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Bloom Where God Plants You.....

This is my 2013 epiphany about life.....the past ...the present....and the future!

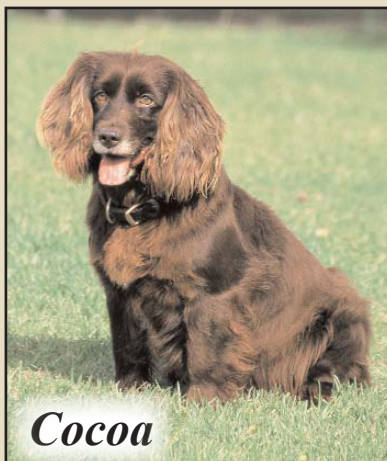
Getting through 2012 was a huge challenge.....then.... 2013 brought different challenges right off the bat.

March 2012 brought great field accomplishments for Hollow Creek progeny. If you remember I had taken a couple of years and dedicated them to educating judges on how to conformation judge the Boykin Spaniel in the AKC. We had much to do to correct their previous information about our breed. I am now seeing much better evaluation of Boykin's per the Breed Standard. My intention was to 'getter done' and then get back to hunt tests and the hunting side of our breed.

The Taste of the Wild dog food recall.... brought severe illness to my entire kennel and me. TOTW and Diamond Foods were very negligent in getting this recall out....feeding my dams and pups TOTW at that time resulted in the loss of ten (10) seven week old pups after 14 days of illness.... and a week later, my Belle.....all before the recall was publically announced. The vets were trying multiple antibiotics / IV fluids... as they all had tested positive for 'everything'. We did not know that they were sick due to the dog food exposure as it had not been announced so they continued to be exposed as they continued to eat..... the pups and new mothers were tragically affected because that was their

food. Because I have colon issues... I was seriously ill from the salmonella long after the pups and Belle had passed.....going into the New Year.

In September, due to the continued decline in the economy, I made the decision to close my boarding kennel. A blessing in disguise as I was having recurrent and unrelenting intestinal issues. Still the economy has been a stunning financial loss for boarding kennels in general.



In November, My Cocoa passed. She had a very long and wonderful life. What a fabulous and loving companion she was.

Mid-December brought us to Eukanuba 2012....where I am so proud to say that Hollow Creek's Texas Trace won Best of Breed. This was a very well deserved win for Trace as there were many worthy Boykin Spaniels competing for that title. Such an honorable win!



My intestinal issues and multiple antibiotic treatment.... finally took their toll ...I had developed c. diff.....and very early on 1-1-13 via ambulance, I was admitted to ICU for seven days ... and while there developed a blood clot in my lung....so I spent a couple more days on a medical floor And now still at home recovering.... God surely has my back.

My kennel and home required extensive decontamination and replacement of a structure and other equipment to assure sterility. Property losses were covered by TOTW.... However the tragedy of such losses is not.....

THUS.....I will bloom where God plants me!

God Bless..and Happy Hunting!

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HOLLOW CREEK'S
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