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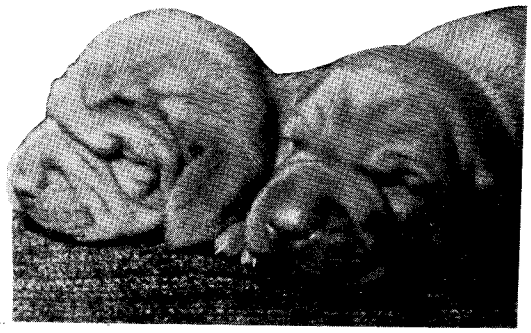

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A HUNDRED MILLION MIRACLES are happening every day ... it's true, you know! The song that floats on the breeze from Flower Drum Song.. the favorate of my son, Tom, makes pleasant the task of hoeing a hundred million weeds, mowing the hundred million blades of grass, picking the hundred million beans... and enjoying every one of a hundred million moments of busy country life in these United States.

Sit down and take a breather... here comes a hundred million words!!

There is a new roof over the office of your Vizsla Club of America... not a different house.. just a new roof over the firm strong walls that will be the bounds of your editor until final copy is at the printers.

The last of the green beans are sizzling in the canner and neat rows of those already done stand like marching cadets on the counter; the correspondence is caught up to date, and there is a green apple pie in the oven for supper, so can settle back and have a go at this "Summertime" issue of your NEWS with somewhat of a clear conscience.

By the time you get this, your new officers will be hard at work on behalf of the VC of A... it's future direction and major steps to be taken in this coming year. The last week-end in July has been circled on the calendar for an Executive Board Meeting -- a work session to prepare the business to be taken up at the next meeting. I am checking things off the list of things to be done before then. (#1. Get the V News out!) All other things, if any, will come after that and the days are melting... literally melting away! I can only hope to get the "womanly" things done to my home before the VIP's arrive, like painting and fancy cooking.

You will be pleased, I am sure, with the wonderful lot of reading in your July-August Vizsla News... the by-lines speak for themselves, as much of the work for this Vizsla News was accepted by you, and turned in to your editor, ready for copy. This is the life-line of the Vizsla breed! The ideas of many people boldly written and freely given for your consideration and comments. This is what I dreamed the Vizsla News would become when I took the bit-in-mouth and started the task of piecing together a marvelously illustrious past with the challenging and exciting future of the Magyar Vizsla in America.

THE 4TH OF JULY Don't know what you did with your Vizsla to celebrate Independence Day... but you should have given him (or her) an extra pat on the head for it is not by shear chance that these rust-gold friends are enjoying such a glorious life here in the land of the free!

Here, the day was commemorated by a big parade: The High School Band, bicycles all decorated, antique cars and floats with children dressed in red, white and blue ringing a big liberty bell. One of the local matrons dressed like Betsy Ross was sewing on a flag, there were ponies, and flags for all. When the speeches were over, we returned to the immediate business of shingling one roof (the original do-it-yourself-kids couldn't see parting with all that capital, so your editor became helper to A-1 roofer, B. Graff). As I sat on the top of the ladder looking out over the little spot of land along Weedy Creek, thinking how it had developed in the five years since we moved here, and knowing that we are free to plan for the future and proceed just as fast as ingenuity and capital allow, I got all misty eyed. The sun got too hot by mid-afternoon so had to stop and wait till it cooled.

At this point, I found time to work on the files of the VC of A, and got into some of the early correspondence of members, the work on tracing pedigrees, Elizabeth Mihalyi's accounting of her flight from Hungary, Col. Dus' article about Kati in one of the early Vizsla News all left me with a most unusual feeling. Naive child that I am... I know, of course, that all this world is not free to do as they choose... but that it should affect even the dogs in the homes of people. The peril, flustrations and loss of these peoples, who had for centuries been the sole home of the mysterious hunting-companion dogs known as the Magyar Vizsla, when they left all behind them and would flee with their dogs to freedom in the world beyond.

By late afternoon we resumed the task of closing the top of our house to protect us from the elements and I looked down again onto the yard and gardens below... they seemed to be all red-white and blue, just for this day, the birth date of freedom in this land. The blue was some hardy larkspur; the white, great clumps of flocks; and the red, it was really more of a rust-gold, as the pups played with my children, romping, free and happily among the blossoms.

The Vizsla Club of America's Match Show.

... by J. Cunningham

A cloudless, bright sunshinny day was July 16, 1963 the day for the first Match Show for only Vizslas held at Glen Cottage Kennels at Middletown, New York. Miss Marjorie Siebern of Gardiner, N. Y. did a selective and womanlike job of picking her winners from the entry of twenty seven Vizslas.

It was quite an experience for everyone present to see so many of our breed present in one place which formed the basis of endless comment on color, size and structure.

Many of the exhibitors and guests had travelled far to make this an important event for Vizslas and the Vizsla Club of America. Bela Hadik, our new Vice-President, arrived from New Hampshire with many of his dogs and quite a few guests. Mr. Hannibal De Schmertzing of Virginia arrived with a large entry.

A breakdown of the judging is as follows:

PUPPIES - 3 to 6 months of age
1. Tana Rakk Olca, Mr. M. Rutenberg, Brooklyn
2. Glen Cottage Grunska, Glen Cottage Kennels
3. Marianska, Marshall Fink, New York City

PUPPIES - 6 to 9 months
1. Diane, Dr. B. E. McGivern, Jackson Hts, N. Y.
2. Tawn, Hannibal de Schmertzing, Virginia
3. Buster, M. Somerstein, Middletown, N. Y.
4. Unoka, H. DeSchmertzing, Virginia

PUPPIES 9 - 12 months
1. Roz, Mr. Koreh, (sorry, address unknown)
2. Rex, Robert Anderson, Lebannon, N. J.
3. Kandi, Virginia Tinnesz, Lebannon, N. J.

NOVICE
1. Retes v. Hunt, Marshall Fink, New York City
2. Rok, Robert Anderson, Lebannon, N. J.
3. Csitri, H. De Schmertzing, Virginia
4. F. Lonka, Bela Hadik, Chester, N. H.

OPEN (Adults)
1. Danny, Edw. Bennett, Oxford, N. Y.
2. Hussar, George Yovan, Jr. Fairfield, Conn.
3. Csinos, H. de Schmertzing, Virginia
4. Tuitti, Glen Cottage Kennels

SPECIALS
Glen Cottage Max Selle, Glen Cottage Kennels

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS (No placements)
Champion Hunor, Bela Hadik, Chester, N. H.
Champion Ripp, George Yovan, Fairfield, Conn.

BEST PUPPY IN MATCH
Diane, Dr. B. E. McGivern, Jackson Heights, N. Y.

BEST ADULT IN MATCH
Danny, Mr. Edw. Bennett, Oxford, N. Y.

After the exciting judging was over everyone moved to the cool shade of the pool garden where a buffet was set up under a large apple tree. Drinks were served and everyone just talked over the show and their dogs. A remarkable exhibition of water retreiving was put on by Ch. Ripp and his son, Hussar. After that, live pheasants were set out under some LOW fir trees, each dog was given a chance to prove itself and many of the young pups were really clowns.

A word of thanks should be given to some of the lovely ladies of Middletown who assisted on the food together with their husbands serving drinks. Judy Doty (poodles & pekes) Sue Burke (Australian Terriers) and Margaret Cunningham (Vizslas) set out a feast to knock your eyes out. One dish was a large sterling silver platter (20 pounds) of potato salad and written across it in pimento strips was the word "Vizsla". John Burke and Wallace Doty acted as bar tenders.

At about five p. m. everyone, happy and tired put a close to a lovely day -- many had still hours of driving ahead but seemed unconcerned. A great day for our Golden-brown pointing friends!

In the writers opinion two dark horses never before shown bear watching in the future... Bela Hadik's Jug of Bristol and George Yovan's Hussar. They both have it.. in bone, color, build and style.

Be seeing you all on the summer circuit.

ONE PICTURE WORTH 1000 WORDS ----

Vizsla, Hunter, companion, friend of little children.

"I was doing some sewing long past the time for my son Tom to be put down for his nap.." says Marg Walsh, Lincoln, Nebraska. "When things got quiet, I looked below to find that the nap had already commenced... and "Mig" was on guard! "

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!

Earl F. Dreamer, Elmwood, Nebraska
Carl Badberg, Talmadge, Nebraska
John A . and Priscella Carter, 116 Hazelton Ave., Manchester, New Hampshire
Richard L. Daye, 2531 Washington, Bellevue, Nebraska
Gertrude Nestler, 635 N. Broadway, Amityville, New York
Michael Rutenberg, 120 Sherman Ave., New Haven, Conn.
Mrs. Olga Rupcsik, 279 Old York Road, Somerville, New Jersey
A. R. Hintz, 226 N. Concord Ave. Watertown, Wisc.
Fred Schultz, Route 2, Rosemont, Minn.
Lt. Col. Robert A Carter, 2106 Wynkoop Dr. Colo. Springs Colo.
Mrs. Howard S. Levy, 1225 Stump Rd., Threebrooks, Feasterville, Pa.,
Edward L. Bennett, R #3, Oxford, New York
Charles W. Bauer, Jr. 3125 Woodland Rd, Willow Grove 9, Pa.

Happy Summertime —

Here in the middle of America, summertime is much the same as where you are... too hot and humid to do much real hard work with the dogs... wonder, sometimes, if we will ever get them off the sofa in time to do anything at the fall trials... but as the sun spends less and less time on this side of the world, and the days begin to cool down, there will be a renewing of both man and beast. Before the ducks head south, you and your "friend" will be another season wiser, and ready for the birds.

For most people, summer is the time for vacations. Not so for a construction man and his family... but we are not without moments of tranquillity right here in our small town.

We hurry with supper and leave the dishes in the sink ... the dogs get a lick and a promise, for tomorrow is Saturday, and there will be time for extra loving; they understand. Then, clean T shirts for the boys, and "squeak" the wash cloth in the ears... and we are off! There is something very special tonight.

There are tables set up in the church yard, 'neath strings of colored lights, and a small bouquet of petunias on each. A long table with homemade pies and cakes and boys dipping from the freezers of hand cranked ice cream all point to a real old-fashioned church social... just as good as when I was a little girl, and I am sure as thrilling for my children!

Then we walk over to the band shell ... the stands are up, and the members of the city band are assembling. The seats out front fill rapidly.

Mayor Dowding still plays his piccolo, and there is Uncle Clyde and his trumpet, Bob on the base drum, and my Dad and his slide trombone. There are new faces, too, an executive of the factory plays first clarinet, the bank teller plays the baritone, and superintendent of schools (who was band director when I was in school) is now the director. A few senior members from the High School, filling in for vacationing members, look freightfully young.

Then the familiar voice of Mr. D. announces the first number, and soft evening breezes carry with it the rhythm of rousing marches, and lovely melodies. Peter crawls up on his daddy's lap and drops off to sleep, but my toes mark time with every number.

A 50 starred flag atop the band-shell furles in the spotlight and gives one a feeling of complete tranquillity... a tower silhouelled against the evening sky brings one firmly back to earth, as I realize that it holds a complete circle of Civil Defence sirens (May they blow only to announce mid-day.)

As the strains of the Star Spangled Banner fade into the night, we visit with friends and walk back to the car across the lawn heavy with dew. I wonder where my old Frenchhorn is?

Perhaps you need two weeks in the Rockies or a trip to the sea shore to feel rested... but I am sure, as I tuck sleepy children into their beds and sit a while visiting with my favorate husband on a squeaky front porch swing, that this is happiness.

-- ejg

HARBOR CITIES KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW
California..... ..by D. Summers

ZsaZsa Gabor's Vizsla, "Ch. Warhorse O-Jay", walked off with a most coveted win, Best of Breed over 22 other Vizslas at the Harbor Cities Kennel Club Dog Show, Sunday, June 23rd.

This was the largest dog show in the history of the American Kennel Club with over 3,300 dogs entered, as well as the largest Vizsla entery in a licensed show in America.

Miss Gabor got her Vizsla last month, since then, "Franz Joseph" as she calls him, has appeared on National Television, and has been pictured in newspapers through out the country.

Another of Mr. Warholm's vizslas went Best of Breed Opposit Sex, "Ch. Warhorse Cindy Bea". Dr. Walter Campbell was the breeder of the two winning dogs.

It was a five point major for both dogs and bitches. Best of Winner's "Warhouse Sammy", and going Winner's bitch was "Fruska Kisfaludi".

Entries:

PUPPIES, Dog (6-9 months)
Rip, A. J. Pennington

NOVICE, Dog
Redfield's Duke of Brock, Leslie H. Keel

AMERICAN BRED DOGS
Warhouse Casey Summers, Wm. E. Summers
Warhouse Cyclone, G. Harvey Warholm
Warhouse Sammy, Robert & Christine Kelsey

OPEN DOGS
Rufus Von Schonweide, Diane E. Sharpe
Luke of Shirbob, John A. Fife
Blitzen K. Karpat, William S. Keeler

PUPPY, Bitches (6-9 months)
Cestra O Schonweide, Aubrey O & Rosa Fry
Barbann of Cartwright, William P. Brown

AMERICAN BRED, Bitch
Warhorse Bella, G. Harvey Warholm

OPEN BITCHES
Woodlyn's Tanya of Alreen, Al & Irene Harris and Ed. Woods
Fruska Kisfaludi, Alex & Marion deLipthay
Warhouse Sheila, G. Harvey Warholm
Liz V Schloss Loosdorf, R. O. Simmons

SPECIALS
Ch. Campbell's Brass Button C. D. David Summers
Ch. Campbell's Lady Winfield, L. M. Kissick
Ch. Campbell's Copper Penny, W. R. Campbell
Ch. Campbell's Lord Clem, C. P. Cascio
Ch. Warhouse O-Jay, Zsa Zsa Gabor (B)
Ch. Warhorse Cindy Bea, G. Harvey Warholm (O)
Ch. Duchess of Shirbob, C. D., Walter & Marie Campbell
(all six of the above champions are out of one litter of this bitch, "Duchess of Shirbob")

St. Paul, Minnesota: (this letter came to me, but is meant for all of you. ejg)

I was most surprised and pleased to find a note on my recent marriage in the May Vizsla News. Thank Mrs. Chatfield and all of you for your congratulations ---it's most heartwarming to be remembered at this time by those whom I so well remember --- the members of that hard-working group whose dedication to the advancement of the Magyar Vizsla in America laid the foundation for the Vizsla Club we know today.

Though the last several years have found me inactive in the Club, my interest and pleasure in its success and growth have never waned. Thus it is my turn now to congratulate you, the members of the Vizsla Club of America, for your wonderful work with your Vizslas, both in the field and in the show rings, and for your ever-improving publication, The Vizsla News, which keeps me and all fans of the breed so well informed on happenings in the Vizsla world.

If I could make one wish for the continued success of the breed, it would be this; That Vizsla owners everywhere will put their field champions on the bench circuit, and that our "show dogs" will show their stuff in the field as well, I should hate to see Vizslas fall into that dangerous "either/or trap" (ie: either the dog can hunt, or he has lovely conformation) which is all too familiar with so many of the sporting breeds. I'm looking forward to finding that, in the Vizsla, these two "separate" standards will remain combined.

With sincere best wishes for continued success,

Sharon Lee Atkinson Skildum

Mrs. John Dennis Skildum

(Ed. note: I will only add an "Amen" to that!)

BREEDERS FUTURITIES ... What they are, and why we should have them... by J. Hunt

Several Vizsla owners have asked me in the past year to explain a little about a futurity, what it is and why I want the Club to start both a bench and field futurity in 1964.

A futurity may be either for conformation or for field performance, but the principle is the same... it is a limited stake, where breeders can nominate their best litters and have a chance to run them against other breeders' best. It is a sweepstake where all the money peid in, is paid out to the breeders and owners of the winning dogs, less about ten percent for expenses. (unless the club financially able to foot the bill for expenses from the general fund.)

Bitches are nominated for either kind of futurity within 30 days of being bred, and again within 30 days of the birth of their litter. There is normally a provision that enables a breeder to substitute another bitch if this original nomination fails to produce a live puppy.

When the litter is nominated the breeder receives a certificate that the litter is enrolled in the futurity and has a form which he gives to the purchaser of each puppy. Rules on individual forfeits vary. Usually there is a small fee to be paid for the nomination of the individual puppy at a fairly early age, together with another and larger one shortly before the Futurity.

Bench futurities are usually divided into three classes, 6-9 months, 9-12 months and 12-15 months. Sometimes the older pups have to pay three forfeits, but their purse is correspondingly larger.

For field futurities, there is usually no further fee, after the puppy has been individually nominated, usually at about 6 months, until it is time to pay the starting fee. Field futurities are usually for Derby dogs.

Financially they work as follows:

Fee for nomination of bitch; for one futurity, say, $2, for both $3.

Fee for nomination of litter; for one, $5, both $8.

Fee for nomination of individual puppy, say, $3.

Starting fee, say, $10.

All these fees go into a total purse that is split up between the owners and breeders. There are usually 4 to 6 placements.

Now, for "Why" should we have a futurity. It is essentially the breeders' stake, a prestige stake. It gives a breeder an opportunity to plan the best mating that he knows, and to nominate the resulting litter in the Futurity, where he hopes that the products of his thought, labor and love will show to advantage. It is, or can be, an added sales point, and the breeder will naturally make every endeavour to place as many pups as possible in the hands of people who will bring them to the Futurity, if they fulfill their promise. Many good dogs are accidents, mere flashes in the pan, a futurity gives the planned and level litter a chance to show their quality.

For instance: had the Ripp Barat - Sissy Selle litter of 1962 been nominated for a field futurity, the Kenly's would have found themselves considerably better off, especially since she both owned and bred some of the top dogs. Remember, however, that only one other puppy ran against this litter in the Fall of 1962.

It gives the hardworking breeder a chance to recoup some of his or her expenses, and also to gain publicity through merit. It gives the purchaser of a puppy a goal or goals to work towards, and can lead to new people coming into closer contact with the Club and other vizsla owners.

Try and get someone to enter a puppy in a field trial, and you have a hard task. Often however, if it is partially entered, as in a Futurity, and some of the fee paid, you have a better chance.

Last year the Weimaraner Club had twelve starters in their field Futurity, but the total purse was about $1,000. It means a good deal of work for someone... some book and record keeping, but I do think it might be a means of drawing new people into active field trialing and showing, and the Breed and Club need them.

Editor's note: The name PAUL SABO rings a bell with Vizsla owners who have been following the field trial accounts at all... his record speaks for itself, yet, many people have misunderstood statements he has made at these gatherings in an effort to jog Vizsla owners off the pink clouds and warn of obvious pit falls ahead.

You will never get to know this man if you meet him only at "work", for a field trial is the final exam for the pups that he has worked with all year, and tensions are apt to be running high.

I had the good fortune to first meet Paul a couple of days before a Fun Trial over here. We visited most the day, exercised dogs along the creek, then talked far into the night. This man has much to give to those who would heed his words... though his words might seem sharp to those who would be blind to their dog's shortcomings.

Paul says of himself, "I'm the biggest 'sucker' for a pair of soft brown eyes and a cold nose pressed into my palms... but after 60-some years of working with dogs, I have tempered my heart, some, with my head.

Here, right from his typewriter, is some deep thinking for all of us.

"Vizsla Potpourri"

The summer Vizsla doldrums have set in accompanied by lethargy and inertia in the Champaign Vizslas as well as in Champaign Sabo. An occassional cat strolling thru the back yard past the kennel, brings to life five vociferous (and I mean vociferous as only Vizslas can be) dogs and one vociferous Sabo shouting, "Quiet", the police will be here in five minutes. I live in town with neighbors all about.

In the meantime am counting the days till July 5th., for that anticipated summer training effortin Saskatchewan, Canada. The annual trek to Canada (this one will be the 19th. succesive) is always looked to with mingled emotions. (Mingled Emotions; "Watching ones mother-in-law driving your new Caddilac over the cliff) Will the season be dry? wet? cold?hot?, will there be an early or late hatch?, will our dogs develop as expected or will we have our share of dolts? Will the trip with its hazards and expenses be worth while or should one have "Stood in bed" and stayed home.

Currently plan on staying till late September or early October. With the hope of shooting a few birds for all my charges must always wait till the season is set for opening the hunting which is published late in the summer.

The May issue of your V-News came in yesterday and read it all with avid interest. Jane, your literary style is excellent and I wish to commend you. The Jane Graff I know shows thru the printed words. That is as it should be.

Reading the Loy Coutts article, I concur with his suggestions and hope our Vizsla beginners heed his words, especially that part about "Keeping him moving" "Discourage pottering on scent" etc.

Last November at New Sharon, Bela Hedek, with whom I spent several hours exchanging Vizsla lore, told me that the word "Vizsla" in the Hungarian vernacular meant "Alert", "Quick" "Responsive" etc.
Not all Vizslas are alert, quick or responsive, however that is what we are looking for in the breed so lets breed for those characteristics by selecting sires and dams with a history of these traits.

Range in a pointing shooting dog is a controversial subject among shooting dog owners. Like beauty, it is that which is in the beholders eye, therefore there will never be complete unanimity in what range is or should be. The milieu, the game hunted, plus other considerations always has its determination on how to judge range in a pointing dog.

However there are some standards generally accepted by bird hunters using <u>POINTING</u> dogs as well as Field Trialers at Field Trials.

Speaking strictly of a pointing shooting dog afield with his gunner, hunting, or a Field Trial handler with a pointing shooting dog in a shooting dog stake, there is no seperation into two classifications, such as, one is a hunting dog and the other is a Field Trial dog etc. It is one and the same dog and his deportment at the field trial is merely and extension or duplication of what he does normally hunting to the gun.

A person owning a good,(what the shooting fraternity calls)"Country Broke or Green Broke" dog which is not too steady or positive on game, calls range, that distance in which he can "scratch down" a wild flushed bird which his

dog "accidently" put to flight, or within range of his shotgun. This same person condones his dog breaking shot and wing for the retrieve for he may not be too steady himself nor has the skill or art to make a clean kill regularily. The breaking dog bolsters his ego at the end of the hunt by the quantity in the game bag which it retrieved without finesse. Since no one saw the performance afield it does not make much difference how one embelishes the account of the hunt at the end of the day.

Range as generally accepted by the pointing dog fraternity is that distance from the handler that the dog must go to an objective where game is likely to be found, wasting no time on bare ground or staying with his handler to take him to a more suitable area together. He should show complete independance from his handler or bracemate, yet be tractable at all times and if out of sight or voice range can reasonably be expected to be hunting out a scent or on point till found. Occasionally his quarry will elude or take flight unexpectedly for which he is not to be condemned if he remains to flush or stops to an unexpected flush by being down wind from his quarry. Never should he continually hunt at shotgun range, this is a POINTING dog and by his very breeding was bred to seek quarry where ever it may be,using native intelligence and experience. He should never "Quarter" his hunting area as does a Springer or Field Spaniel.

In recent months I've attended several pointing dog shooting trials, some limited to European breeds, others open to all pointing breeds. I am known to many of these people attending these affairs. These trials encompassed several states from the deep south up to Canada. I am asked about the Vizsla or drawn into conversation about the breed. The comment or topic of conversation which is almost universal is;"You Vizsla people are getting better Vizslas I note and the one you are running is a pretty sweet dog, one of the best of those kind I've seen so far, but the breed generally wont get out and run like the GSHairs do" etc. I've heard the above generalized statement too often and in too many places to ignore it or take issue with it, for I believe it myself from working with the breed.

However to me it also means that we have the dog, but need to stretch him out in his hunting range before we can successfully compete on even terms with the contemporary shooting dogs in shooting dog trials or in the dog or puppy market to prospective buyers of shooting dogs or pups.

I also take note of the fact that at these trials one sees only an occassional Weimaraner, though the "Weimar" has had a long period naturalization in the U.S. as a shooting dog and in shooting dog trials. He was quite popular for some ten years after WW2.
The consensus of opinion for the dearth of Weimar entries today in shooting dog stakes is that he just cannot compete with the GSHairs and other shooting dogs for his lack of range and hunting desire. Yes there are plenty of all Weimaraner Trials in which only the breed competes against its own kind. The opinion is that insofar as the breed goes it is "DEAD" as a seriously recognized pointing bird dog by the average bird dog buyer. This is no fault of the breed in my opinion, rather it is a betrayal of the breed by those who once enthusiastically called him the "Wonder Dog", the "Gray Ghost" etcetera.

The Vizsla is today still too few in numbers to even make a dent in the shooting dog world, and with no more than an occasional trial sponsored by the breed enthusiasts we are treading a steep hill to recognition. However of late people are begininig to talk about us and our dogs and we are making slow progress toward recognition. We can make of him what we will, so lets concentrate on developing him into the equal of his American contemporaries namely the equal of the GSHair as recognized in the U.S. What he was in the old country I am not not concerned with, he is here and it is here where he will be accepted or rejected except by those who are blindly in love with the breed. This means simply getting more range and independance bred into his hunting desire. This can be done by selective breeding for this one characteristic. Insofar as his ability to accept developing into a 100% steady dog on game, to me that is a forgone conclusion, generally speaking, the Vizsla is not too difficult a dog to finish on game, he learns quite easily if once you have his confidence. Its getting him out from under ones feet and and going about the business of hunting independantly is where I have problems with all the familys within the Vizsla breed and I'll let you name the ancestors on their pedigrees, I think I've had them all.

The Vizsla has only been around some ten years at best. If we want him to be on a par with the contemporary European breeds, namely the GSHair, the next ten years can bring this about by facing facts. Again I am speaking in general terms, for I know there are individuals of both breeds good and indifferent percentage wise. We must select our best and breed them to each other to be able to find a few among these offsprings to further selectively breed for better Vizslas.

"DEAR EDITOR..."

The file of new correspondence is bulging with letters from you... and not one complaining about the tiny print in the June News... but I am shortening my lines, hoping the adjustment is about right! (I thought it was too small.)

This portion of your NEWS seems the most widely acclaimed... so will continue to share as much of many letters as I can with all of you.

MRS. ROBERT EARL JACKSON, Texas, says that the Vizsla is virtually unknown in that area... would like some brochures. Will send what is now available, perhaps some of you can add your material. Note: There is soon to be out a history, standard, etc, available to all of you and suitable for giving to prospective or new Vizsla owners.

ROY GEIL, Washington, wrote to get some addresses and added this correction to a statement in the May Issue. "A Vizsla bitch, "SOUVENIR SCABE LISI' (name of owner not given) took First Place in the Sporting Group on two occations, May 13 and May 14, 1962 at Nanimo, British Columbia." (ejg: It appears, then, that your dog would be the second to place first in a Sporting Group in Canada, Bill, which is still very good!)

BETTY SOLBERG, Illinois, writes a lovely letter. They are planning a meeting of Vizsla people in that area about the middle of July... to be held in their rumpus room. "George has 2 more years before retirement, after which we will be able to attend all Club Field Trials..." They plan to be there this fall.

MRS. HOMER GRIFFIN, California, "We are Vizsla owners and have belonged to the Club since 1959 but this year we had intended to drop it because we are so far away from all the interest and were not even receiving the NEWS... but we have changed our minds and want to continue ... what is the current price?" (ejg: just the same as it was when the club was established, $10 single, $12.50 family) she goes on... "would appreciate it very much if it would be possible to hold the field trials further west... can't get away to go so far east!" (ejg: There are enough good Vizslas to hold your own area field trial right out there in northern California... or any of a dozen places across the country... get with it!! set one up, PSVC has been doing it for years. Prove that enough local dogs will turn out to support the event, then send your invitation... the VC of A intends to be just that, a Vizsla Club honoring all its members from coast to coast. We would like to take its events to all parts of the country. The largest concentration of Vizslas has been and is still in this central region, but do not wish to penalize people who live on the fringes. This, too will be discussed at the meeting the last of July.)

BOB FOSTER, Washington, wrote a note... "we are still working our dogs every Sunday..hope you are doing the same." (ejg: but it gets too hot on this side of the Rockies... we can't all have an ocean breeze!)

DOTTIE KLINE, Kansas, says that they have bought a house and are doing some remodeling and a complete redecorating job... "but, when the mail came, sat right down in the midst of painting walls and cabinets and read the NEWS... then went back to my painting with some pleasant memories of past experiences."

(Dottie, pictured here with their Dereka's Rex Selle, who won the All-Age Stake in the spring of 1962, and placed 2nd in this year's competition.)

MAY CARPENTER, California, sends a long letter, with several nice news clippings of their Vizslas. They have done a good job of popularizing the Vizsla in that area. She says, "Tag, (Ch. Sandor Von Debretsin) had to make his championship the hard way... we just entered him in dhows and took our chances. Out of 13 shows in 1961, he won 9 Best of Breeds, and twice placed in the Sporting Group." (ejg: this is an impressive average! and I am happy that you never lost your enthusiasm for the breed nor your faith in the VC ofA, through your repeated efforts to become affiliated!)

BOB HOLCOMB, Colorado, sent an order so that each of the twins might have a complete file of Vizsla News'... and sends this invitation to all Vizsla owners: "I would like to have all the folks that come through Denver give me a call and come by while they are on vacation. I live 6 miles from down town Denver" (his phone and address is listed on his ad!) he added this P.S. "am glad you like my stationary... it cost me a ton of money..."

AL STEVENS, West Va. sent a nice letter, and asks.. "When does the bird season open in Nebraska?" (ejg; Will not have those dates until Carl and Amber -- and a few other people -- finish their summer counts, but it usually is about the last week in October for pheasant and quail... P. Chickens earlier.) Al, is planning an extensive hunting trip on through Wyoming, Montana and then north into British Columbia... and he might visit with many of you along the way, with the proper "invite". !!)

W. V. KAHLER, Missouri, sent some most beautiful lapel pins made by a Chicago craftsman from a portrate(head) of his Vizsla. Have written to the man asking more about them... hope to have information by the next issue. Thank you, Mr. Kahler.

MRS. HOWARD S. LEVY, Pennsylvania, sent her membership to our treasurer with this note: "Being a Hungarian by birth I lived in Budapest for half my life. I know that the Vizslas were the pride of the Hungarian dog breeders, and the strict Hungarian dog kennels considered them as aristocrats of the kennel. I now have a 2 month old Vizsla puppy, and I am looking forward to having a fine gentleman in my Vizsla whom I names "Jancsi". With my Jancsi, I join the American Vizsla Club and await the monthly issues of the NEWS."

THE KREGER'S in Michigan have done a fine job of soliciting new members and subscribers, HERBERT FOREMAN, and B. C. WEBSTER, both mention their name. Mr. Webster sent some lovely colored pictures of his Vizsla with some northern partridge. The color is breathtaking, but alas, V-News is just black and white! He adds, "the complete lack of nervousness is what attracted me to this breed, in comparing them with other fine hunting breeds, and as the hills are getting higher and my breath shorter, my Vizsla is usually in the same field with me, which certainly helps." (ejg: guess you don't go for those "advertizing dogs" either! That's the ones you start hunting in one county, then drive to the next county and advertize for them!!)

(Rusty - Jasip V Ungar - is proud of "his" fine Northern Partridge.)

PAUL SABO, Illinois, wrote just before leaving for Canada asking about the flood reports on the national news...had checked on the map and found we were right in the middle of the area most mentioned. Had not intended to mention it in the Vizsla News (lest the News take on the subtitle, "The Adventures of Calamity Jane")...but since Paul and a half dozen others have asked in your letters, will set your fears at rest. We did not get our feet wet, although a tributary of the Blue does run through our pasture, "Weedy Creek" did behave itself. My folks, however, live right on the Blue...so were much involved; moving them out, watching the awesome, sickening swirls of muddy water cover crops, yards and finally carpets of a home I love. But all is scruffed out and returned to as nearly normal as possible. Thank you for your concern. We really didn't take time to teach the pups to swim and retrieve from THAT water, Paul! He suggested that then we can incorporate a water retrieve into the trial requirements as a third series call back!! We prefer less turbulent water as a starter!

There are other letters from Idaho, Ohio, New York, and many more...and long letters and phone calls following the New York Match.

Two, three and six page letters are in the file marked for "Executive Board Meeting" and preliminary planning is being done for fall and winter...this job takes on more and more volocity as well as volume. The list of new members is growing steadily, just as Silver said that it would, and I am always glad to hear from all of you.

The quiet hours of night have now turned into chirping birds telling of a cool dawning of a new day. The haze of ground fog still clings to the valley and the cattle graze peacefully and take no notice of the pheasants crowing.

The coffee is strong enough to walk into the desk by it's self...and just counted and find that I have ended up with an uneven number of pages ...will need to find filler somewhere! That's the way it goes!!

-- ejg

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