



What is a hobby breeder? A backyard breeder? A commercial breeder?

A hobby breeder is someone who breeds dogs as a hobby. Typically they only breed to better their preferred breed or breeds (usually only one or two breeds). A hobby breeder rarely has more than 2 litters a year and never has more than 3 litters. Hobby breeders usually screen parents for genetic diseases prior to breeding a litter and they may also screen homes. Buying a puppy from a hobby breeder sometimes seems more complex than adopting a child.

A backyard breeder is someone who breeds their pet because it is so sweet or so cute or so loved or to get "spending money". While their intentions are often good, backyard breeders rarely perform health checks or are even aware of potential problems in their breed. They are not breeding to improve conformation or performance, but are breeding "just because they have a pure bred dog with papers." Puppies may or may not be well socialized.

A commercial breeder breeds for profit. The parents are rarely screened for genetic disorders and little to no consideration is made of the parents' personality, temperament or structure prior to a breeding. These are the folks who generally supply puppies to pet stores. There is no focus on socialization. We are very fortunate that Boykin Spaniels are not popular with commercial breeders.

Please be aware that puppies from all of these sources are usually purebred with AKC and UKC papers. AKC and UKC papers are just that -- papers. They are written proof that the parents of this dog were also purebred AKC and UKC registered dogs. AKC and UKC papers are not an indication of quality, breeder ethics, health, looks or temperament.

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Tuckered Out

by Danny O'Driscoll



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

Honorable Mention goes to "Cooper"

Owner Leslie Harris of Greenwich, CT



COVER PHOTO: "IZZIE"

OWNER: DONNIE JUDY OF SC

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Editorial



Since
January, I
have been
diligently
seeking the
pups my
Roxie
whelped following an
illegal breed-

ing while she was at Sunseeker Kennels in Dallas, North Carolina. The owner of the "sire of record" has only very recently complied with the request for a fresh DNA sample from her dog Logan of April Farms from a national registry for a parentage evaluation. Thus we are still weeks away from untangling the web of deceit woven by a group in North Carolina that had been entrusted with her care.

As many of you may already know, the Boykin Spaniel Club & **Breeders Association of America** (BSCBAA) is in transition. In September, the entire board of directors resigned except for Paisley Stevens Knudsen who now serves as President. It has been a long and difficult task to bring credibility back to the club. A new board was immediately seated. With the resignations of Paul Pennell, Jack Somerville, Lea (Turner) Batiste, Ayme Hines, Gina Plott, Emily Foster and Jim Heinz, the club can now move forward in a positive manner with clear focus and a spirit of service to the Boykin Spaniel and not to individuals.

Many of the club's founding members have re-joined the club

and once again sit on the board in an effort to fulfill the legacy started when the club was first incorporated well over a decade ago. The transition is a wonderful thing! We will be celebrating with a Meet the Breed event at the American Spaniel Club in Philadelphia this January. Realistically, we have an eye on the Boykin competing at Westminster in January 2010!

You will see many changes in the club... We will endorse many different venues of competition for the Boykin with the exception of Weight Pulling. We feel such activity is detrimental to the health and welfare of Boykin Spaniels. Therefore, the club will no longer hold or sanction such competition. We will return to the original constitution. We will begin work on the breed standard and hunting style with an eye on foundation lines and submit those changes to the American Kennel Club when revisions are allowed. Curly coats, amber eyes and honest scaring can be added to the standard through the guidance of the American Kennel Club and through an honest vote of the membership! We will also be able to revisit any changes made by the previous board which are not in the best interest to the breed.

We intend for this club to be a group of people who love this breed more than himself or herself. We want it to be fun, as it is a hobby for 99% of those involved. Sadly, as with ANY dog

club, there are always going to be people who cause dissention wherever they go. We will do our best to discourage those people from continuing such conduct and do our best to maintain tranquility while adhering to the club's bylaws. If you feel like you are better than anyone else, more experienced than anyone else, more qualified than anyone else, then do not join. This club is being reborn with an atmosphere of nationwide team spirit as its foundation!

I do encourage all team players to join the club at this time...and be a part of the legacy that the BSCBAA is creating. The journey will be rewarding. You will find an application on Pages 5-6.... Send it in!

As I write this, I am:

- (1) Recuperating from "brain surgery" (as Paisley calls it) ...
- (2) Taking care of my triple bypass boyfriend ...
- (3) Trying to get packed for my infamous annual Kansas hunting trip, and
- (4) Whelping pups! Life is a little too busy for this old gal!

The holiday season is a time to be thankful for the many opportunities, chances and outright miracles that life shows us. I want to wish you all a wonderful and safe Holiday Season.......
Many blessings to you all!

Happy Hunting,

Patricia Watts

Flush of View by Christine Prince

Summer has passed – but the Boykin Spaniel Club and Breeders Association of America's issues are still heated! There have been so many concerning events involving the BSCBAA over the last few years involving the key officers, but now we might be able to see a light at the end of the tunnel.

After reflecting on the happenings of the summer, I have decided to send in my application to rejoin the BSCBAA. The following Flush of View, Part 2 briefly describes what I have witnessed over the past few months, and why I feel the need to re-join our breed's American Kennel Club (AKC) parent organization.

In July, President Paul Pennell abruptly announced that the club by-laws were going to be changed. The announcement came shortly after naming his father-in-law as the registered agent for the corporation and discovering that the South Carolina Secretary of State had not been correctly updated on changes to the by-laws. Rather than file the changes with the state or vote on the course of action, Mr. Pennell took it upon himself to announce to the membership that the club would be reverting back to its old set of by-laws.

About three weeks before the regularly scheduled meeting a very solid board member resigned, effective immediately. My source for board information stated she had no idea what was being planned, but she felt there was reason for concern.

Then only two weeks before an upcoming meeting, Paul Pennell, his father-in-law Jack/John Somerville, and Aimye Hines resigned from the Board of Directors and membership to be effective immediately following a meeting scheduled for Sept. 6th. Gina Plott, Emily Foster, and Lea Turner/Batiste resigned from the Board, also to be effective Sept 6th following the meeting.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) stepped in and worked to untangle the mess after their advice was sought on receipt of the resignations by the remaining board members. Through the course of these correspondences, it is believed that AKC now has a very clear picture of the ethics of those persons who presided without oversight for many years over the club and even planned a destructive walk-out.

On Sept. 7th an interim board was seated per instruction and support of the AKC. The names of these individuals will be announced on the club's

website as soon as the legal "t's" are all crossed! The interim board members are all recognized participants within the breed and at Boykin Spaniel events around the country. Not surprisingly, many of these individuals are founders and past board members who had previously left the organization.

So what happens now? As of the writing of this update the interim board reports that the former president has released some of the club records. The former president is requiring that only a licensed, bonded, and insured courier or moving company retrieve the club's equipment. The rest of the club membership is waiting to see what is going to happen next. In the meantime the interim board is able to accept membership applications and begin rebuilding the organization to meet it original mission.

People might ask why they should want to join the parent club. The answer is simple... Being part of this organization will help guide the breed's future. No guarantees can be made about the BSCBAA's future because that is to be determined by its membership. The originator of the breed saw an all-around spaniel that could hunt as well as be the family companion. If you want to be involved in ensuring that the breed remains as it was envisioned, then your voice is needed to help direct this nationwide club in democratic principles with your membership participation.

There is a bright future for this breed's participation in the AKC as the Boykin Spaniel is moving forward to full registration status. The parent club is given the task to uphold a breed's historical purpose and integrity, but it is the quality of membership that com-

prises the parent club that is the most important factor involved. In the past, the membership has been mistreated, but we are now being given the opportunity to become involved. I hope that each of us will seize the opportunity so we can forward together as a true membership focused on what is good for breed. Rejoin and become a part of a great legacy!



BOYKIN SPANIELS FOREVER



The Boykin Spaniel Club

and Breeders Association of America, Inc.
Attn: Membership Committee
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Sargent, GA 30275

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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One individual name per application.

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The Boykin Spaniel Club and Breeders Association of America, Inc.

Code of Ethics

The Boykin Spaniel Club (BSCBAA) is a non-profit organization focused on improving the health of the breed and furthering its upland hunting instincts. Any and all actions of the BSCBAA are based upon one simple, profound criteria: *Will the action be in the best interest of the breed?*

The founding members of BSCBAA are all owners, trainers and breeders of Boykins who want to promote improvement in breeding practices to develop healthier, better hunting Boykin Spaniels.

The BSCBAA incorporated on January 1, 2001 as a non-profit organization.

Each member of the BSCBAA attests to the following CODE OF ETHICS:

Records

I am familiar with, and follow, American Kennel Club and United Kennel Club requirements. I will keep accurate records, and retain those records for the minimum required time period. These records will include: stud service contracts, pedigrees, all litters produced and all dogs/puppies sold. I will use the .Breeders Record . that the American Kennel Club and United Kennel Club provides me to maintain these records. I will report to the Registration Offices of the American Kennel Club and United Kennel Club any person who falsifies a registration or knowingly misrepresents a pedigree.

Breeding

I shall plan each breeding with the paramount intention of improving the breed. Both sire and dam shall be OFA and CERF tested before breeding.

I will only breed dogs and bitches with an OFA rating of MILD or better and I will inform the prospective puppy buyer of those ratings. I will select the stud dog and brood bitch with an eye to conformation, temperament and working instinct and ability, with a careful study of the

breed standard and the principles of genetics.

I will not breed any male or female until they are both physically and mentally mature.

Before entering into any breeding arrangement, I will scrutinize the pedigree, conformation, and working potential of both the sire and the dam, keeping in mind the ideal of the breed. I have an obligation to refuse the breeding if, in my opinion, it is not in the best interest of the breed. As a responsible stud dog owner, I understand that should I refuse a breeding, I will fully explain my reasons to the owner of the bitch. I believe that only those dogs known to be free of serious or disqualifying defects should be used for breeding. I will not breed monorchids, cryptorchids, dogs with vicious or shy temperaments, or dogs with serious defects or disqualifications addressed in their breed standards. As a responsible breeder, I will refrain from using a dog that, although free from serious or disqualifying defects, consistently produces afflicted

I will encourage/require the buyers of pet quality puppies to spay or neuter them.

In the event of an accidental breeding where one or both parents are not OFA or CERF certified I shall inform the prospective puppy buyer. I shall either place the puppy under limited registration or co-own. I shall not release the puppy from limited registration or co-ownership until such time that both sire and dam are OFA and CERF certified or the puppies are OFA and CERF certified at two (2) years of age or the puppy buyer provides proof of spay/neuter from their veterinarian.

Health

I will maintain high standards of health and care for my dogs and guarantee the health of my puppies at the time of sale.

Sales

I will be discriminating in the sales of my puppies and concerned with the type of homes in which they are placed. My dogs/puppies will not be sold to dog wholesalers or retailers.

I will transfer all applicable registration papers at the time the purchase agreement is completed and is agreeable to both parties. Upon the sale of a dog/puppy, I will provide the buyer with a properly executed American Kennel Club and/or United Kennel Club Registration Certificate, diet record, an inoculation and parasite control record and health guarantee.

I will refrain from releasing any puppy until it is at least seven (7) weeks old, or eight (8) weeks old if the puppy is to be shipped.

Advertising

My advertising of dogs/puppies will be factual and honest, both in substance and implication.

I will avoid encouraging buyers regarding the breeding potential of a dog/puppy. I believe breeding purebred dogs involves certain responsibilities and I will not take it lightly.

Exhibitor/ Breeder Relations

I understand that exhibiting dogs is a sport, and that I am expected to express good sportsmanship in all activities.

As an exhibitor, I will refrain from unnecessary criticism of other people's dogs.

Breeders are expected to police themselves in a civil and responsible manner

As a matter of ethics, I pledge to help educate the general public as well as to assist the novice breeder.

Implementation

The Code of Ethics and the following Breeder Guidelines are intended as suggestions and goals for responsible breeders, exhibitors, and fanciers. Irresponsible breeding practices and disregard for the Code of Ethics and Breeder Guidelines may bar members from advertising in club newsletters, receiving club approved litter designation and participating in club tests, field trials, conformation, and agility events.

Applicant's Signature	
I have read & agree to abide by the BSCBAA Code of Ethics.	

Healthwise

PennHIP: An Advanced Tool for Evaluation and Prediction of Canine Hip Dysplasia

By: Paisley Lyne Stevens

While in the midst of breeding and puppy season, it is important to understand the basics of canine orthopedic health, specifically hip health when making breeding decisions for your own kennel or choosing a Boykin Spaniel puppy. The Boykin Spaniel is currently listed as #13 in the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) list for occurrence for hip dysplasia. OFA suggests that 37% of the Boykin Spaniels that they have evaluated have presented as positive for the presence of the disease. The incidence of hip dysplasia is high considering the weight and size of the breed, but not unusual for a rare breed with a small genetic pool. Historically OFA has been the leader in providing evaluation services for canine hip health. Most recently the PennHIP procedure has gained in popularity and as a result many Boykin owners and breeders are using it as an alternative or adjunct evaluation to traditional OFA hip evaluations.

The PennHIP procedure is an advanced radiographic technique used to quantitatively measure and identify hip joint laxity and serve as a predictor and indicator of degenerative joint disease (DJD) or canine hip dysplasia (CHD). PennHIP stands for University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program. Throughout the United States and worldwide there is a network of veterinarians who have been trained in this highly specialized method. Results become part of the University of Pennsylvania's comprehensive research database. As this database grows, it has been structured to generate increasingly precise data aimed at supporting improvement within breeding programs and to provide owners and breeders with data with which to predict DJD and to identify CHD.

Currently results are sent to an owner and the veterinarian post the evaluation. PennHIP hopes to have its public database online by the end of the year. Radiographs and identification materials are never handled by an owner and the entire process is managed by a trained PennHIP veterinarian to prevent any and all possibility of fraud. Participation in the database is required and once an evaluation has been completed, the PennHIP veterinarian is required to submit the radiographs, unlike other evaluation methods that are subject to an owner's option.

The PennHIP method is different in the manner that it evaluates canine hips vs. other methods such as that recommended by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals

(ÓFA). PennHIP involves three separate radiographs: the distraction view, the compression view and the hip-extended view. The hip-extended view used historically by OFA is employed as supplementary information regarding

the actual presence of DJD. PennHIP uses actual qualitative measures by providing scoring vs. traditional methods that tend to be subjective, ranging form Excellent to Severe, based on a single view evaluation without any scientific measurement.

PennHIP is performed only by veterinarians who have undergone extensive training in the method and have demonstrated their expertise in performing the procedure. A searchable database of veterinarians is available on the PennHIP website (http://www.pennhip.org). The costs tend to be higher then those of traditional OFA evaluations but involve a series of radiographs. To obtain diagnostic quality radiographs, the musculature around the hip joint must be completely relaxed. For the comfort and safety of the animal, this requires either heavy sedation or general anesthesia. The selection of the individual sedation/anesthesia protocol is left to the PennHIP veterinarian's discretion, so long as the dog is sufficiently sedated to obtain a diagnostic quality radi-

Upon request, most PennHIP veterinarians can make a copy of the hip-extended radiograph for submission to the OFA at the time your dog has a PennHIP evaluation. You do not have to abandon participating in the OFA database or receiving an OFA certificate for your dog. It does not have to be an "either or" decision.

PennHIP evaluations and reports consist of a distraction index (DI) for each hip expressed in the form of a decimal. DI is a measurement of maximal passive hip laxity. It is a unitless number between 0 and 1. A smaller DI means less laxity (tighter hips) and less susceptibility for DID. A DI of 0.50 is interpreted to mean that the femoral head is 50% displaced from the acetabulum (hip socket). The DI has been shown to correlate strongly with a dog's probability of developing hip DJD. The larger the DI, the greater the probability for DJD. PennHIP has identified a threshold DI of 0.30; dogs with a DI of < 0.3 are essentially considered unsusceptible to hip dysplasia.

PennHIP reports also include a "percentile" rating. The current median DI score for the Boykin Spaniel, and 50th percentile mark was .66, which means that 50% of dogs tested scored better than .66 and 50% tested worse. PennHIP recommends that breeding stock be selected from dogs with hip scores that are tighter (lower DI number) than the median, and

have no evidence of degenerative joint disease. PennHIP further recommends breeding only dogs whose hips are in the 60th percentile or tighter. Mating dogs with hips much tighter than average, (i.e., higher selection pressure) equates to more rapid expected genetic change per generation. Tighter-hipped parents produce tighter-hipped puppies. Dogs that are used for breeding should have hip radiographs at intervals throughout the dog's life to be sure that the prediction of normal hips is borne out.

It is important to understand, that median and percentile ratings are statistical values and are not fixed. They are subject to change as more Boykin Spaniels are evaluated using this procedure. The breed median and percentile figures are updated by PennHIP on a semiannual basis. The percentiles score represents the dog's percentile ranking at the time they were evaluated as indicated on their PennHIP certificate, so it is important to know the DI scores and to monitor a breed's progress as the database grows. PennHIP represents a true scientific database that can be used as a tool in evaluating one's own breeding program and improvement and also in viewing the direction of the breed at large

Both the DI and percentile score should be made available by any reputable breeder

not just a percentile score. Copies of the actual certificates of evaluation should also be shared when breeding and puppy buying decision are being considered. One of its greatest advantages of the PennHIP procedure is that it can be performed on dogs as young as 4 months old compared with two years using others methods. The ability to receive an early evaluation of a dog's hip health is important whether the dog's intended purpose will be for breeding, for hunting, for showing or as a family pet.

PennHIP data allows breeders to confidently identify the dogs within their breeding stock with the tightest hips. It also supports breeders in assessing the progress they are making with their breeding program as they strive to improve orthopedic health of their dogs. Pet owners are able to assess their dog's risk of developing DJD or CHD. This enables them to make lifestyle adjustments for their dogs and to enhance the quality of their pet's life. The PennHIP method surpasses other methods in its accuracy and its employment of qualitative measurement and scientific method.







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"Cooper" - Leslie Harris of Greenwich, Ct.

Texas Trace Libby's Body Double in the Houston Chronicle

Waggin' Tails ...



9-month old Texas Trace
"Addison" (Addie) gearing up
for dove season.



"Cara" - After going through obedience training, hunting and trying to keep her busy we started basic agility at about 20 months. This was new to both of us but she really liked it so we keep on through intermediate and then advanced. We entered our first test, second test, etc and



were not doing very good as I was making more mistakes than Cara was. The club sponsored a training course by a woman that has one of the top ten agility dogs in the country. It was a great course and we were about through it and looking forward to the fall tests when she fell off the dog walk and tour her cruciate ligament in her left hind leg. This took us out of the fall tests and hunting until the snow was deep, but we did get in some hunting. We had to train in the snow this spring after it got low enough that snowshoes were not needed. We went to our first test (jumpers as the vet recommended that she not be campaigned in regular agility) and she ended up with a second because so many others did not qualify in the cold and damp first outdoor test in the spring in the area. Then in the summer tests, she did take a first and then another first with a perfect 100 score. We now go the open and she thinks 10 weaves are ok and why do 12? We are entered in the

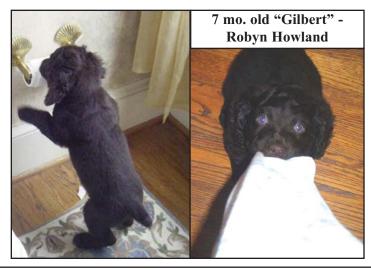
October test and we will see who makes the most mistakes.

- Harold Stanlick





"Deacon" & Little Sister "Dakota" - Justin Brooks of Wilmington, NC



... More Waggin' Tails ...



"Jamaica Me Crazy" with Handler
Michael Pitts

Daughter of Hollow Creek's Victoria
& Grandaughter of Hollow Creek's
Decoy

Oakridge Kennel Club AKC Show in
May of 2008

Judge: Jacqueline Stacy

Owner: Paisley Lyne Stevens of GA



As parents of two Boykins, we are always looking forward to reading the Boykin Spaniels Forever Journal.

"Nuts" (standing in the photo) and "Flirt" will be eight years old on September 12, 2008. They are littermates from Boulder Brook Kennel. They love boat rides on the Waccamaw River and even have their own Christmas card every year. Thanks for bringing so much joy with your articles and pictures.

Monika & Craig McNair of Pawleys Island, SC







"Lilly" getting the newspaper for us, as she does each morning. She loves the water and the beach. - Jim Kyle

Hollow Creek's "Just Sassie" & "Jake" - Craig Parker

... & More Waggin' Tails!





"Peat"
-Ed and Christian
Christoffers



Last December we purchased a Hollow Creek pup from your satellite breeder in Connecticut. Zoey is a true Boykin joy. I have four good friends who are Golden Retriever lovers and Zoey has them reconsidering.... People comment on the unusual color of my Cocker Spaniel. You can place a solid bet that I take the opportunity to educate them about our beloved Boykins. I can't imagine how much fun it must be to see several of them interact on a daily basis. When I retire I hope to get more.

> - Linda M. Sutton, Oakland, CA



"Tucker"
- Mary Whitney of NH



"Sullivan" -Chris & Courtney Challoner, SC



Happy Hollow-days!

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