

Southern CKCS Welfare Organisation

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends



1993 - 2003

We hope you had a good start to the New Year. This year marks our 10th Anniversary. Our welfare and rescue service in its present structure was formed in 1993 and we hope to celebrate with a special Christmas Party later on in the year. Watch out for special welfare articles in the Southern CKCS Club's 2003 Cavalcade. Our thanks go to previous Southern Cavalier Welfare co-ordinators, Hazel Edwards with Jenny MacAlpine, Elaine Shail and Megan Butler.

Spring is in the air and let's hope that April does not bring us too many showers! We've had a busy start to the year as far as re-homing

is concerned with some difficult cases. Our first re-homing for the year was completed on the 4th January and Charlie found a new home with Mr & Mrs Fagg who still have a cavalier re-homed by one of the Parent CKCS Club's previous welfare co-ordinators, Betty Slighton. Unfortunately, Jan who is now 14 is rather poorly but still pleased to welcome a new friend.



February was an exceptional month for re-homing pairs. Although there were homes for pairs, they were soon quickly exhausted. Pairs of cavaliers have many advantages. They keep each other company as after all, cavaliers are companion dogs. However, many homes have a misconception that it is much more work and need some convincing. Thank you to Jay Forsyth for information on canine

epilepsy for one of our cases.

Southern AGM Welfare Report

Our thanks go to Grahame Ford who, on behalf of Welfare read out our 2002 report at the Southern Club's AGM. The report was well received. Ann Blackburn our treasurer provided financial details. More information will be available in the Southern CKCS Club's Cavalcade magazine later on in the year. Once again our Welfare stall was in evidence at the Southern CKCS Club AGM. Thank you Margaret Barrett and Barbara Billington for manning it. Thank you all who supported us.



Volunteers take note

We now have an improved New Owner's pack as Katherine had been busy writing up two

new sets of care sheets with the help of Manda Smith who is a dog trainer and animal behaviourist. We now have, in addition to the information on general cavalier care, information on 'Possible Problem Behaviour with your Rescue Cavalier' and 'Guide to Basic Training for your Cavalier'. These are also available in .pdf format on the Welfare page of the Southern CKCS Club website, URL at the top of this newsletter. Through feedback from volunteers, a new form has also been designed to record notes to accompany a transfer which supplements the adoption form. As always, thank you to all those who work so hard to rehome the dogs that come to us.

Welfare FUN Day

Our Welfare Fun Day is looming fast, so please,

please, please spread the word and encourage your friends and families to come along with all their canine friends for a GREAT DAY. More information is posted on our website.

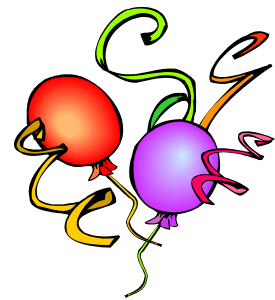
Please carry on with your individual efforts of fund raising, every little bit counts. Thank you for your efforts so far. This quarter, along with our regulars, we helped Issy (was Kizzy) and Brandy with their teeth cleaning and Barney with treatment for his eyes.



Sunday
25 May 2003
11:00 a.m. for
12:00 noon judging
Worplesdon Village
Hall, Surrey



Don't forget to keep visiting our web site for new photos of our rescue dogs. We encourage new owners to send in photos of their cavaliers so that we can put them on our website and also a photo album to be on display at our events. It gives prospective new owners an opportunity to see the variety of rescue cavaliers (big and small, young and old) that we take charge of.



Here is another heart warming story of one of our dogs rehomed to Mr & Mrs Roberts from Henley-on-Thames.



As you can see, 'Ruby' has now been renamed 'Daisy'. She's settled in very well and is now boss of course. She loves her walks especially chasing pheasants and today, deer!! We are wondering about obedience classes?!? But don't think they'd have much effect where local wild life is concerned.

All round she is very good (and very energetic). This photo was taken the day after we collected her - you can see where she considers her place should be (photo shows Daisy on Mr Robert's lap). We are thrilled to bits with her - a real darling!

Editorial ~ I hope you enjoyed this issue, till the summer issue, take care. Letters to the editor are welcome along with anything amusing, interesting or useful. Tel 020 8905 2621 or email katherine@avalcier.com for address.

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