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Editorial Comment,

We have received many very positive comments on this, The Boykin Spaniels Forever Quarterly Journal. We need your help to maintain the level of professionalism you have seen to date in the Journal. We want to hear about you and your pup as well as see photos of you and your pup. If you want to see a photo of your pup in this Journal or if have an article or opinion you would like to share and see in print as well, please forward them to us.

We need good quality photos of your pup for upcoming issues. We also need great looking photos of Boykin Spaniels for the cover of the next several issues. We know you all have great shots of your Boykins that you would like for the rest of us to see -

send them in. We prefer digital files for the quality and type of online Journal we are creating, but prints are also fine if you want to mail them via USPS.

And speaking of online, Great News!!! The Boykin Spaniels Forever Quarterly Journal is now available online. Anyone with a computer or access to one can go to the website www.BoykinSpanielsForever.com, click on the button for the Journal and read it or even print a hard copy. You will be required to register your email address to read or print the Journal. Since we are online with the Journal, this will be the last hard copy mailing you will receive via snail mail....unless you write and request a hard copy due to lack of computer access. We want everyone to keep abreast of all the Boykin news.

If you are receiving this Journal, you are a client, a friend, an associate or an acquaintance of mine. Our data base for the mailing of this Journal is a mixture of years of collecting from many sources. Consequently many addresses are old...as are some of the e-mail addresses. If you do not wish to continue receiving this Journal...write, call or email -- just let us know and we will take you off the list. If you have an update to your physical address or email address, please let us know that as well. Or if you know of anyone who might be interested in receiving a copy, please direct them to the website where they can download a copy.

Happy Hunting...

Pat

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*Cover: UWP GRCH CURLEE'S JUST-IN Total Dog, UKC TOP TEN, UKC TOP TEN Total Dog
Last Quarter's Cover: UWPO, UWPCB, GRCH, Hollow Creek's Gus CGC, UKC TOP TEN, UKC TOP TEN Total Dog, UKC Best of Breed at Premier 2004*

Tuckered Out



For information about this print, which features Hollow Creek's Chocolate Mouse & GRCH Hollow Creek's Alli-gator, contact Danny O'Driscoll <http://dannyoDriscoll.com>

Upcoming 2006 Boykin Events

AKC Events

- April 1 - Millville, NJ - New Jersey Spaniel Field Trial Club
- April 1 - Payette, ID - Snake River Springer Spaniel Club
- April 1 - New Richmond, WI - St. Croix Valley Eng Cocker Spaniel Club
- April 1 - Clarkston, MT - Missouri Headwaters Eng Springer Spaniel Club
- April 1 - Walnut Creek, CA - Mission Valley Cocker Spaniel Club, Inc.
- April 2 - Walnut Creek, CA - Bay Cities Cocker Spaniel Club
- April 8 - Waseca, MN - Minnesota Heartland Eng Springer Spaniel Club
- April 8-9 - McKinney, TX - Eng Springer Spaniel Field Trial Assoc., Inc.
- April 8-9 - Belchertown, MA - Patriot Sporting Spaniel Club
- April 8-9 - Manor, Tx - Heart of Texas Spaniel Club
- April 15-16 - Blue Ridge Summit, PA - Cocker Span Field Test of America
- April 20 - Timonium, MD - Tibetan Spaniel Club of America
- April 20 - Sturbridge, MA - Field Spaniel Society of America
- April 22-23 - Blue Ridge Summit, PA - Mid-Atlantic Hunting Spaniel Club
- April 22-23 - Tyrone, PA - Mid-Penn English Springer Spaniel Club
- April 22-23 - Spivey, KS - Springer Spaniel Club of Central Kansas
- April 22-23 - Royalston, MA - Patriot Sporting Spaniel Club
- April 22 - Hager City, WI - Minnesota English Springer Spaniel Club
- April 22 - Bath, NY - Southern Tier Spaniel Field Trial Assoc., Inc.
- April 28-30 - Menoken, ND - North Dakota Sporting Spaniel Club
- April 29-30 - Darien, NY - English Springer Spaniel Assoc. of West NY
- April 29-30 - Simsbury, CT - Bushy Hill Spgr Span Field Trial Association
- April 29 - Huntington Bch, CA - Gateway Cities Eng Spgr Span Assoc, Inc.
- April 29 - Little Falls, MN - Northern Minnesota Eng Springer Span Club
- April 30 - Huntington Beach, CA - Eng Spgr Span Assoc San Fernando Val
- May 3 - Pine Mountain, GA - Amer Cavalier King Charles Span Club, Inc.
- May 4-5 - Claremont, CA - Irish Water Spaniel Club of America
- May 6 - Rochester, WA - Mt. Ranier Sporting Spaniel Association
- May 6-7 - Elk Grove, CA - English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.
- May 6-7 - Glencoe, MN - English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.
- May 6-7 - Dana, IA - Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.
- May 7 - Ixonia, WI - Wisconsin English Springer Spaniel Assoc., Inc.
- May 7 - Oroville, CA - English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.
- May 7 - Rochester, WA - Puget Sound Eng Springer Spaniel Association
- May 8-9 - Sacramento, CA - English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.
- May 12 - Midland, MI - English Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan, Inc.
- May 13-14 - Highland, MI - Southern Michigan Spgr Span Training Club
- May 13 - Royalston, MA - English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.
- May 13-14 - Glencoe, MN - Minnesota Hunting Spaniel Association
- May 13-14 - Darien, NY - English Springer Spaniel Assoc. of West NY
- May 19 - Flint, MI - Clumber Spaniel Fanciers of Michigan
- May 20-21 - MacDonald, PA - Pittsburgh Eng Spgr Span Field Trial Club
- May 20 - Hartsgrrove, OH - Eng Springer Spaniel Field Trial Assoc, Inc.
- May 20 - Simsbury, CT - Central Connecticut Spaniel Club
- May 21 - La Grange, OH - Eng Springer Spaniel Field Trial Assoc., Inc.
- May 23-24 - Geneva on the Lake, OH - Eng Spgr Span Field Trial Assoc
- May 25 - Bloomington, IL - English Toy Spaniel Club of America
- May 26-27 - Simsbury, CT - Central Connecticut Spaniel Club
- May 28-29 - Simsbury, CT - Cocker Spaniel Field Trial of America
- June 2 - Wrentham, MA - Cocker Spaniel Breeders Club of New England
- June 10-11 - Lodi, CA - Santa Clara Valley Eng Springer Spaniel Assoc.
- June 10-11 - Menoken, ND - North Dakota Sporting Spaniel Club
- June 10-11 - Mazomanie, WI - Sussex Spaniel Club of America
- June 17 - Huntsville, TX - Houston English Springer Spaniel Club
- June 23 - Long Beach, CA - West Coast Cocker Spaniel Club
- June 23-24 - Warwick, RI - Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club
- June 23-25 - Auburn, WA - Field Spaniel Society of America
- June 24 - Long Beach, CA - Cocker Spaniel Club of Orange County
- June 24-25 - Dresden, ME - Maine Spaniel Field Trial Club
- June 30 - Amherst Junction, WI - Eng Ckr Span Club of SE WI

CBSRC Events

- April 29 - Anderson, SC - CBSRC Club Trial

UKC Events

- April 1 - Hickory, NC - UKC Carolina Classic
- April 1 - Spring Grove, IL - WI-IL Agility Group
- April 1 - Warren, MI - Wolverine Dog Training Club
- April 1 - Brooklyn Park, MN - A-1 Dog Training Club of Min
- April 1 - Staten Island, NY - Staten Island Dog Training Club
- April 1 - Amherst Junction, WI - Timber Ridge Dog Train Club
- April 8 - San Diego, CA - All Breed Obedience Club
- April 8 - Brooklyn Park, MN - A-1 Dog Training Club of Min
- April 8 - Santa Fe, NM - Enchantment Training Club
- April 8 - Manitowoc, WI - Clipper City Canine Club
- April 9 - Escondido, CA - San Diego Dog Fanciers
- April 15 - Oakdale, CA - Central Valley Rat Terrier Club
- April 15 - Rockford, IL - Rock Valley Kennel Foundation
- April 15 - Warrenville, IL - Smack-Dab's Obedience Training
- April 15 - Henderson, KY - Lincoln Trail Belgian Shep Dog Club
- April 22 - Odell, IL - United Piece of Cake Dog Club
- April 22 - McMinnville, OR - NW Oregon Dog Training Club
- April 22 - Ixonia, WI - Bark Rover Dog Club
- April 29 - Spring Grove, IL - WI-IL Agility Group
- April 29 - Grand Blanc, MI - Dogsports of Genessee County
- April 29 - Montpelier, OH - NW Ohio Dog Obedience Club
- April 29 - Lewisburg, PA - Trained N' Talented Canines
- April 30 - Antioch, IL - Four Paws Training Club
- May 6 - St. Johns, MI - Capital City Dogsports Association
- May 6 - Gloucester, VA - Belroi Agility Club
- May 7 - Gloucester, VA - Tidewater Dog Performance Club
- May 12 - Kalamazoo, MI - K9 Fanciers
- May 12 - Victor, MO - Courteous K9 Obedience Club
- May 13 - Brampton Ontario, Canada - Maple Leaf Kennel Club
- May 13 - Locke, NY - Finger Lakes Amer Eskimo Dog Assoc.
- May 13 - San Marcos, CA - San Diego Dog Fanciers
- May 13 - Jacksonville, FL - First Coast Dog Obedience Club
- May 13 - Lakeland, FL - United IPOC
- May 13 - Eagle, ID - Boise River Obedience Club
- May 13 - Flat Rock, MI - N Amer Jack Russell Terrier Assoc.
- May 13 - Auburn, WA - Cascade American Pit Bull Terrier Club
- May 13 - Mishicot, WI - Liberty All Breed K-9 Club
- May 19 - Randolph, OH - Carnation City Kennel Club
- May 20 - Longmont, CO - Twin Peaks Dog Club
- May 20 - Cornell, IL - United Piece of Cake Dog Club
- May 20 - St. Johns, MI - MI Dog Agility
- May 20 - Monticello, NY - Pennjy Obedience Club
- May 27 - Chehalis, WA - Volcano View Rat Terrier Club
- June 3 - Oakdale, CA - Central Valley Rat Terrier Club
- June 3 - St. Petersburg, FL - United Dog Training St. Petersburg
- June 3 - Cary, IL - Flying Paws Dog Training Club
- June 3 - Springfield, MS - Competition Dogs of the Ozarks
- June 3 - Hillsboro, OR - Canine Action Pack
- June 10 - St. Petersburg, FL - Upper Suncoast Dog Trng Club
- June 10 - Warrenville, IL - Smack-Dab's Obedience Training
- June 10 - Williamston, MI - Capital City Canine Club
- June 10 - Woodbridge, VA - Mattaponi Kennel Club
- June 11 - Woodbridge, VA - Dulles Gateway Obed Training Club
- June 15 - MI - Premier Weekend, Independent Specialties
- June 16 - MI - UKC Premier, United Kennel Club
- June 17 - Spokane, WA - Lilac City Dog Training Club
- June 24 - York, ME - Marshland Obedience Club
- June 24 - Tulsa, OK - Tulsa Agility Club
- June 24 - Arlington, WA - Monroe Valley Dog Training Club

Full Disclosure...



I have received many inquires regarding my status with the BSC/BAA and about my participation in a recent AKC Hunt Test and other Boykin world issues. In an effort to respond to all at once and avoid repeating myself too many times, I will attempt to relay below the facts and results as I understand them.

I founded and incorporated the BSC/BAA. I envisioned a club where diversity was allowed and honesty would prevail. Unfortunately, the majority of the newer members of the BSC/BAA Board of Directors have a different agenda. Consequently, in January 2006, I was voted off the Board of Directors of the BSC/BAA.

As I understand and recall that Board meeting, the newer members of the BSC/BAA

Board of Directors were trying to dictate to me which organizations I could or could not be a member and which registries I could or could not register my pups. Specifically, they thought it was wrong that I continue my membership in the Boykin Spaniel Society and thought it inappropriate that I continue to register puppies with the Boykin Spaniel Society (because of the lawsuit brought by the BSS against the BSC/BAA). You know me and of course know that I was not about to let anyone or any club dictate which organizations I could or could not be a member and which registries I could or could not register my



pups.

The newer members of the BSC/BAA Board of Directors (and newbie Boykin breeders) were also trying to tell me how to breed my dogs. Imagine that: After 15 years of breeding experience and breeding

the top Boykin Spaniel in the UKC and soon to be in the AKC, newbie Boykin breeders are trying to tell me how to breed Boykin Spaniels. I am the breeder of the Hollow Creek bloodline. The records of the dogs carrying that name speak for themselves. I take full financial and personal responsibility for what I breed...as any good breeder should.

Finally, the newer members of the BSC/BAA Board of Directors were very upset that I had the audacity to take the adult daughter of the club new President to court to re-possess a dog which I bred and own per documentation....and was so awarded by two different North Carolina judges in two separate hearings. When given no other option I will do what I have to do and will not be chastised for reclaiming that which is mine.

That is pretty much full disclosure... except I was also removed as Editor of the newsletter.

For now, I remain a member of the BSC/BAA.

Enough on that subject - I have put that behind me and moved on. Part of my moving on is this newsletter please enjoy it.



--Pat

Leaps and Bounds by Mickie Brown

The apple tree in our backyard no longer has any lower limbs. It became apparent in late summer as the boughs, weighed down by apples, caught the eye of the ever energetic CH Hollow Creek Seamus, that war was about to be waged. In the early months the battles, though entertaining, were not dramatic.

Each morning as the screen door was slid aside to allow Seamus to relieve himself, he would make a mad dash into the yard, snatch an apple from a low-hanging branch and prance victoriously. His besotted audience - that would be Mike and Mickey - would hoot and applaud.

That lasted only until the buoyant Boykin jarred the screen off the track the first time. It was, however, too late to derail the Seamus Express. After the tenth or so dog/screen face off, the screen had to be replaced.

The seasons changed, the apples no longer bore the branches near the ground...and a star was born...fearless and undaunted as the barren branches shifted higher and higher.

The mighty Boykin developed a vertical leap that would leave most NBA power forwards hanging their heads.

Seamus has cultivated his own rou-

tine. He launches from the doorway, warms up with a leap at the taller of two birdfeeders, circles the yard, heads back toward the house, then propels forward and up, up, up until he reaches a branch tip, yanks it free,



shakes it, drops it and pauses awaiting the roar of the crowd.

On occasion, when feeling particularly pleased with himself, he'll stop off at the wind chimes, levitate a couple of feet and set them ringing before demanding readmittance.

Now, it is somewhat significant that the branch never makes it to the house. Seamus is not all that interested in retrieving.

In his third year, he has proven to be quite the birder - focused, determined, unrelenting, even admonishing the poor shots in the group when a perfectly flushed pheasant or quail escapes unscathed.

Once a bird is downed, he heads straight to it, noses it, picks it up delicately...and just as gently puts it back on the ground and waits for Mike. Coaxing, cajoling, teasing, scolding nothing will convince him that part of his job description calls for him to bring the bird to the hunter.

But, of course, if he did, he'd be perfect and probably unbearable to live with.

Speaking of perfect - the Magnificent Seamus passed his physical beautifully - hips, eyes, knees, and all other bits and pieces in perfect alignment and working order. And within the next few months, the offspring of CH Hollow Creek's Rosey O'Donnell and Sandalwood's Colin Brice, will become a sire himself.

Stay tuned.



VACHELLA PHEASANT CHOWDER

1 - 4lb. Pheasant • 1 tbls. Salt • 1/2 tsp. pepper • 3 med. Onions chopped • 1/3 cup flour • 5 med. Potatoes diced 1/4 tsp. thyme & sage leaves • 2 cups milk • 1 cup light cream or half & half • 1/2 cup butter
4 slices crisp bacon chopped • chopped parsley (fresh)

Wash and dry pheasant, place in kettle and cover with water add herbs, salt, pepper and onion and bring to a boil. Cover and simmer on low for 1 hour or until meat is tender. Remove pheasant and bone. Place meat on platter. Add potatoes to broth and simmer until tender. In another saucepan melt butter and add milk slowly to make paste. Stir slowly into soup to thicken. Add pheasant back to chowder Add cream. Heat and serve with chopped bacon and parsley sprinkled on top.

Healthwise

PERINEAL HERNIA

A hernia is the protrusion of an organ or tissue through an abnormal opening in the abdominal wall. A perineal hernia results from a weakening of the pelvic muscles that support the rectum, which subsequently stretch and bulge with fat or abdominal tissue.

Perineal hernias are seen in dogs, and rarely cats and other species. The Boston Terrier, Boxer, Collie, Welsh Corgi, Pekingese, Dachshund and Old English Sheepdog are the most commonly affected breeds. There is at least one severe case documented in a Boykin Spaniel. The vast majority of perineal hernia cases occur in the middle aged to older intact males. In these dogs, testosterone causes a chronic enlargement (hypertrophy) of the prostate gland. As the animal strains to urinate and defecate around the enlarged prostate, the tissues adjacent to the rectum weaken, allowing fat or abdominal organs to push out around the rectum and form a pouch under the skin. This pouch may enlarge when straining pushes tissue out into it and may become smaller as tissue moves back into the abdomen.

Females are rarely affected due to the greater strength, size and area of the rectal attachments of their levator ani muscles (one of the pelvic muscles) and their lack of a prostate gland. Approximately one third of the hernias are bilateral (occurring on both sides).

SYMPTOMS

The most common owner complaints of dogs with perineal her-

nia are chronic constipation, straining to defecate, and a swelling on either side of the rectum. Other signs may include straining to urinate, pain on defecation, fecal incontinence, and altered tail carriage.

DIAGNOSIS

The hernia is diagnosed based on the history and physical examination. A defect in the pelvic diaphragm musculature or sacculatation (out pouching) of the rectum are usually detected on rectal palpation. Fatty tissue is usually present in the hernia. A non-reducible (unmovable) fluid-filled mass in the hernia suggests displacement of the urinary bladder. In all cases, both sides of the pelvic diaphragm should be palpated. While the patient may appear to be unilaterally affected, both sides are often times found to be weakened.

If the prostate is enlarged, the cause of this enlargement must be determined. Benign hyperplasia, abscessation, cyst formation, and tumors must all be considered and treated appropriately. Castration is recommended in all cases due to the effects of testosterone on the prostate gland and perianal musculature.

TREATMENT

Conservative Therapy may be tried to palliate dogs with minimal signs, or in those patients where the anesthetic risk is too great to consider surgery. Medical management is rarely successful in permanently controlling the clinical signs that are associated with perineal herniation.

These measures may also be used as an adjunct to surgical repair:

1. Diet high in fiber and moisture content.
2. Stool softeners such as Metamucil or Colace.
3. Digital (manual) removal of impacted feces.

Surgical Repair is the treatment of choice for most cases of perineal hernia. This is achieved by suturing specific muscles together to reform a pelvic diaphragm. If there is insufficient tissue available to close the defect, an implanted surgical mesh may be used.

In those cases where the urinary bladder has retroflexed (flipped back) into the hernia, surgery should be performed immediately, and the bladder repositioned into the abdomen. Abdominal surgery may be required to stabilize the bladder in its normal position.

Castration should be considered in all intact males, due to the potential hormonal influence on perineal herniation. This is particularly important when the prostate is increased in size, as enlargement of this gland may cause straining, which will place unneeded stress on the surgical repair.



Spaniel Ears Syndrome: Blue Power Ear Treatment

INGREDIENTS:

16 oz. Isopropyl Alcohol
 4 TB Boric Acid Powder
 16 Drops Gentian Violet
 Solution (see end of article for
 more info.)

Mix in alcohol bottle and shake
 well. Purchase a flexible plas-
 tic bottle with opening at top so
 that solution may be squeezed
 out and dispense solution to the
 affected ears. The ideal is a
 hair-dye bottle.

TREATMENT PROCEDURE:

1. Evaluate condition of ears
 before treating and if very
 inflamed and sore, do not
 attempt to pull hair or clean
 out ear at all. Just flush and
 wait until
 inflammation has subsided,
 about two days.
2. Warm the solution and
 shake the bottle each time
 before each use.
3. Flood the ear with solution
 by gently squirting bottle.
4. Massage gently to the count
 of 60, wipe.
5. *On first treatment:* flood the
 ear twice, wipe, and leave alone
 without massage.
6. The dog will shake out the
 excess, which can be wiped up
 with a tissue.

**Note: The Gentian Violet does
 stain fabric, etc, so you may
 want to wear gloves.*

The **SCHEDULE** of treatment
 is as follows:

- Treat **TWICE** a
 day for the first
 week to two
 weeks, depend-
 ing on the sever-
 ity.

- After the sec-
 ond or third day
 you can clean
 out the ear with
 a Q-tip or cotton
 balls (*see caution
 below*).

- Treat **ONCE** a day for the next
 1-2 weeks).

- Treat **ONCE** a month (or even
 less frequently, depending on
 the dog).

** Caution: When using a Q-tip,
 only insert it as far into the ear
 canal as you can actually see.
 Use care to prevent the gunk
 from falling down into the ear
 canal.*

** Note: All of these ingredients
 should be available at the phar-
 macy, but some may be special
 order items for you.*

Users of the Blue Power Ear
 Treatment have found that,
 unless the dog has abraded the
 skin by scratching, the alcohol
 doesn't sting and the dog will
 not object to even the first treat-
 ment. The Boric Acid Powder
 soothes the ear. The Gentian
 Violet Solution is an anti-infec-
 tion agent, as it is a dye mixture
 that acts as a bactericide, fungi-
 cide, and anthelmintic (destroys
 worms).



Remember, Gentian Violet will
 stain hair, clothing, etc. It is
 the solution that they give
 human babies with "thrush"
 (oral yeast infection).

The Blue Power Ear
 Treatment *as detailed above*
 appears to work well on any
 and all ear problems from
 mites to wax to canker. The
 success rate is said to be 95-
 99%. If an infection seems to
 be remaining in the treated
 ear there may also be some
 Pseudomonas bacteria in the
 site. This can be eradicated by
 using a gentle flush of raw
 apple cider vinegar and water
 (warmed). Use 2 TB of vinegar
 to one cup of water, **TWICE**
 per week.

*As with all medical issues, you
 should consult your
 veterinarian.*



AKC Hunt Test

The Boykin Spaniel made a great showing at the first AKC Hunt Test for which it was eligible held in Lavonia, Georgia, on February 11-12, 2006. The Chattahoochee English Springer Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta hosted the event. They also hosted a training day on the Friday prior to the hunt. This was a great opportunity to train with your flushing breeds on live birds.

You likely know how much I wanted to participate and run my dogs in this event. I created the BSC/BAA which started the ball rolling for the BSC/BAA to become the AKC Parent Club for the Boykin Spaniel and finally led to the first AKC Hunt Test in this area offered for Boykin Spaniel participation. Unfortunately I am back in chemotherapy which prevented me from being able to run any of my own dogs but it could not keep me from attending and at least watching.

I will not attempt to print or even summarize all of the guidelines of the AKC Hunt tests, but I will summarize the Standards of Performance and basic test elements so that you will understand it is not as daunting a task as it may first seem...at least for the Junior Hunter. For a complete copy of the AKC Guidelines for Spaniel Hunting Tests, you can download a copy of the rules online at <http://www.akc.org/pdfs/rulebooks/RHTSPN.pdf> or order a hard copy version of the booklet from the AKC.

Spaniels are flushing breeds. Their purpose is to hunt, find game, flush and retrieve birds in a pleasing and efficient manner. The purpose of a Hunting Test for spaniels is to test the merits of, and evaluate the abilities of Spaniels in the field in order to determine their suitability and ability as hunting companions. The objective of the hunting test program is to help the hunter develop a

useful hunting companion by providing a means to gauge a dog's abilities against three standards of accomplishment-Junior Hunter, Senior Hunter and Master Hunter. Hunting Tests must, therefore, simulate as near as possible the condition met in a hunting situation found in the region of the country in which a hunting test is held. Testing in this manner is to gauge the dog's natural hunting ability and training.

JUNIOR HUNTING TEST -- A Junior hunting dog must show a desire to hunt in an enthusiastic manner and an ability to flush and to retrieve. It is not necessary that a dog be steady to wing and shot. The dog should show no fear of cover, a reasonable response to commands (whistle, hand, or verbal), and maintain a reasonable working distance from its handler. Junior hunting dogs should complete their retrieves to close proximity of handler, but need not



retrieve completely to hand. Handlers may control their dogs by hand, whistle, and/or verbal signals but only in the quiet manner that would be used in the field. A Junior hunting dog may be restrained gently on the line at water.

Test Elements --

1. Must find, flush and retrieve two (2) birds on land.
2. One (1) bird must be returned from water at a distance of approx. twenty yards with a shot fired.

To be awarded the title of Junior Hunter,

the dog must have acquired qualifying scores in the Junior Hunting Test in four (4) AKC licensed or member club hunting tests.

SENIOR HUNTING TEST -- A Senior hunting dog must show all of the attributes of a Junior hunting dog. In addition the dog must show true boldness to cover, a pattern addressing the course objectives and an intense desire to hunt. A proper working distance and independent hunting sense must be maintained. The dog need not be steady to wing and shot on land but should not show uncontrollable chasing in a missed bird situation. The dog must be line steady at water, must retrieve eagerly to hand, and exhibit the ability to "hunt dead" on a blind retrieve.

Test Elements:

1. Must find, flush and retrieve two (2) birds to hand on land.
2. Must be line steady at water, and retrieve one (1) bird to hand from water at a distance of approximately 30 yards with a shot fired.
3. Must also "hunt dead" on a land blind of approximately 20 yards.

To be awarded Senior Hunting Title, the dog must have Junior Hunting title and have acquired qualifying scores in the Senior Hunting Test in four (4) AKC licensed or member club hunting tests. OR have acquired five (5) qualifying scores in the Senior Hunting Test in five (5) AKC licensed or member club hunting tests.

MASTER HUNTING TEST -- A Master hunting dog must show all of the attributes of Senior hunting dogs, but must also give a finished performance and demonstrate clearly that it deserves to be qualified as such. It

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must be under the handler's control at all times, and must handle kindly, with an absolute minimum of noise and hacking by the handler. A Master hunting dog must show a keen enthusiasm to hunt, must have a bold and attractive manner of running, and must demonstrate not only intelligence in seeking objectives, but also excellent ability to find game. The dog must hunt for its handler at all times at a suitable gun range, showing a fine Spaniel pattern and experienced hunting independence. The dog must locate game, flush well and must be absolutely steady to wing and shot without excessive handling in both land and water testing. Intelligent use of the wind and terrain in locating game, accurate nose, and intensity are essential. After the shot, a Master hunting dog must positively demonstrate its steadiness to wing and shot. The handler shall not command or signal the dog to retrieve until steadiness has been demonstrated.

Test Elements:

1. Must find, flush and retrieve two (2) birds to hand on land.
2. Must be line steady at water and retrieve one (1) bird to hand from water at a distance of at least 30 yards with a shot fired.
3. Must be tested on a blind water retrieve with a shot fired at 30 yards.
4. Ability to "hunt dead" on a land blind of approximately 40 yards.
5. Steady to wing and shot.

NOW TO THE GOOD STUFF...HOW DID OUR BOYKIN'S DO WHEN ALL WAS SAID AND DONE?

Saturday: Turn off cold, wet and nasty, but there was a great turn out for the event. The results were:

Junior Hunter - 15 entries/5 Qualifying Scores
 Boykin Spaniels 4/4
 American Water Spaniel 2/0
 English Cocker Spaniel 1/0
 Clumber Spaniel 1/1
 American Cocker Spaniel 1/0
 English Cocker Spaniel 1/0

Senior Hunter - 11 entries/4 Qualifying Scores
 Boykin Spaniel 5/3
 English Springer Spaniel 4/1
 American Cocker Spaniel 1/0
 Field Spaniel 1/0

Master Hunter - 9 entries/3 Qualifying Scores
 Boykin Spaniel 4/3
 English Springer Spaniel 1/0
 English Cocker Spaniel 2/0
 American Water Spaniel 2/0

Sunday: Not raining...but cold, windy and muddy! ...and the results were:

Junior Hunter - 15 entries/5 Qualifying Scores
 Boykin Spaniel 9/4
 American Water Spaniel 2/0
 English Cocker Spaniel 1/0
 Clumber Spaniel 1/1
 American Cocker Spaniel 1/0
 English Cocker Spaniel 1/0

Senior Hunter - 11 entries/4 Qualifying Scores
 Boykin Spaniel 5/3
 English Springer Spaniel 4/1
 American Cocker Spaniel 1/0
 Field Spaniel 1/0

Master Hunter - 9 entries/3 Qualifying Scores
 Boykin Spaniel 4/3
 English Springer Spaniel 1/0
 English Cocker Spaniel 2/0
 American water Spaniel 2/0

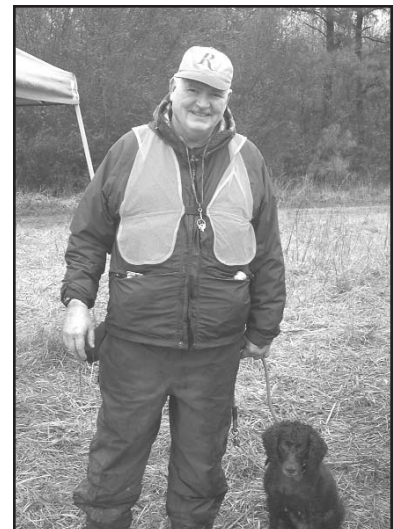
The numbers above speak for themselves and shout out loud for the abilities and enthusiasm of the Boykin Spaniel. Two Boykin Spaniels received their Junior Hunter titles on Saturday. They were Hollow Creek's Decoy JH and Hollow Creek's Gypsy JH and thus receive the recognition of being the first Boykin Spaniels to get an AKC Hunt Testing title. Congratulations to all of our Boykin Spaniels...their owners...their handlers...and especially their breeders...for this fine "debut" of the Boykin Spaniel at the AKC Hunt Test!!



Patricia Watts



Wayne Rodgers



Bill Wright





Waggin' Tails



**Sehoy Quail Hunt
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Mark Lewis - SC**



Hal Roemer and Hollow Creek's Bear



**Hollow Creek's Gypsy -
Owner: Harold Stanlick**



Hollow Creek's Jackson - CA



Hollow Creek's Cabella

I'm training Bella at Big Red Oak Plantation in Gay, Ga and I can't begin to tell you the number of compliments I have received. Most of the hunters in this area are not use to seeing a Boykin and can't believe how natural she is in the field. She is very aggressive and her nose is truly unbelievable. I'm now shooting over her and killing birds which she is retrieving with no problem. I'm planning to continue to work with her on quail through the end of the month then move to pigeons. I have no doubts that she will be ready for pheasant come October.

- Mitchell Hunter -



Junior - Jeff Crumbley - GA



Hollow Creek's Kookie - SC

Mixed Soup with Julia Carter

Love Note...

I want to share my love note with "Boykin Spaniels Forever" readers... A little over a year ago, I was diagnosed with mantle cell lymphoma.

Following a period of wild-eyed fear I decided that I wanted a boykin pup.

However, I worried about the attention that a pup deserved and whether or not I could provide it considering my predicament... Cohort Susan Kahler, we transport for Boykin Spaniel Rescue together, suggested that I adopt a rescue boy or girl.

I opened my email one day and Susan and husband, Kevin, had mailed pictures of Lily, a young boykin abandoned in Charlotte, NC. "That pretty, sad-eyed girl is the one", I thought!!!!

I was struck by Lily when I met her, but I knew she was not a Lily! So she became Lady Banksia, Banks.

I believe that she sensed my misery and fear and the first night with me, she staked her place on the bed, on my pillow... I will have to digress, here, to the bed--Banks' feat was a brave one because my bed has been divided three ways by Carter (Boykin), and Nich and Abbot (Cockers)!!!

What a gymnast she is!!!! Banks can leap three feet off the ground on retrieve and clear a wall on the terrace from the bottom up, effortlessly!!!! She has introduced me to her friends, the dragonfly family, and is presently, trying to talk the resident squirrels out of the trees to play with her... Banks' favorite toy is an 'air ring' constructed from tennis ball material.

She carries that ring so that it hides her face; it always makes me laugh...

I love you, Banks! And I am grateful to the people who let you go!!!!



Mystery Illness...

I live in a 'still sorta rural' town in NC-Knightdale, outside Raleigh, NC. It is important to sketch this geography since it plays a significant role in my notes to you. Among others, I am privileged to share my living quarters with two boykins, Carter Burton, 9, And Lady Banksia (Banks), 1 1/2 years old.

About four months ago, all my four-legged friends, Carter, Banks, and Cockers-- Abbot and Nich-- began to display bladder infections. One at a time, 'concentrated urine', as thick as honey, would appear overnight on my kitchen tile floor. To avoid exam visits times four every week, I began to collect samples-early



morning-in 8 oz. yogurt cups.

Every time, the verdict was the same: crystals and "junk" in the urine, e.g., minerals.

We waded through antibiotics and a medicine called Methioform, which contained the problem; but did not resolve the problem!!!

After repeat treatments, my vet called me and told me that she suspected the problem was in the water. Wake County's water, she said, is among the worst in the state noted for minerals, 'trash' e.g., sand. For a week, I supplied only bottled water that had been purified. This was an exhausting task!!!

The resolution was a whole house water filtration system. I bought mine from Lowe's, since the system they sell is excellent by reputation and affordable, about \$40.00. Amazingly, after installing the system, each dog began displaying improved lab results. And, at present, everyone is clear except Banks, who, the vet thinks, may manufacture crystals without the help of the environment. If you have this tedious problem look carefully at your water, especially if it is well-driven.

-- Julia, Knightdale

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