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VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA TO HOLD FIELD TRIAL, MEETING, AND MATCH NOVEMBER 9 - 10, NEW SHARON, IOWA.

THE FIELD TRIAL

Chairman, Fred Schultze, says everything is in readiness for the Fall Field Trial of the VC of A. Ed Lloyd, again, takes care of a great many details right there at Bird Layne Farms. FT Secretary, Betty Kenly, writes that she has received the judges books and is eagerly awaiting entries from all over the country. Other members of the committee: Wilmer Kline, Kansas; Roy Hawkinson, Minnesota; Tom Pratt, Iowa; Bud Graff, Nebraska; Bela Hadik, New Hampshire; Bob Holcomb, Colorado; Joan Hunt, Tennessee; and yours truly are also ready and waiting! All data has been compiled, applications made and approved... you will find your entry blank, and information in this copy of the NEWS.

May I suggest that you make your motel reservations early, as there are a lot of people coming to this "tri-fold" meeting. Mahaska Motel and Motel Oskaloosa both accept dogs, when accompanied by people, and Lloyd's farm is available to campers . Write ahead so that they will know you are coming.

The Field Trial is again set up to include all people who love and own Vizslas. The "General Instructions" compiled by Doc Osborn will give you a clear picture of what is expected in each stake. Don't let the word "National" throw you... these are dogs, just like yours! The object of these FT meets is to learn something through comparison and create a measuring stick for the breed.

Any training problems can be discussed as freely as yesterdays' weather... just speak up, you will get 6 different ways to help remedy any given situation.

There are events for Vizslas only, Amateurs only, right up to the "Limited" for the best of the best!

The urge to set everything else aside for that week-end and see one of these "Field Trials" should be satisfied.

You own a Vizsla, you are a Vizsla Club of America Member.... COME!

THE MEETING

A very important meeting of the Vizsla Club of America is to be held on Saturday, November 9, 1963, at the New Sharon Community Building, New Sharon, Iowa, at 8:00 p. m. One meeting a year is just not enough to keep things rolling for a nationally organized club.

The agenda, at present includes:

REVISION OF THE VIZSLA STANDARD: The committee appointed to study this will report at this time.

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION of the Vizsla Club of America, to bring it into compliance with the practices of the club and with requirements for becoming a member of AKC.

FUTURE PLANS for Field Trials and Match Shows for the Vizsla Club of America. Where and when these should be held.

Other matters to be brought up before the membership should be sent to me as soon as possible.

Tom Pratt

President

THE MATCH

A conformation Match in connection with a Field Trial has been requested on several occations. It is not a simple thing... this business of having two such big events at the same time, but since I am just a girl who doesn't know that anything is impossible, have received permission to hold a "B" Match immediately following the Field Trial at New Sharon, Iowa, November 10.

With the discussion at this time about our Vizsla Standard and the need for clarification, it can be most helpfull, as dogs from many parts of the country will be attending the events and a good cross section will be available for comparison.

A gentleman from Oskaloosa, Iowa, has consented to judge the Match. Jack Hunt is familiar with sporting dogs (has finished championships in that class as well as judged). He will attend the judges' dinner, along with FT judges, Bill Maynard and Frederic Kremer.

I am counting on the help from Bela Hadik and Joe Cunningham who successfully managed the First Match of the Vizsla Club of America in June of this year on the east coast.

The flyer about the Match is also enclosed in this issue of the V-NEWS. Entries are to be brought with you to New Sharon and turned in to the secretary by 1:00 p. m. on Sunday, November 10th.

No request will be stipulated that dogs entering the Field Trial must also stand for judging on the bench... or dogs entered in the Match must also take their turn around the field... however, it does seem that you could find a class in EACH that would be both fun and educational. Hunters must be built right to run right!

If we are, indeed, a united club... not "either / or ", I strongly urge everyong to come for the beginning of the Field Trial and stay through the end of the Match. Enter and participate in this... the BIGGEST SINGLE EVENT in the history of the VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA.

FALL FIELD TRIAL 1963

VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

To be held under rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club
Date: November 9 - 10, 1963 Place: Bird Layne Farms, . New Sharon, Iowa
Judges: Bill Maynard, Eldon, Iowa; Frederic Kremer, Mound Minnesota

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING

November 9, 1963 (7:00 a.m.) Saturday

OPEN PUPPY STAKE -- Vizslas only (20 minutes) For dogs 6 months of age, and under 15 months of age on the day of the trial. Quail on course and bird field. Handlers walk. No guns. Entry Fee: $6.00.

OPEN DERBY STAKE -- Vizslas only (30 minutes) For dogs 6 months of age and under 2 years of age on the day of the trial. Quail on course and bird field. Handlers walk. This will NOT be a shoot-to-kill stake. Blank pistols will be fired over derby dogs and nothing smaller than a .32 calibur may be used. No retrieve required. Fee, $8.00

OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE -- Vizsla only (30 minutes) For dogs 6 months of age and over on the day of the trial. Three pheasants to be planted in the bird field for each brace. Shoot to kill stake -- official gunners to do the shooting. Retrieve required. Handlers may ride; however, foot handler will set the pace. Entry Fee: $15.00.

AMATEUR GUN DOG STAKE -- Open to European Pointing Dogs (30 minutes) For dogs 6 months of age and over on the day of the trial. Amateur handlers only. Three pheasants to be planted in the bird field for each brace. Shoot to kill done by official guns. Retrieve required. Handlers walk. Entry Fee: $10.00.

November 10, 1963 (7:00 a.m.) Sunday

OPEN GUN DOG STAKE -- Open to all German Pointing Breeds (30 minute minimum) For dogs 6 months of age and over. Handlers may ride. Three pheasants to be planted in the bird field for each brace. Shoot to kill by official gunners, retrieve required. Entry Fee: $12.00.

OPEN LIMITED ALL-AGE STAKE -- Open to all German Pointing Breeds (30 minute minimum). Limited to dogs which HAVE WON (a) first place in an Open Derby Stake, or HAVE PLACED (b) first, second, third or fourth in an All-Age or Gun Dog Stake in a Licensed AKC Field Trial. Post entries will be accepted for those dogs first qualifying at this trial. Drawing to be done immediately preceeding the start of the stake. Entry fee: $15.00.

Notice: No dog is eligible to enter unless they are registered with the A.K.C. or is litter registered with the A.K.C.

FIELD TRIAL GROUNDS: Bird Layne Farms, East Northeast of New Sharon on Highway 308.

LUNCH: Food and refreshments will be available on the grounds.

HORSES: Horses will be available to handlers and spectators at the trial grounds.

ENTRIES: Entries will close when available time is completely used up or at 9:00 P.M. Friday, November 8, 1963. The drawing will take place at the Mahaska Motel at that time. Note: Post entries in the Limited Stake will be accepted ONLY for those dogs first qualifying in this field trial. Entry Blanks are to be mailed to the Field Trial Secretary: Betty Kenly, 9021 North Black Canyon Highway, Phoenix, Arizona, 85021.

PRIZES: Trophies to first and second place dogs will be awarded and standard A.K.C. Rosettes to all placed dogs. Traveling trophies awarded last fall must be defended. Points toward AKC Championships may be given for all stakes.

FIELD TRIAL BANQUET AND JUDGES DINNER: A lavish smorgasbord consisting of baked ham, turkey and fried chicken; vegetables, salads and breads will be served following the competition on Saturday evening. Come-as-you-are.

MOTEL RESERVATIONS: Mahaska Motel and Motel Oskaloosa, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

NOTE: This notice is to serve as an information sheet to supplement instructions and data on your official entry blank.

General Instructions

Whether Field Trialing, or just hunting. . . the following information is what the judge and you should look for in evaluating a hunting dog in the ages designated.

PUPPY PERFORMANCE: Puppies (age 6 to 15 months) will receive consideration for: instinct to hunt, desire to get out and search for scent, good nose, tractable disposition, good style and appearance in the field and finding birds, but will not be shot over.

DERBY PERFORMANCE: Derby Dogs (age 6 to 24 months) are expected to get out and industriously search for game, exhibiting bird sense, pace, range, stamina, independence and possession of a good nose. They are expected to find and point game accurately and staunchly though not necessarily a finished performance. There will be no shoot to kill over the derby dogs, (no retrieve required) but a pistol of no less than .32 calibur will be fired over point.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION ALL-AGES: Performance will be evaluated for:

Ground Work

(a) Intelligent search, (b) Range, (c) Pace.

Bird Work

(a) Accurate and quick location, (b) Pointing, (c) Style.

Training

(a) Hunting to the course, (b) Responding to the handler, (c) Steadiness (where required). (d) Retrieving (where required.)

HANDLING: Dogs should be permitted to hunt naturally without driving them out or hacking. Dogs that do the job with the least amount of handling should get credit over dogs that require the need of a continuous flow of voice or whistling in order to stay in contact with or to locate the handler. It is the business of a broken dog to keep track of his handler.

CALLING POINT: Handlers are expected to signal (by raising one hand) or call "point" but judges will evaluate a point whether it is called by the handler or not.

RANGE, PACE & SEARCH: The desired ranger is a dog that will cover the course thoroughly, using judgement in selecting and going to the places most likely to hold birds. Dogs that hunt out of range are not to be preferred to the dog which keeps on the course and hunts it out ahead and on both sides of the handler. In cover, the desired rangershould quarter his ground where the area makes it possible for him to do so, going over the restricted parts of the course with as little handling as possible.

An experienced pheasant dog should search all areas in such a way so as to wind all likely spots thoroughly, and quickly, adapting his range to the nature of the area. Range is to be the exemplification of the instinctive urge or desire to find game. After the initial cast, dogs should hunt their way out. Dogs are to apply their range intelligently with due regard to cover and objectives rather than with regard only to distances from the handler which could be out too far or in too close.

FINDING BIRDS: Dogs are not to be rated by the number of birds found or pointed, alone. The kind of finds and points made should be considered. Preference should be given to the dog that goes boldly to a point on body scent rather than one that potters on foot scent. Difficult finds which result from intelligent searching are to be evaluated more highly than those that did not require much knowledge, bird sense or diligence.

LOCATION OF BIRDS: Dogs that move with birds that are moving and continue to get the bird's body scent are to be credited for such work, over a dog that holds fast to the original point even if birds have moved beyond the reach of his nose. Such situations demonstrate a dog's ability to match wits with the birds. Accurate location of game is desired.

PERFORMANCE, MANNERS & BIRD FINDING: It is desirable that a winner be charged with no errors. It is preferred, however, to award a placement to a dog that displays the characteristics of style, pace, drive, bird sense, etc., even though such a dog is charged with some minor errors or breach of manners rather than to award a placement to a dog lacking many of these characteristics even though an old plugger with a high bird score had no errors.

STEADINESS ON POINT: Dogs are expected not to move on flush, shot or falling game, but are to remain steady. Dogs on point are expected to remain steady until birds are flushed and shot is fired. They must not move again until ordered to do so by the handler. Upon a distinct pause of several seconds after game has fallen, the handler is then to command his dog to retrieve. This work is required to demonstrate the steadiness to fallen game and ability to complete a satisfactory retrieve. Dogs that break shot are to be penalized for the offense (but not scratched). Following the completion of handling a find, it will be permissible to heel your dog before sending him on, in order to divert his attention from the birds just handled

STYLE AND POINT: Intensity is the most desirable characteristic of a pointing dog and is therefore far more important than the position of the head or tail, though loftiness is desirable of a dog on point.

NON-PRODUCTIVE POINTS: When a dog points staunchly, the handler should find birds in the area where the dog is pointing. For failure to produce birds, a false point may be charged unless the dog corrects himself quickly and moves on without directions from his handler. Running pheasants present a problem and a point may prove unproductive and yet the dog may not be charged for a false point, but sufficient opportunity should be given to relocate in a positive quick manner. The dog should then be charged with inability to relocate, unless after the handler has made a conscientious effort to put the birds to flight and the judgeshave seen the birds run, handlers may then be ordered to fire a shot and the dog is again cast off. Such finds will be evaluated.

BACKING AND INTERFERENCE: Dogs are expected to back a bracemates point either on sight or command. Neither handler or his dog

may in anyway interfere with the dog on point now cause any undue delay in completing his work. If a dog has an opportunity to back and clearly refuses to accept the opportunity either on sight or command, it will be considered a fault and will be penalized. Judges may order a dog to back should they feel this is necessary to aid them in their evaluation of dogs for placement. When a dog has once interfered with bracemate handling birds, his handler should ask permission from judges to hold or restrain his dog when bracemate is again on birds.

TRAINING AIDS & CORRECTION: Training aids of any kind cannot be used or be exposed on the handler. Correction of a dog by the handler is also forbidden. Failure to adhere may cost the dog a placement or disqualifacation in the stake.

(This additional help in clarification of the various stakes found at these trials is found in the standard proceedures for field trials of the SUNFLOWER GSH Club.)

A GUN DOG is a cover dog, suitable for gunning on foot. The dog should hunt with and for his handler at all times. He should show or check in front of his handler frequently, never range out of sight for a length of time that would detract from his usefulness as a practical gun dog. This should be done preferably with style, intelligence and intensity. He must be under command at all times and quarter his field as directed.

An ALL-AGE DOG should run a good ground heat and hunt the cover where birds are likely to be found, negotiating the course in such a manner as to wind all the likely spots thoroughly but quickly, adapting his range to the nature of the terrain with optional wider range and more speed than is desirable in a gun dog. The dog should give a finished performance and should be under control at all times. He should, upon locating game, point staunchly and be steady to wing and shot. He should back his bracemate, if not on sight, on command.

THERE, NOW, by the time you have read and digested all that, you will know exactly that much more about the game than we did when going to our first Field Trial!

If you own a puppy... COME and run it! Neither of you is expected to know anything about a field trial, so this is the time to get started... together! I guarantee you will get more than your money's worth of information just being there and watching, talking with other owners and trainers, and participating in the competition. Your derby dog will sparkle with the same pup when put down on the course abounding with native birds. The Amateur Gun Dog Stake is made to order for the man (or woman) who wants the experience of competing with other part-time dog people. The All-Age Stake gives us something to aim for... the companion-hunter "par excellence".

RING SIDE AT HARBOR CITIES K. C. SHOW....

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hutner (Zza Zza Gabor) and daughter, Francisca with their Best of Breed Vizsla, "Warhorse O'Jay".

by D. Summers

Running against all Setter competition, the winner of last fall's Vizsla Club of America Field Trial Derby Stake, "Futaki Daracz" took 1st place in the Gun Dog Stake.

"Hunor", also placing in the mid-west last fall ran a sparkling flawless brace in the All-Age Class. Bela Hadik, owner and handler for both dogs waited for the finish of the Stake in a driving cold rain hoping for at least a mention. The judges reported that 5 dogs had completed a perfect score and gave the 4 places to the "hosts" with the "long tails"... Alas.

Vizslas that run and compare well in this fast competition, though not in the official placings will not soon be forgotten.

COLORADO GSHP FIELD TRIAL SEPT. 21-22

by B. Holcomb

A total of ninety-eight dogs filled the entry with five different breeds being represented. The weather was good and the competition was rugged, with Field Trial Champions falling by the way-side. (including GSHP Champions, Brittany Champions, and Weimaraner Champions.)

All placements were won by GSH Pointers, with the exception of two pointer champions, which won 1st and 2nd in the Open Limited All-Age; and a 3rd place, a Vizsla, "Brok" owned by Don Anderson in the Open Gun Dog Stake. (Don's dog was a close contender in the Open All Age Stake and the Amateur Gun Dog Stake, also; but he went birdless in both bird fields. One judge remarked that he admired the way this dog ranged and drove through heavy cover. He went on to say that this dog would have been high up in the winners' circle had he produced in the bird field.)

The other two Vizslas in competition were Buck Rollins' puppy "Pat" and Dr. Reinhardt's Derby Dog, "Haans v Selle". Both dogs made a good showing, with Buck Rollins' pup demonstrating good manners for a pup and was a happy hunter, but spastic in his range. This pup is not yet mature and shows signs of being a large and powerfully built dog.

Reinhardt's Derby Dog, "Haans" showed excellent manners, and was steady throughout his bird-field work. He lacked range in the back course, but hunted thoroughly and steadily throughout the thirty minutes. These two young dogs will be strong contenders in the future!

Although the Vizslas didn't win any first places, they won the respect of the gallery and will not be counted out of the competition in this area from now on. It is heartening to note that this is the most Vizslas we have had in a trial in this area. This is the first step we have been striving for, and now we really feel that we have our foot in the field trial door.

We hope that other Vizsla owners will attend the Denver Trials, as the entries are always large and anyone attending will see some of the best dogs in training in full action.

VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA
AKC SANCTIONED MATCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1963

Immediately following the Field Trial, New Sharon, Iowa

Entries will be accepted until 1:00 p.m. that day.

Dog Entry Fee: $1.00

RIBBONS AND TROPHIES
—— CLASSES ——

PUPPIES: 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months

ADULTS: Novice, Open

(NO dog with more than 3 points eligible)

SPECIAL CLASS: For Dogs with more than 3 points.

(Will be judged separately from regular classes.)

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS OF RECORD

Judge..... Jack Hunt, Oskaloosa, Ia.

Judging will be tented if the weather if inclement.

1000 WORDS OR SO.....

(The September VIZSLA NEWS had the first of a series of articles on training your dog for the Show Ring. It outlined the information to be covered and told about "Gaiting".)

TRAINING YOUR VIZSLA FOR THE SHOW RING
Part II by Glen Cottage Kennels

Last month, we started the series with the gaiting of your Vizsla. This month let's take a look at a routine which can be combined with gaiting. Though our comments are oriented to puppy training, we train all dogs in the same manner. We mentioned that we had finished two 5 year olds who had never even been properly trained to walk on a lead. Actually, we find older dogs easier to train for the ring because they are over their wiggling, squirming and "kissy" stage. An older dog, especially a house pet or hunting companion already has considerable manners and confidence. The one difficulty in training an older showdog is that he maintains just a limited amount of interest in performing well and will tolerate only a certain amount of fawning and pawing over before he gives up. We had found this especially true at hot weather shows held outdoors when one of the older dogs took Best of Breed. By the time Sporting Group goes on a couple of hours later, they just gave up and wanted out. However, in all fairness to the most independent older dog, we have had year olds do the same thing in hot weather. So it is dangerous to generalize. The important thing to note is that if you have a worthy specimen, don't be discouraged if he is 5, 6 or 7. Let him have a go at it, you might just have a champion on your hands.

Now, to continue with item #2....

THE SETUP

The "setup" may be introduced as a separate training routine after lead training or gaiting, or it may be done at the same time in separate two or three minute sessions. Don't try to cram all into one session or you will really drive the puppy crazy and tend to make him feel "unloved and abused".

Basically the dog must learn to stand still without a lead and collar. Your right hand touches or holds his head and your left holds his tail upright, if this is necessary (in most cases, we have noted that dogs fooled around with will put their tails down --this is normal and should give no cause for alarm.) This routine should be practised from the first on BOTH SIDES of the dog. Naturally, on his left side your left hand is at his head and right hand at the tail. You move around the dog; don't move him while changing positions. Encourage him to be steady while you change over. By the way, your position while setting up a dog is down on one or both knees, not stooping over with your "back porch" up in the air (this is especially true for the ladies).

A good set up shows your dog to advantage. What we are trying to achieve is the same stance he takes naturally when he stops suddenly during play and becomes alert to some movement or noise. (Not unlike a point or honor in the field.) It is not an artificial pose, but it must be artificially created under controlled circumstances. We have to achieve it in the show ring so the judge can see what you already know, what a beautiful specimen he really is!

A pup or a dog will squirm constantly through the first few sessions, so talk him through it to soothe his nerves. Your hands should strike a fine line between being light in touch but firm. No quick jerky movements or you will distract him and he will shy. Keep your hands moving over him slowly but to the point to correct a poor position. Starting with the head, the principal points are as follows:

1. Head high, pointed, directly forward. Your right hand is usually just couching him under the chin. At first, you may have to hold him by the lip and loose skin of the chin. He will want to turn around and climb into your lap at first, but resist this until the praise at the end of the session.

2. Neck arched, holding head high. This you control by your right hand at his head so he looks proud and aristocratic and the world's oldest sporting dog.

3. Front legs perpendicular to ground, directly under shoulders and feet pointed straight ahead. At this point, the truest dogs decide they have one "splay foot" or they decide they are "pigeon toed". It is up to you to convince him he doesn't have one or more club feet. The easiest way to arrange his front legs is to slide your hand down from the shoulder to let him know you're coming and move the offending member into alignment.

4. Set back legs in spreading stance with hocks or lower legs perpendicular to ground and feet straight forward. This latter point is just about automatic if legs are set properly. The correct spread to the side or spacing between the back legs is difficult to achieve without watching a good handler first and judging the exact spread for your individual dog's size and construction. Vizslas are set-up in the same manner as Weimaraners or GSH. Watch your dog's alert natural stance (mentioned previously) and approximate it. In moving back legs into position do it from underside of dog.

5. The back should be smooth and straight from shoulders to tail. No roaching (arched back) or front to end side leaning as dogs who think themselves abused tend to assume. If the hind legs are set properly, the back will take care of itself in most instances.

6. If the tail does not flag of it's own accord, as most do not after the mauling -- support it lightly from the bottom middle section. Don't grab it around or pull.

Just as you get to the back end of the dog, you will notice that the front end is all messed up -- so you slowly begin the routine again, taking your dog through it and encouraging him. Don't expect a good set up from a puppy or a dog until you've practiced one month. After that, twice a week is adequate to keep it fresh in his memory. If you start at two months, he will be ready for a puppy match as soon as he is eligible at three months. Don't expect too much from your pup; he will be satisfactory in ring deportment, but won't be a "pro" until about nine months and several matches or shows later. As soon as you have mastered the set up and at a time when he is about 6 months of age, try setting him up without the show lead. Drop it off after you have put him thru a gaiting session, while stoppoing in front of your "fake" judge.

You will know when the time is right for removing lead, because you will both have confidence in each

other and neither will faulter or balk. By the way, this is not vitally necessary, but does give a professional touch to your entry. Occasionally, we find an outstanding dog who, once in the setup, holds his head and tail high as we draw away without a hand on him. These are the dogs who usually go on to place in group.

Another point which we should have probably mentioned in the first article for it is important and could be said again and again -- if you are interested in showing your dog, attend as many shows as you can to observe ring procedure and more important, the handling technique of sporting dogs. Chances are that unless you are in Vizsla Country, there won't be any entries at your show or handling will be untrained owners. So watch the Y-Mar or GSH. It looks deceptively easy, but it reflects experience on both the dog's and handler's part. Study the techniques employed by many handlers and owners before you decide on a method or technique that suits you and your Vizsla. We personally like the quiet approach -- with a minimum of poking and pushing and without constant "fussing" over the dog. A well trained dog and handler can take a minimum of time to get "set up" and just the slightest of corrections to keep the dog in position. Also "talking" to your dog through gaiting, setup, and examination is the best method of soothing and keeping his attention.

We will continue along further lines in the next issue of the News when we will present, "Standing for Examination."

VIZSLAS IN CANADA...

WEIMARANER CLUB OF ALBERTA, Sept 15-16

by P. Sabo

The Vizslas sure aquited themselves in Calgary yesterday and today. Note that Ripp Barat's puppies are running in fast company for this was a BIG TIME Trial, take my word for it. All in driving rain and sleet but in this field trial not a dog went birdless. No bird field... contiguous courses, each course as big as all of Ed Lloyd's grounds. All on wild pheasants and prairie chicken.

Bob Holcomb's "Ripp Barat's Rippy" is extra good at 18 months. He placed 2nd in the All Age Shooting Dog Stake after a call back due to running a tough 30 mph rainy half hour, with one questionable find. He and his bracemate were recalled for 10 minutes and he had two Ripp-Barat-type of finds. He was excelled by only one dog, namely to 2nd top GSH in the U. S. The entire Stake was superior.

In the Derby, he and Chabasco had 2nd and 3rd places respectively, each with 6 finds, each handled in All-Age Style. The only reason a GSH beat them is because it was running bigger. Note, too, that Ripp-Barat's pup beat the old man in the Shooting Dog Stake!

Met the Kemenes-Kitner's at the trial. He saw all our Vizslas run and they had the entire gallery tongue-wagging about the Vizsla at this trial.

ONE PICTURE WORTH 1000 WORDS.....

"Lady Vizsta, C. D." at her favorite summer pastime -- pointing fish in our farm pond.

Bernard C. Boggs, Springfield, Ohio, is winner of this month's picture contest with this picture of his companion-hunter-fisher(?). "She had to be discouraged from being a substitute landing net, because of the hazards associated with the hooks, but she did an excellent job. Lady Vizsta even puts her head under water trying to catch the fish. She has learned to hold her breath for several seconds at a time."

NEBRASKA VIZSLA CLUB
FIELD TRIAL

October 19 - 20 Holdrege, Nebraska

HEADQUARTERS: Plains Motel
GROUNDS: 1 mile west, 1 mile north of the Country Club Corner

October 19 -- "Hunter's Special" a non-regular, warm-up stake. Post entries 1:00 p.m. at trial grounds. Ribbons to all participants. Amateurs only. Dogs must point and retrieve. Quail in bird field. $5.00

October 19 -- 8:00 p.m. entry deadline and drawing at Holdrege Country Club

October 20 -- AKC RULES 7:30

STAKES	ENTRY FEE
Open Vizsla Puppy (20 min.)	$5.00
Open Vizsla Derby (30 min.)	$7.00
Open Vizsla All-Age (")	$10.00

TROPHIES FOR FIRST 3 PLACES

Open European Gun Dog (30 min.) $10.00

TROPHIES PLUS PERCENTAGE OF ENTRY AS CASH PRIZE (50-30-20)

(Open All-Age and Gun Dog Stakes are shooting stakes with shooting done by official guns.)

Judges: Richard Armstrong, Lincoln
Ray Miller, Grand Island

Official Gunners: Tom Barnes, Elwood
Bud Graff, Seward

Rain or Shine!

For more information and entry blanks contact FT Secretary, Carl Wolfe, Box 138, Sutton, Nebraska.

DEAR EDITOR.....

Through this long and sleepless night...the office of the Vizsla Club of America has been turned into a maternity room (for canine, that is) ...hope you don't mind!!

Since we knew this was to happen 'bout now, I have been trying to get all the extra fall work done and out of the way before "vacations" in the form of field trials and hunting are here.

Maggie likes to have me hold her hand, and I THOUGHT I would be able to get October copy ready for the printer and only lose ONE night's sleep in the process. Alas, the night is half gone, and Mag has had me so busy, I still have not cleared the desk of last week's correspondence.

It hasn't been quite two weeks since the last Vizsla News sent to the post office...(printers get behind, too!) Lots of things have happened since then, and I know you are anxious to make your fall plans, and get your entry blanks for the field trial and match...first, must say, we, (the whole family) enjoyed tremendously a visit with AL and BILL STEVENS and "Raba" from West Virginia. To say my boys enjoyed the camp site they set up out by the pines would be the understatement of the year! We walked the fields to turn up native birds for "Raba" to work on... with considerable success. Quail and pheasant look pretty good 'round these parts. Bill and Al pitched right in with the big job of addressing all the September VIZSLA NEWS'...which meant that you got your copy a day sooner than you would have. Their post cards since then tell of visiting with Wayne Hoskins in western Nebraska, Bob Holcomb in Colorado, then off Antalope hunting in Wyoming, and plans to go into British Columbia and over to Washington state before heading the VW bus homeward..."when we get tired of living like Gypsies"...says Al.

The desk is all sorted into stacks: letters -- (answered and unanswered)--Field Trials,(National and Nebraska) Match.....etc,etc. There, of course, have been a steady stream of letters between AKC, members of the Field Trial Committee, and people helping with the Match. There is also a nice lot of new ads, new subscriptions and memberships, and still more orders for the "book" of old Vizsla News'. Then some most delightful letters from you...it's a shame I can't share all of them with you...my, how I do enjoy them!!

KAY JACKSON, Texas, wrote a most delightful letter and extolled some of the joys and problems encountered while raising the first litter of Vizsla pups. (ejg: there are still moments when I wonder how we ever got into this crazy business, too!) She likes the NEWS...says it is so alive! (Maybe I didn't get all the "bugs" out of the spelling in the copy she received!?) "I just know you are a 'Jane', not a Mrs. Graff..." she starts her letter. Indeed I am...but friend husband raises his eyebrows if mail comes addressed "Miss Graff"...

MIKE KENDE, Hungary, writes from the homeland of the Magyar Vizsla that it is now possible to import a vizsla bitch for the purpose of mating if a copy of the pedigree and other dates are sent well in advance of the date to be shipped. He also mentions several articles he had sent to the Vizsla News...a history of the breed, etc., I will look for them in the files, and work them in as soon as I can!

PAT CARTER, New Hampshire, sends exciting news...an OK just came through for a vacation in November, and they plan to come back for the Field Trial, Match and Meeting. She adds, "...our 'Missy' just had her tonsils out! She was having trouble eating and I looked into her mouth and saw that it was inflamed. After the vet treated it for two weeks it didn't appear to get much better ---so out came her tonsils! Now, her appetite has increased and she is full of h--- (I think she means health)...It changed her whole personality. Bela was so impressed with the change in her that he had the tonsils removed from one of his dogs that had trouble eating." She asks about weather conditions for Iowa in November...Yes, it will be "unpredictable", so bring warm clothing!!

JOE CUNNINGHAM, New York, wrote several letters answering my urgent questions about this-here-Match! He has offered his assistance, and I am sure I will be needing it. I think that the closest airport is Des Moines, Joe, but will check when we are in Oskaloosa the first week-end in October. Perhaps if several people are flying in, you will all want to "congeegate" there, and rent-a-car for the drive on to Oskaloosa and New Sharon...or perhaps some of the good people of Iowa would volunteer to meet the planes ans see that people are transported!?!

SYLVIA CHATFIELD, Minnesota, writes an encouraging letter, says "our month's vacation on the Coast (though she doesn't say which one) was much too short."

BELA HADIK, New Hampshire, sends a note with his ad saying, "I have written an article for the NEWS but now have to get my wife to translate it into English! Please allow her a little time...at the moment she is south taking care of the grandchildren." A phone call last night added the news that "Piri's" puppies arrived on schedule, October 1, 5 beautiful babies...and that he would be driving back to the Field trial with the Carters!!

BRAD JORGENS, Minnesota sends new lists of members and a long list of renewals...thankyou! He has done some checking on the revising of our constitution and the possible need for updating our incorporation...says "Under Minnesota Laws it would cost the club about $212.50, including attorney's fee. This is something to be discussed in New Sharon, maybe someone will come up with a better figure than that!" Members: This is your club and your money, your help and suggestions are welcomed.

ANNE CHELINE, California, writes that she and Leo are planning to drive to the mid-west to hunt pheasants. Asks if perhaps I would know of some families who take in "ignorant hunters" for lodging and hunting. Mentions October 20 - 28 for dates... and Nebraska and South Dakota as a general area! Invitations should go to 3720 Broderick St. San Francisco. (Suggest that you first plan to take in the Nebraska Field Trial, Oct 19-20...and line up your hunting from there...and end up at New Sharon for the National Meeting, November 9 - 10th!)

BOB HOLCOMB, Colorado, sends a new picture for his ad, and brings me up to date on the doings in his neck of the woods. He suggests that we add a couple more Vice-Presidents in his area, ..people who will write letters and keep in touch with the club office...

DAVE SUMMERS, California, sends the picture of a very lovely Vizsla owner, snapped at ring-side. He hopes he will be able to combind business and pleasure and be back in this part of the country in Mid-November.

PAUL SABO, Still in Canada, sends a write up of the Field Trial up there in September. Said that his wife suffered a stroke up there in July, that she is getting on OK now, and hopes to be back in time to get to New Sharon in November.

GENEVIEVE WOLFE, New Jersey, says "..especially liked the article on SIZE in the September NEWS. Wish we could get 'teeth' in the Standard. There seems to be such difference of opinion here in the East and I have heard judges ask exhibitors what size they should be...." Their "Brok Selle Son of a Gun" is well on his way toward a bench championship...at just over 1 year of age.

KEN MAGUIRE, Alaska, sends a change of address to Box 1511, Juneau. Says he is now out of the Army and working for the State of Alaska. (He is a construction engineer, Division of Buildings, Dept. of Public Works) and adds, "I always look forward to the NEWS with its information about the good people I haven't seen for several years" ...(aren't there any good people up there?! Surly you can find another Vizsla owner somewhere in that big, big state!!)

PAUL J. HALLY, New York, sends this note with his subscription.. "I have a Vizsla 18 months old and is doing very well. Throughout my life I have had pointers and setters, but have never had one to equal the Vizsla I now have."

BILL KAHLER, Missouri, called the other night. My, it is so nice to just pick up the phone and meet a Vizsla owner from far away! He said that he did have a bit of trouble getting through to me...it seems that with the new address and credits on the back page, things were not quite clear...he tried to have the operator dial my Zip Code number!! (note:correction!)

On the home front: The second batch of 14 day icicle pickles is just about ready for the jars, the dinning room table did get cleared between ponies of the NEWS (but now is covered with stuff over the lace cloth!...) and the ironing is literally to the sky!!

The "pony lawnmower" has its complications, too. "Misty" the colt running loose with his mother, developed a passion for chrysanthemum buds! Between ponies, puppies, kids and the Vizsla News... guess I had better go to "rock gardens".

Bud went up to the Omaha GSH Field Trial and visited with FRED SCHULTZE, RE: Fall Field Trial Plans. Things are all ready! Fred, you have done a big job almost single handed. I am sure all the other members of the committee will pitch in to line up entries from their area, get publicity to the press in their part of the country, and help you with last minute details as people arrive for the meet. LOY COUTTS, was also there with some fine Vizsla entries as well as GSH Pointers. Old saddle-sore DICK ARMSTRONG was riding Field Marshall, practicing on the ponies for the Nebraska Field Trial, I guess.

I should also mention that this improvement in spelling is due to the fact that I did-find someone who will proof-read, though not necessarily in the middle of the night. Arlene also insists that I have complete sentences ... who knows, in a few years this may get to be right down "literary"...

Goodness...I have been so busy that I have lost count of the number of puppies that have arrived so far...it looks like a whole basket full! Such lively little "chipmunks"...my, how excited the children will be in the morning.

So much for that stack of mail...the desk looks better already! Write again,

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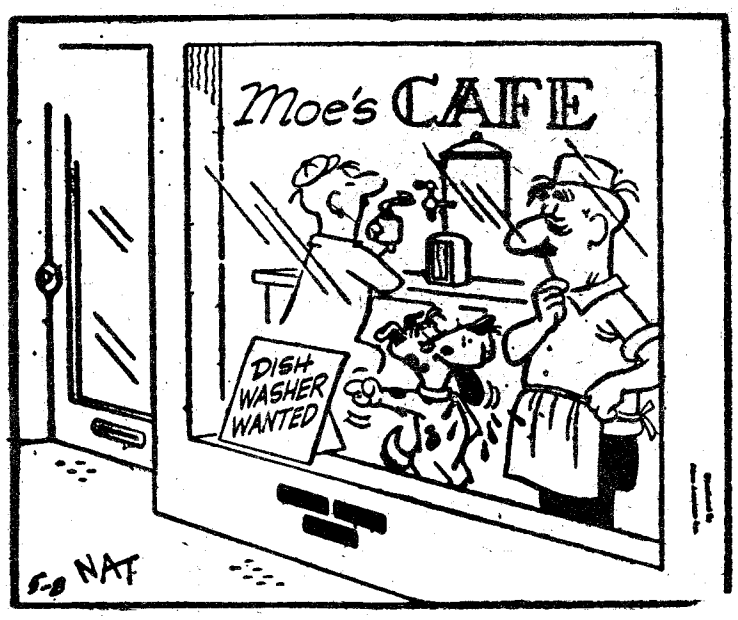

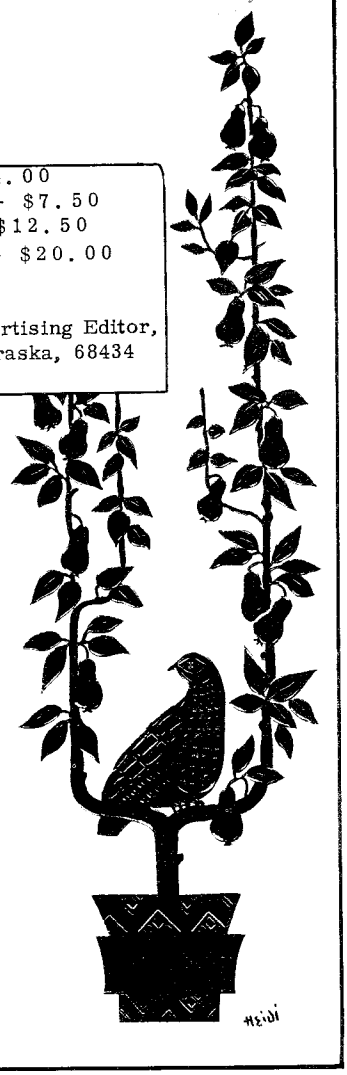

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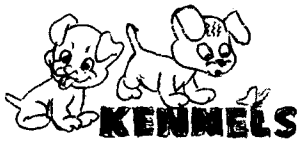

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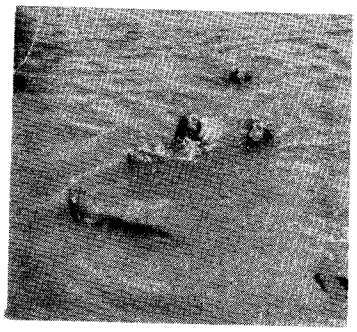

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