

# BOYKIN SPANIELS FOREVER

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# EDITORIAL



Bloom Where God Plants You.....

This is my 2013 epiphany about life.....the past ...the present....and the future!

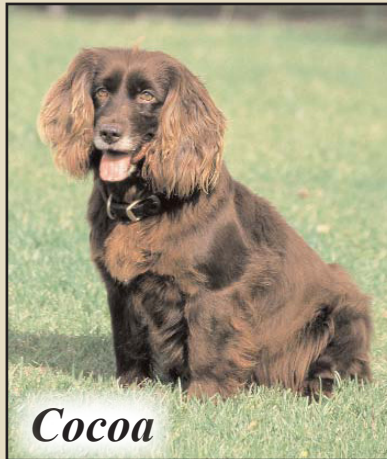
Getting through 2012 was a huge challenge.....then.... 2013 brought different challenges right off the bat.

March 2012 brought great field accomplishments for Hollow Creek progeny. If you remember I had taken a couple of years and dedicated them to educating judges on how to conformation judge the Boykin Spaniel in the AKC. We had much to do to correct their previous information about our breed. I am now seeing much better evaluation of Boykin's per the Breed Standard. My intention was to 'getter done' and then get back to hunt tests and the hunting side of our breed.

The Taste of the Wild dog food recall.... brought severe illness to my entire kennel and me. TOTW and Diamond Foods were very negligent in getting this recall out....feeding my dams and pups TOTW at that time ..... resulted in the loss of ten (10) seven week old pups after 14 days of illness.... and a week later, my Belle.....all before the recall was publically announced. The vets were trying multiple antibiotics / IV fluids... as they all had tested positive for 'everything'. We did not know that they were sick due to the dog food exposure as it had not been announced so they continued to be exposed as they continued to eat..... the pups and new mothers were tragically affected because that was their

food. Because I have colon issues... I was seriously ill from the salmonella long after the pups and Belle had passed.....going into the New Year.

In September, due to the continued decline in the economy, I made the decision to close my boarding kennel. A blessing in disguise as I was having recurrent and unrelenting intestinal issues. Still the economy has been a stunning financial loss for boarding kennels in general.



In November, My Cocoa passed. She had a very long and wonderful life. What a fabulous and loving companion she was.

Mid-December brought us to Eukanuba 2012....where I am so proud to say that Hollow Creek's Texas Trace won Best of Breed. This was a very well deserved win for Trace as there were many worthy Boykin Spaniels competing for that title. Such an honorable win!



My intestinal issues and multiple antibiotic treatment.... finally took their toll ...I had developed c. diff.....and very early on 1-1-13 via ambulance, I was admitted to ICU for seven days ... and while there developed a blood clot in my lung....so I spent a couple more days on a medical floor .... And now still at home recovering.... God surely has my back.

My kennel and home required extensive decontamination and replacement of a structure and other equipment to assure sterility. Property losses were covered by TOTW.... However the tragedy of such losses is not.....

THUS.....I will bloom where God plants me!

God Bless..and Happy Hunting!

Patricia L. Watts,  
Owner/Editor



**COVER PHOTO**  
HOLLOW CREEK'S  
SHILOH LAMONICA

**OWNERS**  
JOE & PATTY LAMONICA  
OF PITTSBURGH, PA

# Otis THE Boykin Spaniel

by Magda Fernandez

People who meet little Otis always comment on his friendliness, sparkling energy, and lustrous coat. They wouldn't know that, in spite of his healthy appearance, Otis has chronic food allergies. The reason this isn't obvious is because, after much trial and error, they're finally under control. Pat has asked me to share what I've learned in managing Otis' food allergies in the event it is of help to you. As you read, please keep in mind that what is working for Otis might not work for your dog.

Otis started scratching his coat and licking his paws during the summer at 17 weeks of age. At first, I assumed that it was a seasonal allergy. But when his scratching and licking intensified into the late fall, I began to suspect a food allergy instead. After trying different high-quality food brands with little results, I took Otis to a veterinary nutritionist for guidance. She opened my eyes about all the unlabeled, allergy-triggering ingredients that can be found in processed dog foods. We confirmed that Otis had food allergies when he stopped scratching within a few days after starting a prescription limited diet. What I didn't like, however, was that Otis didn't savor his new food at all, and wasn't gaining enough weight even on copious amounts.

What no traditional vet seemed to address was why Otis had food allergies in the first place, especially since they don't run in the Hollow Creek bloodline. The best that they could offer was steroids, a regimen of allergy shots, medicated shampoos, and a bland prescription diet. Not convinced, I decided to seek alternative veterinary medicine instead.

I found better answers at a holistic veterinary clinic. Trained in traditional and holistic medicine, this new vet correlated the start

of Otis' symptoms to his 1st year DHHP and rabies vaccines. In her opinion, Otis is one of many unfortunate dogs that have suffered a collective hit from these vaccines. Remember how Otis kept eating mud and found dog poop during our walks? The holistic vet told me that this, too, in addition to the food allergies, was another autoimmune symptom from vaccines. Researchers, such as Dr. Jean Dodds, are tracing many autoimmune conditions to these vaccines, and are mounting statewide efforts to require advance titering, vaccinations after 9-10 weeks of age, and dosing according to weight.

To repair Otis' immune system, his holistic vet recommended that we exempt Otis from future vaccinations with a letter of waiver and titers; wean Otis off all unnecessary chemicals; use non-toxic remedies and products whenever possible; and feed him an organic home-cooked or raw diet with supplements. She did tell me to continue giving him his monthly heartworm medication because there is no alternative preventative or cure for heartworm. Although she urged me to seek alternative flea/tick preventatives, I had to resort to a conventional one because none of the natural preventatives worked on Otis, and we live in a Lyme hotspot.



The results over the past year have been excellent. Otis has stopped scratching and eating poop completely, and eats his raw diet heartily. I opted for the raw diet because

cooking does eliminate some nutrients in the process. I want Otis to extract every ounce of nutrient possible to strengthen his immune system. He deserves it! Otis' former agility trainer referred me to a reputable and affordable bulk raw meat vendor that services the northeast, too.

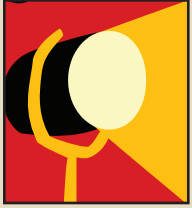


Every week I rotate servings of raw duck frames, lamb, and venison. Otis eats 2 meals a day. One of those meat meals contains 30% raw, coarsely ground, non-weight bearing bones. The other meat meal contains select raw vegetables that I pulp in a food processor. I do the latter because dogs' intestines cannot break down cellulose on their own. Twice a week I feed him a raw duck heart or other offal. I add a prebiotic, probiotic, and fish oil to each meal, and feed him one yeast-free vitamin daily. I have found that another key to keeping the "itchies" at bay is to keep rotating the meat types every week. Even though he tolerates select meats, they eventually make him itch if I don't switch them.

I won't lie: a raw diet definitely is way more time-consuming to prepare and more expensive than processed dog food. It would cost far less if Otis were not allergic to chicken or beef, or if I had hunting buddies who could regularly supply meat. Fortunately, our raw meat vendor charges only a third of supermarket meat prices and is willing to grind meat bones, too. The way I see it, I'd rather put my

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# Spotlight on ... Hank Castro



Picture above taken at Florida's  
only rapids located at Hillsborough  
river state park.  
- John S. Castro  
of Tampa, FL

## Otis the Boykin Spaniel

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money in a raw diet than in expensive medical treatments that could worsen Otis' immune system in the process.

Now that I select every ingredient that goes into Otis' meals, I've been able to identify foods that he can't tolerate, without subjecting him to painful, expensive allergy tests and harsh steroids. I take comfort in knowing that Otis eats the highest quality, human-grade canine diet possible. For me, this diet is Otis' best long-term shot at restoring his immune system and, hopefully, at staving off future issues.

This experience also has taught me to approach all types of veterinary care with a healthy, critical eye. So for now, Otis goes to the holistic vet for vaccine waivers, titers, nutrition, and comprehensive perspective, and to traditional vets for select specialty care, diagnostic testing, and any future surgical and emergency care.





## THE DREAM

By Hal Roemer



I watch him as he sleeps at my feet.

He's dreaming.

His legs give a little kick, he makes a soft sound; something between a whimper and a growl. His lips briefly curl up in a snarl. His eyes slightly open now and then, but what he's seeing is not of this world.

What is he remembering?

I watch, and I remember as well...

....I remember.....

He was just a pup. He was brown and squat, and waddled when he walked. His tail hung just so and his head sort of moved to his gait. I had not had any idea what I'd name my new puppy up until the moment I first saw him. He looked exactly like a bear.

So that was it. His name from that moment on was Bear.

His dream has become more active now, all four legs are working. He's either running or swimming. The vocalizations are more intense. Looks like he's really trying to catch some thing.

.... And I remember....

I remember how quickly he learned as a puppy and young dog.

I remember his first live quail.....

He seemed to be amazed that

there was something so wonderful right where I had pointed. We both seemed to acknowledge that something important had happened.

Somewhere deep within him an instinct was awakening.....there was a job to be done and.....He was remembering what that job was.



He gives a little bark in his dream. It makes me smile.

.....and I remember.....

That season..... several years ago, half a lifetime for him, the beginning of a nearly month long hunt, we started in Kansas with 3 full days of pheasant. He quartered the field and retrieved to heel, every single bird I shot. I was so proud of my dog.

We went from Kansas strait to South Louisiana; a floating camp in a canal out in the swamp and hunted puddle ducks in the marsh from an elevated blind for 5 days; he sat like a soldier on the dog platform and retrieved every single duck we knocked down. He refused to come into the blind when the birds were not flying. I could hear his teeth chattering and him groaning from the cold. But he would not stay in the blind, out of the wind and weather. He fought to get back out on the dog platform.

From South Louisiana, we came strait home to Deep East Texas,



and jumped wood ducks along the creek; he held 5 yards behind me waiting for me to approach the creek bank and check for a wood- ie.

And I remember being amazed...

I know he remembered the training to quarter and flush pheasants, and I know he remembered the training to hold 5 yards behind for wood ducks. But the thing is, I never did train him on a duck blind, and he had never hunted from a dog platform. How he knew to do that, is still a mystery to me.

How he seamlessly switched from one style of hunting to another is something I am still in awe of. His dream is over. He's awake, though a bit groggy. He lifts his head and looks around till he finds me.

His stubby tail gives a couple of slow thumps when he sees me looking at him. I tell him he's a good boy. He thumps his tail a few more times and lays his head down with a big comfortable sigh for another nap.





# Choosing Your Dog's Food - Read the Label!

by Heather Russo

When you decided to get a puppy, you didn't say, "I want the cheapest one I can find," did you? You took some time, read about the breeds, possibly checked out the breeder and made an informed decision. Choosing a dog food for your new pet should be just as informed. It is one of the first things you should do before you go pick up your new family member. It is important that you learn how to read dog food labels and find out what it all means to ensure that you make the best choice for your dog ~ after all, he can't read!

Chances are you already read labels when choosing your own food to avoid foods with high fat, low sodium or grab foods with certain ingredients. You need to do this with your dog's food as well because your dog needs specific amounts of nutrients like proteins, carbohydrates, fiber, fats.

Remember, when you ultimately find a dog food that meets all the criteria and that your dog likes, stick with it! There is no reason to switch from brand to brand, you can change flavors, but don't wreak havoc on your pet's tummy by bouncing around the pet food aisle.

Don't get discouraged if it takes you a while to pick a high quality dog food ~ your new family member is worth it!

## Reading Dog Food Labels

First, you want to know what ingredients to avoid. **AVOID** all dog foods

that contain:

- 🐾 Ingredients such as 'meat', by-products, bone meal, animal digest, potatoes, and animal fat.
- 🐾 Excessive fillers, such as wheat, rice flour, rice brain, corn, etc., as one of the first five ingredients.
- 🐾 An excess amount of ingredients that you just can't pronounce.

Next, you want to make sure that you know what ingredients to look for in a quality dog food. Look for dog foods that contain:

- 🐾 Whole meats, that actually tell you what meat, such as chicken, beef and lamb.
- 🐾 Whole grains such as oats, rice, barley, and wheat; just make sure that they are not the first ingredient.
- 🐾 The following preservatives- Tocopherols (Vitamin E), rosemary, sage, clove extract, ascorbyl palmitate, ascorbic acid, and forms of Vitamin C.

Check if there are any whole vegetables listed in the ingredients label, such as peas, carrots, and sweet potatoes. Remember that canines are carnivores. While it is not necessary to have vegetables in the dog food, fresh produce can be good to add to your dog's diet for the nutrients. Just make sure that you **AVOID** grapes and raisins, onions, caffeine, chocolate, coffee, citrus oil, dairy products, garlic, Macadamia nuts, moldy food, mushrooms, persimmons, pits from peaches and plums, raw eggs and fish, Salt, Sugary foods, yeast dough, and baby foods.

When determining the proteins, make sure that you can understand the difference while reading the following.

"With chicken flavor" - The food is artificially flavored and there may not be any chicken in it at all.

"With chicken" - There is less than 3% of the meat in the food.

"Chicken dinner" - The food is at least 25% of meat.

"Chicken for dogs" - The food is at least 70% meat combined with the water or at least 95% meat total.

## Fillers in Your Dog's Food

When finding a quality food for your dog, you want to make sure that it has as few fillers as possible. You also want to ensure that it has as many proteins as possible too. The first ingredient on the label should be a protein of some sort and you want to verify that within the first five ingredients there aren't any fillers.

Fillers cause your dog to eat more because they are not getting the essential nutrients that they need, which in turn causes you to need to buy more dog food than you should. Fillers can, in fact, upset your dog's stomach, so take care to choose a food that will be the healthiest for your dog.

Be cautious - some manufactures attempt to hide the true volume of filler by breaking up the same filler into several different names so that it's not listed at the top of ingredients, but when all totaled, they will outweigh the percent of protein in the food. For example, you may see ground wheat, wheat flour and wheat middling, or you may see corn gluten, corn bran and ground corn.

Corn is currently a controversial ingredient. Some say that it is ok to have in your dog's food, but make sure that it is **NOT** the first ingredient and that 'corn gluten' ingredients are not included. I say that corn is not good to feed your dog. As a whole grain, corn is not easily digestible. Unless the kernel is first refined into a meal or flour and then cooked, corn can be very difficult for a dog to digest. To tell the truth, corn and other grains are only digestible to the extent to which

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they're processed. That's why even though the grain may be listed as 'whole' on a pet food label, it is almost always ground first before being cooked into kibble. And the finer it's ground, the more digestible corn will be - but also, the higher its glycemic index. Compared to most other cereal grains used for making dog food, corn has one of the highest glycemic indexes. You don't find corn in commercial dog food because it contributes some unique nutritional property. No, it's there simply because it supplies cheap calories to the product. To put it bluntly, corn makes any pet food you find it in less expensive to produce. And it does this by diluting a recipe's more costly meat ingredients. If you feel that you must feed corn to your pet, be sure that it is quite far down the list.

Upon examination, the ingredient label on the back of the dog food bag will assist you in finding a dog food that will supply your dog with all the nutrients needed to be a healthy, happy dog. Remember, the higher percentage of the ingredient that is used to manufacture the dog food, the higher up the list it will be. This is why you want to make sure that within the first five ingredients there aren't any fillers.

### Common Ingredients in Dog Food

**Beef Tallow:** Fat from beef.

**BHA:** (butylated hydroxyanisole) a fat preservative.

**Bone/Meat Meal:** Blood, hair, hooves, horns, hide trimmings, *manure*, and any stomach and rumen contents.

**Brewers Rice:** Small fragments of rice kernels separated from milled rice.

**Brown Rice:** Unpolished rice left over after the kernels have been removed.

**Corn Gluten Meal:** By-product after the manufacture of corn syrup or starch.

**Ethoxyquin:** Chemical preservative used to prevent the dog food from spoiling.

**Fish Meal:** Clean ground tissue of un-decomposed whole fish or fish cuttings, with or without the oil extracted.

**Ground Corn:** Entire corn kernel ground or chopped.

**Meat By-products:** Clean parts of any animal - can include domestic, wild or zoo animals, road kill, and dead, diseased, disabled, or dying livestock. Most shockingly, this also can include dogs and cats.\* - By-products to include the lungs, spleen, kidneys, brain, liver, blood, bone, stomach, and intestines without their contents.

**Meat:** Clean flesh of any slaughtered animal, domestic or wild, diseased, euthanized, road-kill, etc., to include the striated skeletal muscle, tongue, diaphragm, heart, esophagus, overlying fat, and the skin, sinew, nerves, and blood vessels normally found within that flesh; not typically including muscle.

**Poultry By-products:** Clean parts of slaughtered poultry (ducks, chickens, geese, turkeys) such as heads, feet, undeveloped eggs, internal organs, and feathers that cannot be avoided during the process.

**Soybean Meal:** By-product from producing soybean oil.

**Tocopherols:** Natural preservatives.

\* *Fast Food Nation* author Eric Schlosser writes, "Although leading American manufacturers promise never to put rendered pets into their pet food, it is still legal to do so. A Canadian company, Sanimal Inc., was putting 40,000 pounds of dead dogs and dead cats into its dog and cat food every week, until discontinuing the practice in June 2001. "This food is healthy and good," said the com-

pany's vice president of procurement, responding to critics, "but some people don't like to see meat meal that contains any pets."

## Avoid Dog Food with a High Content of the Following Ingredients

1. **Wheat**

2. **Corn**

3. **Soy**

4. **By-Product Meal** - Secondary or incidental product deriving from a manufacturing process, a chemical reaction or a biochemical pathway, and is not the primary product or service being produced; Lacks the digestibility of muscle meat.

5. **Digest** - A cooked-down broth made from specified or unspecified parts of animals (depending on the type of digest used). If the source is unspecified (e.g. "Animal" or "Poultry", the animals used can be obtained from any source, so there is no control over quality or contamination. Any kind of animal can be included: "4-D animals" (dead, diseased, disabled, or dying prior to slaughter), goats, pigs, horses, rats, miscellaneous road kill, animals euthanized at shelters, restaurant and supermarket refuse and so on.

6. **Ethoxyquin** - A quinoline-based antioxidant used as a food preservative (E324) and a pesticide.

7. **Egg Product** - Lower quality product obtained from egg graders, egg breakers, and/or hatchery operations that is dehydrated, handled as liquid or frozen.

8. **Brewer's Rice** - A processed rice product that is missing many of the nutrients contained in whole ground rice and brown rice thus reducing the quality.

9. **Preservatives** - A naturally occurring or synthetic substance that is added to products such as foods, pharmaceuticals, paints, biological samples, wood, etc. to prevent decomposition by microbial growth or by undesirable chemical changes.

10. **Cellulose** - Mainly obtained from wood pulp and cotton, cellulose is the structural component of the primary cell wall of green plants and many forms of algae.

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## SHOULD YOU NEUTER YOUR MALE BOYKIN SPANIEL?

We all need to weigh the relative health risks and benefits when considering whether or not to neuter our male Boykins, and male dogs in general. In the US, most humane societies, shelters and rescue groups urge, or require, pet owners to have their pets neutered to prevent the birth of unwanted litters that contribute to overpopulation of animals in the rescue system.

I recently received a "reminder" card that my 7-month old Boykin, William, was due for an appointment to be neutered. I also understand that responsible owners of dogs who are well supervised and receive regular veterinary care need a different set of considerations. These ask us to make decisions based upon a thorough knowledge of the credible information from peer reviewed veterinary research, and consultation with our breeders and veterinarians. We also need to consider breed specific health issues and age of the dog when making informed decisions. Tradition holds that dogs be castrated between 6 and nine months of age, but this recommendation is not based in science. In fact, it's likely that a decision not to neuter the dog may be in the best health interests of many dogs in the long run.

A comprehensive review of the research studies suggests that no compelling case can be made for neutering most male dogs, especially young ones, to prevent future health problems.

### Advantages of neutering:

- Sexually dimorphic behaviors such as mounting and some forms of aggressions related to females in estrus are likely to be reduced.
- Eliminates the small risk (<1%) of dying from testicular cancer.

- Reduces the risk of non-cancerous prostate disorders
- One study of 76 dogs aged 11-14 found that neutered males were more likely to progress from one to two cognitive impairment conditions (e.g. disorientation, changes in social interaction) than intact dogs.

### Adverse effects:

- Increases the risk of osteosarcoma (bone cancer), especially if neutered before age 1.
- Increases the risk of cardiac hemangiosarcoma by 2.4X
- Increases the risk for hypothyroidism
- Triples the risk of obesity
- Increases the risk of adverse reactions to vaccinations
- CCL (cranial cruciate ligament) injury is very common, but it has been demonstrated that CCL may be more common in neutered dogs – research is pending.
- A study suggests that neutered dogs may have a 3.1 X higher risk of patellar luxation.

While there is no consensus on the effects of neutering on aggressive behavior, some recent studies (AKC-CHF) have shown increased behavioral problems in male and female dogs, with aggression as the most common problem in males.

Overall, neutering male dogs decreases the incidence of disorders with low health significance, and appears to increase more significant health disorders. I hope that further research can be more specific to Boykin's regarding spay/neutering. Owners, breeders and veterinarians need to consider all the health, disease and breed specific information on an individual basis when making informed decisions about neutering.

## Choosing Your Dog's Food (...continued from page 7)

### Compare Purina Beneful & Taste of the Wild Top 10 Ingredients

#### Purina Beneful Original

Ground yellow corn, chicken by-product meal, corn gluten meal, whole wheat flour, animal fat preserved with mixed-tocopherols (form of Vitamin E), rice flour, beef, soy flour, sugar, propylene glycol...

| GUARANTEED ANALYSIS: |       |                     |           |                                |
|----------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Crude Protein (Min)  | 25.0% | Linoleic Acid (Min) | 1.8%      | Selenium (Se) (Min) 0.30 mg/kg |
| Crude Fat (Min)      | 12.0% | Calcium (Ca) (Min)  | 1.1%      | Vitamin A (Min) 15,000 IU/kg   |
| Crude Fiber (Max)    | 4.0%  | Iron (Fe) (Min)     | 175 mg/kg | Vitamin E (Min) 100 IU/kg      |
| Moisture (Max)       | 14.0% | Zinc (Zn) (Min)     | 135 mg/kg |                                |

**INGREDIENTS:** Ground yellow corn, chicken by-product meal, corn gluten meal, whole wheat flour, animal fat preserved with mixed-tocopherols (form of Vitamin E), salmon, rice flour, soy flour, sugar, propylene glycol, meat and bone meal, water, tricalcium phosphate, soybean oil, animal digest, salt, phosphoric acid, sorbic acid (a preservative), potassium chloride, dried carrots, dried green beans, L-Lysine monohydrochloride, calcium propionate (a preservative), choline chloride, Vitamin E supplement, zinc sulfate, added color (Red 40, Yellow 5, Yellow 6, Blue 2), ferrous sulfate, DL-Methionine, manganese sulfate, niacin, Vitamin A supplement, calcium carbonate, copper sulfate, Vitamin B-12 supplement, calcium pantothenate, thiamine, mononitrate, garlic oil, pyridoxine hydrochloride, riboflavin supplement, Vitamin D-3 supplement, calcium iodate, menadione sodium bisulfite complex (source of Vitamin K activity), folic acid, biotin, sodium selenite. E-4092

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#### Taste of the Wild High Prairie

Bison, lamb meal, chicken meal, egg product, sweet potatoes, peas, potatoes, canola oil, roasted bison, roasted venison...

#### Ingredients

Bison, lamb meal, chicken meal, egg product, sweet potatoes, peas, potatoes, canola oil, roasted bison, roasted venison, natural flavor, tomato pomace, ocean fish meal, salt, choline chloride, dried chicory root, tomatoes, blueberries, raspberries, yucca schidigera extract, dried fermentation products of *Enterococcus faecium*, *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, *Lactobacillus casei* and *Lactobacillus plantarum*, dried *Trichoderma longibrachiatum* fermentation extract, vitamin E supplement, iron proteinate, zinc proteinate, copper proteinate, ferrous sulfate, zinc sulfate, copper sulfate, potassium iodide, thiamine mononitrate (vitamin B1), manganese proteinate, manganous oxide, ascorbic acid, vitamin A supplement, biotin, niacin, calcium pantothenate, manganese sulfate, sodium selenite, pyridoxine hydrochloride (vitamin B6), vitamin B12 supplement, riboflavin (vitamin B2), vitamin D supplement, folic acid.

#### Guaranteed Analysis

|                      |           |         |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|
| Crude Protein        | 32.0%     | minimum |
| Crude Fat            | 18.0%     | minimum |
| Crude Fiber          | 3.0%      | maximum |
| Moisture             | 10.0%     | maximum |
| Zinc                 | 150 mg/kg | minimum |
| Selenium             | 0.4 mg/kg | minimum |
| Vitamin E            | 150 IU/kg | minimum |
| Omega-6 Fatty Acids* | 2.8%      | minimum |
| Omega-3 Fatty Acids* | 0.3%      | minimum |

\*Not recognized as an essential nutrient by the AAFCO Dog Food Nutrient Profile.



# Waggin Tails



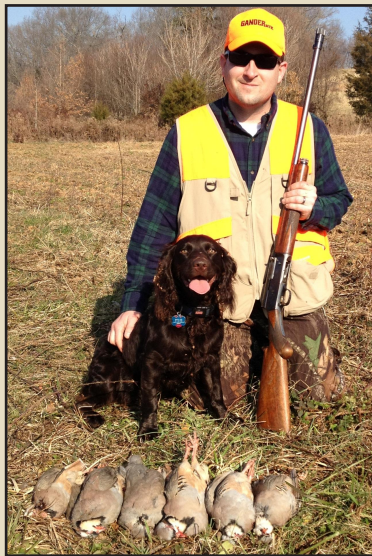
**"Baylee" has been with us for 1 year now and I can't believe the joy she has brought my wife and I. I can't wait to get home from work every night so I can work on sharpening her skills as a gun dog. Neither of us sleep well the night before in anticipation of the next morning's duck hunt. Top left is "Baylee's" first duck retrieve.**  
- Scotty & Jahnette Wilson of The Woodlands Texas



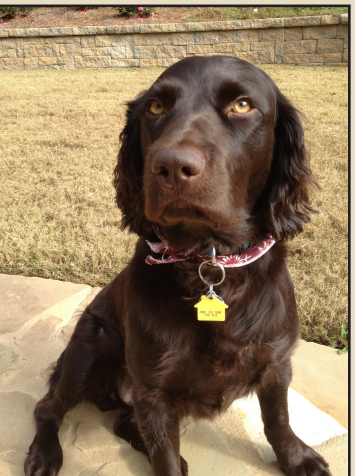
**We can't say enough about Hollow Creek's "Gabby" (Tilly to us). She is an incredible family pet/member and is the most athletic dog we have ever had. Her agility and stamina are amazing. She is, as you know, very handsome and constantly elicits comments from passersby. We are hooked.** - Jack Bocock of Charlottesville, VA



**Top left: Hollow Creek's "Chief" on his perch!, Top right: Hollow Creek's "Renegade" and grandson Tristan, Bottom left: "Renegade" & Scottie, Bottom right: Renegade & Chief in Sharon Springs, Kansas. The one with no feathers on his neck they both tried to retrieve.**  
- Scottie Murray of Yulee, FL



**Top: Hollow Creek's "Colby" and six chuckars, Bottom: "Colby" keeping warm.**  
- Jeffrey Harmon of Herndon, VA

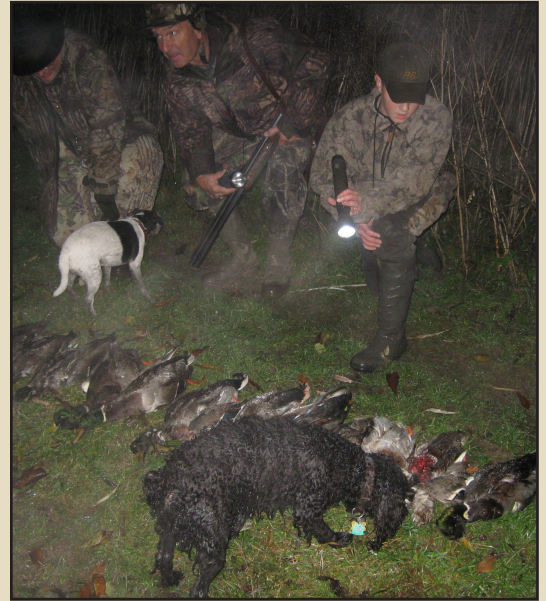


**Here is spoiled Hollow Creek's "Bentley" in his 20k sq. ft. play pen.**  
- Carl Krauth of Milton, GA



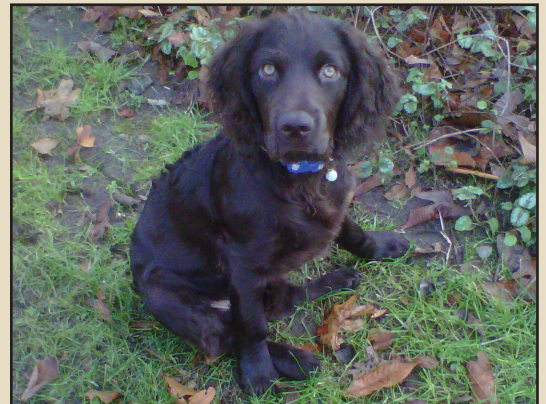


Hollow Creek's "Scout" Almost one and enjoying the snow!!  
- Mike, Liz, Delaney Dylan Archer of Greenfield, MA

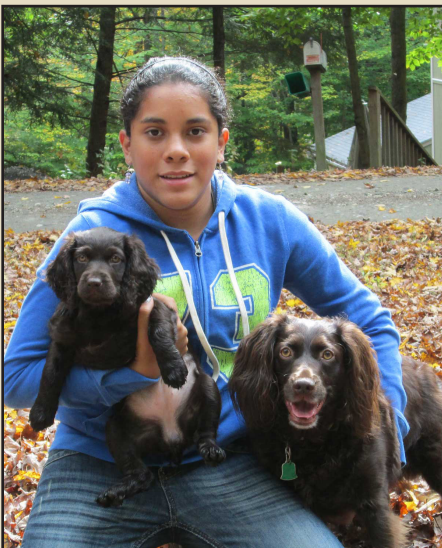


Hollow Creek's "Cooper" hunting in Germany with his owner., - Donnie Judy of Columbia, SC

Left: "Kolby" at the pet store, Middle: Posing at 3 months and Right: Looking like mom at 5 months. - KimBerly and Fred Holston, Mt. Pleasant, SC



Hollow Creek's "Duncan"  
- Jaye J Mahoney  
South Hampton, NY



Hollow Creek's "Maya", "Daisy" our 6-year old Boykin, and our daughter, Diana. Maya did very well on the journey home, and continues to thrive. We are all thrilled to have her, and Daisy absolutely loves her and is being a great big sister.  
- Gary Roffman



Did you know that Boykins gamble? "Colt" is in classes, dog parks, downtown, and we are both tired at 8 pm. Colt is a good 6 month old puppy. I love him to death. He has also recently become a registered support dog.  
- Nancy Ulano of Stuart, FL



Hollow Creek's "Otis" perched on his Christmas cushion! What's on his mind? The word, "Mine!"  
- Magda Fernandez of Boston, MA





Hollow Creek's "Shiloh" (also featured on cover) She holds a point beautifully now, only releasing on my command - verbal or whistle. Retrieving is just as good... She often launches through the air with enthusiasm about the last 4 or 5 feet of a run for the dummy, pouncing on it! She appears to be a natural

We trained at the rifle range before Christmas at just around 16 weeks. This was after several "softer" visits in the earlier weeks as you instructed. The most recent time, I put her on a point for the training dummy and a fellow let off a black powder muzzle loader about 30 yards away. My girl didn't flinch! She stayed on point with just a slight glance in the direction of the shot, coming immediately back to focus on her target. On her way back from that retrieve, another muzzle loader was fired Not even a glance in that direction - just a fervent sprint back to me with the dummy! She loves it! Soon we plan to pen her in my garden with a live pigeon or maybe a chucker. My garden has a wire enclosure with a mesh net cover. It's 35 x 24 x 7 feet high. Here is where we'll introduce her to actual gun fire using a blank gun outside of the enclosure. I don't think there will be a problem. This hunter is anything but shy and, as you instructed, I have brought her near to live gunfire gradually. - Joe & Patty LaMonica of Pittsburgh, PA.

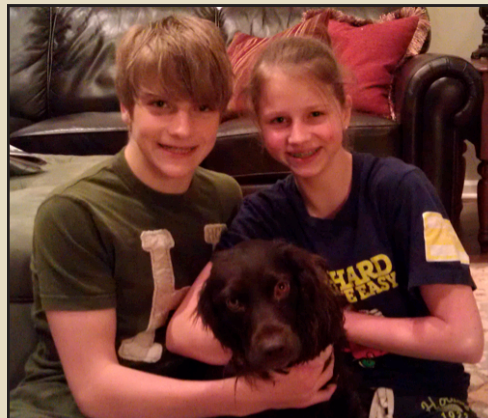


Top: Hollow Creek's "Sullivan" on Memorial Day and Bottom: in the snow - Chris & Courtney Challoner of Norfolk, VA



Hollow Creek's "Roxy" takes the dive - Pat Watts of Leesville, SC

Hollow Creek's Texas "Trace" won Best of Breed at Eukanuba 2012 - Ginger Hurley of Houston, TX



Hollow Creek's "Tassie" with Austin & Maddie. Letter from owner: We flew from NJ in 2009 to pick up Tassie. We could not believe how tiny, adorable and sweet she was. She followed us everywhere we went whether we were inside or out. We also could not believe how intelligent she was. We took her to weekly puppy training classes, and it seemed Tassie could have taught the other dogs. She really listened well and learned fast! Tassie loves to destroy her toys and she has gone through quite a few. Thankfully, she generally respects our things. Once in a while when she slips up she listens VERY well when we ask her to "drop it". Tassie REALLY is amazing! Austin and Maddie are diligent dog owners and each walks her daily. Matt feeds her breakfast and I am responsible for training and grooming. But because of all of our hard work, we all get to have a wonderful companion. We often play a game that we call "Tassie tag" which entails each of us standing in a corner of the field and taking turns calling her, praising her while she comes (to encourage speed) and rewarding her (with a treat) once she reaches one of us. She absolutely LOVES this game! I really cannot thank you enough for being such a fantastic breeder. Tassie is amazing! Almost everyday she impresses us with her intelligence and self-discipline. Sometimes I wonder if she is really a dog. If she is, she is the best in the world!!!

- Matt & Dana Oliver of NJ



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