

## Editorial

### Hollow Creek's Roxy and Pups

Congratulations Roxy! Hollow Creek's Roxy was winner of the very first **BEST OF BREED** for a Boykin Spaniel in an American Kennel Club (AKC) conformation show on January 4, 2008 – what a historic day for the Boykin Spaniel breed! Unfortunately, the elation did not last long for it was at that event that I first became aware that Roxy had whelped a litter of six male puppies while in the care of the Heinz's of Sunseeker Kennel in Dallas, NC.

Subsequently formal complaints were filed and an investigation has begun to locate and identify the pups. The complaint is specifically against **Ashley Heinz, Augustina (Tina) Heinz, James (Jim) Heinz, and Sunseeker Kennels**, Dallas, NC, and **Emily Foster and Stormcrest Kennels**, Monroe, NC. All are known breeders, judges or handlers with the AKC and/or UKC registries. Additionally, Jim Heinz and Emily Foster served/serve on the Board of Directors of **the Boykin Spaniel Club and Breeders Association of America**. On February 10, 2008 Jim Heinz resigned his position as President of that club. Tina Heinz resigned from the club as AKC liaison and Emily Foster remains on the club board as Secretary.

The complaint filed is based on the fact that the parties mentioned above did willfully, deliberately and illegally breed a dog which was in their care and which did not belong to them. They concealed the breeding from the dam's owner. They fraudulently sold and placed pup-



pies from said breeding to unaware puppy buyers. Absurd as it seems, at the time of the illegal whelping, there was litigation in process for Roxy to be returned to her rightful owner, Patricia Watts. In fact, Jim and Ashley Heinz gave sworn testimony on November 28, 2005, that Roxy had not been bred or altered. At the very moment of that perjury, Roxy's illegal pups were ten weeks old! The Heinz's were accompanied to court by Paul and Anita Pennell, of Carolina Kennels, Gastonia, NC. Jim and Ashley Heinz lied under oath in a NC Court of law again on January 9, 2006 at the Court of Appeals hearing which again affirmed that Roxy was to be returned immediately to her owner, Patricia Watts. I was also awarded court costs and legal fees.

It is important now that we determine the location of all the illegally whelped puppies which are now two and one-half year old dogs. These boys are part of my Hollow Creek Bloodline. It is my responsibility to obtain a history of their health and make sure that if they are bred, it is done in an

appropriate manner with an eye to their pedigree and potential incestuous breeding. Two of the boys have been identified as **Sunseeker Red Ryder** ( Salt Lake City, Utah) and **Sunseeker Topsail Wave Rider** (Fairfax, Virginia). They had been individually registered a year after their birth. The whereabouts of the other four dogs is currently unknown. Any information or help **you** can provide in determining the location of the four remaining pups would be appreciated. They may have been sold /registered using a "SC"s" prefix.

Apparently, not everyone values these beautiful dogs the same as we do. Roxy is happily at Hollow Creek where she continues to serve the breed by helping to set and maintain the standard of the Boykin Spaniel breed both in the hunting field and in the conformation ring.

Please contact me if you have any information concerning her missing offspring.

Warm Regards,

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## Puppy Proofing Your Home / Crate Training part one

### A Lesson Re-Learned By a Breeder

Whenever we send new puppies to their new homes, we also send an article on puppy



proofing your home and crate training. We strongly recommend anyone bringing a new puppy into their home to take the time to puppy proof their home and to crate train their puppy. By the time someone picks up a puppy from our kennel, we have already started the process of crate training -- completing the process in the pup's new home should be quickly and easily accomplished. You can see how easy it is to get started crate training from the photo of all nine of the pups of a recent litter piled into the much smaller of the two crates we provide in their space. This is not staged (how could it be) - they do this fairly often, we just happen to have a camera handy this time. Their crate should always be a safe, secure and happy place.

We always encourage folks to take their puppy home when they are going to have the time at home to spend with it to get it acclimated to its new home, do crate training, create a routine and generally have time to orient both the new owner and the new pup. Fortunately most do plan to take time off or will have someone around to do all this.

Now to brand spanking new testi-

mony as to why we believe all the above to be so important.

The photo titled 'Stick' exhibits why we so strongly believe in puppy proofing your home, crate training and spending as much time as possible in the first week or two acclimating your pup to its new home. We had all the pups (6 weeks old) on a litter outside one morning and took advantage of the moment to multitask -- we cleaned their area (for the third time by 7:30 am) and also fed all the adult dogs. We went to investigate when we heard pups gagging. Three of them had eaten bits of twigs, leaves and such which were tickling their little throats. We cleared out their throats with a gentle swab of the index finger and they were all OK. No problems. It happens all too often that this breed will get something foreign in their mouths -- this is a retriever breed after all and they will put anything and everything in their mouths. And being mouthy retrievers they will also chew -- but that is another story. This is a story and a lesson as to why young puppies need to be closely supervised at this very young tender age.

As we were bringing in the rest of the puppies, one started gagging and would not stop. The pup was in obvious distress with labored breathing and excessively rapid heart beats. We yanked him off the floor and his breathing was almost stopped as I put my finger

down his throat and found what I thought to be a small twig. I started pulling the twig which became a



stick 9 inches long (see photo)... Keep in mind that at this age the puppy is only about 10 inches long from his throat to his butt, but somehow he had managed to completely swallow the stick length wise.

All is well and the puppy is great and back to being a puppy, but it could have been much worse if we had not been paying attention. Of course it could have been no problem at all had we followed our own advice and not left such young puppies unattended but had put them in their confined space or CRATES before going off to do other things. Sometimes you just want to beat yourself...and my wife would say deservedly so and did offer to do just that.

Now that you are reminded of why you should puppy proof your home, crate train your puppy and not leave it unattended, we are reprinting articles to remind you how and why to do both.

*Check next issue for part two of this informative articles on how to Puppy-Proof your home.*

- Greg Copeland  
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