

Carol Rose, Karlee Cavaliers

MORE NEWS

Wine Country

In late September, many of us attended the Wine Country Circuit, held on the shores of Seneca Lake in the Finger Lakes Region. Camping in RVs at this show is always special and this year the weather was sunny and perfect. As usual, we held our September Club meeting at Carol Rose's campsite, providing a chance for our members from Central and Western New York to attend a meeting. It's always a potluck lunch with members bringing delicious offerings. Among our guests were visitors from Scotland: breeder Debbie Kerr (Kinvaar) and her friend Tracy Roberts. Debbie has been asked to be a judge at our 2016 August Specialty and we were happy to have a chance to meet her.

Several of our Club members had notable wins at Wine Country. Among the highlights were: Bill Smith's "Axl" (Karlee Gray Stone Guns N Roses) who during the 4 days won Winners Dog; Winners Dog and Best of Winners; and Reserve Winners Dog twice— all from the 9-12 Month Puppy Dog class. Jill Darling and Michael Grady's Ruby "Walker" (CH SnowToz Johnny Walker Red) was awarded Select on the two days he was shown. Finally, Anne Knauss's tri-color boy "Morgan" (GCH Stellar Romancing The Stone At Tycwn – CH Karlee Peglens Rumbunctious x Stellar Moonlight Romance), handled by Karen Mammano, won Select one day, Best of Breed another day, and finally BOB/G4. The Wine Country Circuit also holds Lure Coursing competitions and once again Kate Rose Szczesny and "Rizzo" (Karlee Gray Stone On The Fly, CAA) competed, successfully. Rizzo earned two more legs on her "CAX" title.

Runway Star

"Morgan" after the Wine Country Circuit got another opportunity to show he was a star. He was paired with a model to run the walkway at a night for *Fashion Week Rochester*. This is a benefit show bringing awareness and financial support to *The Center for Youth's* homeless programs.

Be sure to look for Morgan and cheer him on at **Westminster** this year.



Therapy Dogs

"Tucker" (Stellar You Are Everything at Tycwn, RN CGC), Anne Knauss.

Has made his 25th therapy visit

Tucker was a returned dog to the breeder for reasons unknown. It just shows how love and caring can bring these dogs into their shining moments.

Del-Val Specialty

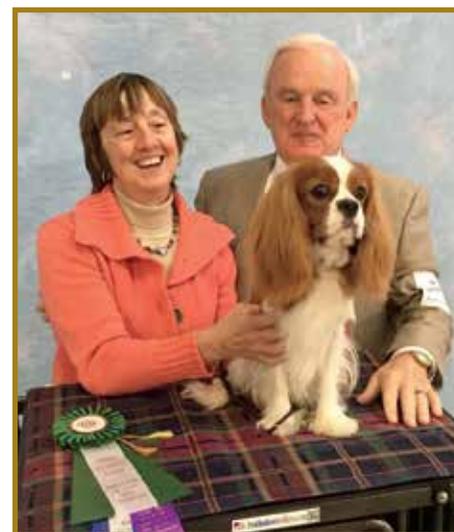
In October, some of our members participated in the CKCSC of Delaware Valley Specialty. To cap off this Specialty, Jill Darling and Michael Grady's "Walker" (GCH SnowToz Johnny Walker Red — CH Stepamgars Copper Penny x SnowToz Corey Combine), handled by Pat Martello, was awarded BISS! What a lovely win for this lovely Ruby dog.



© Tracy Roberts

New Champion

"Axl" earned his final points for his Champion title at the Troy Kennel Club show in October and is now CH Karlee Gray Stone Guns N Roses. He is the first Champion for his sire Can CH Kinvaar Son of a Gun and his dam AKC GCH Can CH CobbHill Golden Marguerite



Cardio Clinic

Early in November our Club held our annual Cardio-Clinic, conducted by cardiologist Cassidy Sedacca, DVM of Upstate Veterinary Specialists in Latham NY. Harmony Veterinary Clinic once again donated their facilities for the day. While mainly for the Cavaliers owned by our Club members, this cardio clinic is open to everyone who can score a reservation. It was a very successful clinic: 31 auscultations and 6 dopplers. As Club President Carol Rose said the next day, "it was nice to see everyone doing their clearances and nice to see some of our puppy people coming so that we can follow the offspring of our dogs."



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CURATOR'S CURIOSITY CORNER



Photo courtesy Bonhams NY

Celebrity Dog:

A Triple portrait of "Blenheim,"

Lauren Bacall's Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

By Marcia McCall (American, late 20th century)

Oil on Canvas, 19" x 15"

Signed and dated on reverse "Blenheim Bacall / Marcia McCall 1982"

This portrait sold for \$1,875 at the Lauren Bacall Estate Auction, held by Bonham's NY auction house in March 2015. The artist, Marcia McCall is a Boston native, studied at the Massachusetts College of Art, and specialized in portraits of people and animals. When asked about this portrait, McCall said: Bacall "really loved that dog. She used to take it with her everywhere, even to the theater."