

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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