

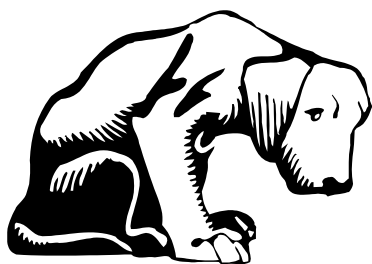
Southern C K C S Welfare Organisation

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends



Since the last newsletter, September seemed to be a particularly trying time for Welfare. There were quite a few cases where a lot of work was put in by our volunteers but to no avail as either the present homes change their minds or new homes let us down at the last minute. Nevertheless, we hope the dogs that do remain in their present homes are cared for and thank you to our volunteers on those cases for your patience.

There was an emotional case where a married couple has separated as the father walked out on the family. The children were prepared at least a week in advance by the mother that their pair of cavaliers would have to be looked after by another nice family, as she had to

return to work and would find it difficult to look after them.

She had thought that the children were ready. However, on the morning of the transfer, the distressed mother rang to say that the children were beyond themselves and had cried and screamed. She couldn't bring herself to let the dogs go in the end, as it was too soon after the father had left. We await for news of the dogs and assured the lady that we would be here if and when she needed us again.



Margaret Barrett, our fund raiser and her team of volunteers, have been very busy organising our Christmas Party in aid of Welfare. As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we are in for a special treat as it is Southern Cavalier Welfare's 10th anniversary in its present form. There will be a celebration cake and bubbly for everyone. Our members are already aware of the party through

our leaflets. Our rescue dogs and their families have also been invited. It promises to be GRRRREAT FUN!!

**See you there
11:00 am
Sunday 23 Nov 2003
Bohunt School
Longmore Road
Liphook, Hants GU30 7NY**

As always, thank you to all our volunteers who continue to run our service. Sorry for some of the phone calls that were made in ungodly hours early morning/late evening or in the middle of your lunch/dinner. Thank you for spending the time, telephone calls and petrol for our cavaliers. Most of all thank you for your commitment.



A number of our forms are continually being updated with suggestions from our volunteers. Thank you to all of you who have

contributed. There is always scope for improvement and we welcome any suggestions.

We had a case recently regarding Syringomelia. Although we have a couple of volunteers who are able to provide first hand advice on such cases, if you are able to help, please contact our rescue co-ordinator, Katherine Li. Perhaps we could form a support group for particular problem areas, which are in the main for emotional support but NOT as a substitute to veterinary advice. We are trying to provide a point of contact for telephone advice.

Although a large number of our cases are re-homing, an equally large number of cases are to provide support. Sometimes, with emotional support and advice, problems can be overcome.

We request and receive promotional material from the Kennel Club, which we appropriately pass on to new homes. The Kennel Club is currently actively promoting microchipping. Should any volunteer wish to provide this service at our events, please contact Katherine Li, our co-ordinator. We currently have a volunteer who is able to provide this service but can not always be present at our events.



A couple of our rescue dogs had to have veterinary attention this quarter, which we subsidised at the time of re-homing. Molly had to have stones removed from her bladder and Mitch had to have a stitch on his eye seen to, due to an incident at his previous home just prior to transfer.

Here's the story of Molly's ordeal:

Dear Katherine

Please find enclosed receipt for Molly's operation and X-ray. Molly seems to have made a good recovery from her op. I took her back to the vet today for a check up and they were pleased with her, there is still a little blood in her urine, but hopefully with a special diet, and antibiotics, this will soon clear up.

We are very happy with her and how she's settled in so quickly (and she seems happy with us). It was worth the long wait for her, as she is such a lovely dog. I forgot to say thank-you on the phone for the information and care sheets you sent me for

her. Well, I think that's all for now, look forward to hearing from you.

*Yours sincerely,
Mrs Crathley.*



Molly enjoying her walk on Chorley Wood Common.

Editorial ~ Our WINTER issue will bring highlights of our ever popular Christmas Party. Watch the space!! Letters to the editor are welcome along with anything amusing, interesting or useful. Tel 020 8905 2621 or email katherine@avalcier.com for address. Take care.

Katherine Li