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THE COMPANIONS

Ficko Nimrod Pletyka

THE Companions - a Vizsla, a Dachshund, a hawk - play leading roles in a feature length color film of indescribable beauty of the native animals in the swamps and reeds and torrents of Hungary.

Ficko, a Vizsla; Pletyka, a Dackshund; and Nimrod, a hawk; play their roles in areas still inaccessable to man -probably the Gemenec Forest swamps and the vast reed beds of the Little Balato[illegible].

The one [illegible] alf hour film was [illegible] ected, filmed by t[illegible] photographe[illegible] alist Dr Istvan Homoki [illegible] agy. Four years in the making.

The star of the picture is Ficko, the Hungarian Pointer. His unbelievable performance proves the intelligence, courage, tractability and versatility of the Vizsla breed which is acknowledged throughout the dog world.

Kalman Szigethy definitely ranks among the foremost trainers in the wo[illegible]d and his schooling of Ficko demonstrates the superior qualities of the National Pointing Dog of Hungary.

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WHY A NATIONAL CLUB ?

"Why should I join the Club? . . . (I) have only one dog.

A fair question. Obviously there would be no registration application to return if there was no club. And there would be no Vizsla News (maybe better so ?) for communication without member's dues. Nor the revised Standard, acceptable to The AKC, published on page 3 and mailed to all known owners with the compliments of the Club membership.

Incidentally, this is the final complimentary copy to non-members.

Without a Club, there would be no recognition by the major Stud Books. Comparatively few owners today without the publicity releases authored by the Club nor the protection of owner's interests -a part of our responsibilities.

No Secretary to write for a list of responsible breeders; or inquire about the breed s background; or adjust complaints; or trace pedigrees. You may not live on Taiwan, or in Puerto Rico, or Japan - Hawaii, Australia, England but, if you did, it would be pretty nice to get a prompt reply to a letter.

And how about Field Trials? And future bench shows?

All this - and more - for Ten Dollars a year.

Why dont YOU accept our invitation ---now ?

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Mrs. Sylvia Chatfield, Treas., 7700 W. Lake St., Minneapolis 26, accepts membership applications: $10.00 single; $12.50 family.

THE VIZSLA STANDARD

GENERAL APPEARANCE- That of a medium-sized hunting dog of quite distinguished appearance. Robust but rather lightly built, his short coat is an attractive rusty-gold, and his tail is docked. He is a dog of power and drive in the field, and a tractable and affectionate companion in the house.

HEAD-Lean but muscular. The skull is moderately wide between the ears, with a median line down the forehead. Stop moderate. The muzzle is a trifle longer than the skull and, although tapering, is well squared at its end. Jaws strong, with well developed white teeth meeting in a scissors bite. The lips cover the jaws completely but they are neither loose nor pendulous. Nostrils slightly open, the nose brown. A lighter-colored nose is not judged faulty, but black or slate-gray is objectionable. Ears thin, silky and proportionately long, with rounded-leather ends; set fairly low and hanging close to the cheeks. Eyes medium in size and depth of setting, their surrounding tissue covering the whites, and the iris harmonizing with the shade of the coat. A yellow eye is objectionable.

NECK- Strong, smooth and muscular; moderately long, arched and devoid of dewlap. It broadens nicely into shoulders which are well laid back.

BODY- Strong and well proportioned. The back is short, the withers high, and the topline slightly rounded over the loin to the set-on of the tail. Chest moderately broad and deep, and reaching down to the elbows. Ribs well sprung, and underline exhibiting a slight tuck-up beneath the loins.

Legs and Feet- Forelegs straight, strong and muscular, with elbows close. The hind legs have well developed thighs, with moderate angulation at stifles and hocks. Too much angulation at the hocks is as faulty as too little. The hocks, which are well let down, are equidistant from each other from the hock joint to the ground. Cow hocks are faulty. Feet are cat-like, round and compact, with toes close. Nails are brown and short; pads thick and tough. Dewclaws, if any, to be removed. Hare feet are objectionable. Tail set just below the level of the back, thicker at the root, and docked one-third off.

COAT- Short, smooth, dense and close-lying, without woolly undercoat.

Color- Solid. Rusty-gold or rather dark sandy yellow in different shades, with darker shades preferred. Dark brown and pale yellow are undesirable. Small white spots on chest or feet are not faulted.

TEMPERAMENT- That of the natural hunter endowed with a good nose and above-average ability to take training. Lively, gentle-mannered and demonstratively affectionate. Fearless, and with well developed protective instinct.

GAIT- Far-reaching, light-footed, graceful, smooth.

SIZE- Dogs: 22 to 24 inches at the shoulder; 45 to 60 pounds weight. Bitches 21 to 23 inches shoulder height; 40 to 50 pounds weight. Oversize not to be considered a major fault unless excessive.

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PARIS, TENNESSEE

Plans Campaign To Attract Industries

The Paris Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the City and Henry County, recently appointed an Industrial Committee to formulate plans and prepare a prospectus to interest reputable small industries in locating in the area. And they have something readily salable:

The people are friendly, hospitable, gracious. A good community in which to put down roots. Churches; good schools; modern hospital and four clinics; city and county libraries; city parks and playgrounds;good motels and hotels; lake resorts.

Kentucky Lake, a short drive from Paris, offers excellent year 'round fishing; waterfowl shooting in season; water sports. Area has ample quail and rabbits- the deer population is increasing. An active Saddle Club with over 100 members. Civic clubs;social clubs; a modern country club.....

Rents are reasonable. Lower cost of living index.

An ample labor supply from city and county population of over 112,000. Skilled to unskilled labor, largely home owners or established residents. Industrial workers seem proud of their jobs, their employeers. Labor unrest is unknown. Wage salary scales moderate.

Tax rates are equalized- about $2.00 per $100.00. An efficient city government under City Manager Isbell, directed by Mayor Bruce Fields and Council. City owned utilities under Supt. Haskell gives good service -TVA power rates very reasonable. An abundant water supply from deep wells. Natural gas. Coal fields within 85 miles. Two banks; Building & Loan Assn.

Two Federal and three State Hiways. L & N and N C & St. L Railroads; motor truck lines; two bus lines.Airport being enlarged.

A good climate. Annual rainfall averages 45 inches; snow 4 inches (excepting March of '60). Minimum extreme 10-15 degrees; maximum extreme 100 degrees: average temperature 59.4 degrees.

Under Tennessee law, a city or county may issue bonds to facilitate purchase of land and construct buildings for industrial purposes.

Vizsla News readers interested in complete details about the Paris Plan may write the Editor for confidential directions.

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MEMO's

Members Gene and Betty Maquette, Pekin, Ill., were seriously injured in a car wreck about the middle of April, requiring hospitalization. Both reportedly are recovering altho Mrs. Maquette was badly hurt. Our best wishes to both.

Look for, and pick up, the June issue of HOLIDAY. Mrs. Helen Papashivly's article on lesser known dogs appears in that issue.

A K C will not ask for LITTER REGISTRATIONS until later. Meanwhile, we are expecting a larger volums of Foundation Stock applications returned. Time is growing short.

Jack Baird, Dog Editor, World Sun & Times, N Y C, gives Vizslas a break in his column. Lewis Scott, Canine Capers, The Jackson (Miss) Daily News gives the Vizsla considerable publicity from time to time. And, Joe Stetson, Gun Dog Editor, Field & Stream, has something in the typewriter.

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PRAIRIE STATES VIZSLA CLUB FIELD TRIAL

The Prairies States Vizsla Club had a good entry and enthusiastic gallery at its first field trial Sunday, April 24, fourteen miles north of Clarion, Iowa. Spectators and dogs came from four states- Iowa, Nebraska, State of Washington and Minnesota.

The unseasonably hot weather caused a few owners to scratch their entries but, those who did run, found the grounds entirely suitable and courses well laid out.

Judging was capably handled by two fine gentlemen (whom we have had the pleasure of running against in pointer/setter trials) : Don Mikesell and Ralph Storey of Des Moines.

A business meeting preceeded a fine trial dinner at Hotel Moore Saturday night with Club President Dr. H R Morgan, Britt, Iowa, presiding. T Secretary Tom Pratt, Clarion, and President Dr. Morgan, go the honors and compliments for planing and staging this successful trial.

The Officers are to be commended for including an European Open All Age Stake .

Stakes and order of running were as follows:

OPEN PUPPY STAKE - 7 Vizslas

FIRST PLACE: HONEY DEW -F - owned and handled by M. D. Graff, Seward, Nebr.

SECOND PLACE: TAMMY SHIRBOB - owned and handled by R S Foster, Bremerton, Wash.

THIRD PLACE: VIKI Z POVAZIA - owned and handled by Mike Thornton, Independence, Iowa.

OPEN DERBYSTAKE - 6 Vizslas

FIRST PLACE: OSBORN's RED REBEL -owned and handled by Dr. I. S. Osborn, Le Sueur, Minn.

SECOND PLACE: REDDY -owned and handled by Lew Johnson, St. Paul, Minn.

THIRD PLACE: HONEY DEW (F) owned and handled by M. D. Graff, Seward, Nebr.

OPEN ALL A GE VIZSLA - 3 entries

FIRST PLACE:REMI Z POVAZIA- M- owned and handled by R W Hawkinson, Minneapolis, Minn.

SECOND PLACE: NIKKI'S ARCO:M- owned and handled by R S Foster, Bremerton, Wash.

THIRD PLACE: ALMA OLCA -F- owned by Tom Pratt& R I Davison, Clarion, Iowa.

EUROPEAN OPEN ALL AGE - 3 entries

FIRST PLACE: NIKKI'S ARCO -M- owned and handled by R S Foster, Bremerton, Wash.

SECOND PLACE: BRAVO- GSHP M- owned and handled by Jack Fleeschinger, Oxford, Iowa.

THIRD PLACE: Weimaraner-scratched.

PIRI PEGGY

Piri's story begins in Budapest, about 1948- has all the elements of a romantic novel: political intrigue, suspense, escape, romance and happy ending. Principals names are not used nor exact dates and places; otherwise all events are factual. ed.)

Early one evening a young lady was leaving a social club in Budapest when she noticed a gentleman strolling along with two Vizsla puppies in his arms. Admiring the puppies, the Baroness discovered one was for sale and immediately arranged to purchase the little girl who was named Piri (Ung) and Peggy (Eng.). Piri was given to an English friend, the representative of an oil company, who registered her in the Hungarian Stud Books- the equivalent to our FDSB and AKC.

Months later, the Rep became politically suspect and was imprisoned with an American correspondent. The Baroness found it expedient to depart immediately without funds or belongings, finding asylum in Austria where Piri eventually was delivered to her.

Once again the Baroness had to desert Piri when suddenly given transportation and admittance to England. Piri, left with friends in Vienna, later found her home with Mrs. Elsa Hofbauer.

Mrs. Hofbauer, the wife of a Vienna chemist (druggist) had begun breeding Vizslas from the Austrian foundation stock of Betyar (Ung K1) and Panni XV (Ung K2). She succeeded in registering Piri (Ung K9) and bred her to Csatt von Komlod (Ung K3). Thus Piri became the granddam of the Nadudvar and von Schloss Loosdorf litters.

1952 and we move to Minneapolis.

W A Olson and J J Hatfield imported the Nadudvar and Loosdorf litters bred by Mrs. Hofbauer. With recognition of the Vizsla by American Field almost a certainity by late 1952, Hatfield began exploring avenues to obtain Piri's pedigree or, at least, affidavits of ancestry.

Hatfield, by now an ardent Vizsla advocate, through his correspondence with Vienna, learned the name of the oil representative. Reasoning that a stage and screen star of the same name might be a relative, Hatfield phoned the star and, by good fortune, succeeded in talking with him after lengthy explanations to various special phone operators to obtain the unlisted number.

Upon hearing the story, and the reasons for the request, the star graciously gave Hatfield the name and address of his cousin's family. Promptly following this lead, Hatfield wrote the English family who, in turn, gave the address of the Baroness now living and working in London.

Another letter to England tracing Piri's ancestry. Back came the reply that she had been registered in the OVC, that the pedigree was in the ps possession. Further inquiry abruptly ended in stalemate as it was evident the owner could not respond and his papers were confiscated.

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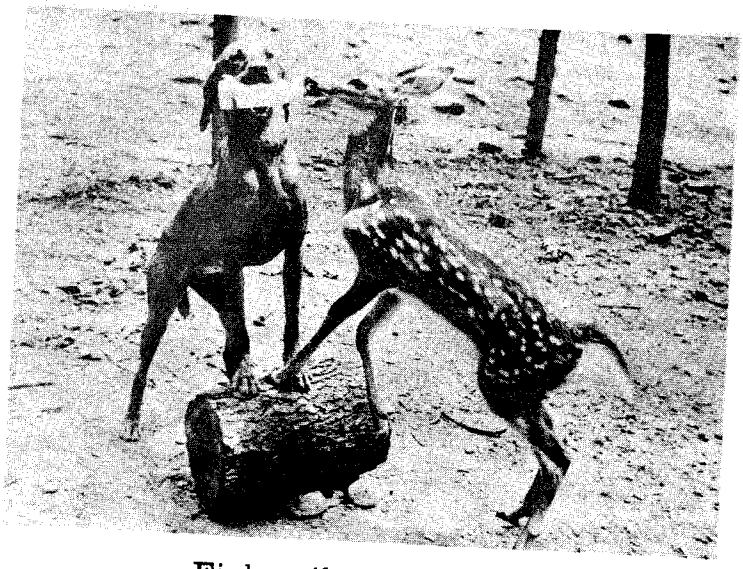
Honegger's, Fairbury, Ill., manufacture a superb puppy food. Write Elmer Roth, Salesmanager.....



Ficko- the baby sitter

We are privileged to present scenes from the film "The COMPANIONS". Unfortunately, the picture of Ficko retrieveing a knapsack under water would not reproduce. He dives in, swims under water, retrieves, surfaces.

Ficko-the fisherman

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NAME CHANGE

The American Kennel Club suggests that the Club's name be changed from Magyar Vizsla Club to VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, inc., as it is contrary to their policy for any speciality club to include in its name the country of origin.

Members are requested to promptly submit their approval or disapproval by post card to the Secretary (RFD2, Cottage Grove, Tennessee). A majority of "ayes" will confirm the mame change.

Sabo Writes - continued from april

This a country of contrasts: large, open, flat to gently rolling fields surrounded by dense pine and oak forests concealing a swamp or boggy area. Quail habitat is along the edges of [illegible] where protection [illegible] perched as a breed of flight [illegible] starting [illegible] which are become [illegible] of these large fields - [illegible] as he hits a covey. It is here the jeep or horse is essential if the hunter is to reach the point with enough stamina left to raise a gun.

Sandy Selle

These birds dont remain long in front of the dog's point-they take off for no good reason. Once in the heavy cover, a wide dog is useless for you never would see him. It is here the methodical gun dog locates the birds a hunter can shoot.

In my opinion, a wide Vizsla or other pointing breed, ranging 300-400 yards, that handles and responds to the handler, is the ideal Georgia quail dog. In my book, Sandy Selle; Dr. Phillip's Heidi; similar ranging Vizslas, come close to the specifications of the ideal quail dog.

OH;yes! The medication and therapy is having its effect. I am feeling much better. No wonder Mr. Eisenhower goes to Augusta for golf and quail hunting. Wish I could be president of the USA!

Recuperatingly yours, Paul Sabo.

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NAMES AND PLACES

Charles P Wolcott promoted to District Fire Chief, Toledo F. D. Martin Holte, Butterfield, Minn. writes for more membership app's. Dr. R D Ferguson, Veedersburg, Ind., prepping his pup for CD. J W Lansdowne, Indpls, Ind., touring the S. W. Gaza Katona, Falls Church, Va., duplicating recent issues The News to send owners in area to enlist members. Elmer Toth, Munhall, Pa., lost his Dardi Panni in March-distemper. Paul Sabo's pointer pup Imperator won the St. Louis Field Trial Assn's puppy stake in a field of 18. Pat Michael, Tryon, N C, reports the Tryon Horse Show Easter week a big success-majority of trophies going north. R. C. and Mrs. Foster at Iowa trials, taking home some trophies. The Graffs, Seward, Nebr., also at Iowa trial. A welcome letter from Count Zichy-one time president OVC. Dr & Mrs. Thorne and Vizsla, Holly Sprin[illegible] Miss., among many visitors at Huntlea. Betty Kenly, Phoenix, credits Vizslas for many new and wonderful friends. Inze Harrington, Powell, Wyo says he gets mail under three different given names. George Solberg, Chicago, first with his AKC application. Many notes and letters about the special AKC applications; the Vizsla News; the Vizsla Club.: N. Zinniel; Otto Biefeld; J R Garr, Jr; Gaines Timberlake; Robt Groh; W G Koppelmeyer; K I Hinrichs; Russ Walden; W A Bussing; A H Griffin; and here **