



BOYKIN SPANIEL RESCUE, INC.

SEWE a Success, Nationals on the Horizon!



SEWE was a great success, with many new friends made, potential new volunteers met, and lots of BSR alumni dogs visiting. Eric and Paw represented the Boykin Spaniel in the retriever demonstrations. Special thanks to Chuck Livingston for donating Volunteer Shirts for those that worked at the event!

SEWE is one of our biggest events of the year. Hundreds of people came by to visit. It is because of our volunteers and patrons that we can do what we do and continue to bring awareness to Boykins in need!

Check This Out!

Are You on Social Media?

Please "Friend" Us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Boykinrescue>

You will find heartwarming stories, as well as important updates!

"Follow" Us on Instagram!

@boykinspanielrescue

Silent Auction Items Needed for Nationals!

As in past years, BSR is looking for silent auction items. If you have items, or can assist by soliciting items for donation, please complete the donation form and return to Lynn McNair.

Forms can be found on our website, or in the "Files" section in the upper right hand corner of our Facebook page. They were also emailed to all volunteers.

You can reach Lynn McNair, Events Coordinator at mcnairlynn@gmail.com.

It is preferred that you bring the donated items with you to Nationals, but if you need to ship them, please reach out to Lynn.

From the Desk of Jill Freeman, Executive Director

Dear Friends, Donors and Volunteers:

2016 has started off with a bang and as of February 14, BSR has taken in 13 rescues. One of these rescues is a 12-week-old puppy that has mega esophagus and will require surgery to correct the condition; one of the rescues is a blind 4-year-old Boykin; three are heart worm positive; and one senior rescue with medical issues was placed in our Permanent Foster Care program.

Many are coming into rescue with the typical conditions we often see--skin conditions; ear infections; tumors; and severe crate and/or separation anxiety. I cannot thank our volunteers and donors enough. It is because of the incredible dedication of volunteers and on-going support of our donors that BSR is able to continue to fulfill its mission to provide these at-risk Boykins spaniels a second chance at the lives they truly deserve.

Events

BSR attended the Southeastern Wildlife Expo in Charleston, SC, February 12-14 at Marion Square. Thanks to the hard work of the many BSR volunteers who attended and volunteered at the BSR tent as well as the many patrons who stopped by our tent, purchased merchandise, and generously donated, it was another very successful year at SEWE! It was a pleasure meeting and talking with all who stopped by, and we are grateful and appreciative of the tremendous support shown to BSR.

Donations

BSR relies on the generosity of our donors to fund and complete our mission. Thank you to all who give, both physically and fiscally. Because of your generosity and steady support, BSR continues to successfully rescue, rehabilitate and rehome Boykins at risk.

Volunteers Needed

BSR is in continual need of volunteers. Along with volunteers to help with identifying potential Boykins in shelters; pulling Boykins from shelters; transporting; attending events, etc., fosters are always greatly needed. BSR is consistently carrying 16 dogs in our Permanent Foster Care program and with this number of rescues in permanent foster care, it is taxing our current pool of volunteers available to foster. Fosters for both short-term as well as fosters for our permanent foster care dogs are greatly needed. If you are a current volunteer and can help foster, please reach out to your regional coordinator to let him/her know. If you are not a current volunteer, but are interested in fostering, please consider completing one of our volunteer applications which can be found on our website.

Many thanks, again, to all who support BSR. To learn more, volunteer, or donate, please visit us at www.boykinspanielrescue.org. Somewhere a little brown dog owes a second life to you!

Shop BSR

Shop BSR continues to add great new products and has something for everyone. Look for our new sweat hoodies and new hunting shirt featuring "BSR Kara ". Need high-quality hunting gear? Shop BSR proudly carries Mud River products for the serious outdoorsman such as the Handler's bag, crate covers, create beds, portable water bowls and much more. Need something from Mud River Shop BSR doesn't carry? No problem. Shop BSR can order directly from Mud River and get the product for you. And, don't forget to check out the ever popular BSR logoed t-shirts, Tervis Tumblers, and new toys for LBD's, All proceeds go back into inventory and towards the expenses of operating BSR and rescuing Boykins. If you haven't checked us out lately, please come by and take a look. See all of our great products at <http://www.boykinspanielrescue.org/shop.html>.

Thank you all, for your support of Boykin Spaniel Rescue, Inc.,

Jill

Good Luck to our BSR Alumni Competing at Nationals!



BSR Pal Joey entered in Novice, handled by owner Karen Rowley.

Run, Joey, Run!



BSR HR UH Pawley's Island Boy MH, "Paw" will be running singles and doubles Roustabout as well as the Duck Dog Shootout. Paw will be handled by Eric Grubbs.

#wealllovetpaw

Congratulations to BSR Alumni "Chipper" and David D'Agresta who took 2nd Place in the Southern Boykin Spaniel Rescue's Roustabout



Chipper is an amazing dog, who also showed the group how it was done at the Club's Dock diving event last summer! David and Robyn H. D'Agresta have brought this beautiful boy a long way, Chip lost his eye before coming into BSR's care. **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Our Golden Leash Award Winners!

In recognition of volunteers who go above and beyond the call of duty, in the name of a Little Brown Dog.

Blaine Tarnecki, Lula, GA; Brad and Christy Hardee, New London, NC;
AmyBrand, Powder Springs, GA; Jennifer Griffin, Charleston, SC;
Jennifer Strock, Charleston, SC

BSR Info for Boykin Spaniel Nationals

APRIL 7-10, 2016

CAMDEN, SC

BSS Oyster Roast \$50
Ray Johnston Band
Thursday, 4/7, 6-?
Tickets may be purchased from BSS, deadline 3/16/16

BSR Volunteer Meeting
Saturday, 10 am
Rhame Arena

BSS Banquet & Cocktails \$40
Dinner and cocktails will be served, along with the awards presentation. Tickets may be purchased from BSS, deadline 3/16/16

BSR Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is held in Rhame Arena, and concludes the evening of the Banquet and Oyster Roast. Last year's auction was one of the best ever!

- 1) Please contact local business and individuals for donations. Examples of items which sell well: Gift cards from chain stores, tractor supply stores, donations of Heartgard, Frontline, gift baskets, dog crates, hunting products and gear, dog/hunting prints.
- 2) If you cannot bring the items with you to Nationals, please contact Lynn McNair at mcnairlynn@gmail.com.
- 3) Make sure that the donor information (name, address) is included so that Thank You letters and tax deductible confirmation can be



Have Some Time to Volunteer at Nationals?

Thursday

9am Set up tent, tables, and merchandise

12-6pm 2-3 volunteers

Friday and Saturday

2-3 volunteers each shift

9am-2pm

2pm-6pm

Contact Lynn McNair to sign up: mcnairlynn@gmail.com

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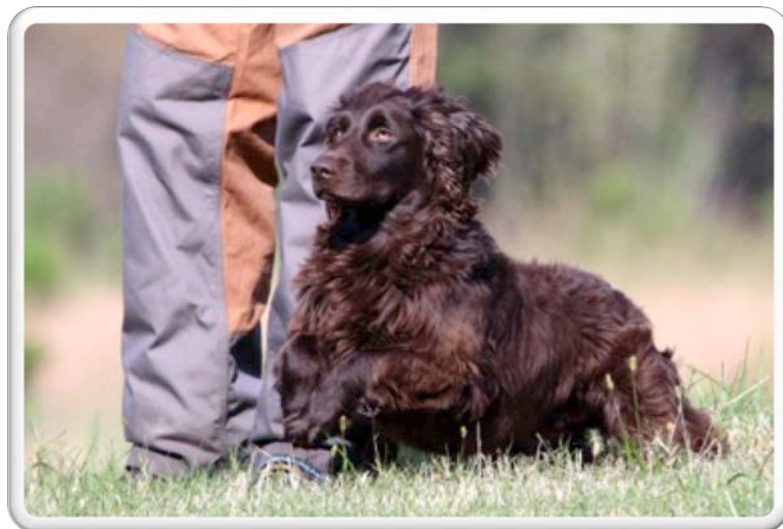
Eric and Paw's Training Corner

We have already discussed the foundation for a Boykin, which is "Sit, Here and Heel". We also discussed teaching "Sit" in the last edition. Now we can add whistle and "Heel" to the mix. Once the dog has a good understanding of "Sit" and honors the command 100% of the time and under most all circumstances, we can add whistle into the mix. The whistle is a "Tool in the toolbox" we need since the dog will wander during exercise and walks through the fields and woods. Due to factors such as distance, wind and other noises whistle training and conditioning is a must. The whistle commands are as follows; one short and loud burst is "Sit" and two short and loud bursts means "Here". There are many variations of whistles and manufacturers. The *Roy Gonia Mega Pealess* for longer distances and noisy environments and the Acme 210.5 for shorter distance and quieter environments are my personal training favorites. They can be found on gundogsupply.com and the Acme Green Monster is my hunt test favorite.

Teaching sit to the whistle is very easy and all it takes is the sit command followed by one whistle burst. Over time the sit is replaced with the one whistle burst. Each dog is different and daily use and taking your time for clear understanding will dictate the days or weeks it takes for this to become grounded for the dog.

Teaching "Heel". Teaching heel is also a simple command to teach the dog and a slip chain with 6-8' of rope or long slip lead is the tool for teaching this process. With the slip chain or lead on the dog and starting at the heel and sit positions you command "Heel" and start walking. When the dog does not comply you abruptly change directions with a firm snap on the lead and give the heel command again. Repetition and consistency will help ground this command so the dog understands. The object is for the dog to pay you more attention than anything else he may be distracted by. As time goes on you will observe that in the beginning of this process the dog thinks heel means go where I want to go and not where you want me. Over time and with the snap of the lead and change of direction every time he doesn't comply you start to observe the dog watching you and your body so as to follow you in the heel position. Heel is beside you on your left hand side walking in sync with you. Not behind or in front of you, but beside you. Once the dog starts to comply with the command and has an understanding you can then start teach walking to the left and right and again in sync with you. You can also give the whistle command of sit on occasion to keep that fresh and solid regarding understanding. I avoid treats with the exception of the end of a training session and only after a good training session. The dog wants to please you so complying with commands doesn't dictate a treat every time, otherwise you will have a weight management issue and also a dog that expects a treat for every deed.

Recall and the command of "Here" will be the next future topic of discussion.

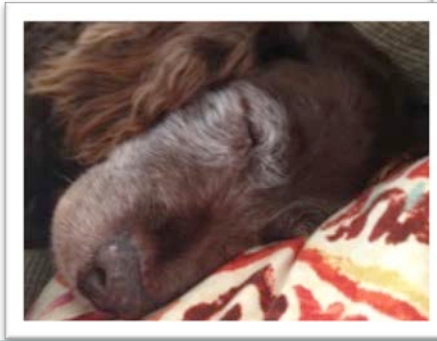




Mollie's Shelter Photo



BSR PFC Mollie Today



PFC Profile: The Unsinkable Mollie Jean

By Lynne Brown

It was a Friday night in early in June of 2015. I received an email from the Florida Springer Spaniel rescue. There was a senior Boykin in an Atlanta shelter that was at risk. I got a photo and contacted Jill and Jeannine. BSR had already taken in this sweet girl; Nena McSween was temporarily fostering and looking for a permanent foster home for her.

I had had no thought of another dog—in fact, where I live only allows for one dog. But I couldn't get that face out of my mind. So I called my neighbors—and asked them for an exception. They agreed. And so begins a journey of love that is hard to put in words.

I understood that she had a dislocated right front leg and lots of lumps and bumps. I didn't know, really, what to expect.

We worked out the transport train—BSR volunteers Melanie and Greg Harris arrived in Tampa for the SBSC Wet N Wild event with Mollie in tow. She loved riding in the car—but they reported during transport that she could be a bit cranky. Who could blame her?

She and my other Boykin, Tess, got on fine and she spent the day watching over the group and going for swims, which she loved. We then headed home.

It quickly became apparent that she wanted desperately to be loved, but she didn't have confidence. In fact, she had pretty severe separation anxiety. She also knew no commands. I also observed that she had some pretty severe neurological

issues in her hind end. Armed with 2 pages of questions, we headed to the vet. We got her on an exercise and medication regimen to manage her issues, as surgery to repair her dislocated leg was not an option, given the damage.

Fast forward nine months—she has been through “basic” puppy school in her senior years, swims whenever she can and skips through the neighborhood greeting everyone with her smile. Her grouchiness has subsided with lots of love and socialization, and she is able stay alone for 2 hours at a time. She and Tess have bonded and Mollie wants to do whatever her sister does. She is learning to play—it has been a slow process, but she is getting there. My friends call her “The Queen”.

She is a great “snuggler”, and many of the foster kids we work with love to cuddle up with her. I know she loves it, too.

Her favorite thing to do is to go for car rides. She knows how to press the button to roll down the window, as she likes the wind on her face (thank heavens for child locks).

Her hearing is rapidly going, and I don't know how long she will be with us, but I am cherishing every moment. I know she is too.

If you have never considered fostering—short or long term—I urge you to. You won't be sorry.

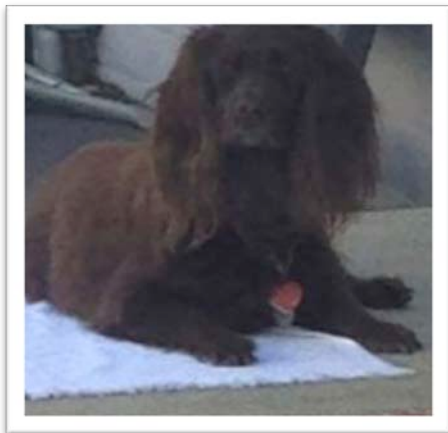
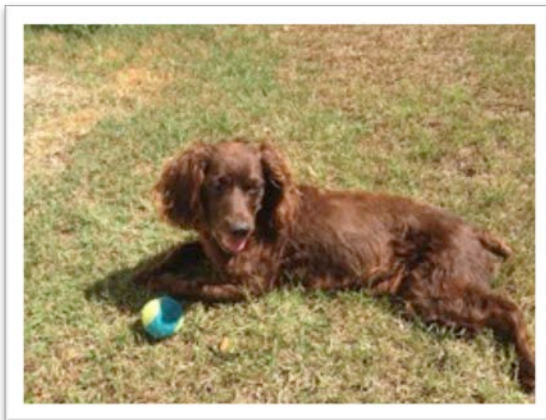
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The Rainbow Bridge



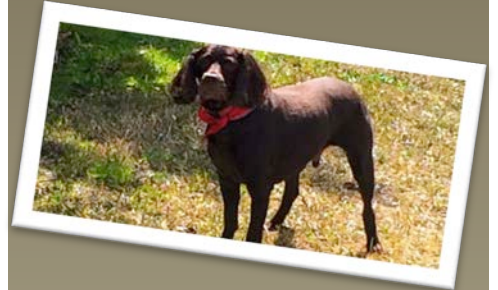
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BSR Maggie- Loved by the
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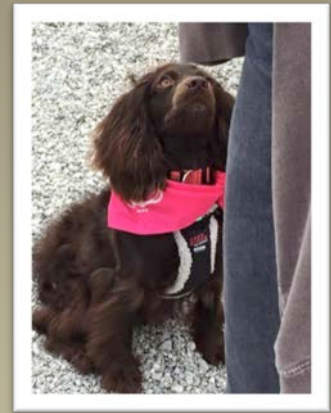


BSR Holly- Loved by
Cindy Cleghorn and
Mark Seigel

**JUST HAVING
SOME FUN!**



BSR PENNY



BSR SAMMI



BSR CHARLIE BROWN

Thank You to All Who Participated in the Boykin Bash!

In early February, Chevis Haynie put out this post:

"Hi Folks, As some of you know our boykin pup, Chief, had heart surgery a couple of months ago. He is doing great! We were truly blessed with love and support from everyone. We also received some generous donations from people and now want to return the favor."

Fast forward to February 20th—a great time was had by all! Almost 100 dogs and people spent the afternoon at The Barrel in Charleston, SC. **Over \$1,000 was raised and donated to BSR.** We are so very grateful!



"Dedicated to the Rescue, Rehabilitation and Rehoming of Purebred Boykin Spaniels."

Boykin Spaniel Rescue, Inc.

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