

# BOYKIN SPANIELS FOREVER

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# EDITORIAL

Hi Readers,

Here I am yet again actually looking forward to winter, but this scorching summer has me greatly anticipating snow!

It has not only been scorching temperature wise everywhere.... It has also been pretty scorching politically for a few of us. Much "devilment" is expounding from the lips and keyboards of a few. Many of us have survived such attempts at character assassination before and shall this time, for the truth is the truth and it will always prevail. One can twist it, squash it and try to change it ... but it will eventually prevail. That said, I have been witnessing some of the lowest levels of dishonesty and perhaps even criminal behavior/actions that I have ever encountered.

I will simply quote another breeder: "*We all know that the world we live in...whether it be "Boykin", "Lab", Terrier or Toy, there are folks out there who take tremendous pleasure in sabotage, slander and just plain talking negatively about others in their breed...for whatever reason...certainly not friendship. They do this out of jealousy and just plain meanness. In truth, it doesn't matter why, they just do"*

Hopefully, with recognition of the first AKC Grand Champion, those who have led a poor sportsmanship campaign to reach that prime goal can now settle down and perhaps become capable of good sportsmanship or at least, begin get back on the road to repairing their personal credibility. That prestigious first GRCH win went to my long time friend and peer, Mr. Greg Copeland of Texas Trace Kennel, and his wonderful dog, GRCH Hollow Creek's Jaeger Meister. See Jaeger on Page 9. A true hunting Boykin and specimen of the breed. Congratulations!!!

As we move forward taking the higher road in the political arena of nasty politics, let's not forget what we have been fighting for ..... National recognition of this exceptional breed while maintaining its breed standards and quality. A few of us are taking the time to educate AKC judges....even at ring side as often as the opportunity arises. Hopefully, via such education they will pin a worthy dog. We want judges to know that when these dogs are actually working dogs, they will NOT appear in the ring "flat iron" groomed to look like "cockers" or "springers". The cut must be one which will work going directly from the field to the ring. My dogs would never speak to me again if I "dressed" them like that.

Enjoy the Journal and keep those photos coming. Remember to send them to BoykinsForever@aol.com.

Closing thought: One must stand for what is right ... even if you stand alone.

Happy Hunting,



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## COVER PHOTO

**Featured is "Cookie"**

**- Owner is Harold Dunham, Jr.  
of Texas**