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THEY CAN HARDLY WAIT to scramble out of the station wagon and head for those hills . . . in that respect, they are no different from the 'people' part of a hunting team!

"Gee whiz, will opening day ever roll around?" But, the fields are still quite green and heavy with grain... patience, good friends, it is not yet time.

The apple that thumps onto "terra firma" in the still of the night is just another sign that the busy summer is almost past and soon a Northerly will whirl and swirl into the plains. In the brilliant rustling Indian Summer that follows... the hour of the hunter will be at hand.

Just as soon as the days start to cool down, a fever of excitement can be felt in the kennels as alert ears hear the call of the wing-ed fowl from the fields. But, "hunt-itis" doesn't really set in until the game commission publishes all the rules and regulations for the coming season... by the time you read through the pages of dates, bag limits, shooting times and areas... you have drifted off into another world (imagining yourself stalking the stubble fields, or curled up in a blind waiting for the ducks to wing overhead. You will never be the same again until you drag your tired bones home after a day afield.

There are many things that must be done before THE DAY dawns if you are to be ready! Now is the time to dondition yourself and your hunting friend (break in the new boots and toughen the pads or the first day may find both of you limping home.)

Outings along the hedges and ponds in the evening will strengthen flabby muscles and give needed wind to both man and beast. As the young chicks turn brilliant colors and spin their long tail feathers they, too, will be practising for future games.

Are you amazed at the added hunting abilities showing up? "Rover" must have been reading those training books while you were out golfing!

There is no need to stay suspended in this uneasy state of readiness for weeks... take the pressure off; look around for a dog training area, check in at a game reserve, and try out one of those "field trials"... you will find, as we did, that they will give you MANY ADDED WEEKS of hunting.

Now then, you must get your "homework" done, if you are ever going to convince the little-woman (or man-of-the-house, which ever the case may be) that you can skip out on every nice day this fall! The lawns, no longer dormant from summer's heat seem to grow inches each day (I have resorted to "pony power" to keep up with the endless task... you can do that in the country! "Ginger" and her foal get fat on the tender blades and the children "tame" the new baby. I may be asking for trouble... all the extra fertilizing may mean even more luscious lawns next year... oh well, I have more ponies (as long as the wind is out of the east!)

I dive into a job... house cleaning, window washing, sewing, canning, or gardening only to find my eyes scanning the skies for the first sign of the purple grackles and red-winged black birds... and looking forward with my hunting-companions, to the misty hills and THE DAY.

Chances are, that with all the details of fall field trials, and getting out your V-NEWS, it will be the night before that we will finally get to checking the blunder buss, oil up the boots and mend that tear in the hunting jacket! But then, there is really no object in getting to bed too early... won't get much sleep anyway. Your mind will go over and over the check list, then wander through broad fields of ideal cover, tall grass with a milo field near by, and a thicket along a quiet pond... and then ... and then... UP JUMPS a cackling flapping rooster as big as all-get-out... and there you stand paralyzed on the spot. Another moment and you realize that a harsh alarm has wakened you out of this long exhausing night and, at last, it is THE DAY.

There will be coffee and eggs, and a last minute check of equipment, and a few quiet minutes to reassure your rust-gold friend that you are relying on him to do his best, as you will yours. There is never another moment like this one in the whole world... the cool, calm of that first dawn.

Once you are in the field, the excitement really begins. There is only one thing certain about hunting birds... be they prairie chickens, pheasants or quail... they will always surprise you. Even when "Rover" has locked in and you are sure you know just how and where the bird will break, there is still a lot of excitement when it actually happens. One time you might almost step on it before it shoots skyward, or he might just skim the top of the cover until clear out of range. Ever look for a bird and have a dozen go up in all directions? After blazing away you find that they all got home free! (Try to explain that to your dog or spouse.)

Hunting is not a one sided game, the birds enjoy the sport, and can tease a young pup and inexperienced hunter to tears! A friend tells of watching a wise old pheasant lead a couple of young pups from one rut to another, then wing overhead in a mocking cry to the frustrated youngsters. There is more to getting the big birds than sending a dog to find, and point... then, go charging up through

FALL FIELD TRIAL AND MATCH

There has been much scurrying around, corresponding, and finally telephoning done for your Vizsla Club of America...and all in reference to plans for a fall field trial and a possible "B" Match.

As indicated by the members at the spring meeting, your committee tried to locate a trial a bit farther south. (One a bit more accessible by air, since this seems to be the way many people arrive.) In moving it around a bit, we hoped to entice a few more people in other areas to come over and see a trial...and not wear out our welcome at the Lloyd's.

After much corresponding, and much waiting, we found that the location chosen near Kansas City was booked up until the opening of their quail season, at which time no more trials are scheduled. There was no more time for fooling around, so a phone call by your chairman, Fred Schulze, to Ed Lloyd at Bird Layne Farms, New Sharon, Iowa, had everything lined up in a matter of minutes.

The dates: NOVEMBER 9 - 10

This is a week later than last year, and for many people, November 11th is a holiday, so there won't be the scramble to get an early start homeward Sunday afternoon. We are, therefore, making plans for a "B" Match (a rather informal all Vizsla Show), similar to the one held on the east coast this summer...with the exception of the lovely buffet served on the lawn!..Since we all will have traveled quite some distance and have two days of field trialing first, I imagine we will be quite lucky to end up with hamburgers in Lloyd's garage! (This is assuming we will have a lovely, fall day. If weather moves in on us, will have an alternate building for the Match)

Approval has been received by telephone, and all forms are in, so, quite obviously, final information and entry blanks will come in the October Issue of the VIZSLA NEWS. The stakes planned will be just about the same as last year.

Field Trial Secretary will be Betty Kenly, who has not missed a field trial in several years. Tho her home is in Arizona she will be in Iowa in time to see to the many tasks falling to a FT Secretary. The other members of the committee are busy with their part of the planning.

All indications are for a wide range of entries ...people from great distances have indicated that they are planning to attend. Bela Hadik and Joe Cunningham from the east, and from farther south, Dr. Hayward Phillips, and possibly Bill Kemenes-Kettner from Canada. Would love to see a CAR LOAD from each of the other far-reaching areas... Washington State, California, Texas, Florida!.. Bring the best Vizslas in each area, share expenses, ...and be represented!

There will need to be a business meeting at the banquet to take care of some pertinent national business ... specific information on this will also be out in the October and November NEWS. If you have been meaning to come to a meeting of your Vizsla Club of America sometime...this is the one!

SEE YOU THERE...

Check the calendar: November 9 - 10

Circle the map: New Sharon, Iowa

the underbrush in hopes of finding them all patiently waiting. If, as the end result of a good piece of dog work, you find only a few hens, then try the tactics demonstrated by a remarkable gentleman at one of the field trials of late. Upon seeing his dog on point, he would circle around and ever so carefully, half crouching, work his way to the exact spot indicated by his Vizsla. Chances are, the big boys have been sneaking out and running over the hill before you flush out the female "decoys" they leave behind. But don't worry, no matter how many years you spend in the field, the birds will always come up with a new trick or three to stay out of your bag!

This is part of the voice that calls the hunter to the hills...the never ending challenge and the teamwork of a good dog. This can never be equaled by any other experience in this world. An added bonus is the renewing of spirit in the wide open spaces, and the enriching companionship of hunting friends, people you see only at this special time of the year, or perhaps, it is your life's companion, who you get to know all over again while teaming with your mutual four-legged friend on a hunting excursion, and share a particularly thrilling piece of dog work.

So, between now and the aroma of roasting fowl from the oven, there is much to be done... Look to the hills, hunter, THE DAY will come!

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CHOKE-CHAIN COLLAR is a TRAINING AID, ONLY!

by P. C. Peterson, DVM

I had the pleasure of a visit a few days ago from some lovely people who brought their Vizsla over for a check-up before sending him to a trainer. My, what a handsome hunk of dog, and really in the "pink."

Seeing their dog reminded me of a very dangerous position owners place their dogs in, and possibly the NEWS would be a good place to sound the warning.

This dog was wearing a crome choke chain, complete with tags, as a collar. If the ring was to catch on a projecting object, the dog would choke to death. These chains are O. K. for leading a dog, or at least teaching him to lead, but should NEVER be left on a dog when he is unattended and particularly in the field. As you know, the usual method for rigging them is to simply drop the chain through one ring and then slip it over the dog's head. This in effect, is putting a "noose" around his neck.

There are chain collars on the market that do not slip up more than an inch in a lead position... and agree that a single braid of chain is becoming to these aristocratic canine. There is a way to rig a choke chain for an unattended dog. Hold BOTH rings together between the thumb and forefinger, then drop the loop of chain through BOTH rings. Then slip the chain over the dog's head.

This arrangement will not permit the chain to pull tight around the dog's neck and choke him should it become accidentally caught.

This may seem like a rather minor thing, but in the past year I know of two very fine dogs, a Weimaraner and Lab which have been choked to death by one of these chains improperly applied.

'Nuff said.

(**Editor's** note: "Ripp Barat", Vizsla. He has four legs, a head and a tail, just like all dogs, but has had the added blessing due all good pups... proper training at exactly the right time, andmuch love and devotion on the part of the many people that have made him the "pace-setter" of this time.

Ripp was one of two puppies purchased by Betty Kenly. The female appeared to be the more aggressive of the twc at that time, and managed to wiggle her way out of the kennel and out onto Black Canyon Highway. At a very young age, Ripp was sent for some "schooling" lest a similar fate befall him. Paul Sabo, reluctantly, was pursuaded to take him to Canada that summer.

All has not been sunshine and roses... at his first field trial as a pup on a barren river bed in southern California, Ripp prefered to walk in the shade of the spectators' hayrack. Embarrassed almost to tears Betty says she blatted out, "Just give him a little time, he'll show them all how to run!" .. and that he did!

By the next year, Ripp was tallying up some impressive wins, not only in Vizsla Trials, but in All-Breed competition across the country.. Handler in a good share of the stakes has been Betty, and by now, his trophy shelf is quite crowded.

This letter, addressed to all of you, comes as you are making your fall trial plans, and I might add, from a most unselfish individual... owner of a Vizsla within reach of the coveted title: Field Trial Champion, lacking only a win over a major (at least 12 dog entry). in a licensed AKC Trial.

Pictures, snapped by D. Reinhardt in Denver last year, above: Ripp and Betty in that breathless moment on the starting line. to the right: "Let 'em go"... and a dedicated hunter and courageous handler head out.

DEAR FIELD TRIALERS;

AFTER SITTING HERE, ARGUING WITH MYSELF FOR MANY HOURS, I HAVE FINALLY COME TO A DIFFICULT DECISION. RIPP BARAT, HAS HAD HIS FAIR SHARE OF WINS IN THE VIZSLA ALL AGE STAKES, FOUR SINCE NOVEMBER, 1961, SO HE WILL NOW STEP ASIDE TO SEE WHAT THE YOUNGER GENERATION HAS TO OFFER. IN A SENSE, HE WILL STILL BE IN THERE PITCHING, AS SOME OF HIS PUPS, NOW DERBY AGE, LOOK QUITE PROMISING.

"RIPP," WILL NOT BE SIDE-LINED ENTIRELY, FOR WE INTEND TO ENTER HIM IN GUN DOG AND LIMITED STAKES AS LONG AS THEY ARE INCLUDED IN OUR TRIALS. WE ALSO WILL LOOK FOR SOME GOOD MIXED BREED TRIALS TO SEE IF WE CAN GIVE THE OTHER BREEDS SOME COMPETITION AND HOPING TO IMPRESS UPON A FEW MINDS ALONG THE WAY, THAT OUR VIZSLAS CAN COMPETE WITH THE BEST OF THEM.

AT THIS WRITING, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO THE MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE RIPP'S SUCCESS POSSIBLE.

FIRST---TO DOC OSBORN WHO HAS DONE SO MUCH TO IMPROVE THE BREED AND KEEP IT GOING. "DOC, YOU STARTED ME ON A WHOLE NEW WAY OF LIFE. YOU SOLD ME MY FIRST VIZSLA---RIPP.

SECOND---TO PAUL SABO, WHO IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN RIPP'S LIFE AND TRUELY A FAITHFUL FRIEND. HE TAUGHT RIPP AND I BOTH ABOUT FIELD TRIALS, ALTHOUGH RIPP LEARNED MUCH FASTER. IT WAS MOST FORTUNATE I HAD A GOOD DOG TO LEARN WITH BECAUSE, I'D CERTAINLY HAVE RUINED A MEDIOCRE ONE. I REMEMBER ED LLOYD SAYING, "I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT GAL THAT WENT OFF AND LEFT HER DOG ON POINT IN THE CORN FIELD." (GUESS WHO HE MEANT?")

THIRD---MY HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE PUT IN SO MUCH TIME AND LABOR TO MAKE OUR FIELD TRIALS A SUCCESS. I HAVE MADE MANY WONDERFUL AND LASTING FRIENDSHIPS AT THESE TRIALS AND EAGERLY LOOK FOREWARD TO THE NEXT ONES.

I THINK I SHOULD ALSO MENTION A VERY UNDERSTANDING HUSBAND WHO FOOTS THE BILL FOR ME TO SCOOT ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. WITHOUT BIG JOHN, I'D PROBABLY NEVER HAVE KNOWN WHAT A VIZSLA WAS.

SINCERELY,

Betty

BETTY KENLY

1000 WORDS OR SO.....

(Ed. Your Vizsla News now most happily presents the first in a new series of articles written especially for you. Joe Cunningham and John Strauz say that they are written in the "folksy" vein, in keeping with the NEWS (this is a compliment, I think. ?.)

I have learned alot, as my show experience is quite limited...and I have never discovered exactly what it was that we were expected to do! The information will be much appreciated, and is long overdue!!)

TRAINING YOUR VIZSLA FOR THE SHOW RING

by Glen Cottage Kennels

It has occurred to us many times in the last two years that most Vizsla owners do a pretty poor handling job in the show ring. In many cases the judge is so annoyed at the lack of knowledge on the handler-owner's part and poor deportment on the dog's part that he puts up an inferior dog for number 1 because the dog is better handled and better trained for the ring.

This series is not intended to make professional handlers of the Vizsla owner; for we are all amateurs with a heck of a lot to learn. Nonetheless, we have campaigned two vizslas to their championships and are just finishing our third. These three dogs are all house pets and two had never been in the ring until five years of age, the third started at puppy matches at three months.

We hope to describe how a few minutes a day can give you a very respectable show contender. Of course, you have to learn a little something, too, or your dog will win in spite of you!

We all know that the one purpose a dog has is to please us. The key to any training success is to let them know that by doing something they don't particularly like to do, that they are pleasing us. The average puppy who is "set up" for the first time with pretty firm hands is convinced you're trying to murder him.

Any Vizsla will be respectable in the ring if he and the boss can manage the following:

1. "Gait" around the ring on a loose lead, under control.
2. "Set up" or pose in the traditional bird dog stance for 3 to 5 minutes at a stretch without moving out of position excessively.
3. "Stand for inspection" by allowing a complete stranger, the judge, to count his teeth and other vital parts.
4. Grooming your Vizsla and show tack.

In this first series, we won't assume any previous experience on the owner's part, so we will start from scratch.

GAITING

Gaiting is really nothing more than walking a dog on a lead. But, and this is often the first pitfall, do you know how a dog is supposed to walk on a lead or do you take a normal walk...as one where Rex just manages to haul us along trailing behind over curbs, roots and stumps?

As soon as the puppy is ready to go out of the house, he is ready to go out on a lead. He should have a collar on at about two months...just to get accustomed to the feel. We suggest a puppy-size "choke" knot that fits snugly and doesn't get in his way. After a week of the collar, attach a lead (snap type) and let him drag it about for 30 minutes every night for about 4 or 5 days. On the fourth day, you're ready to pick up the end of the lead. Do all this preliminary stuff indoors so he is not distracted by grass, birds and really everything--for puppies can find any excuse to be somewhere else.

Guide him around on this lead gently, coaxing him with your voice and hands. We have even guided lead-frightened pups with our hands in a half walk-half carry. Five minutes is the maximum advised for the first few times until he gets the idea of walking with you. Remember, exercise terrific patience and do not get angry with him. He thinks you're nuts at this stage of the game anyway. When he pulls, restrain him with a tug on the lead which draws the choke collar tight. This pressure is applied in quick little jerks alternately releasing the pressure. He will probably squeal the first few times you try this but he will soon get the idea.

With the native intelligence of the Vizsla, by constant talking with him through the operation (remember, lasting only five minutes or so per session) you should have him doing a presentable job in one to two weeks. After this time try the same routine outdoors.

The pattern used in the ring should come into play at mid-session in your outside training. Walk him in a twenty foot circle, going counter-clock wise with the lead in your left hand. However, don't fall into a trap. Some judges will gait you clockwise and the lead will have to be in your right hand. We felt pretty silly one day when our beautifully trained puppy wouldn't gait on the wrong side. The time to try this right side business is after he is pretty well lead trained and used to the "normal" side. It won't be automatic, so go slowly and be just as patient with words of encouragement in the changeover.

After completing the "circle" pattern and when the dog is accustomed to it, another simple pattern used in dogshows is a straight one from the judge at one end of the ring down the length of the ring -- turn around and return to the judge. Pick yourself out a tree or some object and make believe it is the judge. Go straight away from it, and once you turn, keep your eyes on your dog to assure that he is performing well, and of course check occasionally to make sure that you are coming back to the judge in a straight "course."

We will continue with the next step in next month' issue, but get started now! keep trying and rememb ...patience!

(Ed. note: Plan to attend the next dog show in your area...just to watch! Especially the showing of the various sporting dogs...you will understand much better and pick up many pointers on showing a dog.)

SO YOU WANT TO HAVE A LOCAL VIZSLA CLUB...

GOOD! There is nothing like the campanionship of fellow Vizsla owners in training and handling exercises to further enhance the pleasures of owning a Vizsla.

You are interested in other Vizslas and owners, or you wouldn't be reading this publication... there are several hundred others just like you, scattered across the country!

But what of the several thousand people who own a Vizsla who don't have a membership or even subscribe to the NEWS... will they walk across the street to a meeting?

Does this sound a bit cynical? (That's what 6 months of working with people coast to coast can do to "Sunshine Jane"...) Maybe it is just being realistic! Maybe it is just that they don't care about Vizslas in the other end of the world... but would be most helpful and eager to support a local club. Just don't get discouraged if out of the 100 or so names of people on the list, only a dozen come to the first meetings.

We promised to prepare a "blue print" for organization... and to that end, have spent every spare moment between fighting crab grass and making elderberry jelly to get the necessary information and bring it to you!

FIRST: Get the names and addresses of as many vizsla owners in your immediate area as you can.

The area to be considered should not be larger than an average state in size. Most specialty clubs are located in one city with the surrounding marketing area included.

A list of Vizsla owners has been made. Some 1200 names in all. They have been typed on stencils and are compiled by regions, within states and alphabetical. All members of the Board of Directors have been sent a copy. If you have a Board Member in your area give them a call. Express your interest, they should be most helpful... all those I have met are!/ If you do not have a Board Member close, and are really on fire with this idea, you may send a stamped (with 2 stamps) self addressed BIG envelope to the Vizsla home office, route 3, Seward, Nebraska. The list of your state or region, which ever you feel you will need, will be sent to you.

I am sure that you will find this list ONLY THE BEGINNING of names in your area. You will find people who, not knowing about a national club, have sold several litters of puppies. These people are the ones who are anxious to know more about these dogs... remember to send me the names of new Vizsla owners!

SECOND: Write some letters, do some telephoning... get a reaction to the idea of organizing a Local Club. If the response is encouraging, set a date for an informal get-to-gether. This can be a picnic with family and dogs, or just a meeting in the rumpus room. Don't worry about what to talk about, the subject will be DOGS.

Before the day arrives, suggest that you also write to the American Kennel Club, 221 Park Ave. South, New York 3, N. Y. and request a sample consitiution for Local Specialty Clubs.

THIRD: The meeting, people get so busy talking dogs, that it may be helpful to have a check list of things to be accomplished.

A Chairman should be named or elected, this for the organizational period. When fully organized, a president, etc will be elected.

A Secretary will be needed to do the necessary corresponding, keep accurate minutes and see that information about your club gets to the NEWS mediums, radio, T. V., News papers... and a carbon copy to me would be appreciated!

A treasurer, to see that the club is not financed by any one individual, but is shared by all. An organizational "kitty" should take care of things until dues are set and memberships available. (I do not recommend tying the Secretary and Treasurer job together... it is two separate talents and should not be required of one person.)

Incorporation and Constitution committee: (It is nice if you have a vizsla owner who happens to be a lawyer.) Each club should make plans to incorporate (for the protection of your officers,) and must have a constitution. The sample sent out by AKC if quite complete and inclusive and needs only to be filled in by a local group. A constitution needs to be presented to the club and properly ratified in due process.

A name: Before you can be a recognized club, you must have a name. This should be quite specific... not general such as "Mid-West"... but a name that indicates the local nature quite clearly. The name of a single state might be acceptable, or the name of a state preceded by the word "Northern" or Eastern"... etc. Consideration may also be given a name indicating local history or geography. It might be well to give your first, second and third choice of names when submitting them to the committee at AKC.

Date and place of the next meeting.

It may take several "work" sessions before you will be organized... don't expect miracles... it need not be done in one fell swoop. If someone presumes to simply ram it through, they will find themselves as president of a non-existent club... or if everyone prefers to play the shrinking violet, the club will never get off the ground. A happy medium is desired. A goal is necessary.

FOURTH: When a club is formed, membership established (this can be anywhere from 12 on up... but usually around 30, for a local group) THEN a sanctioned AKC event, either a field trial, match, or obedience test, can be planned. Plan well in advance, get your forms in at least 2 months ahead of the proposed date.

You will need to know: The club's name.

A list of members: The names and addresses of each member should be listed in a single column, and to the side, any experience in shows or field trials they have had, the number of Vizslas they own, and if they have registered any litters through AKC.

A copy of the constitution: if you have used

the one they suggest, I am sure it will save much time.

The list of officers and board members.

Date and place of your proposed event. Hand books on the regulations for sanctioned show matches and sanctioned obedience matches, and rules applying to registration and field trials will probably be sent to you at the time you ask for the sample constitution, but if not, are most helpful, or I should say necessary, in the planning of events, ask for them!

Consult the members of other specialty clubs in your area. They are usually quite happy to see other clubs get started, as it means more events they can take part in, and less traveling to distant shows. Licensed trainers and handlers, too, can be a big help, as they are familiar with the rules, and can save you much time trying to "translate" for yourself. These people, who have been holding events for several years, can suggest names of judges, available buildings or grounds, and other standard procedures that they have established.

THROUGH THIS TIME you should do your corresponding directly with the American Kennel Club. They were established to serve groups just like yours, they are equiped with office staff, and all the material you will need. Going through the Vizsla Club office would only slow things down, and wear me out!

It is hoped that THE VIZSLA NEWS will always be used by local clubs as their official publication, and a regular column can be sent to this office and used to further publicize your events. If the officers and board members are not national members, they should at least have a subscription to the NEWS. The NEWS can serve as a life-line and pulse not only to members, but also through local clubs to additional hundreds.

SO, There it is! Now, get started!! some are on the way...

CHICAGO AREA ORGANIZES A LOCAL VIZSLA CLUB

by A. Jacobs

On July 17, the Vizsla owners in the Chicago area held their first informal meeting at the home of George and Betty Solberg. This climaxed weeks of letter writing, and phoning, making all the arrangements.

There was an excellent turnout, even though the weather was hot, and it was the height of vacation season. The common reaction was... "I didn't know there were that many Vizslas around!" Many common problems were discussed and some wonderful future plans were formulated... such as aid in field training, obedience, etc.

Officers are to be elected at the next meeting set for September.

COLORADO VIZSLA OWNERS HAVE MEETING

by B. Holcomb

A get acquainted meeting was held at my home on Friday, April 5th. It is hoped that there will be sufficient interest, locally, to organize a club.

NEBRASKA VIZSLA CLUB NEWS

The Vizsla Club of Nebraska enjoyed a field day and picnic on August 11th. Although the weatherman promised a hot day, many people drove many miles to visit with other owners from across the state. Both Vizslas and German Shorthairs took their turn in the timothy and clover and along the creek to chase up young pheasants, and try their luck on the pigeons set out in the bird field.

At noon, dogs were watered and bedded down in the cool of the maples, and picnics were spread on the lawn. Nebraskans shared their baskets and experiences with fellow dog people.

A magnificent pose was demonstrated (much to the surprise of her owners and yours truly) while showing what was expected of a dog at a Show. "She has a whole envelope full of ribbons, but I didn't know 'Selle' could do that!" said Mrs. Douglas. Selle came to Nebraska from California.

Wayne Hoskins, traveling some 400 miles to attend, showed what a little horse-sense and patience can do as "Lucky Arco" retrieved buckets, fetched his mattress from the car, or sat motionless with glasses and pipe with no more than a mumbled suggestions by his master.

Most of the puppies took their turn at pointing a wing-on-a-string... some real sharpies coming up!

By midafternoon, it was most evident that we would be doing this again, and soon. Support was pledged for a Nebraska Field Trial this fall.

So, then.....

NEBRASKA FALL FIELD TRIAL, OCTOBER 19-20

Holdrege, Nebraska, located in the south central part of the state, has extended a most cordial and warm invitation to all Nebraskans and "furriners" to hold a field trial there. Complete details will be in the next NEWS, but preliminary plans sound real exciting! The Holdrege Chamber of Commerce along with several local Vizsla owners have lined up a marvelous itinerary. The Plains Motel will be FT Headquarters. Saturday afternoon will herald a "Nebraska Special", a non-regular stake for amateurs... dogs must only point and retrieve, judging to be done on hunting desire and results for the man-dog team. Post entries and informal.

Saturday evening dinner and drawing will be at the Holdrege Country Club and feature a pheasant dinner, and Sunday, an early Hunters' Breakfast will send all to the acres and acres of prairie grass hills for the running.

The trial will be run under AKC rules and it is hoped that we can get all the required data to them in time so that this can be our first sanctioned trial, as well. There will be fine trophies for Vizsla Puppy, Derby and All-Age Stakes, and a Big European Gun Dog Stake, with a cash prize to the winner in addition! Sound all right for a starter?

Carl Wolfe, Sutton, Nebraska, is the Field Trial Secretary and will handle the entries and other correspondence. Tom Barnes, Bud Anderson, Burrel Bourn and Bud Graff make up the other working members on the field trial committee.

Send news of local Vizsla activities to THE VIZSLA NEWS, Route 3, Seward, Nebraska

ONE PICTURE WORTH 1000 WORDS ----

"Gather 'round, children, and I will tell you about the time I pinned 42 ducks on the lake 'till they froze in... and had to be chopped out with a pick axe!"

Now you may think that sounds like a "tall tale" and actually it was only 7 ducks... but think you will agree that Wayne Hoskins, Enders, Nebraska, is a winner for this months picture contest with this snap shot of "Lucky Arco".

THE VIZSLA AND SIZE

It has been noted, from several parts of the country, that there is a great range of size developing within this breed called VIZSLA. There seems to be a need for some clarification on our rather loosely written "standard". At the executive board meeting, our vice-president, Bela Hadik (formerly a Count in Hungary) agreed to write something for the Vizsla News on how large a Vizsla should be.

Chester, New Hampshire

To Vizsla owners and breeders:

Let's try to keep the vizsla dogs a medium sized dog the way they always were. Let's not fall in love with size. Bigger is not necessarily better when it comes to hunting dogs. In fact, size definitely impairs alertness and running ability. (when it is excessive) This seems to be true not only with vizslas but with every hunting breed. I have seen Weimeraners and German Shorthairs, even occasionally a Show Pointer or Setter that were so huge that they become lazy, listless and heavy gaited. Let's try to keep our vizslas bouncy, close-coupled, high tailed, 40 - 60 pounders so they fit into the family car and the family home nicely.

I am not trying to favor dwarves or midgets, either, these occur in every breed. I believe we can breed from small bitches if we take care to pick normal sized males for them and cull the runts of the litter. I would at no time, however breed to a dwarf or giant male and at no time should we try to correct extremes by mating to the opposite extreme, for this just doesn't work. Better to pick one that's well put together, deep to the ground and of average size, with lots of bounce and those sparkling questioning eyes that speak of faithful love.

Béla Hadik

EASTERN SHOW NEWS
by Glen Cottage Kennels

Walden, New York -- The Walkill Kennel Club held its summer Show on July 7th. Cecil Smith was the judge and he advised that he had raised Vizslas probably before I was even born. Seven dogs showed up for judging and the honor places were as follows:

Best of Breed - Ch. Wilson's Pal Joey
(handled by Anne Hone Rogers)
Best of Winners - Misty Hills Arpad Aaron
Edward Bennett of Oxford, N. Y.
Best of Opposite - Diane's Golden Karratz
Dr. B. E. McGivern of Jackson Heights, NY

Newton, New Jersey -- The Newton Kennel Club Show was held on July 28th and had an entry of five Vizslas for judging by Mr. H. C. Cahoon, of Ben Avon, Pennsylvania.

Best of Breed - Glen Cottage Max Selle
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Reserve - Retes v Hunt
Marshall Fink of New York City
Novice Puppy - Max Sommersteins Glen
Cottage Buster
Best of Opposite - Glen Cottage Grunska

Miss Marjorie Siebern, judge of the VC of A Match, was so taken with her assignment that she has decided to take the necessary steps to fulfill the requirements for becoming a Vizsla judge.

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PAST COPIES OF THE VIZSLA NEWS

There are still some copies available of the Vizsla News dating back to March 1959... have run out of some issues, but there are still about 20, and well worth the $3. Mail requests and check or money order to THE VIZSLA NEWS... Gee, I'm glad I have a big mail box!!

"DEAR EDITOR..."

Things are 'purdy' deep in your Vizsla Club office! I have been working on this September Issue since the middle of August. It took a full week to get down to the desk! (I had promised myself that after each issue of your NEWS I would clear everything away, and find my dining room table! I'm afraid that this summer, I have failed completely, as one project seems to start just before I get the last one done.) As a matter of fact, the July-August NEWS was addressed and sorted by Joyce Jorgens and my daughter at the kitchen table, while your secretary and treasurer worked on the many, many detailed projects facing your Vizsla Club of America this next year.

The minutes of that meeting were completed and mailed just in time to make a quick trip to Minnesota to retrieve our "vacationing" Vizsla... A long visit with Doc Osborn, past president of the VC of A, added many more pages of valuable recommendations for consideration.

The next week I had some extra typists in to help prepare the long list of Vizsla owners, 48 stencils... some 1200 names! Now you understand why I haven't dashed off individual copies of your state or area. As I said, lists have been sent to Board Members, and if you have written asking for names, please write again sending your stamped envelope... as I won't attempt to read through each letter in the file, that would be impossible! The list is constantly changing, in fact a dozen new names and changes of addresses have come in since I finished the mimeographing. Corrected lists will have to be made from time to time... WISH YOU PEOPLE WOULD STOP MOVING AROUND OUT THERE!!!

There has been a steady stream of interesting mail since then... midst apples, pickles, county fair and jelly making! September is here, and I know you are anxious to hear the field trial dates to make your fall plans.

Now that the children are off to school have been trying to work on copy in "sensible daylight hours"... day after day have slipped by, apparently the nymphs that play in my brain in the wee hours must sleep when the sun is bright. If I rather skim over a few departments, or miss some of the chatter sent my way, hope you will understand... dead-line is dawn, and must call a halt somewhere!

RICHARD DAYE, Nebraska reports that they have a new house, a new baby (a boy) and all the papers on their Japanese-born Vizsla, "Breeze".. pretty successful summer, I would say!

DON LAWRANCE, Missouri wrote an encouraging letter from his office in Kansas City, offering his help for the hoped-for trial in that area... stand by, we may be there next year!!

JOAN HUNT, Tennessee, writes that she had a lovely cool summer in England... "vegetating" with her parents. She recommends reading some good dog psychology... Lorenz's "King Solomon's Ring". She visited with John Strauz in New York before departing and discussed some plans for Vizsla activities in that area.

AL STEVENS, West Virginia, plans to be back this way the middle of September. Hopes to bone up his pup before heading up to Jackson's Hole and Montana.

PRISCILLA (PAT) CARTER, New Hampshire, says, "My husband and I have been Vizsla 'addicts' for a number of years, and are quite anxious for them to be shown on the 'bench' as well as in the field". (Yes, it is discouraging to have only one or two dogs at a show. With the list of names, she suggests that they could try to round them up! "New England has fine shows all year 'round... are Vizsla owners and breeders just not interested?" (I thought only here in the mid-west people were indifferent to shows... perhaps they don't understand their value, or know how to prepare a dog for entering a show. After reading the series of articles on SHOWING YOUR DOG, I am sure that we all can go to a show better prepared. Dog Shows are intended to insure the breeding of uniform, field-ready specimens. If they become anything but this, it is the misinterpretation of the goals by people.)

PHIL WRIGHT, Ontario, Canada, sent a copy of the new VIZSLA VIEWS, the quarterly publication of the Canadian Vizsla Club, which he edits. Welcome to the ranks... your condolences as one editor to another are gratefully accepted.

ARDEN BOWLES, Michigan, asks for addresses of some people she read about in the NEWS... adds, "we hope the day is coming when people won't say 'a what?' when you tell them you have a Vizsla."

PAM OLYPHANT, now of New Jersey, sent a new address... Now that is a change of name (from Miss to Mrs.) and 2 changes of address in the past 6 months... that is all I allow one Vizsla member in one year!! (only kidding, glad you keep me informed.)

MARY MANNERS HAMMERSTEIN, Pennsylvania, (yes, that name rang bells with me, too) In a typically sparkling letter says, "Hello, hello, hello, your Vizsla News is just wonderful -- I received it 3rd-handed just recently. After raising two daughters, I find myself in the beautiful position of being a grandmother... to a Vizsla, yet! In the future, life will not be a bowl of cherries but a Kennel of Vizslas. ...it doesn't seem so long ago that Duchess was a little bowl of butterscotch pudding, but today, almost 5 months old, she is a beautiful sleek bronze beauty. I am on the radio from time to time and on August 2, I spoke at length about our Vizsla..." (ejg: Dial 950 WPEN for the Red Benson Digest on Sunday nights, 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wonder if I could pull in Pennsylvania on the crystal set?)

I have some fan mail directed to LOY COUTTS! There have been endless comments on your series of articles on STARTING A PUP. "This is wonderful... keep them coming." they say. I think the series should be re-printed into a flyer and available to all Vizsla owners and breeders, just as the standard and history will be. My hat is off to this fine gentleman! He trains dogs for a living... is a "Pro", yet writes these wonderful articles telling you just how to do it yourself, and all for free!! Let him hear YOUR appreciation!

To PAUL SABO, yes, your article on VIZSLA POTPOURRI did start some thinking, comments both pro and con... if the dust settles by next month will have a representative group for publication.

End of coffee, end of day, end of page!!

- ejg

CALENDAR

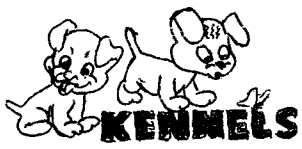
My calendar is full...your's might as well be too! There are trials in other parts of the country, and would be glad to add them to the list. These have been sent to the Vizsla Club office with an invitation to all Vizsla owners.

Sept. 14-15	GSH, Minneapolis, Minn. (you should have received an entry to this.)
Sept. 21-22	GSH, Denver Colo. (note: corrected date from last issue. B. Holcomb)
Sept. 28-29	GSH, Omaha, Nebr. (L. Coutts)
Oct. 12-13	Weimananer, Denver, Colo. (Holcomb)
Oct. 19-20	Vizsla, Holdrege, Nebr. (Carl Wolfe, secretary)
Nov. 9-10	Vizsla Club of America, New Sharon, Iowa, (Betty Kenly, secretary)

A BORE -- one who opens his mouth and puts his feets in.

If Mother Nature could have foreseen Bermuda shorts, she surely would have done a better job on the male knee.

If news about your Vizsla Club activities doesn't appear in The Vizsla Club News, it may be because no one sent the information to the Editor, Jane Graff, Rt. 3, Seward, Nebraska



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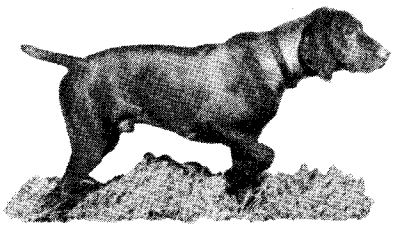

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