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President's Message

Welcome Back!! Our second issue of the ENews- hot off the presses- compliments of Shella Fuhrman. There's always a steady stream of information: announcements, club business, and articles of interest that we want to circulate to you..

First- Have you visited our new web site? Stop in and browse around, it's so nice!

A HUGE thank you to our Website committee, Chaired by Rhoda Ezell, along with team members Elise Wright, Michelle Dowd, and Web Developer Tiffany Jorgens. We are still building and refining - more to come! www.vcaweb.org

The results of the 2011 VCA Annual Election are enclosed, as earlier posted to the vcanews Yahoo group. Welcome to incoming board members Trish Burdin(GA), Melissa Green(PA), and Jamie Walton (CA). Mary Durham is our newly elected Corresponding Secretary. With gratitude, we bid adieu to retiring members Jill Brennan, Mark Johnson, and Judy Richey. All proposed revisions to our Bylaws passed, as did the revision to the Code of Ethics.

Congratulations to Randy and Sue Boggs on DC/AFC Behi Red Chief, JH,ROM 2011 VCA Hall of Fame inductee.!!

A word about the VCA Hall of Fame program - the election procedures WILL remain intact in 2012. However, due to our transition to a Spring VCA National Events, the deadline for nominations will be moved up to March 1st, 2012. The HOF ballot will appear on the normal general election ballot. Therefore, the presentation of any 2012 Hall of Fame awards will occur at the 2013 VCA Awards Banquet.. Questions may be directed to Jan Simer, Chair VCA Hall of Fame Committee. (wms44@aol.com)

Theresa Prizkasky(CA) has been appointed as Natl Events Finance Chair

David Johnson (FL) has been appointed as VCA Sponsorship Chair

Watch for additional announcements and a recap of the 2011 VCA Annual Board of Directors meeting in the next issue of the Vizsla News.

2011 VCA General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, September 21st
At the Crowne Plaza.Hotel - Denver airport...

25 days - countdown to Denver!! Our hosts for the 2011 VCA Nationals, members of the Rocky Mountain Vizsla Club, are busy finalizing preparations for a wonderful time in Colorado.

A warm welcome awaits us...! Linda Kelly, President

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Membership Chairman/TEVN editor's message

Goodness, summer is almost over and Nationals (non-field) are around the corner!

Changes to member directory info will be published in the printed Vizsla News, ditto new members' info from the June 1 eVN/July ballot. Thanks to everyone who sent in their addie/email/phone/whatever changes!! It really does help!

Renewals/Updates for 2012 will be going out after October 3. I am taking the long way home from Denver to visit cousins and my 45th (naaa, can't be that bad) high school reunion in Omaha. Everything will be ready to go before I leave TN for Denver. The renewal/update web page may be up before you get your real or electronic paperwork; I'd prefer you wait until you've reviewed the info in the database before using it.

The eVN includes Maria Zucconi's Top Ten Obedience report; it was inadvertently omitted from the last printed Vizsla News. We apologize to Maria.

Safe travels to Denver!! Shella Fuhrman, Membership Chairman vcamembership@gmail.com

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Prospective Member Applications

Per the Membership Application process, all prospective members are published in order to receive member input before the Board of Directors votes on the applicants. The following individuals will go to the Board for their vote approximately 30 days after arrival of the September 2011 Electronic Vizsla News. Please send any input that the Board needs to consider to: Linda Kelly, 22879 705th Ave, Dassel, MN 55325 OR Shella Fuhrman, 185 Goldenrod Lane, Friendsville, TN 37737.

All input is confidential.

Name(s)	State	Sponsor	Sponsor	Dogs	Memb. Type	Kennel Name
Debra & Alan Becker	FL	Susan Potocik	Dennis Potocik	1M 1F	Regular Household	Aldebaran
Matt & Bethany Williams	IL	Kathy Engelsman	Michelle Rochester	1M	Regular Household	

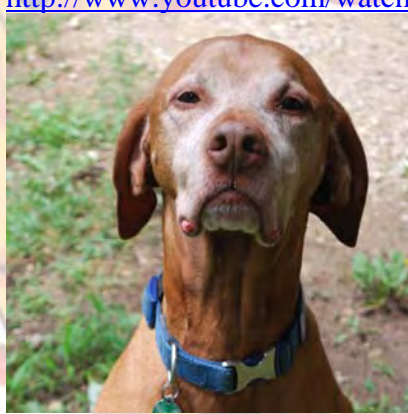
Jake and Rose -- from Meghan Tallman

Tigger the Vizsla passed away at the ripe old age of 14. His owner, Rose Patterson of Buffalo, New York grieved for him. She needed another Vizsla. There was just one hitch ~ Rose is 90 years old, but acts like a woman half her age! Rose lives in her own home, drives her own car, keeps her own yard and walks a mile and a half every day!

Enter Show Me Vizsla Club Rescue and Jake. Jake came from a home with twin 3yo girls that didn't respect him. So, his family called us to re-home him. Another senior rescue. Rose was told to check with SMVC Rescue as they normally always have dogs. "Meghan, I'm 90 years old, this will be my 8th Vizsla. I'm Not gonna live forever. Give me the oldest boy ya got."

While most folks wouldn't have given Rose the time of day, we set out to put the two former red heads together. With cooperation from Gateway Vizsla Club, Twin Cities Vizsla Club and Show Me Vizsla Club Members as well as The Weiland's from V Talk, Rescue Coordinator Joyce Tischler and Mary Jane Wholley, we were able to work out the transport. As they say – the rest is history. See it for yourself!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joQ1tfGkPDY>



From a breeder's perspective, can it get much better than this?

A pup born 10/4/07 from my memorial litter to honor Carol Wynn, my Vizsla friend and mentor, was sold to Daniel Sims. Daniel and his new found friend "Koooper", Ky's CJ's New Star, spent an incredible amount of time playing Frisbee and being great Companions. From a breeders' perspective placing a pup in a Happy, Healthy, Home, Right? The rest of the story.... I received an email from Daniel that he and his dog, Koooper were beginning a journey of a lifetime. Leaving Atlanta, GA on 4/17/2010, they hiked the Appalachian Trail—2178 miles to finish it on 9/27/2010—and as if this journey was not enough by itself, Daniel and Koooper raised \$5350 to help with hospital bills, for his friend's child, Abby, who has Mitochondrial Disease. As the proud breeder, I believe this is the 1st Vizsla to hike the entire Appalachian Trail! Daniel laughs at the fact that "Koop must have hiked it at least one and ½ times as he ran out and back so much", just like a good Vizsla should!

Respectively submitted by Thecla Tyner, Ky's Vizslas

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lif6o8iE5cA>

and

<http://www.onahike.com>



Vizslas eligible for Retriever Hunt Tests

Subject: Welcome to the Retriever Hunting Test Program!!
Date: Fri, 12 Aug 2011 12:50:53 -0400
From: DVL@akc.org

Hi Jill,

I am pleased to inform the VCA that the breed is eligible to participate in Retriever Hunting Tests starting September 1, 2011. The AKC Board approved this recommendation at their August meeting. In order to differentiate the titles from those earned in Pointing Breed Hunting Tests, a title earned by a Vizsla in a Retriever Hunting Test will include the letter "R". For example - JHR, SHR or MHR. Starting September 1, 2012 (one year after the start of the breeds participation), Vizsla clubs may apply to become licensed to hold RHTs if they choose.

The RHT Regulations may be found on the AKC website at www.akc.org/pdfs/rulebooks/RHTRET.pdf. Chapter 2 - 5 will be of most interest for a new participant wanting to understand what is expected of their dog.

The Performance Events Department feels this is a meaningful step forward for the versatile hunting breeds. Those Vizsla owners that embrace the versatile hunting skills of their dogs now have a new opportunity to more thoroughly demonstrate the versatility of the breed.

We welcome those who choose to participate in the Retriever Hunting Test program and look forward to hearing of their success.

Doug Ljungren

AVP of Performance Events

Phone: 919-816-3903

Email: DVL@akc.org

More from AKC—2012 Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship

Performance Events Department
Date: August 16, 2011
To: All Licensed Pointing Breed Field Trial Clubs

Subject: 2012 AKC POINTING BREED GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

The AKC Performance Events Department is pleased to announce that the 2012 AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship will be held at the Ames Plantation in Grand Junction, TN starting Monday, February 27. The traditional format of the Gun Dog Championship has been modified to fit the courses at Ames. The details for the event as they have been determined at this time are as follows:

Field Trial Chairman: Ken Blackman, Tennessee

Field Trial Secretary: Trish James, Alabama

E-mail: homeboarding@netzero.net

(334) 291-2067

Dates: Monday, February 27, 2012 through Saturday, March 10. There will be no running on Sundays. (Weather delays may change dates.)

Format: One non-retrieving Championship stake consisting of two series. Each series will be one hour in length. Six braces will run per day – three in the morning and three in the afternoon. No ground will be covered twice on the same day. Up to twelve dogs will be called back for a second series. Placements will be awarded based on the dog's combined performance from both series. The trial will run on native quail – no birds will be released during the trial.

Judges: David Taylor, Iowa

Kevin Waide, Colorado

Tom Milam, Texas

Entries: Will be limited to eleven days worth of running (132 dogs). The second series will be run on the twelfth day.

Entry fee: \$160

Qualifications: Open to all AKC registered Pointing Breeds that have met at least one of the following qualifications:

1. Placed 1st in their breed's 2011 AKC National Gun Dog Championship (either Open or Amateur)* or placed 1st in one of the 2011 AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship stakes held in Idaho.
2. Earned an AKC Field Championship or Amateur Field Championship title.
3. During the period of January 1, 2011 to January 3, 2012, placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any AKC Gun Dog stake (Open or Amateur) with at least 13, 18 or 25 starters respectively.

* This qualification amounts to two dogs per breed. For those breeds that have both a horseback and walking Gun Dog Championships, the horseback championship will be the qualifying event.

Opening & Closing Dates: For dogs that qualify under #1 or #2 above, the entry period will open on Tuesday, December 27, 2011. For dogs that qualify under #3 above, the entry period will open on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. (Note: Because of the unusual nature of this event, a prioritized entry process is being utilized. This is being done on an experimental basis and can not be applied to other AKC field trials.)

The closing date for entries is Saturday, January 14, 2012. The drawing will take place at the Event Secretary's house in Seale, AL on Sunday, January 15, 2012.

Ground Rules at Ames Plantation:

1. All horses must be accompanied by proof of a negative Coggins test that is current within the past 12 months.
2. All horses staying overnight on the grounds must be placed in stalls. There will be no staking out of horses. There is no stall rental fee.
3. Overnight camping is allowed in self contained units in the designated parking area around the trial headquarters.
4. No training on the grounds.

2011 VCA Election Results (435 ballots counted)

Officers: President: Linda Kelly 315
 Vice President: Randy Boggs 329
 Corres. Secretary: Mary Durham **242**
 Michel Berner 142
 AKC Delegate: Lynn Worth Smith 310

Directors: Trish Burdin **309**
 Jon Peck 218
 Mark Smith **273**
 Melissa Green **252**
 Mel Reveles **266**
 Jamie Walton **268**

Nominating Committee 2012

East: Tania Campbell 187
 Rhoda Ezell **211**

Midwest: Amy Barnes 85
 Dianne Kramlich 128
 Melissa Thomas **176**

West: Jill Brennan **196**
 Warren Eisman 112
 Judy Hetkowski 87

All Proposed VCA Bylaw Revisions passed

Code of Ethics Proposed Revision passed yes: 361 no: 36

Hall of Fame

DC AFC Behi Red Chief JH ROM **278**

3xBISS CH Boshar's Budapest Belle CDX JH NA OAJ 107

FC AFC Ranny SH Can FD 132

None of the above 58

(18 no vote + 58 none of the above + 201 one vote + 158 two votes = 435 ballots)

VCA National Field Championships

All relevant information (premium, catalog advertising info, etc.) is up on the VCA web site.

<http://vcaweb.org/events/nfc.shtml>



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June 16, 2011

Doug Ljungren
Vice-President Performance Events
American Kennel Club
8051 Arco Corporate Drive
Raleigh, NC 27617-3390

Dear Mr. Ljungren:

Conditionally Registered dogs are currently allowed to participate in Pointing Breed Field Trials. I am writing on behalf of the Vizsla Club of America to urge the AKC Board of Directors to modify the current Rules and not allow conditional registered dogs to compete in Pointing Breed Field Trials.

Conditional registration is granted to dogs when DNA testing indicates the registered parents are incorrect and the true parents can not be determined. The dog's pedigree is changed to indicate an "unknown" parent or grandparent. These dogs may be bred and their offspring will return to full registration after three generations.

Performance Events as well as Conformation Events are important venues for evaluating breeding stock. The AKC Mission Statement is: *The American Kennel Club is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its Registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function...* Allowing conditional registered dogs to compete in Performance Events compromises the integrity of our registry and rewards those lacking integrity.

The Vizsla Club of America urges the AKC Board of Directors to change the current Rules and not allow conditional registered dogs to compete in Pointing Breed Field Trials. Further, we encourage the AKC to require DNA parent verification on all breeding stock. This is the only way to ensure breed integrity.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Worth Smith, Delegate

Vizsla Club of America

Cc: Dennis Spring, President and CEO AKC; Linda Kelly, President, Vizsla Club of America

CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION & FIELD TRIALS

Effective July 1, 2010, the AKC Board of Directors allowed conditional registered dogs to enter field trials. Previously, conditional registered dogs were only allowed to enter companion events. This article explains conditional registration, its ramifications, and the actions your VCA board of directors has taken.

Conditional registration was implemented around 2005. The rationale provided by AKC for creating conditional registration is to maintain genetic diversity, to improve customer relations, and to maintain accuracy of the registry. Conditional registration is granted to dogs with an "unknown" parent or grandparent and reasonably appears to be the breed claimed. It only occurs in cases where the dogs are believed to be purebred, but a registered parent is found to be incorrect. Full registration is granted to the third generation. Additional details regarding conditional registration can be found on the link: http://www.akc.org/reg/conditional_reg_info.cfm

The AKC board of directors voted to allow conditional registered dogs to enter field trials effective on July 1, 2010. Prior to this decision, parent club input was not requested and subsequent to this decision, no rationale or discussion from the AKC board of directors meeting that implemented this change was provided. Unofficial rationale from AKC representatives includes: field dogs are not used for breeding stock; angry owners who discover that a parent is unknown and therefore cannot compete in field trials after significant time and money is invested in the dog.

Your Vizsla Club of America Directors believe field trials are important venues for evaluating breeding stock and conditional registration compromises the registry's integrity. Allowing conditional registered dogs to compete in field trials not only compromises the integrity of our registry, but rewards those lacking integrity. The dishonest breeder only needs to feign knowledge of the sire.

The present method of verifying parentage via DNA is voluntary. Cheek swabs are voluntarily submitted to AKC. A DNA "fingerprint" is obtained and AKC issues a DNA number for the respective dog. Note that having a DNA number does not mean that the parents are verified. It only means that the dog's offspring could verify a parent. The only cases that require obtaining a DNA number are when a stud dog sires more than 3 litters within a year and when a stud dog sires more than 8 litters total. This requirement is nearly meaningless since the train has already left the station. A dishonest breeder will claim a parent that does not have a DNA number.

All dogs entered in VCA National Events are required to have a DNA number. This requirement expands the number of vizslas with DNA numbers and the possibility of identifying mistaken parents. However, it does not impede a dishonest breeder since they will claim a parent that does not have a DNA number.

Over the past 20 years, the VCA has implemented measures to impede cross breeding to pointers. These measures include Breed Standard Qualification (QOL, Qualifying On the Line) for National Field Events and requiring DNA numbers for all dogs entered in National Events. For Breed Standard Qualification a conformation judge affirms that the dog does not have any disqualifying faults as defined in the vizsla breed standard.

These impediments do not ensure the integrity of our registry. They only prevent the appearance of our breed from exhibiting excessive white and enable the honest breeders to demonstrate integrity. Today it is just as easy to register a cross bred vizsla as it was 30 years ago. Allowing conditional registered dogs to enter field trials only facilitates the dishonest breeder since they only need to feign knowledge rather than to declare a false parent.

The Vizsla Club of America Board of Directors unanimously concurs with the following :

1. To disallow dogs with conditional AKC registrations to enter the VCA National Field Championships or the VCA National Gun Dog Championships, effective 5/23/2011. AKC has approved this change to the VCA running rules.
2. To request AKC rescind eligibility of conditional registered dogs in all pointing breed field trials. All pointing breeds are in unanimous concurrence. Doug Lunjgren, AKC Vice President of Performance Events has agreed to plead this case to the AKC Board of Directors at their October, 2011 meeting.
3. To request that AKC Board eliminate full registration on any generation of conditionally registered dogs and require DNA number for all breeding stock. This effort shall be coordinated with the other pointing breed parent clubs if possible.

Lest we forget, the AKC Mission Statement is: The American Kennel Club is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its Registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function...

Randy Boggs

Follow up:

Motion #20110730-20: The VCA Board of Directors moved, seconded and passed to direct our Corresponding Secretary to draft a letter reiterating the position of the VCA and to circulate that letter to all Parent Clubs.

2011 Top Ten Obedience Report

Maria F. Zucconi, Obedience Reporter

Source: *American Kennel Club Awards* (March 2011 and May 2011). Report covering events from January 1 to March 31, 2011 (Scores are published as they appear in the AKC Awards). The Top Ten Obedience is ranked beginning each year on January 1st using average scores without regard to a minimum number of scores. When there are six (6) dogs with four (4) scores within a division (Novice, Open, Utility), then a minimum of four (4) scores will be required to average and rank. After a dog has accumulated 10 scores within a division, 80% of those scores will be used for averaging, using the highest scores. To be ranked in the Final Top Ten Obedience, a minimum of four (4) scores within a division are required. Ranking system since 1/1/90, updated 1/1/05.

Dog	Owner	No. of Scores	High Score	No. of Placements	Average Score
NOVICE (14 dogs competing)					
1. CH Kizmar Fire N Ice RN	S Ford Johnson/K Rust	2	195.50	2	193.00
2. Comynara Starstone Hurlyburly CD JH	P Marshall	2	193.00	1	192.50
3. Barktlk Copperfld's Letitride RN JH	G Strong/M Schlesinger	4	194.00	4	191.50
4. Tasen Kontar Country Warrior CD RE	A Charlesworth	4	194.00	4	191.00
5. Varazs Napkelte Tyrone CD RE	S Dorosh	3	193.50	1	189.83
6. Sienna Pointe AC McAllister's Keeper Of The Dream JH	M Jackson/R Jackson	1	189.00	1	189.00
7. CH Golden Oaks Out Of The Blues RE	T Goldenberg/L Goldenberg	2	194.00	2	188.00
8. CH Titan's Take A Chance RE NF	E Sweeney/P Schmidt	2	191.50	2	187.00
OPEN (13 dogs competing)					
1. CH Elgin Cariad Dorratz Miles To Go CD SH	L Smith/K Smith	1	194.00	0	194.00
CH Poquito's Austin TX De Si Si UD RE JH NA NAJ NF	D Sokolowski	1	194.00	0	194.00
CH Taylor Made By Everwhenregalpt CD RN JH OA NAJ	M Giles/D Sullivan/J Richey	1	194.00	1	194.00
CH Varazs Kiralyi Kedvesem CD RAE JH	S Dorosh	1	194.00	1	194.00
2. CH Poquito's Merci Mi Tiara CDX RE NA NAJ	K Hartmann/J Hartmann	1	192.50	1	192.50
3. Poquito's El Cohete De La Mesa CD RA	J Nuzzo/M Zucconi	2	190.50	2	189.00
4. Poquito's Pecos TX De Si Si UD MX MXJ	L Scimeca/R Scimeca	3	193.00	1	188.67
5. Sir Walter Of Woodsprings UDX RAE JH AXP AJP OFP	C Etheridge	1	188.50	0	188.50
6. MACH3 Sun Meadow's Summer Knight CDX RE NAP NJP XF	M Miller	3	192.00	3	183.83
7. Anderson's Farewell To Rhett CD	E Rysdyk	1	182.50	0	182.50
UTILITY (3 dogs competing)					
1. Sir Walter Of Woodsprings UDX RAE JH AXP AJP OFP	C Etheridge	1	192.00	1	192.00
2. Poquito's Pecos TX De Si Si UD MX MXJ	L Scimeca/R Scimeca	2	188.00	0	188.00
3. CH Windstorm Raiz'N The Stakes CDX RA	B Ettrich	1	188.00	1	188.00

Highest Scoring Vizsla – 195.5

CH Kizmar Fire N Ice RN - S Ford Johnson/K Rust – Minneapolis Kennel Club, Inc., Novice A – 195.5

High In Trial Vizslas

Poquito's Pecos TX De Si Si UD MX MXJ – L Scimeca/R Scimeca – Gateway Vizsla Club, 03/04/11, Open B – 193.0

The top gun dog, amateur gun dog, show dog, obedience dog and agility dog for the year are eligible for the VCA traveling trophy presented at the annual awards banquet at our National Events. The criteria are that one of the listed owners of these dogs is a current VCA member, effective April 1 of the ranking year. The top show dog is determined by the Vizslas defeated standing. *Respectfully submitted by Maria F. Zucconi. Please send corrections or additions to poquito@q.com.*

**2012 Renewals and Updates will go out after October 4,
2011. Please be on the lookout!!!**

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