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## A FUN TRAINING DAY

This article may look similar to one earlier this year, but I assure you it is a different article about a different training day with more photos and another happy ending.

We at Texas Trace co-host these events regularly in historic Chapel Hill, Texas with ClassicLabs Kennel. We all look forward to a great day outdoors with Boykin and Lab owners, their families and of course their pups. The day of this event, October 17, 2009, had to be one of the most gorgeous days this decade and not a better time to be out with your dog enjoying the day, the camaraderie of Boykins owners and maybe learning something new. We did welcome a few Boykin-less folks who came out to run some of our Boykins and experience the day and the training.

Again we were blessed to have Linda Palmer Weld, a retired, nationally renowned trainer of Labrador retrievers, to lead the day of training - Companion, Obedience, Gun Dog Training as well as Trailing and Agility.

Doug Growden, a hunt test/field trial judge and well known trainer from Katy, Texas, demonstrated flushing/retrieving training with live birds, shooting and hunt test simulation. He also showed off his **Pointing Boykin**, Texas Trace Diesel - yes, as all the converted know, this most versatile of spaniels can be trained to point.

Each of these very patience trainers spent the day with not only group instruction but hours of one-on-one training and more coaching of humans than dogs.

The chicken and ribs we had for lunch were slow cooked over a Mesquite wood fire - man, it was ooooh so good. The meat was unbelievably tender and the taste fantastic.

It was a full day which wore out most of us and ended with several toasts to the sunset with Sangria - it was an absolutely stunning sunset, or at least as well as I remember it.

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## COVER

*Featured photo is  
Hollow Creek's  
"Gus" Norine of  
Myrtle Beach, SC*

*Owners Are Jim and  
Jacie Norine*

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## UPCOMING AKC EVENTS OF INTEREST

### January 2010

*(January: Florida Circuit plays  
out in Florida throughout  
January 2010 so check AKC  
web site for specifics)*

8 - 11 Ormond Beach, FL  
Greater Daytona Dog Fanciers  
Association/Jacksonville Dog  
Fanciers Association

9 - 10 Pendleton, SC  
Clemson Kennel Club

30 - 31 Ladson, SC  
Charleston Kennel Club

### February 2010

5 - 7 Atlanta, GA  
Sawnee Mtn. Kennel Club/  
Conyers Kennel Club of Ga/  
Lawrenceville Kennel Club

19 - 21 Greenville, SC  
Greenville Kennel Club/English  
Cocker Spaniel Club of Am./  
Hendersonville Kennel Club