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Calgary, Alberta, October 8th

Dear Mr. Secretary;

". . . . . very sorry but it is impossible for us to participate this year in the Club's Annual Field Trial but the many Vizsla owners from Whitehorse, Yukon, to Calgary, Alberta, from Vancouver to Manitoba, will be waiting and watching the event with great interest.

You may be assured that, in the future, many Vizslas will be entered from this particular part of Canada. With combined efforts we work hard at producing the best possible specimens.

Good luck and best of success.

Signed: Dr. A. Kemenes-Kettner

October 10th

Dear Bill;

On behalf of the F. T. Committee, the Board of Directors and the membership, our thanks for your message and best wishes. To you, Bill, and Lattin, Pearson, Post, Sardi, Nagy, Hanna, the Vizsla "Vets," and all the other owners, our hearty invitation to join us in '62 for the first National Vizsla Championship Field Trial. It is appropriate that our Canadian members should participate in this first Championship Trial.

Charles Hunt,
Secretary

Cottage Grove, Tenn.

OPEN VIZSLA DERBY TROPHY PROMISED FOR 1962

Dr. A. Kemenes-Kettner, Bakony Kennels, Calgary, who is a Vizsla importer-breeder, and active Club member, offers a traveling trophy for the Open Vizsla Derby Stake in 1962, subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors.

Dr. Kemenes-Kettner writes, "it is too late this year but for the coming years national field trials, the Bakony Kennels would like to offer a traveling trophy for the Open Vizsla Derby Stake to commemorate one of the oldest Vizsla strains. The trophy will be carved from wood by one of the best Hungarian artists and shall be sent to you upon completion.

Dr. Kemenes-Kettner's generous offer has been referred to the Board of Directors for acceptance.

PRAIRIE STATES CLUB TRIAL RUNS AT PAULINA, IOWA, OCTOBER 22ND

Four stakes are being run by the progressive Prairie States Club, Sunday, October 22, at Paulina, Iowa, starting at 7:30 A.M. The Open Vizsla Puppy Stake runs for 20 minutes—fee $5.00, followed by the Open Vizsla Shooting Dog Stake, 30 minute heats—fee $10.00. The third stake is Open Vizsla Derby—fee $7.50—with 30 minute heats and the last is a 30 minute Amateur European Shooting Dog stake—$10.00 fee.

The well known Joe Deiss and W. Rutherford will officiate as judges.

All stakes will have awards for the first three placements.

Saturday night a dinner will be given at Lange's Cafe, Paulina, followed by a meeting and drawing of braces. Dr. Philip Peterson, Paulina, Iowa, is Trial Secretary.

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STATISTICAL STUDIES OF DISTEMPER IN DOGS

By DOUGLAS S. ROBSON, Ph.D.
(Reprinted from GAINES DOG RESEARCH PROGRESS by courtesy Gaines Dog Research Center.)

Distemper is a virus disease for which antibodies are an index of immunity, and serological techniques for detecting the presence or absence of distemper antibody in serum have now been refined to produce a quantitative measure of the amount of antibody present.

Immunity characteristics rendered observable by these techniques include the amount and duration of maternal protection supplied to puppies in the form of transferred maternal antibodies, the rate of antibody development after vaccination or inoculation, the amount of antibody required for immunity, the success rate for vaccination against distemper in the field, the duration of immunity in vaccinated dogs, and the effects of revaccination.

Initially, this study was aimed at the cause of vaccination failures and the effect of annual revaccination; as the study progressed, however, information on these other characteristics of immunity came to light and, in particular, a nomograph was devised to predict the earliest age which permits the successful vaccination of puppies. The nomograph was put to use in the evaluation study and later to clinical use.

Dogs used for the study of maternal transfer of antibody and the rate of development of autogenous antibody came largely from a colony of purebred Beagles maintained by the Institute. Purebred dogs from private and commercially owned kennels were employed in the test of the nomograph and in studying the effect of revaccination. Until the nomograph was developed the dogs in these cooperating kennels were vaccinated at nine weeks with the modified live virus vaccine supplied by the Institute. Serum samples were taken from the dogs before and one month after vaccination, again at one year and annually thereafter. Half of the pups in each kennel were randomly selected to undergo annual revaccination and serum samples were collected from these dogs again one month after each vaccination. After 682 dogs had been vaccinated at nine weeks the nomograph was put into use and age at vaccination subsequently ranged from 2 to 14 weeks instead of the standard 9 weeks.

In the clinical application of the nomograph, serum samples were submitted by practicing veterinarians and the vaccines used were of commercial origin.

Experiments were conducted to determine the cause of vaccination failures which were occurring in the cooperating kennels of the distemper evaluation study. A number of puppies which were vaccinated at the standard age of nine weeks with vaccine supplied by the Institute developed distemper and died within a few months after vaccination. Since the effectiveness of the vaccine itself had been previously demonstrated, the conclusion was reached that other factors must be interfering with the development of active immunity. The maternal transfer of antibodies, already known to occur, was suspected as a major interference factor.

Adult dogs were seen to differ greatly in their antibody titers, ranging from no titer at all to titers of over 10,000, and since the amount and duration of maternal protection is directly proportional to the antibody level of the mother, there is likewise great variation between litters in the age at which puppies effectively lose maternal protection. Vaccination at some standard age such as nine weeks will be ineffective in cases where the mother has a high titer and will leave susceptible puppies unprotected for nine weeks in cases where the mother has no antibody titer herself. Clearly, the ideal time to vaccinate a litter is the earliest age at which all of them have lost their maternal protection, and from the previous findings this age is quite accurately predictable if the antibody titer of the mother is known.

The serological service offered by the Diagnostic Laboratory at Cornell, beginning a year ago, includes a serological test of the female before whelping to determine the nomographed age for puppy vaccination, a post-vaccination immunity check on two of the puppies from the litter, and a sample immunity check of miscellaneous dogs.

Post-vaccination immunity checks on the pups in these litters produced some startling results. During the first month of operation 10 litters were vaccinated according to the nomograph. During the second month serum was tested on two pups from each of these litters, revealing a vaccination success rate of 25 per cent. Sixteen of these twenty pups had post-vaccination titers below 100 in contrast to the Institute's results, which at that time were running between 92 and 95 per cent success. The laboratory assay techniques were the same and the nomograph was used in the same way. The major difference between the two studies was that in the one commercial vaccines were being used. This low success rate prompted an examination of the commercial vaccines and led to a substantial improvement in the product. In succeeding months the success rate for the diagnostic laboratory steadily increased as the improved products came into use, and today their success rate is approaching our own rate of 92 per cent.

DISTAFF SIDE

Thanks to Lois Pappas for permission to reprint her "tongue-in-cheek" contribution to the entertainment at the Santa Caligon's Christmas party. And to Kathryn Johnson for introducing THE VIZSLA NEWS to Mrs. Pappas. We invite more of Mrs. Pappas' wit for the enlightenment of our readers. —ED.

By LOIS PAPPAS

Now I'll be the first to admit that there are many people who know more about dogs and field trials than I, but I feel I must tell you about a very peculiar group of people I met last summer.

It all started when Nick — he's my husband — and Paddy — he's a red-haired, four-legged Irishman who allows us to live in his house — came dashing from a ramble in the fields one day and Nick began yelling, "He's ready!"

It was obvious he'd finally flipped, so, to humor him, I asked, "Ready for what?"

"The field trial, Stupid." (He has a lot of loving names like that for me.)

Well, I asked what a field trial was and he explained it was sort of like a treasure hunt only you had a dog to help you. Since I just love games I was all for it, but on the eve of the trial the Army fouled everything up and sent my husband on maneuvers. Before he left, he said I'd have to take Paddy. I protested (actually I raised hell) but he insisted and said to call Mrs. Johnson and she'd straighten everything out. She talked real sweet on the phone, so I asked her what I should wear and she said just dress for the occasion. Well, I'm telling you I sure did, but when I arrived at this Wild Life Area, I turned the car around and drove straight home and changed. I didn't want to embarrass all those poor women who were standing around in old boots and slacks with my new cocktail dress and best nylons and strapless high heels.

Paddy and I finally got back out there and this fellow walked over to the car and said his name was Joe Cruse and asked if I had registered yet. I explained that I hadn't because the election was still several months away and — just to make conversation — asked whether he was betting on Nixon or Kennedy for President.

Apparently he was a political sorehead because he gave me a dirty look and said I'd better go over and talk to Mrs. McBride, the secretary. I did and darned if she didn't start this business about registering too. Then I tried to explain to her real nice that I hadn't realized the Santa Caligon Irish Setter Club was a political group and maybe I had better not join.. She kind of gasped and said it was for Paddy. That was a new one on me. I'd heard there were some odd laws in Missouri, but I didn't know Mr. Truman had given the vote to dogs! Then she had the nerve to ask me the names of my sire and dam. I can tell you I'd never met such curious people. However, I told her the name of my Father and Mother and this Mrs. Lamb, who was standing there listening, had the nerve to say she had never heard of THAT line. There were a few things I was going to tell HER, but do you know what that Mrs. McBride said?

She said, "And by whom bred?"

Well that did it. "My morals are none of your business," I snapped.

Then this Mrs. Johnson, who had SEEMED so nice, stepped up and said, "Just put Dee's name there." Did you ever?

Mrs. McBride said Paddy was to run in a Derby and I told her he didn't even have a coat, let alone a hat.

They looked at each other kind of funny

and Mrs. Johnson said she'd introduce me to some of the people. First, she took me up to this man who had a real kindly face and said his name was Tom Likely and he was going to plant the birds today. I thought it was supposed to be a big yak, so to go along with the gag, I said, "That's a likely story. Where? Ha, Ha, Ha!"

"Over in that field," he said, gesturing nonchalantly.

I could tell he hadn't appreciated my little jest because he panned a straight face in my direction, so I asked what he used to put them to sleep.

"Oh, I just plant them live," he replied.

I sure told him what I thought of his cruelty, and it must have made him feel real ashamed because he turned sort of purple and left in a hurry.

Next she introduced me to Henry Taylor and said he was the president of the club. Mr. Taylor asked me if Paddy was broken and I assured him he hadn't made a puddle in the house for six months, but added that I couldn't see what difference it made as we were outside. He got sort of a sickly look on his face and left muttering something about seeing a dog about a man.

Then Mrs. Johnson pointed out a man whom she said was a field marshal. I told Mrs. Johnson he certainly didn't look much like a Field Marshal I had met during the war and anyway that one always pinched girls on the bottom if they turned their backs. She said she didn't think Steve was like that and not to worry.

About this time everybody started yelling that it was time for the game to start again and to get your braces ready. I tried to explain that I didn't need any braces because my pants wouldn't fall down, but Mrs. Johnson was acting as if she had a bad toothache and she kind of pushed Paddy and me out on the edge of this big field.

Finally Dee Johnson and Glenn Hemby rode up on horses and she said they were the judges. Then I heard her whisper to Dee to watch his blood pressure and he said there wasn't anything wrong with it and she said just wait, there will be. I can't imagine why she said that, though.

Then this big, pleasant-looking fellow walked up with a dog. He said his name was George Frank and he was running with me. Personally, I didn't think he was in any condition to be running foot races, but that was up to him.

We all just kind of stood there and then this Dee Johnson looked at me and said "Hi h'on!" I thought that was pretty fresh considering we'd just met, but I blushed and said "Hi, Hon!" right back at him. Mr. Frank muttered something about trying to influence the judges and they yelled "Let 'em go!"

The dogs had a lovely romp through the fields and I picked some real pretty flowers. Suddenly Mr. Frank got real excited and yelled, "Look at that little red son of a bitch go." I looked at him real icy and said, "I believe the expression is 'Tally Ho!' "

About that time his Dublin Lady Ran up and gave him a rabbit and he swore something fierce. I sure couldn't understand why because I felt real bad because Paddy hadn't caught one.

Paddy stopped running then and the judges yelled, "He's on point!" That may have been a very refined way of expressing it, but I thought it was pretty childish of three grown men to draw attention to a dog with his leg cocked up. Then they said, "Flush the bird." Now there was something they couldn't find

fault with because Nick had told me, before he left, to take a little gun with me. In a thrice I had whipped out my little boy's squirt gun and had given that bird a real good bath.

Inevitable, we wandered out into this field where those poor birds had been planted and Paddy was running around in such crazy circles, I was afraid he had a burr under his tail. I called to him and Mr. Frank said I should use hand signals. I asked him why, because there wasn't any traffic out there. He looked real offended and walked over to the other side of the field. Then Mr. Hemby said, "He's gotta find," which was all well and good, but I didn't even know what we were looking for. However, there was Paddy with his leg in the air again and I began to wonder if he had kidney trouble. I started over to see what was going on and this little Dublin Lady dashed up behind Paddy and started standing in the same way. You would have thought they were playing Statues or something. I guess Mr. Frank had forgotten he wasn't speaking to me because he called out, "Hold steady, Lady." (Apparently he didn't know my name.) I figured it must be part of the game, so I tried to stand real steady, but it wasn't real easy with all those martinis I'd drunk sloshing around inside me.

Dee Johnson kept telling me to kick out the bird and I told him I'd never kicked a bird in my life and certainly wasn't going to start now. He sort of sighed and Glenn Hemby shrugged and they said to use my squirt gun again then.

My goodness, you've never seen anything like it. A whole bunch of these darling little birds jumped up and started rushing around, so I figured this must be the treasure and started grabbing. Paddy wasn't helping though; he was just standing there with his head hanging down sort of tired-like. I caught two and gave Paddy one to hold and managed to snag another one. I was really rushing around, but Mr. Johnson said he guessed this brace might as well stop because he didn't think he could stand any more and as a matter of fact he did look sort of sickly; strangely enough they all did.

We walked over to where all these people were standing with their mouths open and I personally thought they were pretty poor sports because no one congratulated us.

The judges and field marshal started taking long swallows from a brown bottle and George Frank went up to them and said, "Boys, how could you do this to me? We've been friends for twenty years."

Gleen Hemby said, "We know, we know. I can't bear to see a grown man cry—have a drink."

Dee Johnson said, "At least we know the true meaning of the word 'trials' now. I haven't seen anything like it in thirty years."

I stepped up to them and said, "Gentlemen, if I have been able to show you something new this afternoon, I feel real pleased and proud."

They all turned sort of green and choked so I added, "You know, that Early Hangover you're drinking isn't very good for you. Personally, I always offer Merrie Dreams."

Obviously, it was just like my mother always told me; never criticize a man's choice of liquor or dogs because they all gave me a nasty look and walked away.

That evening when they were giving out those trophies and pretty ribbons, they handed me a special one that said "For Outstanding Ability To Give An Unusual Performance." Now wasn't that sweet? They also gave Paddy a sealed envelope for Nick and he never did tell me what it contained. However, he did say that the next time there was a field trial, I'd better entertain my bridge club. How about that?

This improvement in the effectiveness of commercial vaccines during the course of the last year also manifested itself in the results of the simple immunity checks made on miscellaneous dogs by the laboratory. Nov.-Mar.: 42 per cent immune. Apr.-Aug.: 67 per cent immune.

Summary

Puppies of immune mothers are provided temporary immunity to distemper through a colostral transfer of maternal antibodies during the first day after birth. A puppy cannot be actively immunized by vaccination until this maternal protection is lost, and the age at which this occurs depends upon the amount of antibody initially transferred to the puppy. The initial transfer amounts to 77 per cent of the mother's antibody titer as measured by the serum neutralization test, and this supply is lost at the almost constant rate of 44 per cent a week.

Immunity becomes uncertain only after the antibody titer drops below 100, and at a titer of 20 virtually all dogs are susceptible. The age at which all pups in a litter will reach the susceptible antibody level can be predicted with considerable accuracy if the antibody titer of the mother prior to whelping is known. This prediction formula has been plotted in the form of a nomograph for routine clinical use; its application not only increased the success rate but also provided earlier immunization to many puppies which would otherwise have remained susceptible until reaching the standard age for vaccination.

Active immunity, once acquired, is not a permanent attribute in dogs. In 129 dogs followed serologically to age one year, the 12-month antibody titer was, on the average, only one-third as high as the 4-month titer, and 33 per cent of the dogs had actually lost their immunity.

Revaccination at one year restored immunity to those dogs whose antibody titers had dropped to the sueceptible level, and had no significant effect on dogs which had titers greater than 100.

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HITS AND ERRORS

In the Teko award story, page one, THE VIZSLA NEWS, the award was $250.00—not $250,000.00. Charge that one to our linotype operator and the proof reader. On page 6, Memo To Non-Members: Other breed owners, kennels, clubs are paying $.10 (ten cents) per copy for Hip Dysplasia and Its Ramifications—not $1.06.

EXCHANGES

The Weimaraner Magazine, Vern Halmrast, Editor, October issue, carries a NEW standard for Weimaraners. One of the important revisions in the proposed Standard is size: "Dogs; 25" to 27"; Bitches, 23" to 25". One inch oversize is allowable but should be penalized. Dogs (measuring) less than 25" are to be considered a serious fault."

Apparently, the Weimaraner breeders-owners have joined the ranks of many other field dog fanciers who have come to realize that moderate height is desirous in field dogs: the Irish Setter, German Shorthaired Pointer, English Setter and Pointer people, to be specific. And that trend presents a study for Vizsla owners and breeders.

8th ANNUAL FIELD TRIAL

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At Clarion, Iowa

Mail entries to Mrs. Tom Pratt, Clarion, Iowa

Miss Mary Prescott, writing in the Spring, 1961, issue of the Bullmastiff Gazette, says, in part, "I think all will agree that the term "Puppy Mill" applies to those breeders (?) who give no thought to the selection of the dog and bitch to produce the litter; who make no study of accepted breeding principles, and make no effort to improve the breed—their purposes are solely selfish and mercenary. . ."

Our linotype operator asks when the next issue of THE VIZSLA NEWS will be ready —says it is interesting and that he enjoys reading it. A nice compliment.

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THE WOMAN'S PAGE

By JOAN HUNT

Field Trials supposedly are all-male—but this is becoming an obselete opinion as more and more women take an active part. If you are one of the wives previously left at home to mind the puppies—or the baby—see if you can't manage this year to join us at New Sharon: the Lloyds are lovely people and you will have a great time. If Grandma won't look after the baby, or the puppies, why, bring them along too.

For those of you who never have shared these weekend outings with your husband, a few suggestions: first, don't take Lois Pappas' article seriously! Second, whether spectator or participant, dress for comfort and not appearances. A November dawn in Iowa can be chilly and the wind blows cold over the rolling hills, so; go prepared for cold weather, for wet weather, and have a layer or two that you can lay aside should the day turn warm. Two pairs of socks are better than one; bird boots, rubber boots or stout oxfords are well worth the space they take. A raincoat or slicker is excellent against wind as well as rain; but do have at least two complete changes of clothes, and I do mean complete. Don't despise insulated or duofold underwear—it may not be glamorous but it is very comforting; anyway, no one can look glamorous when they are cold.

Dinner is a come-as-you-are affair,; quite literally; but, if you can find the time after feeding and exercising the dogs, and looking after your better half (?), to change to a skirt or warm dress and you will feel better. Don't dress up—you may be greeted with joy on your return by a possibly muddy dog.

Now; about this field trial business. I am sure that it has been you who has fed and watered and cleaned up behind those puppies for the past several months—possibly exercised them, too—and I'm betting that there is one particular puppy that you think a lot of (although he never seems to be at his best when your husband is around). Why don't you borrow $6.00 from the housekeeping money and enter the pup yourself? You have run the pups lots of times and that's all you have to do—start him off and let him run. You'll find that lots of people are ready to give you a hand. Four years ago I didn't know anything either so, let's show 'em! Be seeing you. . . . . .

The chuck wagon will be on hand both days so you don't have to bother with lunches and the Lloyds will have a field "powder room" arranged. A real holiday. . . only dogs and horses to feed.

HAVE YOU INVITED ANYONE TO JOIN THE CLUB?

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VIZSLA HOUSEMASTER?

By Aileen Stewart

The Thayer Raggios acquired a Vizsla two years ago and among the duties he has assumed in their home is seeing them safely in bed.

If Olive has retired to read or watch TV and Thayer is in another room reading or TVing, their Vizsla nudges and nibbles at Thayer or, as a last resort, leads him by the sleeve to the bedroom. Once Thayer is in bed, the canine housemaster heaves a long, loud sigh and then settles down to watch TV.

They ARE wonderful!

LONG HAIRED VIZSLAS?

Yes; in Europe. That story, with pictures, in a coming issue of THE VIZSLA NEWS.

Members who are in arrears two months will not receive THE VIZSLA NEWS until their dues are paid up. Make sure your dues are up to date so that you do not miss the interesting stories and articles planned for future issues.

DYSPLASIA BOOKLET IN SECOND PRINTING

Demand for the booklet "Hip Dysplasia And Its Ramifications," by Dr. I. S. Osborn, exceeded anticipations and a second printing had to be ordered. Almost half of this second issue has been distributed.

BRIEFS

Club President Dr. I. S. Osborn moose hunting Oct. 1 to 7th. Director Dr. H. S. Phillips approves changing Annual Meeting date from early spring to date of National Trials—more members present.

V-P J. W. Lansdowne has full schedule this year, flying from one area to another, but finds time to boost THE VIZSLA CLUB.

VIZSLA DECALS

Quotations and samples have been received from various suppliers; however, we have not found exactly what most members would accept and have written other sources. A three color, line drawing of a Vizsla head, 14" to 15" square, ordered in quantities of 100, will cost about 75 cents each.

We are willing to order 100 suitable decals providing we receive 75 or more firm orders from members.

VIZSLA PINS

These distinctive bronze pins may be obtained from past president R. W. Hawkinson, 3333 University Ave., S. E., Minneapolis, at cost—$2.50 post paid.