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## President's Message . . .

Greetings to BACKCSC Friends,

I hope you and your Cavaliers are enjoying a fun and relaxing summer. I wish to again thank all of you for your continued support and attendance at our meetings and programs. Your voice and vote matter and allow the club to conduct important business. Thank you also for your interest in the well-being of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rochelle and Robert Walkup and their Fun Day Committee for a fabulous Fun Day on June 1, 2008. A fun day was enjoyed by all, and it was so lovely to see Cavaliers and their parents enjoying each other and making new friends. Our deepest thanks go out to Rochelle, Robert and the Committee for a wonderful Fun Day. We so appreciate you and your dedication to BACKCSC!

I would also like to thank Jo Ann Weise for chairing the Myra Savant-Harris Seminar. A very informative time was enjoyed by the participants. Thank you, Jo Ann for your dedication and hard work for BACKCSC. We so appreciate you!

Let us take time to remember two very special BACKCSC friends and their beloved Cavaliers. In our hearts we remember:

Joanne and Jim Nash and their beloved Ch. Torlundy Heir Xpress, known fondly and lovingly as Amelia; and,

Karen Ferrell and her beloved Allegria Capri.

Our thoughts, prayers, and hearts are with you!

Please continue to check our website for upcoming meeting dates, times, locations, program topics as well as other pertinent information concerning Cavaliers.

Thank you for your continued support of the BACKCSC. Your commitment and support are greatly appreciated!

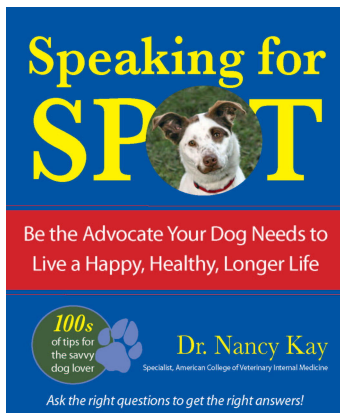
Warmest regards,  
Kathy Tegg

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# A Pre-Publication Book Review . . . Jan Rowley



**Title:** SPEAKING FOR SPOT

Be the Advocate Your Dog Needs to Live a Happy, Healthy, Longer life

**Author:** Dr. Nancy Kay, Specialist, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine

**Foreword by:** John Albers, DVM

**Publisher:** Trafalgar Square Books

**Publication Date:** October 2008

**Extent:** 400 pp

**Illustrations:** 32 b/w photos, 80 line drawings

**Binding:** flapped paperback

**Price:** \$19.95

**ISBN:** 978-1-57076-405-9

This is a must-have book for each and every one of you; in fact, order two - one for home and one to keep in your car or in your workplace. I've already ordered my two, and I urge you to log onto [www.backcsc.com](http://www.backcsc.com) right now, click on The Club, then select Fundraising on the drop-down menu, and click on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). Search for Speaking for Spot, and pre-order for only \$16.47. By using our club website, the club gets a percentage of each sale through Amazon, so order for holiday gifting as well!

I feel quite honored to have been able to read a proof copy of Speaking for Spot, and privileged to know the author, Dr. Nancy Kay. I worked with Dr. Kay for a number of years at a specialty hospital in the North Bay, and have the highest regard for her both professionally and personally.

However, even if I had never heard of Dr. Kay, this book would be on my shelf, and I would be recommending it. Why? I'll give you a very personal example. A few weeks ago, our Honorary Cavalier, Lucy (whom most of you know) had what was speculated to be a malignant tumor of one of her toes. Lucy is a 14 year-old Shepherd mix, she was quite painful, and has many lumps and bumps, so we were filled with concern for her. The day before surgery was to be performed by Dr. Gil Robello, a boarded veterinary surgeon in Santa Rosa and Cavalier dad (one a rescue through our club), I received the proofs for Speaking for Spot. As I was downloading the chapters, I took particular notice of the one entitled "When the Diagnosis is Cancer." I read it that evening. I can't tell you how reassuring to me Dr. Kay's written words were. She didn't tell me that everything would be fine, and didn't overwhelm me with data and details that I wouldn't be able to assimilate. What she did do was tell me in easy to understand language the information I needed to know about cancer and how to consider my choices. She provided examples of choices others had made and why and the results. She gave me the confidence to face the results of Lucy's surgery and to be ready to make whatever decisions needed to be made for both of us. I was prepared!

To show that Dr. Kay knows Cavaliers, in Chapter 1 - Medical Advocacy 101, she says: "Perhaps you've acquired a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel - one of the most endearing breeds on the face of the earth . . ." You'll have to get the book to read the rest of the sentence!

Appendix 1, "Common Symptoms & Questions Your Vet Will Ask You About Them," is so comprehensive, you'll have a semester of education at your fingertips. Appendix 2 is "Common Diseases & Questions You Should Ask Your Vet About Them" and give you another semester's worth of information.

In Chapter 6, *The Vaccination Conundrum*, Dr. Kay states "It's no longer in your dogs best interest to vaccinate for everything simply because you've received a reminder postcard in the mail." Did I say Dr. Kay says it like it is? Chapter 7, *Important Questions to Ask your Vet - and How to Ask Them* and Chapter 9, *A Second Opinion is Always Okay* empower you to become the advocate your Cavalier deserves. There are 11 chapters, plus an Introduction and the 2 Appendixes mentioned above . . . all of which show you in a clearly written style how to *Be the Advocate Your Dog Needs to Live a Happy, Healthy, Longer Life*. There is information on each page that you will, at some point in one of your pet's lives, be grateful you read.

Speaking for Spot has been long over-due . . . Don't miss it!