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STARTING YOUR VIZSLA PUPPY

By Joan Hunt

You have purchased your Vizsla puppy and now eagerly are awaiting his arrival by air freight or railway express. Meanwhile, there is much you can do to welcome and keep your newcomer happy and healthy.

Find an out-of-the-way corner that is warm, free from draughts and reasonably peaceful and there set up your puppy's bed. The bed may be a box or strong carton, raised off the floor a few inches to provide air space, well lined with newspaper on which old rags or an old rug is laid to give him warmth and comfort. Next, a feed pan and a water bowl with a broad base that will not tip, and then appoint one member of the family to keep the food pan clean and the water bowl replenished with clean water.

The breeder probably told you the brand of food he has been feeding: if possible, obtain some of this no matter what you may wish to feed later — the puppy will have enough to cope with in strange surroundings without the added burden of an upset stomach. And, when you choose a dog food, select one that is readily available and is prepared by a reputable manufacturer. Follow directions on the package as to mixing but feed your puppy all he will eat readily at one time and then remove the dish.

Regular feeding hours are important. Dogs "do better" when fed at regular hours and

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NOTES ON SPRING TRIAL

By M. D. (Bud) Graf

The snow is melting and there is the scent of spring in the air. . .

Dick Armstrong (Marshall) and J. W. Dewey (Judge) were out on the grounds with their dogs checking and timing potential courses and report that they are well pleased with cover, space and availability.

The 10 mile drive from Lincoln on North 14th Street is paved all the way and the two

Irish Setter Club Trial Grounds, Lincoln, Nebraska. Graf's "Honey Dew" on point and Maggie z Selle honoring.

miles west to the grounds is good gravel. There is a small grove of trees from which there is an excellent view of the courses and we hope to set up there.

Markers will indicate the turn off from the paved road so our out-of-state visitors should have no trouble finding the road to

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this helps to establish regular toilet habits.

Now let us digress for a moment and discuss puppy feeding in general. We will assume that your puppy is ten weeks old and has been on semi or solid foods for two weeks or so. First, he will have to be fed four times daily until about twelve weeks old and, while he will do well on a prepared food, most of us prefer to vary the youngsters daily diet with the foods that are good for him — not the foods that are good for humans. Cooked oatmeal with a bit of fresh milk added is a good breakfast three or four mornings in the week. The cooked YOLK of an egg may be added now and then — not the white. Cottage cheese is another good substitute for dog food and good for the pup. Straight cow's milk usually causes intestinal disorders so it is best to add milk, if any, in small amounts with other food. Slightly cooked ground beef and its gravy added to the prepared dog food once daily is an excellent additive and well-boned cooked fish once or twice a week is good for the pup — or dog. . . .jack mackerel is inexpensive and rich in oil and vitamins.

As the pup grows, table scraps can be added to the prepared dog food but never as a regular substitute for dog food. Prepared dog foods have all the known vitamins and minerals and other food elements necessary for a dog; consequently, additives are not necessary unless the pup is growing rapidly when a small amount of calcium added daily is sufficient if vitamins A and D are present to assist in the absorbtion of the calcium. A spoonful of fat may be added to the dog meal: pork fat, such as bacon drippings, is excellent if heated so its soaks into the meal. Active dogs need fat excepting in really hot weather when exercise is at low ebb.

Now the great day arrives! Your puppy is due at the airport or the depot. You have kept in touch with the carrier so you know the estimated arrival time and are on hand to pick up your puppy soon as possible. If circumstances permit, do not remove the puppy from his crate in strange surroundings; rather, put the crate in the wagon and drive home. If you have a pen or fenced yard, put the crate down there, open the door and, in a soothing friendly voice, talk your puppy into venturing out. Touch (rub) him gently, if you wish, but don't interfere with his desire to move about and relieve himself. While he is investigating, put down a pan of water and let him drink. If you don't have a pen or fenced yard, have the floor well covered with papers and let him out of his crate in that room. It is important that the person who lets him out of the crate, and gives him first attention, should be the one selected to have the responsibility of looking after him. Puppies quickly become attached to the person who "rescues" them from the crate and this is the first step in gaining confidence which is so important in starting off a puppy.

Permit your puppy to sniff about. Let him take his time for he is getting oriented and probably will come up to you sooner or later. Pet him, talk to him in a gentle voice, but let him make the overtures. When he indicates that he wants to "make up" it is time enough enough to pick him up and offer him some food.

If there are children in the family let them "look" but try to restrain them from picking up and fondling the puppy. Remember; he is new, strange, has just left his brothers and sisters and familiar surroundings, and has had a bewildering journey in a big box. Let him get acquainted with the family by degrees — one or two at a time. Also, give him two or three weeks to get settled in and used to the family before "showing off" to visitors not all of whom may be dog-wise. Unless he has had his distemper-hepatitis vaccine at least three weeks previously, try to keep him away from other dogs and people who have dogs. The breeder will be happy to give you a list of all "shots" your puppy has had: type, date, etc.

A few days after arrival and he has settled in, take him to your veterinary for a general check up: teeth, gums, worms, condition.

You may have a house broken puppy but, if you do not, don't despair: three or four days close attention and he will be well on his way to social grace. Remember that puppies are like babies: they need to go out quickly after each meal, after awakening from a nap, after a romp or any excitement. It is well worth the trouble to go out with your puppy and keep him out until you know that he has fulfilled his mission. Pat him, praise him, make a fuss over him when he completes

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the duty and bring him in the house.

Very few healthy pups will soil their beds at night so place him in a bed from which he cannot climb out. . . or take him to bed with you so that you are awakened when he gets restless during the night. This is the quickest way to win a puppy's confidence and loyalty. So you spoil him a bit! Well; you got him in the first place to enjoy, didn't you? Besides, he's such a little fellow, lonesome, strange: it'll be mighty comforting to have someone to snuggle up to. Don't worry; there are far more people than you can imagine who take their newly acquired puppy to bed with them for the first few nights at least.

From eight to 16 weeks of age is the important formative period of your puppy's mental development. Keep your puppy with you as much as possible during these vital weeks and start early in teaching him the fundamentals of social behavior with simple commands. What he learns, how he is treated, during this time will shape his entire life. What he becomes is your responsibility now — not his. He is eager to please you and it is your patience in teaching him that develops a confident, proud-to-own dog.

When he is about ten weeks of age it is time for you to start thinking about his training for the field and that will be our subject for the next article.

Gaines Dog Food, 275 Cliff Street, Battle Creek, Michigan, offer free a booklet "All About A Dog Show" and a booklet "Care of the Brood Bitch and Puppies," each produced by the Gaines Dog Research Center, New York City.

ANNUAL MEETING
And
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

8:30 P.M.

May 5, 1962

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HARRISBURG, K. C. SHOW RESULTS

By Margaret Meminger

There were 1369 entries at the Harrisburg (Pa.) Kennel Club Show March 17 eight of which were Vizslas judged by Mr. Robert Waters.

ILSE V HUNT owned by Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Meminger went Best of Breed and Dr. W. C. and Mrs. Meminger's ANDRE V HUNT Best Opposite Sex.

VIZSLAS

Novice Dogs

No. 8, John R. Krutulis Captain Selle SA 63344 2-17-58. Breeder Dr. I. S. Osborn. By Rex Selle-Iskra Kuris

Open Dogs

No. 6, Dr. W. C. and Mrs. Meminger. Andre V Hunt SA86720 8-19-60. Breeder Joan and Chas. Hunt. By Csillan v Hunt x Gellert Csintalan.

No. 7, Janice L. Kehler. Caesar V. Halalos Gyros SA73395. 4-15-60. Breeder R. A. Grom. By Calypso Chip x Grace V Dravavolgy

WINNERS, Dogs. First No. 6. Reserve No. 7. 2 points.

Open Bitches

No. 5. Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Meminger. Ilse V Hunt SA 86719. 8-19-60. Breeders, Joan and Chas. Hunt. By Csillan v Hunt X Gellert Csintalan.

WINNERS, BITCHES. First No. 5. Best of Winners No. 5. 2 points.

Best Vizsla No. 5 Best Opposite Sex No. 6

CHAMPIONS OF RECORD

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WARHORSE O'JOY owned and handled by Harvey Warholm

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COPPER TONY SA 63228

RUFUS V THERON SA 88479

TRACKING DOG

ELWAIN MINU SIRESHT SA 78325

Congratulations to one and all for these fine wins

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the grounds.

Trophies

The trophies are different from those used at most trials and reportedly are very nice. There will be first and second place trophies for all stakes and ribbons for first to fourth places.

Judges Dinner

The Judges Dinner will be held Saturday night immediately following the close of the first day's braces at the Izaak Walton League Building on North 48th Street. This building is about one mile north of Cornhusker Highway, on the way back from the trial grounds.

F T Chairman: "Bud" Graf 'testimonial to the good food promised for the dinner.'

A delicious, hot dinner is promised as this place is famous for good food.

The dinner will be strictly come-as-you-are since it will be served early to allow sufficient time for the Annual Meeting which follows the dinner.

Name Cards

Name cards will be provided each registrant as he signs up to stimulate good fellowship and eliminate formal introductions. Names will be in large, easy to read type.

Buffalo Motel Headquarters

Mr. Harry Gates, Manager, the Buffalo Motel, 347 N. 48 St., Lincoln ,is interested in our trial and is anxious to assist in any way he can. He is donating the use of a large meeting room directly under the lobby of the motel where we will welcome "field trials" as they check in at the motel and will announce places in stakes here Friday night.

The 33 unit motel, all ground floor, is set well back from the street and has a large lot in the rear and on the north side where it will be safe to run dogs. There is a coffee shop in connection with the motel and any number of eating places en route to the trial grounds.

The Committee urges all members to register well in advance as any overflow will have to be quartered several blocks away. Room rates are from $6.00 single and $8.00 double.

LETTERS

. . . . The oldest Puli breeder in Hungary in breeding experience, a lady, has emigrated to Canada with her dogs and will bring the trophies for the Hungarian Specialty Show July 14th, at Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Also, she will bring the traveling trophy for the Annual National Vizsla Field Trials.

Parazs made her championship (Canadian) in two consecutive shows, each two days long.

We had thirty degrees or more below zero for over three weeks; consequently, we could do no work in the field and the first field trial is March 24-25, run by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Alberta. The next trials are April 7-8 and 20-21-22, one of which I may have to judge, and I am to judge the Sporting Group at the Lethbridge Show.

Our field trial judging school was successful and there are three or four more field trial clubs being organized in Alberta.

Dr. A. Kemenes-Kettner
Calgary, Alberta

Please send me three more AKC application blanks. I surely enjoy the VIZSLA NEWS and am glad to see our dogs going places.

E. Hemboldt, Fenton, Mich.

Paul Sabo, on his recuperation trip to Florida following his serious fall from a horse, sends us a color card of the Tyron hounds, M F H and Whipper-ins — to make us wish, I guess. Also, a section from the Ashville Times: pictures and story about Tyron "noted for grapes, climate and hospitality."

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ANTELOPE AND ELK HUNTING

Part II

By Jack Patterson

We drove to Cody, Wyoming, where we met our outfitter for the elk hunt.

The following morning we assembled at the corral where we were assigned our mounts, and then the pack horses were loaded. We had forty horses going in and sixty coming out as the extra 20 had been used on prior hunts and had not been wrangled and brought out. This unusual number of horses was due to this being the last hunt and all camp gear had to be packed out, all of which was done by the guides.

The ground was covered with snow and, the higher we climbed the deeper it got. Our ride into the mountains and down into the Thorofare Valley was approximately 38 miles and it took ten hours with no stops. It was quite dark when we reached the camp and I assure you there were some awfully tired and sore "dudes" from Ohio who all were questioning their sanity after this long day. Is is best to dismount in front of one's tent: it saves crawling on hands and knees all the way from the corral. I'd venture to say that no matter how much a person rides this mountain riding is entirely different.

At the peak, one of our hunters asked a guide how high we were and he replied, "11,500 feet."

At this point the trail was completely snowed in and the trails, at their best, are only one or two feet wide and it is a sheer drop off the trail: at the pass where we waited, you could see the bottom of the canyon by looking straight down your leg. Eventually the cowboys located the trail by stamping around and we rode through the pass and down the other side of the mountain into the valley. I have never had an experience quite like this and, as I look back on it, it truly was wonderful. I look forward to returning.

We lived out of tents and rode into the mountains every day to glass the meadows for elk. We shot seven, which is over the limit, but the excess was for the guides who all had licenses and needed the meat for winter. Nothing exciting happened during the actual hunting.

This country is magnificent! You can see for miles when sitting atop a peak.

There was quite a lot of bear sign but none were shot. We learned that the rangers of Yellowstone are tranquilizing bears when they grow old and cranky and dumping them into the Thorofare so bear hunting should be very good.

On our way out we lost a pack horse. It was dark and all we were aware of was the sound of its slipping off the trail and plunging down. This produced some "Christians" if there remained any non-Christians after the ride in. It is amazing how the horses would follow a trail and their surefootedness is astonishing.

A hunter in another camp developed back trouble and a cowboy had to ride out and call for a helicopter and, after three attempts, the pilot made it. The altitude made it almost impossible for the craft to get enough lift.

A favorite story of the cowboys concerns one of their number who had to ride into town. As I mentioned, this is a ten-hour trip so a round trip requires two days. As he returned into this wild and beautiful country, where you can't expect to see another human for days, he brought a newspaper with him. He happened to meet a hunter from another camp and, after saying hello and passing the time of day, he asked if the hunter would like to buy a newspaper. The hunter mounted his horse in a hurry and rode rapidly away from the supposedly mad newspaper cowboy.

Trout fishing in the mountains is superb and many moose frequent the lakes. The permits for moose are subject to drawing whereas the elk permits are granted on a first come, first served basis. No one in our group had a moose permit although only two had applied.

This is stupendous country! It defies adequate description. Only can it be appreciated if one rides in and spends each day riding and climbing from one breath taking view to another.

We'll be happy to have any of our fellow Vizsla Club members ride in with us next fall.

(Jack Patterson, a partner in Sportsman's Travel Agency, Ashtabula, Ohio, promises another adventure story following their spring bear hunt in Ontario. Ed.)

THE WIRE-HAIRED VIZSLA

Reported by Count Albert St. Bornemissza

With Pictures by the Author

A few years ago, 1956, I received a letter from a friend about the wire haired Vizslas in Hungary and Czechoslovakia and asking if I wanted one. It was thus that I became interested in the U D V — wire-haired Hungarian Vizsla — and to receive the first dogs exported from behind the Iron Curtain.

Efforts as early as 1930 were made to develop a wire-haired variety of the Vizsla which would withstand the extremely cold weather; however, many experiments failed and it was by chance that the variety was started. The original breeders are considered to be Ladislaus Gresnarik in Czechoslovakia

WIRE-HAIRED VIZSLA — Note rough, course guard hairs, silky ears.

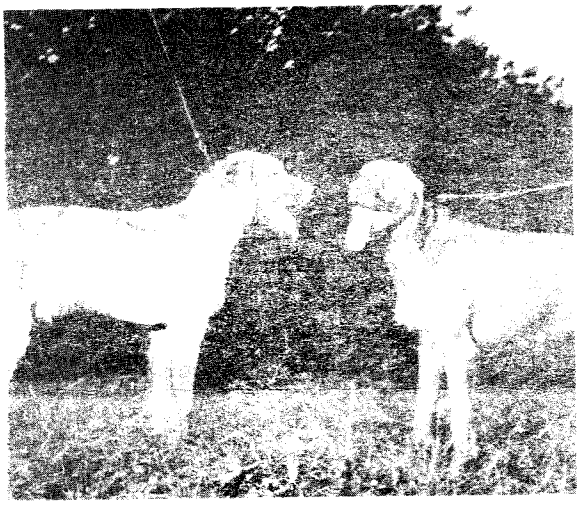
and Joseph Wasarsch in Hungary who, though in different countries, made the early experiments.

It has been claimed that the U D V is a mutation and that a wire-haired Vizsla has been observed now and then like the long haired Weimaraners; however, it has not been proved as a fact or if such sports were used for breeding.

Joseph Wasarsch showed two wire haired puppies at the International Show, Budapest, in 1940 that created a sensation. They were alleged to have resulted from an accidental mating of a Vizsla bitch and a German Wire-haired Pointer (Drathaar) stud. The pups were all yellow-colored (note: old usage for red-gold), wire haired, and these two characteristics proved dominant.

Ladislaus Gresnarik bought the two puppies, using them for the foundation breeding stock in Czechoslovakia. Short haired Vizslas were used for extending the breeding base in the same manner as short haired Weimaraners were used to develop the long haired Deimaraner, which is permissable. All short haired puppies that appeared in the resulting litters were eliminated and the breeding continued with the wire haired.

U D V's — the wire haired Vizslas — were exhibited in 1942 by the Selle Kennels at the International Show in Budapest and, in



Brace of Wire-Haired Vizslas

1943, were shown for the first time at field trials which raised a lively controversy among Slovakian and Hungarian breeders.

The Hungarian Association for Canine Affairs (Stud Book) provisionally accepted the new variety as U D V and Mr. Ladislaus Gresnarik was given charge of the stud book in which 20 U D V's originally were registered. The Association admitted the new variety in 1950 as U D V's — wire haired Vizslas.

The Standard for the U D V is exactly the same as for the standard variety excepting for the coat, which is much the same texture as the German breed, excepting in color.

Standard or short haired Vizslas continued being used to broaden the breeding stock base, which was permitted by the Association to avoid in-breeding. By 1959 there were about 60 V D M's in Hungary, about 60 in Czechoslovakia while in Austria there were

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not more than 20.

By selective breeding, all theadmirable characteristics of the Vizsla were retained: excellent nose, speed, pointing, retrieving, tracking abilities and the great willingness to work — plus a greater resistance to severe cold and illness and, therefore, better for water work.

The V D M's are especially good in water and rough cover no matter how dense. Their pointing is excellent and field work most admirable; also, they are sharp (attack) with vermin. They have a pleasant disposition with boldness and courage and are easy to train. They look like "red devils" and are named that. Such is their attractiveness that they eventually will become popular all around the world.

(Count Albert St. Bornemissza has been breeding and dealing in this variety since 1956. His opinions and descriptions are his own and not necessarily reflections of the editor or the Vizsla Club of America members. The article and pictures are published as part of our informative service to readers.)

With all the activity in forming new Regional Clubs, we might have a Foreign Service Division. Frances Blakemore (Mrs. Thos.), formerly information Officer, US Embassy, Tokyo; Miss Irene McElwain, formerly with our Foreign Service, duty at Belgrade, Yugoslavia; Gaza Katona, US State Dept., now on duty in D.C.; Joan Hunt (Mrs. Chas.), formerly with British Foreign Service as Commercial Officer. Admiral Wm. J. Marshall, USN, retired, could qualify having had a duty tour with our Embassy, Rome, Italy.

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Tyron is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Michael, long time Vizsla Club members.

Captain Henry and Sally Bernstein preparing to move to Santa Monica, California. Sally rushed and distracted trying to sell their home in Arlington, discharge and resign from club duties.

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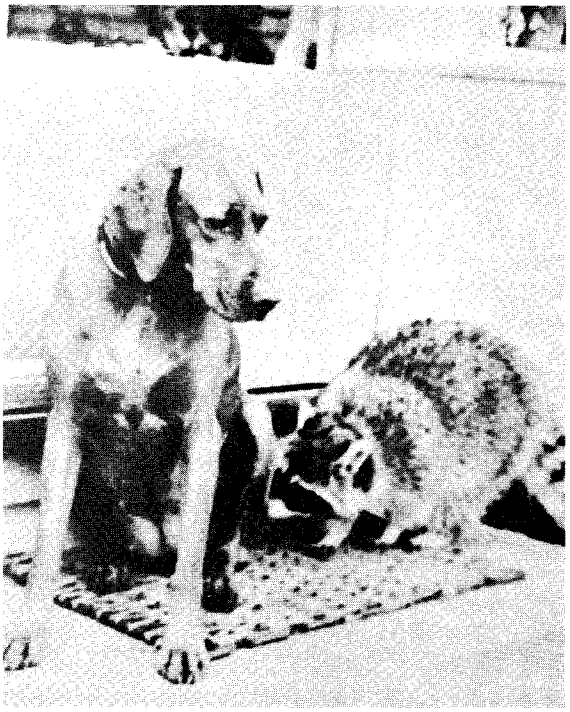

Stephen Szepe's Tinka Bakony Berc and inquisitive friend.

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