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## A FUN TRAINING DAY

This article may look similar to one earlier this year, but I assure you it is a different article about a different training day with more photos and another happy ending.

We at Texas Trace co-host these events regularly in historic Chapel Hill, Texas with ClassicLabs Kennel. We all look forward to a great day outdoors with Boykin and Lab owners, their families and of course their pups. The day of this event, October 17, 2009, had to be one of the most gorgeous days this decade and not a better time to be out with your dog enjoying the day, the camaraderie of Boykins owners and maybe learning something new. We did welcome a few Boykin-less folks who came out to run some of our Boykins and experience the day and the training.

Again we were blessed to have Linda Palmer Weld, a retired, nationally renowned trainer of Labrador retrievers, to lead the day of training - Companion, Obedience, Gun Dog Training as well as Trailing and Agility.

Doug Growden, a hunt test/field trial judge and well known trainer from Katy, Texas, demonstrated flushing/retrieving training with live birds, shooting and hunt test simulation. He also showed off his **Pointing Boykin**, Texas Trace Diesel - yes, as all the converted know, this most versatile of spaniels can be trained to point.

Each of these very patience trainers spent the day with not only group instruction but hours of one-on-one training and more coaching of humans than dogs.

The chicken and ribs we had for lunch were slow cooked over a Mesquite wood fire - man, it was ooooh so good. The meat was unbelievably tender and the taste fantastic.

It was a full day which wore out most of us and ended with several toasts to the sunset with Sangria - it was an absolutely stunning sunset, or at least as well as I remember it.

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## COVER

*Featured photo is  
Hollow Creek's  
"Gus" Norine of  
Myrtle Beach, SC*

*Owners Are Jim and  
Jacie Norine*

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## UPCOMING AKC EVENTS OF INTEREST

### January 2010

*(January: Florida Circuit plays  
out in Florida throughout  
January 2010 so check AKC  
web site for specifics)*

8 - 11 Ormond Beach, FL  
Greater Daytona Dog Fanciers  
Association/Jacksonville Dog  
Fanciers Association

9 - 10 Pendleton, SC  
Clemson Kennel Club

30 - 31 Ladson, SC  
Charleston Kennel Club

### February 2010

5 - 7 Atlanta, GA  
Sawnee Mtn. Kennel Club/  
Conyers Kennel Club of Ga/  
Lawrenceville Kennel Club

19 - 21 Greenville, SC  
Greenville Kennel Club/English  
Cocker Spaniel Club of Am./  
Hendersonville Kennel Club



## From the President . . .

*"Do not go where  
the path may lead, go  
instead where there is  
not path and leave  
a trail."*

*- Ralph Waldo  
Emerson*

It is hard to believe that over a year has passed since the reorganization of the Boykin Spaniel Club and Breeders Association of America, the official AKC parent club for the Boykin Spaniel. It was just a few months ago that we learned that as a result of our commitment and effort to steer the organization in a direction of integrity that the breed would become fully recognized by the American Kennel Club after over a decade of enrollment in the Foundation Stock Services program. With a fully seated board of directors, a renewed membership and a view to the future, the sky is the limit for our little brown dogs. What a trail has been blazed, and what a year it has been of hard work, commitment, friendships and dedication to our little brown dogs.

What is the AKC really about? Founded in 1884, the AKC and its affiliated organizations, such as the Canine Health Foundation, advocate for the purebred dog as a family companion, advance canine health and well-being, work to protect the rights of all dog owners and promote responsible

dog ownership. When you find time, take a tour at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org). You will be impressed by the opportunities waiting for you and your Boykin Spaniel!

As we begin this next year, it is important that we do not forget our history. As an AKC sanctioned breed recording our history becomes even more important. Do you own an AKC foundation stock enrolled Boykin Spaniel? If so, your dog is part of our legacy. Consider sending us a photo and a short profile highlighting his or her pedigree and achievements. Please be sure to include his or her registered name and AKC FSS number. These can be sent directly to the newsletter editor for future issues and will be added to our growing archives.

Perhaps you have old newsletters or club items from when the organization was first organized. Over the years many things have been misplaced, so any additions you might have to our collection would be appreciated. Even an old photo from a past event would be considered a treasure!

Nominations and elections are just around the corner, if you are interested in being considered for a board position or would like to recommend a candidate, please, contact any member of the current board by telephone or e-mail. Additionally if you have an idea for a new committee or would like to volunteer to work on an existing committee, please let a board member know. We have lots to do and all help is appreciated!

Finally as part of our celebra-

tion of the full sanctioning of the breed, the board of directors will be recognizing individuals who have contributed to the breed and organization over the last decade through the establishment of the Boykin Spaniel Club and Breeders Association of America's Legacy Program. This year and each year going forward, our board of directors will recognize an individual or group of individuals that has supported and furthered the mission of the organization with the annual BSCBAA Legacy Award. Your input is needed for this program to be a success. Look for the announcement of the 2010 Legacy Award winners in the next issue!

Until next time.... Keep making things happen by rocking those boats with your little brown dogs!

*Paisley*

- Paisley Stevens Knudsen,  
President of the Boykin Spaniel  
Club and Breeder's Association



# AKC DOG SHOW ENTRY 101

by Sharon Kauzlarich

As that magic date fast approaches and our Boykins will have the opportunity to show the entire world what a wonderful addition the breed will be to AKC, many owners are probably wondering the ins-and-outs of entering an AKC dog show. Although it may seem complicated in the beginning, it is really quite simple. I've found the internet to be the most effective method. Let's step through how to find a show and then complete an entry.

**Is my dog eligible to show?** That's the first thing; your dog must be eligible to enter an AKC conformation show. Dogs must be at least 6 months old on the day of the show, not a day younger. The dog must hold an AKC full-not limited-registration number and be in-tack. And you must appear as one of the owners or agent of the owner.

**How do I find a show?** Refer to the AKC website at <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>. When you go here a map of the United States will appear. Simply click on the states where you'd like to show, select the timeframe and event type (conformation) and click "Search". This will bring up all shows meeting your selection criteria. You will look for shows with Event Type abbreviation of "AB" for All Breed.

October 2009												Search Again
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Click on the name of the event, in the case Augusta Kennel Club, Inc. and the next screen will give you information below.

## Augusta Kennel Club, Inc.

Event No: 2009028903  
 North Augusta River Park  
 100 Riverview Dr.  
 North Augusta, SC  
 Web Site: <http://www.augustakennelclub.org>  
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 All AKC-Recognized Breeds  
 Start Date: Saturday - October 03, 2009  
 End Date: Saturday - October 03, 2009  
 Closing Date: Wednesday - September 16, 2009  
 Closing Time: 12:00:00 AM  
 Time Zone: EASTERN

For additional information contact:  
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 PO Box 22107  
 Greensboro, NC 27420-2107  
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Important information includes the location of the show, superintendent, as well as the closing date and time for this show. Note the closing time is always based on the time zone of the superintendent not yours. There are no exceptions to this rule; if you miss the entry date and time the superintendent will not add your dog after the fact. Most shows close at noon approximately two weeks before the event date. It is important to note the entries must be made with the superintendent, not with AKC. So once you decide on the show have all your important information in front of you (registration paper and charge card) and go to the superintendent's website. Most of the websites are very self-explanatory on the entry process. Should you not be able to figure something out, call them!

**What class do I enter?** AKC divides the classes by sex and age. As a rule of thumb you enter your dog into the appropriate age group. Determine the age of your dog on the day of each show. You may, should you choose, enter your dog into a class for older dogs but not a class for younger dogs. And of course if you are the breeder of record you may enter into "Bred By Exhibitor". Proper class entries are extremely important. Should you win a class for which you are not eligible, AKC will rescind the win.

*There you have it. Not a big deal. See you all in January.*





## Spotlight... Hollow Creek's Gus Norine

Gus is a love and he's happily adopted us since day one. We think our 10 yr. old Golden Retriever Casey is the main reason Gus felt so at home right away. Gus is tough on Casey - body slamming him, climbing on him, sitting on Casey's head and biting his ankles and ears. Luckily Casey tolerates it.

Gus is the most natural hunter we have ever seen in a dog. Once he started practicing retrieving with a dummy and lead, that's all he wants to do all day and night. He also likes to retrieve from the kiddie pool in our backyard on hot summer days.

Away from home Gus is extremely shy with strangers and has a shy bladder. At home he's a hellion. We've worked hard to socialize him and realize he has to be the one to make the first move if he's going to make friends. It doesn't work if the other person or dog comes to him.

Gus has a girlfriend in the neighborhood a month younger than he is - her name is Sugar and she's a black miniature longhair Dachshund. She stands on her back legs and holds Gus' face between her front paws - and he lets her. He's mesmerized.

Gus has taken over our household, choosing to sleep and rest on the furniture instead of the floor. His favorite place to sit is on the arms of the furniture.

Gus was certainly a good match for us. We love him dearly and can't imagine our lives without him. He been great for Casey too, who was mourning the loss of his two brothers last year. Now Casey prances around, wagging his tail, playing tug of war with Gus - makes him seem years younger.

- Jim and Jacie Norine  
Myrtle Beach, SC





## Seeing Spots on Little Brown Dogs

**Déjà vu? Here we go again?  
What goes around comes around?  
Demand creates supply?**

All are terms that indicate we have learned little, or nothing, and soon we may be in the unique position to either prove that untrue, or underscore its sad re-occurrence.

The Boykin Spaniel is poised on the threshold of becoming the newest darling of the dog world! We are all very excited about this, we have worked very hard for this to occur, for we all have the foresight to know that even with all its downfalls, the American Kennel Club is THE foremost dog organization in the country today, and synonymous as the standard in registration for pure-bred dogs, in the eyes of John Q. Public. All in all, the inevitable and impending AKC registration of the Boykin Spaniel will be a good thing, and I feverently agree with that statement.

Unfortunately, it will increase the popularity of the breed and I put it that way because I've been there, with another breed....the Dalmatian. And as anyone who was around when Disney, in their infinite wisdom for money-making, decided to re-release the 1960s cartoon, 101 Dalmatians, and then make a real-live version of the same, not to mention the sequels and spin-offs, throughout the years, I can attest to what a nightmare owning and breeding a "popular breed" can be. I will say, there are both negatives and positives associated with the popularity of a breed, and while I do not wish to debate them all, I do want to call attention to the one aspect of the breed's soon-to-be newfound popularity that we all, as responsible breeders and owners and caretakers of the breed, must become aware....there are going to be a lot....and I mean A LOT....of Little Brown Dogs in America, and sooner, rather than later.

So, we are all aware that soon the Boykin will become AKC registerable and the public will be exposed, as they never have before, to the wonderful qualities that made us all fall in love with our Little Brown Dogs! They are small (i.e., you can stick 'em anywhere

for traveling!), they are lovable, they are exuberant and overly-willing to please, they exhibit an almost fanatical-excitability when working (whether in the field or the obedience/rally/agility ring or even the conformation ring, where they are as yet largely unheralded, but with their bright-eyed showy attitude, they will surely soon make a large impact upon AKC judges, who look for that extra spark of brilliance... for we cannot deny that this dog will give that to them, and then some!) and they are intelligent enough to learn just as quickly. These same attractive characteristics, however, will undoubtedly allure to our breed those who seek to make a fast dollar, those who will be trying to supply the demand of the public for our Boykins, translation: breeding-for-profit breeders, a.k.a., puppy millers. (Not that they don't already exist, but look for them to be on the upswing in numbers, I'd predict.) And just as every responsible breeder knows, while we love our Boykins, they will not be the perfect dog for everyone.... no breed is. And breeding-for-profit breeders and pet shops will not care who buys them, as long as they get top dollar for them, which they will. This is a blueprint for disaster, for people who should never have a Boykin will have one, and six months or so later, they want to take the easy way out and "get rid of the dog" that they have not taken the time to train or provide proper exercise or care for, anyway.

Enter the problem: the banishment of a record number of Boykins to life in a small fenced pen or at the end of a rope or chain in a yard (from which the resourceful Boykin is apt to escape and be in mortal danger from cars, larger more aggressive dogs, or Animal Control), or the dumping of Boykins in shelters across the country. People will forget or be too embarrassed to remember that when they purchased their Boykin they signed a contract to return it to the breeder if they did not want it or could not keep it, assuming, that is, that the dog is protected by such a contract at all, for many times a puppy miller has no intention or desire to take the dog back, unlike a responsible breeder. And people will seek to get rid of their "problem" as fast as they can. Now I

sincerely hope I am wrong, but I have to say, I have more faith in history repeating itself than I do in people taking the time to ignore their kids' pleas for how much they want one of those cute, little brown dogs, who are people who mean well, but are not educated about the breed, and who purchased the dog the quickest way they could (same as how they now want to dispose of it).. I think in a few months, possibly a year, or two, we will see a dramatic increase in the number of litters being bred, and the number of Boykins found, unfortunately unwanted, in all sorts of places, animal shelters and rescuer homes included. Where are these rescue homes and organizations to caretaker of the unwanted Boykins going to come from? Where are the resources and money going to come from to handle the increased expenses in bailing out the Boykins from shelters, vetting them and correcting their medical problems to bring them back to adoptable status, re-training them (maybe training them for the first time, too), sheltering them and searching for a new forever home for them? And where are these new forever homes going to come from, when the word gets out that this is not the dog for everyone (as no dog is anyway)?

I certainly do not wish to put a damper on everyone's celebration here, about the arrival of the Boykin Spaniel within the ranks of the AKC. I can party as hard as the next guy! But I do think we owe it to the breed we love, to think about these things. With AKC recognition comes some added responsibilities that we need to recognize and plan for and we do our LBDs no favors by ostrich-sizing (no, that's not a misspelling) the future. Now is the time to make a game plan, for when we're already on the field, we'd better know the plays by heart, or it will be too late to win the game.

*Tina*

- Tina Thomas Batchelor, LVT  
Belle Creek Boykin Spaniels  
BelleAire Dalmatians

*In Loving Memory of CH Hollow Creek's Rosey  
1996-2009*

My Rosey was diagnosed with Congestive Heart Failure at the young age of thirteen. Her vet predicted a rapid decline, suffering and imminent death, and thus I was encouraged to go ahead and let her go. Even the senior veterinarian of the practice, my dear friend of over 17 years, said the same thing. My only reply was, "She is not telling me that she is ready".

And Rosey was not ready for another seven more months during which she continued to truly enjoy swimming, playing, and retrieving with her "pack family". And walking and sleeping with me! Early September brought changes for my Rosey; eating was becoming difficult for her as her esophagus had become enveloped with a tumor. Our daily walks around the property had become somewhat exhausting for her, ending with me occasionally carrying a very indignant Rosey back up the hill!

That last evening, September 5, 2009, her eyes told me the story. Rosey was indeed ready; not to leave me, but for peace from her body's discomfort. Her body had aged while her mind had not and she understood what was happening to her. She curled beside me on the couch for awhile that afternoon, and much later looked toward the front door. I asked if she wanted to go outside and she did. It was dusk and we walked together, just us two as we had done every day for the past 13 years, either in the field hunting or just at home. Usually in the evening, after all others were up for the night, it was "her" time and she and I would spend "our" time walking and then snuggling. She always waited patiently for me to finish feeding, cleaning and group walking, swimming, or playing with the others because she knew that after I finished it would just be the two of us.

Back on the couch with her head in my lap, I made the call to her Vet and she said she would come. When she arrived, Rosey strangely greeted her Veterinarian with a nuzzle of her cool nose. Normally, her "Vet greeting" would not have been so loving, only tolerant and truce like politeness. She liked her vet, but not anything to do with medical treatment of any kind.

It took only the smallest amount of medication to provide her relief, as she was indeed ready. She gave no resistance and never moved her head from my lap. I wept uncontrollably as she crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. Heaven is low now aglow as Rosey has arrived! But I am a mess!

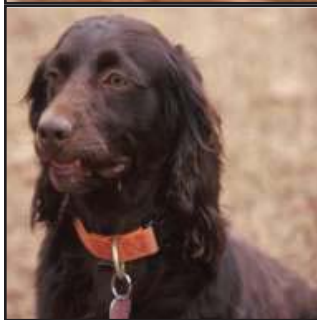
There is so much I want to share with you about my beloved Rosey, but my heart just can't do that right now for it hurts far too much. Suffice it to say that of all the Boykins in my life, she has been the greatest blessing of all. She was, without a doubt, the finest hunting companion I have ever had the pleasure to hunt behind. She was also my training partner and without her guidance I would not have been able to train all of those who followed her. Her progeny will carry her legacy.

The length of a dog's life is testimony of how well they are taken care of and loved. And that is, after all, what it is all about. Hunting dogs should first and foremost be a pet and family member! That has always been MY personal platform as a breeder of this wonderful hunting breed. And my Rosey was indeed well cared for and loved! I will miss her zest for life; watching her running so fast with those beautiful ears just flying; her pleasure in swimming; her love of hunting with me anytime and anywhere; her caring spirit; her sympathetic kisses; and lastly, her warmth in my bed.

All of my "original" foundation dogs have now passed away. Gus, Cocoa, Bozz, Santee, Penny, Roxy, Ruby, Sugar, Belle, Peaches, Luke, Jessie, Gigi, Sophie and Woody are their living legacy along with many others across America. I have a sadness within me as losing any one of them takes a huge portion of my heart with them when they pass. The toll that it is taken on me personally, as a breeder who breeds solely for the love of this breed so as to assure and maintain the quality of the breed, has been huge and at times too much to endure. I feel as though my mission is complete, and hopefully, I have been a role model for others to become loving, quality breeders, IF they accept that role responsibly without a desire of money. I have placed exceptional dogs with people across America with that very intention in mind. So at this time, I ponder how I can continue to breed and maintain what portion of "heart" loving them so much has left me. I hear retirement calling me...

God bless these wonderful thieves of hearts,

*Patricia Watts*





## A Fun Training Day

Continued from page 2

Again we had over 50 people, 35 Boykins, 15 labs, a few German Short Hair Pointers and 1 English Setter. FYI - All the Boykins and Labs are AKC registered.

It was absolutely one of the most gorgeous days you will ever spend outdoors - great fun was had by all and a few of us actually learned something.



*Greg*

- Greg Copeland  
Texas Trace Ranch & Kennel  
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# Waggin Tails . . . Puppies



**Ben, Jack and Hollow Creek's Texas "Dutch".**  
As you can see, he's fitting  
right in with the family.  
- Scott Norman of Austin, Texas



**"Munson" at 3 months old.**  
- Matt Giansante  
of Clarence Center, NY



**Cuteness X2!**  
Texas Trace "Maggie" Callison



**Hollow Creek's "Sullivan" pictured at  
3 months old; now age 10 years.**  
- Chris & Courtney Challoner of Norfolk, VA





# Waggin Tails



Leslie and "Beau", Jesse and "Bella"  
Happy Fall from Beaufort, SC



Left: "Dixie"  
and Ken with  
their bounty  
for the day  
after dove  
hunting in  
Central Texas.

- Carol J.  
Cleghorn



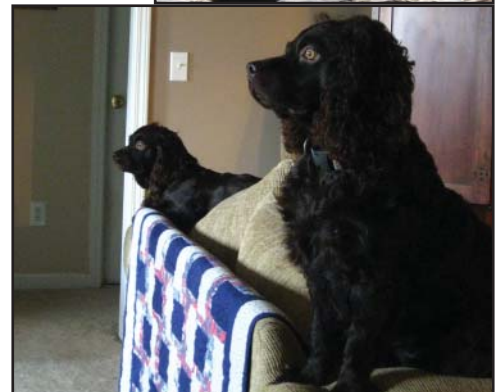
Hollow Creek's  
"Decoy Boy"  
- Tina Hamrick of MD



"Cooper"

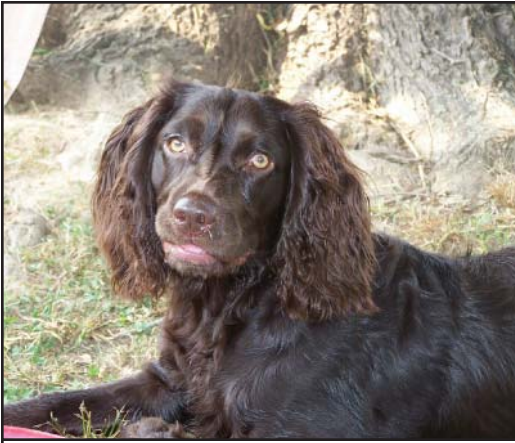


Hollow Creek's "Dixie" at  
the August Ducks Unlimited  
Waterfowl Expo in Pymatun-  
ing, PA. Dixie has done very  
well on her training hunting  
chuckers and quail. I will start  
to train her on hen pheasants,  
and then onto ducks when our  
duck season opens. I have her  
trained to retrieve out of a  
small john boat, soon we will  
move onto retrieving out of  
a canoe. She has a busy fall  
ahead of her.  
- Dave Polzin



"Cooper & Izzie" waiting for  
Mom get home.  
- Donnie & Catherine Judy  
of Columbia, SC

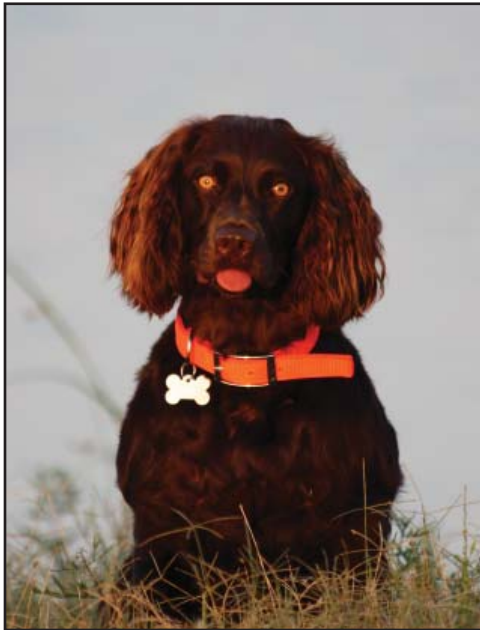




**Hollow Creek's "Holly" after she had gotten out of her baby pool and was drying off under a big maple in our back yard.**  
- Mark & Libbie Kress

**How can Hollow Creek's "Beau" look so grumpy on such a beautiful? Guess he wants back on the kayak!**

- Madeleine of Sullivan's Island, SC

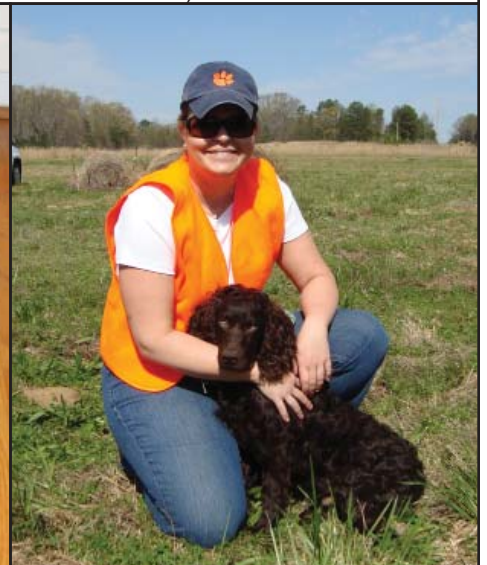


**Texas Trace "Lola" getting in some summer conditioning at the lake. Dallas, Texas. She loves to have her pic taken. Lola is the best dog anyone could ask for! Thank You for all your hard work on the newsletters I forward them to anyone who is intrested in our Boykin to see.**  
- David Webb of Dallas, TX



**Hollow Creek's "Jake" did a GREAT job in Augusta! Super proud of him! We are looking forward to December and ready to start earning some points! He also doing great in obedience class.**

- Beth Crocker of Columbia, SC





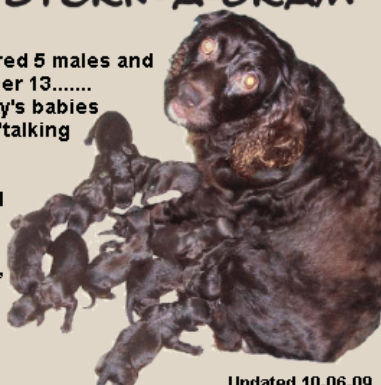
Happy Holidays from  
Hollow Creek Kennel!



## STORK-A-GRAM

Surprise: Roxy delivered 5 males and 2 females on September 13..... all are doing well. Roxy's babies are growing and are "talking and playing a lot!!!"

Verdict is in: Abby-Gail was not pregnant, however, Bootsie, who carried very high, whelped 5 beautiful males on 10-4-2009. The sire is Luke. All are doing well!



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## Tuckered Out by Danny O'Driscoll



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