

Editorial



Bring It On!

The debut of the Boykin Spaniel went very well in Deland, Fl. The first Best of Breed ribbon awarded to a Boykin Spaniel, by the AKC, went to Hollow Creek's Roxy, and I was very proud of her.

I met Paisley Stevens-Knudsen and her Boykin "Buddy"... it was a pleasure to meet another Boykin lover who is committed to attending and participating in the newest venue for our breed. To compete at this level is very costly, so your commitment must be very strong, and I encourage everyone to get out there and do what you can to promote the breed.

I also took my "seniors", Hollow Creek's Gus and Hollow Creek's Cocoa to the AKC showconsidering all their accomplishments, they had earned the right to



Gus

be the first to cross that AKC threshold regardless of their age...and they looked good! It was out of tremendous respect they competed, and they showed the AKC judges how well the breed stands up to aging. Those two had "brung us to the AKC party"...and respectfully, they were going to be allowed to dance! And they did...everyone watched their beauty, grace, and the pride with which they showed.... They were great ambassadors for our breed. Many people took the time to come over and admire them, pet them, and speak with me about them.

We have spent a lot of time with professional handlers, groomers, AKC contacts and AKC judges researching the proper method and technique for grooming Boykin Spaniels. As a result of numerous



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consultations, we have created a groomers guide for the Boykin Spaniel, the most recent draft of which is on Page 9 of this Journal. Please understand this is a work in progress and we would appreciate any additional input you may have. For your convenience, the Boykin Spaniel Groomer's Guide will soon be posted on www.boykinsforever.com. Remember to be judicious with the products that you use in grooming making sure that the products support AKC practices and regulations.

Remember, the Charleston AKC Show January 26-27..... It's our own turf so come over and support us in our quest to get full recognition of the Boykin Spaniel by the American Kennel Club. To review winners at any AKC show go to www.infodog.com

- Pat Watts, Editor



Peaches



Cooper



Roxy

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Boykin Spaniel History Re-Written and Seriously Flawed



Sometimes undesirable changes in a breed's important history book take place simply because no one is looking. This article calls attention to one of those cases. The premeditated false records must be corrected now or they will irreversibly become wrongly recorded as Boykin Spaniel historical facts.

The Boykin Spaniel Club and Breeders Association of America (BSCBAA) is the official AKC national specialty club. The 2007 Board of Directors chose to create national and specialty show results for events that did not take place.

The fabrication of national and specialty shows may have gone unnoticed if they had not paradoxically chosen also to post their brags electronically linking those brags subtly in small print on the bottom of their webpage:
<http://boykinspanielclub.org/nationalspecialties.htm>

Over past years the BSCBAA has conducted all-breed UKC conformation and weight pull shows despite opposition of partial membership. These little shows provided new exhibitors a glimpse into what a full-scale AKC conformation show might resemble. None of these shows were announced to the BSCBAA membership as local, regional, or national specialty show. Similarly, the UKC was not instructed to designate them as specialties, and that information also did not appear during the shows.

The first BSCBAA National Specialty was September 2007. This fact is documented by former board member accounts, newsletters, and meeting minutes. Despite that documentation, view past editions of the club's website at http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://boykinspanielclub.org. There is no mention of any previous specialty events. Interestingly, the club's website now cites that there were National Specialties held in 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Thus, we have false documentation from the BSCBAA website now perpetuating these questionable "winners" in history.

The implications of retroactively applying the retrospective existence of these shows and winners are far reaching. If their questionable results are not rescinded, we will have owners, handlers, and breeders of the winners forever recorded in history with false claims of their accomplishments, even if some are not involved in this debacle. Boykin bloodlines claiming roots to these winners will always have an embarrassing asterisk next to their names to indicate those bloodlines' winning records are only as accurate as the farce they stemmed from.

The AKC will be led into falsely believing that the parent club is more structured and experienced because the hereby-questionable records show they were seemingly capable of hosting these events.

The end result, unless corrected, will be permanent red marks on the history of the breed if these "show results" are allowed to remain unchanged in the history book.



- Chris Prince



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