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FALCONRY

King Lajos (Louis) the Great in 1358 commanded the Carmelite Friars to record the contemporary life and times, the economic and scientific progress of his nation. The king named the volume " Illustrated Vienna Chronicle" which became the earliest known printed and illustrated record of the Hungarian nation.

In the manuscript are five miniatures depicting hunting scenes of the early XIV Century.

The miniature reproduced here suggests the use of falcons with pointing dogs - the general custom of the times. The hunting dog located and flushed the birds, the falcon was released to strike down the birds.

The conformation of the dog in the picture resembles the greyhound but the smaller stature, shorter tail, evident eagerness to retrieve, indicates a different breed -in all probability the ancestor of the Vizsla.

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## GOOD COMPANY !

A well known national European breed club, with approximately 5000 paid up members, had difficulty in persuading qualified members to accept office in 1960 although the club has an executive secretary, an assistant, and offices. Their slate listed one nominee for each office.

The Vizsla Club with its comparatively small membership cannot be censured too severely for drafting various Officers and Board members to serve in 1960. All Officers and Directors serve without compensation - pay their expenses to meetings.

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Returns of the American Kennel Club special applications are disappointing. Over 900 forms have been mailed to all known Vizsla owners - only 188 have been returned to the Secretary as this is written.

The American Kennel Club has extended the courtesy to Vizsla owners to have their dogs recorded as Foundation Stock and have gone to the expense of setting up registration records.

It is hoped that all owners who have not mailed in their applications will do so without delay.

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Applications for membership are averaging three per week. And one or two letters are received weekly inquiring about membership in The Vizsla Club all of which is encouraging.

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PIRI PEGGY  
( continued from May issue)

Enter now the then Secretary and Vizsla News editor.

Hatfield, in hopes that the Secretary might discover another approach to obtaining Piri Peggy's pedigree, gave the latter access to his file and the Secretary began corresponding with the Baroness in London and friends in Hungary. Information was not obtainable from Budapest but a friendly and animated correspondence developed with the young lady who now was working in London.

Years passed without encouragement. The Piri matter appeared closed altho it was learned that Piri had died. The Secretary resigned -two years passed- the former Secretary assumed office again.

Last year, in London, the Secretary's wife had lunch with the Baroness and her husband and the Piri story was given in detail but no definite lead developed excepting that the Baroness remembered the breeder's name and Piri's birth date.

Simultaneously, Mrs. B., a friend in Budapest, gave us the name of the pre-war president of the Orszagos Vizsla Club as a possible source of Vizsla history who, coincidentally, proved to be Piri's breeder.

Our first letter to the former President, now in Austria, started a series of letters from him to various past colleagues, his own records long lost. Many letters were unanswered; others brought pleas for assistance; none were helpful in the Piri matter.

Count Herman Zichy did recall that Piri Zichy was one of a litter from his Fules who had won three first prizes and three second prizes for conformation and field work. The sire was the famous Rude who was one of the finest dogs in Hungary and was reserved for the (then) Regent of Hungary's stud.

Fules dam was Pava, the recorded winner of six first places, owned by the famous hunter and trainer Major Anton Baaden. Fules sire was Mikki 2, also winner of six first prizes, whose owner lived in Debrecen.

Thus we come to the end of a six year search for Piri Peggy's pedigree. When the final affidavits are received, we shall present copies to the American Field, the American Kennel Club, and, you may be sure, to Jack Hatfield whose determination started this long chain of inquiries.

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APOLOGY

An editor always is bedeviled by errors that creep in and, unnoticed, hide in the text until printed when they stare boldly out like upper face bold type.

Last month, in the article PARIS, TENNESSEE, the Superintendent of Public Services was named as "Supt. Haskell" and where that name came from no one seems to know. And, the copy was read by two Parisians.

Our apology to Supt. Jimmy Huffman, Paris, Tenn.

## THANKS TO NOAH

by

george and helen papashvily

"UNLESS you've loved an animal - given one a corner of your heart to live in, then this book is not for you".

Thus George Papashvily grasps your interest as he introduces you to many of his four-footed friends: Kola, the bear; the griffin; the gift elephant (truly); the sheep who thought she was a dog; the pig with a complete family tree; his German Shepards - and his Uncle Giorgi who was quite a fellow, whom you would have liked to know.

George tells the stories and Helen writes them - "Anything Can Happen" ( and it does); "Yes and No Stories". You have read Helen's article in the June issue of HOLIDAY magazine on lesser known dogs, including Vizslas.

They have a farm "Ertoba" near Quakertown, Pa., where Helen writes and George works on his increasingly popular sculptures.

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## NATIONAL FALL FIELD TRIAL

THE annual Vizsla Club National Field Trial will be held Saturday and Sunday November 26-27 on the Cumberland Sportsmen's Club grounds at Greenup, Illinois.

Field Trial Secretary Paul Sabo has completed arrangements to use the grounds and the club house for that weekend. The trial dinner will be served in the club house Saturday night.

In view of the anticipated large entry, this trial will be limited to Vizslas.

There will be a PUPPY STAKE; a DERBY STAKE; possibly an AMATEUR STAKE and OPEN ALL AGE STAKE. The Field Trial Committee will decide whether to run both an Amateur Stake and an Open All Age from the comments received by The Vizsla News during the next three months. The members wishes will be observed - will be the deciding factor in determining the stakes. AMATEUR stake is for amateurs only. OPEN ALL AGE is for amateurs and/or professionals.

In past years there has been some objections from amateurs about running against the pros. IF ten or more amateurs indicated their intentions to run in this stake, the committee will provide for one. IF ten or more professionals will enter dogs, an Open All Age stake will be run. CORRECTION: IF ten or more dogs are entered in the Open All Age, the stake will be run. There is a possibility this trial will be run as a A K C Sanction Trial.

Details for each stake will be worked out and reported in The Vizsla News

In addition to the native quail usually plentiful on the back course at the club grounds, strong flying chukars will be provided in addition to quail. Pheasants probably will be used for the shoot to kill series when retrieve is required.

Members who think they can attend the trial are urged to write Club offices announcing their intentions and stating the number of individual entries. This will be considerable help to the committee in planning the trial. A post card will do.

Selected judges will be announced at a later date.

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## LETTERS

ALVIN H LUCKENBACH, Sunnyvale, Calif., writes: I enjoyed The Vizsla News you mailed me - please keep them coming for I am very much interested in the breed and have been following its progress in the United States.

I am pleased to know there is a group devoted to the breed as I am convinced it is a worthwhile cause and am glad to give it my support.

" We have been so involved with field trials that we haven't taken time to write and tell how much we enjoy The Vizsla News and how pleased we are with the progress with AKC. " Knute & Dorothy Nelson, Stoddard, Wisc.

Randolph Feltus, 1515 Seventh St., New Orleans, says "Herewith is Sabre's AKC application with check. He has become a fine pointer and retriever. With a little more polish he could do well in trials. Do you happen to know of a qualified trainer in this general area?"

Do you, Members? Write Randy at above address.

From Dale Holbert, Wheaton, Ill. Borka finally is well after a seige of virus and being in heat for 28 days-- have had her out a few times and she is doing quite well. I believe she will be ready to run in the fall trial and look like her old self. ED Borka won the national Vizsla Derby in '58. Amateur trained and handled.

Fred & Jane Kitchen, Lancaster, Ohio, have moved into their new home-- commend and enjoy The Vizsla News.

J. W. Lansdowne, Indianapolis, Ind: ...compliment the editors of the Vizsla News. We thoroughly enjoy each copy and, at some future date, I should like to submit an article on the Vizsla as a pet. ---" ED: Write it and we will publish.

Mr and Mrs Gene Maquette, Pekin, Ill., slowly but steadily are recovering from their serious injuries received in the auto accident reported in the May Vizsla News. ED: Our continued best wishes from all of us.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mihalyi, Woodside, Calif., noted portrait artist, was injured in an auto accident last March --unable to draw or paint for three months, now is resuming her work. Writes, " I'm trying to make up for all I have missed and try to do the work (portraits) people kindly have waited for ---It's wonderful to be strong and well, and I'm happy to be working again. From June 12-16 will be in Omaha; from June 24-26 in Wayzata, Minn. "

Louis Mihalyi, Burlingame, Calif., -about to realize his goal of Anthropology and Geography professor. ED: Congratulations, Louis, and full rewards for the long years of study to attain this goal.

Whisper! Another little Mihalyi coming to the Tom and Ericka Mihalyi's at Woodside, Calif.

Mrs. Catherine Bartok, Budapest, enjoying a long holiday in Switzerland, sends lovely picture cards and cheerful messages.



Duchess of Shirbob  
Lt Cdr and Mrs Walter C Campbell

Duchess of Shirbob "owns" Lt Cdr and Mrs Walter C Campbell, recently of Bremerton, Washington, and here's why as told by Cdr Campbell:

My wife and I truly are novices in handling dogs as this is our first one. We began (Duchess') basic obedience training this January and entered her in a Novice B event at the Seattle Dog Show in February where she scored 188 points. Next was in Novice A at the Seattle Obedience Trials on March 26th where the Duchess took first place with a score of 198 plus (of a possible 200.) The next day, in Novice A at the Peninsular Dog Show, Bremerton, she walked off with another blue ribbon and a score of 198 1/2 points.

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Duchess of Shirbob was 15 months old at the time of her demonstration of Vizsla intelligence and obedience. The Duchess, and, of course, the Campbells, deserve hearty congratulations on the fine wins: the Campbells for their patience in teaching and the Duchess for her performance under stress.

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#### INTERESTING DISCUSSION ON SIZE

reported by Lt Cdr Walter C Campbell, U S Navy

Talking with one of the Washington Weimaraner Club officials at a recent show, he said that many members were deeply concerned with the size of the breed that was winning in the show ring. They felt that if the trend continued, the end result would be an overstuffed animal completely unsuited for field work. This official stated that when the Vizsla was recognized and entered in shows that we would have the same problem to contend with.

An interesting sidelight, and confirmation of his remarks, occurred at the Bremerton Show where a judge told me that he liked to see a much larger Vizsla.

This bears out what the Weimaraner people have inferred -- judges usually prefer the larger dog and people will breed up to what the judges like.

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## WHY ?

A letter from the American Kennel Club dated July 1, and a later one dated July 7, warns that the A K C cannot proceed with registrations until several hundred more applications are received. At least 500 - - - - -

In this respect, the American Kennel Club is entirely within its rights. With approximately 2400 or more Vizslas in the United States surely a minimum of 500 applications for recording as Foundation Stock could be expected.

To date, the Secretary has received 227 applications (July 9). Two months and nine days to receive 227 applications! And 30% of these were from owners of two or more Vizslas; 22% from major breeders. Yet over 900 special applications were mailed to known owners with letter of explanation requesting prompt return.

The constant query from owners the past three years has been "WHEN will the Vizsla be recognized by the American Kennel Club?" Indeed, many owners have been very critical of the Club's apparent inaction. And, now that the opportunity is here, applications trickle in by ones and twos instead of by the dozen.

The Club again must mail letters to the several hundred owners who have not responded reminding them that, without their support and interest, we may as well apologize to the AKC for owner's lack of interest.

Perhaps YOU know of owners in your area who have not mailed in their application. Please be the Club's representative - call on them, help them fill in the application and get it mailed, with the \$ 2.00 fee, to the Club's offices.

Perhaps you have an idea about what should be done by the Vizsla Club to motivate owners in mailing their application. Please send your ideas to the Secretary and we will give them every consideration.

American Kennel Club recognition means  
Privilege of showing for championship points -  
Opportunity to participate in AKC licensed field trials for CH points  
Possibility of making a dual champion -  
Recognition of the breed by other countries -  
Personal satisfaction in having a dog registered in the two major stud books -

Peculiarly, the major breeders/importers have not been promoting recognition by AKC until pressure was brought to bear by customers who wanted "in" AKC. The hue and cry was from the individual owner and the four or five principal breeders, also loyal supporters of the Club, went along with the wishes of the membership. Let no one say that the drive for recognition is for the benefit of a few. First of all, there has been no "drive". The American Kennel Club decided that the Vizsla was established on its own merits and not through publicity and, by mutual consent, opened its stud book to the breed. Secondly, recognition helps the individual owner. The "big" fellow has been getting along very nicely. 23.

## PUBLICATION DELAYS

The May issue was three weeks late due to our printer running short of paper and his shipment getting lost in transit.

The June-July issues have been combined for several reasons: lack of suitable material, always a serious handicap; the Editor at the Univ. of North Carolina in June taking a Business Management refresher course (all study and no play); a desk load of work on his return further hampered by a wave of hot weather which made it impossible to organize, write, produce and supervise printing.

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## ABOUT SIZE

The Standards Committee has tried to be specific about the Vizsla's size and weight without disqualifying the occasional taller dog. (See the May issue The Vizsla News for Standard.)

The "compact size" of the breed is part of its appeal and the experience of serious breeders are breeding smaller-not larger- Vizslas. In any type of animals, the smaller, more compact individual usually is faster, stronger, better put-together than the big one.

If you have any doubt about the merit of keeping them "small" look about: look carefully at the bench type English setter and his blood relative the field type. In size and performance, they are as unlike as two different breeds. Another example is the Irish setter. Again, look over the bench type and then look around for a member of the National Red Setter Club and look over his Irishmen. Ask him about the struggle of bringing back the Irish for the field.

Judges can be educated. A copy of the Standard mailed to selected judges by the Show Committee will be well received for the judge wants to put up the best dog from those shown that day as representative of the breed. Judges are human - they like to please the fanciers.

Certainly; the large dog may have a good nose, may be birdy, may hunt. But, the smaller dog will outlast, out run, out perform, the larger under severe conditions, all things being equal.

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## NEXT MONTH

More about the November Field Trial.....  
Vizslas: retrieving from land and water ....  
Field Trials: the why and wherefore ....  
The picture in the attic .....  
Letters .....  
Vizsla history ....  
Current subjects ....

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Readers are urged to write about their Vizslas - are urged to express their ideas about shows and trials, or any other subject that interests them. Write about what you would like to see published in The News....

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Take it easy on that vacation. Have fun but dont overdo it.