

BOYKIN SPANIELS FOREVER

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Editorial

Wow,,, another year has just flown by! I hope that everyone is thus far enjoying a prosperous New Year. I want to thank everyone who has sent in photos and articles for the Journal. Keep them coming.... I may have to add pages!

In summary, the Boykin Spaniel has had a busy and exciting 2008:

In January of 2008, the AKC welcomed the Boykin Spaniel into the Conformation ring via the Miscellaneous Class. Since then many have invested time and money campaigning their Boykins, allowing AKC judges to become familiar with the breed. Early 2009, promises to bring news regarding the breed's full sanctioning in the AKC!

In February, amidst the Roxy's pups scandal, the President of the BSC/BAA resigned. In September, came the resignations of all the other board members, with the exception of Paisley Stevens Knudsen. With Paisley at the helm and under the guidance of AKC, new Directors were seated, including many of the founding directors. As a founding director of that club, I was asked to return to the board and assist in bringing credibility and vision back to the club. I continue to urge you to support and join the club now. Together we can assure that the Boykin remains as a working dog and in standard. Renewing and returning members will receive a beautiful color print as a gift with membership.

In November, after surgery, I was still determined to go on my annual pheasant hunt in Kansas. I met Greg Copeland and Hal Roemer (both from Texas) and we had a wonderful time hunting with our Boykin's (see page 6 for the down and dirty).

In late December, I was honored to have distinguished visitors at Hollow Creek Kennel in Leesville, SC. Mr. Aaron Wilkerson (Uno's handler and winner of Westminster 2008) and Ms. Dannie Mounce, (AKC Judge) visited at length. The reason for the visit was to actually see and examine the AKC's foundation stock Boykin Spaniels. I am privileged to be the breeder and owner of many of these Boykin's. Rosey (14), Gus and Cocoa are the elders. They remain strong testimony to how well the breed matures and ages. They were also able to play with some very precious puppies. Both were very complimentary and quite taken by the breed. I was encouraged to continue breeding in accordance to the breed standards.

In January 2009, Paisley and I were invited by The American Spaniel Club to host a Meet the Breed for attendees and judges at their annual Flushing Spaniel Show in Philadelphia. It was cold and snowed More than us southern girls had seen before. What a weekend... But more of that in the next edition.

The Boykin Spaniel Journal will now begin to serve as the Boykin Spaniel Club & Breeders Association of America's official newsletter and will realign its content to allow club membership to be regularly informed of club business. Let me hear from you about topics you would like to see included in future issues.

Happy Hunting,

Patricia Watts



Letter to the Editor

Just wondering if you guys ever run into Chronic ear problems with your boykins. My boykin is my pride and joy and has had a chronic ear infection for about 2 years now. We have been to 2 different vets (in Charleston) and have spent well over \$2,000 trying to treat this never ending problem. I'm just asking you guys because I've tried to do my own research, gone to vets, holistic pet stores and have had no relief for my poor dog. He is my pride and joy and I just want him to feel better. Any suggestions or have you guys ever dealt with this issue and recommend a vet that helped you cure it?? Thanks!

*- John and Brandi. M
Charleston, SC*

I am not a veterinarian so I do not diagnose, however from my experience, this is common with all water spaniels... base problem is yeast/fungal in origin!... probably now bacterial too. Talk with your vet concerning my suggestions:

BEFORE you begin this program....have your vet sedate the dog and thoroughly clean/flush out the ears so that the meds can get to the entire inside or nothing will help.

1. Right now: your dog may have a raging bacterial/fungal infection... that will require strong antibiotics (Cephalexin 500 mg twice a day for 14 days and repeat for a second round if necessary and it usually is).... Publix will give it to you for free with a vets Rx....even for dogs.

2. Also use as a flush called Animal Pharmaceuticals M/Pharmaseb Flush solution 236.5 ml bottle (it contains Ketoconazole a antifungal and Chloroxylenol a antibacterial)...2-3 times a week for 30 days and then use weekly for maintenance.

(Your vet may not like it, but ask him/her NOT to substitute anything.)

3. Post infection: Mix 1:1 ratio of water to vinegar and use every time he has been in water....that is for AFTER you get this under control.

I also clip under hair under the ear on the face and under the ear flap itself very closely...so that air can circulate year round to help prevent this problem....and it work....and cost is minimal....except for the cleaning by the vet and that depends on his fee...should not be much.

Let me know.

- Pat Watts

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Veterinarian speaks out on PETA & Westminster by Dr. Libbye Miller

"Adorable mixed breeds" get cancer, epilepsy, allergies, heart disease, and orthopedic problems just like purebreds. I see it every day in my veterinary practice but mixed breed dogs aren't tracked like the purebreds so they have a reputation as "healthier" that is actually undeserved in many cases."

It is so sad that a lot of folks, including young veterinarians these days, buy into the "hybrid vigor" baloney. The vet schools have been infiltrated by the Animal Rights Extremists, who are teaching them this junk science in order to push their agenda.

All animals have a certain amount of genetic load, which is to say there is absolutely no animal without some genetic problem of some sort of another. Know anyone who wears glasses? Has allergies? Thyroid problems? Weak knees? Flat feet? A skin condition? Arthritis? A gap between their front teeth? These are all genetic imperfections.

No human is genetically "clean." Neither is any individual of any species on earth. So this idea that dogs should not be bred because they might have a genetic problem, and that breeders are somehow "evil" for breeding them, is ridiculous. Every single individual of every single species has at least a few genetic conditions.

To use PeTA's logic, all breeding of all kinds (including having human babies) should halt immediately. And to be honest, Ingrid Newkirk (the woman who founded PeTA) does believe exactly that. She thinks that humans should become extinct, along with dogs, cats, etc. This ridiculous scenario is precisely what she would like to see happen.

So folks, if that is what you want... if you agree with Ingrid Newkirk's whacky views, send your hard earned money to PeTA. They will help to ensure you are not able to own a dog or cat or hamster or any other pet in

the future. They will see to it that you can't eat meat or fish or eggs or any type of animal-based nutrition. They will work to shut down places like Sea World, the zoos, etc. so you cannot observe the many wonderful animals on the Earth.

Eventually, once they accomplish these things, they may turn their efforts to making it illegal for humans to procreate.

If you don't agree with their extremist views, wise up and start supporting those who truly do love, care for and enjoy interaction with other species here on our little blue planet.

The fanciers of the breeds, those you see exhibiting their dogs at Westminster and other dog shows, work very hard to eliminate serious genetic conditions. They screen their breeding stock with every available test. They research pedigrees before breeding into other lines, to check for similar clearances in those animals. They contribute money to research organizations to further the work being done to track down genetic problems. They contribute blood, cell samples, etc. from their own animals to help with DNA and genome studies. They have made great progress so far, and they continue to work hard at it. Are there unethical breeders? Certainly, there are. Just as in any group of humans, you will find the good and the bad. United States VP Elect Joe Biden, for example, managed to find a not so good one when he got his new German Shepherd puppy. I don't know who did his research for him, but they obviously didn't do their homework if they were looking for a responsible breeder. Joe has the right to get his dog from whomever he wishes, but if he was trying to set an example of purchasing from a responsible hobby breeder he went off the track this time. That's too bad, but it was his choice. Unfortunately, breeders like that may be a lot easier to find because of their high volume and high profile. If you are looking for a nice

family pet from a breeder who will be there for you forever, you need to do due diligence. You won't get that from a pet store. You won't get that from the guy selling dogs out of his pickup truck in the WalMart parking lot. You won't get that support from a high-volume breeder, either. Yes, it takes a little more time and effort to find someone who really cares and does all the work to breed the healthiest, happiest puppies possible and then stands behind those puppies. This is a living being that will be part of your family, hopefully, for many years. Isn't it worth a bit of effort to find a breeder who will be there for you and that puppy forever?

And guess what? Shows like Westminster are a very valuable resource for finding breeders who do care and who use the best possible practices, as well as for learning more about the various breeds.

Bravo to USA Network for broadcasting the Westminster Kennel Club show all these years. May they enjoy continued success through the ongoing inclusion of such programs. I will be eagerly watching this year's show!"

- Dr. Libbye Miller
Elizabethtown, KY
(Thank you Dr. Miller for your permission to crosspost.)



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Healthwise

Benefits From Feeding Raw Diet by Sharon Kauzlarich

I'd like to introduce myself, my family, and most importantly my dogs. My name is Sharon Kauzlarich and I've been asked to chair the Health and Education committee for this breed. I am so excited to have the opportunity to discuss and learn more about health issues related to Boykins. I live in Central Illinois with my husband, Dan, and daughter, Katie. We've enjoyed this breed for over twenty-five years. Currently we own two Boykins, a thirteen-year-old girl, Sassie and a young boy Strauss. In addition we have a house full of Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers. We've had top show Tollers and are currently campaigning the #1 Toller bitch in the nation. We've shown AKC/UKC champions and titled in hunt, rally, and obedience. We are looking forward to show Strauss off in the conformation ring come January. The hunting blend of Boykins and Tollers makes for a pack that can hunt over a varied terrain.

I must admit my interest in dog health-related issues was not been peeked from my Boykins. In fact, my Boykins have always been extremely healthy with our biggest on-going health issues being ear infections. So when I hear about Boykin health issues I must ask myself what is the reason these problems are surfacing in this breed? My guess would be a number of factors such as environment, breeding practices, nutrition, and vaccination.

As I discuss what I have found to be beneficial with my dogs, please remember I am not a veterinarian or an expert. I strongly encourage all pet owners to have a good working relationship with their vet. However, I have also learned I am the ultimate decision maker on what treatments, vaccinations,

and nutrition is afforded to my dogs. If my healthcare provider is unwilling to discuss pros and cons of decisions concerning my dogs, I'm looking for a new vet.

So on to my first subject near and dear to my heart; nutrition. I'll admit right up front, I FEED RAW DIET. I suspect half of the readers are now saying "Is she crazy" and the other half is saying "I can't wait to learn more". My hope is the first half will at least listen to the benefits of this approach of feeding.

My change to raw was prompted by a number of issues not the least being the dog food recalls. However, my main reason for dropping the kibbles was my Toller, Daphanie. She developed immune-mediated hemolytic anemia at the age of three. A dog with this disease, brought on in Daphanie's case by over-vaccination, destroys the red blood cells leading, in many cases, to death of the dog. We saved Daphanie but she lived on prednisone and just would not thrive until I made the decision to scrap the kibbles and turn to raw. Daphanie is now Pred free and enjoying a healthy and active lifestyle.

Nutrition touches every aspect of a dog's life including disposition, coat, muscle texture, teeth, eyes, bone structure, skin, ears, energy level, reproduction, and even their poop. What your dog eats could be the most important consideration you have to make about caring for your Boykin. As known in the computer world, "Garbage In, Garbage Out" most certainly holds true in the canine world as well.

Feeding raw has many rewards for your Boykin but I'll only touch on a few. It can be very frightening to start the process as you may be concerned about doing more harm than good. I was luck to

find a group of dog owners/breeders that have been feeding raw for many generations and I pull from their knowledge. I felt very comfortable in their advice as many in this group are exhibiting or competing with top dogs in the show ring, agility, hunting, and obedience. These dogs are not your "Couch Potato" variety and must be in top performing shape.

Benefits my dogs have enjoyed from raw include the following:

Improved Skin and Coat

Most raw fed dogs will enjoy an itch-free life. If a kibble fed dog suffers from allergies this diet should improve or eliminate the problem. Hot spots go away and their skin is healthy and dander free. After switching to raw you'll see an initial shed-off but the new coat will be thicker, healthier and shinier. Imagine this as you enter the AKC conformation world where something as simple as the feel of the coat can keep you off the winner's podium.

Stronger Bones

Your developing pups will benefit from this diet with stronger bones thus minimizing the risk of structural damage. Their growth rate will be slower and in appropriate proportionate and thus no more of those "ugly growth stages". It would be an interesting study to see if raw fed pups have better hip ratings than their kibble counterparts. I would suspect yes.

Improved Muscle Mass

Protein from a raw diet builds muscle; grain from a kibble diet builds fat. Probably enough said on this subject, our nation of dogs

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is become obese.

Raw Diet Costs Less

Yes, this is true. Although meat and bones can be expensive, with planning feeding raw can cost less than feeding a premium kibble. Ways to keep the costs in line include feeding free meat from hunters such as deer, rabbits, squirrels, fish or whatever else you get lucky enough to bag. I've fed elk, beaver and wild turkey. Purchase out-of date and sale meats from your store. Dogs really don't care if meat is past its prime. In fact, they seem to enjoy it. And join cooperatives that pool their needs to buy in quantity at a discount. When combined with my next point (lower vet bills), you will be dollars ahead.

Lower Vet Bill

When feeding raw you'll see a decrease in visits for teeth cleaning, ear infections, skin and anal gland problems. These dogs, overall, will be healthier and thus able to fight infections better. One saved visit to the vet will pay for lots of burger!

Chewing Satisfaction

Dogs need and enjoy chewing. Strauss may take 10 minutes to finish one meal. The act of chewing creates a good number of benefits the least of which is a happier dog. Chewing will help develop and strengthen teeth, jaws, and necks. It also stimulates the dog's digestive system. Perhaps a raw fed puppy will be better equipped to develop a proper bite. He certainly will be better equipped with the necessary muscle strength to carry a bird.

Clean Teeth and Breath

A proper raw diet virtually eliminates the need for dental care from your vet. Your dog's teeth will be sparkling white with no tarter buildup. An added pleasure is nice fresh breath.

Improved Stools

Yes, you'll get excited about "doggie poop". The stool of a raw fed dog is much smaller and decomposes much quicker than a kibble fed dog. Also there is less odor. The texture of the stool works to keep anal glands empty.

Once you switch to raw you'll be amazed at the difference in your dog. I hope this gives you some

"food for thought" on how important your dog's diet is to overall health and happiness. As stated earlier, I am no expert and I hope my articles will prompt discussions among the many knowledgeable dog owners in the Boykin community. A good forum for continuing such discussions would be at our yahoo group site BoykinSpaniel@yahoo.com.



Spotlight on Lucky's Tennessee Jed



Lucky's Tennessee Jed is really all that and everyone who come's in contact with the curly brown bundle loves him as much as we do (well almost). We hunt ducks and geese alot. He is 2 years old and started retrieving ducks when he was a year old, he retrieved training tools earlier of course. His favorite, toilet tissue rolls, started earlier than that, his only dis-cresion, never harmed, just delivered to hand like everything he delivers.

He is so smart and although we don't run the circuit, compete and so on, he is trained to, and would do well. Also he scents, plays frisbee, dock jumps and agility course for fun. We rough hunt mostly, often, and hard. He puts many smiles on faces with his manners, stillness, attention to job, and then very strong retrieves when prompted. He will retrieve anything and will work as a flushing, pointing dog if needed, although we rarely do that type hunting.

A friend from South Carolina insisted we have him, when his male and female had a litter, and he knew we hunted alot. I was hesitant at first but now would never have anything else. He is more a friend than our retriever, but he is such an awesome retriever.

He travels often, and loves elevators and escalators...but he loves to be home with his sisters (the cats) as much as a day in the blind (well almost).

We really like your journal and look for it to read. I didn't mean to go on, but wanted to share briefly our boykin story.

- Chris and Ginger Lumsden
Tupelo, Mississippi



Kansas Pheasant Hunt by Hal Roemer



Pat, Hal, Greg & family

We left Texas in early November heading out to Kansas for our annual November pheasant hunt. Only three of us met up in Linn, KS – Pat Watts (South Carolina), Greg Copeland (Texas) and me, Hal Roemer (Texas). The other three in our party could not make the trip due to last minute interferences (life). At least the three of us who made the trip have our priorities straight. With several crates and a trailer, the three of us did manage to bring 12

Boykins to find pheasant.

We have always had good accommodations and great food due to our own cooking, but this year was our first year out of the last 9 annual hunts that we had first class accommodations, excellent food not of our own

making and outstanding hospitality. We stayed in Carol's Cozy Cottage, a Bed & Breakfast (& lunch & dinner) owned by the parents of our guide. The hospitality and food were just fabulous and we truly took pleasure in the opportunity to spend time visiting with owners Carol and Rodney.

Back to the hunt – Even though the weather was hot, dry, windy and mostly uncooperative, the wild birds were plentiful and somewhat cooperative, with the

help of our Boykins of course.

Our Boykins all did great, in fact they did so well we had our limits each day within two hours which, unfortunately, severely cut our time in the field. Of course that means in addition to the dogs doing an absolutely great

job, we humans did a pretty fair job of knocking the pheasants down. Pat even managed to get her first double!

There's always something that can have the possibility of making a great trip less so, and ours was having too many dominant dogs off leash in the same place at the same time. Eventually one is going to try to make a point with another one. We had two encounters, one that resulted in an ear sliced through that required Pat's medical attention and surgical glue. Lesson learned: never completely trust that your dog is going to get along with all other dogs. This includes females.

After hours of working dogs that did not get enough in the field, and long talks, and watching the news, and long naps, we went in search of other things to do with our afternoons. Two of us

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Abby



Greg



Gigi



Pat, Roxy & Gigi



Hal & Bear

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bought guns and one of us looked at guns, but got a massage – you figure out who did what...

All-in-all, it was another great hunt – outstanding Boykin work, not too bad shooting, good guide, first rate accommodations, fabulous food and exceptional hospitality.

BSCBAA is dedicated to all the things you do with your Boykins. The one most prominent thing we do with our Boykin is hunt. With that in mind, we revised and present to you the following short guide to what you can do to save hunting. ➡

What you can do to save hunting:

1. Buy one more box of ammo.
2. Buy another gun (my Favorite).
3. Go hunting one more day (my other Favorite).
4. Take your Boykin hunting (OK, my REAL Favorite).
5. Take a friend hunting (could be your Boykin).
6. Register to vote – and vote.
7. Join an organization that supports hunting.

Never Spoil a Boykin



This is Hollow Creek's Abbigaile Watts' first duck. Abby retrieved this woodie out of 6 mile creek in East Texas on Jan 11, 2009. I believe I heard the switch 'click' in that little head of her's when she picked up this bird.

In Loving Memory

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

Author unknown...

To my beloved Shamus who was just over 10 years old. He was a wonderful, irreplaceable companion who spent his life living near the Potomac River in Old Town Alexandria (a town that that loves dogs).

- Kim Sackett
Alexandria, VA



Waggin' Tails...



We are so happy with "Sassy". She is almost 8 months and 22 lbs. tight fiber with a very curly coat. She is defiantly a daddy's girl, she latched on to me the day we left Hollow Creek and we've been inseparable ever since. I'm continually amazed at her hunting abilities with no formal training. She will flush and retrieve every bird. Just wanted to thank you guys for such an awesome pup and we are well on our way to hunting every bird she can get her nose on. Thanks, Craig Parker



"Bella" protecting her birds., Owner Mitchell Hunter of Atlanta, GA



Joey & Will Mines hunting in South GA with "Bug" and "Dixie"

"Dixie"



"Belle", Owner Rhett Owens of Suffolk, VA



"Bug"

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"Red" on 1st hunting trip for pheasant, Hungarian partridge, Grouse and rabbit in North Dakota. Red marked the birds as they fell and made every retrieve. Red even pulled a pheasant from the cattails without David firing a shot and retrieved a rabbit from a 4 foot snow drift. These dogs are absolutely fantastic. Great temperament, excellent hunters, very loyal and a pleasure to be around. I want to express my appreciation to Bill Wright, our breeder, for all his help, advice and friendship.

- David and Mary Heath



6 yr old "Max" What a good buddy and hunting friend he has been! I am hunting/training three other Boykins as I hunt quail in South Texas. I get lots of comments about how well they hunt and how they will stay with the search for downed quail in the high grass.

Thanks for your efforts on the Journal and for the betterment of the breed.

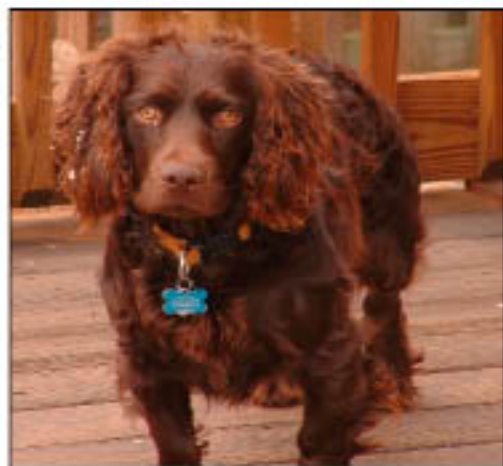
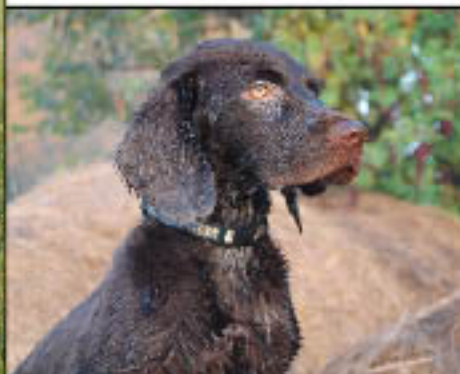
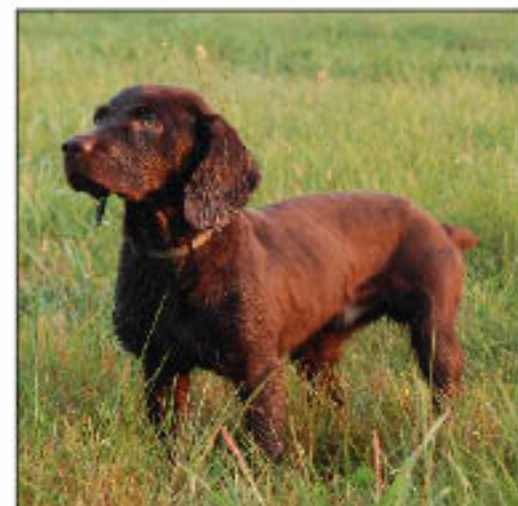
- Chuck Burling



"Jackson" on his 1st quail & chukar hunt in NC. He did really well. - Laura Nichols of NC



"Cooper", Owner Leslie Harris of Greenwich, CT



"Sir Frank", Owner Tom Steffner of Murfreesboro, TN



The Pirates Code "Taker" with handler Michael Pitts owned by Larry Knudsen



7 yr. old Magnolias "Dixie" We love her more than life itself.
- Carol Cleghorn of TX

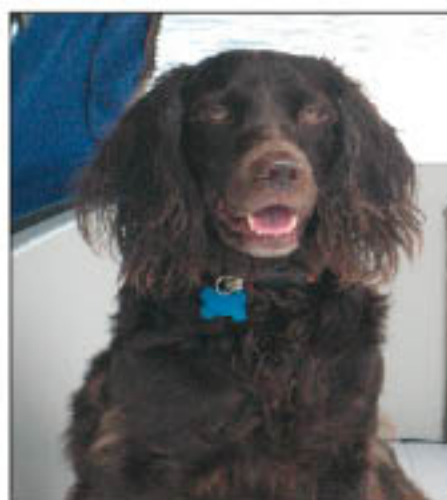


Texas Trace "Addie" & Hollow Creek's Sessie "Sadie" at Christmas
- Greg Copeland of Hempstead, TX



The Kerns are wishing you all a healthy and happy 2009!!

Kyle with Jay and Shug, Leslie with Jesse and Bella, Beau with Blondie and Ben with Skye



"Rex", Owner Joaquin Diaz of Apollo Beach, FL

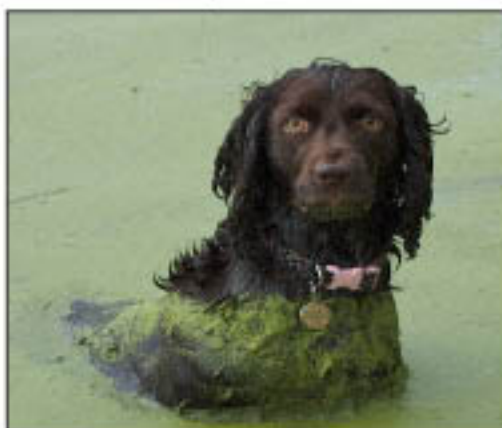
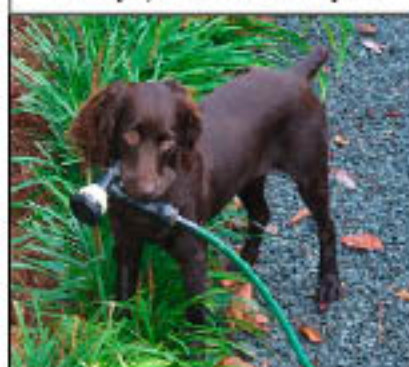


"Sullivan" with owners Chris & Courtney Challoner - SC



Puppy "Kola", Tanner & Kari Jones

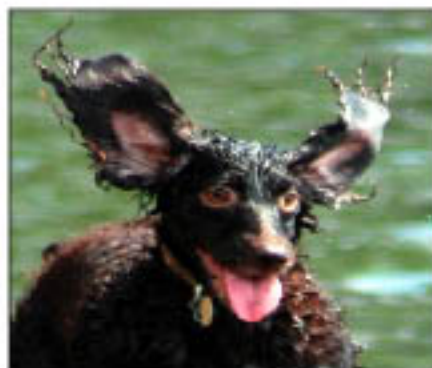
"Lilly", Owner Jim Kyle



4 yr old "Kola" (1% Boykin, 1% Spaniel, 98% Fish) patiently waiting for me to throw her floaty toy as she is not happy unless she's running through Mingo Creek Park (which is across from our home) or getting wet in some body of water, no matter what it looks like! Owners Todd & Kim Jones of Bentleyville, PA



Hollow Creek "Beau" & Samantha
Owner Rhonda Schmidt



3 yr old "Molly", who, as you can see by the photo, loves to launch off the dock into the river. She's curly-haired Boykin, and we call her our swamp poodle!

Thanks for all you do.
- Berle and Cathy Wilson
Elizabeth City, NC



"Cooper" on the bow

"Cooper" & "Izzie",
Owner: M Sgt Donnie Judy, SC



"Izzie"



"Cooper"



We are very happy with our dog "Holly". She is going to be a great hunter. Her best friend is our cat Bau. Thanks, Brian Cothran of Anderson, SC



"Cooper"

"Izzie"



12 yr old "Mudcat" on our boat in the North Carolina Mountains enjoying the wind and sun. We adopted her at eight years old and this beautiful soul gives us love and joy everyday.
- Kathie Kirts of Alpharetta, GA



"Hogan"
Owner Stan Balson



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