



# Upcoming Boykin Events

## CBSRC Events

February 11, 2006 CBSRC Club Trial-Rembert, SC  
Robin Spriggs will be the host.!

### **Directions:**

From Camden South Carolina take 521 South towards Sumter, SC. In Rembert, The Post Office will be on the Left. Just beyond the Post Office turn Left on Pisgah Road. Travel approximately 2.5 miles on Pisgah Road and turn Right at the CBSRC Sign..

Accommodations in Camden, South Carolina:

- Colony Inn - 803-432-5508 • Best Western - 803-438-9441

Accommodations in Lugoff, South Carolina:

- Days Inn - 803-438-6990 • Economy Inn - 803-438-5078
- Ramada Limited - 803-438-1807 • Shoneys Inn - 803-438-6883

If anyone has any questions, Please Email Robin at [bassie@FTC-I.NET](mailto:bassie@FTC-I.NET)  
Hope to see everyone there with their baby browns!



## AKC Events

February 11-12, 2006 Chattahoochee English Springer Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta-Lavonia, GA

February 25-26, 2006 English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.-Chino, CA

March 18-19, 2006 Western Washington English Springer Spaniel Club-Rochester, WA

March 20, 2006 Clumber Spaniel Club of America-Martinsville, IN

March 25-26, 2006 English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association-Patrick, SC

April 8, 2006 Puget Sound English Springer Spaniel Association-Rochester, WA

April 9, 2006 Mt. Ranier Sporting Spaniel Association-Rochester, WA

April 15-16, 2006 Springer Spaniel Club of Central Kansas-Spivey, KS

April 15-16, 2006 Patriot Sporting Spaniel Club-Royalston, MS

April 22-23, 2006 Mid-Penn English Springer Spaniel Club-Tyrone, PA

## UKC Events

February 11-12, 2006 CONF, JS-Claremont, CA

February 11-12, 2006 AGIL-Spring Grove, IL

February 11-12, 2006 OBED-Point of Rocks, MD

February 11-12, 2006 OBED-Columbia, MO

February 11-12, 2006 OBED-Durham, NC

February 11-12, 2006 CONF, JS-Longview, WA

February 11-12, 2006 CONF, JS-Ixionia, WA

February 17-19, 2006 CONF, JS-Kalamazoo, MI

February 17-19, 2006 WP-Renton, WA

February 18-19, 2006 OBED-Douglas, AK

February 18-19, 2006 WP-San Marcos, CA

February 18-19, 2006 CONF, JS-Tulare, CA

February 18-19, 2006 AGIL-Cedar Lake, IN

February 18-19, 2006 AGIL-Norman, OK

February 18-19, 2006 CONF, JS-Farmington, UT

February 25-26, 2006 TR-Oakdale, CA

February 25-26, 2006 CONF, JS-Clearwater, FL

February 25-26, 2006 CONF, JS-Whitmore Lake, MI

February 25-26, 2006 OBED-Columbus, OH

February 25-26, 2006 OBED-Quakertown, PA

March 3-5, 2006 OBED-Mechanicsburg, PA

March 4-5, 2006 CONF, JS-Phoenix, AZ

March 4-5, 2006 CONF, JS-Cordele, GA

March 4-5, 2006 OBED, Dayton, OH

March 10-11, 2006 CONF, JS, OBED-Mason, MI

March 10-12, 2006 WP-Renton, WA

March 11, 2006 CONF, JS-Wesley Chapel, FL

March 11-12, 2006 CONF, JS-Kiowa, CO

March 11-12, 2006 AGIL-Odell, IL

March 11-12, 2006 AGIL-Laporte, IN

March 11-12, 2006 OBED-Tulsa, OK

March 11-12, 2006 CONF, JS-Denton, TX

March 11-12, 2006 OBED-Hampton, VA

March 18-19, 2006 CONF, JS & WP-Modesto, CA

March 18-19, 2006 AGIL & OBED-Monticello, FL

March 18-19, 2006 OBED-Cedarlake, IN

March 18-19, 2006 OBED-Whitmore Lake, MI

March 18-19, 2006 CONF, JS-Hutto, TX

March 18-19, 2006 CONF, JS-Warrenton, VA

March 18-19, 2006 OBED-Auburn, WA

March 25-26, 2006 CONF, JS-Modesto, CA

March 25-26, 2006 WP-San Marcos, CA

March 25-26, 2006 CONF, JS-Chehalls, WA

March 25-26, 2006 CONF, JS-Racine, WI

March 26, 2006 OBED-Waltham, MA



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## Patellar Luxation - Counterpoint

It is proven and verifiable that Boykin Spaniels are predisposed to Hip Dysplasia and Juvenile Cataracts. Not long ago, and it continues today, there was a cardiac scare (called Pulmonic Stenosis, a potentially life-threatening heart disease) with the Boykin breed. There have been a few Boykins reported to have this disease, but no data was gathered or empirical research performed to support the conclusion that Pulmonic Stenosis was genetic in Boykins. Yet many people adopted this view and it has since become a label attached to all Boykin Spaniels. When there is a heart study conducted where the DNA can be examined in hundreds of dogs and the genes responsible pinpointed, then we can determine whether or not the Boykin Spaniel

has an inherited genetic predisposition to Pulmonic Stenosis. As a group and as individual breeders and owners of Boykins, we should support the collection of DNA to determine the genetic predispositions of this breed prior to jumping off to other unfounded conclusions. Now that the breed has been accepted by the AKC and is performing well in UKC events, it

would indeed be unfortunate for the Boykin Spaniel to be further mis-labeled as a breed with Patellar Luxation problems.

Please refer to Patellar Luxation data on the OFA website (<http://www.offa.org/patluxstatbreed.html>). There is absolutely no scientific documentation/data base to be found there or anywhere else to support even the suggestion that the Boykin Spaniel may have an inherited genetic predisposition for Patellar Luxation. Any professional opinion you read on the matter will state that Patellar Luxation when not attributed to trauma/injury may be genetic. That means that the FIRST consideration in the diagnosis of Patellar Luxation is trauma /injury. Most owners

and trainers will deny any injury/trauma in a dog presenting with Patellar Luxation ... as it most probably occurred when they were not looking or they simply were not aware that an injury had occurred.

Competent breeders should have their pups patella's examined at 7-8 weeks before they are placed. The results should be kept with the litter records. This is a hunting dog breed and every breeder should have a vet check the patellas when they are given their first shots. If Patellar Luxation does not show until a dog is 12 or more months... look for an injury to be the culprit -- not genetics.



Some veterinarians and others have a tendency to suggest genetics as the root cause of every condition that they cannot otherwise explain. Sadly, genetics and therefore breeders are the dumping ground for many "unknown medical issues".

If you want to put meaning behind the research of a serious genetic problem, then I suggest you put your

time, energy, and money and that of the BSCBBA into research for a cancer/lymphoma study or finding the genetic markers for Pulmonic Stenosis. The genetic component associated with cancer is much more realistic and purposeful AND a proven genetic component of cancer has been established in canines. What about the Boykin Spaniel breed? Compare the difference between cancer and patellar problems in all breeds. If there is a genetic component responsible for cancer, then we need to know about it. A dog with a patellar injury can be fixed...a dog with cancer cannot.

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