



SUMMER/FALL CSRBC NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the CSRBC newsletter. As we are just getting our feet wet at this process, we'd love to hear from you with suggestions for things you would like to hear about, stories you'd love to share, pictures of you and your dogs! Feel free to email us anytime.

Now on to the main course!



CSRBC IN THE NEWS

On August 29, Carol was interviewed by a reporter for the Black Press NewMedia which makes news items for local papers like the Langley Advance and the Surrey Leader. Not sure if they will take the article for their papers but it should be up on the Black Press website:

www.bclocalnews.com or www.blackpress.ca

I had Sadie with me and she was a star. I on the other hand looked bedraggled due to the downpour of the day!!

FOSTER HOMES

As always, we are in need of more foster homes. It isn't particularly complicated, mostly it takes LOVE with a little added patience. Our little furfriends need someone who from time to time can transport them to vet appointments(Langley/Maple Ridge), chauffeur them to the doggie day spa(aka groomer)and sometimes show a little talent for subterfuge...which can come into play when a dear little soul needs eyedrops/ear drops or other form of medication. You know the tricks...a little pill in a piece of wiener, words of sympathy and of praise. "A spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down....in the most delightful way!" as good ol' Mary Poppins would say! A little time to donate to a cocker in transition can make a huge difference to a life. We welcome your inquiries!

UPCOMING EVENTS

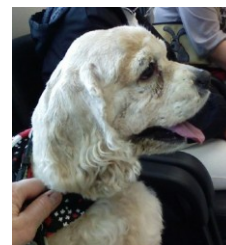
As many of you probably heard, we were disappointed to have to cancel COCKERFEST due to inclement weather. At this time there are no plans to reschedule....but we'll be back at it again next year. Our next event comes at the end of November with CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND PETFAIR at the Cloverdale Agriplex. November 29 & 30 from 10am-5pm. Come ready to shop for one and all as there are some great little gifts for your furkids and human friends/family too.

CSRBC hopes to have a raffle going if we can get that approved by the gaming people.

COCKERS IN NEED OF FOREVER HOMES

The following cockers are still on a search for their forever families:

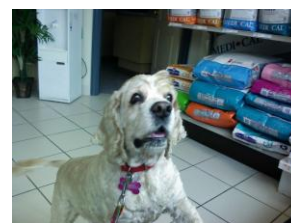
SADIE- is 9 yrs old and a ballaholic. She will play fetch forever or until your arm gives out, whichever comes first. She loves to go for walks and would make a great companion for a retiree or for someone who works from home. She does ok on her own for 5-6 hour periods. She would thrive best in an “only dog” situation, without small children. She is smart and loves to cuddle. She is buff in colour. She has a pending adoption now.



DANNY- is 6 yrs old and has been returned to us as his owners now have no time. Danny needs attention and love. He really should not be around kids. Not that he is aggressive towards them but they take attention away from him. His ideal home would be a newly retired person(s) who has experience with dogs and won't spoil and baby him. He is smart and very trainable. He is a red buff.



MO-JO is a sprite 14 yr old with a long tail that needs a kind soul to give him love through his senior years.



BERNIE(aka Barney) is a buff boy also with a long tail and has become the best of friends with Mo-Jo. He's probably around Mo-Jo's age. If we didn't know better we'd think they were littermates. Ideally these two gents would love to be adopted together. Although for the right homes, they could go their separate ways.

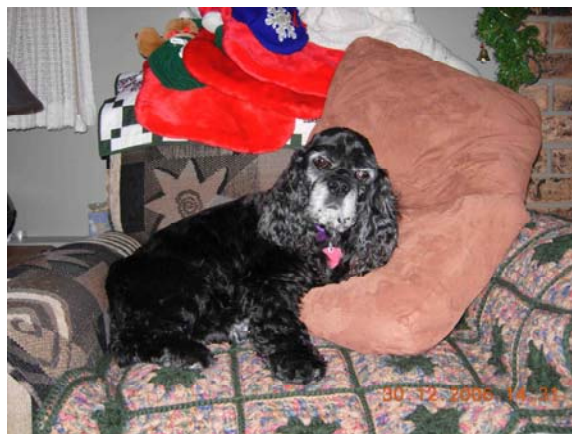


NEWS FROM OUR ADOPTERS

We are pleased to announce that Radar underwent his ear surgery and is recovering well. He will have his other ear done in the fall. So lets send our best wishes to him and his family.

From Meisha's mum

Meisha will be 13 this year and still loves her food and anything that may resemble food, She is deaf and blind, but our friends are amazed how well she gets around. She has many accidents in the house and we are the ones that are trained now. She is in doggie diapers when we are not home (greatest invention ever!) She is just the cutest little thing with a lot of cocker problems, as you know, but you just can't help to love her.



This just in from Dawn and Norm who adopted Jax. We wish there were pictures of THIS:

We live in Mission up near the Golf Course and have bears, deer and coyotes wandering through our yard regularly. We live on an acre that is lawn but the acre behind us goes to the mountain and is tall grass, trees etc. A few weeks ago we were sitting on our back patio with some friends and the dogs, Jax and Cindy, were being very well behaved and lounging along with us. All of a sudden they both took off, without barking which is unusual, and raced to the back field. Imagine my surprise when I saw a bear scurrying ahead of the bounding dogs that were now barking and in hot pursuit. I saw very little of the bear as he disappeared into the tall grass very quickly as did the dogs. Norman ran into the field whistling and hollering at them while I screeched like a banshee at them. I can't imagine why they didn't listen. LOL

They came back quite quickly as I am sure they didn't want to follow the bear into the tree line. Perhaps they finally heard us calling but I very much doubt it had anything to do with their return. They were very proud of themselves but got shut up in the house immediately anyway. The back yard is in the process of being fenced but isn't complete yet and they won't be off leash in the yard again until the fence is up. Brave foolish dogs!

Do you have a favourite tale to tell of your little adoptee? Could be just about a little breakthrough that meant a lot or something silly they got caught at. Pics also greatly appreciated!

HEALTH ISSUES

This story came across one of my dog lists recently. Thought I would share:

Warning to all dog owners - pass this on to everyone you can.

Last Friday evening, I arrived home from work, fed Chloe, our 24 Lb. dachshund, just as I normally do. Ten minutes later I walked into the den just in time to see her head inside the pocket of Katie's friend's purse. She had a guilty look on her face so I looked closer and saw a small package of sugar-free gum. It contained xylitol. I remembered that I had recently read that sugar-free gum can be deadly for dogs so I jumped on line and looked to see if xylitol was the ingredient. I found the first website below and it was the one. Next, I called our vet. She said to bring her in immediately.

Unfortunately, it was still rush hour and it took me almost 1/2 hour to get there. She took Chloe and said they would induce her to vomit, give her a charcoal drink to absorb the toxin (even though they don't think it works) then they would start an iv with dextrose. The xylitol causes dogs to secrete insulin so their blood sugar drops very quickly. The second thing that happens is liver failure. If that happens, even with aggressive treatment, it can be difficult to save them. She told us she would call us.

Almost two hours later, the vet called and said that contents of her stomach contained 2-3 gum wrappers and that her blood sugar had dropped from 90 to 59 in 30 minutes. She wanted us to take Chloe to another hospital that has a critical care unit operating around the clock. They had us call the ASPCA poison control for a case number and for a donation, their doctors would direct Chloe's doctor on treatment. They would continue the iv, monitor her blood every other hour and then in 2 days test her liver function. She ended up with a central line in her jugular vein since the one in her leg collapsed, just as our regular vet had feared.

Chloe spent almost the entire weekend in the critical care hospital. After her blood sugar was stabilized, she came home yesterday. They ran all the tests again before they released her and so far, no sign of liver damage. Had I not seen her head in the purse, she probably would have died and we wouldn't even have known why. Three vets told me this weekend, that they were amazed that I even knew about it since they are first learning about it too. Please tell everyone you TALK TO about xylitol and dogs. It may save another life.

This is true: <http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/xylitol.asp>

Please remember, a lot of things that are "good" for us are a hazard to our dogs. Keep your best friend safe!

DOGGIE TREATS

Here's a recipe for your dogs to drool over!

Breath Bustin' Biscuits

ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 1/2 cups Bisquick® baking mix
- 1/2 cup mint leaves -- loosely packed
- 1/4 cup milk
- 4 tablespoons margarine
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 tablespoons maple syrup -- or corn syrup

directions

Combine all ingredients in food processor, process until well mixed, mint is chopped, and a large ball forms. Press or roll on non-stick surface (floured board or ceramic) to a thickness of 1/4-1/2". Cut into 1x2" strips or with bone-shaped cookie cutter and place on non-stick cookie pan. Bake at 375° for 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool and store in air-tight container. Makes about 30 medium biscuits

Let us know what your dog thinks!

SPECIAL THANKS

Just a special word of appreciation to a few folks without whom we could not do what we do. We thank you for your many kindnesses!

Dr Rana and the staff at Apex Animal Hospital, Kerri-Lynne W, Francis N, Marlou M, Dawn B, Debbie and Norm B, Shirley S, Randy A, Megan H, **We are blessed to have you as special friends!**

REMEMBER: Please join our email chatlist!

Contact Carol for an invite if you already haven't joined. It is a great list for chat about your cockers, issues you may need help with be they health or behaviour or anything cockerish!

Until the next edition, we bid you adieu!

Special thanks to our new director, Julia, who put this first newsletter together for us.