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Upcoming Boykin Events

CBSRC Events

February 11, 2006 CBSRC Club Trial-Rembert, SC
Robin Spriggs will be the host.!

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Hope to see everyone there with their baby browns!



AKC Events

February 11-12, 2006 Chattahoochee English Springer Spaniel Club of Greater Atlanta-Lavonia, GA

February 25-26, 2006 English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.-Chino, CA

March 18-19, 2006 Western Washington English Springer Spaniel Club-Rochester, WA

March 20, 2006 Clumber Spaniel Club of America-Martinsville, IN

March 25-26, 2006 English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association-Patrick, SC

April 8, 2006 Puget Sound English Springer Spaniel Association-Rochester, WA

April 9, 2006 Mt. Ranier Sporting Spaniel Association-Rochester, WA

April 15-16, 2006 Springer Spaniel Club of Central Kansas-Spivey, KS

April 15-16, 2006 Patriot Sporting Spaniel Club-Royalston, MS

April 22-23, 2006 Mid-Penn English Springer Spaniel Club-Tyrone, PA

UKC Events

February 11-12, 2006 CONF, JS-Claremont, CA

February 11-12, 2006 AGIL-Spring Grove, IL

February 11-12, 2006 OBED-Point of Rocks, MD

February 11-12, 2006 OBED-Columbia, MO

February 11-12, 2006 OBED-Durham, NC

February 11-12, 2006 CONF, JS-Longview, WA

February 11-12, 2006 CONF, JS-Ixionia, WA

February 17-19, 2006 CONF, JS-Kalamazoo, MI

February 17-19, 2006 WP-Renton, WA

February 18-19, 2006 OBED-Douglas, AK

February 18-19, 2006 WP-San Marcos, CA

February 18-19, 2006 CONF, JS-Tulare, CA

February 18-19, 2006 AGIL-Cedar Lake, IN

February 18-19, 2006 AGIL-Norman, OK

February 18-19, 2006 CONF, JS-Farmington, UT

February 25-26, 2006 TR-Oakdale, CA

February 25-26, 2006 CONF, JS-Clearwater, FL

February 25-26, 2006 CONF, JS-Whitmore Lake, MI

February 25-26, 2006 OBED-Columbus, OH

February 25-26, 2006 OBED-Quakertown, PA

March 3-5, 2006 OBED-Mechanicsburg, PA

March 4-5, 2006 CONF, JS-Phoenix, AZ

March 4-5, 2006 CONF, JS-Cordele, GA

March 4-5, 2006 OBED, Dayton, OH

March 10-11, 2006 CONF, JS, OBED-Mason, MI

March 10-12, 2006 WP-Renton, WA

March 11, 2006 CONF, JS-Wesley Chapel, FL

March 11-12, 2006 CONF, JS-Kiowa, CO

March 11-12, 2006 AGIL-Odell, IL

March 11-12, 2006 AGIL-Laporte, IN

March 11-12, 2006 OBED-Tulsa, OK

March 11-12, 2006 CONF, JS-Denton, TX

March 11-12, 2006 OBED-Hampton, VA

March 18-19, 2006 CONF, JS & WP-Modesto, CA

March 18-19, 2006 AGIL & OBED-Monticello, FL

March 18-19, 2006 OBED-Cedarlake, IN

March 18-19, 2006 OBED-Whitmore Lake, MI

March 18-19, 2006 CONF, JS-Hutto, TX

March 18-19, 2006 CONF, JS-Warrenton, VA

March 18-19, 2006 OBED-Auburn, WA

March 25-26, 2006 CONF, JS-Modesto, CA

March 25-26, 2006 WP-San Marcos, CA

March 25-26, 2006 CONF, JS-Chehalls, WA

March 25-26, 2006 CONF, JS-Racine, WI

March 26, 2006 OBED-Waltham, MA



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Patellar Luxation - Counterpoint

It is proven and verifiable that Boykin Spaniels are predisposed to Hip Dysplasia and Juvenile Cataracts. Not long ago, and it continues today, there was a cardiac scare (called Pulmonic Stenosis, a potentially life-threatening heart disease) with the Boykin breed. There have been a few Boykins reported to have this disease, but no data was gathered or empirical research performed to support the conclusion that Pulmonic Stenosis was genetic in Boykins. Yet many people adopted this view and it has since become a label attached to all Boykin Spaniels. When there is a heart study conducted where the DNA can be examined in hundreds of dogs and the genes responsible pinpointed, then we can determine whether or not the Boykin Spaniel

has an inherited genetic predisposition to Pulmonic Stenosis. As a group and as individual breeders and owners of Boykins, we should support the collection of DNA to determine the genetic predispositions of this breed prior to jumping off to other unfounded conclusions. Now that the breed has been accepted by the AKC and is performing well in UKC events, it

would indeed be unfortunate for the Boykin Spaniel to be further mis-labeled as a breed with Patellar Luxation problems.

Please refer to Patellar Luxation data on the OFA website (<http://www.offa.org/patluxstatbreed.html>). There is absolutely no scientific documentation/data base to be found there or anywhere else to support even the suggestion that the Boykin Spaniel may have an inherited genetic predisposition for Patellar Luxation. Any professional opinion you read on the matter will state that Patellar Luxation when not attributed to trauma/injury may be genetic. That means that the FIRST consideration in the diagnosis of Patellar Luxation is trauma /injury. Most owners

and trainers will deny any injury/trauma in a dog presenting with Patellar Luxation ... as it most probably occurred when they were not looking or they simply were not aware that an injury had occurred.

Competent breeders should have their pups patella's examined at 7-8 weeks before they are placed. The results should be kept with the litter records. This is a hunting dog breed and every breeder should have a vet check the patellas when they are given their first shots. If Patellar Luxation does not show until a dog is 12 or more months... look for an injury to be the culprit -- not genetics.



Some veterinarians and others have a tendency to suggest genetics as the root cause of every condition that they cannot otherwise explain. Sadly, genetics and therefore breeders are the dumping ground for many "unknown medical issues".

If you want to put meaning behind the research of a serious genetic problem, then I suggest you put your

time, energy, and money and that of the BSCBBA into research for a cancer/lymphoma study or finding the genetic markers for Pulmonic Stenosis. The genetic component associated with cancer is much more realistic and purposeful AND a proven genetic component of cancer has been established in canines. What about the Boykin Spaniel breed? Compare the difference between cancer and patellar problems in all breeds. If there is a genetic component responsible for cancer, then we need to know about it. A dog with a patellar injury can be fixed...a dog with cancer cannot.

Patricia L. Watts



Best of the Best

The “no champion left behind” way of enhancing the hunting breed gene pool

A “NAVHDA championship” might sound like an oxymoron. For 36 years, the North American Versatile Dog Hunting Association (NAVHDA) has held noncompetitive tests. Whether it was the Natural Ability Tests for young dogs or the Utility Tests for trained dogs, the challenge was always the points, not the other dogs.

That’s still the case. But starting this year, the NAVHDA Invitational, which will be held annually going forward, has higher performance requirements for entry. Only dogs earning a Prize 1 in Utility Tests will qualify; those that earn a Prize 1 in the Invitational are given the title of Versatile Champion, with VC prefixing their names in the registry.

The best thing about NAVHDA tests is that no judge is looking for eliminations to narrow the field to one winner. No judge is allowed a personal preference, which can lead to fads that often change hunting breeds into racing dogs.

So why call dogs champions when they pass the Invitational Test? Because Americans love champions, and the extraordinary dogs that are capable of earning a Prize 1 in the Invitationals are in every way true champions. The concept of reserving “champion” for a single dog that has had a better day or better luck that day, is actually quite brilliant. What follows is notoriety, after which these Versatile Champions raise the ability level of NAVHDA dogs by being in greater demand as breeders.

Shorthairs on Top

The 2004 NAVHDA Invitational, near Mexico, Mo., drew 99 qualified dogs, and 32 went home Versatile Champions: 23 German shorthairs, 6 German wirehairs, 1 vizsla, 1 and a *German Shorthair* pudelpointer. The shorthair dominance is explained by the fact that there are many more shorthairs, and therefore many more good ones to be found. Wirehair breeders must focus on flawless coats, and the gene pools are smaller in the other breeds.



A passing score at the NAVHDA Invitational is 166 out of a possible 200. Field work is scored on backing, steadiness to wing and shot and retrieve to hand. Water work adds heeling, steady at the blind, marking, honoring and blind retrieve.

THE SUM OF THEIR PARTS

All NAVHDA tests are based on evaluations of nose, search, pointing, desire to work, cooperation and physical attributes. Nose gets the highest number (6), or weighting, in the scoring system. A good nose will scent birds quickly and easily and from a considerable distance but will function poorly unless the brain has learned, or can learn, to discriminate subtle differences in scents. Is the bird here? Was it here? Which way did the pheasant run?

A good nose well connected to an intelligent brain still needs desire, that animated determination to do whatever it takes to get a bird to the gun so the dog can have it in his mouth. Desire shows up in search by helping the dog quickly discover what cover holds birds, then inspiring him to hunt that cover holds birds, then inspiring him to hunt that cover so thoroughly that no birds are overlooked.

Cooperation holds it all together, with the dog staying in contact with his hunter right up to the moment of point, which should be rock solid and intense. And finally, NAVHDA dogs are judged for conformation and coat, because the assembly of a dog determines how well he moves and how long he holds up in hours of hunts and years of life.



Calculating the True Cost of a Pet

It's Steeper Than You Think, but There Are Ways to Avoid the Bite

GREEN THUMB By Ron Lieber

That doggy in the window costs much more than you think.

How much? Almost \$12,000 over a lifetime for a small dog that lives 15 years, and more than \$23,000 for a larger breed that lives for 12. Those are just averages; the numbers grow quickly if, say, illnesses require trips to the vet.

These figures come from Jim Wilson, a veterinarian, lawyer and consultant who has created a detailed spreadsheet, down to the last chew toy, using data from the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association, the American Veterinary Medical Association and owners. Dr. Wilson crunched the numbers as part of his research into damages in lawsuits over pets and his work for a pet-insurance company.



Numbers like that might give anyone pause. "People think they can get the puppy from the pound for \$125," he says. "And they honestly don't have a clue as to what the annual costs are going to be."

Some highlights from the spreadsheet: "Destruction of Household Items" averages \$1,000 for a larger dog. Dr. Wilson knows of a Weimaraner that chewed up \$3,500 worth of SUV dashboard. "Sometimes a tail takes out a whole table, and then you have broken china, red wine stains," he says. "Nobody takes that into account."



Thinking about pets in these terms may make you feel dangerously like the Grinch. In fact, it's precisely because animals can end up playing such important roles in our lives that it's crucial to consider the economic cost ahead of time.

After all, once that pet becomes part of your household -- a playmate for the kids, a friend and companion -- you'll likely find yourself determined to spend whatever it takes to shield it from pain.

It's the veterinary bills that can really add up. These days it's a snap to spend a four-figure amount or more on care that wasn't even available a decade ago. That can lead, inevitably, to difficult choices. Trade journal DVM Newsmagazine asks vets every three years for the dollar amount at which most clients would stop treatment. In 2003, it stood at \$961, up 67% from the 1997 figure. A 2004 American Kennel Club survey of dog

owners found that 14% said their current ownership costs would deter them "significantly" or "quite a bit" from getting another one.

There are several things you can do to avoid finding yourself in that group. Before you buy, see a vet for a "pet selection" appointment. Once there, ask about recurring costs and potential genetic and behavior problems.

Also set a realistic budget. Fran Hickman, a financial planner with JSF Financial LLC in Los Angeles, sets aside almost \$14,000 annually for her African green parrot, two Jack Russell terriers and a horse named Temptation. Her advice? Be honest with yourself about what you're willing to sacrifice for an animal (or a menagerie). "It impacts your family vacations when you spend \$5,000 on an ill pet," she says.

Finally, consider insurance. Some employers offer it, or you can buy it through outfits like Veterinary Pet Insurance Co. Deductibles and payment caps may apply, just as they would for humans.



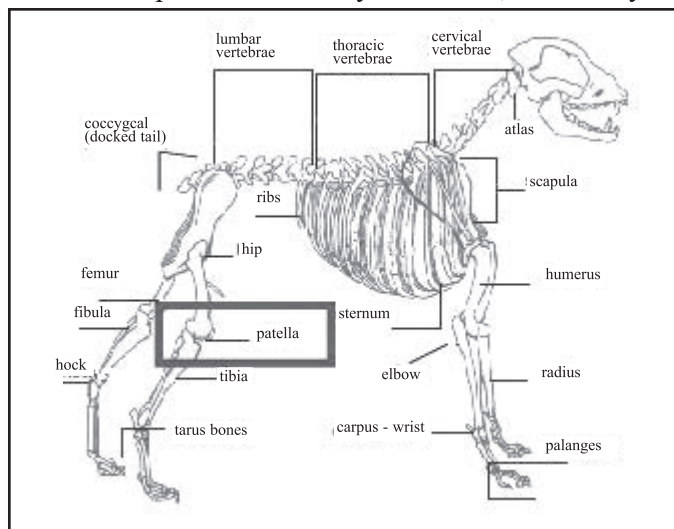
Healthwise

Patella Luxation can cause pain and lameness. Some advanced cases cause the dog to "lock" the joint and avoid using the affected limb(s) by carrying it above the ground or shifting their weight onto their front limbs if possible.

The patella, or kneecap, is part of the stifle joint (knee). In patellar luxation, the kneecap luxates, or pops out of place, either in a medial or lateral position. Affected dog often stand knock-knee (genu valgum). The foot can be seen to twist laterally as weight is placed on the limb. The patella is usually reducible, and laxity of the medial collateral ligament may be seen on examination.

Patellar luxations fall into several categories:

1. Medial luxation; toy, miniature, and large breeds
2. Lateral luxation; toy and miniature breeds
3. Lateral luxation; large and giant breeds.
4. Luxation resulting from trauma; various breeds, of no importance to the certification process.



Numbers 1, 2 and 3 are either known to be heritable or strongly suspected.

OFA database records for Boykin Spaniels currently show 4 individuals who have sent in their examination findings (Oct. 2005). 1 of those 4 had grade 1 patella luxation. While the actual percentage is 25% affected this is misleading due to the small number of exams in the database.

Breeders and owners are encouraged to have their dog examined by their vet and submit the results to OFA for their database. These examinations do not require sedation and are easily performed by the dog's regular veterinarian during their yearly exam. The veterinarian will need to complete the application form indicating the the results of the dog's patella evaluation and send it to OFA with the appropriate fees.

The current fee (2005) is \$15.00 for individual dogs with normal readings. Reduced fees are available for litters or kennels when submitting multiple report applications forms at the same time. There is no OFA fee for entering an abnormal evaluation of the patella in the data bank.

The OFA breed database number will contain the age at evaluation and it is recommended that dogs be periodically reexamined as some luxations will not be evident until later in life. An OFA number will be issued to all dogs found to be normal at 12 months of age or older; preliminary evaluations may be done as 6-8 weeks of age prior to the puppy's release to the new owner.

(Note: See Counterpoint Comments for the Boykin Breed.)

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Why the AKC?



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AKC Affiliation

The AKC provides a host of venues in which the Boykin Spaniel may participate. As a result of efforts of having the AKC recognize the Boykin Spaniel, you and any AKC FSS registered Boykin Spaniel are entitled to participate in companion and performance events. The Boykin Spaniel Club & Breeders Association of America (BSCBAA) is now recognized as the AKC Parent Club for the Boykin Spaniel breed.

SO...WHAT IS THE AKC?

The American Kennel Club was founded in 1884. AKC has long been the nation's leading not-for-profit organization devoted to the study, breeding, exhibiting, and advancement of purebred dogs. Internationally recognized, the AKC operates the world's largest purebred-dog registry, and is affiliated with more than 4,300 U.S. dog clubs and approves and regulates over 15,000 conformation,

companion and performance events annually. The AKC is a strong advocate and supporter of purebred dogs, responsible dog ownership, canine good health, and advances the integrity of the breeding and sport of purebred dogs.

The AKC's Mission Statement is:

- Maintain a registry for purebred dogs and preserve its integrity.
- Sanction dog events that promote interest in, and sustain the process of, breeding for type and function of purebred dogs.
- Take whatever actions necessary to protect and assume the continuation of the sport of purebred dogs.

The AKC's principal focus is to serve **YOU** - the dedicated breeders, exhibitors, judges, handlers, and other participants and enthusiasts who make the sport of purebred dogs so rewarding and enjoyable.

Registration and entry fees in AKC events fund the operations of:

- Kennel inspections
- AKC Canine Health Foundation
- Canine Legislation
- DNA Profiling
- Public Education
- Canine Good Citizen Program
- Canine Search & Rescue

.... to name a few.



"Just-In, out of HRCH King's Curlee Gurlee x HR UH Sydney of Woodbine, is the author's number one hunter, UKC Total Dog (Conformation & Performance titles on the same day), 2003 UKC TOP TEN Total Dog, and Grand Champion Show dog".

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Why the AKC? Continued from pg. 8

AKC Affiliation - Will Boykin Spaniels Become Beauty Contestants Only? Will They Become A Fluff Dog Like You See On Westminster?

Because of problems that developed in the American Water Spaniel, the Irish Setter and other breeds, there are those who believe that AKC affiliation is a negative and that the AKC is the root cause of these problems. This argument can be likened to the gun control lobby whose position is that availability of guns is the root cause of crime when the fact is that people, not guns per se, are the problem. The AKC is a registry, a facilitator of events that showcase a breed's characteristics and an educational resource. The parent club of the breed (the BSCBAA in the case of the Boykin Spaniel) is responsible for establishing a breed standard that encourages the characteristics that they wish to replicate in the breed and for policing breeders to ensure that puppy mills and disreputable activities are severely punished. In some AKC recognized breeds, the bench show or 'beauty contest' folks took a lead role in the development of the breeds. The Boykin Spaniel is a hunting dog who happens to be shown by some folks on the bench as opposed to a bench dog who might or might not have hunting instincts. The breed standard developed by the BSCBAA should specify that a dog that is shown must demonstrate hunting instincts, and we hope that the BSCBAA will make attainment of a 'working certificate' a prerequisite for bench championships. The focus of the BSCBAA as the parent club of the Boykin Spaniel

must first be on protection of the hunting instincts of the breed and on aggressively policing breeders who raise AKC accredited litters.

AKC Affiliation -- What It Means For You And Your Boykin Spaniel

AKC accreditation provides new venues to showcase the breed as a spaniel on a national scale in upland game work (flushing), and in agility, tracking, obedience trials, hunting & field tests for Spaniels, rally events and, yes, conformation shows. Additionally, AKC accreditation provides a limited registration option for dogs that have cosmetic faults (white spots, under-bite, etc.) or poor OFA or CERF results that prevent breeding. These dogs can still compete in and receive titles in AKC sponsored events, but breeding of them must be discouraged if not prohibited.

In short, we believe that the pros of AKC accreditation outweigh the cons if we ALL (breeders, owners, clubs) do our job on the front end of the process. ALL means all of us who own, breed, show, and run Boykins in events, but most particularly the future of the Boykin lies in the hands of the parent club, the BSCBAA. **IF** the BSCBAA specifies in the AKC Boykin Spaniel breed standard that a Boykin must first demonstrate hunting instincts and obtain a working certificate as a prerequisite for bench championships, then the Boykin Spaniel will not become just another fluff dog you see on Westminster...





Waggin' & Braggin'



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Michelle and Greg Copeland, Charlie Cox,
Gary Shumpert, Pat Watts, & Mike Long*



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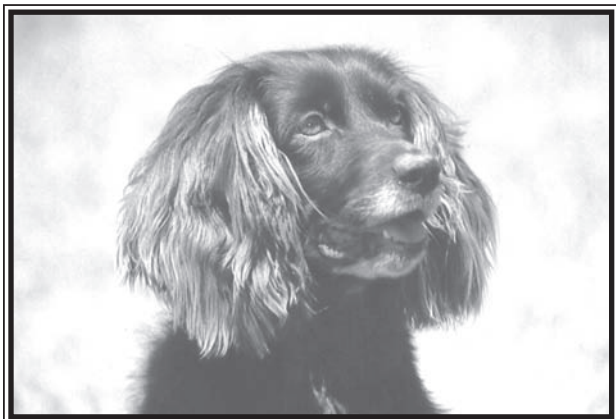


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