

# BOYKINS IN THE AKC

The FIRST ever Best of Breed in an AKC show ring. Below: Roxy with her handler, Correy Krickeburg and Breeder/Owner, Patricia Watts



Fab Five in the AKC  
Pictured from left to right: "Peaches", "Roxy", "Belle", "Cocoa" & "Gus"



"Belle" with her handler, Rindi Gaudet



"Allie", winner of the most Best of Breed in the AKC with her handler, Vivian Grice, Aiken, SC

## Legacy of Miss Dixie

### Hollow Creek's Legacy

January 1991-January 19-2008



My Beloved Miss Dixie, the monarch of my kennel, passed early this morning (1-19-2008). **Erva's Miss Dixie** was "my" first Boykin Spaniel. She and Sir Casey were the foundation of what was to eventually become the Hollow Creek Kennel's breeding program.

We celebrated her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 15 ...and she passed on the 19<sup>th</sup>...just 14 years ago today, she had given birth to Hollow Creek's Rosey. I remember it so well. She insisted on having her pups in my bed. She always wanted to be as close to me as she could possibly get...and that is the way she passed. Her name suited her. She always held her head high and walked with tremendous pride.... even in her old age. She never stooped to beg for anything...she patiently waited until you came to her and offered.

Letting her go was heart wrenching. She "failed" fast within a period of 24 hours...and I could see in her eyes that she was tired and ready. I could not make her linger and suffer just because I wasn't ready....I would never have been ready. She was with me almost as long as my son was prior to his leaving the nest for college. Dixie consoled me through many difficult times in life. She as there through so very many Lupus flares ..... and she loved me unconditionally. For all of her life, she would lie quietly beside me in my bed during my Lupus flares. She helped to heal me in so many ways. She watched over me when

she knew I could not do it for myself. She had a way of getting into the bed and out of the bed so gently that I would not feel her movement...as movement during a flare causes me great discomfort and she seemed to know that.

While Dixie loved the water, she did not love to hunt...she loved to retrieve....yet only retrieved game because of her love for me. Exceptionally bright, she helped me to train Rosey and others. One day, she patiently lounged on the deck and watched me teach Rosey the "baseball" diamond directional lesson. At first Rosey was having difficulty realizing exactly what I wanted her to do and just sat at the pitchers mound as I was frantically hand signaling for her to pick up the dummy at 1<sup>st</sup> base. After a short while, I watched as an exasperated Miss Dixie leisurely came down the deck

stairs...walked over to 1<sup>st</sup> based....picked up a dummy...walked to Rosey...gave her a "mothers' look"...then turned and delivered the dummy to me ...sitting and releasing perfectly. Her message was clear...and Rosey understood. Rosey became the finest Boykin with whom I have ever had the pleasure to hunt. She is 14 years old today and she still hunts with me in Kansas....and now she teaches the others. Like mother...like daughter.

Another time, Dixie lay in my lap as we watched a training video on TV...the trainer threw a dummy...to Miss Dixie it appeared to have landed in the dining room. She became concerned that no one was sent to retrieve it. She kept looking around the corner ... and finally jumped from my lap to go and find it herself! I laughed... she came back and resumed her position after she had assured herself that the dummy was not in the dining room. So much for dogs not watching TV.

Erva's Miss Dixie's progeny includes many "greats": Hollow Creek's Chocolate Mouse, CH Hollow Creek's Rosey, GRCH Hollow Creek's Gus CGC, GRCH Hollow Creek's Cocoa CGC, Hollow

Creek's Decoy's Boy (Buddy), GRCH Hollow Creek's Cocoa Cody, GRCH Hollow Creek's Decoy II MH, CH Hollow Creek's Penny, GRCH Hollow Creek's Gypsy MH, GRCH Hollow Creek's Allie-gator, CGC, GRCH Hollow Creek's Haley, GRCH Hollow Creek's Sassy Sadie, GRCH Hollow Creek's Amos, Hollow Creek's Great Santeenee (Santee), CH Hollow Creek's Roxy, Hollow Creek's Ruby, Hollow Creek's Santee Cooper, Hollow Creek's Roux, Hollow Creek's Bear, Hollow Creek's Cooper, Hollow Creek's Izzie-belle, Hollow Creek's Belle, Hollow Creek's Brown Sugar, Hollow Creek's Peaches .... And so forth....her blood flows in every Hollow Creek dog ever whelped...and thus their offspring...and thus her legacy will continue ..... and she will never leave my heart. I will see her again. I know without a doubt, that Casey, Sassy, Mouse, Buddy, Cody and now my Miss Dixie are playing at the Bridge ...listening and waiting for my call ... so that we can walk together once again.

Erva's Miss Dixie's offspring took the first hunting and conformation ribbons ever awarded by the American Kennel Club. Her progeny are the most decorated Boykin Spaniels to date, in the United Kennel Club and the American Kennel Club. Were there a Boykin Spaniel Hall of Fame, she certainly would qualify for entry. One can not deny that Miss Dixie IS Hollow Creek's Legacy. She leaves a magnificent legacy for the Boykin Spaniel breed.

