

# BOYKIN SPANIELS FOREVER

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## BOYKIN SPANIEL RESCUE NEWS

BSR met with huge success at the Boykin Spaniel Society Spring Nationals this year. We raised more money than in the past. Our table had lots of visits, from Boykin lovers and from rescued Boykins. People wanted to show off their rescued LBDs even if their particular dogs didn't find a forever home through our system. Several rescues even participated in the competition.

Cyndi Copeland and Dawn Crites secured a primo location for the table, right by the door and the food line. BSS gave us 1.5 pages in the program, enough space that we could include pictures of rescue dogs needing homes.

We had great participation from other BSS volunteers, especially from Allyn and Tim Johnson, who set up and took down the display. Paula Lawrence, Frank Sharp, Cortney Hicks, Cathy Mitchell staffed the booth. Ivey Sumrell loaned her laptop which ran a continuous loop slide show of the last two year's rescues.

The merchandise sold really well. We will be reordering some products.

All in all, it was a lovely event. Lots of wonderful Boykins and lots of pats on the back for Boykin Spaniel Rescue.

Cathy Mitchell  
BSR Volunteer

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SPANIEL HAS BEEN APPROVED  
TO ADVANCE TO THE  
AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB  
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## Tuckered Out

by Danny O'Driscoll



For information about this print, which features Hollow Creek's Chocolate Mouse & GRCH Hollow Creek's Alli-gator, contact Danny O'Driscoll  
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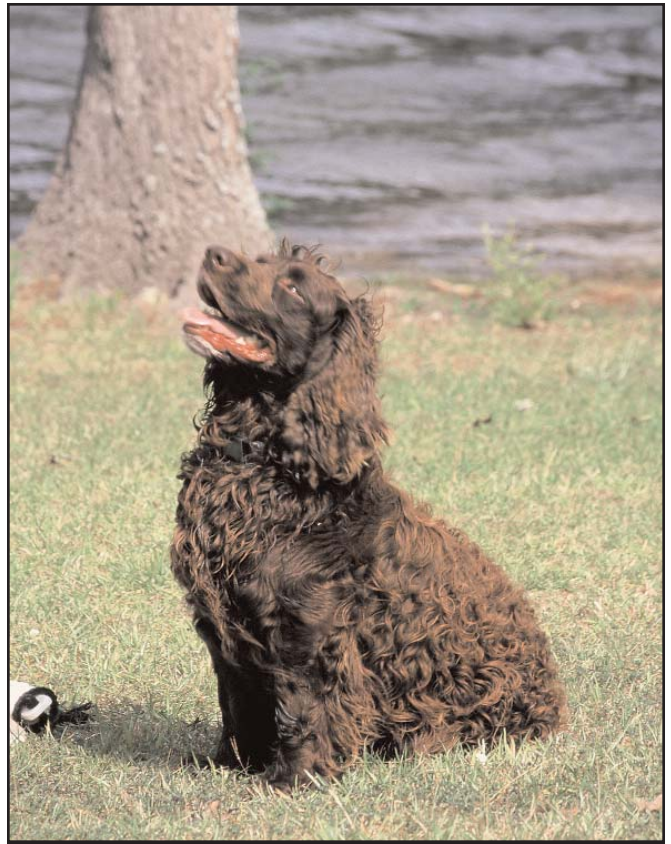
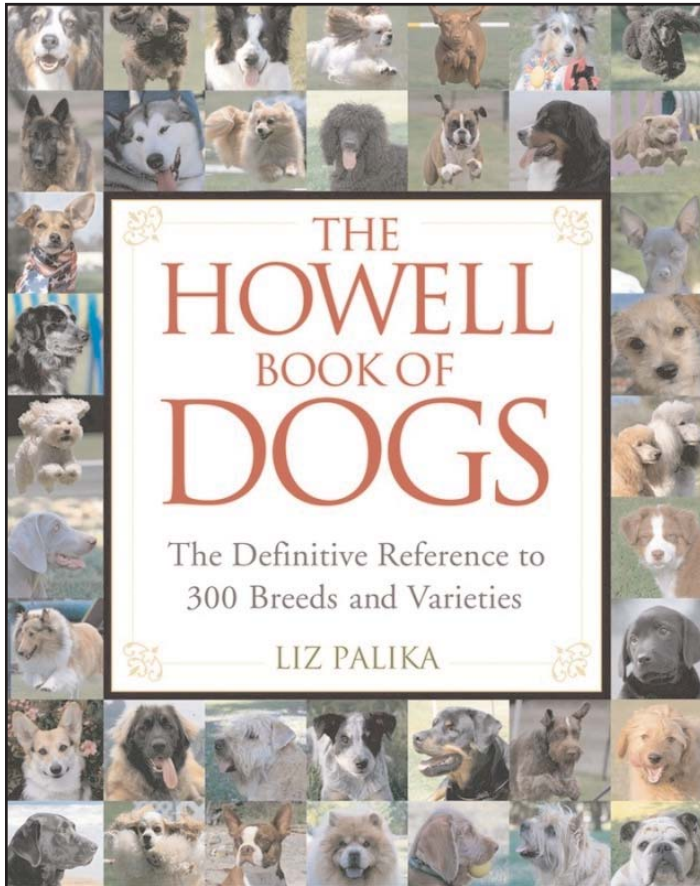
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"BELLA"

OWNER: MITCHELL HUNTER OF GEORGIA

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## Editorial - Great News!!!



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Hi Pat,

*For about a year and a half now, myself and my photo editors – Sheri and Buddy Wachtstetter – have been compiling photos for my latest book project. You were kind enough to send us photos, and I just wanted to let you know that one of the photos has made the final cut and will be in the book.*

*The book is called "The Howell Book of Dogs" by Liz Palika; publisher Howell Book House and is **due to be released August 27th, 2007.***

*Thank you so much for the help; your dog's photo was wonderful and I'm very happy to have it in my book.*

*-Liz Palika LLC; Freelance Writer*

Hi Pat,

*We got the galleys for Liz's dog book and your Boykin Spaniel made it into the book, page 172 to be exact. Congratulations!!*

*All my best,  
Sheri*

**The photograph above was selected to appear in the  
Howell Book of Dogs**

**UWPO UWPCB GRCH HOLLOW CREEK'S GUS, CGC**

**Owner: Patricia L. Watts,  
Hollow Creek Kennel, Leesville, SC  
BoykinSpanielsForever.com**

**(Gus has been awarded many titles and he received the  
"Oscar" of the dog world by being selected Best of Breed at  
the UKC Premier 2003)**





## *Must Read - The Boykin Spaniel Breed Standard*

What is a "breed standard"? A breed standard is a description of a specified breed of dog. It is the written description that a dog will be conformationally judged against to evaluate their physical appearance and structure as potential breeding stock.

A standard will state what a perfect example of the breed will look like as well as what are acceptable parameters and variations within the description of a perfect breed example. It may outline minor and major faults that are allow but not desirable trait that a person may see within the breed. It will also state the "disqualifying" fault; faults that are not allowable in the breed and will cause individuals with these traits to be disqualified from conformational evaluations.

At a conformation or "bench" show, a judge will be given the task of evaluating dogs against their interpretation of the breed standard and ranking the dogs in order from their choice as the best representation and several runners-up. To a conformation judge the breed standard draws a mental picture whether accurate or not of the breed. A poorly written standard will produce a poorly drawn mental picture.

A "breed split" can occur when breeders select stock for only a certain trait and overlook the evaluation of the whole dog. This can happen in field trial stock if breeders only select for dogs that do well in a highly competitive event and do not select for other important traits that comprise the complete picture of the breed. It can happen in the conformation stock if breeders value a trait such as coat texture or eye color and select for stock with those criteria although said stock may not present other important aspects of the breed.

The Boykin Spaniel has not seen a breed split yet. A portion of the Boykin Spaniel devotees has split politically between those favoring the BSS or the UKC or the AKC. However, the breed bloodlines themselves are only a few genera-

tions removed from each other.

The Boykin breed is in jeopardy of becoming split in generations to come. Witnesses only need to observe other Spaniel breeds to see what might be forthcoming. Field trial lines of some flushing spaniels are hyperactive and not suited for a companion dog lifestyle while big-winning conformation show lines have lost their birdiness and require hours of grooming to keep their coat detangled.

Unfortunately the most recent Boykin Spaniel standard instated is very supportive to the conformation show enthusiasts. In 2005 the Board of the Boykin Spaniel Club and Breeders Association of America (BSCBAA) appointed themselves as the committee to write the standard that would be submitted to AKC for breed recognition. The standard was just released to the public in 2007.



**Hollow Creek's Coco**

This version of the standard is very accommodating to those backers of the breed that might wish to trot around a ring with a coifed beauty contestant but it is lacking elsewhere. The description of how to groom your pup does not include a cooling summer clip. It denies the heritage of those bloodlines that carry genes for commonly seen traits such as curly or short coats.

It changes the appearance of the Boykin expression by changing those classic golden yellow eyes to only allow brown eyes with darker brown preferred. The new standard also requires that the Boykin have a double coat although no standard in past history has ever called for this South Carolina breed to be bred with an undercoat.

If conformation show breeders choose to follow the new BSCBAA standard to create a breed that is capable of winning in the ring then they will cause a breed split in that direction. Not only is the physical description of the breed going to be forever altered but also the health. This breed has a very small gene pool. To exclude the bloodlines based on traits that are deemed unacceptable by a select few people within the BSCBAA is to dispose of valuable genes needed to keep the breed healthy.

Luckily the AKC allows all National Parent Clubs to alter their standard every few years. The AKC Board meeting minutes located at:

[http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/boa rd minutes/1106.pdf](http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/boa%20rd%20minutes/1106.pdf) specify the "Guidelines for Writing Breed Standards". This process requires that concerned individuals become active members of the BSCBAA. The active membership of the National Parent Club may call every 5 years for changes to be instituted to the standard. The club must then form a committee of members to hear and draft the requested amendments. Those changes must be approved by a vote from the membership before a request is sent to the AKC to give the final approval on the revisions to the standard.

Time will tell whether enough guardians of the breed will be allowed membership in the parent club in order to re-write the AKC standard to a less damaging depiction or if it will remain as the epitaph of the AKC Boykin Spaniel.

- Chris Prince



## In Loving Memory of Hilleary's Dixie River Blues



**April 1, 1997 - January 27, 2007**

We are so very grieved to report that we lost our dear, beloved River today. She was out hunting with Brian this afternoon, playing on the shoreline, when she collapsed suddenly. Her behavior to that point was her usual, happy, wagging, excited-to-be-out-in-the-world-with-her-person self. We already miss her so very much.

For Brian and I, she was our first "baby", having picked her up as an 8-week old puppy weeks before our first wedding anniversary. She filled so many roles for us through these years: our loyal companion, friend, inspiration, muse, business partner, playmate, model, rescue hero, strange noise investigator, foot-warmer, snack-thief, bandana-wearer, exercise pal, fur-soft-as-silk pillow, tear-licker, storytime buddy, baby-food cleaner-upper, squirrel-chaser, and doorbell.

She was an expert at playing fetch and frisbee, and loved going duck-hunting with Brian more than anything else. Today was the last day of this hunting season, and I know there's no where else she would have rather spent her final time on Earth than with him, doing what they loved.

In remembering her this evening, we remarked how she impacted the world in her nearly 10 years here than many humans manage to do. Our instant affection for her and her breed caused Brian and I to team up with other Boykin Spaniel owners and help organize Boykin Spaniel Rescue. In taking her out and about to events in our region, we generated interest in the breed in a part of the country where no one had ever heard of them before. She single-pawedly helped find homes for more than 25 homeless dogs in the Virginia/DC/Maryland region. Through her desire for a yard and our initial small townhome space, we were encouraged to become active in the Reston Dog Park Coalition, where we lobbied lawmakers and helped to bring a dog park to our beautiful town. She was a beautiful dog, and never did go grey in the muzzle during these nearly 10 years. No wonder she once graced a greeting card and a few calendars with her good looks. We treated her like the Princess she was, giving her run of the house. She rarely abused her good fortune. We named a company after her, we bought her a truck - a 4-Runner, in the same brown color as her coat with vanity plates announcing her presence, and bought a house with the biggest fenced-in yard we could afford so she could have a dog park all her own.

Need we mention she was excellent with people? More than one parent of a previously dog-frightened child remarked how gently she'd take a treat from a child's hand, or how well she listened to commands from the smallest tot. We often said to Connor and Cameron how River was not their dog, but they were her boys. How she loved hanging out under the table during mealtimes, or racing Connor up the stairs (she always won!) and waiting in the upstairs hall during bathtime. She'd do her rounds each evening, stopping in Cameron's room for a goodnight while he nursed, and ending up on Connor's bed for story time. She'd stay there, snoozing at his feet, until long after he was asleep when she'd come downstairs to be let out one last time before settling in at the foot of our bed for the duration of the night. She greeted everyone with exuberance (sometimes too much,) and we often remarked that one day she'd get old and settle down and stop jumping on people in greeting. She was the eternal puppy, to the end. She was much loved by us, and loved us so much in return. Thank you, River.

Tomorrow she'll be laid to rest at Waltham Farm, at the Bend in the Lane, where she demonstrated the peculiar habit of leaping out of the car and racing around that very bend up the lane, barking for joy, whenever we'd arrive for a visit. We said from her earliest days there that when she finally passed on, we'd bury her in that spot where she made her inexplicable barking turn during that excited arrival run.

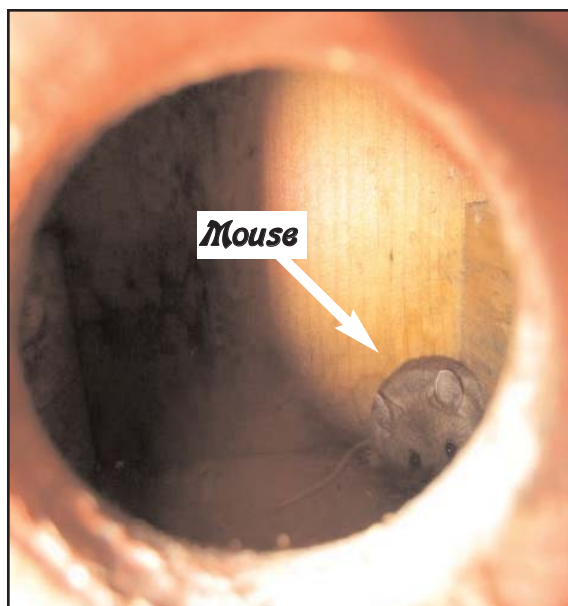
I once read that Adam named this creature, "Dog", the inverse of "God" because whenever he looked, man would see the reflection of God's love for him in a dog's unconditional gaze. We never doubted how unconditional her love was for each of us, and so many who had the pleasure to share her company these past years. Connor summed up our feelings best tonight before bed when he said, "There's a big hole in my heart where River used to be." Indeed, there is.

With regret,

Tanya, Brian, Connor & Cameron







**Boykins hunting for a mouse on the farm  
of Chris Weihs...**

Photo submitted by Greg Copeland



**DOG DIARY**

8:00 am - Dog food! My favorite thing!  
9:30 am - A car ride! My favorite thing!  
9:40 am - A walk in the park! My favorite thing!  
10:30 am - Got rubbed and petted! My favorite thing!  
12:00 PM - Lunch! My favorite thing!  
1:00 PM - Played in the yard! My favorite thing!  
3:00 PM - Wagged my tail! My favorite thing!  
5:00 PM - Milk bones! My favorite thing!  
7:00 PM - Got to play ball! My favorite thing!  
8:00 PM - Wow! Watched TV with the people! My favorite thing!  
11:00 PM - Sleeping on the bed! My favorite thing!

**CAT DIARY** Day 983 of my captivity. My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects. They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while the other inmates and I are fed hash or some sort of dry nuggets. Although I make my contempt for the rations perfectly clear, I nevertheless must eat something in order To keep up my strength. The only thing that keeps me going is my dream of escape. In an attempt to disgust them, I once again vomit on the carpet. Today I decapitated a mouse and dropped its headless body at their feet. I had hoped this would strike fear into their hearts, since it clearly demonstrates what I am capable of. However, they merely made condescending comments about what a "good little hunter" I am. Jerks! There was some sort of assembly of their accomplices tonight. I was placed in solitary confinement for the duration of the event. However, I could hear the noises and smell the food. I overheard that my confinement was due to the power of "allergies." I must learn what this means, and how to use it to my advantage. Today I was almost successful in an attempt to assassinate one of my tormentors by weaving around his feet as he was walking. I must try this again tomorrow -- but at the top of the stairs. I am convinced that the other prisoners here are flunkies and snitches. The dog receives special privileges. He is regularly released - and seems to be more than willing to return. He is obviously retarded. The bird has got to be an informant. I observe him communicate with the Guards regularly. I am certain that he reports my every move. My captors have arranged protective custody for him in an elevated cell, so he is safe. 🐾



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE AKC...



AMERICAN  
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### Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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#### AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES TULSA, OKLAHOMA WILL HOST 2008 NATIONAL AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

--Three Day Competition Slated For Newly Renovated Facilities at Expo Square --

New York, NY— Today the American Kennel Club® announced that the National Agility Championship will be held at Ford Truck and Mustang arenas in Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 28-30, 2008. This is the second time the state will host the AKC® National Agility Championship, which will feature teams competing for top titles in the AKC's fastest growing canine sport.

The Ford and Mustang arenas are located adjacent to one another in the Built Ford Tough Livestock Complex, and will be able to accommodate up to five agility rings. The 13th annual AKC National Agility Championships will award six National Agility Championship titles to dogs in the 8", 12", 16", 20", 24" and 26" jump height categories.

Agility allows dogs and handlers to demonstrate their agile nature and versatility by overcoming a challenging course of obstacles, such as weave poles, tunnels, jumps and seesaws. Teams who have earned at least 6 double qualifying scores and 400 speed points will be eligible to compete in the national championship.

"We are thrilled to be holding the nationals at the Ford and Mustang arenas in Tulsa. With over 1,000 teams likely to compete, these venues will be ideal for competitors as well as spectators," said Sharon Anderson, AKC Agility Director. "We look forward to working with all agility enthusiasts in the state of Oklahoma who will help us put on a top notch event."

For more information about the 2008 AKC National Agility Championship, visit:  
[http://www.akc.org/events/agility/national\\_agility\\_championship/index.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/agility/national_agility_championship/index.cfm)

The American Kennel Club, founded in 1884, is a not-for-profit organization which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its nearly 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. More than 20,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, hunt tests, field and earthdog tests. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).





# Healthwise

## MONITORING EARS FOR INFECTION IS GOOD PREVENTIVE MEASURE

Owners who take time to regularly check their dogs' ears for signs of infection or inflammation are likely to catch an ear problem before it can develop into a more serious condition. Ear problems account for an estimated 6 percent to 20 percent of canine veterinary visits.

Some breeds are more susceptible to ear problems because their long ears can trap moisture and harbor yeast, bacteria or parasites. Others have upright ears that allow good air circulation, making them less vulnerable to ear problems. Yet all dogs can have ear infections related to underlying health problems, such as food allergies or hypothyroidism.



**Bella**

### Signs of Ear Infection

Experts recommend checking the condition of a dog's ears weekly for signs of an ear infection, which include:

- Unpleasant odor;
- Scratching of the head or ears;
- Head shaking;
- Moaning in pain;
- Ears that are warm, swollen and red;
- Discharge that is black or yellow;
- Excess of dark brown wax or bleeding;
- Resistance to being touched on the head;
- Head tilting to one side; and
- Lethargy, depression or irritability.

Canine ear infections can start with water in the ears from swimming or bathing. Dogs that go swimming in the summer should always be checked for ear infections, especially when they have been exposed to water from a lake or pond. Mites, foreign objects such as foxtail grass, tumors, or polyps also can trigger infections, as can aller-

gies, autoimmune disease or endocrine system conditions such as thyroid disease. Of these, allergies are the most common cause.

Dogs can be allergic to the same things as humans: trees, grass, house dust mites, weeds, flea saliva, foods and even other pets. An accurate diagnosis and treatment of the underlying condition is necessary as well as treating the ear infection. An owner should take a dog with signs of an ear infection to the veterinarian for proper diagnosis and treatment.

Red, swollen ears are the first signs of a dog with an ear infection. A dog's ear canal is lined with skin. When it becomes inflamed due to infection or inflammation, the canal reddens and swells due to increased blood flow. The swelling narrows the canal, reducing the ability of fluid and air to move through as it normally would. As a result, bacteria and yeast lie in the ear canal, causing an infection. The ear canal returns to normal after the primary condition is resolved.

Veterinarians typically diagnose an ear infection by evaluating an ear smear under the microscope, which might reveal an abnormal number of certain bacteria or yeast or an abnormal number of white blood cells or other cell types, or taking a culture of fluid from the ear. If an infection is diagnosed, owners must clean the dog's ear, using a veterinarian-recommended ear-cleaning solution, and treat with medication for the length of time prescribed by the veterinarian.

Some cases may require a deep ear flush under anesthesia. If the inflammation is severe, a veterinarian also may prescribe oral antibiotics and steroids to help reduce swelling. Most patients will need to be rechecked by the veterinarian who will look into the ear with an otoscope to ensure that the infection has resolved.

### Preventive Measures

To help prevent inflammation and ear infections, owners should check their dogs' ears weekly. Ear cleaning helps

to remove wax and debris that could obstruct the ear canal. It also helps to remove small foreign material and toxins that if left in the ear could damage cells and cause infection and inflammation.

Owners should clean ears by filling the ear well with a cleaning solution. Place a paper towel under the ear to catch any spillage, and gently massage the solution into the ear, working it down the side of the head into the ear canal holding the earflap away from the dog. Visible parts of the ear can be wiped gently with cotton, but one should never probe deeper into the ear. Never use a cotton swab or other probing instrument. Be sure solution does not run into the dog's eyes because cleaners contain detergents that could damage the cornea. If solution gets in the dog's eyes, flush them with water. Ears should be cleaned no more than once every 48 hours.

Dogs with a tendency for wax buildup may require a special cleaning solution to help break down the wax. Normal canine earwax is a yellow-brown glistening material found in the external ear canal. If there is wax but no odor or redness, owners can clean the ears using an ear cleaner recommended by the veterinarian.

Veterinarians generally do not recommend using hydrogen peroxide for cleaning dogs' ears. Hydrogen peroxide breaks down into water and oxygen and typically leaves water behind. Avoid harsh concentrations of white vinegar or isopropyl alcohol in the ear. As some medications and ear cleaners can cause deafness, especially if the eardrum has been punctured, it is important to check labels and read instructions and to consult with your veterinarian.

Ultimately, preventing ear infections require careful monitoring to be sure the ear is healthy. A healthy ear should be dry and pink inside the ear canal. It also should be soft, pliable and cool to the touch, but with no odor. A dog with healthy ears feels well and will allow petting and stroking on the head.



# Waggin' Tails ...

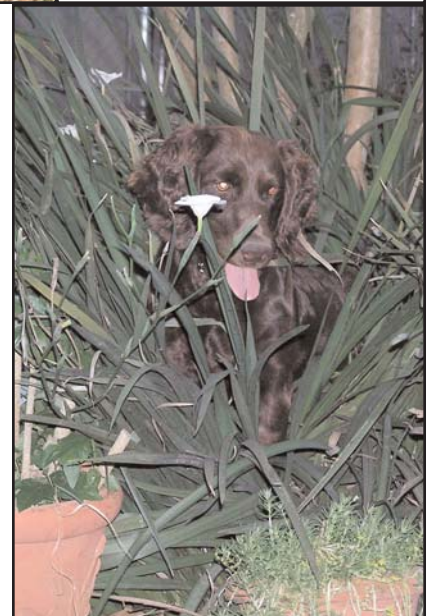


**" Texas Trace Lex Luka"**  
approx 10 months old. He  
loves to chase the birds in  
our backyard or visit his  
"girl" friend at the fence  
(photo to left). He is  
growing into such a great  
boykin and has stolen our  
hearts forever.

**James and Karen Verret  
New Iberia, LA**



**"Jumper" Griffin**  
Jumpers training is going  
well. He loves to retrieve  
and swim. My plan now is  
to take him to the skeet  
range to ease him into  
hearing gun fire.  
**Charlie & Maureen, VA**







Here is "Hollow Creek's Jackson" working on his swimming and retrieving skills. His favorite retrieving item is a frozen fully-feathered duck! I think he could carry a goose, no problem. We can't wait for the first of the hunting season. Neither can Jackson! -Laura Nichols Ventura, CA

Hollow Creek's Beauregard  
"Bobo"  
Samantha Schmidt, Seabring, FL



Hollow Creek's "Ruger" is doing great!!  
Retrieving doubles and he is starting blinds on him know.  
Mike has had him out hunting with the boys and what a great personality on him! - Mike & Kristin Olzacki  
*Pictured from left to right Hollow Creek's Roxy O., Hollow Creek's Sadie O. and Hollow Creek's Ruger.*



"Bella" & Alex  
Bob Sanders - Foley, AL

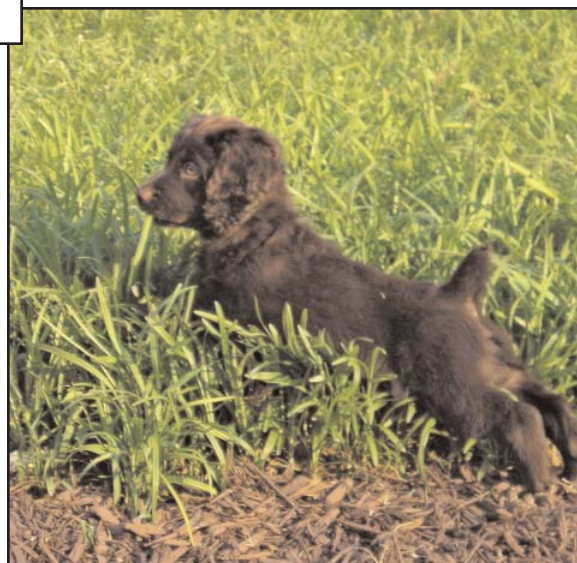




*...& More Waggin' Tails!*



**Stuckey's  
Oconee Decoy  
a/k/a "Deke"  
14 months old  
Owner:  
Tony Stuckey  
of  
Atlanta, GA**







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