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Hey Readers,

Don't know about ya'll but in South Carolina we have had rain just about every day this summer. Not exactly complaining ... just saying! Would love to share our abundance with Texas!

Hollow Creek Kennel has been busy as usual. Kennel chores never cease :-). Abby delivered six healthy pups earlier in the summer... three of each. They have all gone to their 'forever' homes and their 'people' just love them. They were a precious and quite intelligent group of chocolate drops! I am so blessed and grateful to have such wonderful clients! The Reservation List moves slowly as pups are not just 'churned out'... much thought and planning goes into the decision to breed.... and whom to breed with whom. Each is 'engineered' with a plan in mind :-)

Remember my Roxy's stolen litter in 2004-2005? Breeders in North Carolina who were 'showing' her actually bred her while she was there and sold the pups. Well rightfully, those folks are no longer in the Boykin business. Eventually, I was only able to locate two of the 5 pups produced....and those buyers did not respond to my inquiries. Incredibly, one of those two contacted me and said she had read my Journal about that incident 'recently'. She called to say she was considering 'surrendering' her now 8 year old dog to a shelter, as she

was too overwhelmed with three children and 2 other dogs she had rescued (not Boykin's) over time. His name was Ralphie.



So Ralphie came "home". He is just the most incredible guy possible. God planted him here and he bloomed!!! I cried and cried!

Ralphie's picture is on the 'brags' page...he fell in love with a little boy named Jules....and now has his own 'castle' and people. Jules claims Ralphie as 'his son'... LOL! He looks just like his Mom, Roxy and is beautiful. That litter remains in my heart and on my mind. It is my prayer to Eventually know that each of them has been as blessed as Ralphie is today!

It has been many years since the inception of Hollow Creek Kennel. Today, many of my first litters are very old and/or have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. It is wonderful that their families have come back to Hollow Creek for their next baby ...never to replace what they have lost... only to enhance their lives as a Boykin does.

My "Dawg Shed" is a great blessing.... easing my kennel chores with a bit of convenience. Next edition, I will try to include some photos of it... inside and outside!

The Holidays are creeping up on us.... so remember to send in those photos and stories for the Holiday Edition.... we need a great puppy photo for the cover. Doesn't matter how old they are now...want to see them... back then!

Remember.....



Bloom Where God Plants You!!!

...and Happy Hunting!

Pat



Hollow Creek's Kingfisher on the cover of GunDog magazine.....whooo hoooo!!

COVER PHOTO
HOLLOW CREEK'S
SHILOH

OWNER
JOE & PATTY LAMONICA
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Hollow Creek's Champions of the Past and Present

The top five Boykin Spaniel Champions in the US-Decoy, Daisy, Gus, Cocoa and Gypsy, and all of the Champions shown here, were bred by Patricia Watts, Hollow Creek Kennel.



G CH Hollow Creek's Kingfisher



GRCH Hollow Creek's Amos



CH Hollow Creek's Belle



CH Hollow Creek's Woody Watts



Hollow Creek's Sir Gallient JR



1996 - 2003 CH Hollow Creek's Cocoa Cody



CH Hollow Creek's Rosey CGC



CH Hollow Creek's Sassy Sadie



UWP GRCH Hollow Creek's Gus CGC Best in Show



1998-2008 UWPV SHR UWPCHX GRCH SR, Int/ Can/Am Ch Rarities Hollow Creek's Decoy CGC, MH AKA Carolina's "Decoy"



UWPO UWPCH GRCH Hollow Creek's Hayley AKA Carolina's Hayley



UUWPO UWPCH Hollow Creek's Gypsy CGC, TDI, SH AKA Carolina's Gypsy



1993-2005 CH Hollow Creek's Decoys Boy "Buddy"



1994-2005 Hollow Creeks Chocolate Mouse



UWPO UWPCH GRCH Hollow Creek's Dixie's Daisy AKA Carolina's "Daisy"



1996-2009 CH Hollow Creeks Rosey CGC



GRCH Hollow Creek's Allie-gator



G CH Hollow Creek's Texas Trace



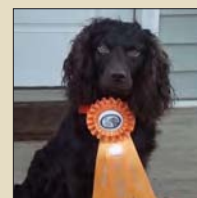
CH Hollow Creek's Roxy



CH Hollow Creek's Shazzi CGC



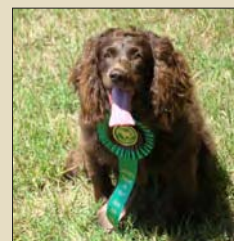
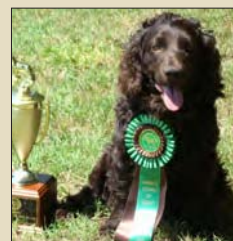
GRCH Hollow Creek's Cocoa CGC



Hollow Creeks Jake Watts Bn RE JH



"These champions are offspring of my boy, Hollow Creek's Frogmore. I mentor and guide those breeding out of my line. Faith (left) and Luke (right) are examples of what happens when breeders work together to produce excellence for the field and conformation.....Faith and Luke belong to my friend, Jackie DeAngelo of Long Island. This is Jackie's first litter of Boykin Spaniels..... her Dam is also out of my Hollow Creek bloodline."



CBSRC Dogs of the Year - The CBSRC holds 6 club trials each year. Here are the results pictured left to right: Amanda, CBSRC Open Dog of the Year; Hollow Creek's Sir Gallient JH, CBSRC Novice Dog of the Year, owner: Pat Watts; Lexie, CBSRC Novice Dog of the Year runner up

Otis THE Boykin Spaniel

by Magda Fernandez



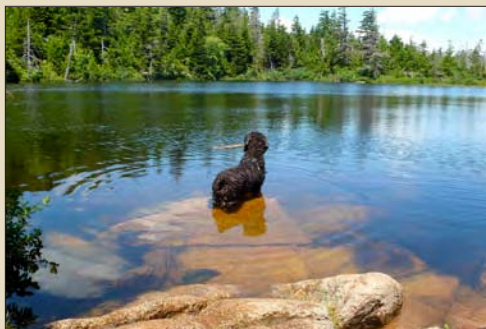
Do any of you hike with your Boykin Spaniel? My husband Greg and I are avid hikers, and we love bringing Otis with us on the trails. Boykins are incredible hikers! Since this quarterly celebrates all that you can do with your Boykin Spaniel, I thought I'd write how Otis did on our hikes this summer on Mt Desert Island in Maine. Once you figure out and respect your Boykin's hiking needs and limitations, you're in for a heck of a treat!

This summer, we rented a seaside cottage on the island for a week, and hiked the many trails in the nearby Acadia National Forest. Before choosing hikes, we purchased a hiking map that specifically grades the trails as Difficult, Moderate, and Easy, and includes a detailed description. Otis is extremely sure-footed and capable of jumping onto a boulder that is slightly taller than he is—as long as he has enough clearance or space in which to build momentum. So we ruled out the Difficult trails because they can be too steep for Otis to scale. We also ruled out a couple of Moderate hikes because they included a few sections with iron rungs—again, out of Otis' hiking range. The half-day hikes we chose were limited to elevations of around 1300 ft, with a good part of those trails being inside the shady tree lines. The hikes that consist primarily of rocky ridge trails afford incredible vistas. But they can be much hotter in the summer and require that you carry a heavier load of water. So for Otis' comfort and the health of our backs, we chose hikes with

brief but nevertheless glorious summits.

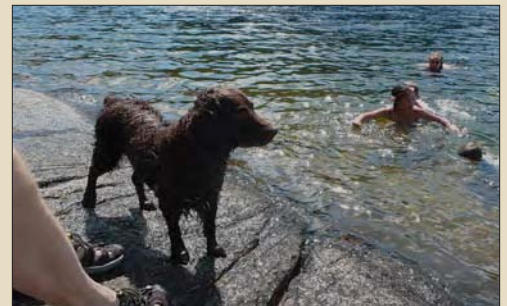
Greg and I always carry water and trail mix on long hikes for the often-needed energy boost. Otis exerts just as much energy as, if not more than, we do on the trails. So we carry lots of water for him as well, along with dried venison treats--his favorite. To reduce his chances of getting giardia, I feed him water frequently to discourage him from drinking in the wooded streams. Dunking in the streams, however, is great because it keeps him cool during the climb. Besides, try keeping a Boykin out of a running stream! I also find that Otis' Easy Walk harness, with the ring on his back instead of his chest, provides a mighty convenient handle for safely heaving him over any tricky parts of the trail.

To see Otis hike those mountains is to witness the famous Boykin Spaniel endurance. He really can go at it all day! Greg and I can take larger steps forward and upward, but Otis keeps apace with us or takes the lead at times. He truly is a companion dog and prefers to stay within our sight. One of the interesting challenges of hiking is assessing the most efficient and safe places to place your feet as you climb. Sometimes it's not obvious, and you have to figure it out before proceeding. I've watched Otis make his choices, and I'm amazed at how intelligent they are. Many times, he's shown me better choices that I hadn't even considered! Watching Otis sniff and mark along the way also revealed to me traces of the elusive mountain wildlife that you rarely get to see.

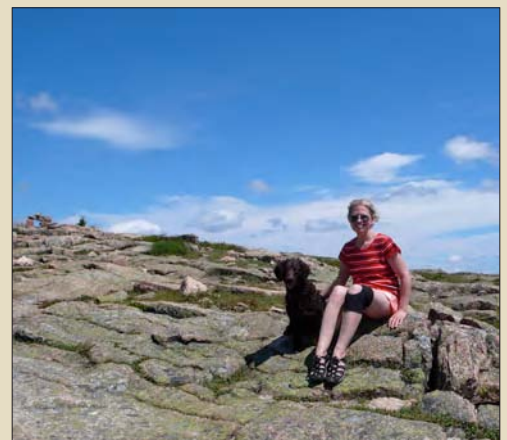


Sargent Mountain Pond

After each hike, we rewarded Otis with a swim off the low granite ledges of beautiful Echo Lake. I've trained Otis to come when called while he's swimming, so that I don't have to worry about him swimming too far. During one hike, Otis got to swim in Sargent Mountain Pond, which, at 1300 ft elevation, is Maine's oldest mountain glacial pond. I do advise that you avoid taking your Boykin to Mt Desert's ocean cliff trails. They're absolutely safe if you stay on the trail. But they were torturous to Otis, whom I had to leash, because he wanted to leap off the cliff to swim in the ocean! I even kept him away from the lower rocky shores and tidal pools because the surf would have been too strong for him. If you follow precautions such as these, you and your Boykin should have a grand old time on the hiking trails. Don't forget to bring your camera, too! For views of Otis in motion at Mt Desert Island, visit <http://www.youtube.com/otisetheboykinspaniel>



Echo Lake



Hadlock Brook Trail



Spotlight on ... Kasey

Here's a photo of Kasey with a fawn. We were given the rare opportunity by nature to share time with this fawn. Kasey & the fawn loved each other very much and were inseparable during the time we had it. It was truly the sweetest thing to watch those two together. Sadly, as the fawn was brought to us by nature, it was also taken back by nature. This picture really represents that love has no boundaries.

- Jennifer Bennett



Travels with Jenny Jo

By Arlo Rissman



Pictures are not enough. Pat wants an article, so here we go.

In the last 15 days, we have traveled 4,600 miles with our new little Boykin, Jenny Jo. She is not yet 6 months old. Of those fifteen days, only four were spent in a motel. The rest of the time we were tent-camping in state and national parks from Louisiana, to Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, to Joshua Tree National Park, the Pacific Coast

Highway, Yosemite National Park, and Sequoia National Park in California, cruising through the mountains of Utah, and now we are just below the Continental Divide in Colorado. It has been interesting.

Day one: Jenny kept fussing and I kept stopping (thinking she had to use the facilities). Most times she didn't; she was just curious and wanted to use her excellent nose to smell new smells. The first evening, she finally settled down in the tent and went to sleep, only to wake me up all night long to go out. Day two: More of the same.

In New Mexico, we survived two nights of extreme weather: high gusting winds (40mph), lightning, and thunder. I had not previously introduced Jenny to gunfire, so the first couple of "crashes" made her jump, but she soon settled down, curled up under the covers and went to sleep—not even waking when lightning hit so close it was 'flash-bang'. We were worried that our tent might come loose from its moorings and fly away, but Jenny was comfortable between us and slept the night away.

Just like a child, if a Boykin puppy is

too quiet, you need to check on them. So far, Jenny has chewed the strap off my wife's camera case, chewed the strap off my duffle bag, chewed the corners off pillows (including a pillow in a hotel), chewed our blankets, chewed the cord to the WaterPic in half, and demolished a box of Kleenex. I'm the driver, so none of this destruction has been under my watch.

Before you get the impression that this has been a miserable experience, think again. Aside from losing a knife that I may never be able to replace (no fault of Jenny's), we've had a great time. Jenny meets no strangers, two or four-legged. She especially loves kids. Everyone comments on how beautiful she is and wants to know what breed she is. Few have ever heard of Boykin Spaniels, so we are educating folks as we go.

Most importantly, she is finally learning to swim and to retrieve. At first, she was not enthusiastic about water, but once the dummy came out, she became obsessed. We started with shallow water and progressed to deeper pools where she actually had to swim to get the dummy. A few times, I had to get it when she hesitated, but soon she totally took over the job.

We are now in Colorado and Jenny has been making friends with dogs and folks. She's been retrieving her dummy in the shallow, rocky rivers close by, and soon we will travel out to Lake San Cristobal for more swimming training.

In her short lifetime, Jenny has traveled over 6800 miles with about 2400 more to go before our summer is over. She has come from sea level to over 12,000 feet above sea level and never missed a beat. Stay tuned for Travels with Jenny Jo.



Smoke Signals from Renegade & Chief



I guess I should start from the beginning:

I was sitting on the couch one afternoon watching TV with my wife Susan and she was doing the usual thing half watching TV and half playing on the computer and we are alone as all of the kids, four total are grown and gone and we had lost our beloved pet Harley the Beagle to a 2 year battle with bladder cancer a couple years before and yes it still hurts today to talk about it. Now to make this story more interesting I am an avid bird hunter; love to hunt ducks, dove, pheasants and most of all quail! At some point that night and out of the blue my wife says come over here and look at these pretty dogs (I have found our next dog) on the Internet. Well I was not happy because I get really attached to my dogs and did not want to go through out-living anymore of them. The first thing that entered my mind was some kind of foo-foo dog I could put in my shirt pocket. I came up behind her in the recliner and peered over her shoulder and was completely blown away; she was looking at Boykin Spaniels. Now me being a quail hunter I had a friend who had a Boykin named Sparky and we had been on many quail hunting adventures together. I ask her what made her choose this breed and did she know I had hunted with them for years? Her response was, I don't keep up with what you do and no I had no idea you had ever seen

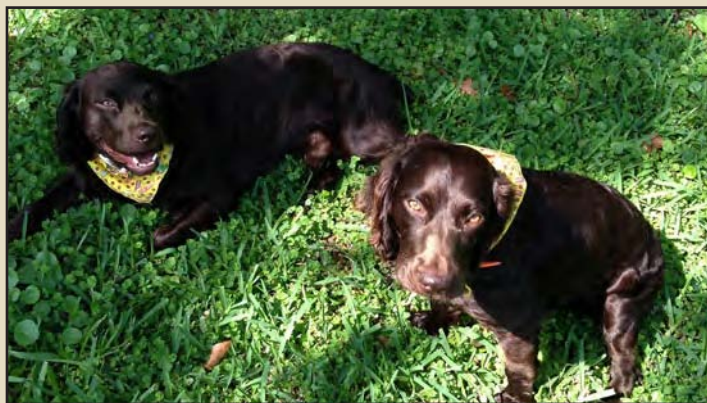
these dogs. Well I knew a few breeders and was sceptical of what she was looking at on the Internet so I started reading about Hollow Creek and was very impressed at what I read; it was almost like everything I read was too good too be true. I am a sceptic when it comes to things like that. I knew the breed was unique to South Carolina so I decided to look at a map and see exactly where Hollow Creek was in South Carolina. I typed in the address and low and behold the first thing I spotted was Lake Murray! My last name is Murray and I do believe in signs from above-so that was it. If I could talk Pat into letting me have one of her pup's it was a done deal.

After a few long interviews/conversations with Pat we were placed on the list for a new puppy and the parents would be Mojo and Jesse. To make a long story short Jesse had nine puppy's four female and five male. We were among the first to get there so we would get a good look at what she had and hopefully one of them would pick us to go home with. As you know Pat is insistent that the dog pick you. When we arrived and met Pat all of the males were taken out to play. I had to go back to the truck to get some bird items to see who would be a good prospect for hunting and two puppies followed me to the truck one with an orange collar and one with a green collar. After spending a couple hours with them the orange collar puppy seemed to like us very much followed by still the green collar. Pat took us down to the lake so all the puppies could have a swim and at that time another man with his two daughters was there and it

was obvious which puppy liked them so Pat decided to do their paperwork; so we were left alone outside with the remaining puppies. The orange collar puppy was not following us back up very well so I decided to go get him and bring him up to the house. I got close to him and started calling him by his new name "Renegade". He did not respond at all and to my surprise the green collar puppy jumped off the porch and ran across the yard straight to me. How about that!! The one I thought was Renegade was not, but my Renegade knew who he was and ready to go home with Susan and myself.

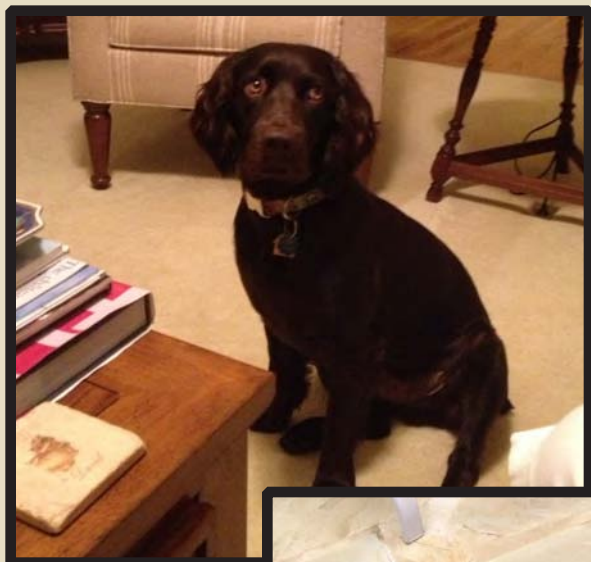
Now when I explained what happened to Pat she said they both liked us enough we could have both. It was hard not to bring them both home; but I knew I would never be closer to them than they were to each other and I knew I would not have good luck training both of them at the same time and I could not leave without my Renegade, ("green collar") and by the way he still wears a green collar he just doesn't look right in any other color! Next I will tell you the story of my Chief who was the runt of the litter and one of only three who made it out of Pat's infamous sick thirteen.

Scottie/Susan/Renegade/Chief

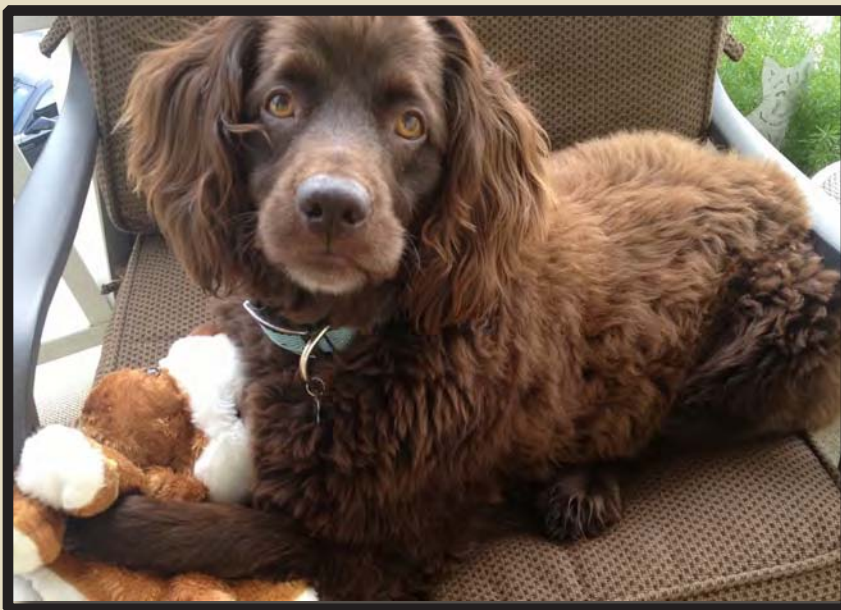


Renegade on left; Chief on right

Waggin Tails



Top: Hollow Creek's Bentley refereeing a game of Clue, Right: Enjoying the patio. - Ann and Carl Krauth of Milton, GA



Above: Ralph - Misty Bost



Above: Hollow Creek's Tobee - Pat Crider of St. Louis, MO



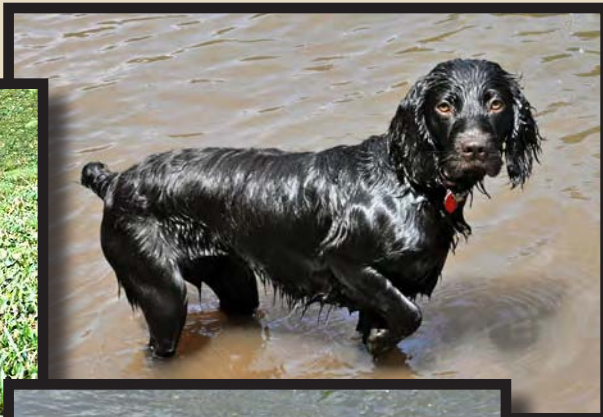
Above & Left: Molly - David and Robyn D' Agresta of Tampa, FL



"Let Me Out!"



Hollow
Creek's
Shiloh
LaMonica



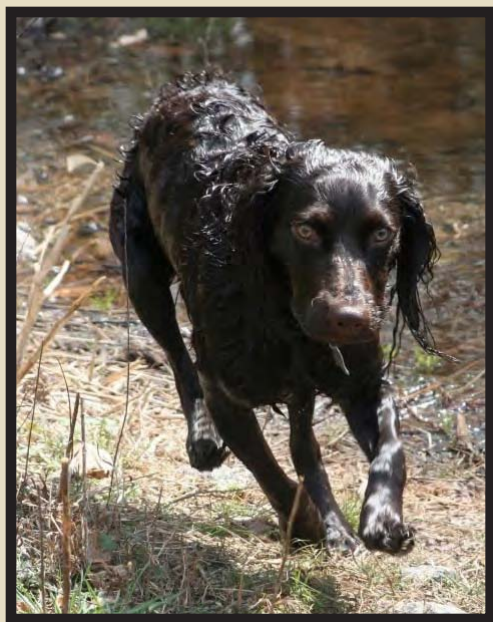
Hollow Creek's Shiloh (above & cover) - We recently spent a long weekend with friends in Pennsylvania's most remote wilderness, known as the Pennsylvania Wilds, where three state forests run together in an area teeming with wildlife. These picture were taken during Shiloh's first water retrieving exercise. She was driven to say the least!

I hope you don't regret letting her go after thinking of holding her from the litter reservations. She really is a special Boykin. Patty calls her "Love-muffin" (gag)! At least I've staved off the rhinestone collar (so far)! Rest easy - when she and I are outside or in the field, she turns on, instantly reverting to the classic sport dog that she is. I suppose this is a classic example of one benefit of the breed, being able to adapt to both family and field life, without compromising ability.

Bird training has stalled just a bit because life happens. A friend has two live chuckers that he is cooping for me. Her first live exercise with small game and gunfire is coming soon, as she is not gunshy and ready to associate booms with birds. Bird season is coming in Fall. We will be out there, both gushing with enthusiasm, regardless of her nickname!

- Joe and Patty LaMonica of Pittsburgh, PA

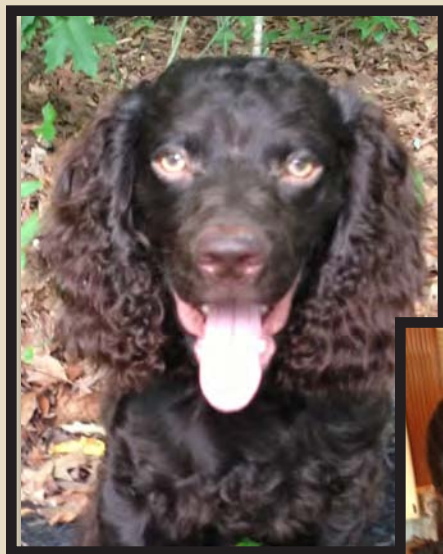
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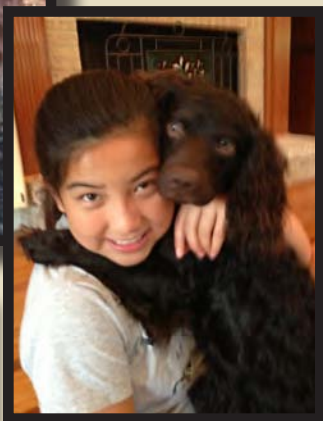
Left & Right: Hollow
Creek's Mojo's Magic
"Tricky"
- Aaron Kidd of GA



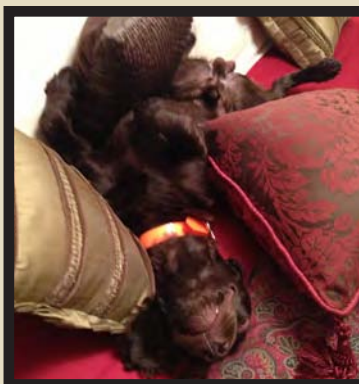
...More Waggin Tails



Left: Enzo at 5 months old,
Below: Anna & Enzo - Mike, Joyce, Austin & Anna MacKay of Oak Ridge, TN



Hollow Creek's Lou's On First, Winners Dog
- Regina Hairie of Saratoga Springs, NY



Above & Right: Hollow Creek's Chief in mom's pillows showing off!

Below: Chief for a head rest and Renegade for a lap cushion - Scottie Murray of Yulee, FL



Above: Lola's favorite spot...my chair.
- Dee Kern



Left: Hollow Creek's Colby and Will
- Jeffrey Harmon of Herndon, VA

Colt the Boykin Spaniel - A Talented Breed

I was thrilled to read your last newsletter and hear things are looking up and you are back on your feet. You have certainly suffered and I have certainly thought of you often. Although I certainly have not had the loss you've experienced, in the period of 16 months, I've had 3 titanium plates put in my neck to replace discs, (after a car accident) a total knee replacement, a carpal tunnel surgery, and the latest, a total reconstruction on my left wrist which involved removing bone and re-attaching tendons. I fortunately have had great outcomes and healing has been a challenge raising a Boykin ('bowling ball' at 53 pounds) and dealing with the 'pulling' issue on-leash-and my fear of him jumping into a pond. Dogs can't jump into ponds in Florida, no matter how many ducks there may be. It only takes one gator.

I've also been blessed with a wonderful trainer who like me, has had the cervical issues, and practically lost his voice, permanently, from the same type of surgery. Colt is a registered support animal, and we are now working with him to have him certified as a medical alert animal. I also have issues with sudden syncope episodes and falling. Three episodes last year in-between surgeries landed me in the hospital with injuries requiring facial suturing, iron infusions and monitoring. He and I will also work with another trainer who specializes in training Colt to alert others if I have a fall and am unable to communicate, and she also teaches the dog to bring a phone. Every time I think he's the smartest dog ever at almost 2, I re-read a newsletter from you and realize I am just blessed to have come across this wonderful breed when I read about and see all the talent that abounds.

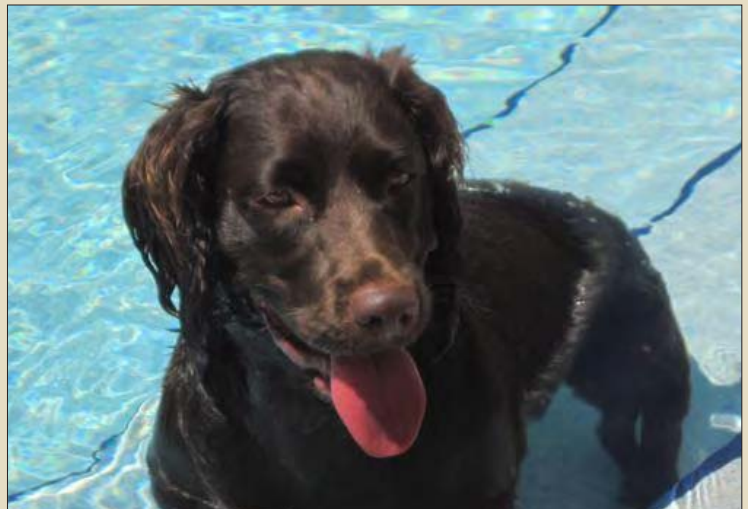
I was also happy to read the article from another owner who uses an

e-collar, which we resorted to as a last recourse in a positive training manner to help with the pulling issue. I physically could not afford to have him pull on me-at all. I enrolled him in a new class (out of town and mostly for the social aspect) and talked to the person who was running the class (I won't call this person a trainer) and I was verbally assaulted for using an e-collar. She repeatedly called it a 'shock' collar when I kept insisting that he has never received a shock, only a vibration-of which I tried out first and personally know that it is extremely annoying and sudden, but not painful. She continued to assault me and I realized she was never going to open her mind, could not understand my limitations and issues, and was going to stay in her 'box'. The e-collar has been the perfect and only device that has given Colt and I a new relationship built on trust and love and gentle correction only as needed. And, he doesn't connect the correction with me, just the negative behavior. He is so happy to get the positive (yes! or a fave treat) that a simple 'beep' sound, immediately alerts him to 'look at me' and see what I need him to do. I would not have been able to keep him and raise him without the understanding trainers I've met who think outside the box. Clickers? Please. Yes, they work, for certain behaviors, and when the dog can hear them! They are amazing, but not for us. I couldn't use gentle leader without being dragged. Colt is a strong, low to the ground, 53 pounds of muscle. I must have gotten the moose of the litter. Gentle Leader, my foot.

The TRAINER (through another class) who put one on him, realized in 15 minutes that Colt was laughing his way around the classroom with it on. Not with his build. And this was at 9 months. He put Colt in a choker collar, and again, I think Colt would rather break his neck or pass out than give up on that squirrel or lizard. His instinct is just too strong, and the choker just gave him something to tug until it hurt. Again, not for us. I never would have considered the e-collar until I talked to someone who had a springer spaniel, and convinced me I owed it to myself and Colt to try it with a professional before giving him up. It has changed us so that I can take him unleashed to the beaches, to the river, and it keeps him OUT of any ponds with a potential for gators. It is a necessary tool to keep him safe, and both of us happy. It has opened up a whole new trust level for both of us. It is a tool that must be respected and taught to use by professionals who teach you how to use it as a positive reinforcement, and not as a negative. I've been fortunate to find those trainers.


I look forward to having Colt at my side for as long as he'll stand me!

- Nancy & Colt Ulano, Stuart, FL




Colt, cooling off after a good run.

Letters to the Editor


 Pat does it again! Thank you for yet another great issue, friend! I always learn something and ALWAYS love looking at the pictures of all the other gorgeous Boykins that grace your pages. Fisher makes one heck of a cover boy! The look on his face is incredible. I hope you framed it! Congrats on the successful transfer of your boarding kennel equipment to your very own "Dawg" shed. That was so smart of you to keep those items to simplify all the work you must do for your own brood. I don't know how in the world you do it. Yes I do—God's got your back ;)

Also, please thank Sharon for her lovely letter to the editor. I'm grateful that she enjoyed reading how we tackled Otis' allergies!

Have a wonderful summer, Pat, and many blessings to you!!!!
- Magda

 Another great issue! I really enjoyed the article on a dogs purpose; this should be required reading for everyone!

- Julie

 What happy faces! Congrats on the Dawg Shed and improvements! You needed a really, really good spring.

Loved the article about vaccinations -- William will be titered next fall -- should be fine. His Golden sister Halley has been titered since 2010 - all is well. And the follow-up article about neutering -- well done!!

Folks here are clueless about properly grooming a Boykin -- subject for a future article? Please? I need the info, too. Doing as little as I can, so I don't fool too much with

his lovely front and head.

I'm still feeding Castor & Pol-lux, but watching carefully since they merged with Merrick. Also feeding Evangers, especially to introduce new protein sources now and again, and they have the best canned food out there, I think.


So - my good news - Hollow Creek's William and littermate Hollow Creek's Colt will finally meet again the first week in September at Barkwells in the Henderson/Asheville area of NC the first week in September. I'll be curious to see the difference in the boys since Colt was neutered at about 6 months and William is intact. William will be in full coat, Colt will be summer shaved. I know they'll both have a great reunion. Will take lots of pix and send them on.

Thanks for the invite to visit -- i know you love all your babies --

I'll let you know.

William's OFA will be back by then, too -- I'll send the results for your breeding records.

- Lee

 Wonderful write-ups, and beautiful pictures in the journal. The Boykin is the picture of all that is beauty, with the form, color, and those beautiful eyes, and ears. Thank you for the work you put into your journals. Also, at the end where you sign off, I want to tell you your words remind me of my mother who always said that to me "Bloom where God plants you." So true. I have tried to use that method and at times very hard, but it did my heart good seeing you write that, and the memory of my little mother came into me. Thank you.

- Ella



Hollow Creek Kennel pups....all eyes on mom!

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