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TEKO—his medal—and Johnny Hostetler

Last fall The VIZSLA NEWS told the story of how Teko, a Vizsla, dashed several hundred yards to summon help for his owner's small son who had wandered neck deep into a swamp. Teko, at the time, was for sale by the Hostetlers because he had become gunshy and supposedly was useless as a hunting dog.

Last March, Teko was third on the national Dog Hero's award list that brought the medal to Teko and $250,000 in US Bonds to the family that once considered him worthless. Looks as if Teko has paid for his keep.

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## HOW HUNGARIAN DOGS GET THEIR NAME

By Mrs. R. D. McLellan

Since ancient times the Hungarian Shepherd, as well as the farmers in the lowlands, gave their dogs names of rivers.

In the arid lowlands a universal belief exists that the distress caused by water, from which human beings and animals suffer, is the reason for rabies. From this superstition originated the belief that dogs with names of rivers can avoid this malady.

The most common names used of rivers are: **TISZA** (that is the river Theis), **SEJO** (speak Shaw-yo)— Bodri (petname Bodrog)— **MAROS** (Maw-rosh)—**KOROS** (Ko-rosh) and Gyongyos (Dion-Diosh). It is interesting to note that the most usual names apply to the river **THEIS** (Tice) and her tributaries, which indicates that this superstition originated here.

Besides this, the following river names are popular: **DUNA** (river Donau), Aranyos (Arun-yosh), **DRAVA** (river Drau), **SZOMOS** (Sa-Mosh), Szava (river Save-speak Saw-yeh) Laita (Light-Ah), etc.

Another chief group of Hungarian dog names arises from the naming of the enemies of the shepherds and farmers. The origin of this very interesting custom is that farmers and shepherds on their farms (Tanya), and also on the endless pastures, are exposed to the attacks of the rapacious Betyare (outlaws). So that by signalling danger with the calling for help, the dogs were named: Betyar, Zsivany, Roblo (names for robbers), Gyilkos (Murderer), Bicswas, Bitang. For the same reason they gave names of the saver in need as Csendor (Gendarme), Zsandar — Pandur — Bakter (means Watcher), Huszar (Hussar). (Hussar does not mean the front-soldier but the watchers in the villages in the lowlands which were called HUSZAR in the old time and are still called so in many communities.

To another group belongs the names which refer to the external appearance or are connected with the spiritual qualities of the dog. **BARZAS—KOCOS** (shaggy), **TALPAS** (Inlander), **VITEZ** (Hero), **VIHAR** (Storm), the embodiment of speed, **VEZER** (leader), the embodiment of strength and bravery; **KANTOR** (Precentor), **FLOTAS—DUDAS** (Trumpeter), and **SUBA** (a wrap-around shepherd coat made from unsheared Hungarian sheepskin.)

Another group of names refer to the occupation: **BOJTAR** (young shepherd), **INAS** (servant), **LEGENY** (lad), **PORTAS** (porter), Zselles (subject), **KONDAS** (pig-shepherd), **PAJTAS** (playmate), **CSIKOS** (horse shepherd), **CSORDAS** (herdsman). And a final group of names are **SOBRI—DANI** (Daniel), **JOSKA** (Joseph),**JANCSI** (John), **JUTKA—JUCI PANNI—ZSUZSI** (Susan), **BORCSA** (Babette), **JULCSA** (Julie), **PIRKA** and **BIRI.**

(Bill read this article and thought it interesting—he always meant to send it to you. (He) wrote the Editor, Dogs In Canada, for permission to use this article and got it." (sig) Lee. (Mrs. Leone Olson). Our thanks to Lee and to Bill—wherever he may be. Ed.)

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THE DISTAFF SIDE by Lois Pappas is four pages of hilarity. Don't miss it in the October VIZSLA NEWS. . . . . .

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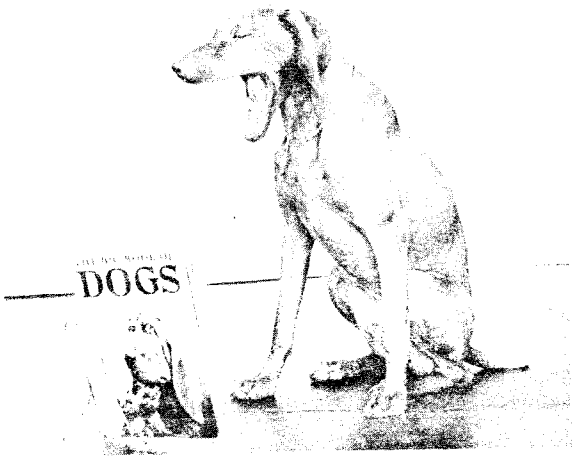


PETER V. CHINOOK looks for new worlds. . . Owns Paul & Aileen (Reg. V-P) Stewart, San Francisco. . . .

Elizabeth Mihalyi, Woodside, Calif., oil painting of Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture, will hang in the Minnesota state capitol building as the official portrait of the former governor. . . . Buzzing around Woodside on her bicycle. . . now offering an art course by correspondence.

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Russ Walden and his 2 Vizslas featured in Dayton, Ohio, Sunday papers Camerica section. . .

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Dave Summers, Thousand Oaks, Calif., sends note and local clipping on dog show: photo of CH Michlos Schloss Loosdorf. The Summers have the first Vizsla in Thousand Oaks.

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Little 22 month old Allison Canfield, Farmington, Conn., featured in Hartford paper with litter of Vizsla pups.

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Dear Bill;

Here we are at the tail end of summer when shadows lengthen earlier and night's veil seems heavier. So; it's time to get out in the early morning's freshness with the pups—and the older dogs too—for field trial time is just one more sheet on the calendar.

Now, ride along with me while I ramble around about the new spirit, the new way of going, of the coming Vizsla Field Trial and, especially, about the Puppy Stake.

You know this trial is to be run under AKC Rules as a Sanctioned Trial but I wonder if you realize that the Puppy Stake is right down your alley? Here you've been running those pups in the early morning almost all summer long, letting them get a whiff of all the good smells in the fields and chasing meadowlarks out of sight. And, without knowing it, you've got them ready to run big in this National meet. Don't even have to fire a pistol over them.

"The book" says Puppies are judged mostly for future promise. Hear that! Pups are expected to show natural ability to hunt and seek likely spots for game; show reasonable obedience to commands. They're not expected to point or be steady. Now; that's what you've been doing all summer long and that's why I expect you to put 'em down in this Puppy Stake—it's made to order for your pups.

It would be pretty nice to take home a first or second place trophy, wouldn't it? And how about the Bill Olson Memorial Trophy? How about that! Carry that one home, too, for a year's residence on The Girl's what-not shelf. Tuck away some of her doo-dads to make room for a couple of nice Puppy Stake trophies and she won't say a word.

Of course your pups are eligible! Rules say "any pup six months old and under 15 month on the first advertised day of the trial."

You're always writing about that Vizsla gun dog just naturally doing what you want him to do: works cover. reads your mind, stands steady on point and at flush, goes like blazes to retrieve to hand. That's what you say! So how about bringing him along to run in the Vizsla Amateur Gun Dog Stake? You claim you haven't a chance with the "pros" but this stake is for people like you—no pros; all amateurs who think they have a pretty good Vizsla.

AKC says a gun dog is a cover dog. He should hunt with and for his handler—show up every now and then so you know what he's doing—do what you tell him to do—go where you send him. He does that for you now and he'll do it for you at the trial. He's got style and intelligence and desire. And he's steady to flush and shot—that's what you say, boy.

Enter that red-gold dog of yours. All you have to do is tell him to get going when the man on horseback says "Let 'em go!" Just start hunting birds and never mind what the other fellow is doing with his dog. Just hunt him like you do at home. You've hunted with partners before and this is no different at all; not at all.

You've got a good chance to grab that first place trophy and the Vizsla Club is putting up an Amateur Gun Dog Stake Traveling Trophy. Pretty nice to be the first on the list of names to be engraved on it. Hey! those judges know gun dogs. You bet they do. Been breeding 'em and hunting them and running them for years.

Bring the family and make a weekend of it. The kids will have fun. But you better write the motel for reservations right now. November nights in Iowa get pretty cool, you know. Regards to all. POP.

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**WHY YOUR NEWS WAS OFF SCHEDULE**

During July the Editor was more or less 'indisposed'—writing and editing just a bit too much for him. Finally the words, sentences, pages began to take form and eventually were types.

Then began the comic series of misadventures: our printer—the local daily—lost a linotype operator through illness which left only one man to do the work. Then HE had a baby—well, his wife dallied for three or four days before relieving all our minds. Then two pages were transposed—discovered after collecting and folding. . . . This meant unfolding, separating, reprinting, inserting, folding all over again. Anyway, at last you had the May-June issue.

July-August was delayed due to complications and mishaps; however you had that in September and now, early in October, you have September. So we are catching up.

This issue isn't too bad. . . . . but wait until you have October: you'll enjoy that one and it will be out about the third week.

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AN AMATEUR'S REPORT

October 31, 1960

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your good letter.

I have already shot five pheasants and four chukars over Snoopy. I realize that there is a certain amount of gamble in shooting over a 7-month pup. But I did it with care and confidence and it appears to have paid off.

I started taking the puppy into the fields around our house which are extremely thick and brambly. He hung close and experienced the startling new sounds and smells. But, when we got out on the lawn, he showed his usual speed and vigor.

I then took him to a game farm, of which I am a member, that is loaded with pheasants and chukar. The proprietor of this club put out about twice as many birds as are required by any shooting party with the result that we have about a thousand pheasants roaming loose in all types of cover.

Our first experience with the puppy was amusing. He stayed in close and was absolutely bewildered by the wonderful smells he encountered. He seemed to want to do something about it but he was completely baffled. He would stay about 10 yards from me constantly but, every so often, he would start crisscrossing like a whirling dervish at top speed, never going more than 15 yards out in front.

He would then quiet down and sniff at some grass or a new type of weed. In one of these dramatic maneuvers he smashed into two squealing chukars and almost flipped over backwards in surprise. It was a wonderful experience.

The next day we went through more of the same and after about an hour of hunting I took him out with an older dog and a trainer. The pointer ranged out about 40 yards and Snoopy stayed with him mostly for play, of course. The pointer eventually hit a very rigid point. Snoopy was facing around in a semi-circle behind him wondering what was going on. Suddenly he caught the scent and although he did not hit a real point he stopped stone still in a way that made it appear he was honoring the older dog's point.

I am not foolish enough to think he was actually backing and it was interesting to see him stand quietly as he tried to figure out the relationship between the dog and the scent. We flushed the birds and complimented him.

We then got a crippled chukar and threw it out in front of him. He stretched out with the chukar between his paws, ruffled its feathers with his nose, drinking in the wonderful aroma. He never did try to bite it nor has he mauled any bird since. We then got a freshly shot pheasant and did the same thing.

I hunted him twice more without a gun but in an area in which there were plenty of guns fired. He showed no signs of being started by fire arms so I decided to take the big step.

I took him into a heavy swamp where there were many pheasants and when they were in front of him I fired two shots from the 20 gauge. He showed nothing except interest. The next day I killed a pheasant that he had flushed with the 12 gauge. He did not chase after the bird but I took him over and let him push it around with his nose which seemed to excite him very must. We shot two birds that day.

A week later we shot a pheasant and two chukars over him. Last Friday I shot two pheasants over him and yesterday my boy killed two beautiful chukars that he had flushed.

I must tell you that yesterday, for the first time, he began trailing birds. Last Friday he did some trailing and showed gaminess but did break off of the trail very quickly. Yesterday he tracked two roosters a good 400 yards walking slowly with his head low and his body taught. He flushed the two roosters at the end of the row and my boy killed one, much to the pleasure of the dog.

We are giving him absolutely no orders in the field. We are congratulating him whenever he finds a bird, whether it breaks wild or not. We are encouraging him to be on his own. I am very happy with the progress so far.

I do not intend to give him any yard training until next spring or summer. Our only instructions right now are a rather lackadaisical attempt to get him to sit and lie down, but that is done in the house without any real firmness.

He is the pet of the family, sleeping on chairs, beds and people's laps and in general he is all that you promised.

Best regards, R. E. A.

## MEMOS

TO: S-Sgt. Wayne Eagan—somewhere in France.

Now that you and Barbara and Tzana are settled in new quarters and you have learned the sign language, how about a letter telling us all about your new life? All of us would like to hear from you.

TO: Lt. Col. Kenneth Maguire—in Alaska.

How about you or Maggie giving us a report on life in Alaska? We'll miss you at New Sharon this fall. . . . .

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TO: All non-members.

There must be a reason why you do not support the breed and the Club with your membership. We sincerely would like to know why.

Why don't you write us, frankly and fully, giving your reasons? Dues too high? Don't believe in dog clubs? Don't like The Vizsla News?

Recently you received a free copy of "Hip Dysplasia and Its Ramifications," by Dr. I. S. Osborn, with the membership's compliments. Other breed owners, kennels, clubs are paying $1.06 a copy—so many that we are printing the 2nd edition. A good example of the service and help the Club gives its members.

Future issues of The Vizsla News will carry articles on dog care, training, obedience, field trials, bench shows, news of the regions. You'll want to keep abreast of what is going on in the Vizsla world. . .

We'll be glad to hear from you.

The Editor.

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Members; let's hear from you. What goes on in your city; how your Vizsla is doing; what new friends he has made for you—What you like and don't like about The VIZSLA NEWS—What you want to read about—and pictures, please: You, your family, your Vizsla.

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TO: Regional Vice-Presidents. . . .

You are appointed Regional Reporter for your area until such time as you appoint an active reporter.

The NEWS needs local news—and pictures. News about Vizslas—about owners.

The 10th of each month is your deadline. Start visiting. Start writing.

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## FIELD TRIAL RESERVATIONS

**Make reservations NOW for Nov. 4**
**8th Annual National Field Trial . . .**

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| Mahaska Motel | Oskaloosa, Iowa |
| Osky Motel | Oskaloosa, Iowa |
| Downing Hotel | Oskaloosa, Iowa |

REASONABLE RATES—DOGS ADMITTED

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## FOR THE SHOOTING MAN

By Colin

Your scribe fully realizes that the following notes are not original — that they have appeared many times in sporting periodicals; but he offers no apoligies for bringing them to your notice if they help to prevent one accident. It seems absurd that some of these accidents should be caused by sheer carelessness on the part of experienced gunners. A shotgun can be a deadly weapon at close range but that, of course, you know.

There are other "Don'ts" that apply to the etiquette of shooting and conduct in the field but a careless gun can spoil an entire days sport and, should he happen to be a guest, it is unlikely he will be invited again. Remember; it is the careful shot who keeps the rules of the game who collects the invitations.

DON'T go out with a shooting party until you are familiar with the use, the handling and feel of the gun—

DON'T forget to treat the gun, loaded or not, as if loaded—

DON'T put cartridges in the gun until you get to the shooting grounds—

DON'T get over a fence or an obstruction with a loaded gun. Take out the cartridges—

DON'T take a loaded gun in the car or home—

DON'T leave a loaded gun leaning against a wall or tree. It may be knocked down and the barrels damaged—

DON'T fail to keep in line with the other guns and never fire down the line.

DON'T fire blindly — know where you are shooting.

DON'T carry your gun across your arm. Carry it on your shoulder with the triggers UP or the stock under the arm with the muzzle down—

DON'T touch the trigger until ready to fire—

DON'T lay your gun on the ground or in the snow. You might plug a barrel and be lucky if you lose only a hand.

PLEASE, Don't forget to remove the cartridge as soon as you have finished shooting.

Good shooting!

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## SKETCHES WANTED

## CARTOONS WANTED

Help brighten the pages of your Vizsla News with pen & ink sketches—anything for a laugh. . . something cute

Send to THE VIZSLA NEWS

## NEW CHAMPIONS

KEDVES V HUNT, owned by Dr. and Mrs. William C. Meminger, Erie, Pa., is the first Vizsla to win both a Canadian and American "C D." "Ked" made her AKC Championship just recently which adds to her honor—and the Meminger's pride in her. Congratulations! "Ked" also has one point toward her Canadian CH.

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## ORTHOPEDIC DEPARTMENT University of Pittsburgh Asks For Dysplastic Vizslas

Dr. Laing, MD, of the Department of Orthopedics, University of Pittsburgh, is anxious to study other breeds than German Shepherds who are in the dysplastic group. Dr. Liand feels that "mutts" or crossbreeds do not have as high an incidence of dysplasia as pure bred dogs which leads to a long and wordy feud between the Doctor and breeders. (In our opinion, crossbred dogs do not have the close attention to their ills and lameness as purebred dogs.)

Owners of Vizslas who suspect dysplasia may wish to consult with Dr. Laing, an expert and specialist on dysplasia in humans.

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## GOOD READING

POPULAR DOGS — September issue deserves a quiet corner for an evenings reading — and rereading. "Know These Master Breeders," by L. J. Brosemer, is very timely — deserves a second reading. "This Is Line Breeding," co-authored by W. E. Armstrong and L. J. Brosemer, is another. And have a look at "Did You Read The Small Print" — page 58 —. Read it and then phone your insurance broker as we did.

Popular dogs improved format makes easy reading and articles are informative and helpful.

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DOG WORLD — Sept. issue — opens with Evelyn Monte's "Wanted — A Hunting Dog." Sound words of advice. Most trainers will want to frame this one. (How many years has it been, Evelyn, since you judged the first Weimaraner trial?).

"Vegetables Not Necessary For A Dog Diet," Dr. E. Fitch Daglish, speaks plainly about fads in feeding. And Max Riddle's "How And What Does A Dog See" (part 2) goes into our reference book.

Dog World format and contributors articles show great improvement but that small type is so-o-o hard to read.

Don't miss the Dog World salute to JACK BAIRD, by Harvey Bacus.

(As many VIZSLA NEWS readers know, the Bairds are old friends — we give a report on Jack 'n' Midge ever so often — and we were quite moved by this tribute to Jack the "old man in dogs." Jack dubbed our kennels Prairie Acres years ago and the name stuck. . . . even here in the hills and hollers of N W Tennessee. ED.)

DOGS IN CANADA — edited by Kaye Peer — is improving in make-up and with articles. . . . carries a complete listing of dog show and trial results in an insert punched and detachable for filing.

THE AMERICAN FIELD weekly, edited by Wm. F. Brown, has been carrying articles of general interest to dog owners, especially Dr. Charles E. Crowe's "Occasional Column Or Two" and, of course, the refular features of field trial reports and contributions of various individuals. We hope to reprint some of Dr Crowe's articles in the near future that many of our subscribers have not read.

The Field will carry various Notes on the 8th Annual National Vizsla Field Trial to be run at New Sharon, Iowa, November 4 & 5th.

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BRIEFS

(Catching up on Aileen Stewart's (Mrs. Paul) reports from California. We miss her reports while fishing in the Sierras during August.)

May 5th. We were up at dawn, saw the never-to-be-forgotten "space ship" take off. What a truly great age we live in. . . . PETER VON CHINOOK (the Stewart's Vizsla) went BB at Walla Walla, Richmand, Yakima. . Judges ——— and ——— admitted they did not know the breed.

The Chelini's will use Csilla exclusively this season for deer hunting—she did very well last year. (Mrs. Ann Chelini, Board of Director). So many huntsmen have asked if the Vizsla can be used on deer.

Please send application blanks to ——— and ——— and —— .

Santa Barbara. 13 Vizslas entered. G. Harvey Warholm came with his Michlos Schloss Loosdorf—he had 14 points and left with 17, a Champion. I was so happy for him.

The Pasadena Dog Show was benched in beautiful Brooksite Park. Winners Dog and Best of Winners: Peter V. Chinook. Winners Bitch: K. L. Beebe's Mira Selle. Best of Breed went to G. Harvey Warholm's CH Miclos Schloss Loosdorf. Vizslas created considerable interest.

Alvin Lee handled Peter at the Oakland show and came home with a BB.

Met Herdis Baastad — at a luncheon — knows Dr. Blanco, having lived in Venezuela several years. Small world!

Margaret Lowthian's Lamarde Perro Ulass was WB at Bakersfield. Ann (Chelini) enjoyed meeting the Kenlys at Phoenix. . .

We're interested in meeting Mr. Lansdowne. . exciting.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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## MORE ON DISTEMPER

DOG WORLD scooped the VIZSLA NEWS on the distemper scare in England this summer (not enough space in our last issue) but the facts need retelling here.

Absentees were noticeable by their absence at the English summer shows for the large kennels would not chance infection. Assurances on the part of the show giving officials brought little response from the breeders-exhibitors as the virus began to exact its toll.

The Wellcome Foundation Laboratories (Burroughs-Wellcome Ltd) announced that their researchers had succeeded in isolating the virus and found it to have features that varied from the known virus.

The VIZSLA NEWS recently reported an apparently new type, or mutation, of the known distemper virus that has crow hopped across this country during the summer months; however, the laboratories contacted were reluctant to admit (or believe) this virulent type was anything other than the usual distemper virus. That lack of interest led THE VIZSLA NEWS to contact the English laboratory to obtain a more comprehensive vaccine than presently available in the States. More on that later.

Again we mount our editorial podium to urge all Vizsla owners to insist upon more than one immunization for distemper-hepatitis. One or two "shots" simply does not build sufficient immunity and the more progressive VDMs recognize that today. Yet only recently a visitor at Huntlea Farms assured us that his young dog had a "permanent" D-H vaccination. . . . that is what his "Vet" said.

The modern advice today is to vaccinate the young puppy at three months of age and again within thirty to forty five days after the original "shot"; however, it is equally important that the first vaccine should not be administered until fifteen days after the last serum injection. Thereafter, a booster should be given every year until the dog is four or five years of age, or until the biological laboratories have produced a vaccine with wide and lasting immunization. It is possible now to have your dog tested for the degree of immunization achieved; however, many owners would find it too expensive or involved.