Boykin Spaniel Rescue, Inc.’s mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome at-risk, purebred Boykin Spaniels.

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From Our Executive Director

Dear Friends:

This past year was one of the most challenging in our history. Our mission to intake, rehabilitate and rehome at-risk, purebred Boykin Spaniels has not changed. However, the ages, health care needs and length of time in foster care for these dogs have steadily increased. We have also seen significant growth in the number of dogs that are not suitable for adoption, and thus are care for in our Permanent Foster Care Program for the remainder of their lives.

Our success stories would not be possible without the absolute dedication of the over 450 volunteers throughout the US - our fosters, transporters, and so many others who dedicate their time and talents to our Little Brown Dogs.

I would also like to thank our Board of Directors who continues to support me and the team in our mission of growth.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge our donors. It is because of you that we can continue to do what we do best. Save the lives of a breed we all love so much.

There is much to do this year, and many great things are on the horizon. I look forward to sharing all our success stories.

Jill Freeman
Total Intakes: 56
Permanent Foster Care Placements: 6
Heartworm Positive: 23 (41%)
Median Age: 4.5 years
Intakes Needing Spay/Neuter: 32 (57%)
Adoptions: 22

Owner Surrender: 31
Shelter Pulls: 17
Stray: 2
Rescue: 6
Our goal is that 80% of all income goes directly to the dogs and their care. We are so grateful that many of our foster volunteers have elected to underwrite the care and expenses of their charges. We are also in the process of building new operational infrastructure, which will allow us to support our ever-growing population of dogs and volunteers.
Meet Our Permanent Foster Care Dogs

At the close of 2015, BSR had 14 Permanent Foster Care (PFC) dogs in its care. These dogs are seniors, or have significant medical or emotional issues, which make it best that they remain in their specialized foster homes. BSR financially supports these dogs for the rest of their lives.

Sammi came to BSR after years of over-breeding and suffering from the after-effects of a uterine infection and injury to her leg that threatened the need for amputation. Through a very long period of therapies and treatments, Sammi was able to regain adequate control over the foot and, while not a normal gait, does not risk rubbing it raw with knuckling anymore. Her therapy needs are on-going. During her long journey, Sammi developed such a strong dependence on her Foster that she has separation anxiety when the Foster isn’t there. Not wanting to risk her physical progress or her emotional health, we deemed her to be PFC material.

Doodle joined the BSR PFC Program in 2015; he spent his formative years chained outside. Doodle came into BSR heartworm positive and filthy. However, with his advanced age and frail health, he was not a candidate for the traditional heartworm treatment and the vet recommended the slow kill method. Because of his age, heartworm status and extended treatment plan, a cyst on his tail, and needing to be transitioned into an indoor/outdoor dog, it was decided it was best to keep Doodle in BSR’s care as a PFC dog.

Our first PFC, Harry’s story has touched so many. His owner turned over Harry to BSR at the age of 4, and suffered from extreme allergies and a severe skin condition as well as eye contusions and broken teeth. With the love of an amazing foster family, his ongoing medical and therapeutic needs are met. He wears special clothes, to protect his sensitive skin. He has learned to play and is a happy, loved boy.
BSR was notified about Mollie in the summer of 2015. She was turned into a shelter to be euthanized by her owner who couldn’t bear to hear her crying. She is a senior, with a severely dislocated front leg from an old injury, and a neurological issue in her hind end that wouldn’t support repair of the dislocation. She has a great treatment plan, which consists of medication therapy, along with frequent, short walks, swimming and she enjoys her massages. She is now bearing weight on her dislocated leg!

His family surrendered Obi at age 11. He had lived his life outside, and was physically in bad shape. What we didn’t realize was that he also had severe anxiety- he did significant damage to his foster’s home when left alone. Obi is so fortunate to have found a patient and loving foster who has worked with him to build up his confidence. He is living comfortably with his foster parents and new human sister.

Cassie came into BSR’s care as a senior with severe anxiety. With an incredibly patient foster and stability, love and care, she is thriving with her canine brothers and sisters.
Hope also came into BSR’s care in 2015. Heartworm positive, malnourished, and terribly scared, she has endured months of treatment and therapy treatment (which still goes on to this day). She is now with her permanent foster family – due to her water therapy, she has a newfound love of swimming, which is helping with her ongoing rehabilitation.

Snickers spent 358 days in a shelter as he was confiscated during a raid on an animal hoarder who had over 120 animals and all the animals stayed in the shelter until the case went to court. He knew other animals but was not socialized with people as well as being outside. He first needed to learn to live in a home again. He had an enlarged heart, and we have given him a pacemaker so he can live a long life. He has also had some seizures, however we have an ongoing treatment plan and he is doing well.

Hershey was born in 2003. When he was 11 years old, he came into Boykin Spaniel Rescue due to the death of both of his owners. The little bit of information acquired from his previous vet showed a history of skin issues, and the owner stated a car, sometime prior to 2013, had hit him. He had difficulty walking on his right rear leg, due to hip dysplasia. Hershey was originally intended to be a foster, and adopted out after veterinary care, but it was soon discovered that he had severe storm anxiety, as well as major trust issues. BSR determined it to be in the best interest of Hershey to be placed in the PFC Program, with his foster family. Now 13, Hershey is pain free and is learning to trust.
PFC Vivian

PFC Vivian came into BSR's care in 2014, as an owner surrender. She was 8 years old and suffered from severe seizures. With an amazing foster and medication therapy, her seizures are managed and she is thriving.

PFC Junior

Junior was a senior Boykin found in a high kill shelter in GA. After being pulled by BSR, it was noted during transport that Junior had significant hearing loss. In addition, the cataracts in his eyes were obvious on intake and Junior was not always "on target" when walking around strange places. He needed routine, stability and love for just who he was, a senior in the twilight of his years. Junior is well loved, and although he needs to be closely monitored, is a happy, loving dog.

PFC Rosie

Rosie came in to BSR's care in 2014, along with her sister Daisy. They were an owner surrender-- the wife had died and the husband was in a nursing home. Shortly after coming into care, Daisy crossed the Rainbow Bridge peacefully, in a sunny spot in the back yard surrounded by her foster Mom, her pack and Rosie. Rosie loves to play outside with her foster siblings, but spends a lot of her time napping. She does get bursts of energy and loves to play..... and is very active for 14 years old!
PFC Lily

Lily had required blood transfusions while in the shelter before she came to us. Upon intake, she needed an emergency hysterectomy as she started to hemorrhage. This poor senior girl also has a heart murmur due to advanced heartworm disease. As a dog who had lived her whole life outdoors, she needed to transition to an indoor/outdoor dog. Now settled in with her permanent foster family, she will live the rest of her life in the care of her experienced fosters, with the love and care she has never known.

PFC Castin

Castin came into BSR’s care in 2012. With some severe anxiety issues, he is now content, being a wonderful companion for his Permanent Foster family!

PFC Allie

Allie is a great companion. She loves to take long walks on a leash, and has become quite comfortable napping on the sofa and hanging out with her two "sister" cats. She is deaf and her hips are bad, but she is a trooper who just wants to go, go, go!
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[BSR PFC Handsome Harry](#)
About Boykin Spaniel Rescue, Inc.

From the time a dog comes into our care, we strive to not only rehabilitate the dogs medically and emotionally, but also to evaluate the dog’s interests and abilities so that when the time comes to select from adopters, the very best fit can be realized.

Whether in the field, as therapy dogs, dock divers, agility specialists, bed-bug detectors or the all important companion dog and couch potato, our dogs have run the gamut of abilities and often their time in BSR foster care is the first time in which anyone has worked to uncover their uniqueness.

Whatever their ability or personality, our dog’s best interests will always be at the heart of what we do with them and for them.

Many thanks to our volunteer trainers, obedience specialists and other volunteers who give so much of their time to uncover all their talents!

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