

Charleston Kennel Club Dog Show supports the Boykin Spaniel

CKC generously provided the BSCBAA space at their recent dog show in Ladson, SC for a "Meet the Breed" Boykin Spaniel Event.

"It was very encouraging to have the support of the Charleston Kennel club and its members in welcoming the Boykin Spaniel to the event", commented Leslie Kern, BSCBAA Local Club Liaison. While there are many who have met "the little brown dog who doesn't rock the boat", there were just as many who couldn't wait to get their turn to meet the breed. Children and adults alike shared their enthusiasm with several club members who had their dogs available. There was quite a range~ from Kingfisher, a 4 month old puppy, 5 year old Bella and her three pups, to the several dogs entered in the event. The Boykin Spaniel has just become the 163rd dog to be fully accepted into the AKC effective Dec 30, 2009. As part of the Sporting Group, the Boykin Spaniel is right at home!



Thanks again to the Charleston Kennel Club and its supporters for a successful "Meet the Breed" event for the Boykin Spaniel!
- Leslie Kern



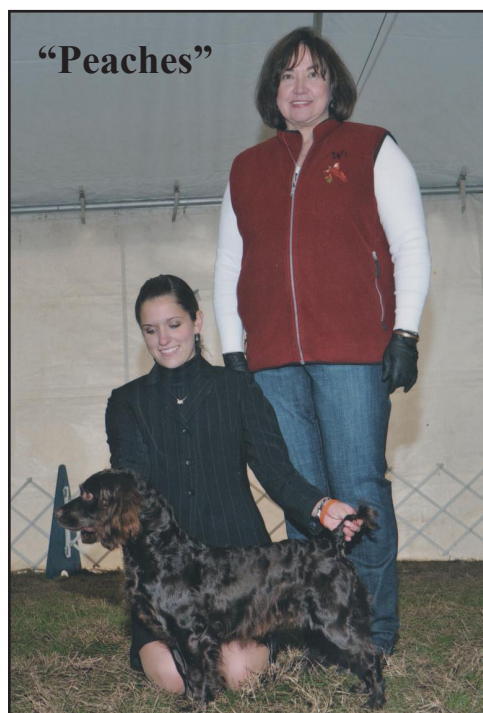
Southeastern Wildlife Exposition 2010

An excerpt from Jake's Adventures www.jaketheboykin.blogspot.com

"Jake spent this past weekend with Ms. Beth in Charleston at the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition, February 12, 13, 14, 2010. The S.C. Department of Agriculture was a corporate sponsor at this great event and they had a tent outside of the Gaillard Auditorium featuring wonderful chefs cooking with SC products, as well as many small businesses across the state that create wonderful food products using SC Grown items. I was there to see how the crowd would interact with me and to see how stressed I would get. Ms. Beth wants me to promote eating Certified SC Grown produce. Because I represent the Boykin

Spaniel breed, which is the state dog of SC, my message is going to be promoting the increased consumption of fresh, tasty SC Grown produce, especially to young children. It's important to eat a variety of fresh, nutritious SC produce to help young people grow up to be strong, healthy adults! Overall, I had a great time at this event. I loved meeting new people and Ms. Beth talked non-stop about Boykin Spaniels, training me and the importance of eating Certified SC Grown!! "

-Beth Crocker



Healthwise

The Van Andel Research Institute, a world class human cancer research institute, recently received a Federally fund grant through the National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute, to study five types of cancer that occur in both dogs and humans. The ultimate goal is to develop improved diagnostics and more individualized therapies for both canines and people.

We are requesting the help of purebred dog owners, who may own a dog affected with one of these cancers. The five initial cancers we are studying are:

- 1) Hemangiosarcoma
- 2) Lymphoma
- 3) Osteosarcoma
- 4) Malignant histiocytosis
- 5) Melanoma of the mouth or toe

We are requesting fresh (NOT in formalin, NOT frozen) tissue samples from tumors, when pets have biopsies, surgeries such as splenectomies, or are euthanized. Samples may be collected post mortem, as the euthanasia solution does not affect the DNA in either the dog's blood or in the tumor cells.

Additionally, if you have a dog with one of these cancers who has already been treated (splenectomy, chemo, etc), we would still appreciate a blood sample along with a histopath report confirming the diagnosis. We need 3-5 mls of whole blood in an EDTA (purple top) tube. It can be sent priority mail, and blood can be shipped at room temperature.


If the pet is scheduled for surgery or, sadly, euthanasia, if you or your veterinarian contact us ahead of time, we can FedEx a collection kit which includes an overnight FedEx return shipping form, along with collection media and containers.

can be found on our website, at:
<http://www.vai.org/helpingdogs>

I will be happy to answer any questions I can, as well. Owners, veterinarians and researchers working together will help us to unravel some of the mysteries of these nasty diseases.

- Roe Froman, DVM

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The rankings are out and in 2009 the Boykin Spaniel was 92nd of 164 in AKC registrations. This exceeds American Water Spaniels, Field Spaniels, Clumber Spaniels, and Sussex Spaniels. Very good for a new breed, however, I'm not sure how first year statistics compare to normal years. Looking at what I consider rare breeds that came into the AKC a few years ago, e.g., Glen of Imaal Terriers and Dogue de Bordeaux, I see that first year registrations were a bit higher than the subsequent few years. I'm not sure that will be true with Boykins because they seem to be well established across the country, particularly within the southeast. Time will tell.

- Butch Norckauer

Owner consent forms and veterinary info pages