

Entries will be accepted beginning at 12:00 P.M. (EDT) Monday, August 07, 2023

ENTRIES CLOSE AT 6:00 PM (EDT) Saturday, October 14, 2023

Premium List
VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
(MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB)

2023 NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL



Monday, October 30, 2023 through Conclusion
Pyramid State Park, Pinckneyville, IL

Running order will be available at <https://vcaweb.org/event/2023-national-field-trial/>

Monday, October 16, 2023. Please include a legible email address on the entry form to receive an email with a running order as soon as it is available.



CERTIFICATION

Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under the American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

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Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary

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2023 FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE

Chair: Todd Meyer 4070 E Elm Rd., Oak Creek, WI 53154-6720 tmeyer2243@wi.rr.com
Co-Chair: Bill Elliott william17917@gmail.com
Committee Members: Samantha Dumm, Shawn Harris, Robert Tomczak & Melissa Thomas
VCA Board Liaison ~ Justin Allen
Trial Secretary: Melissa Thomas, 1606 Porter Road, Cassatt, SC 29032 (915) 487-9419
2023vcantsecretary@gmail.com

STAKE MANAGERS

Open Puppy ~ Sherwin Van Kooten
National Amateur Field Championship ~ Randy Caldwell
Derby Classic ~ Shawn Harris
National Field Championship ~ Samantha Dumm

CAPTAIN OF THE GUNS ~ Sherwin Van Kooten
Gunning will be done by official gunners only.

CAPTAIN OF THE MARSHALS ~ Jane Baker

GAME STEWARD ~ Rodney Albin

EMERGENCY COORDINATOR ~ Melissa Thomas
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Addresses and Directions (see page 14)

**VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
2023 NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL
October 30, 2023 – to conclusion
Pyramid State Park, Pinckneyville, IL**

**All stakes open to Vizslas only. Bitches in season may compete in all stakes.
Conditionally registered dogs are not eligible to enter the VCA National Field Trial.**

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

Open to any Vizsla six months of age or over that has met at least one of the following qualifications: Earned an AKC Field Champion or Amateur Field Champion title or that has ever placed first, second, third or fourth in an Open All-Age, Amateur All-Age, Open Limited All-Age, Amateur Limited All-Age, Open Gun Dog, Open Limited Gun Dog, Amateur Gun Dog, or Amateur Limited Gun Dog Stake in which at least 13 dogs have started in an AKC licensed or member field trial. Each dog shall be handled by the same handler in the First and Second Series.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP:

Open to any Vizsla six months of age or over that has met at least one of the following qualifications: Earned an AKC Amateur Field Champion title or that has ever placed first, second, third or fourth in an Amateur All-Age, Amateur Limited All-Age, Amateur Gun Dog, or Amateur Limited Gun Dog Stake in which at least 8 dogs have started in an AKC licensed or member field trial. Each dog shall be handled by the same handler in the First and Second Series.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NATIONAL DERBY CLASSIC: Open to any Vizsla over 6 months of age and less than two years of age on the first advertised day of the trial that has won a Puppy Stake or placed in a Derby Stake.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NATIONAL OPEN PUPPY - Open to any Vizsla over 6 months of age and less than 15 months of age.

All Vizslas entered must be free of any disqualifying faults as stated in the Official Standard for the Vizsla recognized by the American Kennel Club (see page 8).

A Vizsla is ineligible to compete in the Vizsla Club of America National Field Trial if trained on the Field Trial Grounds 30 days prior to the first advertised date of the National Field Trial. (This does not include running on those grounds in a Field Trial or Hunt Test during the previous week.)

This Field Trial is held under Rules and Procedures of THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB.

MAIL ADVANCE ENTRIES WITH CHECKS

(Please make checks payable to Vizsla Club of America and note "ENTRY FEE" in the memo field.)
(Postdated checks are not acceptable.)

EMAIL ENTRIES ARE ACCEPTED WITH PAYMENT BY PAYPAL

(The payee is vcafieldne@gmail.com, and MEMO that the payment is for "2023 NFT ENTRY FEES".)

**Melissa Thomas, 1606 Porter Road, Cassatt, SC 29032
(915) 487-9419, Email: 2023vcantfsecretary@gmail.com**

(Telephone and Fax entries are not accepted) A \$30.00 charge will be added on all returned items.

Overnight mail entries must include signature waiver permitting them to be left at Trial Secretary's address without receipt signature.

Any entries sent requiring a signature for delivery will be returned.

Entries will not be accepted before 12:00 p.m. (EDT) on Monday, August 7, 2023.

Entries will close at 6:00 p.m. (EDT) Saturday, October 14, 2023

The drawing will take place at Trial Secretary's Residence ~ **1606 Porter Road, Cassatt, SC 29032** at 7:00 p.m. (EDT) Saturday, October 14, 2023. The running order will be sent via e-mail if an email address is included or by mail if a SASE envelope is provided.

JUDGES AND STAKES TO BE JUDGED

National Open Puppy

Joanne Perry AKC #31812 Okemah, OK
 Mike Kindler AKC #26597 Brownsville, WI

National Amateur Championship

Joanne Perry AKC #31812 Okemah, OK
 Mike Kindler AKC #26597 Brownsville, WI

National Derby Classic

Arthur Ray Cox AKC #23923 Eagle Mountain, UT
 John A Perry AKC #31813 Okemah, OK 74859

National Championship

Arthur Ray Cox AKC #23923 Eagle Mountain, UT
 John A Perry AKC #31813 Okemah, OK 74859

STAKES, SCHEDULES AND ENTRY FEES

NATIONAL OPEN PUPPY

\$75.00

Not before 7:00 a.m., (EST) Monday, October 30, 2023

NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

To follow the Open Puppy \$150.00

NATIONAL DERBY CLASSIC

To follow the National Amateur Championship \$100.00

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

To follow the Derby Classic \$150.00

COURSES, BIRDS, MISC.

NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Type of Stake- Type of Stake - Two Series

- a. First Series: single course without a bird field.
 - 1) 30-minute duration
 - 2) Non-retrieving, blank pistol only
- b. Second Series: retrieving in designated retrieving area or first bird may be shot on course.
 - 1) 45-minute duration
 - 2) Shooting by designated gunners only.
 - 3) The same handler that handles a dog in the first series of the National Amateur Field Championship stake must handle that dog in the second series of that stake.
 - 4) Dogs that go bird-less in the first series cannot be invited to the second series in either championship stake except under the most extreme and unusual circumstances. Dogs that go bird-less in the second series cannot be called back for a retrieve.
 - 5) Horseback Handling will be allowed in both series.

Championship- If a Champion is declared, the title of NATIONAL AMATEUR FIELD CHAMPION of 2023 will be bestowed and three additional placements may be given. Judges' Awards of Merit may be awarded. If the judges determine no dogs measured up to championship caliber, a champion will not be declared and first place will be withheld. Placements for 2nd, 3rd and 4th may be given.

Dogs will be judged in accordance with AKC field trial rules and procedures for pointing breeds requiring a retrieve and according to AKC pointing dog guidelines with both series taken into consideration in awarding placements.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Type of Stake - Two Series

- a. First Series: single course without a bird field.
 - 1) 30-minute duration
 - 2) Non-retrieving, blank pistol only
- b. Second Series: retrieving in designated retrieving area or first bird may be shot on course.
 - 1) 60-minute duration
 - 2) Shooting by designated gunners only.
 - 3) The same handler that handles a dog in the first series of the National Field Championship stake must handle that dog in the second series of that stake.
 - 4) Dogs that go bird-less in the first series cannot be invited to the second series in either championship stake except under the most extreme and unusual circumstances. Dogs that go bird-less in the second series cannot be called back for a retrieve.
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Dogs will be judged in accordance with AKC field trial rules and procedures for pointing breeds requiring a retrieve and according to AKC pointing dog guidelines with both series taken into consideration in awarding placements.

NATIONAL DERBY CLASSIC

Type of Stake- One-Half hour (30 minutes) duration.

First through fourth place may be awarded as well as Judges' Award of Merit.

To be judged according to the Derby Standard as published in the AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds rule book.

NATIONAL OPEN PUPPY

Type of Stake- 20-minute duration

First through fourth place may be awarded as well as Judges' Award of Merit.

To be judged according to the Puppy Standard as published in the AKC Pointing Breed rule book. If a dog makes bird contact, a blank will NOT be fired. Bird contact is not required for a placement.

**Bobwhite Quail/Chukar will be released in all stakes.
Native game may be present in all stakes.**

**Horse-back handling will be permitted in all stakes.
Handler's horses are not included in the entry fee.**

No Rounding in the Gallery.

Tracking collars will be permitted for use under AKC rules and regulations. To make it easier for the judges to distinguish between dogs and to avoid starting line delays, it is suggested that tracking collars match flash collars or be of a neutral color.

A BLAZE ORANGE VEST IS REQUIRED FOR ALL
JUDGES, HANDLERS, SCOUTS, GALLERY, ETC. DURING THE SECOND SERIES OF
THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

DNA NUMBER REQUIRED ON ENTRY FORM

Turn off cell phone ringers while on the course

Official American Kennel Club® FIELD TRIAL or HUNT TEST Entry Form

Club: Vizsla Club of America		Date(s): 10.30.23-conclusion	Event #: 2023080417		
Location: Pyramid State Park Pinckneyville IL		Event type (test or trial): Trial	Enter in Stake/Test:		
Title or Trial at which this dog qualified for entry at this trial: Title _____					
Trial Date & Club _____					
DNA# (Required): _____					
Permanent Breed Standard Qualification Number: _____ Not Previously Qualified <input type="checkbox"/>					
AKC® No. _____		Foreign & List Country:	Entry Fees <input type="text"/>		
Full Name of Dog:					
Breed:	Call Name:	Sex:	Date of Birth:		
Sire:					
Dam:					
Name of Breeder:					
Actual Owner(s):					
Owner's Address:					
City:		State:	Zip:		
Name of Owner's Agent/Handler:					
Agent/Handler's Address:					
City:		State:	Zip:		
AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club website: www.akc.org					
AGREEMENT					
I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (we) agree that the determination of whether the injury is serious shall be made by the event veterinarian and is binding on me (us). I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.					
Signature of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry:					
Tel:		Email:			

BREED STANDARD QUALIFICATION FOR THE NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL

The Vizsla Club of America, Inc.

Regulations for Breed Qualification for National Field Events

A. Regulations for Breed Standard Qualification (QOL)

The Vizsla Club of America requires that all Vizslas, including puppies, competing in the National Field Events be free of any breed disqualifications as defined in the breed standard. In order to be eligible to compete in these events, each dog must be examined by a licensed AKC conformation judge approved to judge Vizslas. Further, it guarantees the process operates in addition to and in conjunction with all pertinent AKC Rules and Regulations.

B. Judge Selection

1. The judge must be an AKC conformation judge approved for Vizslas.
2. The judge is selected by the host club or field trial committee with VCA Board approval.
3. The judge performing the evaluation must be listed in the premium list.
4. The judge shall not be a current VCA Director or Officer. [Waived per VCA BOD Minutes 4.28.2021]

C. Time and location of the evaluation

1. Time
 - a. One hour before starting time of the first stake until 10 a.m. or noon of that day at the discretion of the club (with priority given to dogs entered in the first stake).
 - b. One hour before starting time of the National Amateur Championship until 10am or noon of that day, at the discretion of the club (with priority given to dogs entered in the first stake).
 - c. It is the responsibility of the owner/handler to present his/her dog for evaluation during the published time.
 - d. If the owner/handler of a dog cannot present his/her dog for evaluation during the published time, special arrangements for evaluation must be made in advance through the Field Trial Secretary.
 - e. The time schedule must be posted at the field trial grounds and VCA headquarters (if applicable).
 - f. All the information listed (items a-e) must be stated in the event premium packet.
2. Location
 - a. On the field trial grounds.
 - b. In a location selected by the field trial committee.
 - c. The judge may perform the evaluation at the participant's camp site, at the judge's discretion.
 - d. Out of view of the public so that the evaluation can be performed in a discreet manner

D. Who attends the evaluation

1. Judge
2. Owner or handler of the dog being evaluated
3. VCA Board member. It is the responsibility of this member to review these guidelines with the judge prior to evaluations. This member shall serve as an observer to ensure that these guidelines are followed and make sure that a list of all dogs that qualify is delivered to the Event Secretary and the VCA QOL Recorder. The VCA Board member may be a competitor at the event. Should no VCA Board member attend the event, the board may appoint a member of the Field Advisory Committee (FAC) to be present for evaluations. If the appointed VCA Board member needs a dog evaluated, any FAC member may preside over the evaluation.

E. Evaluation

1. Each dog will be evaluated independently but done in the same manner.
2. The evaluation will be an examination similar to that for AKC Conformation whereas the dog will be examined in a standing position. Evaluation will follow the most current procedure permitted by AKC Rules and Regulations. It should be noted that the dogs being examined here are not to determine which dog conforms best to the written standard, but rather to ensure that there are no disqualifying faults. It is the

sole discretion of the judge to excuse any dog that will not stand or cooperate for an examination and therefore that dog will not be permitted to compete at the event.

3. According to the AKC written standard approved in 2009 the disqualifying faults in Vizslas are as follows:
 - a. Partially or completely black nose.
 - b. Solid white extending above the toes or white anywhere else on the dog except the fore chest.
 - c. White extending on the shoulders or neck.
 - d. A distinctly long coat.
 - e. Any male over 25 ½ inches, or under 20 ½ inches and any female over 24 ½ inches or under 19 ½ inches at the highest point over the shoulder blades.
4. During the QOL process, the judge, may at his or her discretion, request that the owner/handler lift the front of the dog off the ground to further examine an area other than the fore chest for disqualifying white. Under no circumstances is the judge permitted to personally lift the dog off the ground.
5. It is only necessary to measure dogs that, in the opinion of the judge, are of questionable height. This applies to puppies as well as adult dogs. If, in the opinion of the judge, a dog's height is to be measured, an AKC approved wicket provided by the VCA must be used. Before using the wicket, it shall be calibrated by the judge using the procedure described by AKC guidelines.
6. All evaluation decisions by the QOL judge are final. No refund of entry fees will be made for dogs which fail to pass breed standard qualification. No appeal for disqualification is allowed.

F. Types of Qualifications

1. Permanent
 - a. Dogs must be 2 years of age or older.
 - b. Dogs over the age of 2 years old that have earned an AKC Conformation Championship title may be given a permanent QOL number at the owner's request. If a dog is under 2 years of age when earning a CH title then they must be measured only at a National Field Event to confirm that height is still within the standard. No other examination is required. Burden of proof shall lie with the owner. It is recommended that the owner contact the VCA QOL Recorder in advance with supporting documentation in order to receive a permanent number. If that is not possible, they must bring said documentation to the event for review by the VCA QOL Recorder at that time.
 - c. Dogs with permanent qualification are qualified for all future VCA Field Events even if the breed-specific disqualifications in the standard for Vizslas change.
 - d. When entering a permanently qualified dog in a VCA field event, the qualifying certificate number should be included on the entry form.
2. Temporary
Dogs which qualify under 24 months of age qualify only for the current event. If the dog should compete in any future events, it must be re-evaluated for QOL eligibility until it is eligible for a permanent qualification

G. Certificates for dogs who qualify on a permanent basis

1. Permanent Qualifying Certificates will be provided by VCA QOL Recorder.
2. Certificates must contain the following information:
 - a. Name of dog with AKC number
 - b. Name of owner
 - c. Name and signature of evaluating judge
 - d. Date the certificate is issued and the issue number of the certificate.
3. Two copies of each certificate will be made. One will be given to the owner of the dog and one copy will be retained for the VCA QOL Recorder.

[FEG 4.1.2021]

Examination will take place on the Field Trial grounds at a location selected by the Field Trial Committee. The location will be posted at Denmark Multi-Use Building. Examination judge and times are as follows:

Judge: Kathy Rust, (AKC #27507)
17170 County Rd. 2, Walcott, ND 58077-9734

Sunday, October 29, 2023	6:00 pm	Location TBA
Monday, October 30, 2023	7:00-10:00 am & 4:00-5:30 pm	Location TBA
Tuesday, October 31, 2023	7:00-10:00 am & 4:00-5:30 pm	Location TBA
Wednesday, November 1, 2023	7:00-10:00 am	Location TBA
• Thursday- Saturday		Must contact Melissa Thomas Location TBA
• Thursday, November 2, 2023	4:00-5:30 pm	Location TBA
• Friday, November 3, 2023	7:00-10:00 am & 4:00-5:30 pm	Location TBA
• Saturday, November 4, 2023	7:00-10:00 am & 4:00-5:30 pm	Location TBA

Additional times, if applicable, will be posted at the Pyramid State Park Clubhouse.

It is the responsibility of the owner/handler to present his/her dog for evaluation during the published times. If the owner/handler of a dog cannot present his/her dog for evaluation during the published times due to an unexpected event or illness the Field Trial Secretary must be advised immediately. Every effort will be made to accommodate a special time for evaluation, however, there is no guarantee that a judge will be available outside of the published times.

NOTE REGARDING BITCHES IN SEASON

The Field Trial Secretary must be notified that the bitch has come into season at least one-half hour prior to the beginning of the stake (or the day of running) in which the bitch is entered. The running order will be modified so that bitch (es) in season will run in the last brace(s) of the day for that stake.

FIVE MINUTE CALL

The duty of having a dog ready and in place when required for judging rests solely with the handler or owner. Each brace will be announced prior to the estimated cast-off time. This rule will be strictly enforced.



PRIZES

NFC and NAFC Winners: NFT Event Trophy, Traveling Trophy and First Place Trophy and Rosette
Derby Classic Winner: NFT Event Trophy for First Place and Rosette
Open Puppy Winner: NFT Event Trophy for First Place Trophy and Rosette
Stake Placements (2nd-4th): NFT Placement Trophies and Rosettes
Championship Rosettes are offered to the National Champion and National Amateur Champion.
Standard AKC rosettes are offered to all placed dogs.
Judges' Award of Merit rosettes are offered in all stakes at the Judges' discretion.
A Championship rosette is offered to the dogs named "VCA National Field Champion" and "VCA National Amateur Field Champion".

TRAVELING TROPHIES

Denes Burjan Memorial Trophy – VCA National Field Champion
VCA National Amateur Field Champion

Traveling trophies may reside with the respective winners of these stakes until the subsequent year's VCA National Field Trial. This requires written acceptance of the VCA's Responsibility Agreement and must be current member of VCA.

VCA Entry Refund Policy

Entry fees shall not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused by Veterinarian or Judge, fails to pass the QOL examination, or barred from competition by action of Trial Committee. If, because of riots, civil disturbances or other acts beyond the control of the organizing committee, it is impossible to open or to complete the trial, no refund of entry fee will be made. Extreme weather conditions, such as, but not limited to snow storms, hurricanes, lightning, extreme heat, must be considered for the health and safety of the dogs, exhibitors and spectators. The well-being of dogs, exhibitors and spectators is of paramount importance and, in the event, it is necessary to cancel or stop the trial before completion, no entry fees will be refunded.

Returned Item/ NSF Charge

Anyone who submits any payment to the VCA, whether credit card or check, that is later returned by the bank or charged back to the VCA for any reason will be assessed a \$30.00 returned item fee by the VCA.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Tentative Schedule: To be published with run order.

Availability of site

Sunday, October 29, 2023 8:00am through event conclusion

Awards & Sponsorship for Trophies

Details of sponsorship opportunities can be found on the VCA website. Exhibitors and breed supporters are encouraged to contribute at any level. Contributions will be acknowledged in the 2023 National Field Trial Catalog if notification is given of a contribution received by the Trophy Solicitation Chair, Sabrina Corliss, by October 14, 2023. All contributions will be recognized in the Vizsla News & Event Catalog. Please use the Awards & Trophy Form provided on the VCA website to make a contribution to this outstanding event.

Birds (training): Must be reserved (prior to October 14, 2023) Price is \$7.50. Pickup will be scheduled for Monday, October 30 and Thursday, November 2, 2023. Plan to have your own crate or training bag. Pick up time will be posted. Contact: Melissa Thomas for reservation and advance payment.

Calcutta

Open Puppy Calcutta and Derby Calcutta will take place the evening prior to the running of each stake, following the social hour. This is always a spirited and entertaining event, and we encourage all participants and guests to attend.

Course Familiarization

The ride around for the Event Stakes will be confirmed with the Running Order and posted in the Denmark Multi-use Building, Pyramid State Park. A ride around for Event Stakes is subject to time available as determined by the overall trial entry and weather conditions preceding each stake.

Dog Exercise/ Training Area

The host club will designate a dog exercise/training area on the grounds that will be available beginning Sunday, October 29th at 8:00 am. It will remain available until the event conclusion. Horses may be ridden but no motorized vehicles are allowed on the training grounds. Exhibitors are requested to be mindful of all who wish to use this area. No scheduling will take place, multiple users may be on the training area at any given time.

Event Reservations: Meals, Hay and Parking

- **Meals** *Point of contact to be announced.
Meals should be reserved and paid in advance and will be available at the Multipurpose Building.
- **Meal reservation form** will be available on the VCA website noting reservations for all meals and special evenings (5).
Breakfast will be (coffee/pastry)
Lunch will be available for purchase each day.
Dinners planned for Sunday, October 29, Monday, October 30, Tuesday, October 31, Thursday, November 2 and Friday, November 3.
- **Hay**
Arrangements have been made for hay to be delivered to the grounds. Please reserve by October 14, 2023.
Contact: Melissa Thomas for reservations. 2023vcantsecretary@gmail.com or (915) 487-9419.
- **Parking Vehicle and Overnight Camping Fees**
- Overnight camping is allowed on the dog trial grounds. Illinois DNR charges a daily fee for overnight camping on the grounds. Permit fees are \$8.00 with dry camping, \$10 camping with shower access, \$20 camping/electric and shower access. Fees will be collected on site.
- *There are 12 electric RV hookups with a total of 24 electric spots available. **Contact: Melissa Thomas with a reservation request.** 2023vcantsecretary@gmail.com or (915) 487-9419*
Trailer Length, # of Horses, # of Dogs and Electric Hook-up Requests. Electric hook ups are limited—plan ahead.

Fundraisers

Special raffles CZ Wingshooter Elite O/U 20 GA , Mossberg Gold Reserve II O/U 20 Ga, Lime Green Ruff Land Intermediate Kennel , Charter Arms Pro .209 Pistol, ExMark Remote Control Cooler with Bluetooth and other items are now offered and will conclude at the event. Sporting, hunting, dog, horse related items as well as other appealing non-dog items can be donated. All donations are greatly appreciated. Details for raffle contributions can be found on the VCA website. All exhibitors, VCA members and guests are encouraged to support this event by contributing to any of the many opportunities available. Contributions will be acknowledged in the 2023 National Field Trial Catalog if notification is given of a contribution (if donor is bringing item) or if item is received by the raffle chairman by October 14, 2023. All contributions will be recognized in the Vizsla News & Event Catalog. Please use the General Donation and Sponsorship form provided on the VCA website to make a contribution to this outstanding event.

Farrier Information to be posted at **Denmark Multi-Use Building**.

GROUNDS

NOTICE TO TRIAL PARTICIPANTS, VISITORS AND GUESTS: Please keep the grounds clean. Use only designated areas for camping and parking. Regularly clean up after all animals. This includes filling in any holes that dogs/horses create, spreading/removing horse manure, removing left-over hay, picking up/removing dog waste, taking bagged trash to the designated area and generally cleaning up individual camp areas during and before leaving. Those who fail to do so may be charged a minimum \$50 clean-up fee. Please remove all twine from the grounds as this causes damage to the equipment used to maintain the site.

Health Requirements <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Animals/AnimalHealth/Pages/Animal-Import.aspx#h7>

Laws related to transporting horses differ by state. Check the laws for any state you will be traveling.

Merchandise

Information regarding Merchandise purchase will be updated on Face Book and the VCA Webpage once it is finalized. Merchandise will be ordered from a vendor and shipped prior to the event. A limited amount of merchandise will be available on site.

Off-site Communication

Updates will be posted by a Committee Member on the event Facebook page.

“Running of the Veterans” a very special tribute for our beloved senior Vizslas will be held during the 2023 NFT. At a time to be announced, all are encouraged to gather on the hill just east of camp for the “Running of the Veterans!” This special stake will not be an “official” event. It is intended for fun and as a way to let our senior dogs have their moment in the field. Dogs may be handled on foot or horseback, and run time will be adjusted to accommodate both senior dogs and handlers (not to exceed 20 minutes). This running will be open to any Vizsla who is 8 years of age or older and no longer in field competition and companion veterans of other breeds. The entry fee will be \$20, and there will be prizes for all dogs entered. Contact: olympicvizslas@gmail.com

Site Restrictions

No ATVs on grounds.
No open campfires.

Trial Headquarters: Denmark Multi-Use Building

The **Denmark Multi-Use Building** is located at the Denmark Multi-Use Building, Pyramid State Park. There is adequate seating and tables. There is a restroom and shower in the clubhouse. This is the official headquarters for the trial and where the secretary’s office and administrative information will be located.

Water

There are 9 hydrants available around the parking/camping area that may be shared.

Wrangler: Horses may be rented through **Robin Shadle**

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED AS THIS WILL DETERMINE HOW MANY HORSES ARE BROUGHT TO THE TRIAL.

Robin Shadle (570.660.7045) before the trial. Although arrangements for rentals by the brace can be made at the trial directly with the wrangler, it is not recommended to wait until you arrive at the trial as the number of extra horses available will be limited. Horses required by event committee will be given preference.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Call 911 for all emergency needs requiring police, ambulance or fire department.

Pinckneyville Community Hospital

101 N Walnut St.

Pinckneyville, IL 62274

(618) 357-2187 or 911

From Denmark Unit, turn right and take Pyatt-Cutler Rd/Co Hwy 4 E (7.6 miles). Turn left onto IL-127 N/IL-13 W (4.9 miles). Turn right onto IL-154 E/E Water St (1.9 miles).

Sparta Community Hospital

818 E Broadway St.

Sparta, IL 62286

(618) 443-2177 or 911

From Denmark Unit, turn left and take Pyatt-Cutler Rd/Co Hwy 4 W via IL-4 to County Line Rd (6.6 miles). Continue straight on County Line Road for 4.5 miles. Turn left onto IL-154 W 6.5 miles. Sparta Community Hospital is on the left.

Veterinarian (large/small/emergency)

Sparta Animal Clinic

1031 S St. Louis St.

Sparta, IL 62286

(618) 443-2011

From Denmark Unit, turn left and take Pyatt-Cutler Rd/Co Hwy 4 W (5.5 miles). Turn right onto IL-4 N (1.0 miles). Turn left onto IL-150 W/IL-4 N (6.2 miles). Turn right onto IL-4 N (6.5 miles) into Sparta.

Hotels

Fairgrounds Inn, 1520 S Washington St, Du Quoin, IL 62832 (618) 542-5000

Super 8 Motel, 1010 S. Jefferson Avenue, Du Quoin, IL 62832. (618) 534-4422

NOTICE TO TRIAL PARTICIPANTS, VISITORS AND GUESTS

Please keep the grounds clean. Use only designated areas for camping and parking. Regularly clean up after all animals. This includes filling in any holes dogs & horses create, spreading & removing horse manure, removing left-over hay, picking up & removing dog waste, taking bagged trash to the clubhouse and generally cleaning up individual camp areas during and before leaving. Those who fail to do so may be charged a minimum \$100 clean-up fee. **The management of Pyramid State Park requests that we be especially careful to remove all twine from the grounds as this causes damage to the equipment used to maintain the site.**

GENERAL LOCATION

GPS SETTING FOR GROUNDS: 37.992162, -89.503952

Pyramid State Park is located south of Pinckneyville in Perry County, 85 miles South-East of St Louis. The Denmark Section is accessed off of the Pyatt-Cutler Road at the intersection Tangen Cemetery Road.

From (NORTH and EAST) on State Route 127 head west on Pyatt-Cutler Road. About 7 miles west of Pyramid State Park turn south into the Denmark Section.

From (WEST) Percy, IL, continue east on Route 4. At the 4-way intersection of Route 4 & 150, go south on Route 4. Travel approx. 1 mile and turn left on Pyatt Cutler Road. Travel approx. 5 miles east, past buildings/railroad cars, where the fence ends, turn right at the entrance into the Denmark Unit.

