

2026
BOYKIN SPANIEL SOCIETY NATIONALS
PLANNING GUIDE

APRIL 9-11
Camden, SC



**Celebrate the Boykin.
Meet Your People.
Experience Camden**



Why Come to Nationals?

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The Boykin Spaniel Society Nationals is more than a field trial. It is a gathering of the community that celebrates and protects the Boykin Spaniel.

Owners, breeders, trainers, and enthusiasts come together each year to celebrate the breed, compete, and connect.

Whether you are competing, attending events, bringing your dog for health clinics, or simply visiting to experience the Boykin community, Nationals offers something for everyone.

First Time at Nationals?

Anyone can attend Nationals even if you are not competing.

Visitors can:

- Watch the National Championship field trials
- Meet breeders, trainers, and Boykin enthusiasts
- Visit vendors and shop Boykin gear
- Participate in family-friendly events
- Sign up for health clinics for their dogs
- Attend the Oyster Roast and the Nationals Banquet

Nationals is a celebration of the breed and the community that supports it.



TOP 10 THINGS TO DO AT NATIONALS

1. Watch the National Championship field trials

The field trials are free to attend and one of the best ways to experience the Boykin Spaniel in action. Watch these incredible dogs demonstrate the skill, drive, and intelligence that make them such outstanding sporting companions. It's also a great opportunity to see what Boykins can accomplish with the right training.



2. Attend the BSS Oyster Roast and BBQ Social

The Oyster Roast is a beloved Nationals tradition and a fun way to connect with fellow Boykin enthusiasts. Meet judges, breeders, trainers, and owners while enjoying great food and conversation. Best of all, proceeds support the Boykin Spaniel Society and help fund the work we do all year long.

3. Celebrate at the Nationals Banquet and Live Auction

The Nationals Banquet is an unforgettable evening of great food, great company, and great causes. Enjoy a delicious gourmet meal and take part in the exciting live auction. Funds raised during the banquet and auction support the Boykin Spaniel Society's programs throughout the year.



TOP 10 THINGS TO DO AT NATIONALS



4. Participate in Speed Dog and Trash Duck Challenge Events

These crowd-favorite events are open to everyone. Bring your dog and see how fast they can run in Speed Dog or test their instincts in the Trash Duck Challenge. Whether you're competing or cheering from the sidelines, these events are always entertaining.

5. Bring the Kids for Children's Handling Events

The Children's Handling events are a Nationals highlight. Young handlers and their dogs take center stage, showing off their teamwork and enthusiasm. You'll be amazed at how many kids participate and how passionate they are about the breed.



6. Try the Julia Horner Hot Dog Retrieve

This legendary event is exactly as fun as it sounds. Dogs race to retrieve a hot dog and bring it back to their handler. The real question is whether they can resist eating it on the way back. Hilarity always ensues.

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO AT NATIONALS

7. Visit Boykin Vendors and Shop Nationals Gear

The vendor area is a must-visit destination during Nationals. Browse a wide variety of booths offering dog gear, apparel, handcrafted goods, and unique Boykin items. You'll also find rescue organizations and specialty vendors. It's the perfect place to stock up on gifts for Father's Day, Mother's Day, and Christmas for the Boykin lover in your life.



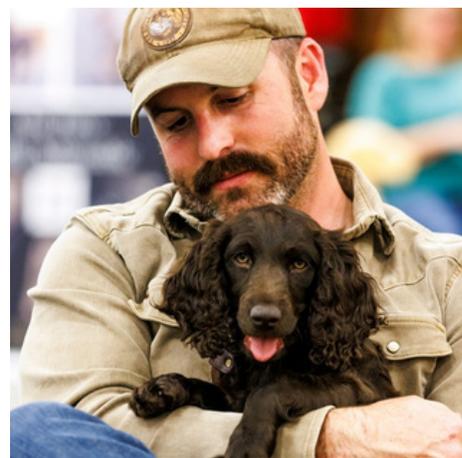
8. Explore the Camden Archives & Museum Boykin Exhibit

Visit the Camden Archives and Museum to explore the history of the Boykin Spaniel and the people who helped shape the breed. The exhibit highlights the origins of the Boykin and its connection to Camden and the surrounding region. It's a fascinating look at the heritage of South Carolina's state dog.



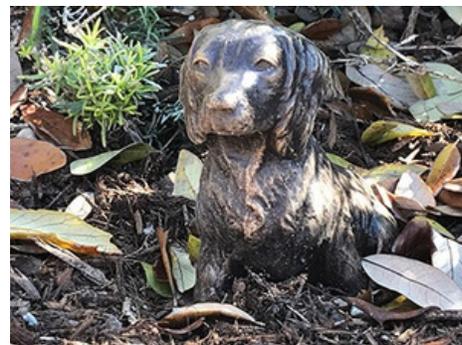
9. Meet Boykin Breeders and Trainers

Nationals is one of the best opportunities to connect with knowledgeable Boykin breeders and trainers from across the country. Whether you already own a Boykin or are considering bringing one into your family, you can ask questions, learn about training, and build relationships with experts in the breed.



10. Take Photos with Boykin Statues Throughout Camden

Camden proudly celebrates its connection to the Boykin Spaniel with statues and displays throughout town. Follow the Puppy Trail to find these fun photo spots and capture a few memorable pictures with your dog along the way.



HEALTH CLINICS AT NATIONALS

A convenient opportunity to protect the future of the Boykin Spaniel

One of the most valuable opportunities at Nationals is the chance to complete important health screenings for your Boykin.



These clinics bring veterinary specialists together in one place, making it easy for owners and breeders to obtain essential health certifications while attending the event.

Health testing plays a critical role in preserving the long-term health of the breed. Participating in these clinics helps responsible owners and breeders make informed decisions and support the continued improvement of the Boykin Spaniel.

Clinics Offered

Nationals will host several health screening opportunities including:

- BSF Eye Clinic
- OFA Heart Certification Clinic
- OFA Patellar Exams
- DNA Clinic

These screenings provide official certifications that can be submitted to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and other registries.

Appointment Information

Heart and eye certification clinics require advance appointments. Owners are encouraged to sign up early to ensure their dog can be evaluated.

Sign Up for Clinics

Use the QR codes to register.

Advance registration is strongly recommended.

SCAN TO SIGN UP FOR CLINICS

HEART CLINIC



EYE CLINIC



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday • April 9

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Camden Archive and Museum Boykin Spaniel Exhibit
1314 Broad Street • Camden, SC

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

BSF Eye Clinic • OFA Heart & Patellar Exams • DNA Clinic
City Arena

517 Bull St. • Camden, SC 29020

Heart and Eye certification clinics are by appointment only.

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Boykin Spaniel Vendors Open for Business

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Open House at the BSS Office
54 Stockton Road • Rembert, SC 29128

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

BSS Annual Members Meeting
and Board of Directors Meeting

City Arena

Open to the public

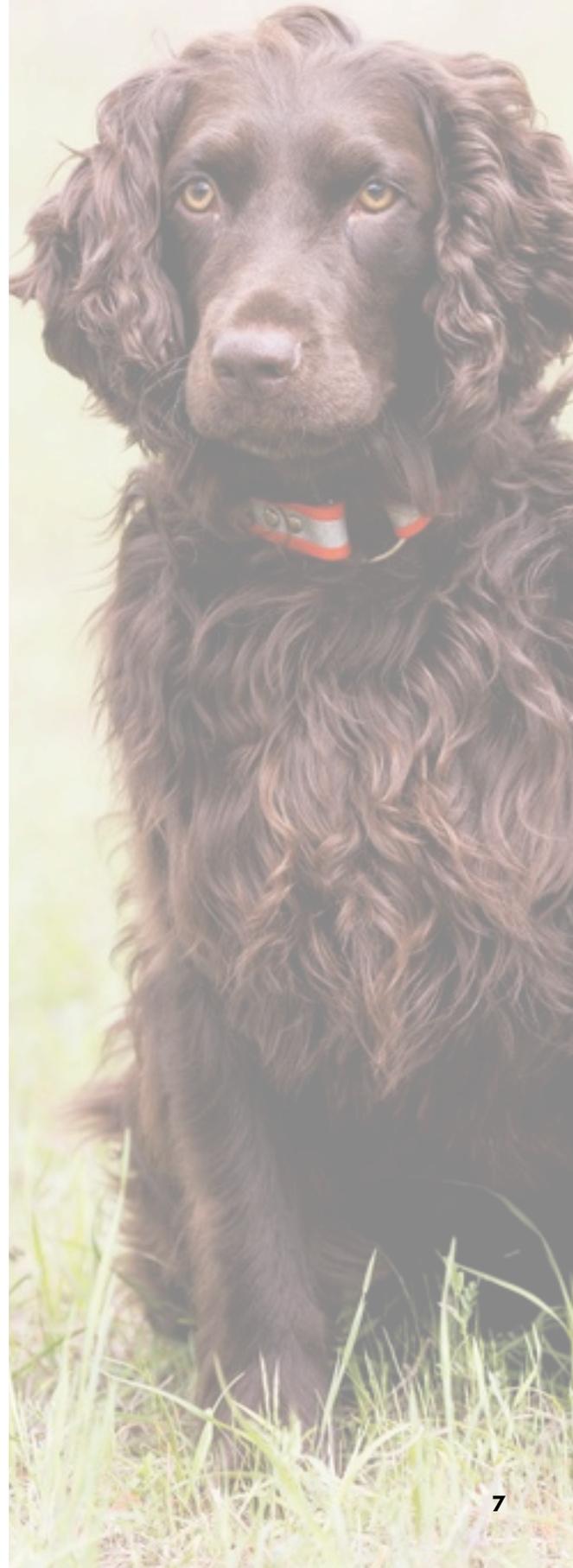
5:00 PM – 8:30 PM

BSS Oyster Roast & BBQ Social
Market Building at the Revolutionary War Visitor Center

212 Broad Street • Camden, SC

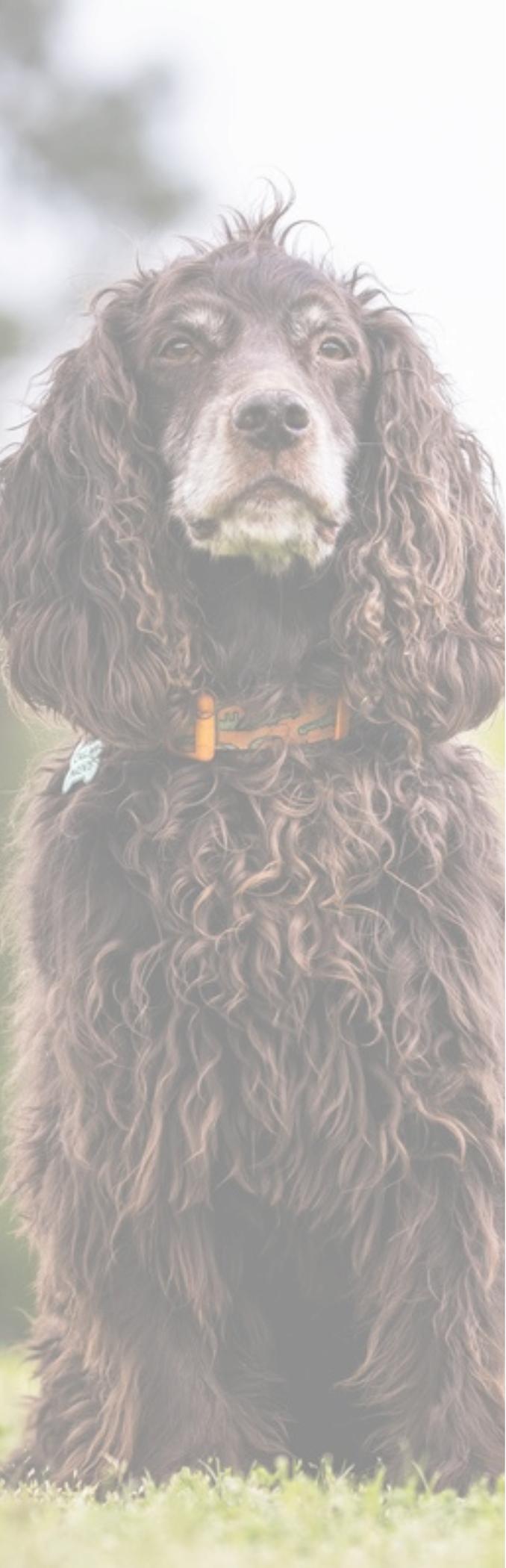
Pre-paid ticket entrance only

Sign up for the RainedOut app BSS Nationals Event group for real time updates to the schedule *There is no group keyword. Email updates are free. Text updates are \$7.30 per year.*



SCAN to BUY TICKETS
BSS Oyster Roast & BBQ Social





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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday • April 10

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Check-in for All Classes
City Arena • Camden
Mandatory handlers meeting

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Mandatory Bitch Check

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Camden Archive and Museum Boykin Spaniel Exhibit
Boykins welcome on leash
1314 Broad Street • Camden, SC

8:00 AM

Novice Class Begins

8:30 AM

Puppy Class Begins

9:00 AM

Intermediate and Open Classes Begin

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch
Food trucks will be on site

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Field Events
Speed Dog – \$10 per run
Trash Duck Challenge – \$5 per run
Natural Ability Testing – \$20 per dog
Children's Handling – \$10 per handler
All brown dogs welcome for Speed Dog and Trash Duck Challenge.

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Cocktail Hour & Silent Auction Preview
Camden City Arena

Boykin vendors open all evening

Pre-paid ticket entrance only. No tickets available at the door.

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Nationals Banquet
Camden City Arena
Live Auction and Raffles follow the meal.
Pre-paid ticket entrance only.

SCAN to BUY TICKETS
Nationals Cocktail Hour, Auction, Banquet



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Saturday • April 11

8:00 AM

All Classes Resume Testing
Callbacks posted at City Arena

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Boykin Vendors Open City Arena

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Children's Handling
\$10 per handler – *all dogs and children welcome*
Natural Ability Testing Continues
\$20 per entry

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Lunch on Your Own
Food trucks will be on site

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Field Events
Speed Dog – \$10 per run
Trash Duck Challenge – \$5 per run

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Natural Ability & Children's Handling Continue

1:00 PM

Boykin Spaniel Vendors Close for the Weekend

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

The World-Famous Julia Horner Hot Dog Retrieve
City Arena
\$2 per run • *All are welcome*

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Tailgate Gathering
Bring Your Own Picnic

4:00 PM

Awards Ceremony
City Arena
Photos of Champions to Follow



EXPLORE CAMDEN

The Hometown of the Boykin Spaniel

While visiting Nationals, take time to explore Camden and its Boykin heritage.

Places to Visit

These are just a few of the don't miss spots for your weekend in Camden:

- Pine Grove Boykin Statue
- Butterbean sculpture at the Revolutionary War Welcome Center
- The Puppy Trail of Boykin statues throughout Camden
- Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site
- Downtown Camden shops and historic streets (including Camden Jewelers - which carries amazing Boykin jewelry)
- Camden is full of Boykin history and Southern charm.

Where to Eat in Camden

Visitors can enjoy a variety of local dining options including:

- Downtown Camden restaurants
- Camden cafés and bakeries
- Green Pasture Brewery
- Gorget Distilling Co. - great food plus they will be offering a Boykin line of Bourbon!
- Food trucks at City Arena during Nationals



NATIONALS LOCATIONS

- City Arena - Main Nationals events, trials, vendors, banquet, and auction
- Graycroft Kennels - Speed Dog, Trash Duck Challenge, Natural Ability Testing, and Children's Handling
- BSS Office - Open House on April 9
- Camden Archives & Museum - Boykin Spaniel exhibit
- Market Building at the Revolutionary War Visitor Center - Oyster Roast
- Pine Grove - Boykin Statue photo location
- Revolutionary War Welcome Center - Butterbean sculpture

