

# BOYKIN SPANIELS FOREVER

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# EDITORIAL



Readers,  
Thank you for being such faithful friends and stewards of the breed.

Life seems to obstruct my fun!!! Many But storms lead to calm...eventually!!

Spring brought a serious back injury and summer brought worse... so I was 'tending' to the issues at hand.... and consequently, missed two issues this year.

To bring you up to date a little:

Gus began to 'fail' in the early March ...and on Good Friday I blew 4 disc's. My Gus did rally for awhile....only to pass in August.

Three days later, his brother Bozz , passed without warning. Bozz had not been sick at all.... so I firmly believe that they needed to continue to be 'together' on the other side. I miss them both terribly and still just cannot talk about their passing. They were 14 and were wonderful ambassadors of the breed....and very much loved. I had whelped them both.... so it was appropriate that I was with

them when they passed.

At this same time, my Mother became ill and after a week of intensive medical care, she was transferred to a rehab center for terminal care.

Well, He ... had other plans for her. Last week, I moved her back into her beautiful assisted living facility. She was happy to be back 'home'. We get to 'keep her' until He says it is time. Doctors!!! As a nurse, I must again say that doctors don't know everything :-)

It is October and the leaves are changing here on Lake Murray...and it is a beautiful time of the year! Having endured such a torrid summer....in many ways....I welcome the colder weather.

I was quite uplifted when so many of you sent me e-mails expressing your concern for the Journal...you missed receiving it!! Some even called me! Wow....that was great! I still have a couple of back procedures to come...but I will try to stay on track and time!!

Remember that the January issue is the Hunting edition so please send in your hunting photos and those hunting tales you have been saving!!!

I wish each of you a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year!!!

God Bless...and Happy Hunting!

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Owner/Editor

PS. Hug your Mothers if you are fortunate enough to still have one....and a Boykin!



Hollow Creek's "Roxy"

**COVER PHOTO  
HOLLOW CREEK'S  
"MADDIE"**  
(ALSO FEATURED ON  
THIS MONTH'S AD ON  
THE BACK COVER)

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