

From the President . . .

*“Do not go where
the path may lead, go
instead where there is
not path and leave
a trail.”*

*- Ralph Waldo
Emerson*

It is hard to believe that over a year has passed since the reorganization of the Boykin Spaniel Club and Breeders Association of America, the official AKC parent club for the Boykin Spaniel. It was just a few months ago that we learned that as a result of our commitment and effort to steer the organization in a direction of integrity that the breed would become fully recognized by the American Kennel Club after over a decade of enrollment in the Foundation Stock Services program. With a fully seated board of directors, a renewed membership and a view to the future, the sky is the limit for our little brown dogs. What a trail has been blazed, and what a year it has been of hard work, commitment, friendships and dedication to our little brown dogs.

What is the AKC really about? Founded in 1884, the AKC and its affiliated organizations, such as the Canine Health Foundation, advocate for the purebred dog as a family companion, advance canine health and well-being, work to protect the rights of all dog owners and promote responsible

dog ownership. When you find time, take a tour at www.akc.org. You will be impressed by the opportunities waiting for you and your Boykin Spaniel!

As we begin this next year, it is important that we do not forget our history. As an AKC sanctioned breed recording our history becomes even more important. Do you own an AKC foundation stock enrolled Boykin Spaniel? If so, your dog is part of our legacy. Consider sending us a photo and a short profile highlighting his or her pedigree and achievements. Please be sure to include his or her registered name and AKC FSS number. These can be sent directly to the newsletter editor for future issues and will be added to our growing archives.

Perhaps you have old newsletters or club items from when the organization was first organized. Over the years many things have been misplaced, so any additions you might have to our collection would be appreciated. Even an old photo from a past event would be considered a treasure!

Nominations and elections are just around the corner, if you are interested in being considered for a board position or would like to recommend a candidate, please, contact any member of the current board by telephone or e-mail. Additionally if you have an idea for a new committee or would like to volunteer to work on an existing committee, please let a board member know. We have lots to do and all help is appreciated!

Finally as part of our celebra-

tion of the full sanctioning of the breed, the board of directors will be recognizing individuals who have contributed to the breed and organization over the last decade through the establishment of the Boykin Spaniel Club and Breeders Association of America's Legacy Program. This year and each year going forward, our board of directors will recognize an individual or group of individuals that has supported and furthered the mission of the organization with the annual BSCBAA Legacy Award. Your input is needed for this program to be a success. Look for the announcement of the 2010 Legacy Award winners in the next issue!

Until next time.... Keep making things happen by rocking those boats with your little brown dogs!

Paisley

- Paisley Stevens Knudsen,
President of the Boykin Spaniel
Club and Breeder's Association



AKC DOG SHOW ENTRY 101

by Sharon Kauzlarich

As that magic date fast approaches and our Boykins will have the opportunity to show the entire world what a wonderful addition the breed will be to AKC, many owners are probably wondering the ins-and-outs of entering an AKC dog show. Although it may seem complicated in the beginning, it is really quite simple. I've found the internet to be the most effective method. Let's step through how to find a show and then complete an entry.

Is my dog eligible to show? That's the first thing; your dog must be eligible to enter an AKC conformation show. Dogs must be at least 6 months old on the day of the show, not a day younger. The dog must hold an AKC full-not limited-registration number and be in-tack. And you must appear as one of the owners or agent of the owner.

How do I find a show? Refer to the AKC website at <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>. When you go here a map of the United States will appear. Simply click on the states where you'd like to show, select the timeframe and event type (conformation) and click "Search". This will bring up all shows meeting your selection criteria. You will look for shows with Event Type abbreviation of "AB" for All Breed.

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Click on the name of the event, in the case Augusta Kennel Club, Inc. and the next screen will give you information below.

Augusta Kennel Club, Inc.

Event No: 2009028903
 North Augusta River Park
 100 Riverview Dr.
 North Augusta, SC
 Web Site: <http://www.augustakennelclub.org>
 Approved
 All AKC-Recognized Breeds
 Start Date: Saturday - October 03, 2009
 End Date: Saturday - October 03, 2009
 Closing Date: Wednesday - September 16, 2009
 Closing Time: 12:00:00 AM
 Time Zone: EASTERN

For additional information contact:
 MB-F Inc., Superintendent
 PO Box 22107
 Greensboro, NC 27420-2107
 (336) 379-9352
mbf@infodog.com

Important information includes the location of the show, superintendent, as well as the closing date and time for this show. Note the closing time is always based on the time zone of the superintendent not yours. There are no exceptions to this rule; if you miss the entry date and time the superintendent will not add your dog after the fact. Most shows close at noon approximately two weeks before the event date. It is important to note the entries must be made with the superintendent, not with AKC. So once you decide on the show have all your important information in front of you (registration paper and charge card) and go to the superintendent's website. Most of the websites are very self-explanatory on the entry process. Should you not be able to figure something out, call them!

What class do I enter? AKC divides the classes by sex and age. As a rule of thumb you enter your dog into the appropriate age group. Determine the age of your dog on the day of each show. You may, should you choose, enter your dog into a class for older dogs but not a class for younger dogs. And of course if you are the breeder of record you may enter into "Bred By Exhibitor". Proper class entries are extremely important. Should you win a class for which you are not eligible, AKC will rescind the win.

There you have it. Not a big deal. See you all in January.