

HUNTING STYLE OF THE BOYKIN SPANIEL

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The Boykin Spaniel is a versatile hunting spaniel that can be found duck hunting in the morning, pheasant hunting in the afternoon and light goose hunting in the early evening all in the same day.

There is no split between field and show types within the Boykin Spaniel. A Boykin Spaniel can be as equally comfortable in the show ring as he is in the field given the proper training and socialization.

He has strong drive and an excellent nose. He quarters the field within gun range at a steady moderate pace enabling him to hunt all day. Rather than charge into a flush with reckless abandon the Boykin will hesitate until it locates the bird through sight or scent and then force the bird into flight with an aggressive flush. This has been described as a hesitation flush. Blinking, sitting when a bird is located, pointing or a dog that needs encouragement or to be commanded to flush is not in character with the Boykin's hunting style and is unacceptable.

As a truly versatile hunting spaniel trained for water fowling as well as upland hunting, the Boykin readily takes to water and is a strong swimmer. He should show willingness to enter the water for retrieves across water on land or in the water.