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OSBORN ELECTED PRESIDENT GILES AND LANSDOWNE VICE-PRESIDENTS

Dr. IVAN S OSBORN, VDM, Le Sueur, Minn., was elected President of The Vizsla Club of America for the 1961-62 term at the annual meeting in Chicago, April 8, 1961.

An active member of the Board of Directors since January, 1954, Dr. Osborn has attended all regular and special meetings and has contributed in many ways to the progress and development of the breed and Club.

An original importer and breeder, Dr. Osborn has made important contributions to the breed through lineage study, experimental breeding, advice and recommendations to the Board. It was through his quiet efforts, and Fred Giles statesmanship, that the Vizsla breed was recognized by The American Kennel Club in 1960.

The membership can expect leadership that will enlarge the scope and activities of the Club through encouragement of members participation in regional meetings, informal trials and show matches that will lead to better understanding and wider acquaintance among owners.

Mr. FRED GILES, Westfield, N. J., was reelected Vice-President. Mr. Giles represented the Vizsla Club to the A. K. C. so effectively that recognition came as a surprise to most members.

Mr. J. WARREN LANSDOWNE, Indianapolis, Ind., elected Vice-President. A comparative newcomer to Vizsla circles, he has been very active in the past year among members and owners in his area. Last fall he rallied owners to attend the National Field Trial at Greenup, Ill., and has persuaded owners to enter various bench shows; also, he has readily accepted special assignments.

Director of Publicity, Eli Lilly & Co., Indianapolis, Mr. Lansdowne recently was elected President of a national pharmaceutical organization which office will require national travels during which he hopes to meet and talk with Vizsla groups from coast to coast.

Charles F Hunt, Cottage Grove, Tennessee, reelected Secretary.

Mrs. M. M. Chatfield (Sylvia), Minneapolis, Minn., reelected Treasurer. Another original member, Mrs. Chatfield, and her husband Morris, have been among "the old faithful" the last seven years, serving on
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committees, attending meetings, and, more recently, serving on the Board. In the past year, Mrs. Chatfield has been invaluable to the Secretary by assuming bookkeeping, billing, collecting dues, paying bills and the many details peculiar to a national club.

Sylvia, or "Silver", is known and loved by members from coast to coast for her cheerfulness and friendliness and enthusiasm for the breed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mrs. ANN CHELINI, San Francisco, won enthusiastic support for reelection by her continuous efforts to help and encourage owners in her area; also, for her personal efforts to publicise the breed in California.

Mrs. SYLVIA CHATFIELD, (see Treasurer)

J. W. LANSLOWNE, (see Vice President)

Mr. EUGENE MAQUETTE, Pekin, Illinois, reelected. Gene has helped the Club in many ways, particularly as a member of the Natl Field Trial committee and "worker" for the two Greenup trials.

Dr. W. C. MEMINGER, Erie, Pa. Doctor "Bill", in the past year, has been increasingly active in Club affairs and will give active representation for the members in the E. Ohio- W. N. Y and W. Pa. regions.

Mr. PAYL SABO, Champaign, Ill., reelected. Best known for his active campaigning of Vizslas in field trials from Canada to the Carolinas, Paul also was chairman of the two national trials at Greenup- has written various articles on field trialing Vizslas.

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EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING, SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1961

Meeting called to order by acting President Charles Hunt at 9:30 P M, Hotel Del Prado, Chicago, Illinois. Fourteen members present.

Welcome to members and guests - brief review of Club activities from Feb. 1960 to present

Treasurer's report read by Sylvia Chatfield. (To be published later.)
Motion to approve by J W Lansdowne. Second by M M Chatfield. 14 ayes.

Secretary's report by Charles Hunt: Tribute to W.A.Olson for his active interest and participation in the Club. The Vizsla News: publication costs, production difficulties, plans for improved coverage. Summary of National Fall Field Trial, Greenup, Ill. Show activities: interest in bench and obedience . . . healthy increase. Secty; Secty's office helping increasing number of owners- about 50% not Club members. Correspondence volume increasing, expensive.

The American Kennel Club has been very cooperative in the registration project. Mr. Chester Hager, Off. Mgr., and Mr. Al Dick, Ex. Secty., thanked for their patience and help during the past year. The AKC has accepted and registered imports with less than three complete generation pedigrees in all instances where the Secretary has presented proof of pure breeding. Quote:

"As Secretary of The Vizsla Club of America, I wish to record in these Minutes the Club's, and the Secretary's, appreciation of the American Kennel Club's attitude in these special cases and voice the individual owners gratitude for registering these Vizslas. We asked that these imports be listed or enrolled - the Kennel Club registered them". Unanimous.

End of Secretary's report.

Presiding officer asked Dr. Osborn to report on the special project instituted several weeks ago. Dr. Osborn introduced his subject "Congenital Hip Dysplasia and It's Ramifications" with brief description of Dysplasia and cause for concern, following which he presented his paper.

In the general discussion following Dr. Osborn's report, all members present agreed that Hip Dysplasia could be a deterrent to the Vizsla breed and that it was the Club's duty and obligation to advise owners of its possible existence; further, to urge necessary precautions to prevent expansion of the disease in the breed.

Motion by J W Lansdowne that Dr. Osborn prepare a resolution recommending that all breeding stock be radiographed and that no dog or bitch showing evidence of Dysplasia be used for breeding. Second by M. Chatfield. Unanimous approval.

Dr. W. C. Meminger proposed that said Resolution be spread on these Records and that the Secretary advise all members. Second by Robt. Burns. Unanimous approval.

Morris M Chatfield proposed that the Secretary be instructed to publish Dr. Osborn's monograph, distribute to all known owners in an advisable manner; further, that copies be sent all dog and sports magazines; that copies be made available for all breed clubs or owners at cost. Second by J W Lansdowne. Unanimous.

Dr. Osborn warmly applauded for his research and preparation.

Annual meeting - contd.

Official tabulation and results of election read by presiding officer who declared aforementioned candidates duly elected.

The acting President introduced incoming president Dr. I S Osborn as a good friend and a good "Vet", sincerely interested in the Vizsla breed, a conscientious, working member of the Board since Jan. 1954, who has the initiative to direct the Club's activities toward impressive attainments.

Dr. Osborn accepted the office with brief appropriate remarks, thanking the membership for their confidence in him.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual fall field trial: time, place, stakes, conditions. Spring trial. Sanction show and trial. Regional fun trials and meetings. (A complete report will be published in next issue.) Meeting adjourned at 2:00 A M.

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Mr and Mrs Warren Lansdowne and Mr and Mrs George Paton entertained members and guests in their suite following the meeting.

A TALE OF TAILS

One of the most frequent inquiries received by the Secretary concerns the length of tails.

The Standard reads, " one third should be removed". In our experience, this leaves a tail slightly longer than necessary for good balance and we would suggest that slightly less than half be removed; however, puppy tails vary in length and it is difficult to specify exact measurements. A good rule of thumb is to leave one or two joints from where the tail starts to thin.

Cut longer, then, than the Weimaraners -- No Boxer docks.

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DISTEMPER-HEPATITUS "BOOSTERS"

With the development and general use of distemper-hepatitis vaccines for canine immunization, the phrase "permanent shots" became a generally descriptive term for vaccination. Indeed, the Veterinary profession contributed to the supposition that the vaccine was "final".

A few years ago, The Vizsla News reported Dr. Wayne Riser's discussion of distemper-hepatitis vaccine limitations before the British Veterinary Association in which he questioned the all-over efficacy of present vaccines, suggesting a vaccine "booster" within months after the initial shot.

Today, alert Veterinarians are recommending distemper vaccine boosters for puppies 30 to 60 days after the first immunization and at twelve month intervals for the first three or four years of the dog's life.

It is evident that one or two distemper vaccine inoculations do not always produce lasting immunity in all dogs. To assure the largest extent, owners of younger dogs may elect to vaccinate 30 to 60 days after the first vaccine injection and once yearly thereafter for three or four years.

NEXT MONTH

Oral insecticide for fleas, ticks; experience with two types of injectable anthelmintics. Reports from regions; letters; new members.

RESOLUTION APPROVED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING -

RESOLVED, That

Whereas, x-ray examination of certain Vizslas has proven the breed to be infiltrated with the presence of the undesirable dominant gene for congenital Hip Dysplasia,

Whereas, the percentage of breeding stock afflicted is unknown as no general radiographing has been undertaken,

Whereas, to determine the extent of infiltration of the dysplasia gene, or to attempt to eliminate this gene from the breed, it will be necessary to obtain graphs of the hips of breeding stock,

Whereas, breeding experiments have proved without question that Hip Dysplasia is a hereditary defect that is transmitted from a parent to the young as a dominant character with incomplete penetration,

Whereas, that in order for the Club to suggest a program to reduce the incidence of Dysplasia within the breed, it will be necessary that radiographs be obtained of the hips of all breeding stock,

Whereas, that in order for the gene for congenital Hip Dysplasia to be eliminated from the breed it will be essential that dysplastic animals should not be used for breeding purposes; excepting to produce dysplastic puppies as a breeding experiment to determine the presence of the dominant gene in one of the parents, resultant litter to be unregistered,

Resolved, that it is the sense of this Resolution to propose means to reduce the incidence of congenital Hip Dysplasia within the breed,

Resolved, therefore that the Vizsla Club give consideration to adopting this Resolution calling for all breeding stock to be immediately radiographed, and specifying that no dog or bitch presenting the slightest evidence of Hip Dysplasia be used for breeding purposes, excepting controlled breeding experiments to prove or disprove the presence of the dominant character in one of the parents.

HIP DYSPLASIA

The recommendation of the Vizsla Club Board of Directors, and the Resolution adopted and approved at the Annual Meeting, that all breeding stock immediately be radiographed to determine the absence of Hip Dysplasia is a timely suggestion to all owners contemplating breeding that the affliction may be eliminated from the breed. It is not to be construed as a general alarm that creates panic among owners, leading to unnecessary sacrifice - most of the afflicted dogs can give pleasure and companionship to their owners for many years without undue discomfort.

The slight limp, temporary stiffness or soreness in the hips, or other evidence of discomfort in the rear legs, does not necessarily indicate Dysplasia. Continued evidence of pain or collapse in the hips after exercise, may suggest to the considerate owner an examination by a qualified V. D. M. and X-Ray by a competent radiologist experienced in detecting symptoms of the disease. It is inherited -- not contagious.

Hip Dysplasia has been diagnosed in 45 different breeds of dogs and, undoubtedly, this number will increase as owners become familiar with the symptoms and resort to X-Ray diagnosis. It has been known in man for over 2500 years and, today, occurs in one of every 1000 newborn children.

In simple terms, Hip Dysplasia is an inherited abnormality in the ball and socket joint of the hip: the socket may be shallow or almost flat instead of a half sphere, or the ball head of the femur - the thigh bone - may be abnormally smaller or even non-existent. In advanced cases it is painful - crippling.

Since Dysplasia is a heredity defect, it can be brought under control simply by breeding to a sire or dam that has been certified free from the disease. While the incident in Vizslas seems to be small, the percentage of affected breeding stock is unknown as no extensive radiographing has been undertaken. Two prominent breeders voluntarily began a complete survey of their individual stock several months ago when the first case was discovered.

As not all V D Ms and/or Radiologists are skilled at detecting or determining the disease in its early stages, the Vizsla Club hopes to offer a diagnostic service at a reasonable fee in the near future.

The comprehensive monograph "Hip Dysplasia and Its Ramifications", by Dr. I. S. Osborn, DVM, is being printed and will be distributed free to all known Vizsla owners, and will be offered at cost to all breed clubs.

A K C BENCH CHAMPIONS OF RECORD

CH. MICLOS SCHLOSS LOOSDORF - Owned and handled by G. Harvey Warholn, Long Beach, California.

CH. CSISCKAS OF GONCOLTANYA - Owned by The Hunt's - handled by Joan Hunt - Cottage Grove, Tennessee.

CH. ANNAVOLGYI ARANY (imp) - Owned and handled by Joan Hunt, Cottage Grove, Tennessee.