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## *President's Message*

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Greetings!

Welcome to the VCA's first issue of The Electronic Vizsla News. Shella Fuhrman, our VCA Membership Chair, has graciously offered her time and talents in creating yet one more tool to distribute information, announcements, and articles of interest to all of our members, as a supplement to the quarterly Vizsla News publications. Since the primary purpose is for communication, no advertisements will be included in the electronic newsletter.

In this issue, please pay particular attention to our 2011 VCA Hall of Fame Nominees! These candidates will appear on your ballots for the 2011 VCA General Election.

The article about the National Bird Dog Museum in Tennessee is of particular interest, especially since many of our exhibitors who attended the 2011 VCA NGDC had a wonderful introduction to this historical landmark museum. The link to the Bird Dog Foundation is included.

Thank you to Mary K. Chelton, our VCA Historian for submitting the article, "Remembering John Frayne"  
Notice: The 2011 VCA Annual Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 30 at the RADISSON HOTEL O'HARE in Des Plaines, IL, beginning at 8 am. Any VCA member who plans to attend, please contact me at [vcapresident@gmail.com](mailto:vcapresident@gmail.com), as I am currently making final arrangements with the hotel with regard to meeting room space, food and beverage considerations.

Watch for announcements and details for our upcoming 2011 VCA National Non-Field Events in Denver, Colorado, September 19-22<sup>nd</sup>, hosted by the Rocky Mountain Vizsla Club. This club just finished co-hosting a most successful All-Breed Agility Trial to help raise funds in support of our VCA National Events. Have a wonderful summer, everyone. For those who live in areas hit by severe weather and may have suffered storm damage, community support is critical. We are a community. Please consider helping out friends and neighbors in any way you can. The Red Cross, AKC CAR Relief all can use our donations.

Sincerely,  
Linda Kelly

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### ***Membership Chairman/TEVN editor's message***

This isn't exactly what I had in mind when I volunteered to do an "electronic" VCA newsletter—I was sure it would be just a couple of pages of quick updates, etc. NOT. So, please forgive that this isn't going to look like a pro-produced product (alliteration, for you English geeks). I do better with spreadsheets and databases!!

As you can see from the above, this issue has plenty of great stuff for your reading enjoyment. I'd like to thank all the contributors for getting their material to me, in good shape for adding to the newsletter.

Those of us at the 2011 NGDC in Dancyville TN had a great time at the National Bird Dog Museum in Grand Junction. Dave Smith, the head of the Bird Dog Foundation, was a most gracious host and Mark Johnson (true to form!) challenged all of us there to put our (donation) money where it counts. Something around \$2000 was donated that evening. Please read Ray Cooper's article and join in celebrating our Vizslas as well as all the other great bird dogs. I did see plaques honoring both John Frayne and Denes Burjan in the Field Trial Hall of Fame!! The Bird Dog Foundation, PO Box 774, Grand Junction, TN 38039

Speaking of The Bird Dog Foundation: Linda Kelly, in reviewing old Bd. minutes, found a motion from 1995 (!) to provide The Bird Dog Foundation Library with The Vizsla News. After some back and forth with Lucy Cogbill, TBDF's librarian, I was able to send what I had of back issues and add the Library to the mailing list. So now, if you're moving/downsizing/de-cluttering (how does that work with dogs in the house?) and have a stack of old Vizsla News—please consider donating them to The Bird Dog Foundation rather than sending them to the local recycle center! Lucy's email is [library@birddogfoundation.com](mailto:library@birddogfoundation.com)

Information for the 2011 Non-Field Nationals will be available on the VCA web site July 1; much of it will also be in the July-Sept. 2011 issue of The Vizsla News (printed version!). Be on the lookout for it and join the fun in the Mile-High city!

The Friendsville gang dodged the April 27 tornados, but it was a very scary evening w/ the dogs and their human in the pantry w/ the battery radio and computer. The human was the fretful one, watching the radar. On the other side of TN 321 (just north of us), there was serious hail and straight-line winds. We (I drove, the dogs rode) went down I-75 in May to the Perry (May) cluster: there were 3 places on I-75 that tornados had passed over. The destruction was clear on both sides of the interstate, very sobering. Please everyone, make your storm plans!!! And help where you can as people and homes and dogs recover.

Be well, hug your dogs (and other critters!)

Sheila Fuhrman, Membership Chairman

## 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 June 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
Aila Jesse McCutchen	MA	Joan Heimbach	Wendy Russell	1M 1F	Regular	
Gregory and Elizabeth Schuh	TX	Kathy Engelsman	Jeff Engelsman	1F	Regular Household	
Jennifer Iacobellis	NJ	Michelle Rochester	Karen Iacobellis	2M 5F	Regular	KaraJen
Scott and Jenny Schlehuder	MI	Heidi Wilkins Sherlock	Stewart Sherlock	1M	Regular Household	Harbor Point
Ransom and Nan Cook	CA	Michelle Rochester	Linda Kelly	1M 1F	Regular Household	
Mary Ellen Olson	MN	Linda Kelly	Sandy Kimmerle	1M	Regular	
Charles and Vicki McArthur	FL	Susanne Towne	Ann Stout	1M	Regular Household	
MF "Ace" and Lauren Eggleston	TX	Valerie Sails	Susan Rushing	1M 1F	Regular Household	Rojo de Tejas
Mike and Holly Witzel	MO	Dainna Kramlich	Donna Yakel	1M 1F	Regular Household	
Susan Cutchall	FL	Ed Foster	Marion Coffman	2F	Associate	
Cindy DeLoache	SC	Gwen Tomlinson	Larry Tomlinson	1M 2F	Regular	Delwood
Kathy and Corey Raffel	OH	Ed Foster	Mark Goodwein	1F	Associate Household	
Nathan Johnson	TN	Ed Foster	Marion Coffman	1F	Regular	

The balloting for prospective members from the April-June 2011 Vizsla News isn't complete, so there isn't a new batch of members to welcome and to have their contact information published for addition to the 2011 directory. There is a pile of address/phone/email changes that will appear in the July-September Vizsla News.

### Notes from our Historian

**Over the summer** I will be updating the Chronology of Vizsla Firsts that I did for the 50th Anniversary national events last year, so if anyone has a first accomplishment, or sees something that needs correcting in the existing chronology on the VCA website, please send it to me. The information for new items should include:

- the accomplishment
- the dog with registered and call name
- the place and date where it happened
- the owner and/or handler and home location
- the breeder(s) and their home location

For corrections, just tell me what to substitute where in the entry. Thanks also to everyone who has been feeding me items over the past 8 months.

Mary K. Chelton  
VCA Historian  
mchelton@optonline.net

## INTRODUCING THE 2011 HALL OF FAME NOMINEES

The Hall of Fame (HOF) Committee is pleased to have the opportunity to showcase these three nominated dogs before the voting ballot arrives in mid-summer. The ballot will be accompanied by the full statistical resume of each nominee. Highlighting the nominees in this issue will give VCA voting members a chance to discuss and review each nominee's merits as they apply to the Mission Statement for the Hall of Fame Program.

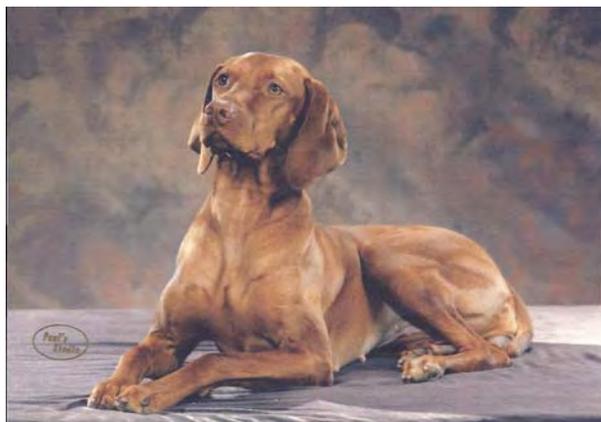
**Mission Statement:** *The Vizsla Club of America holds in highest esteem Vizslas, who, by virtue of their own outstanding achievements, and/or those of their get, reflect the essence of the breed's character and purpose. These dogs epitomize the Vizsla as that of a Sporting Breed. During their lifetimes, they have achieved national recognition, have left an everlasting impression upon the breed, have excelled in show, field, or have been recognized for uniquely exceptional accomplishments or firsts for the breed. The Vizsla Club of America has established a HALL OF FAME to honor the memories of these dogs, forevermore.*

**Voting Procedures:** When the ballots are received, a maximum of two dogs may be inducted into the HOF in a single year, provided that, with three dogs on the ballot, each dog receives a majority of votes (50% plus one) cast for HOF. A vote may be cast for a maximum of two nominees, or one nominee, or none of the dogs nominated.

Respectfully submitted by Hall of Fame Committee: Jan Simer, Carol Phelps and Linda Promaulayko

<b>2011 Hall of Fame Nominee: Chief</b>	
<p>Nominee:  <b>DC/AFC Behi Red Chief JH ROM</b>  <i>April 3, 1988 – June 17, 1998</i></p> <p>A 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Dual Champion who was always owner handled and trained, Chief carried that ability and versatility through just 8 U.S. litters. Chief's get and grand-get include 5 Dual Champions, 1 MACH2, 1 MACH, 1 FC/AFC, 6 AFC's, 1 FC, 2 UDX's, 9 MH's, 47 Champions, 3 BISS, and hunt test, obedience and agility title holders.</p>	
<p>DC/NFC Cody's Dark Star  <u>DC/AFC Paradox Remarkable Jake</u>                  Behi Csecse Raketa CD ROM</p> <p><b>DC/AFC Behi Red Chief JH ROM</b></p> <p>CH Behi Csecse Kovacs  <u>CH Behi Razmataz</u>                  DC/AFC Behi's Jeri Redef</p>	

**2011 Hall of Fame Nominee: Belle**



Nominee:  
**3xBISS CH. Boshar's Budapest Belle CDX JH NA OAJ**  
*June 11, 1994 – January 20, 2006*

Belle achieved her CH i n 6 shows. She was '96 National BOS , dam of the WD/BOW at the '9 9 Nationals, and granddam of the 2008 Nationals BOB winner. With only 2 of 6 lifetime puppies she produced being bred, her get includes 3CH, 1CD, 1JH and grandget include 13CH, 1 GCH, 7 CD, 11 JH, 3 MH, 1 RN, 1 RA, 1 RE.

CH Rotkopf's Super Charger CD JH VC HOF  
CH Boshar's Brett Kedves Vadasz CD JH ROM  
 CH Boshar Zsa Zsa of Glen Hill ROM  
**3xBISS CH. Boshar's Budapest Belle CDX JH NA OAJ**  
 CH Russet Leather Satiao Dawn CDX  
Abby Get Your Gun  
 CH Askim's Champaigne Jada

**2011 Hall of Fame Nominee: Raany**

Nominee:  
**FC/AFC Raany SH FD\***  
*December 12, 1995 – October 18, 2004*

Mellow temperament - dynamic field ability - #2 on Field Champion production list. Others close to finishing. Offspring have AKC Nat'l field titles, American Field Nat'l titles, and NAVHDA titles including several Prize I. Career tragically cut short by death at age nine. Progeny has 130 titles in spite of not requiring anyone to compete. \* (Canadian Field Dog)



FC/AFC Raany, SH, FD

AFC Little Ritchie Whompum MH  
FC/AFC Lifo Riley  
 Rebel Rouser Dolly IV  
**FC/AFC Raany SH FD**  
 DC Viesoo's Produgal Son  
My-T-Hi North Star  
 FC/AFC/NFC Rebel Rouser's Starr

## Vizsla Futurity Maturity Program

### *REMINDER to All Vizsla Breeders*

This reminder has one purpose and that is to remind all breeders of the exciting new Vizsla Futurity Maturity Program that will debut at the 2012 VCA Non-Field National Events in 2012. The Non-Field National events will be held at Huron, Ohio from April 30, 2012 – May 4, 2012. The location is the SawMill Creek Resort.

All Vizsla Litters whelped prior to November 2, 2011 are eligible to be nominated into the 2012 event. These puppies will be at least 6 months old on the date of the event. A basic rule is that you MUST nominate your litter BEFORE it is whelped. Please visit the VCA Website at this address

<http://vcaweb.org/futuritymaturity.htm>. A complete explanation of the program with rules for entry and competition are located there. A simple down-loadable Litter nomination form will get you on your way to the competition. More information will be found in the next issue of the Vizsla News.

Litters whelped after November 1, 2011 will be eligible to be nominated into the 2013 Futurity Maturity Event.

Our Committee stands ready to answer any and all questions. Please feel free to call any one of us.

Useful forms available for download: (copy and insert into browser)

<http://vcaweb.org/futurity-maturity/The%20Vizsla%20Futurity%20Maturity%20Program.pdf>

<http://vcaweb.org/futurity-maturity/Litter%20Nomination.pdf>

<http://vcaweb.org/futurity-maturity/Judge%20Nomination%20Form.pdf>

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Michelle Rochester, NV ([775-745-0454](tel:775-745-0454))

## 2011 National Championships

The VCA National championships will begin on November 7, 2011, at Pyramid State Park in Pinckneyville, IL. Judging the championships this year will be:

NFC - Gus Allimonos and Ed Liermann

NAFC - Doug Reisner and Tony McGrane

Derby Classic - Doug Reisner and Ed Liermann

QOL judge - Beth Speich

Entries will be accepted beginning Monday, August 25, 2011, with the secretary, Rebecca Smith, N4355 County Road DG, Fall River, WI 53932 (Phone and fax entries will not be accepted.) Checks made payable to "VCA" must accompany entries. Remember to include your dog's DNA number and permanent QOL number (if available) on your entry forms.

Hotel: Super 8 in Pinckneyville - Special rate of \$49.50 if you mention the VCA - Phone 618-357-5600. There are also several other hotels in the area.

We are always looking for volunteers. There is a wide variety of opportunities and training is available! If you would like to help out, contact Mark Smith, chair, at [remark@centurytel.net](mailto:remark@centurytel.net) or 920-484-6443.

Watch for more information on the VCA website in the next few weeks. Hope to see you there!

Mark & Becky Smith [remark@centurytel.net](mailto:remark@centurytel.net)

**2011 VCA Nationals  
(non-field)**

**September 19-22**

**Denver CO**

**info on VCA web site July 1**

## *Dog on Point by Ray Cooper*

From time to time an opportunity arises when the collective strength of all those who appreciate a particular breed can have a major impact on that breed's duly earned recognition as a premier hunting dog. Now is such a time. Recently the Vizsla National Gun Dog Championship was held at the Circle B Farms in Somerville, TN. These grounds are steeped in bird dog history as is the surrounding area. On Saturday night a group of Vizsla Field Trialers and enthusiasts were hosted to a dinner at the nearby National Bird Dog Museum and Hall of Fame in Grand Junction, TN. The Bird Dog Museum and Hall of Fame is owned and operated by the Bird Dog Foundation, Inc. which is a not-for-profit corporation established solely for the purpose of showcasing the rich history of Bird Dogs in America. In this case the term "Bird Dog" includes both the pointing breeds and the retrieving breeds which have been the valued companions of bird hunters in the United States from our earliest times. The Bird Dog Foundation first opened its doors in 1991 and has been expanded multiple times since. In 1992 the Retriever enthusiasts officially joined the efforts of the Bird Dog Foundation and due to their donations a 6,400 square foot annex was dedicated on their behalf in 2004.

Within the Pointing Breed portion of the Bird Dog Museum each of the various breeds is allowed space to present portraits and information identifying significant dogs and owners from their breed. There is currently a fundraising effort underway to expand the facilities once again to accommodate the continued growing interest from all the various breeds of pointing dogs. To date both the German Shorthaired Pointer and Brittany enthusiasts have led the way with contributions from owners of what most refer to as the "Continental Breeds." While some contributions have been received from Vizsla owners they are small by comparison. However, at the Saturday night dinner mentioned above, what could be considered a rally cry for more support from Vizsla owners was made. As a result more than \$2,000.00 was raised on the spot from those Vizsla enthusiasts in attendance. While this is certainly not insignificant, much more is needed to achieve the overall goal of \$600,000.00 which will be needed to build the next addition to the Museum and to fund the Endowment necessary to pay maintenance and operating cost for the next twenty years. The current estimate for the 4,860 square foot expansion to the building is \$317,000.00, with the balance of the Fundraiser Goal to be deposited into the Endowment Fund to cover future costs. To the extent possible the various breeds will be granted space to showcase their respective breeds based on their contributions.

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This brings us to the point of this article. Currently there is a small portion of the Bird Dog Museum dedicated to Vizslas and a few significant dogs and owners are on display. With the Vizsla being one of the oldest known pointing breeds this hardly seems fitting for such a noble breed with a rich history of being the chosen hunting dog of its Hungarian homeland. Most of us who have selected Vizslas as our preferred breed did so because we not only wanted a loyal companion with an excellent temperament but also because we appreciated the heritage of the breed as a premier versatile hunting dog. Since the Vizsla was first introduced into the United States back in the early 1950s it has traveled many roads but it has always remained a valued hunting companion for many owners during these past sixty years. Even those Vizsla owners who never hunt or participate in field trials appreciate the breed's abilities as a loyal hunting dog. The first sentence in the Breed's standard identifies the Vizsla as "*That of a medium-*

*sized, short-coated, hunting dog of distinguished appearance and bearing.”* Many Vizsla owners around the country who do not hunt or participate in field trials have trained and entered their dogs in Hunt Tests to continue to prove their dog’s abilities as intended by the original Breed Masters in Hungary centuries ago. Several Vizsla owners have chosen to compete in field trials and test their Vizslas against all breeds with considerable success. As I mentioned in the introduction to this article now is a time when we can collectively do more to help showcase our chosen breed in a setting dedicated to the heritage of Bird Dogs of all breeds and talents.

Here are some numbers to consider. There are currently two national organizations dedicated to the Vizsla breed. One conducts field trials under the American Field banner while the other promotes a variety of activities for the breed including field trials under the authority of the American Kennel Club. Between these two organizations there are well over 1,000 members who appreciate the heritage of the Vizsla as a premier hunting dog. In addition to the people who are members of these two organizations there are additional thousands of Vizsla owners who, while not members of an organization, realize and appreciate this heritage. If each Vizsla owner who is a member of one of these organizations donated \$50.00 to \$100.00 to the Bird Dog Foundation we could collectively raise between \$50,000.00 and \$100,000.00 almost overnight. If those who can afford it donated even more the total would be overwhelming. Then if these same members were to contact people who have purchased a puppy or owners they know who are not members of one of these organizations and solicited even \$20.00 to \$25.00 donations an additional \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00 could be raised over time. This type of effort would have a significant impact on the space and opportunity to showcase our breed in the most recognized setting for Bird Dogs in the world. These donations are tax deductible and even in these tough economic times most of us will spend more than this on something related to our breed over the next year.

If you would like to participate in this effort and learn more about the Bird Dog Foundation and the Bird Dog Museum and Hall of Fame go to their website ([www.birddogfoundation.com](http://www.birddogfoundation.com)) and click on Fundraiser/Bldg Plans. While you’re there surf through the entire website and you will see what a dedicated organization this is and how much has already been achieved. In my opinion it would not only be a shame, but also a gross neglect of our breed if we do not do more to support a showcase for the Vizsla in a setting it so richly deserves. If you do not wish to go to the website but would like to contribute, contributions are welcome and donations are IRS tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Send to: Bird Dog Foundation, P.O. Box 774, Grand Junction, TN 38039 – footnote checks “Building Fund” and also be sure to mark **VIZSLA** in the memo section for proper documentation. For credit card donations, call 731-764-2058.

If you mail your check today it won’t be forgotten and go the way of so many good intentions that never seem to materialize!

# In Memory of John Frayne, Fieldways Vizslas

Mary K. Chelton, VCA Historian

When I discovered that John Frayne had died in New Jersey, I felt it was important that his passing be noted, given the importance of his Fieldways lines to the breed. The following tribute is an amalgamation from two of his friends.

It is not accidental that 2-time VCA and NVA Field Champion Fieldways Jack Daniels, who is in the Field Trial Hall of Fame, was bred by John Frayne. According to Ray Cooper of Longview, Texas, who first met him in 1986, John was very competitive; wanting the very best dog he could come up with, he bred his male Arlor Sams Ranson to his friend Joe Manning's bitch Rebel Rouser Best Bet who was both the grandmother and mother of Jack Daniels. She was also littermate to Bruce Hale's Rebel Rouser Smokey's Bandit who at one time held the record for the most field trial wins in the Vizsla breed. According to Ray, John was not only a dedicated Vizsla enthusiast and a focused man of high intensity who wanted to win, but also "a guy you could count on to do whatever it took to make a trial a success." John was the driving force behind starting the Vizsla Eastern Shooting Dog Championship. His commitment to the Vizsla breed will have a lasting impact that will be seen in pedigrees and quality events for many years to come.

Carol Burjan, Vizsla breeder and current president of the Vizsla Club of Northern New Jersey in Flemington, NJ, remembers John coming to Burjan's Farm to fun his dogs on the weekends. She says, "John felt that Vizslas should have the body type to run and hunt. This meant a big chest for good lung capacity, and a muscular and strong build. They had to be a 'true bird dog.'" When you look back at the dogs that John had over the years, they were just that. He was in this breed to make it stronger and better, but he also was a mentor. Once he and Joe Manning got their place in Medford, NJ, it quickly became the meeting place for amateur trainers. He spent countless hours helping newcomers and the regulars with their dogs. They did not have to have his breeding; he just did it for the love of the breed. He loaned his horses and equipment out frequently just to help new competitors get involved in the game. Not only was John a great competitor, he truly loved the Vizsla breed and devoted his life to Vizslas. When I think of John, I always think of Joe Manning, too, because not only were they were a team, they also were a force to be reckoned with. Dogs such as Fieldway's Sandhills Kilroy, Flash and Cash were always in contention at any trial. John was not only a great competitor; he was also a great breeder. Their kennel gave the Vizsla breed many of our great dogs. If you look at the pedigrees of many of those dogs, Fieldways and Rebel Rouser are back there somewhere. I was fortunate enough to own Fieldway's Jack Daniels. Jack had that signature body style that John felt was so essential to a great bird dog and he had all of the style and intensity that came down through generations of careful breeding for excellence. Fieldways dogs also exemplified good temperament. This is something that is so important to preserve in your breeding program. They have to have a good head on their shoulders and John and Joe's dogs had just that. Over the years whenever I bred Jack Daniels, I noticed that he put his 'signature' sweet temperament into his get."

Carol continues, "So much of our history is fading away with the loss of people like John Frayne, Joe Manning, Denes Burjan and Gary Jagoda. Hank Rozanek is retired, Bruce Hale has moved on to other things. ... I know Smitty [Chauncey Smith] and Cliff Boggs are still hanging in there and were just bestowed "Lifetime Membership" honors from the VCA. We had so much to learn from all of these guys. Hopefully we have learned from their love of Vizslas, their vast knowledge on breeding and continue to preserve the Vizsla as a 'high class bird dog.' That certainly would make John very happy!"



Left: John

Right: John & Carol  
Vola