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EDITORIAL

Hi Readers,

Here I am yet again actually looking forward to winter, but this scorching summer has me greatly anticipating snow!

It has not only been scorching temperature wise everywhere.... It has also been pretty scorching politically for a few of us. Much "devilment" is expounding from the lips and keyboards of a few. Many of us have survived such attempts at character assassination before and shall this time, for the truth is the truth and it will always prevail. One can twist it, squash it and try to change it ... but it will eventually prevail. That said, I have been witnessing some of the lowest levels of dishonesty and perhaps even criminal behavior/actions that I have ever encountered.

I will simply quote another breeder: *"We all know that the world we live in...whether it be "Boykin", "Lab", Terrier or Toy, there are folks out there who take tremendous pleasure in sabotage, slander and just plain talking negatively about others in their breed...for whatever reason...certainly not friendship. They do this out of jealousy and just plain meanness. In truth, it doesn't matter why, they just do"*

Hopefully, with recognition of the first AKC Grand Champion, those who have led a poor sportsmanship campaign to reach that prime goal can now settle down and perhaps become capable of good sportsmanship or at least, begin get back on the road to repairing their personal credibility. That prestigious first GRCH win went to my long time friend and peer, Mr. Greg Copeland of Texas Trace Kennel, and his wonderful dog, GRCH Hollow Creek's Jaeger Meister. See Jaeger on Page 9. A true hunting Boykin and specimen of the breed. Congratulations!!!

As we move forward taking the higher road in the political arena of nasty politics, let's not forget what we have been fighting for National recognition of this exceptional breed while maintaining its breed standards and quality. A few of us are taking the time to educate AKC judges....even at ring side as often as the opportunity arises. Hopefully, via such education they will pin a worthy dog. We want judges to know that when these dogs are actually working dogs, they will NOT appear in the ring "flat iron" groomed to look like "cockers" or "springers". The cut must be one which will work going directly from the field to the ring. My dogs would never speak to me again if I "dressed" them like that.

Enjoy the Journal and keep those photos coming. Remember to send them to BoykinsForever@aol.com.

Closing thought: One must stand for what is right ... even if you stand alone.

Happy Hunting,



Patricia L. Watts
Owner/Editor

COVER PHOTO

Featured is "Cookie"

*- Owner is Harold
Dunham, Jr.
of Texas*

Junior Handlers



My name is John Thomas and I am 11 years old. A few weeks ago my grandmother and her friend needed some help at a dog show in Greenville and asked me to help. My grandmother worked with me, with her dog Mojo, and we practiced the week before. At first I was kind of nervous when I went in the ring but I finally got the hang of it. I was not so nervous the next time because I felt more confident that I knew what to do. The judge had us go around the ring and then the judge looked at their teeth and felt all over all the dog's bodies and then we went around

the ring again. The first time I went in was on Saturday and Mojo and I got a second place ribbon. That was pretty cool. On Sunday we went in the ring and did the same thing we did on Saturday except it was a different judge. The first time we went in the ring we got Winner's dog which is a blue ribbon first prize. I was excited when she handed me my ribbon. I was so excited that I didn't understand that the judge was telling me to stay in the ring because now we were going for Best of Breed! Then I was really excited because there were even more dogs in the ring and some of them were already champions. This time we got Best of Winners and I was even more excited. It was awesome ! My Gam-mie's other boykin got Best of Breed that day which was also pretty cool. After the show I asked my grandmother if I could show Mojo again and she told me about the Junior Handler's program, and I thought about it and decided I would like to do it. Last week I got my Junior Handler's lapel pin and my registration number

and I am going with her to a show in NC in September. I can't wait to learn more about showing dogs and my grandmother is going to sign me up for the next clinic for Juniors. I love dogs, especially Boykins. I have a Boykin named Susie. We might go to obedience classes in Charleston this winter so I can go to obedience competitions with her. Showing Mojo was really fun. I can't wait to show him again!





Spotlight on... Sarah & Sophia



My two Boykins are the greatest ambassadors for the Boykin breed way up here in New York! They are the sweetest most affectionate and lovable dogs and while they don't have the opportunity to do what they were created to do (retrieve fowl) they are happy! We spend our days swimming, retrieving tennis balls and socializing.

They love the snow and the water and, once they have their daily exercise, are content to be in the house at my side. They go everywhere with me and are constantly admired by strangers. Every once in a while I come across someone who knows the breed (usually a hunter) otherwise they just spread the word that Boykins are one of the loveliest breed of dogs. They are great with children, other dogs and adults. Everybody we meet loves them. I know many breeders prefer hunting homes and sell exclusively to them but I am ever so thankful I have my two best friends as they have brought me a tremendous amount of joy. I just cannot imagine my life without my Boykins.

Sarah is pictured first and she is the curlier of the two. The second one is Sophia and she is smaller, wavy and a little darker although they are from the same litter. I couldn't decide which one I wanted so I took both home with me. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made as they keep each other company.

- Bonnie Cocuzza



Top 10 Things Dogs Eat That Can Hurt Them

This List May Surprise You

You name it and dogs can get into it. Some dogs actually seek out things to chew, eat or destroy.

Some of these items are generally non-toxic while other items (including foods) can be highly toxic. Below is a list of the most toxic items dogs commonly ingest.

If your dog eats something and you have any doubt about whether it is dangerous or toxic, always call your veterinarian or local emergency clinic. Most toxins are treatable, and given time and treatment many pets do quite well.

They include:

- Chocolate
- Cocoa bean mulch
- Cigarettes and cigarette butts
- Mushrooms
- Paint balls
- Potpourri
- Grapes and raisins
- Slug bait
- Some types of chewing gum that contain Xylitol
- Pennies
- Yarn, string, ribbon, cassette tape and other similar items





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Press Release

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES NEW GRAND CHAMPION TITLE

AKC® Champions Can Compete for Grand Champion Title at AKC Conformation Events

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce that it will begin offering the Grand Champion title at AKC Conformation events. This new title will be available to AKC Champions of Record, giving the opportunity for Champion dog owners to return to the show ring with their dogs and further showcase the quality of their breeding stock. Competition for this new title will begin at AKC all-breed, group and specialty shows on May 12, 2010, concurrent with the implementation of the 2010-2011 AKC Point Schedule.

“AKC Conformation is meant to be an evaluation and showcase for breeding stock. Many Champions are retired after earning their titles and this creates a dilemma for breeders. We are excited to offer the Grand Champion title as a way to encourage these quality dogs to return to the ring,” said Robin Stansell, AKC Vice President of Event Operations. “AKC Companion and Performance events offer multiple titles to celebrate achievement in competition at various levels in the sport. It is only natural to offer a Grand Champion title to Conformation exhibitors so that they too can compete and excel with their dogs at a whole new level.”

Competition for this new title will be judged during the Best of Breed/Variety competition at all-breed, group and specialty shows. All Champions of Record entered in the Best of Breed/Variety competition will be eligible to compete for Grand Championship points. There is no additional entry fee. Grand Championship points are awarded, at the judge's discretion, to the following placements: Best of Breed/Variety, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch. Select Dog and Select Bitch are Champions that were recognized as the

top quality of their sex after BOB and BOS have been awarded.

Grand Championship points are calculated using the same AKC Point Schedule as is used for Championship points. (Dogs entered in non-regular classes are not counted in the computation of Championship or Grand Championship points.) Champions of Record including champions that are non-regular class winners (i.e. Veterans Class Winners) or dogs that have been “moved up” to Best of Breed competition for the show are the only dogs eligible for Grand Championship points. Although Winners Dog or Winners Bitch can win Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex, in no case will they be eligible for Grand Champion competition.

Grand Championship points may be awarded to eligible dogs as follows:

- Best of Breed – All dogs of both sexes in the breed or variety exhibited in the regular classes and Best of Breed competition will be counted
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed - All dogs of the same sex in the breed or variety exhibited in the regular classes and Best of Breed competition will be counted
- Select Dog or Select Bitch – The total number of dogs of the same sex in the breed/variety defeated in the regular classes and BOB competition will be counted. (i.e. 2 dogs less than the total number of the same sex)

Completion of the title requires all of the following:

- Twenty five Grand Championship points
- Three “majors” (three or more points earned at a single show) won under three different judges
- At least one or more of these points

won under a fourth judge

- Must have defeated at least one other AKC Champion of Record at three shows

Starting in 2010, dogs who earn their Grand Champion title will receive an invitation to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

For more information about the AKC Grand Champion title please see the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows and to submit questions and comments about the new AKC Grand Champion title contact: eventplans@akc.org.

The American Kennel Club, founded in 1884, is a not-for-profit organization which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its nearly 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. More than 20,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, hunt tests, field and earthdog tests. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org.

Healthwise

Exercise Induced Collapse (EIC)

By Tina Hamrick

As we all know in September 2009 EIC was identified in the Boykin Spaniel. I first learned of EIC in early April 2010 and read all I could find on what is was all about. I sent an e-mail to the University of Minnesota; I had a few questions that I wanted answers too.

I was told as of April 20, 2010 there have been 31 Boykin's tested and of those, 5 tested 'affected' (4 with signs of collapse), 9 tested as 'carriers', and 17 tested as 'clear'. At this point it is just too early to tell just how prevalent EIC is in the Boykin Spaniel breed. I recently sent another E-mail to the University for the latest statistics. As of September 8, 2010 the current statistics included 125 Boykin Spaniel's tested of those 70 (56%) are clear, 45 (36%) are carriers and 10 (8%) are affected.

Here is what the University of Minnesota recommends concerning breeding:

"This mutation causes an amino acid in the coding sequence of the dynamin 1 gene, which is involved in nerve signaling during high level neurological stimulation.

We have recommended to all breeds where this mutation is present that they should not automatically remove all carriers/affecteds from their breeding programs. The best approach to maintain genetic diversity while decreasing the frequency of the mutation in the population is to choose matings in

which at least one of the parents is EIC clear. A mating of a carrier to a clear will produce litters that are on average 50% clear and 50% carriers, with no affecteds. Then you will be able to choose otherwise equal pups that are clear for breeding homes, and carriers to pet homes. Of course if there are other reasons why you would consider the carrier pup to be superior, that dog could be kept in a breeding home and only mated to cleared dogs. Using this approach the carrier rate should drop, and you can eliminate the production of affected dogs without the need to remove any dog from your breeding program."

The total population of Boykin Spaniels has not been tested at this time so we can not say it is running ramped in our little brown dogs. Testing all Boykin's both young and old will give a better picture of just how bad EIC is found in Boykin Spaniel.

If you have any questions or any information on EIC please feel free to contact:

University of Minnesota
Email: vd1@umn.edu
Phone: (612)625-8787
Toll free: (800)605-8787

For all information on EIC here is the University of Minnesota web site.

<http://www.vd1.umn.edu/our-services/canineneuromuscular/home.html>

Surgery, Allowable Procedures, Health Reasons

For a dog that is competing in AKC Conformation or Obedience, what health-related surgical procedures are allowed?

Any procedure undertaken strictly to restore the health of a dog would not in itself affect a dog's show eligibility. Such procedures would include but not be limited to:

1. The repair of broken legs, even if such procedures involve the insertion of pins, plates or wires
2. The removal of damaged cartilage
3. The repair of ligaments that have ruptured or been torn
4. Caesarian sections
5. The repair of umbilical hernias
6. The removal of tumors or cysts
7. Gastric torsion/bloat surgery
8. Splenic torsion
9. Tonsillectomy
10. Correction of "Cherry Eye" (when the procedure only involves the gland of the nictitating membrane, and not the membrane itself)

Recognizing an Emergency in Dogs : Who and When to Call

By: PetPlace.com Veterinarians

Can you recognize when there is an emergency with your dog? signs that require immediate veterinary emergency center or 24-hour veterinary hospital.

And if your dog had an emergency situation, would you know who and when to call?

What if you find an injured animal?

Who do you call?

Always be observant. Make sure your dog is eating, drinking, urinating and defecating normally.

When to Worry

If you're a typical pet owner, you have probably faced this quandary: Your beloved companion may be ill, but you don't know whether you're overreacting or whether you should bring her in to a veterinarian. And she can't tell you if something is bothering her, or how serious it is.

The simplest way to determine if it is an emergency is if you are concerned, contact a veterinarian. The veterinary assistants and veterinarian can help you determine if an emergency visit is necessary or prudent.

Performing a brief at-home physical exam may also help you. If you see any abnormalities, consult your veterinarian. For mild symptoms, scheduling an examination may be enough. But you should be aware of the

These include:

- Seizures
- Difficulty breathing
- Non-responsive or comatose
- Uncontrollable bleeding
- Extreme pain
- Continued vomiting, especially with blood
- If your pet was struck by a car or some other vehicle
- Ingesting poisonous material or improper medication
- Bloody stools
- Collapse

You should have your veterinarian's phone number and address handy in case of an emergency, along with his/her pager. You should also have the phone number, address and directions to the nearest veterinary emergency clinic.

If you cannot contact your veterinarian or he cannot help you, consult a local veterinary emergency clinic. If all else fails, look in your telephone book and try to find a veterinarian that is available to help.

Who Should I Call?

If you notice an injured animal, try to contact your veterinarian for instruction and assistance.

If your veterinarian is not available, try to contact a local

Some local humane societies or animal shelters have ambulatory services if you are unable to transport the animal for care.

Animal control officers have equipment and supplies to help transport an injured animal.

Police officers can sometimes be helpful if the injured animal is posing a risk to people (such as affecting traffic flow).

If there is a tag on the injured animal, contact the owner to inform them of what has occurred and where the animal is being taken.

For wild animals, contact an area wildlife rescue or rehabilitation center or conservation department.



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Waggin Tails



"Abby", who will be six years old in September, is the smartest dog we've ever had, and we love her dearly. Her full name is "Amazing Abby of Coppersmith's Penny." Coppersmith Penny is her Mom's name. The first photo is of Abby on our boat "fishing." However, in this picture she is in the captain's chair ready to drive the boat. She loves the boat, loves to play with fish that we catch. She has also been dove and pheasant hunting, but has not participated in any upland trials.



The top photo is of her on "watch" in Mathews County, Virginia. She had just come up from the marsh where she was retrieving a ball. I think she was trying to find a squirrel to chase.

- Brenda Hogge of VA



Our pup "Bandit" we got from you 10 yrs ago is now a full grown Master Eater and Sleeper. He weighs in at 53 pounds but that's because I don't have the time to hunt him a lot. He has gone from a hunting stud to "Best Friend" for our 8 yr old son Joey. He is not as fast and agile as he use to be but he still gets it done.

- Michael Krzysiak of MI



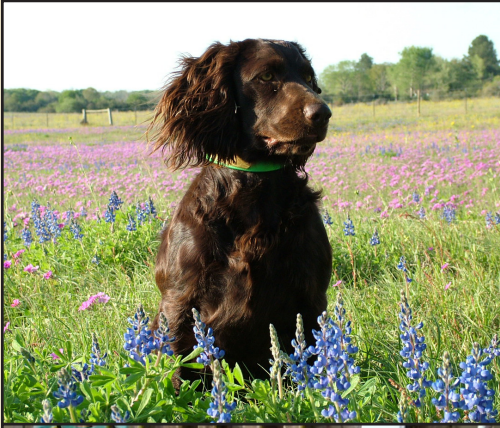
Lowcountry's Lucky Number 7 Lemme at 'em AKA "Lem" at 5 months old training in the Savannah River.



I have had a love affair with "Cooper" for two years (see attachments). On Easter weekend my dream came true. I finally was able to adopt him and call him mine. His former owner was not sure of his breed. But we now know he is a Boykin. He is the love of my life!!!! Although we do not hunt... we love to roam and hike in the north GA. Mountains on weekends. He is the most loving and loyal companion and has changed my life!!! It is such a wonderful breed. I am hungry to read and learn more about this intelligent and very loving breed. Many thanks again for this fabulous newsletter and for all your hard work!

- Melanie Serra of GA





For Adoption to the Right Home

“Deva” is a 6 year old female that would be best suited for a single pet family with older children. She was professionally trained to hunt and would be good with a refresher course. Best suited for dove and duck. She also was trained in agility and could still excel with work on the weave poles. For more information contact Ginger at 713-501-1661 or gingerhurley@garygreene.com. Must meet potential new owners in person, located in Houston, Texas.



“Hunley” had a good ride home and slept most of the way. His first night went well, he never cried or whined. He sleeps with us in the bed. His appetite is good. We took him to the West end of the beach which has a large beach inlet, not on the ocean, where there are no waves and he did really well swimming. We’re slowly exposing him to the water and he seem to like it. He also loves the cold floor, but he’s not much for hot weather.

- Thomas Gill



“Maggie” just opened her eyes, the mom and dad are some proud puppies. This is the last litter “Megirl” will have and I would love to keep her but a friend in Baton Rouge asked for her six months ago. I now have six Megirl puppies.

- Don of LA



“Nittany” was 13 months of age when this photo was taken in February 2010. With the unusually hot summer we are all having, I thought the photo in the snow might be refreshing.

- Jim Massie of PA

The first Boykin Spaniel to earn American Kennel Club’s Grand Champion title is GCH CH Hollow Creek’s Jagger Meister, affectionately known as “Jaeger”.

Jaeger is owned by Greg Copeland, Texas Trace Kennel and Ranch in Hempstead, Texas and handled by Rose Leale. Jaeger completed the title requirements to earn the newest AKC title at the Trinity Valley Kennel Club all-breed dog show in Dallas, Texas, Sunday, July 11, 2010.



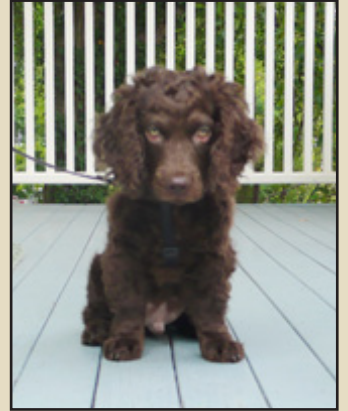
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“Otis” is a paragon of health at 10.5 pounds. He’s sweet, willful, and hilarious, all at once. He gets along so well with other dogs and people. He’s responding really well to his training, too. He’s not so mouthy at home anymore (my toes are happy), although the new thing is that, once we’re in the woods, he goes after my pant legs as prey! We’re working on curbing/redirecting that with training, it’ll pass, I’m sure. Ah, puppies. You gotta love ‘em!

The little girl in the picture is Mia, our niece. Being a 5-year old, she insisted we put him in the green bag for a photo. Awwwww!

- Magda Fernandez



The photo is of Abba Furgason, 16 year old Junior Handler from Houston, Texas shown here with Texas Trace Magnolia “Mags”. Abba believes she is the first Junior to handle Boykins, place in Group (Group 4) and earn points.

Abba Furgason

Owner & Creator

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“Molly” at Fort Desota Beach doing a little retrieving.

- David and Robyn D’Agresta of FL



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**“Ruby” at 3 years 9 months,
February 2010.**

**- Susan Shorr and
Dennis Mitman of OH**



“Strauss” completed his JH title this summer. He and Dan are running his first Senior. Strauss can now be known as Sunseeker Kiss My Britches Beekauz JH RN. He’s 3 points short of adding the CH in front of his name.

- Dan and Sharon Kauzlarich

**Emily and “Mun-
son” who is a year
old!**

**- Matt Giansante of
NY**



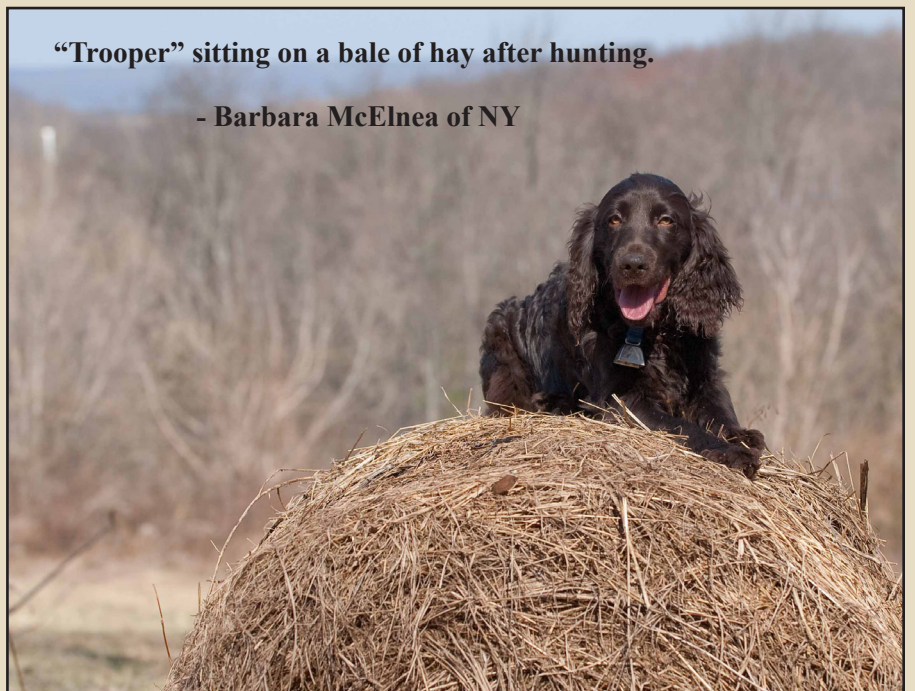
**“Hollow Creek’s
Beau”**

**- Madeleine McGee
of SC**



“Trooper” sitting on a bale of hay after hunting.

- Barbara McElnea of NY



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Tuckered Out by Danny O'Driscoll



For information about
Tuckered Out, which features
Hollow Creek's Chocolate
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Hollow Creek's Alli-gator,
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