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MY DOGS LIVE HERE

*My dogs live here, they're here to stay.  
you don't like pets, be on your way.  
they share my home, my food, my space  
this is their home, this is their place.*

*You will find dog hair on the floor,  
they will alert you're at the door.  
they may request a little pat,  
a simple "no" will settle that.*

*It gripes me when I hear you say  
"just how is it you live this way?"  
they smell, they shed, they're in the way.."  
WHO ASKED YOU? is all I can say..*

*They love me more than anyone,  
my voice is like the rising sun,  
they merely have to hear me say  
"C'mon girls, time to go and play"*

*then tails wag and faces grin,  
they bounce and hop and make a din.  
They never say "no time for you",  
they're always there, to GO and DO.*

*and if I'm sad? They're by my side  
and if I'm mad? they circle wide  
and if I laugh, they laugh with me  
they understand, they always see.*

*so once again, I say to you  
come visit me, but know this too..*

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this is their home, this is their place..*

- Author Unknown -

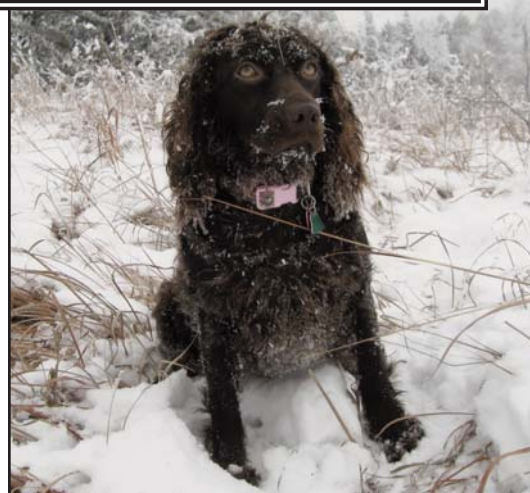
## Tuckered Out

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 <http://dannyyodriscoll.com>

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## Editorial



### Bring It On!

The debut of the Boykin Spaniel went very well in Deland, Fl. The first Best of Breed ribbon awarded to a Boykin Spaniel, by the AKC, went to Hollow Creek's Roxy, and I was very proud of her.

I met Paisley Stevens-Knudsen and her Boykin "Buddy"... it was a pleasure to meet another Boykin lover who is committed to attending and participating in the newest venue for our breed. To compete at this level is very costly, so your commitment must be very strong, and I encourage everyone to get out there and do what you can to promote the breed.

I also took my "seniors", Hollow Creek's Gus and Hollow Creek's Cocoa to the AKC show .....considering all their accomplishments, they had earned the right to



Gus

be the first to cross that AKC threshold regardless of their age....and they looked good! It was out of tremendous respect they competed, and they showed the AKC judges how well the breed stands up to aging. Those two had "brung us to the AKC party"...and respectfully, they were going to be allowed to dance! And they did...everyone watched their beauty, grace, and the pride with which they showed.... They were great ambassadors for our breed. Many people took the time to come over and admire them, pet them, and speak with me about them.

We have spent a lot of time with professional handlers, groomers, AKC contacts and AKC judges researching the proper method and technique for grooming Boykin Spaniels. As a result of numerous



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consultations, we have created a groomers guide for the Boykin Spaniel, the most recent draft of which is on Page 9 of this Journal. Please understand this is a work in progress and we would appreciate any additional input you may have. For your convenience, the Boykin Spaniel Groomer's Guide will soon be posted on [www.boykinsforever.com](http://www.boykinsforever.com). Remember to be judicious with the products that you use in grooming making sure that the products support AKC practices and regulations.

Remember, the Charleston AKC Show January 26-27..... It's our own turf so come over and support us in our quest to get full recognition of the Boykin Spaniel by the American Kennel Club. To review winners at any AKC show go to [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

- Pat Watts, Editor



Peaches



Cooper



Roxy

Cocoa

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## Boykin Spaniel History Re-Written and Seriously Flawed



Sometimes undesirable changes in a breed's important history book take place simply because no one is looking. This article calls attention to one of those cases. The premeditated false records must be corrected now or they will irreversibly become wrongly recorded as Boykin Spaniel historical facts.

The Boykin Spaniel Club and Breeders Association of America (BSCBAA) is the official AKC national specialty club. The 2007 Board of Directors chose to create national and specialty show results for events that did not take place.

The fabrication of national and specialty shows may have gone unnoticed if they had not paradoxically chosen also to post their brags electronically linking those brags subtly in small print on the bottom of their webpage:  
<http://boykinspanielclub.org/nationalspecialties.htm>

Over past years the BSCBAA has conducted all-breed UKC conformation and weight pull shows despite opposition of partial membership. These little shows provided new exhibitors a glimpse into what a full-scale AKC conformation show might resemble. None of these shows were announced to the BSCBAA membership as local, regional, or national specialty show. Similarly, the UKC was not instructed to designate them as specialties, and that information also did not appear during the shows.

The first BSCBAA National Specialty was September 2007. This fact is documented by former board member accounts, newsletters, and meeting minutes. Despite that documentation, view past editions of the club's website at [http://web.archive.org/web/\\*/http://boykinspanielclub.org](http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://boykinspanielclub.org). There is no mention of any previous specialty events. Interestingly, the club's website now cites that there were National Specialties held in 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Thus, we have false documentation from the BSCBAA website now perpetuating these questionable "winners" in history.

The implications of retroactively applying the retrospective existence of these shows and winners are far reaching. If their questionable results are not rescinded, we will have owners, handlers, and breeders of the winners forever recorded in history with false claims of their accomplishments, even if some are not involved in this debacle. Boykin bloodlines claiming roots to these winners will always have an embarrassing asterisk next to their names to indicate those bloodlines' winning records are only as accurate as the farce they stemmed from.

The AKC will be led into falsely believing that the parent club is more structured and experienced because the hereby-questionable records show they were seemingly capable of hosting these events.

The end result, unless corrected, will be permanent red marks on the history of the breed if these "show results" are allowed to remain unchanged in the history book.

- Chris Prince

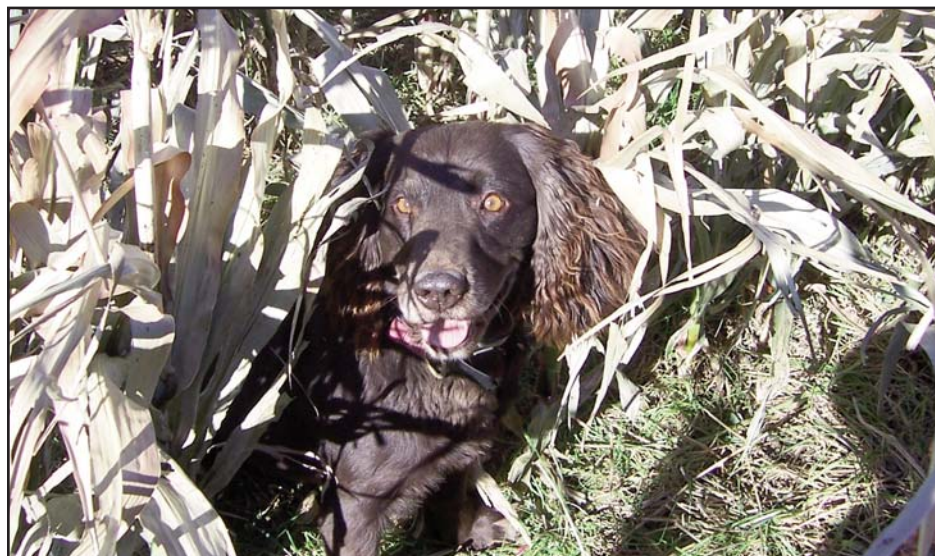


**Goose & Chris Prince in Agility Training**



# The Pheasant Hunt

by: Hal Roemer



Our 'annual' pheasant hunt this year in Linn, Kansas was timed to take advantage of the opening week in November, 2007. Our party, usually made up of up to 4 or 5 hunting parties this year consisted of 4 individuals: Pat Watts and her significant other half Gary, myself and my wife Carla., and of course plenty of Boykin Spaniels.

"The Kansas trip" is something we save up and plan for the entire year. The Linn / Clay Center area has a beauty all it's own. On my first trip up there from East Texas, I guess I expected to see flat fields of wheat as far as the eye could see. But those rolling hills and creeks made it hard to keep my eye on the road.

Brad Olde, owner of the "Big O" ranch in Linn, Kansas has always guided a fantastic hunt, and this year was no different. He put us on birds every day, working fields that by now we are starting to know from years past.

The weather as always presented some challenges, but gave us perfect temperatures for dog work, being in the high 20's to low 30's in the morning, warming to the 40's and 50's around noon.

The 'challenges' were about a 30 mph wind the first day that had the potential to keep the birds on the ground. But the dogs did their job and got a limit up for each of us. Fortunately there was some adequate

shooting, that was able to make the dog's work pay off.

There's always one or two stories from every hunt, and this one was no different. On that first day, a bird got up and I hit him hard with what looked like a pretty good shot. In that 30 mph wind, the bird drifted down wind about 20 or 30 yards, landing in a winter wheat field. The dogs, being in the milo, did not see the bird go down. Of course the bird turned out to be a cripple, and after hitting the ground got up and started walking. We got the dogs out of the cover and pointed in the right direction, but soon as the bird saw the dogs, it got low and started scooting toward the milo across the wheat. Three of us started running toward the bird, trying to get the dogs to spot the bird. But, three grown men running across an open field just seemed to be a whole lot of fun for the dogs, so they just romped around us as if to say 'yeah! Lets play!'.

The bird being down wind, there was of course, no chance of the dogs picking up a scent, and the bird was getting so far away I could just barely see it. So I ran faster. And I kept running, surrounded by bounding, playing dogs. At some point I noticed that I was running alone. I'd run enough by now that I was out of breath and not able to shout commands to the dogs, so I tried to run faster. I was in a vicious cycle: I'd run so far I wasn't giving up, even though I

knew I'd exceeded any reasonable effort to get one crippled bird.

By now the bird was getting close to the next milo field, where in my pea brain I figured it could disappear. The dogs and I were still easily 60 yards up wind of the thing, when I remembered through my blood pounding haze that my dog 'Hollow Creek's Bear' keys off the direction of my gun when we jump wood ducks in the creek back home. So I pulled up, and fired a shot toward the bird, knowing full well that at 60 yards there was no chance of hitting it. I held the gun pointed at the bird after the shot for what seemed like an awfully long time. In the corner of my eye I could see the dogs had all stopped. Then I saw a brown blur streak toward the pheasant, and I collapsed in a heap. Happy 50th birthday to me!

One other 'memorable' incident was a pretty lively battle between two dominant male Boykins: Bear and Santee, that we were trying to hunt with together, by keeping them separated on opposite sides of the field(s). Well they found each other, and that lead to a fight that was a bit more than a comparison of equipment. It was quickly broken up, but got every one's attention.

We hunted for 3 days, which is what we've agreed is the right length for a good hunt, even though it always seems like too short. We've done 5 days, and that seemed like too long; better to leave wanting more than being tired of it. Each of us went home with our ice chests full, and the dogs happy..

The drive doesn't seem to get any shorter, and the gas for sure isn't getting any cheaper but it's a once a year trip, and I don't want to look back in years to come and think "I could have....." Carla got to see what I love about Kansas, and why I love the hunt: good friends, good company, good dogs, plentiful birds, and fantastic scenery. I'm already saving up for next year, and hoping I can shoot straight enough to keep from embarrassing myself.

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## Pheasant Pot Pie Recipe

- Cooked pheasant meat
- 2 Cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 can of Veg-all mixed vegetables
- 1 TB soy sauce
- 1 can mushrooms celery salt to taste

Season one pheasant with Lawry's seasoned salt and some garlic salt.  
Place 2 cups of chicken broth in Crock Pot. Add a bay leaf and sliced onion.  
Cook pheasant in crock pot for 8-10 hours.

Mix together all ingredients and pour into deep dish pie crust.  
Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes.



## Three Tips to Senior Wellness

By Daniel S. Aja, DVM

One of the most common questions my clients ask me is, "How old is my pet in human years?" Many people have heard it said that cats and dogs age roughly 7 years for every 1 human year. This is a good estimate, but it does not take into account all of the factors that relate to the life spans of our furry friends.



A pet may be considered a senior citizen as early as 5 years of age if it is a large-breed dog or as late as 13 years if it is a small-breed dog or cat. It is important to remember that aging is not a disease in itself; it is simply a stage of life. Many factors influence the rate of aging in pets: -Body Weight -Environment -Genetics -Nutrition -Degree of veterinary health care provided throughout a pet's life. As pets move into the senior phase of life, they experience gradual changes that are very similar to those of aging humans: Their fur turns grey; their bodies are not as flexible as they used to be; their reflexes are not as sharp as they once were; their hearing, eyesight, and sense of smell may deteriorate; and their energy level, as well as attention spans, seem to diminish. In fact, the first signs of aging are often a general decrease in activity combined with a tendency to sleep longer and more soundly. Most pets don't show signs of many illnesses until very late in the disease process, making treatment potentially less successful and more expensive. Catching early signs of illness allows your veterinarian to make recommendations for your pet that can add years to her life. We know that the best way to maintain a pet's optimum health is through regular wellness examinations, preventative health care, appropriate

exercise, and proper nutritional support. Let's look at three tips that can help our pets age in a healthier manner.

### 1. *Twice-A-Year Exams*

One of the most important things you can do to help your senior pet live a long, healthy life is to have her examined by your veterinarian at least twice yearly. The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) recommend that healthy senior pets visit their veterinarian every 6 months for complete physical examinations and laboratory testing. Because pets age 5 to 7 times faster than humans, it can be estimated that one yearly physical examination for a pet is equivalent to one visit to your doctor only every 5 to 7 years. On the other hand, twice-year wellness exams offer many benefits, including early detection and treatment of serious diseases, and give you the opportunity to consult more frequently with your veterinarian about your pet's nutrition, behavior, and other important health issues. Some disorders or senior pets may be difficult to prevent or treat; however, it is usually possible to make significant improvements in the quality of your pet's life simply through early intervention. The goal of senior health care is to prevent or delay the development of disorders associated with aging. During these visits, expect your veterinarian to provide a complete "note to tail" physical examination. It is also very important during this visit to have a screening blood panel and urinalysis performed on your pet even if she appears healthy to you. At the least, if these tests are normal, they provide an important baseline in the event that the results change later in life. It is important to know what is "normal" for your pet. Depending on the findings, do not be alarmed if your veterinarian recommends additional testing to help clarify or pursue abnormalities identified by the screening procedures. Finally, these twice-yearly examinations provide a good time to talk to your veterinarian about changes you are seeing in your pet. Many behavioral issues that used to lead to euthanasia can now be effectively controlled. The average lifespan for dogs has

increased from 7 years in the 1930s to more than 12 years today. Because of this, problems such as senility or cognitive dysfunction in senior pets are becoming much more common. Thankfully, many problems such as these can be treated with proper diets, behavior modifications and sometimes medications.

### 2. *Proper Nutrition*

My second tip is to provide proper nutrition for your senior pet's health. All pet food is not equivalent. Diets that worked well for your pet during the adult years are usually not appropriate for an older pet. By the time your pet is approximately 7 years old, her nutritional needs will likely have changed. Immune and digestive systems can become more delicate. Pets can lose muscle mass, and gaining weight is common due to reduced activity levels. Switching to a senior pet food can help promote a long, healthy life and provide enhanced levels and vitamins and nutrients such as beta-carotene, vitamin E, and antioxidants, plus fatty acids that are important to skin and coat health. Most senior pets need a diet that is typically lower in fat, has reduced calories, reduced but better-quality protein, and increased fiber and vitamins. Most commercially available senior diets have protein levels around 18% and fiber levels of 3% to 5%. The higher fiber levels are needed to help constipation, which is more common in older pets. Remember that these recommendations are for healthy older pets. Your veterinarian may recommend a special or prescription-type diet if your pet's health requires it. How you feed your pet is also important. Rather than leaving food out all the time, I recommend feeding your senior pet at specific times during the day, preferably once in the morning and again in the evening. Many older pets may do better with even more frequent, smaller meals. By feeding set meals, you can also better monitor your pet's food intake. Be sure to measure the amount of food you give your pet so you know if her appetite is slowly decreasing. As our pets age, water becomes even more important for oral health and proper kidney function. Always have an adequate supply of fresh water available. Cats seems

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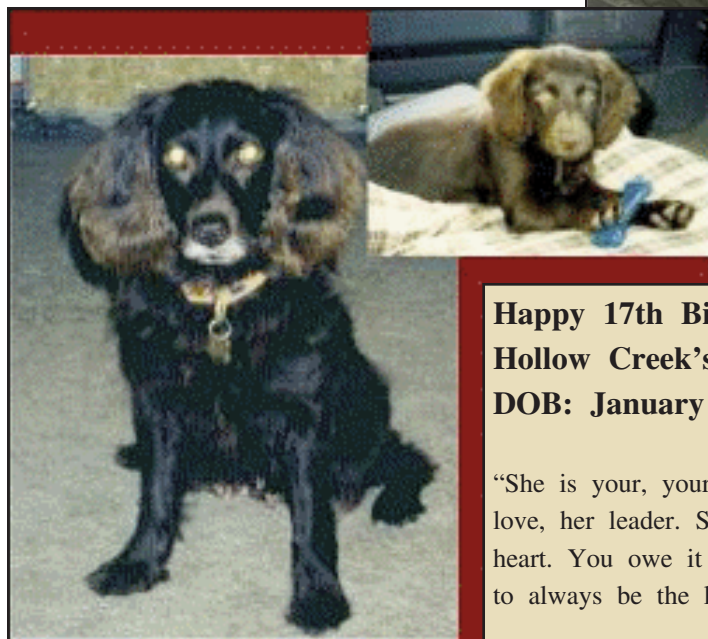
to drink more readily if the water is moving; therefore, consider purchasing a bowl that circulates water. Dogs also require more water as they age, which is often demonstrated by an increase in "doggy breath" in older pets. Although dental disease or other systematic disease may often be the cause, occasionally bad breath is due to not drinking enough water to compensate for decreased saliva production caused by aging. One way to address this is to add warm water to dry food and then feed the food immediately (not allowing the food to soften). This will cause dogs to drink water as they eat their meal! Finally, as far as diets for joint health are concerned, the amount of glucosamine and chondroitin in most over-the-counter pet foods usually does not equate to a therapeutic dose in a regular meal. If your pet has arthritis, ask your veterinarian about which food and supplements may be beneficial to her senior needs.

### 3. Enough

Exercise My third tip to help you and your pet enjoy the golden years is to provide adequate, appropriate exercise. Exercise is as important to pets as they age as it is to us. Exercise is tied to the pet's physical, mental, and emotional health. In senior pets, obesity is one of the most commonly seen

conditions, and lack of or inappropriate exercise is a critical component of weight gain. Pets need to have the type and duration of their exercise adjusted as they age. All pets are different in the way they age and the amount and type of exercise they can handle. You really need to be observant in assessing your particular pet's abilities, natural inclinations, and current state of health. If your pet coughs, extends her neck while trying to breathe, cannot lie down, or does not get her breath back within a few minutes of rest following exercise, she needs to be examined by your veterinarian immediately. As pets grow older, more frequent, shorter periods of exercise will be less stressful on aging joints and more beneficial for your pet than one long exercise period each day. Sessions should include these basic components: -A slow warm-up walk of approximately 5 minutes, during which you gradually increase the pace. -Exercise of 20 to 30 minutes. -A cool-down period of approximately 5 minutes, during which you gradually decrease the intensity of activity.

Keep in mind, exercise is as essential to your senior pet as are proper nutrition and health care. Just because your pet does not seem to want to go on those walks doesn't mean that this exercise is not necessary and beneficial to your pet's well-being, especially as she ages. From puppy and kitten stages to their senior years, dogs and cats depend on us to take care of them. In addition to love and affection, they need regular veterinary checkups, proper nutrition, and appropriate exercise. As pets age, these essentials become even more important and should be considered part of a senior pet's overall health care program. Following the basic recommendations discussed here will help ensure that your pet enjoys her golden years as comfortably as possible. For everything our pets give us throughout our lives, when they are seniors, it is our turn to give back. A little extra love and care can help your "senior" feel better and live longer!



**Happy 17th Birthday !!!!!!!**  
**Hollow Creek's Miss Dixie**  
**DOB: January 15, 1991**

"She is your, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are her life, her love, her leader. She will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of her heart. You owe it to her to be worthy of such adoration." It is my desire to always be the kind of person my dogs believe I am.

- Patricia Watts, Hollow Creek Kennel



# Grooming the Boykin Spaniel *By: Patricia Watts*



**Cocoa - before...**

*I believe that the Boykin Spaniel, as a hunting dog, must have a "show cut" which will allow it to come out of the field and go directly into the showring, without a lot of muss and fuss. This grooming standard will do that. I am open to any suggestions which might improve this grooming standard for the Boykin Spaniel breed.*

## Equipment Needed:

- Steel Comb • Cotton Balls
- Slicker Brush • Ear Cleaner
- Ear Dryer • Curved scissors
- Thinning Shears
- Coat Conditioner
- Nail Clipper (guillotine type)
- Clipper (Andis/Wahl) #4, #8.5 & #10 blades
- Stripping Knife

1. Brush the coat with a slicker brush to remove any dead hair or mats. Comb the coat after brushing.

2. Ear Cleaning: If really dirty, flush the ear with a quality ear cleaner and wipe earflap clean with cotton balls. Use cotton balls dampened with ear cleaner to remove any wax buildup inside the ear folds. Always use a drying agent to rinse and dry out the ear canal. Do not pluck any ear hairs. Trim away any long hairs with curved, blunt shears.

3. Cut the nails with a guillotine-type nail clipper or grinder like a dremel tool, removing only the tips of the nails to avoid cutting the quick.

4. Bathe and towel dry. Do not cage dry.

5. Comb through the coat thoroughly after drying.

6. Clip hair away from the rectal area (about half an inch on either side of the rectum) with a #10 blade. Never

put the blade in direct contact with the rectum. Clip hair from the stomach area (from the groin to the navel) using a #10 blade.

7. Clip the face with a #8.5 or #10 blade going with the grain. If the dog is very thick coated, use the #8.5 blade against the grain. Clip the top of the head with a #4 blade. Clip over the skull to the base around the ear to the lower edge of the base of the ear.

8. Clip the cheek back to the corner of the ear with the 8.5 blade. From the stop, clip the forehead forward against the grain. Then clip down the sides of the muzzle.

9. Clip the top third of the underside of the ear using a #8.5 or #10 blade. Remove any straggly hair from above the ears with thinning shears.... blending down into the spaniel curls to keep the length.

10. Clip the underjaw to the throat forming a "U" shape at the throat from ear to ear and down to the sternum. Stretch the lower lip back and clean the flews of the lip with the clipper using the #10 blade.

11. Back comb and use thinning shears down the backline to the tail....do not clean out the entire body

area, just even out the coat. Then blend down the sides with thinning shears so that the coat will lie nicely against the body. Using thinning shears trim the underchest if necessary, following the contours of the body.

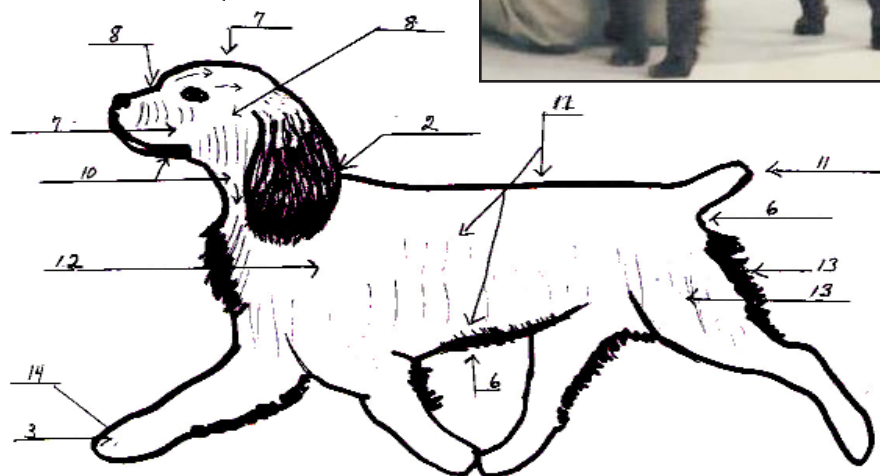
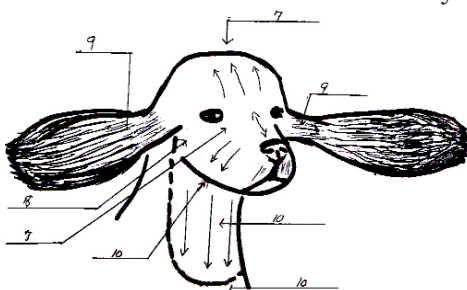
12. Blend any uneven hair/curls on the shoulder into the leg featherings using thinning shears.

13. Blend in any uneven hair/curls on the hindquarters into the rear leg featherings using thinning shears.

14. Remove any hair from between the toes and pads of the feet with curved shears. Use a bristle brush to backcomb the hair on the top of the foot and use thinning shears to thin out hair to obtain the "cat paw" appearance. Scissors around the outside edges of the feet to round them off.

15. Spray conditioner lightly onto the coat. Use a steel comb to comb the coat conditioner through the coat.

**Note:** The ears should be cleaned weekly since Spaniels are prone to ear infections. The nails should be checked monthly to see if they need clipping.

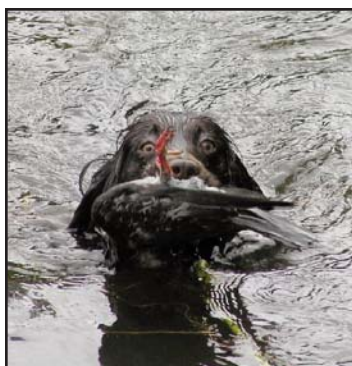


**Cocoa - after!!!**

# Waggin' Tails ...



Lucy, Tucker  
and Luke on  
their snow-  
bank. We had  
a total of  
three feet.  
Tucker just  
loves playing  
in the snow.  
- Mary  
Whitney, NH

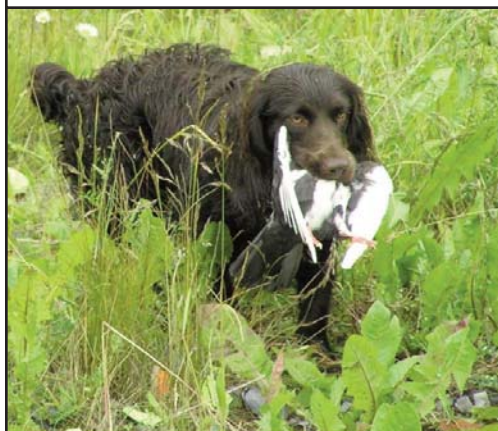


Pre-flight Jumper  
Chuck &  
Maureen Griffin,  
VA



“Texas Trace Bailey”  
pictured training at  
8 months. “She has a great nose and  
loves the water and is also being  
broke of snakes.”

- Tom Fowler,  
Bellevue,WA.



“Skeeter Bassmaster  
Sills”  
1 1/2 years  
Sean and Martha Sue  
Sills, Metter, GA





I am glad to share about "Baylee", our little brown wonder. My son Barry wanted a dog to run with him outside and be an outside dog. I wanted a dog that I would like to have in the house. We have always had dogs but none that my son could call his own.

We live on 18 acres in rural Ohio. We drove from Ohio to S.C. and got Baylee. She has become the love of our lives. She is so special and intelligent. She loves our property and of



course, she loves our home, which she owns. She is so beautiful. We love her more than words can say. Boykins are truly a very special breed. Thanks to all that have preserved that breed. Here are a few pictures of our beautiful Baylee. She has stolen our home and our hearts!

Lottie L. Ransbottom,  
New Concord, OH

## *...& More Waggin' Tails!*



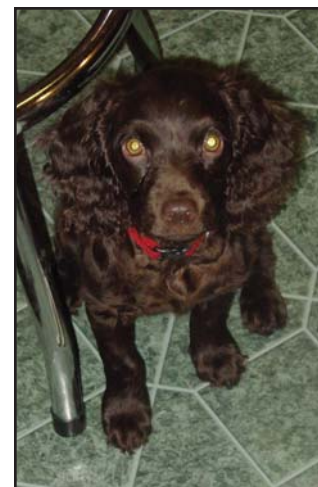
"Jackson"  
Laura Nichols,  
Cornelius, NC



Ken, Carol, & "Dixie"  
Cleghorn with Santa



Merry Christmas From Molly & Abby!!  
Robyn D'Agresta, Tampa, Florida



"Katie"  
- Wade Hubbard, SC

"Rider" just turned a year old September. He is a wonderful asset to my life. He is a very small framed male with a ton of hunt. This picture was taken just before we went dove hunting. I went on 11 limit dove shoots and he brought back every bird.

- Trevor Bedell, SC



"Peat", Ed &  
Christian  
Christenson,  
NC



***Happy New Year!***



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