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The miniature, reproduced from the Illustrated Vienne Chronicle, circa 1358, dramatizes the method, weapons and attire for the sport as practiced in the Fourteenth Century. It is evident from the bodyguard, the huntsmen and his costume that the young man, hand on sword, is a VIP.

Again, the dogs used for trailing and baying the quarry, show the characteristics, and undoubtedly are, the ancestors of the present day Vizsla. (Excerpt "The Magyar Vizsla" by Charles Hunt; @ 1960.)

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A K C FOUNDATION APPLICATIONS

AS this is written, The Vizsla Club has received 370 special applications for registering Vizslas with The American Kennel Club. This since April: an average of 92 applications per month.

Over one thousand applications originally were mailed to members and owners on record. Now a third mailing has been sent to a new list of 740 owners registered with The American Field and approximately another 200 will be mailed to another list.

All this effort to gain 500 applications for registration with AKC. This last mailing cost \$ 196.00: stationery, typing, stamps, preparation.

Returns average five daily. At this rate, it will be the middle of September before we attain the 130 needed balance; however, from experience we know returns will dwindle after the first fifteen days and we could fall short of the needed 130 applications.

It looks as if our readers need to sell their friends on the idea of registering this moment- right now- with the American Kennel Club.

THE NEWS

The June-July and the August-September issues were combined to save money. Due to the expense of promoting registration with AKC, Club funds are depleted and strict economy will be necessary if we are to continue publishing The News on a reasonably regular schedule.

NATIONAL FALL FIELD TRIAL

Greenup, Illinois

Friday and Saturday November 26-27, 1960

The National Field Trial, to be run at the Cumberland Sportsman's Club grounds, Greenup, Illinois, November 26, 27th, can be a lot of fun and an interesting experience.

The grounds are in excellent shape with good cover. A spacious club house with bar and food facilities, rest rooms, reserved for the use of Vizsla Club members and their guests. Good fellowship - good food - a good time.

The Field Trial Committee is planning this trial with especial attention to puppy owners to encourage them to -articipate. The Puppy of today is the Open Dog of tomorrow and now is the time to get them started. Consequently, there will be two Puppy Stakes or two classes in the Puppy Stake.

Class 2 for puppies 6 to 12 months of age. This bracket for puppies whelped on or after Nove. 26th, 1959.

Class 1 for puppies 12 months or older. This bracket for puppies whelped on or after July 1, 1959 to comply with American Field Rules.

Puppies in either class are not expected to be steady; in fact, we expect most of these puppies to chase the native or released quail on the course. In both classes heats will be up to thirty minutes (30) with no bird field.

The Derby Stake, for dogs whelped on or after Jan. 1, 1959, will run on a thirty (30) to forty five (45) minute course on native or released quail. No retrieve required.

The Open All Age (for dogs of any age) will run a forty five (45) to sixty minute (60) course with at least eight (8) minutes in a 10 acre bird field. In this Stake, a shbot to kill, retrieve required, chukkar or pheasant will be planted in the bird field and quail released on the back course, if in the opinion of the committee or judges, more birds are necessary.

Qualified judges will be chosen and announced later.

LODGING

The Five Star Motel, Rte 40, Greenup, Illinois, has been reserved to accomodate Vizsla Trialers and their dogs. This is a clean, modern, comfortable motel with a large field in the rear where dogs may be run. The management is cooperative and friendly. Dogs are permitted in rooms but not on beds. (The Hunt's assortment will have to be admonished.)

RATES: per night - Single	\$ 4.50	Rooms with two double beds,
Double	\$ 6.00	3 or 4 people to a room, \$ 8.00.
Twins	\$ 7.00	

Please write directly to the FIVE STAR MOTEL, GREENUP, ILLINOIS for your reservations.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Club has reserved the Cumberland Sportsman's Club House for the weekend. The Trial Dinner will be Saturday night at the club house, prepared and served by the Women's Auxilery. Country fried chicken is the meat - there will be plenty of it with all the accompanying dishes.

REMEMBERING

The 1958 National was held at Greenup on the Cumberland Sportsman's grounds the Saturday and Sunday following Thanksgiving. Members from Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, New York and Ohio were present. Oh, yes; Colorado, too. And we took over the Five Star Motel....

We cant begin to recall all those present but it was a right good and motley crowd of Vizsla people and their dogs. They began checking in early Friday and late into the night.

Friday was sunny and bright, quite warm. Saturday chilly and overcast. Saturday night a young blizzaed swept in with snow and a bit of sleet and Sunday's Stakes were run in an inch or two of snow. Although the sun came out later in the day, the Sunday morning courses were run in a biting wind that had most observers watching from the club house windows or sitting in their cars with heaters on.

Everyone agreed that it was the best trial to date. Everyone had a good time and saw some very good dogs run that year. We recall that the Derby winner was a pup trained and handled by an amateur- his first or second field trial, as a matter of fact.

You all come! You are bound to enjoy yourselves.

PACIFIC COAST VIZSLA TRIAL

According to Taft Jones, Secretary, the Pacific Coast Vizsla Club will be held October 1 and 2 on the Colonel Morgan grounds at Tacoma, Wash. Taft's address is 3431 West Matthews Drive, Bremerton.

PRAIRIE STATES VIZSLA CLUB

Tom Pratt writes that the Prairie States Club plan ~~at~~ fall trial at David City, Nebraska. Full details are promised in the near future.

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From Honolulu, H. I.

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Like sweet mystery of Life, at last I've found you!

I've been trying to join your club for two years, for ----- forgot to include an application along with my pup and I could never locate your address. Just as the AKC comes across, so does ----.

Enclosed please find check for \$ 10.00 to cover membership for one year. However, may I make a deal with you since I'm in a little Bind?

My litter of baby Vizslas is almost ready for sale and I need some literature to promote same, since there is only one other Vizsla in Hawaii that I know of and everyone is very mystified and curious about the breed. If you have on hand any copies of a current issue of your magazine (or a brochure of any sort), may I have

I could sell the entire litter today around Honolulu as pets, but that's not the market I want to reach. I want to place my dogs on the plantations on the outer islands where they will be hunted.

Such a fabulous bird dog we have never seen before we bought Sophie, and our friends are humiliated with their Labs and Shorthairs and other pedestrian breeds.

from honolulu -contd

One thing, though; she did have to be taught to swim, since treading water in a vertical position gets one no-where when retrieving a pheasant in mid-stream.

Goodness! what a responsibility I do have here.

..... Aloha,

Peggy Fuller.

(Excerpts from this charming letter are printed without Mrs. Fuller's permission; however the editor thought all the Vizsla Club members would enjoy her enthusiasm. Past issues of The Vizsla News and other literature has been dispatched to Mrs. Fuller that she will have sufficient material to promote her puppies as she hopes.)

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WHY A VIZSLA ?

Let me tell you about a remarkable breed it has recently been my good fortune to know.

I have owned and been owned for many years by several pure-bred dogs, each with ~~its~~ own good points, but for sheer enjoyment in every way, make mine a Vizsla.

(Thus starts an article by Margaret Meminger soon to be published. When we have permission, we would like to print the entire text. You'll like it.)

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AN APPEAL TO THE MAGYAR VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA

by Colonel Jenő Dus

(reprinted from the Vizsla News, March-April issue 1956, Vol. 3-4.

Mr. Dus gave this speech at the annual meeting, Chicago, Mar. 31, 1955.)

LADIES and GENTLEMEN! The idea of a preamble, holding my short biography, has sprung from Mr. Hunt's and not my brains, of course. So I am responsible but for the facts given and by no means for their obviously indifferent character amidst our present surroundings.

To start with some genealogy: well, I am an offspring of a typical Hungarian middle class family whose history during the long centuries has had for professional background landed estate, tribunal service, soldiering and hunting. My father, too, was a landowner and general manager of an arch-ducal landed property. No wonder that the close contact with Nature's flora and fauna made me a worshiper of fields, and an enthusiast of horses and dogs.

Linked with my early Nimrodic trend was a keen penchant for music as transmitted by the violin's strings and the piano's chords. Later, I developed the desire to join the cadets which, however, in my eyes, never had a routine career but more adventures for its objectives. I was 17 years of age

en, my bayonet hidden in my shirt and my violin under my arm, I ran away from the Military College to get to America.

Well; not I but my captors, are to blame for the long delay of 45 years in my arrival to this country. Still, that event has proven later (note-this event proved a good thing-ed) because, after those 45 years, my violin became instrumental in my landing here. Ineligible, due to age, I had to give up my hopes for the new world when, one day, while conducting my string orchestra in a Bavarian railroad station, we, perchance, were heard by the

Reverend Fletcher, the representative of the United States Presbyterian Church. He then, joining forces with Reverend Webber, my Hamburg sponsor, succeeded in opening the American gate for me.

Between these two periods I devoted my life to my duties as a commissioned Hungarian Cavalry officer in peace time as well as in two World Wars. Fighting Serbs, Russians and Italians, I was repeatedly wounded; then, in the long run, captured by the latter (Italian). After a series of ill-fated attempts to escape, my life was saved by my camp commandant who took to me so loyally and persistently that, after the war, he came to Hungary to pay me a visit of three days --which lasted six weeks. Never has our correspondence stopped.

The years between the two wars bore various efforts to survive loss of property and position. Among the rest, I had to wheel freights of fuel with two old clippers. Later my combat merits of wartime acknowledged, my commission was restored with the rank of Captain.

Wife and son came, to give a peaceful color to my life, which became richer by a grand move in the Hungarian Vizsla field. Yet, in the course of two decades from vanquished and mutilated Hungary, an everlasting cloud of suspense stole more and more sunshine. And the second war put an end to self-determined life of both the Magyar individual and the Hungarian state. Along with the war, the country also was lost as an easy prey to the Bolshevik oppression.

After achieving some quixotic missions, as dictated by utter despair, nothing has been left me but Jutka, an offspring of my Kati XIV litter. The rest is well known to you: I made efforts to get Jutka here and to start a revival of my old kennel in my adopted country. This work is going on - and one of its welcome stages is our meeting right here.

For many years I made plenty of experiments with the most popular kind of dogs. I bred, trained and used Shepards, Weimaraners, English Setters and Pointers. Yet, in 1919, by the end of World War 1, the revival of the Magyar Vizsla cult turned my attention to this home-bred race.

At first reluctantly, then with more and more confidence, I tried to explore and utilize its manifest and latest assets. Neither the propoganda nor the Hungarian earmark played the convincing role. Comparisons with my earlier favorites, and ample experience with the new kind, made me by and by a Vizsla enthusiast and then a trainer and breeder. In the long run, I contributed to the operation of the National Vizsla Club as a Genealogy Registrar and Breed Supervisor.

There are two basic truths to note for everybody who chooses hunting with Vizslas. The first: you must not only love your worthy dog like a loyal companion but you must also consider yourself a devout worshipper of nature. Harmony with your working background is as indispensable as accord with your helpful friend. The second: talented Vizslas are born; efficient ones are drilled, trained, educated.

to be continued

IT IS EASY TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE VIZSLA CLUB. WRITE THE CLUB SECRETARY FOR AN APPLICATION BLANK.

A MATTER OF COSTS

Recently it became necessary to obtain a list of an additional 740 Vizsla breeders or owners not on our mailing list to reach the desired goal of 500 applications for the basic American Kennel Club Foundation Stock.

The mailing consisted of an AKC special application, Club membership application and a letter of explanation. The American Kennel Club supplied the special applications; The Vizsla Club had membership applications printed, the letter reproduced on donated letterheads, envelopes from an earlier order. A stenographer was employed at \$ 1.00 per hour to address envelopes, enclose, seal and stamp; also to type by States the owners names and cities of residence for American Field to check and record the street addresses. (This original list was made up by the Secretary at no charge.)

All this amounted to \$ 223.40 or an average cost of \$.302 per letter.

It is impossible to keep an accurate record of added costs. For example, in today's mail, 60% of the applications had to be returned due to errors or essential blank spaces not being filled in at all. Such returns require a note of explanation, envelope and 4¢ stamp.

The American Field kindly has cooperated with the Vizsla Club in supplying the correct street addresses to the long list prepared by the Club.

The American Kennel Club, quite properly, insists upon full and correct information on the basic applications for these applications become the foundation records for the Vizsla breed.

ARE DUES EXCESSIVE ?

Considering the fact that none of the officers are paid a salary; that none of the officers or Directors are allowed expenses for trials, shows or business meetings or, for that matter, postage; that all funds go into Club operational expenses and publishing The Vizsla News and underwriting the national trials, it would seem that the membership is receiving full value for each dollar invested in dues.

However, ever so often, we receive a letter from an individual protesting the "cost"- the excessive cost- of membership; however, those individuals also send along their applications for AKC registration although not contributing members. On the other hand, we are gaining new members who welcome the opportunity to support the Vizsla cause.

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Mr. William F Wallace, Jr., 710 Driscoll Bldg., Corpus Christi, Texas suggests that Club dues are excessive and should be revamped to differentiate between breeders and single owners.

Does some member wish to write Mr. Wallace his opinion ?

Election Day approaches. This is your opportunity to share in the responsibility of preserving our Nation with all its freedoms, rights of individuals. VOTE! Let nothing deter you from casting your ballot for the party of your choice. Read! Listen! Observe! Then decide which party comes closest to expressing YOUR views... not what someone else has tried to press on you. VOTE! Exercise your right to VOTE!

THE PICTURE IN THE ATTIC

One rainy day in 1956 Mrs. Pat Michael, Tryon, N. C., was leafing over old magazines in the attic when, by chance, she found a quarter page spread of a young lady and her Vizsla, Dendi, in a LIFE, April 8, 1940 issue.

Promptly sending the sheet to the Editor, The Vizsla News, both began a search for Miss Amory and her dog. Eventually, a friend of Pat's, Mrs. Paul Dodge, Evanston, Ill., located Mrs. Allan Ryan through the Golf Assn.

The Editor's Hungarian friend, Michael Kende, Budapest, once mentioned selling one of his Vizsla bitches, Zsoka, to a Mr. and Mrs. Pulitzer, USA, who were hunting on his estate in 1938.

Mrs. Ryan replied to the Editor's query that Dendi and Zsoka had been given to friends in Canada and she presumed they long were in their own Heaven.

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REQUESTS

We receive requests from time to time that we reprint some of the news and stories published in past issues of The News. As we find suitable-and timely- material in the files, we shall reprint various articles such as Mr. Jenó Dus' address to the Annual Meeting. And, now and then, an anecdote of our life on the farm. . . . for your pleasure.

BEAU !

BEAU, a pure-bred Angus yearling, in permanent residence at Huntlea, likes to have his head rubbed and to be petted; this, of course, in addition to his supplemental feeding. Any member of the family standing on the front porch calling BEAU! is answered from the meadow or the woods beyond, with a mighty bellow "I'm here". About sundown, two or three shouts brings answers "I'm coming" repeated at four or five second intervals, and soon Beau and his girl friends are at the fence or feed boxes.

Trouble is, about sunrise each morning, Beau and his companions want table service and his demands can be insistent. Did you ever try to sleep while a young bull sends his mighty bawl bouncing through the house? And his harem is learning his methods. Soon we will have an Angus a capella morning service at the meadow fence. . . .

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB APPLICATIONS.

Many members complain they have not received their AKC certificates. NO ONE HAS -AND WONT - until the minimal 500 special applications have been submitted and accepted by AKC. This may mean several more months.

Application fees are deposited in a special Club fund. When 200 or more applications are accumulated, a Club check for \$ 400.00 (or more) is sent to AKC with the block of applications. THIS AT THE REQUEST OF AKC. The Secretary is holding applications received late in June until 300 are ready to be mailed. At this writing we have a total of 370 -that means 130 more to go.

Do YOU know of an owner who has not mailed in his special application? Ask him to mail it at once to the Club Secretary. Owners mailing directly to AKC only delay matters as AKC has to direct them to the Club Secretary to check and record.