

# Hollow Creek's Champions of the Past and Present

The top five Boykin Spaniel Champions in the US-Decoy, Daisy, Gus, Cocoa and Gypsy, and all of the Champions shown here, were bred by Patricia Watts, Hollow Creek Kennel.



G CH Hollow Creek's Kingfisher



GRCH Hollow Creek's Amos



CH Hollow Creek's Belle



CH Hollow Creek's Woody Watts



Hollow Creek's Sir Gallient JR



1996 - 2003 CH Hollow Creek's Cocoa Cody



CH Hollow Creek's Rosey CGC



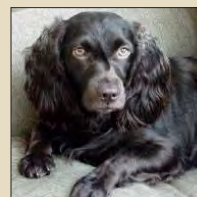
CH Hollow Creek's Sassy Sadie



UWP GRCH Hollow Creek's Gus CGC Best in Show



1998-2008 UWPV SHR UWPCHX GRCH SR, Int/Can/Am Ch Rarities Hollow Creek's Decoy CGC, MH AKA Carolina's "Decoy"



UWPO UWPCH GRCH Hollow Creek's Hayley AKA Carolina's Hayley



UUWPO UWPCH Hollow Creek's Gypsy CGC, TDI, SH AKA Carolina's Gypsy



1993-2005 CH Hollow Creek's Decoys Boy "Buddy"



1994-2005 Hollow Creeks Chocolate Mouse



UWPO UWPCH GRCH Hollow Creek's Dixie's Daisy AKA Carolina's "Daisy"



1996-2009 CH Hollow Creeks Rosey CGC



GRCH Hollow Creek's Allie-gator



G CH Hollow Creek's Texas Trace



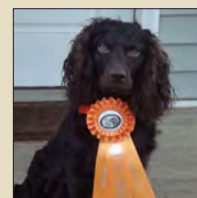
CH Hollow Creek's Roxy



CH Hollow Creek's Shazzi CGC



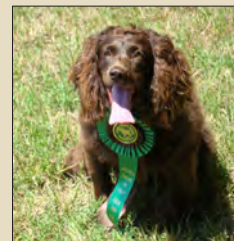
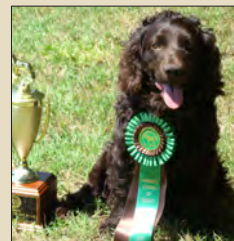
GRCH Hollow Creek's Cocoa CGC



Hollow Creeks Jake Watts Bn RE JH



"These champions are offspring of my boy, Hollow Creek's Frogmore. I mentor and guide those breeding out of my line. Faith (left) and Luke (right) are examples of what happens when breeders work together to produce excellence for the field and conformation.....Faith and Luke belong to my friend, Jackie DeAngelo of Long Island. This is Jackie's first litter of Boykin Spaniels..... her Dam is also out of my Hollow Creek bloodline."



CBSRC Dogs of the Year - The CBSRC holds 6 club trials each year. Here are the results pictured left to right: Amanda, CBSRC Open Dog of the Year; Hollow Creek's Sir Gallient JH, CBSRC Novice Dog of the Year, owner: Pat Watts; Lexie, CBSRC Novice Dog of the Year runner up

# Otis THE Boykin Spaniel

by Magda Fernandez



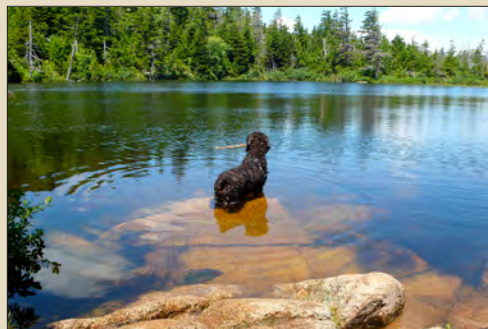
Do any of you hike with your Boykin Spaniel? My husband Greg and I are avid hikers, and we love bringing Otis with us on the trails. Boykins are incredible hikers! Since this quarterly celebrates all that you can do with your Boykin Spaniel, I thought I'd write how Otis did on our hikes this summer on Mt Desert Island in Maine. Once you figure out and respect your Boykin's hiking needs and limitations, you're in for a heck of a treat!

This summer, we rented a seaside cottage on the island for a week, and hiked the many trails in the nearby Acadia National Forest. Before choosing hikes, we purchased a hiking map that specifically grades the trails as Difficult, Moderate, and Easy, and includes a detailed description. Otis is extremely sure-footed and capable of jumping onto a boulder that is slightly taller than he is—as long as he has enough clearance or space in which to build momentum. So we ruled out the Difficult trails because they can be too steep for Otis to scale. We also ruled out a couple of Moderate hikes because they included a few sections with iron rungs—again, out of Otis' hiking range. The half-day hikes we chose were limited to elevations of around 1300 ft, with a good part of those trails being inside the shady tree lines. The hikes that consist primarily of rocky ridge trails afford incredible vistas. But they can be much hotter in the summer and require that you carry a heavier load of water. So for Otis' comfort and the health of our backs, we chose hikes with

brief but nevertheless glorious summits.

Greg and I always carry water and trail mix on long hikes for the often-needed energy boost. Otis exerts just as much energy as, if not more than, we do on the trails. So we carry lots of water for him as well, along with dried venison treats—his favorite. To reduce his chances of getting giardia, I feed him water frequently to discourage him from drinking in the wooded streams. Dunking in the streams, however, is great because it keeps him cool during the climb. Besides, try keeping a Boykin out of a running stream! I also find that Otis' Easy Walk harness, with the ring on his back instead of his chest, provides a mighty convenient handle for safely heaving him over any tricky parts of the trail.

To see Otis hike those mountains is to witness the famous Boykin Spaniel endurance. He really can go at it all day! Greg and I can take larger steps forward and upward, but Otis keeps apace with us or takes the lead at times. He truly is a companion dog and prefers to stay within our sight. One of the interesting challenges of hiking is assessing the most efficient and safe places to place your feet as you climb. Sometimes it's not obvious, and you have to figure it out before proceeding. I've watched Otis make his choices, and I'm amazed at how intelligent they are. Many times, he's shown me better choices that I hadn't even considered! Watching Otis sniff and mark along the way also revealed to me traces of the elusive mountain wildlife that you rarely get to see.



**Sargent Mountain Pond**

After each hike, we rewarded Otis with a swim off the low granite ledges of beautiful Echo Lake. I've trained Otis to come when called while he's swimming, so that I don't have to worry about him swimming too far. During one hike, Otis got to swim in Sargent Mountain Pond, which, at 1300 ft elevation, is Maine's oldest mountain glacial pond. I do advise that you avoid taking your Boykin to Mt Desert's ocean cliff trails. They're absolutely safe if you stay on the trail. But they were torturous to Otis, whom I had to leash, because he wanted to leap off the cliff to swim in the ocean! I even kept him away from the lower rocky shores and tidal pools because the surf would have been too strong for him. If you follow precautions such as these, you and your Boykin should have a grand old time on the hiking trails. Don't forget to bring your camera, too! For views of Otis in motion at Mt Desert Island, visit <http://www.youtube.com/otistheboykinspaniel>



**Echo Lake**



**Hadlock Brook Trail**