

Flush of View by Christine Prince

Flushing Spaniel Owners Point of Views Should I Send in My Money?

Years ago I became enamored by the Boykin Spaniel breed. Having been a long-time member of the parent club of my "other" breed it was only natural that I join the AKC Boykin Spaniel parent club. In 2002 I was able to download & send my application into the club to become a member. I did not know anyone in the breed other than a local training club member. She subsequently introduced me to the breeders of her dog as a referral to purchase a Boykin of my own and thus my Boykin adventures began.

I support the concept of a strong AKC parent club and feel it is my duty as a purebred dog owner to contribute to the breed's welfare at a local and national level. I do not feel I should support an organization with my membership dues when those persons running it blatantly disregard the membership wishes, their own by-laws, and the laws binding them as a non-profit corporation. These two concepts have me very conflicted when it comes to the BSCBAA (Boykin Spaniel Club & Breeders Association of America)! In the course of several years I resigned all positions I had agreed to volunteer for in the parent club and eventually my membership lapsed while still in good standing. Currently I focus my energies on local training and specialty clubs.

Recent reports from within AKC lead us to believe that the American Kennel Club Board of Directors will soon vote to allow the breed in the Sporting Group in January 2010. As a frequent competitor in AKC events, I find the shortcomings of the Boykin Spaniel parent club to be a constant embarrassment when we discuss them around that venue. The lack of program and volunteer participation are painfully obvious and indicative of the failing management of the club. The AKC is pushing to allow new breeds into full status as soon as possible no matter what is going on within the politics of the breeds. Other breeds that have been promoted to full registration while their par-

ent clubs were in turmoil (and some were subsequently replaced). It is apparent that this breed will enter into full AKC registration status and not have a viable parent club if changes are not instituted immediately.

This has led me to reconsider my decision on my membership in the club. Should I re-join and volunteer to help them work out the vast number of problems in the management? Should I volunteer to help run the multiple vacant committee positions within the club? After-all, if all of us do not all set an example of how we want the breed to be represented in AKC, then the example that is set by those currently in the BSCBAA will be reflected on ALL Boykin Spaniel owners.

Alternately, why should I continue to open myself up to the frustration that the current administration of the BSCBAA presents when I can continue to participate in local clubs and exhibit in AKC without the trouble of becoming a member of the parent club? I am ultimately asking myself "What benefit will I get from sending in my money to the parent club?"

Soon I will need to make an effort as to whether I should support the parent club or else continue to withhold my application to show my lack of support for their management. It is my hope that a large number of people are considering joining and invigorating the club with fresh ideas and positive direction for the wellbeing of the Boykin Spaniel: Please let me know if you are facing the same dilemmas as I am.

Moral support is greatly appreciated!

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