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Dear Vizsla Owner;

Do you know that 90% of all Vizsla owners are outdoor sportsmen, including the ladies, interested in field and stream activities? Bird hunting, duck shooting, fox hunting, fishing, boating, horses. . . . . Even our member-owners showing on the bench are dedicated field trialers and bird hunters.

Your Club is dominately a field trial club. Since its activation 7 years ago with only 17 members, each fall a national trial has been run that was well attended and the results watched with interest throughout North America and the foreign countries served by the VIZSLA NEWS.

This year we shall run our 8th Annual National Field Trial under American Kennel Club Rules, Plan A, as the first of two required Sanction Trials. The AKC has granted permission to hold this sanction trial Nov. 4 and 5 at the Bird Layne Farms, New Sharon, Iowa, and the Field Trial Committee is doing everything possible to make it interesting and enjoyable for owners and spectators.

The Stakes, the Running Rules, all are designed to attract and encourage the amateur owner to enter his Vizsla in the stage best suited for his dog. The entire program is planned for the men and women interested in comparing their dog with dogs of similar age and experience. Lack of field trial knowledge or "know-how" will not be a handicap as the dogs—not the handlers—are under judgement. All you have to do is put down your dog and hunt him as if you were afield after game birds. You need not be a "pro" to win or place in this trial.

In one of the four Stakes I am certain you will find the right place for your Vizsla. I know you will enjoy the good fellowship, the interesting people, who come from all sections of the Country to participate in the two day events.

I look forward to meeting you and getting better acquainted and I want you to meet all the other owners who share with you in the belief that the Vizsla is a most remarkable dog.

Why not drop me a line to let me know that we have a date November 4th at New Sharon, Iowa? I would like to hear from you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ivan S. Osborn
President

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THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, Inc.

8th ANNUAL NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL

AKC Sanctioned Trial

Restricted to pure bred Vizslas

November 4 & 5, 1961

BIRD LAYNE FARMS **NEW SHARON, IOWA**

JUDGES

J. J. VAN DIVORT — Toledo, Ohio

Wm. A. MAYNARD — Eldon, Iowa

STAKES

Open Puppy—30 min. heat one course—	$ 6.00
Open Derby—30 min. heat two courses—	$ 8.00
Open All Age Shooting Dog—60 min. heat contiguous courses	$15.00
Amateur Gun Dog Stage—45 min. heat contiguous courses	$12.00

Starting time: 7:30 A.M. Sat. Nov. 4, 1961

Puppy Stake: quail on course and in bird field. No guns. Handlers walk.

Derby Stake: quail on course, partridge in bird field. Handlers walk. Pistol shot over point—.32 calibre or over.

Open All Age Shooting Dog: quail on course, pheasants in bird field. Shoot to kill—retrieve required. Official gunners. Handlers may ride.

Amateur Gun Dog Stake: quail on course, pheasants in bird field. Handlers walk. Official gunners. Limited to first 30 entries.

PRIZES

Trophies to first and second place dogs

Standard AKC rosettes to first four placed dogs.

The BILL OLSEN Memorial Traveling Trophy to first place puppy

The Vizsla Club Traveling Trophy to first place Amateur Gun Dog

DRAWING

Entries close 9:00 P.M., Wed. Nov. 1, 1961

Drawing: 9:00 P.M., Wed. Nov. 1, 1961, at First National Bank, Clarion, Ia.

MAIL ENTRIES WITH CHECKS TO: Mrs. Virginia Pratt, Clarion, Iowa

Field Trial Chairman

Tom Pratt—Clarion, Iowa

Field Trial Secretary

Mrs. Virginia Pratt, Clarion, Iowa

SPECIAL TROPHIES

The BILL OLSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY will be presented to the owner of the winning Puppy, in addition to the standard first place trophy. Donated by Mrs. Leone Olson in memory of her husband, W. A. (Bill) Olsen, this traveling trophy will be permanently awarded to the first Vizsla owner who wins three Puppy Stakes.

Co-founder and Director of the Vizsla Club, Bill Olson always encouraged owners of puppies to enter this beginners stake for it is here that the future All Age Dogs gain experience and confidence.

The Vizsla Club Amateur Gun Dog Traveling Trophy will be presented for the first time to the owner of the winning dog in the Amateur Gun Dog Stake. The Board of Directors have established this traveling trophy as an added inducement to all amateur owners to participate in this stake. The winning Amateur will receive the standard first place trophy in addition to the special trophy.

FIELD TRIAL JUDGES SELECTED

J. J. Van Divort, Toledo, Ohio, and Wm. A. Maynard, Eldon, Iowa, have been approved as Judges for the 8th Annual Vizsla Club National Trial.

"Van" VanDivort has been active for many years in German Shorthair Pointer affairs as breeder, trial and bench competitor, organizer of local, regional and national GSHP field trials. More recently he has been accepting invitations as judge of national trials, including the recent national Irish Setter Trials.

"Bill" Maynard has been judging Gun Dog Stakes and pointer and setter trials for many years in the Middle West. He knows gun dogs: their capacities and limitations. The Field Trial Committee is fortunate in securing the services of these two capable judges.

PRAIRIE STATES FALL TRIAL

According to Secty Tom Pratt, the Prairie States Vizsla Club will hold a fall trial Saturday, October 14th, somewhere in central Iowa. Vizsla Club members interested in running in this trial as a warm-up for the National Nov. 4 and 5 should write TOM PRATT, CLARION, IOWA, for details.

FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE

Field Trial Chairman Tom Pratt has appointed the following members to the respective committees as follows: (Mrs.) Virginia Pratt, F. T. Secretary.

Judges: Pratt-Osborn-Hunt

Grounds and Courses: Sabo-Osborn-Hunt-Pratt

Publicity: Paul Sabo

Trophies & Gifts: R. D. Hawkinson- M. D. Graff

Birds-Planters: Joe Bentley-Morris Chatfield

Food on Grounds: Dr. Phil Peterson-Joe Bentley-Tom Pratt

Horses: Roy D. Hawkinson

Road Signs: Morris Chatfield-Dr. P. Peterson

Gunners: M. D. Graff-Joe Bentley

Entries & Drawing: Tom and Virginia Pratt.

OFFICIAL GUNNERS

Chairman Pratt has been fortunate in securing four crack shots to serve as Official Gunners. Joe Bentley, Independence, Iowa; Charles Plafson, Dept. of Conservation; Lee Hart, Oskaloosa and Robert Reed, New Sharon.

In the interests of safety, the F. T. Committee decided to use official guns for the Amateur Gun Dog Stake. A serious accident could spoil the entire weekend for all participants and, possibly, lead to legal entanglements for the Vizsla Club.

ED LLOYD WILL MARSHALL

The Marshall at a field trial guides the judges and handlers along the designated courses and keeps the gallery in the proper position to avoid interference with the judges and dogs. Ed Lloyd, owner of Bird Layne Farms, is an excellent choice as Marshall.

ENTRY FORM

THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, Inc.

A K C SANCTION FIELD TRIAL NOV. 4 & 5, 1961

Bird Layne Farms, New Sharon, Iowa

All Dogs Not Registered With the American Kennel Club Must Be Listed — Fee 25c

I SUBMIT $_____ for entry fees. $_____ for listing fees.

Breed		MALE ( )	FEMALE ( )
Enter in Stake			
Name of Actual Owner (Print)			
Owner's Address (Complete)			
Name of Handler (If any) (Print)			
Handler's Address (Complete)			
NAME OF DOG			
A.K.C. Registered Number		Check if Listed	(Date of Birth)
Breeder			
Sire			
Dam			

CERTIFICATION—As owner or authorized agent for the owner, and in consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I agree to abide by all the Rules of the American Kennel Club and the Standard Procedures governing Field Trials and any decisions made in accord with them, and I further agree that the dog is entered in and will be at this trial at my own risk and that I will hold the trial giving club, its members and agents free from liability for any claims arising out of the entry of the dog or its presence at the trial.

Owner's or Agent's Signature _____

Address if Not Given Above:

Street _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

WELL; SHOOT IF YOU'RE GOING TO !

" CAST OFF! "

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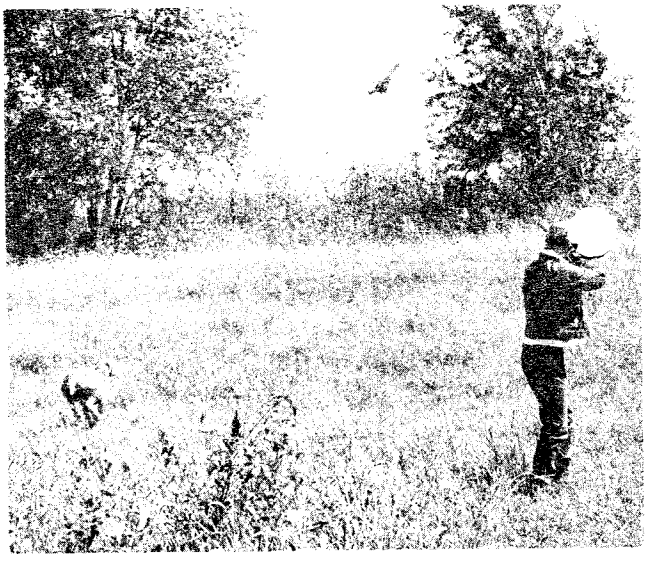
Cover is varied and good on Bird Layne Farms. Numerous free and native birds assure birdwork on every course.

MEET THE LLOYD'S!

POINT



WHOA! BOY!

The BIRD LAYNE FARMS, New Sharon, Iowa, are the definite location for the 8th Annual National Vizsla Field Trial which will run under AKC Rules, plan A, as the first of two Club Sanctioned Trials.

According to F.T. Ch. Tom Pratt, who recently visited the Ed Lloyds to conclude arrangements, cover will be very good, more than enough room for single and contiguous courses, with separate course for the Puppy Stake; an ideally located bird field affording spectators a clear view of the action.

In addition to the game birds at large on the preserve, quail will be released on all back courses to assure finds for practically every brace in every stake. Quail will be planted in the bird field for the Open Puppy Stake, partridge for the Open Derby Stake and pheasants for both the Open Amateur Gun Dog and Open All Age Shooting Dog Stakes, the latter two stakes being shoot-to-kill, retrieve required. Puppies will not be shot over; however, in the Derby Stake, a .32 or larger calibre pistol will be fired at the flush following point.

The Puppy Stake starts promptly at 7:30 A.M. and all other Stakes follow in published order at the close of the previous stake. Prepublication interest indicates an unusually good entry for all stakes and the Committee will be pushed to schedule all daily activities in the anticipated 8 hours of daylight.

Site Easily Located

BIRD LAYNE FARMS lies east of New Sharon and may be approached from Montezuma, on the north, or New Sharon, on the south. The Road Sign Committee promises to be on the job early Friday preceeding the trial and will have numerous signs conspicuously posted along Hiway 63 from Oskaloosa, on the south, to Montezuma, on the north, and along the county road into BIRD LAYNE FARMS. Anyone the area can direct the hesitant driver to the B. L. Farms.

RESERVATIONS

Chairman Pratt reports that the New Mahaska—14 very nice units—and the Osky Motel—12 units, AAA—will accept dogs accompanied by guests. Both motels are within the Oskaloosa city limits and easily located.

The Downing Hotel—60 rooms, coffee shop, modern—also will accept dogs.

EARLY RESERVATIONS ARE URGED. There is a convention booked in Oskaloosa on the same weekend and, while the owners of the above facilities are anxious to accomodate all Vizsla Field Trialers, their capacity will be taxed, hence their plea that all Vizsla owners planning to attend will make early reservations. (We suggest that you write NOW to one of the above for accomodations with the request that the operator make a reservation for you at another facility if booked, and that the second choice place confirm your reservation. It can be annoying to arrive late at night in a small community lit up with only NO VACANCY signs.)

JUDGES DINNER

The TOWN HOUSE, Oskaloosa, will provide the food, refreshments and private dining room for the Judges Dinner and unpredictable events following desert. Dinner served at 7:30 P.M., Saturday.

The Town House is brand new, according to Tom Pratt, with all appointments in good taste and adequate facilities to promptly serve food. Joyce Clinkscales, operator-manager, assures all Field Trialers a good variety of well prepared foods served buffet style: $2.75 including tips.

Ch. Pratt neglected to report any plans for a pre-dinner "convention" but there are certain to be many kindred spirits with "spirits" assembling about 6:30 P.M. in the private dining room. There is a "key club" operated in connection with the Town House but we are not familiar with the requirements for admission. Iowa operates State liquor stores which require individual permits costing $1.00. (This for the uninformed and "I forgot.")

COOPERATION URGED

Owners materially can assist the F. T. Committee by writing Mrs. Virginia Pratt, Clarion, Iowa, of their intention to enter their dogs in the National Vizsla Trials. This advanced information will enable the Grounds Committee to plan each stake, time required and course layout. Write TOM PRATT or Mrs. Tom Pratt of your intentions: number of dogs to be entered, Stakes, if horse is to be reserved.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

FIELD TRIAL RULES

Age Limits

Open Puppy Stake—for dogs six months of age and under fifteen month of age on first advertised day of trial.

Open Derby Stake—for dogs six months of age and under two years of age on first advertised day of trial.

Amateur Gun Dog Stage—for dogs six months of age and over. . . . .

Open All Age Stake—for dogs six months of age and over. . . . .

Ch. 9 Sect. 2: Every dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned the dog at the time entries closed.

Standards of Judging

A puppy should be judged mostly for future promise . . . are expected to show natural ability to hunt and seek likely spots where game may be found, but are not expected to point or be steady . . . should show a reasonable amount of obedience . . . Puppies will not be shot over unless agreed to by both handlers in a brace.

In Derby Stakes a dog must show in addition to nose and keen desire. . . knowledge where to find birds and plenty of get up and go. Derby dogs should point, but finished training, such as being staunch on point or steady to flush and shot, is not necessary in a dog of this age.

A Gun Dog is a cover dog, suitable for gunning on foot . . . should hunt with and for his handler at all times . . . should show or check in front frequently . . . must be under command at all times and quarter his field as directed . . . with style, intelligence and intensity.

An All Age dog should run a good ground heat and hunt cover . . . The dog should give a finished performance and should be under control at all times . . . point staunchly and be steady to wing and shot. If birds move, relocate and pin them. Should back, if not on sight, then on command. . .

In any stake except a puppy stake where birds are not shot a blank must be fired over all pointing dogs. No all age or gun dog shall be placed that has not been fired over.

(Above are excerpts from the American Kennel Club Rules and Procedures for Field Trials. Booklet is available by writing The American Kennel Club, 221 Park Avenue South, New York 3, N. Y.)

Ground Rules

Handling From Horseback: Horses are a means of conveyance. A handler shall approach a dog on point no faster than a foot handler, shall dismount at a reasonable distance from the dog and approach the point on foot. Galloping of a horse to a dog on point is forbidden.

When one handler walks and the other handler rides, the rider must accomodate his pace to that of the foot handler.

Blocking: Field trials simulate bird hunting in the field as closely as possible, especially in gun dog stakes.l "Blocking" of a dog on point is forbidden. A foot hunter cannot possible block his dog, flush and shoot the bird.

Amateur Gun Dog Stake: Official gunners will be used in the bird field. The official gunner quietly will join his handler just prior to entering the bird field, shall flush and shoot the pointed bird, the handler remaining aside the gunner; otherwise, the gunner will avoid interfering with the handling and control of the dog.

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June Litter AKC-FDSB Registered

Imported Hunting Strain

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Chester, N.H. Ph: Tulip 7-3718

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TODAY

Ask, or write, any official listed on page

2, The Vizsla News, for an application.