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PRESIDENT HAWKINSON

There is every evidence of renewed interest in the Vizsla Club. I am sure the Club is revived; that the spirit, the interest, so evident in 1956 and 1957 is sparked again. Letters, phone calls, personal talks with members, convinces me that our Club is very much alive and that the proper leadership can and will build our prestige.

The new Vizsla News is an improved paper and is an important part of our Club activity. The Editor plans articles, features and regional news that will appeal to all Vizsla owners -will be important to them.

Activity, from the regional to national level, is the foundation of interest in the breed and that interest will envelope the Vizsla Club. Leadership into field trial activity is a part of the planning of this office to assure members there is a future for them in the Club. And we shall waste no time in organizing a national fall trial.

We shall encourage bench showing and give what assistance we can to our members interested in that phase of activity; shall request Show Superintendents to bench Vizslas with the Sporting Group. It is entirely possible we soon will be granted permission to hold a Sanction Show and Trial.

Local clubs, organized to encourage and help Vizsla owners with field training and handling, shall be assisted by the parent Club so long as the individual "fun club" observes the spirit in which it was formed.

We are obligated to give service and we shall.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was called to order by acting President Charles Hunt at 8 PM, Saturday, April 9, at the Del Prado Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

Following introductions and brief opening remarks, the Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Motion to accept by M M Chatfield; 2nd by Dr. Phillips. (Report will be published in May issue.)

There being no other business, the acting President read the results of the election and declared the Officers and Directors duly elected in compliance with the Articles of Incorporation. (Officers and Directors listed on page 2.)

The following names were written in on individual ballots:

Director- one term: J R Garr, Jr, K. C., Mo.; J J Hatfield, St. Paul, Minn; W A Olson, Minneapolis. Director- two year term: Fred Schulze, Rosemount, Minn; Elizabeth Mihalyi, Woodside, Calif; Louis Mihalyi, Burlingame, Calif.

Mr. Hunt introduced President Hawkinson, turned meeting over to him. (Pres. Hawkinson's remarks on page 2.)

Plans for a national fall field trial were first on the agenda. Nov. 15 to Dec. 15 were accepted limits for trial. After lengthy discussion, grounds selected were Cumberland County Sportsman Club, Greenup, Illinois, and Director Sabo, appointed Trial Chairman, asked to investigate their availability

Membership applications hereafter shall be accepted when properly sponsored without reference to the Directors.

The Treasurer shall receive all dues and shall issue membership cards.

J R Garr, Jr., was appointed Club representative in Missouri as required by law for corporations in that State.

A Constitution and By-Laws are to be drafted and submitted.

Futurity for 1961 was tabled pending A K C recognition.

Up to \$ 8.00 was approved for trophies for the Hungarian Vizsla Club awards during the 1960 Hungarian Exhibition. These to be various dog supplies: leads, collars, etc.

Mr. Hawkinson to send The News a glossy of the Club pin and price list for publication. Pins are available to members only.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight. To convene at 11:00 AM at the Stock Yards Inn.

THE STOCK YARDS INN -SUNDAY, APRIL 10th.

Meeting called to order by President Hawkinson .

Mr. Alfred Dick, Secretary, The American Kennel Club, was introduced by Secretary Hunt.

Mr. Dick outlined A K C preliminary requirements for acceptance of Stud Book applications for registration - the various steps necessary for a breed club s recognition by the American Kennel Club.

During the Question and Answer period following Mr Dick s interesting talk, he gave as his opinion that the Vizsla Club's fall trial might be run as the first Sanction Trial.

A unanimous vote of thanks was given Mr. Dick.

FROM BLOSSOM TIME TO AUTUMN FROST

Composed, directed and photographed by Dr. Istvan Homoki-Nagy, this amazing full length feature color film of the wild life in Hungarian marshes, on the plains, in the forests, won first prize at the Venice Film Festival in 1953 in the documentary category. It was nineteen months in the making- seven in filming.

To quote Dr. Homoki-Nagy, "...I lovingly put the roles of deer, stag, flowers, insects, birds and mushrooms down on paper, the only trouble being that the extras, who were the animals-the leading ladies, who were the birds- and the ballet, who were florst flowers- knew nothing about all this, and if, as it later happened, they got wind of their roles, without further ado they retired to tree tops or the muddy bed of the Danube... or, at best, behind a sheltering tree trunk." Seventy kinds of wild animals were filmed in their natural habitats.

Dr. Homoki-Nagy published a book in 1955 under the same title as the film in which he printed 191 "stills" from the documentary with descriptive articles of their adventures in the making of "Blossom Time".

Ficko (Scamp), a Hungarian Vizsla, appears several times in the film in the leading role. The book has four excellent pictures of the Scamp.

The Doctor tells how Scamp, in the beginning, played his roles with the greatest zest which waned with the many necessary rehearsals and, eventually, developed a frown whenever he caught sight of a camera .

Scamp slightly injured a fore foot on a wire which caused him to limp badly and held up shooting for a few days. Then the trainer had to leave for several weeks, Scamp and his sore paw remaining behind. Everyone was sorry for him, petted and consoled him, and he made the most of it.

Whenever put in front of the camera, Scamp would limp with a display of pain but quite willingly showed his bandage to anyone who showed interest in it. Eventually, the bandage was removed, the cut perfectly healed, but the limp so convincing that the entire crew thought he had a fracture and Scamp was excused from further work.

Six weeks later his master returned to find Scamp still limping and was offered the paw as evidence of his disability. When commanded to jump from the window and dash to the fox hole he did - but on three legs. Whereupon the trainer smacked him on his rear, gave him a lengthy lecture and returned him to the scene. Scamp flew out the window, made for the fox-hole at full speed -on four legs.

Kalman Szigethy, section head in the Budapest Zoo, trained the first Scamp and we hope to publish a picture of this famous Vizsla in a later edition. Scamp sired several litters before his strenuous career lead to a nervous breakdown. (At least one of his grandsons is Americanized.)

In a later film, about the Turkish Invasion, Scamp was required to jump through fire several times and this ordeal broke his nerve. He now is eight or nine years old and we hope to report later where he now lives.

Next month the story about his successor, another Scamp, with pictures.

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WANTED: MAGYAR VIZSLA CLUB MEMBERS

VIZSLAS IN JAPAN
Thomas L Blakemore

After two years of unsuccessful attempts at breeding, our Vizsla came through in late August with a whopping litter. Apparently, the female's chemistry had been a bit out of line but, on this occasion, we poured in quantities of what the local Vets called Pregnant Mare's serum. The result was a litter of thirteen of which we raised nine—all beautiful pups.

Each of the pups has been placed on an experimental basis with a qualified and interested Japanese dog-man and hunter. Some of the dogs are in mountain pheasant country, others in quail and partridge areas and others in green pheasant regions. A Vizsla society of dog-owning members has been organized and, after a year or two of testing, the capacities of the breed for Japanese conditions will be much better known.

From what we can tell from the two parents, the Vizsla will do quite well for game that is hunted by dogs which work in rather closely. This includes partridge, quail and, in some areas, green pheasant.

As from the very start, we are delighted with the breed as companions and are grateful for such fine dogs and the special efforts to get them to us. It may well be that, if the breed is accepted in Japan, there will be requests for further pups.

The Japanese Hunting Dog Association is accepting our dogs for registration without hesitation. Our dogs are the first of the line to come to Japan.

THE PACIFIC COAST VIZSLA CLUB

Secretary-Treasurer Taft Jones writes, "We have a nice club and have high hopes of making it better. The headquarters are in Bremerton. We had a merchandise shoot to build up the treasury with the ladies furnishing a ham dinner and we cleared over \$300.00. Last September 19-20, we held a field trial at Weir Prairie near Tacoma and anticipate running another this fall."

FALL TRIAL - NATIONAL GERMAN POINTING DOG ASSOCIATION

The annual Championship Field Trial for eligible German Pointing Dog breeds, including Vizslas, will be held on the State of Illinois Green River Public Shooting Grounds, Ohio, Illinois, October 15-16. Headquarters will be at the Lincoln Motel, Dixon, Illinois, and the trial dinner at the adjacent Lincoln Inn.

Eligible breeds are Drahthaars, Shorthairs, pointing Griffons, Vizslas, Weimaraners. Requirements: a win or placement in any recognized A K C or American Field Gun Dog, Open or All Age Stake.

Entries are limited to the first thirty qualified dogs entered. Braces are run on continuous courses on native birds in one hour heats for the first series. The second series consists of twenty minutes in the back course plus eight minutes in a ten acre bird field; shoot to kill, retrieve required. One or more braces may be called back for the second heat, according to the judges decisions.

NAMES AND PLACES

JENO DUS ! His many friends may write him at 113 Forest Place, Fredonia, N. Y. Is in the Music Dept., New York State University. J. W. LANDSDOWNE, Indpls, Ind., sends names of friends. LT. COL. ROBT CARTER, USAF, sends cheers for THE NEWS. DR. ED. THORNE, Holly Springs, Miss. asks for application -promises a visit. TIM DALEY, Chunan, Taiwan, asked for -got- names of Vizsla owners in the Orient.

ROBERT GRAUL, Jeff'ville, Ind., wants to be a member. HUGH COWARD Scarsdale, NY, is an interested owner. MRS. BETTY KENLY, Phoenix, writes about Vizslas, hosses and cattle. MRS. IRENE LANDEFELD, Connellsville, Pa., sorrowfully reports death of her well-loved Star. REV. U. L. GIBSON, Alma, Mich., sends his compliments. W. G. KOPPLEMEYER, Madison, Wisc., joined by letter. ROBERT GRIMES, Rose Hill, Ka., asks for green light on forming local club as does JOHN JANORA, West Seneca, N. Y., and FRANK ENGSTROM, Grey Eagle, Minn asks about his standing.

JOHN WALLNER, Raleigh, N. C., promises members. F. C. LANGE, Timonium, Md., asks about the Standard. EARL SPRAGUE, now resides on rfd 1, Clarinda, Iowa. WILMER KLINE, Topeka, wants to join.

ELIZABETH MIHALYI, Woodsire, Calif., sends a verbal bouquet. BARBARA LANGFELD, Papillion, Nebr.; HOMER GRIFFON, MERCED, Calif.; PATRICIA TWILL, Mountainside, N. J; DR. MORGAN, BRITT Iowa, - among the new members.

Mrs. Helen Papashivly will do an article on lesser known dogs for HOLIDAY MAGAZINE in an early issue. Vizslas are included - - with pictures. Watch your newsstand or, better yet, subscribe for this interesting magazine.

BRIEFS

In the March issue, page five, The Vizsla News, "Hungarian National Dog Show" by Mike Kende, is the picture of five participants in the event. Lajos Dudas and the bitch "Ari-Nora" are identified as # 2. Ari-Nora "twice winner" was first in her class in the field and show.

A. G. Gerle, Montreal, writes that he has imported Ari-Nora and will campaign her this spring in Canada, hoping to make her an International Champion. Best of luck to you, Mr. Gerle.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Montgomery, Hillsborough, Calif., on a world tour last year, purchased a bitch puppy in Austria whose sire was the Austrian Champion. The puppy is being trained in Austria -will be entered in the Austrian Spring Field Trial and, after further training, will be flown to her new home in August.

President John Ruping, Latham, N. Y., an ardent field-trialer, had his pointer Satilla Sambo in training last year for the National Pheasant Championship. With the trainer just five days when a car struck Sambo, breaking his left leg at the pelvis. It is doubtful if Sam will run again.

SABO WRITES

December 14th -eleven days to Christmas. Four weeks of medical checks and double checks. Doctor's verdict: go south to a milder climate and take physio-therapy there.

The Vizslas, the Setters, the new sixteen double barrel with a new case of shells; the new pointer pup; the air stream trailer; an invitation from Dr. Hayward Phillips of Augusta to visit and hunt on his lease; an agreeable wife accustomed to long trailer trips with dogs! Fifteen minutes to reach a decision: Christmas at home and then the roads leading south.

Jackson, Tennessee on January 2, and Panola, Alabama Jan. 3d, riding a good Tennessee Walker with Howard Kirk over his 2700 acre shooting preserve. January 4 en route to Augusta with visions of quail hunting, dogs working, ahead. This therapy called for repeated "treatments"...

Driving through Georgia we "vizslaized" a covey of quail pointed by a Vizsla at every likely bit of cover.

Augusta finally in view by evening -a beautiful city in the tradition of the old South, inhabited by charming people.

Dr. Phillips had arranged for our stay at the charming home of our host, Mr. J B Howard, located in a stately pine grove. Trailer parked; dogs kennelled in a large barn with a five acre, fenced in exercise field.

We have with us two Vizslas - Red Rebel, owned by Dr. I S Osborn of Le Sueur, Minn., and Sandy Selle, owned by Hal Jones of Champaign, Ill. Sandy is a Vizsla who has proved his class and ability in many shooting dog stakes.) Two setters - Illini Chief and Hovikar - completed our group.

We attended the Georgia Trials at Waynesboro on the Berol Lodge Plantation where the world's top setters and pointers run in two hour heats. The mounted gallery usually totalled over one hundred men and women. (The Championship was won by Medallion and his handler, John Gates, got the \$1,000.00 purse.)

BULLETIN

Sandy Selle, owned by H V Jones, Champaign, Ill., handled by Paul Sabo, placed THIRD in the Palmetto Shooting Dog Stake on March 8th.

Sandy had three finds -ran a bold, wide shooting dog race despite the sloppy, icy fields that caused many owners to cancel out for fear of injury to their valuable dogs. This four day amateur and open All Age trial draws the top dogs from the south-east.

In our month's stay, we have been afield at least three times weekly - have held our own with the local bird dogs. Without question of doubt, these Carolina-Georgia quail are the trickiest, slipperiest birds I have encountered in over 40 years of hunting all types of upland game birds.

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Among the members attending the Annual Meeting were: Mr & Mrs M M Chatfield; Mr & Mrs C F Hunt; Mr. R W Hawkinson; Mr. P F Kitchen; Miss Barbara Langfeld; Dr & Mrs I S Osborn; Mr & Mrs Thomas Pratt; Dr. H S Phillips; Mr. Paul Sabo.

VIZSLA OWNERS NEED THE CLUB THE CLUB NEEDS THE OWNERS

Recently our attention was called to two lively Vizsla puppies whose tails were mere stumps - a Boxer dock. These puppies start off under a handicap: the too short tail practically rules them out of bench shows; bird hunters read the messages their dogs "flag" with their tails.

Had the breeder written the Club for advice about tail length and dew claw removal, his promising puppies would have brought more money and their owners would have been better pleased.

The correct tail dock is approximately one half to two thirds of the tail, some latitude being allowed to please the individual's fancy. Dew claws are removed from all American bred puppies.

Helpful suggestions on pedigrees, breeding, feeding, puppy care; field trial rules and regulations or bench shows; shipping dogs or pups; are available and free to Vizsla Club members. All a part of the service offered by your Club.

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Congratulations to Roy W Hawkinson and Patrick von Buisenhorst (his Gr SH Pointer) for winning the Minnesota German Shorthaired Pointer Open AllAge at the Lucky Twins area. Seventy dogs from four states competed in four stakes.

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When do female Vizsla puppies first come in season? Generally, the female dog should come in first heat from eight to ten months; however, many Vizsla owners find that the first heat may be from ten to sixteen months. The bitch usually is a late maturing dog which is why many authorities recommend breeding after 14 months or the second season.

How many Vizslas registered in F. D. S. B?

There are more than 681 bitches and 670 males registered as of 3/60. It is estimated that there are at least 700 more not registered -roughly a total of 2100 in the States.

STUD SERVICE

SIX YEARS OF CRUSADING IN THE CAUSE OF BETTERMENT OF THE MAGYAR VIZSLA AS A SHOOTING DOG PAR EXCELLENCE IN THE AMERICAN IMAGE, I OFFER CIZSCO ARVA SELLE (CISCO), THREE YEAR OLD, 'LEGGY, SHORT COUPLED, DARK CINNAMON RED BEAUTY', PLUS NATURAL BIRD SENSE, SPEED AND RANGE. HE HAS A BURNING DESIRE TO USE THESE QUALITIES. HE IS A PRODUCT OF FIVE YEARS HELP AND ADVICE OF AN INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGIST AND GENETICIST AT THE UNIV. OF ILLINOIS IN SELECTION OF HIS ANCESTORS.

IF YOU CARE TO BREED IN THE "PURPLE", SEND FOR PICTURES AND DETAIL INFORMATION TO PAUL SABO, 408 W. ELLS ST. CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

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