

BOYKIN SPANIELS FOREVER

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EDITORIAL

I hope that your spring has been memorable...summer will be hot! First, do remember to keep the folks in Oklahoma in your thoughts and prayers. They are a proud and tough group... I know that they will recover, but their hearts are surely broken for those they lost.

My new 'Dawg' shed is just about in full service. The unfitting included installation of a tub, dryer, grooming area, medical area, and kitchen sink with fridge..... and other 'stuff' left over from my boarding kennel equipment/inventory. It is gonna soooo make my life easier here and my house less cluttered. I owe a huge thanks to my 'church family' who worked diligently at all that unfitting....they made it all possible! My next 'wish list' includes new kenneling...but that is a long time away unless, of course, I ever win the lottery. Hard to win if you don't play!

Still excited that Hollow Creek's Kingfisher made the cover of Gun Dog Magazine. The photo was beautiful...as is Fisher. I am currently interviewing for another article on Boykin Spaniels.....Gallient is hunting well and succeeding in the Hunt Test events and has earned his hunting title, Jake is amazing in the Agility venue...and Trace is still the number 1 Male Boykin Spaniel in America.....all of them make me a proud 'Mama'.... so God is working in my life as I rebuild.

I hope that you enjoy this edition. I am so busy anymore that my Journal gets less attention. But I do enjoy networking all of us with it, so please continue sending in those Boykin photos, memorials and articles that you want to share.



God Bless..and Happy Hunting!

Patricia L. Watts,
Owner/Editor

COVER PHOTO
HOLLOW CREEK'S
CHIEF & RENEGADE

OWNER
SCOTTIE MURRAY
OF YULEE, FL



Gun Dog Magazine selected a photo featuring GCH Hollow Creek's Kingfisher for its current cover. There are many people significantly involved in this dogs' wonderful journey to being a 'cover boy'. I am so proud that this image of GCH Hollow Creek's Kingfisher, was chosen to be featured on the cover of the current Gun Dog Magazine. What an honor for one of my babies to be on this magazines' cover! It represents everything that the Boykin Spaniel breed is all about. This amazing photograph of "Fisher" was taken and submitted to Gun Dog Magazine for consideration by Mark Atwater of UpClose Photos. Mark took this super shot at one of our hunt test events. The following people have all contributed greatly to Kingfishers' career accomplishments in both Conformation and Hunting: Breeder: Patricia Long Watts / Hollow Creek Kennel, Owner / Handler: Carole Witter Thomas, Hunt Trainer/ Handler: DeVon Ruth, Conformation Coach/Handler: Aaron Wilkerson. The photographer was fortunate to have taken such an incredible action picture of this simply beautiful Boykin Spaniel...right place...right time.

Otis THE Boykin Spaniel

by Magda Fernandez

In the last issue, Pat outlined all the pros and cons of neutering the Boykin male. As mom of an intact Boykin, I know that this choice comes with a great deal of responsibility. Otis and I live in a leafy neighborhood on the outskirts of Boston, which attracts lots of dog owners due to the plentiful greenspace. On a typical day, Otis and I encounter about 20 familiar dogs and 10 unfamiliar ones as we make our rounds through our usual places. Otis tracks 'n treks offleash with me every morning in a nearby vast arboretum before the rangers arrive to enforce the leash laws. At midday we walk onleash at a nearby urban park path, and in the evening we go to a neighborhood field where Otis plays offleash with his dog pals.

Since Otis is intact, my job is to keep him from humping other dogs, fighting with males over a female, and away from intact females. So how do I manage these things? By knowing Otis' level of dominance, training him to obey my commands, keeping him in my sight at all times, getting to know the dogs we encounter regularly, learning how to identify signs of an imminent dog attack, and, finally, knowing what to do in the event of a dogfight.

Knowing who's intact or not is obvious: I simply ask the owner before letting Otis offleash. To keep Otis from humping any dog, I rely on a Dogtra IQ e-collar. I reserve this option when Otis repeatedly tries to hump a dog to relieve himself, and when that dog cannot drive Otis off on his own. In those cases, I intervene with the e-collar to keep Otis from pestering the poor dog. Stopping Otis with positive training didn't work because, for a well-fed dog like him, the drive to hump is stronger than the drive to eat treats. I use the e-collar sparingly, but it does the trick. I sought a trainer who is certified in e-collars to teach me how to use it and determine the right

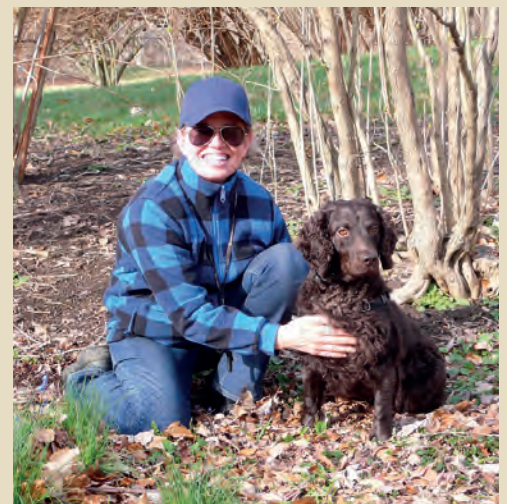
thresholds for Otis. The trick is to use it with the verbal command *Off* as he's about to climb or is on a dog, so that Otis doesn't confuse the correction with pursuing a dog, which is permissible behavior.

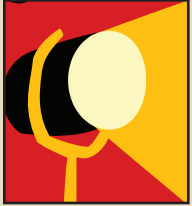
Since Otis defers to dominant dogs in most situations, I don't have to worry about his challenging other males over a female. What I have needed to do, however, is to keep Otis safe from *other* males who have wanted to challenge him because he's intact. I know 3 intact males that go into attack mode whenever they see Otis. Fortunately, their owners are responsible people and *always* leash their boys whenever they see us in the distance. Nevertheless, it's good to learn the types of behaviors that dogs display when signaling an attack. A good primer is Turid Rugaas' *On Talking Terms with Dogs: Calming Signals*. Not only has this book taught me how to spot the early warnings, it's helped me how to understand Otis' own behavior better. Remarkably, Otis communicates with his body by the book!

Since you always can count on the unexpected, it's also important to know what to do in the event that your dog winds up in a dogfight. Thankfully, we covered that ground extensively in Otis' advanced obedience classes. Although most dog skirmishes start and end really quickly, some require human intervention. That's exactly what happened this January when an intact English Springer pal, who had played with Otis without incident for 2 years, viciously attacked Otis over a spayed female in the group, and would not let go. The Springer's owner, who's a good friend, tried hard to physically remove his dog without success. Remembering my training, I yelled at my friend to do exactly as I was taught: we both repeatedly punched the Springer in the head over and over and over until he finally let go

of Otis. If he hadn't let go, the next step would have been to poke the Springer in the eyes. Thank God, it didn't come to that, but he did bite my ankle several times nevertheless. Miraculously, Otis wound up with a few puncture marks on his ear and neck that only required antibiotics. More importantly, Otis has not shown any sign of lingering trauma. When I recently asked his vet why during his checkup, she surmises this is because Otis feels completely protected by me, his Alpha. By the way, the Springer, who no longer is allowed to play with Otis, also is fine.

You're probably wondering why in the world I don't just neuter Otis and avoid this kind of hassle, especially since I don't plan to breed Otis. To Pat's listed arguments against neutering, I'd like to add one more reason to keep Boykin boys intact: if your Boykin puppy happens to be shy towards other dogs, as Otis was, allowing him a full sexual maturity reduces that shyness considerably. This makes sense because, once the urge to procreate hits, the male wants to approach other dogs more than ever. I socialized Otis a lot as a puppy to overcome his shyness around other dogs, especially since shyness can lead to fear aggression. But nothing worked like his full transition into adulthood. It was like a magic switch!





Spotlight on ...

Hunting with Hollow Creek's "Chief" in the orange collar and Hollow Creek's "Renegade" in green. Owner Scottie Murray of Yulee, FL with grandson Tristan.



In Loving Memory



CH Hollow Creek's Belle



Hollow Creek's Bozz



CH Hollow Creek's
Buddy



UWP GRCH Hollow Creek's Gus CGC
UKC BEST IN SHOW

"The best friend a man has in the world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has, he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us, may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous is his dog. A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer. He will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounters with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings, and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens.

If fortune drives the master forth, an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him, to guard him against danger, to fight against his enemies. And when the last scene of all comes, and death takes his master in its embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by the graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad, but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even in death."

- George Graham Vest - c. 1855



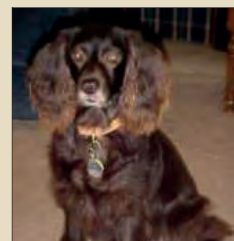
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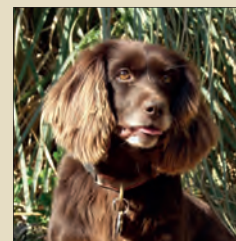
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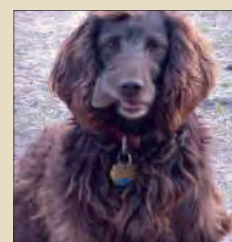
Hollow Creek's
Mouse



CH Hollow Creek's
Rosey CGC



CH Hollow Creek's
Sadie



Hollow Creek's
Sassy

What is the purpose of a dog? A great story.

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer.

I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure as they felt that Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him.

Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion.

We sat together for a while after Belker's Death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him.

What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try and live.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?"

The six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

- * When loved ones come home, always run to greet them
- * Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride
- * Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy
- * Take naps
- * Stretch before rising
- * Run, romp, and play daily
- * Thrive on attention and let people touch you
- * Avoid biting when a simple growl will do
- * On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass
- * On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree
- * When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body
- * Delight in the simple joy of a long walk
- * Be loyal
- * Never pretend to be something you're not
- * If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it

* When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently

There comes a time in life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it.

You surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad, and focus on the good, so, love the people who treat you right.

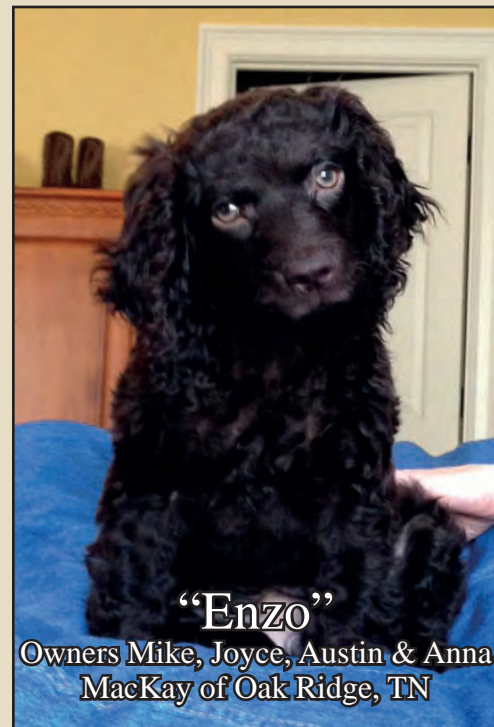
Think good thoughts for the ones who don't ~ life is too short to be anything but happy.

Falling down is part of LIFE...

Getting back up is LIVING...

DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD...

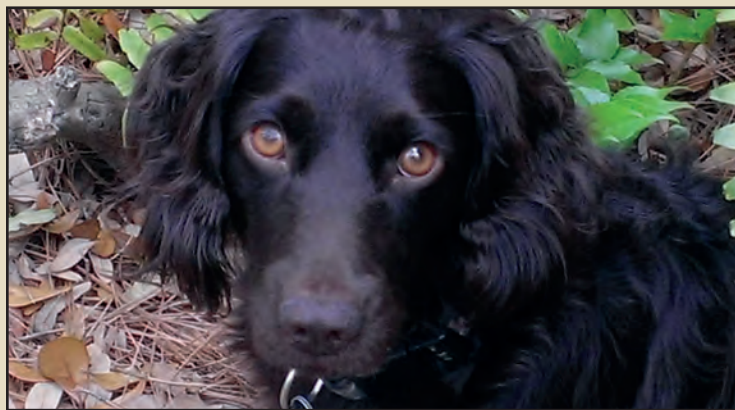
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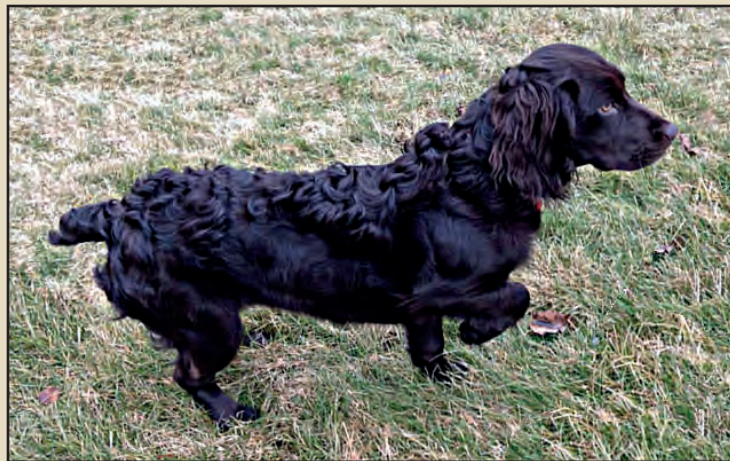
Waggin Tails



Above: The 3 Amigos Casey, Enzo, Slugger. Below: Anna and Enzo.
- Mike, Joyce, Austin & Anna MacKay of Oak Ridge, TN



Tugtown Lady Ashley of Grove
"Ashley" - our two year old - best LBD ever!
- Sis & Hal Marshall of Charleston, SC

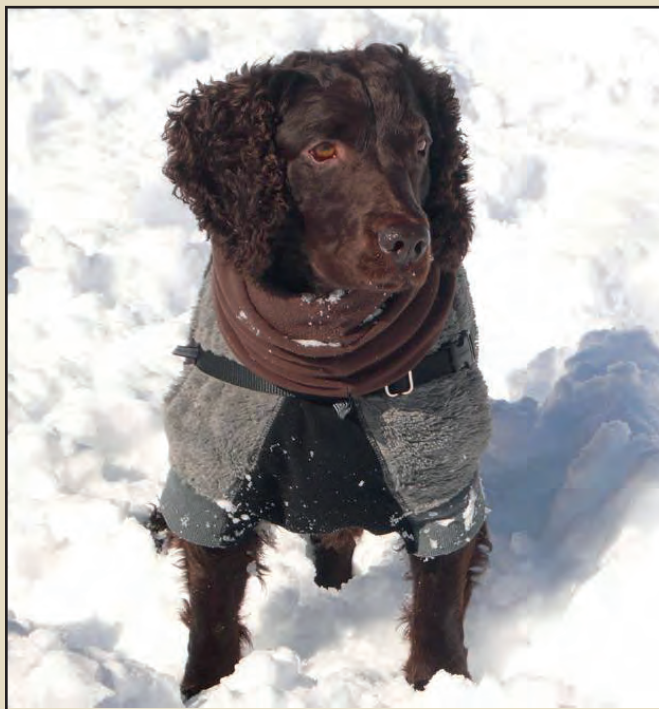


Bella - Joe & Patty LaMonica of Pittsburgh, PA



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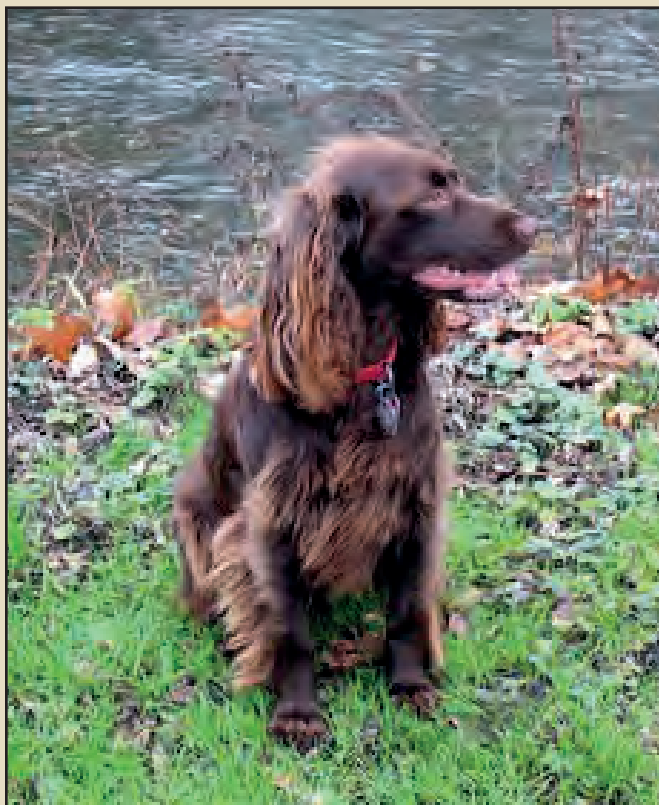




Hollow Creek's Otis
- Magda Fernandez of Boston, MA



Duncan loving the snow at 6 months old!
- Jaye of



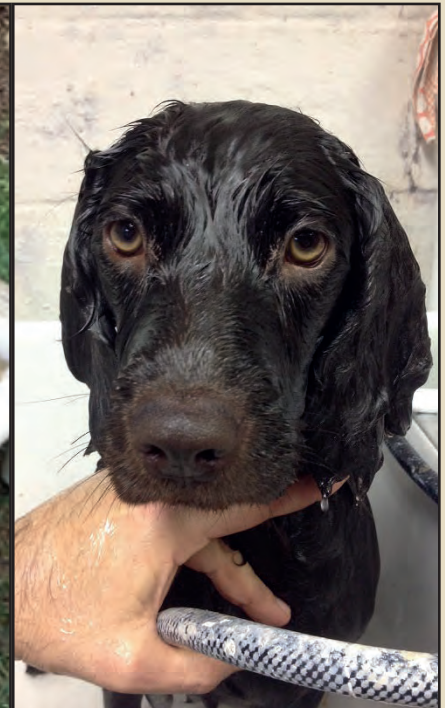
Nittany
- Jim Massie of Mechanicsburg, PA



Augustus loving his new yard! He is healthy and happy....and loving his brother and sister cats (Boris and Natasha). We are loving our new baby! It was so nice to meet you (and all the wonderful Hollow Creek Boykin Spaniels), thank you so much for your time and guidance – Augustus is a perfect part of our family!! - Lisa Plummer of Houston, Texas

*Honorable
Mention*

“My boys”
Charlie 20 months
and CJ 20 weeks
- Terry Snider
of Charlotte, NC



Shiloh is the best thing that ever happened to us! We thank you for her!
- Joe & Patty LaMonica of Pittsburgh, PA



Hollow Creek's Duncan (top right) enjoying the snow at 6 months and (bottom right) at the beach. If he's not swimming, he's digging in the sand!
- Owned and loved by Jaye, Bill, and Tess Mahoney of Southampton, NY



Hollow Creek's CC is growing like a weed and is doing very well. His disposition is unchanged and he still has that very laid back, easy-going personality. We love it. He's picking up the basic obedience commands and really is a pleasure to be around.
- Steve & Kelly Watkins of Lexington, SC



Letters to the Editor

🐾 You touched on 2 areas near and dear to my heart - raw diet and vaccinations. When I first became involved with the Boykin people I was poo-pooed for my thoughts on these subjects. But as with Ottis, it just takes one bad experience with one of our loved dogs to open eyes. I'm so glad Ottis's owner saw the light and sought alternative help. I don't vaccinate my pups until at least 10 weeks then doing a single parvo. FYI, I only use 1/2 dose. Two weeks later I do a second 1/2 dose of Parvo. In two more weeks the pups are titered. If needed then I will allow the pup to have one more Parvo, again 1/2 dose. Distemper is one that causes problems in dogs. So, I suggest checking with local vets to see if distemper is an issue in the new pups area. If so, 1/2 distemper may be given 2 weeks after the last parvo. Then, never give the pups another parvo or distemper as the intitals will last their life. No rabies prior to 6 months - the longer one waits the better as it gives the pup's immune system a chance to mature. I don't do any other vaccinations. Ottis doesn't need to use monthly or year round heartworm meds either. Here is a link to an article that will explain why, <http://terriermandotcom.blogspot.com/search?q=heartworm>. - Sharon

🐾 You did a fantastic job on the journal. What a joy to see it and you, all the Boykins and reading all. I see you had a tough go in the health issue dept. I am smiling knowing you are back. I missed you as you put such a feeling into what you would write, the lovely pictures of the dogs, and just the way you have of caring as I read everything. Thank you for all of what you do. - Ella



GCH Hollow Creek's Texas Trace
TRACE
#1 Boykin Spaniel in breed & all breed* rankings for 2013

*ShowSight breed & all breed stats as of 2/28

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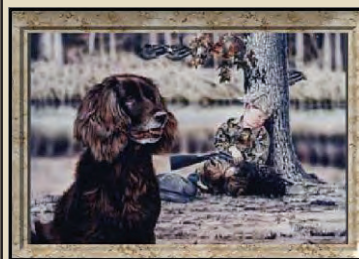
Peaches

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Hollow Creek's Chocolate
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