# 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.)

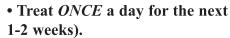
Mix in alcohol bottle and shake well. Purchase a flexible plastic bottle with opening at top so that solution may be squeezed out and dispense solution to the affected ears. The ideal is a hair-dye bottle.

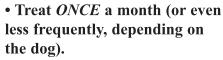
### TREATMENT PROCEDURE:

- 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, depending on the severity.
- After the second or third day you can clean out the ear with a Q-tip or cotton balls (see caution below).

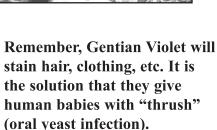




\* Caution: When using a Q-tip, only insert it as far into the ear canal as you can actually see. Use care to prevent the gunk from falling down into the ear canal.

\* Note: All of these ingredients should be available at the pharmacy, 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 treatment. The Boric Acid Powder soothes the ear. The Gentian Violet Solution is an anti-infection agent, as it is a dye mixture that acts as a bactericide, fungicide, and anthelmintic (destroys worms).



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

http://www.akc.org/pdfs/rulebooks/RHT SPN.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

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.

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MASTER HUNTING TEST -- A

Master hunting dog must show all of
the attributes of Senior hunting dogs,
but must also give a finished perform-

ance and demonstrate clearly that it

deserves to be qualified as such. It

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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,