

BOYKIN SPANIELS FOREVER

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What is a hobby breeder? A backyard breeder? A commercial breeder?

A hobby breeder is someone who breeds dogs as a hobby. Typically they only breed to better their preferred breed or breeds (usually only one or two breeds). A hobby breeder rarely has more than 2 litters a year and never has more than 3 litters. Hobby breeders usually screen parents for genetic diseases prior to breeding a litter and they may also screen homes. Buying a puppy from a hobby breeder sometimes seems more complex than adopting a child.

A backyard breeder is someone who breeds their pet because it is so sweet or so cute or so loved or to get "spending money". While their intentions are often good, backyard breeders rarely perform health checks or are even aware of potential problems in their breed. They are not breeding to improve conformation or performance, but are breeding "just because they have a pure bred dog with papers." Puppies may or may not be well socialized.

A commercial breeder breeds for profit. The parents are rarely screened for genetic disorders and little to no consideration is made of the parents' personality, temperament or structure prior to a breeding. These are the folks who generally supply puppies to pet stores. There is no focus on socialization. We are very fortunate that Boykin Spaniels are not popular with commercial breeders.

Please be aware that puppies from all of these sources are usually purebred with AKC and UKC papers. AKC and UKC papers are just that -- papers. They are written proof that the parents of this dog were also purebred AKC and UKC registered dogs. AKC and UKC papers are not an indication of quality, breeder ethics, health, looks or temperament.

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://dannyodriscoll.com>

Honorable
Mention
goes to
"Cooper"

Owner Leslie
Harris of
Greenwich,
CT



COVER PHOTO: "IZZIE"
OWNER: DONNIE JUDY OF SC

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