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TAKE SPECIAL NOTE of the dogs—light in color, "deer-like" stride, two-thirds tail bob—bounding over streams and field with the hunters.

The History Of The Magyar Vizsla

By Béla Hadik

The earliest mention of the Hungarian Vizsla, or Yellow Vizsla, as it was sometimes called, is in the chronicles and paintings of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. It is represented as a fast-footed bird dog brought from the Asian steppes by the pagan Hungarians. It is a known fact that falconry was the favorite pastime of the Asian tribes even before the migration of the people and that those who rode on horseback used dogs to find the birds ahead of them. This form of sport was practiced continuously by the Hungarians until the invention of gunpowder and shotguns.

Some claim the Hungarian Vizsla is descended from the hound, but this is false, for if in olden times they paid little attention to the outward appearance they paid all the more attention to the usefulness of the dog. The hound, with its excellent tracking ability and characteristic sounding is used mostly in wooded areas and only on furbearing animals. The other variety of hunting dog is the greyhound which never makes sound and follows the game at lightning speed over open coun-

try. The greyhound has no nose for game and hunts only by sight without sound. The ancient shepherd dogs (Komondor & Kuvasz) may also be included in the list of hunting dogs. The mountain shepherds used their dogs to protect their herds from wolves, bears and lynxes. None of these dog qualified for the requirements of the falconers dog.

The fourth category of hunting dog is the bird dog. These are agile dogs which hunt with their noses only and never give sound while hunting. This is our Hungarian Vizsla. It is interesting that even the name, in Hungarian denotes curiosity, inquisitiveness, examination. (Vizsgalnil to examine). Thus it is this breed which has been bred and used for hunting ever since the migration of the tribes.

During the baroque era, after the invention of gunpowder and the shotgun, the pointing instinct in the dogs was further developed by selective breeding. What strains may have been injected no one can tell, but even if this was done the breeders always returned to the original form of the dog, through elimination. The Hungarian Vizsla even today resembles the wild dogs of the steppes in color (the lighter ones) and in quality of coat.

From the middle of the eighteenth century to the end of the nineteenth century the Vizslas were used in about the same way as the bird dog in America today. Before then game for the kitchen was trapped or noosed by paid trappers. It was during the eighteenth century that hunting and shooting became a gentleman's sport.

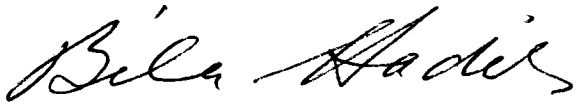
Towards the end of the nineteenth century the Vizsla was pushed into the background. The ever increasing amount of game and the intensive farming made it imperative to copy the English way of shooting driven birds. To organize and manage these large and lucrative shoots, trained gamekeepers were brought in from England, Germany, Austria and Bohemia. These often brought their own hunting dogs which were then called English Vizslas, German Vizslas, etc. Then came World War I with all its horrors and by the end of this there were but few Vizslas left.

During the 1920's, after the Treaty of Trianon which robbed Hungary of so much of her territory, a wave of nationalism swelled up and this was manifested also in dog breeding. Clubs were formed to save and breed the pure Puli, Kuvasz, Komondor and Vizsla races. Our Hungarian Vizslas were saved for the future by Count Laszlo Esterhazy, a dear friend and close neighbor of mine, and by Dr. Kalman Polgar and Elemer Petocz.

These three gentlemen organized the first Vizsla show and field trial on the property of Count Vilmos Festetics in Toponar in the fall of 1922. After the successful trial they founded the Hungarian Vizsla Association and laid down the Stud Book. For foundation stock they first picked three females: Lidi, Kati and Borcsa, and one stud: Rupp. (This latter incidentally belonged to Count Steven Széchényi of Kalmancsa, my wife's uncle). We know that later on they found three or four more Vizslas which they deemed worthy of registration in the stud book. All registered Hungarian Vizslas thus descend from these seven or eight dogs. In 1944 there were 5,000 registered Vizslas in Hungary and it was almost always they that won every trial in competition with other breeds.

It was after this that the Soviet hordes occupied the whole of Central Europe. Not a village in Hungary was spared and they say that 80 to 90% of the Vizslas were destroyed. From this diminished stock many members of the British and American Military Commissions bought dogs and brought them home, it is thus the Vizsla first came to this country.

From this summary it becomes apparent that twice within a reasonably short period, 1918 and 1944, a certain amount of inbreeding has become necessary to maintain the Vizsla breed. All Vizslas are therefore already fairly closely related, which fact causes me to strongly oppose any further inbreeding.



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AT LEAST you can't say I didn't warn you! Warm Fall days spell H-U-N-T-I-N-G, and everything, EVERYTHING goes on the shelf, including copy for your Vizsla News.

I had thought that I could have copy ready (except for the write-up on the National) before going over to New Sharon... but each time I would start, some big ol' pheasant would cackle and I would grab my gun and one of the pups and head for the hills.

Such a lovely long Fall, too! Warm and pleasent, day after day. A little too dry here in the mid-west, too, but never have I seen the colors so brilliant, so alive with the "sound of music", or the hunting so good!

In some parts of the country I hear that your hunting days are slipping away with no way to hunt in the wooded areas... parks and reserves are closed to campers and hunters because of the lack of rain and great danger of fire. I hope that by now the rains have come, and you are able to walk the fields with your rust-gold friends.

One does not necessarily need a gun to gain satisfaction or lasting memories... a camera can capture moments of great joy when a bird is discovered by your Vizsla, whether it is a puppy or an old "pet" that you never got around to training.

I know you are anxious to hear about the meeting, field trial, and match. If I had just had a tape recorder with me last night as I drove home with two sleepy puppies, Lecia curled up among the files and suit cases in the back seat, and Bud snoring on the seat beside me, I could have given such a glowing account! Such wonderful, busy hours spent with old friends... meeting new "faces" (the names are familiar). But now, as I sit at the typewriter midst the half unpacked suit cases, my head is filled with so many things to tell you, I don't know where to begin.

You seem to like to hear it just as if you were there... so (not too windy, I hope) here it is!

Getting to a field trial is no small thing... as many of you know! Some people were on their way the Sunday before the field trial, many others left early in the week, for it was more than a one-day-journey for them.

We tried to be ready by noon on Friday... were finally on our way by 2:00. This would have been in plenty of time if the little ol' station wagon had not developed a "cold in the carburetor." We loped along... the miles ticking off ever so slowly, and finally arrived in Oskaloosa.

It was pitch dark when we turned into the Motel drive... a light rain was falling, but there were practically no cars, and I wondered if it were the right day! Just then two girls (one looking just like the other) popped out of the door shouting, "Hi, what kept you, where is everybody, who is that, your daughter? Hi, ..."

Before we could check in, get the dogs out to exercise, unload and locate the files I would be needing, the place looked like Grand Central Station. Cars filled with people and dogs pulled in, and it was like old home week!

Time was getting short... final entries had to be in before 9:00. Midst the greeting and meeting, phones were ringing... Stedman's had gotten detoured, made an additional entry... Doc Osborn called from Des Moines saying that Joe Cunningham was lost somewhere between Chicago and there, was waiting for still another flight so go ahead with the drawing and not wait for him...

We all converged on Fred Schultze's rooms. Standing room only. Betty Kenly was counting and sorting entries in the various stakes ... it was a big stack! What a wonderful, wonderful turn out!

The drawing for bracemates is done by lots, so midst the smoke, chatter of people meeting people, checking on this, that and the other thing... the entry blanks were pulled one by one from the hat and listed on the official slate.

One was quite aware as the names were called out that these were no ordinary dogs! With only one or two exceptions, all had to be spelled, re-checked, then usually pronounced by their proud owner. For almost 70... this was a lengthy process. Perhaps in the future, we will have to close entries several days in advance, allowing time for the committee to draw the stakes and print copies, and not take up valuable sleeping hours the night before the big event for the job.

When the drawing was completed, we counted the time it would take to run all the stakes listed for Saturday. If we were to complete the Amateur, it would take 13 and 1/2 hours. Starting promptly at 7:00 we would have only 11 hours of daylight... at best.

What to do? Run 3 days? Call in two extra judges, a field marshall, timer, etc and run the puppies on another course at the same time the Derby dogs were running? Run the Amateur Stake simultaneously with another? Nothing is simple. What does the rule book say? Dogs and handlers are listed in several events, and there will be conflicts... someone having to be in both fields at the same time... Talk Talk Talk

Bill Maynard, one of our judges, arrived and we filled him in on the situation. After kicking the thing around some more, Bill said in his calm, deep voice... "Now, I have run dogs in many field trials, and I am sure that everyone who has driven all the way over here and paid his entry fee wants the judges to take a look at his dog for his full time. If everything is ready to go at 7:00 sharp... (he refered to some figures he had scratched out on the corner of an entry).. we can run it straight through, and should be able to get into the 3rd or 4th brace of the Amateur before sun down." When asked if he had figured a break for lunch, he added... "We are here to look at dogs... not eat. Someone can bring us a cup of coffee and a hamburger, and we will keep on schedule."

With all that decided, SLEEP was in order. We tucked the dogs in for the night. A

light drizzly rain was still falling. At least, the conditions for dogs should be the best in years.

It was still dark when there was a thump, thump on the door.

"Everybody out !! ...6:00"

Hurry, it is a long drive to the grounds from Oskaloosa. We stopped for breakfast, then headed north on Hwy 63 along a peaceful countryside. There was just a little haze over the early sun, and only a slight breeze that moved the ground fog in the valleys along like ribbons of white chiffon. Cattle grazed in the spooky stubble fields and occasionally a big pheasant would cackle and the dogs would beg to take up the chase.

The first brace of pups was off in good time, only a few minutes after the scheduled time. Each brace was on the line and waiting as the judges finished marking their books, identified the next brace and headed out again. (There was some fast shuffeling as handlers would finish one course, hop into a waiting car and race over to the starting line and another pup.)

For the Derby Stake, we moved across the road and into the middle of the next section to a different course. Noon came and went, but finally gave in and drove back over the "trail" to bring some lunch over. (This would have been uneventful if I had not forgotten to put the lid on the pups drinking water, or tipped over one of the cokes on the way back!)

It was after 2:00 when the All-Age dogs tooks off on the south side of the road again. The weather couldn't have been better... cool, slight breeze, light overcast over the sun. It was "warm & friendly" on the hilltop. Daylight was slipping away from us, however... we would not get as much completed as we had hoped. The last brace of All-Age dogs headed out into the twilight, but were called in a few minutes later as they could not be seen in the cover, and proper judgement could not be made. The sun sets early in that part of Iowa... it was just a little past 6:00.

The dinner and meeting were to be held in the Community Hall in New Sharon so many of us went there directly from the field and talkec over the many happenings of the day. There was time for people to drive back to Oskaloosa and get "gussied up"... (Pat Carter had never heard that rather home-spun term.) We had a nice visit with the Boggs, Howard James and his family, Leonard Hartl and Jack Hunt (judge for the match) and his wife.

As the time drew close to 7:30 the hall was filled with Vizsla owners and enthusiasts. A lovely smorgasbord more than made up for the lack of time to eat the past day or two!

With dinner completed, I wished I had been triplets... or perhaps should have been, in order to be ready for the meeting, committee reports, match plans, to say nothing of the things I had questions on that we never got to...

The minutes of the meeting, accountings of the field trial and match you will find, complete in this NEWS. (Also the list of people attending.)

Following the meeting, the field trial committee met to work out some problems that had arisen. Since people are only human, and AKC rules and practices get somewhat confused in use, things like the course to be used for the remainder of the trial and the drawing of a bye dog is not a simple thing. If one lives and learns... then we did a lot of "living" that weekend.

Visiting with everyone at the dinner was a wonderful experience. I think that everyone who was at the field trial also attended the dinner, so everyone really got acquainted. This is one of the purposes of these meetings... and perhaps it is the most valuable part, at that!

The drive back to Oskaloosa was pleasant. People had been so helpful, all problems were worked out and the weather was going to "hold" for still another day. SLEEP

Up again! and a quick breakfast... had to get started promptly, again. The first brace was on the line when we arrived. The breeze was a bit more brisk, the temperature a mite cooler and tension most high. Different problems appeared (some related to the trial, others strictly mechanical at the farm) but all having a bearing on the eventual outcome of a stake. The line-up had to be shuffled and re-shuffled. The "Red Book" of rules were practically memorized before the day was over.

By noon, we were over many hurdles. It looked as if we would get done before dark! I suddenly realized that entries for the Match were to close about then. By now the group included Don Vahl (one of the official gunners) and his wife, and Richard Daye from Omaha.

A grassy hillside not far from the birdfield was selected for the place to show the dogs. Ray Louppe, president of the Newton Kennel Club came along with Jack Hunt to help ...help was greatly appreciated, and all went very well, thanks to these gentlemen, Joe Cunningham, Pat Carter, the Landsdowns and Patons. I had warned Jack that these dogs were by and large going to be handled by amateurs (90% had never been in a show of any kind). He was most thorough in his explanations, patient with all the exhibitors (some quite youthful) and dogs not accustomed to that game.

"My, what beautiful dogs!" said one surprised exhibitor used to only so-so competition on the bench. The misconception that field trialers don't compare well with "show stock" in conformation was certainly dispelled. There was no dog on the grounds that would come under any disqualifying rule . . . a most spectacular sight!

A wonderful surprise visitor... Gus Garvis (who has judged several of our trials) and his lovely wife, Agnes, drove down from Des Moines to see the many vizsla owners they had gotten to know over the years. Gus was so pleased to see so many dogs entered and suggested that in the future we would have to go to a 3 day meet... and possibly earlier in the season.

The sun was sinking in the west and the breeze was getting real chilly. The final stake was completed and winners announced. Then the recipient of the new Count Laszlo Estrehazy Traveling Trophy was selected.

By this time my files and clip board were one big maze of confussion... I could only hope that I had everything, somewhere!

We said hurried good-bys in the gathering dusk, then bumped over the corn stubble path and headed west. Six hours of driving, and, God willing, we would be home again. Sleepy? I was exhausted!

The many, many happenings of the preceding days spun round and round in my head as I struggled to stay alert. I could only hope that everyone who attended felt it was as worthwhile a week-end as we did.

It was the biggest single event ever held in the United States for Vizslas! Well over 60 field trial entries, over 20 match entries and more than 40 people from 14 states attended the meeting. There were positive steps taken toward AKC membership in each field.

There was excellent dog work... many classes of dogs had entries inwhich all ran better than the winners in the past! Not every dog can win... but all participants were "winners" for having made the effort to attend, supporting materially as well as spiritually, an event of this tenor.

I hope that everyone concurred with the placings in each stake, or if they didn't, that they had time to talk with the judges afterwards, or will, by the time they read the accounting of the trial and show, understand what it was that had qualified the winners.

It is the object evaluation of your own dog's abilities that means that next time you will both be better prepared for competition.

The participant that did not win, and learns why he lost has gained more than he who won and doesn't know why he did!

There will be other field trials, other days... but I will never forget this one.

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Trophies and gifts:
Bela Hadik, New Hampshire
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Glen Cottage Kennels, New York
Betty Kenly, Arizona
and anonymous Vizsla lover

Photography at trial, meeting and match... for free!
Bernard Boggs, Ohio

Thank you.

PLACINGS AT THE MATCH

Puppy—3- 6—Duffy (Graff, Nebraska)
6- 9 (1) Ripp Barat's Apache (Holcomb, Colorado)
(2) Osborn's Flaming Arrow (Osborn, Minnesota)
(3) Soni (Graff, Nebraska)
(4) Ripp Barat's Lucky (Holcomb, Colorado)
9-12 (1) Fero v. Hunt (R. J. Buhman-Milan, Ill.)
(2) Aranyos Caprice (J. Rusin-Lorain, Ohio)
(3) Szekeres Kezdet (J. & P. Carter-Manchester, N. J.)
(4) Leng V. Salle (Dr. & Mrs. R. Reinhardt, Nebraska)
Best Puppy—Fero v. Hunt
Adult—Open
(1) Haans v. Selle (Dr. Reinhardt, Nebraska)
(2) Futaki Darocz (Bela Hadik, N. H.)
(3) Futaki Jancsi (Bela Hadik, N. H.)
(4) Lady Vista (Bernard Boggs, Ohio)
Special—Molly Barat (J. W. Lansdowne Indianapolis
Best Adult—Haans v. Selle
Parade of Champions—Ch. Hunor, (B. Hadik) & Ch. Paton's Zsomi Selle, (George Paton, New Augusta, Ind.)

NEW VIZSLA PINS

People who attend the Field Trial were the first to see the new Vizsla Pins. These attractive gold-filled pins are are size of a dime, and have a replica of a Vizsla dog head with remarkable detail. "How did you get a picture of my dog for that?" was the joking remark made by a dozen people, for the Vizsla head, with its aristocratic bearing is remarkably similar, and the likeness is "everybody's Vizsla".

The pins come in two clip styles: The tie tack, (with a tight guard lock burr on the back) or the pin, (with a lock also).

The Craftsmanship makes this a fine piece of jewelry you will be proud to wear not only on the hunting cap, but in the lapel of your suit, or on a lovely dress.

It would be the perfect Christmas gift from Santa, or "Rover"... order now from our business manager, Joyce Jorgens, Clara City, Minnesota. $2.00 each.

VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
NATIONAL FALL TRIAL

BY BETTY KENLY

THE SCENE OF OUR NATIONAL FALL TRIAL HELD NOVEMBER 9TH AND 10TH, 1963, WAS AGAIN AT NEW SHARON, IOWA. IT WAS RUN OVER BEAUTIFUL BIRD LAYNE FARMS, OWNED AND OPERATED BY ED AND GLADYS LLOYD, WITH THE HELP OF YOUNG DEBBIE AND TERRY.

AS USUAL, THE LLOYD'S WERE MOST GRACIOUS HOSTS AND KEPT THINGS RUNNING LIKE CLOCKWORK, WHEN WE WERE AFRAID IT MIGHT GET OUT OF HAND BECAUSE OF SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF ENTRIES.

JUDICIAL CHORES FOR ALL STAKES, WERE IN THE CAPABLE HANDS OF BILL MAYNARD, ELDON, IOWA AND FRED KREMER, MOUND, MINN. THESE GENTLEMEN CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TOWARD THE SUCCESS OF OUR TRIAL, NOT ONLY IN A JUDICIAL CAPACITY BUT TOWARD SPEEDING ALONG A RECORD ENTRY OF 67 DOGS. I BELIEVE I EVEN SAW THEM EATING THEIR LUNCH ON THE RUN.

THE WEATHER MAN WAS KIND ENOUGH TO GIVE US TWO OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL DAYS I HAVE EVER EXPERIENCED IN IOWA. COLD ENOUGH FOR A LIGHT COAT AND GOOD RUNNING WEATHER FOR OUR DOGS.

AFTER A VERY LONG DRY SPELL IN THE MID-WEST, COVER AND SCENTING CONDITIONS WERE NOT QUITE WHAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST, BUT OTHER THAN PUPPY AND DERBY STAKES, WHICH WENT ALMOST BIRDLESS, SOME FINE BIRD-WORK WAS TURNED IN.

THIS WAS PROBABLY THE MOST SUCCESSFUL TRIAL WE HAVE EVER HELD, NOT ONLY IN QUANTITY, BUT THE OVER ALL QUALITY OF THE DOGS, SEEMS MUCH IMPROVED. THIS REMARK CAME FROM BILL MAYNARD, WHO HAS JUDGED THREE OF OUR TRIALS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS AND SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO COMPARE.

GUNNERS WERE A LITTLE HARD TO COME BY AS SATURDAY WAS OPENING DAY OF PHEASANT SEASON IN IOWA. MANY THANKS GO TO TOM PRATT, BUD GRAFF, LOY COUTTS, AND A COUPLE OF OTHER GENTLEMEN WITH WHOM I AM NOT ACQUAINTED, FOR HANDLING THESE CHORES. THEY PROBABLY HAD MORE LUCK THAN THE LOCAL ENTOURAGE.

OUR PUPPY AND DERBY STAKES SHOWED US SOME VERY PROMISING YOUNGSTERS, FULL OF ENTHUSIASM WITH PLENTY OF DESIRE TO RUN AND A KNOWLEDGE OF WHERE TO FIND BIRDS. I MIGHT ADD, THE OLDER DOGS HAD BETTER BE ON THEIR TOES NEXT YEAR.

Amateur and All Age Winner

Open Puppy Winner

Derby Winner

OPEN PUPPY

13 ENTRIES 13 STARTERS

1ST QUEEN INGA — VIZSLA FEMALE
OWNER-HANDLER LEONARD J. HARTL, DAVENPORT, IOWA

2ND SONI BROOK SELLE VIZSLA MALE
OWNER--MR. & MRS. M. D. GRAFF, SEWARD, NEBRASKA--HANDLER BUD GRAFF

3RD OSBORN'S FLAMING ARROW VIZSLA FEMALE
OWNER--DR. I. S. OSBORN, LESEUER, MINN.--HANDLER--FRED SCHULZE

4TH TERRY'S RED RASCAL VIZSLA MALE
OWNER-HANDLER--TERRY LLOYD, NEW SHARON, IOWA

OPEN DERBY
10 ENTRIES 10 STARTERS

1ST RIPP BARAT'S RIPPY VIZSLA MALE
OWNER--JUDY HOLCOMB, ENGLEWOOD, COLO. HANDLER-PAUL SABO

2ND JAKE JACARANDA VIZSLA MALE
OWNER-HANDLER--LEONARD J. HARTL, DAVENPORT, IOWA

3RD SILVER CHOLLA CACTUS VIZSLA FEMALE
OWNER--JANE HOLCOMB, ENGLEWOOD, COLO. HANDLER--PAUL SABO

4TH PUERCO PETE BARAT VIZSLA MALE
OWNER--BETTY KENLY, PHOENIX, ARIZ. HANDLER--PAUL SABO

OPEN ALL AGE
11 ENTRIES 11 STARTERS

THE ALL AGE DOGS THIS YEAR WERE TOPS. FIRST AND THIRD PLACES WENT TO TWO YOUNG DOGS, STILL DERBY AGE.

HAAN'S V SELLE HAD A FIELD DAY ON QUAIL IN THE BACK COURSE, ALL HANDLED WELL, WITH BEAUTIFUL MANNERS IN THE BIRD FIELD. ALL PLACED DOGS RAN A GOOD SEARCHING RACE WITH NONE GOING BIRDLESS AND MANNERS WERE AT THEIR BEST.

1ST HAAN'S V SELLE VIZSLA MALE
OWNER--HANDLER DR. R. C. REINHARDT, SCOTTSBLUFF, NEB.

2ND HUNOR VIZSLA MALE
OWNER-HANDLER BELA HADIK, CHESTER, N. H.

3RD RIPP BARAT'S RIPPY VIZSLA MALE
OWNER--JUDY HOLCOMB, ENGLEWOOD, COLO. HANDLER--PAUL SABO

4TH SHIRBOB'S HONEY DEW VIZSLA FEMALE
OWNER-HANDLER M. D. GRAFF, SEWARD, NEB.

AMATEUR GUN DOG
12 ENTRIES 8 STARTERS

HAAN'S V SELLE REPEATED HIMSELF IN THIS STAKE, WORKING THE ONLY WAY HE SEEMS TO KNOW HOW. PLACED DOGS ALL HAD GOOD BIRD WORK. THIS BEING AN AMATEUR STAKE, I'M SURE THE JUDGES OVER-LOOKED A FEW MISTAKES MADE BY HANDLERS. IN SOME CASES, THE DOG OUT-PERFORMED HIS HANDLER. (I'M SPEAKING FOR MYSELF)

1ST HAAN'S V SELLE VIZSLA MALE
OWNER--HANDLER DR. R. C. REINHARDT, SCOTTSBLUFF, NEB.

2ND RIPP BARAT VIZSLA MALE
OWNER--HANDLER BETTY KENLY, PHOENIX, ARIZONA

3RD ZIP V LOOSDORF VIZSLA MALE
OWNER--WYMAN & STEVE STEDMAN HANDLER-WYMAN STEDMAN, PALMYRA, NEB.

4TH RIPP BARAT'S RIPPY VIZSLA MALE
OWNER--JUDY HOLCOMB, ENGLEWOOD, COLO. HANDLER-BETTY KENLY

OPEN GUN DOG

13 ENTRIES 12 STARTERS
10 VIZSLAS 3 G.S.H.P.

THIS STAKE WAS OPEN TO ALL GERMAN POINTING DOGS, WHICH BROUGHT IN SOME GOOD GERMAN SHORT HAIR POINTERS TO GIVE US SOME PRETTY KEEN COMPETITION.

OSBORN'S STARFIRE RAN, PROBABLY ONE OF THE BEST RACES OF HER CAREER. SHE HAD TWO BEAUTIFUL BACK FIELD FINDS WITH TWO IN THE BIRD FIELD. RIPP BARAT HAD A STOP TO FLUSH ON THE BACK COURSE WITH THREE FINDS IN THE BIRDFIELD. MANNERS AND STYLE WERE OUTSTANDING FOR ALL DOGS.

1ST OSBORN'S STARFIRE VIZSLA FEMALE
OWNER--DR. I. S. OSBORN, LESEUER, MINN. HANDLER--FRED SCHULZE

2ND RIPP BARAT VIZSLA MALE
OWNER--BETTY KENLY, PHOENIX, ARIZONA HANDLER--PAUL SABO

3RD CARLA VON DER AIBLINGER AU G.S.H.P. FEMALE
OWNER--N. LAWRENCE BENTSON, ST. PAUL, MINN. HANDLER FRED SCHULZE

4TH BARON VON EICHHORN G.S.H.P. MALE
OWNER--L. M. ADAMS, MPLS., MINN. HANDLER--FRED SCHULZE

OPEN LIMITED ALL AGE

8 ENTRIES 7 STARTERS
5 VIZSLAS 3 G.S.H.P.

THIS IS THE CREAM OF THE CROP. ONLY DOGS HAVING WON A DERBY STAKE OR PLACING IN AN OPEN ALL AGE STAKE ARE ELIGIBLE.

THIS MUST HAVE BEEN THE MOST DIFFICULT STAKE OF THE TRIAL TO JUDGE AND VERY LITTLE SEPARATED THE FIRST PLACE DOG FROM THE REST OF THE FIELD. ALL DOGS WORKED TO PERFECTION AND I'M SURE EVERY OWNER PRESENT FELT THE WAY I DID, 10FT. TALL IN MY SADDLE.

1ST RIPP BARAT VIZSLA MALE
OWNER--BETTY KENLY, PHOENIX, ARIZ. HANDLER--PAUL SABO

2ND RIPP BARAT'S RIPPY VIZSLA MALE
OWNER--JUDY HOLCOMB, ENGLEWOOD, COLO. HANDLER--PAUL SABO

3RD OSBORN'S STARFIRE VIZSLA FEMALE
OWNER--DR. I. S. OSBORN, LESEUER, MINN. HANDLER--FRED SCHULZE

4TH RIPP VON SKOOMARKENS G.S.H.P. MALE
OWNER--DR. ROGER C. MURRAY, ST. PAUL, MINN. HANDLER--FRED SCHULZE

ON BEHALF OF THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, AS FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH AND EVERY PERSON WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR TRIAL AND ALL THOSE UNSUNG HEROS WHO LAY THE GROUND WORK AND HELPED THE TRIAL TO A SUCCESSFUL CONSLUSION.

IT WAS NICE TO SEE SOME OF OUR OLDER MEMBERS RETURN TO THE FOLD AS WELL AS WELCOMING MANY NEW MEMBERS. THE LANSDOWNE'S AND PAYTON'S FROM INDIANAPOLIS,. MR. LANSDOWNE IS A FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF OUR CLUB. DR. W. C. MEMINGER, ERIE, PA. AND NEW COMER--JOE CUNNINGHAM, N. Y. AMONG THE MISSING WERE JOAN AND CHARLES HUNT AND FORMER PRESIDENT ROY HAWKINSON. I'M SORRY I DO NOT HAVE A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL THOSE PRESENT, BUT MAYBE YOUR CLUB SECRETARY CAN SUPPLY IT AT A LATER DATE. I'M SURE OUR READERS AND FRIENDS WILL BE INTERESTED.

ONE OF THE HIGH-LIGHTS OF THE TRIAL WAS A BEAUTIFUL SILVER BOWL, DONATED BY AN ANONYMOUS LOVER OF THE VIZSLA BREED <, TO THE MOST OUTSTANDING FEMALE VIZSLA OF THE TRIAL. THIS IS TO BE A PERPETUAL TROPHY AND THE HONOR WENT TO DR. OSBORN'S STARFIRE. GET BUSY ON YOUR BREEDINGS FOR THE FUTURE. YOU WOULD BE PROUD TO HAVE THIS BOWL GRACE YOUR TROPHY SHELF. WE ALSO HAVE A NEW TRAVELING TROPHY FOR THE OPEN ALL AGE STAKE, WHICH WAS TAKEN HOME THIS YEAR BY DR. REINHARDT'S "HAAN'S V SELLE."

VIZSLA CLUB OF ILLINOIS

by G. Solberg

The Vizsla Club of Illinois has taken another step forward in its organization. On October 2nd, 1963, we held our second meeting, again attended by 18 Vizsla owners, with a few new faces, and calls from several others interested but unable to attend. So the outlook is promising.

The name "Vizsla Club of Illinois" has been decided on, and we are now making preparation for a state charter. Our constitution and by-laws will follow along the lines of those suggested by AKC, with only a few minor changes.

Club officers have been chosen, and on November 21, 1963 we will have our first official meeting. Club officers are as follows:

Pres. George Solberg, Chicago
V. Pres. Alan Jacobs, Lincolnwood
Secy, Lea Sabo, Chicago
Tres. Iris Pechota, Berwyn

Board of Directors: Carl Kindel, Wauconda
Joe Malicek, Chicago
Advisor for obedience: Helen Malicek
Advisor for bench show: Frank Sabo

The meeting on October 2 was enjoyed by everyone joinging in the conversation about the club, and interwoven with talk about dogs, their problems and joys and of course with the hunting season just around the corner a lot of talk about field work.

Club members were informed of the National Vizsla Trials at New Sharon, Iowa, several hoping to make the trip.

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

THE VIZSLA CLUB OF CANADA

You are invited to join the Vizsla Club of Canada and to participate in and contribute to its growth. A major purpose of the club will be to strive constantly for the development of superior quality Vizslas, both in the field on the bench, in Canada. It is hoped that by means of field trials and specialty shows we may satisfy ourselves and the public that we are working toward our objectives. It will take time, cooperation and understanding. We earnestly solicit your interest and active participation.

Dr. A. Kemenes-Kettner
Administrative Secretary

Yearly membership dues are $8.00 which includes the quarterly publication "Vizsla Views" edited by Dr. Phil Wright, its president. 16 Oriole Crescent, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

GET YOUR NEW "RED BOOK" NOW.

The American Kennel Club, 221 Park Avenue South, New York, New York, has just published a new revision on the Field Trial Rule Book known as the "Red Book". Single copies of the book may be had by writing a letter and requesting it. These are sent free of charge.

Clubs wishing to get several copies may order them in any quantity for 25 cents a copy.

As one who has just memorized a great deal of this, I strongly urge everyone to order now, and start learning. Even your fun trials should be kept as close to these official rules as possible . . . so that when you attend a licensed trial you will know the rules.

LOOKING FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE VIZSLA??

Send your $3 to THE VIZSLA NEWS and receive the "Book" of back copies of the News... Over 20 issues still available dating back to March 1959.

MINUTES NATIONAL MEETING, NOV. 9, 1963

The meeting of the Vizsla Club of America was called to order following the dinner honoring our judges, Bill Maynard, Fred Kremer and his wife, Ruth, Jack Hunt and his wife. Tom Pratt, presiding.

Attending the dinner, and present for the meet- were:

Bela Hadik* Chester, New Hampshire
Mr. and Mrs. John Carter, Manchester, New Hampshire
Mr. and Mrs. George Solberg*, Chicago, Illinois
Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Reinhardt & Doug, Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Mr. and Mrs. Howard James & family, Muscatine Iowa
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lansdowne, Indianapolis, Indiana
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Boggs, Springfield, Ohio
Joseph F. Cunningham*, Middletown, New York
Mr. and Mrs. George Paton, New Augusta, Indiana
Mr. and Mrs. Brad Jorgens*, Clara City, Minnesota
John Rusin & son, Lorain, Ohio
Betty Kenly*, Phoenix, Arizona
Dr. W. C. Meminger*, Erie Pennsylvania
Paul Sabo* Champaign, Illinois
Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Graff* & Lecia, Seward, Nebraska
Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Stedman & Steve, Palmyra, Nebraska
Mr. and Mrs. Jess Iftner, Atlantic, Iowa
Fred E. Schulze*, Rosemount, Minnesota
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Holcomb* & family, Englewood, Colorado
Dr. I. S. Osborn*, LeSueur, Minnesota
Loy C. Coutts, Waterloo, Nebraska
R. I. Buhman Milan, Illinois
Fred & Leonard Hartl, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Weiland, Mission Hills, South Dakota
Tom Pratt*, Clarion, Iowa

(* National Board Members ..... 13 present)

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the May Vizsla News. Since this was not the annual meeting, no treasurer's report was called for.

The judges, Bill Maynard and Fred Kremer were presented with their gifts.

An invitation was extended by "Wild Wings" game reserve, managed by Howard James, Muscatine, Iowa, to hold a national Field Trial there in the future. The invitation was accepted, and turned over to the field trial committee for consideration. The invitation from David City, Nebraska, received earlier will also be placed in this committee's hands.

President, Tom Pratt, extended the thanks of the club to Chairman of this Field Trial, Fred Schulze; F. T. Secretary, Betty Kenly; the committee, Bob Holcomb, Bud Graff, Bela Hadik, (present) for making this the largest field trial in the history of the Club. Almost 70 entries were drawn, and each age group well represented. A thank you was extended to Ed and Gladys Lloyd for their part in the preparations of this event.

Bela Hadik asked that in the future, the field trial committee be authorized to (whenever possible) line up the braces so NOT to have one handler run in 3 consecutive braces. One does not have time to properly ready a dog for competition in the few minutes between braces, and the physical drain on any individual is considerable, if when they are drawn they could be arranged in that manner. A check with AKC on the matter will be made, and the suggestion was turned over to the field trial committee.

With a full day of running ahead for Sunday, the suggestion was made that we not use the second course (the one for the Derby Stake). The time used in moving, the lack of available bird work on the back course, and the difficult cover in the bird field (both for the dogs to penetrate, and judges and spectators to see. This matter was also referred to the field trial committee to be decided following the meeting. The other matter before this committee is the drawing of the bye dog to complete the stake.

NEW BUSINESS was presented: A copy of the present Vizsla Standard was distributed to all people present. The need for clarification of our standard was noted from letters received from various parts of the country. The committee for standard, Dr. I. S. Osborn, Joseph Cunningham & Tom Pratt and written suggestions by Bela Hadik and Joan Hunt set forth several suggested revisions, and asked for discussion from the floor. It was noted that in most breed standards, there are following the description, a list of faults, serious faults, and disqualifications. The Vizsla breed at present does not have any such pointers for judges. There are many "suggested" faults within our present standard, but these are not set apart at the conclusion as such, and are therefore, not noted by many judges (many of whom have never seen the breed in its proper proportions).

PROPOSED REVISIONS: Remove from the present standard the following: "Oversize not to be considered a major fault unless excessive", and add the following:

DISQUALIFICATIONS

A size variation of 2" above or below the prescribed standard in either sex.

Dewclaws not removed.

Any white spot larger than 3" in diameter on chest and any foot with two or more solid white toes.

Excessive dewlap pendulous lips, droopy eyes or any other hound-like characteristics.

SERIOUS FAULTS

Overshot or undershot jaw
Yellow eye
Back roached or sway
Black or slate gray nose
Cow hocks
Hare feet
Dark brown or pale yellow color coat

FAULTS

Excessive or too little angulation at the hocks
Tail shorter than 1/3 off — tail longer than 1/3 off
Feet east and west
Doggy bitches and bitchy dogs

NOTE: Discussion noted to give background to members unable to be there—not as part of minutes.

There was considerable discussion on many of the points. Many of the points are readily accepted as common fact and obvious faults. Discussion as to the shade of coat was referred to Bela Hadik. His comments: That the dogs in Hungary are of the lighter shades.

The shade of rust-gold is hard to define, suggestions that dark brown or pale yellow color in coat in the list of "Faults", not "Serious Faults". The very dark or tan are not the true color.

The discussion as to the amount of white acceptable, (the amount "3 inches" was intended to be a hypothetical figure, indicating a moderate amount). The amount of white acceptable for registration should be sufficient, in that if a dog should have white on other than the feet (not feet and legs), and chest, (not chest, stomach, forearms and neck) should eliminate all such marked from even being registered as a Vizsla, without further clarification as to "show" white. White on feet and chest is acceptable, but white on other parts of the body are not, and should be culled by the breeder. That such dogs are registered and some getting points toward a championship; is certainly not in the best interest of the breed. We should certainly not penalize a dog for white in accepted areas, or put another dog over it simply because it is solid rust-gold . . . but we do not intend that dogs with "excessive white" become the breeding stock any more than dogs of "excessive size" unduly influence the breed.

A motion by Joe Cunningham that we strike the phrase "oversize not to be considered a major fault unless excessive" from our standard and insert in its place "a size variation of 2" above or below the prescribed standard in either sex shall be a disqualification". Seconded by Bud Graff. Motion was unanimously carried by 39 members (13 board members)) present. No dissenting votes.

It was the suggestion of the president, that the remaineder of the committee's report be discussed further and brought up at the annual meeting in the spring. (Any member is free to send their suggestions and recommendations for consideration of the committee to any of the members of the committee or to the office of the Vizsla Club of America, and all will be recorded and considered.)

The revision of our Constitution is being turned over to a committee. Bela Hadik, ch., Pat Carter, Dr. W. Meminger, Sylvia Chatfield and Jane Graff. Mr. Hadik has corresponded at length with AKC. Report to be completed at the annual meeting this spring.

The "B" Match, to be held the following day was discussed, and procedure to filing entries was announced. An invitation to hold a Vizsla Specialty Show at Warren, Ohio, on May 24, 1964 had to be declined as we have, to date, not had our two successful "A" Matches, and successive Licensed Matches required by AKC before specialty shows can be licensed by the Vizsla Club of America.

A location for our "A" Matches and Shows has to be selected. All these must be on one location, then, when and if, we become a member of AKC, we can hold our National Shows, and trials anywhere in the United States. It was decided to hold our "A" Matches in the "Great Lakes" area. Vizsla Clubs in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania will be able to help with local arrangements, and assure an adequate atendance to make them representative of the breed.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

J. Harold Streater, 954 E. Main St. Lakeland, Fa.
Geraldine Backmann, Sky Island, Upper Black Eddy, Pa.
M. L. Knick, 1229 EmLeod Ave. N. Glencoe, Minn.
Robert C. Anderson, Route 1, Lebanon, New Jersey
Mrs. Charles C. Spalding, 4505 Kahala Ave. Honolulu, H.
Ronald Frey, Route 1, LaCrosse, Wisconsin
Merle E. Hardland, 1431 Stuart, Helena, Mont.
Lt. Col. N. J. Daurlet, 0-5679, APO 686, N.Y, N.Y.
Anthony Sturm, 610 N. Aurora St. Ithaca, N.Y.
Francis J Tallman, 3400 W. Coleman Rd, Kansas City, M

(and again, several dozen subscriptions...)

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* TROPHY RECIPE

Any sportsman worthy of the name will take care of the wild game he takes. Proper preparation begins in the field, or the quality of the meat may be ruined. If you are going to be out for more than 3 hours, birds should be "field dressed" and filled with green grass, but not washed until ready to complete the dressing.

All meat is better when properly aged, birds are better after 24 hours in the refrigerator, (not necessarily 6 months in the freezer!) Big game requires longer.

Since most of us are concerned with upland game just now, I will give you several ways my family likes "pretty birds"...

Oven roasted: Birds can be roasted in a covered roasting pan, just as domestic fowl, allowing plenty of time at a low temperature, (300 degrees). We like ours "falling off the bone"...which takes about 3 hours. Moisture in the pot can be just water, or milk, mushrooms or any of the well seasoned soups.

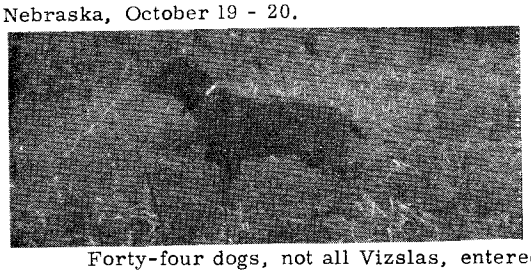
Creamed: This is Peter's favorate...just simmer the birds in seasoned water until tender. Then dice into bite size pieces. Make a white sauce proportionally for the size of your family, add the meat, mushrooms or onions. Best served over hot biscuits topped with your favorate cheese.

Fried: A pheasant is not an easy bird to fix in this way...the meat on the breast is so thick that it does not cook through by the time the rest is too brown. One can fry it much like a chicken, if you remember to cook it a long time at a low temperature and allow amply liquid. I prefer to fry pheasant this way. Using only the breast meat (other pieces are quite often shot up, or can be boiled and used in salad later). Cut the meat from the bones, then pound with a meat hammer until uniform in thickness. Cut into serving size, dip into egg batter, then into well seasoned flour, then fry in 1/2" fat or butter. A most delicious, different flavor. Think that is what we will have for supper with fresh pumpkin pie.

NEBRASKA FIELD TRIAL RESULTS

by Wy Carlson, Holdrege Daily Citizen

Shirbob's Honey Dew, a beautiful golden Vizsla performed in championship style for owner M. D. Graff, of Seward, Nebr, to win the feature event the "European Gun Dog Stake" at the Nebraska Vizsla Club Field Trial held near Holdrege, Nebraska, October 19 - 20.



Forty-four dogs, not all Vizslas, entered in the two days of trialing from Kansas and Nebraska. The weatherman provided near-ideal conditions for the dogs, even though it was a little too wet to expect a large gallery of spectators, only about 150 people stood on the hill overlooking the entire course.

The Hunter's Special, Saturday afternoon revealed that many more Holdrege dog owners have Vizslas in their kennels than was thought... and the kids, too had great fun taking their dog to the field in search of the little quail.

Located on the Harold Meier farm northeast of Holdrege is ideal for dog field trials, according to judges Richard Armstrong of Lincoln and Ray Miller of Grand Island. From the house, which is located in the center of the section, it is possible to see dogs in action in any part of the square mile...and was excellent for participants and spectators.

The Holdrege Chamber of Commerce spread out the welcome mat, offering the field trialers and their dogs excellent accomodations at the Plains Motel, dinner at the Country Club, and when the weather was too wet for lunch on the field put together a lunch in record time for the crowd. Many of the business men aided in making the field trial successful by the donation of a trophy. These include: Holdrege Veterinary Clinic & Supply; First National Bank, Hilsabeck Sporting Goods Company, Pearson's Package Store, Chris Lien Company, Kingsley Lumber Company, Plains Motel, McClymont Implement Company, Wm. F. Anderson Company, Palmer Brothers Granite Company, Dale Hotel, and Gabus Ford & Mercury. The local radio station came out and covered the event giving about a 15 minute on-the-spot interview at the trial grounds on Saturday.

Jack Vaughn of the Holdrege Chamber of Commerce had fine local assistance in Irwin Braner, Chairman of Sports and Recreation Committee, Chris Lien, Bud Anderson, Ken Sughroue, Vern Palmer, and Tom Barnes from neighboring Elwood, and many more. Birds were supplied by Bourn's Game Farm, Overton, Nebraska.

All dogs that were entered in the "Hunter's Special" received ribbons.

Results of Sunday's running was:

PUPPY STAKE:
1. Shawn Nix, owner, Dee Ehrlick, Lincoln
2. Soni Brook Selle, M. D. Graff, Seward
3. Leng V Selle, R. Reinhardt, Scottsbluff

DERBY STAKE (5 Vizslas)
1. Zip v Loosdorf, W. Stedman, Palmyra
2. Haans v Selle, R. Reinhardt, Scottsbluff
3. Fisher's Pepper Princess, W. Fisher, Lincoln

OPEN ALL-AGE (8 Vizslas)
1. Haans v Selle, R. Reinhardt, Scottsbluff
2. Derekas Rex Selle, W. Kline, Garden City, K.
3. Maggie Too, J. Dolezal, David City

EUROPEAN GUN DOG (8 Vizslas 2 GSH)
1. Shirbob's Honey Dew, M. Graff, Seward
2. Haans v Selle, R. Reinhardt, Scottsbluff
3. Birdie Doll (GSH) B. Bourn, Overton

One of the Judges, Ray Miller had this to say after the trial.. " I am more than pleased with what I could see of the breed... I had never seen them run before. The Vizsla seems to have such a fine temperment, they want to please their handlers, and do it merrily. That is what the average hunter wants, a smart, easy handling dog to work with the handler and gunner. In other words, a cooperating pair, as was demonstrated to me in quite a few braces. There seems, however, to be a line of softness in the finishing of the dogs. That one defect I would watch very close and strive to correct it. When this is overcome, you will have a world beater in the Vizslas..." The judging was not an easy task as a light rain was falling all day, and the dogs refreshed from the long hot spell had some of the handlers pulling their hair as finished dogs would break like pups, or chase just for fun. The final stake of the day, changed to real business as in this instance all dogs worked well and a truly finished performance was turned in by more than the placings would include.

At the club meeting held Saturday night following the banquet, officers were elected: President, Carl Wolfe, Sutton; vice-president, Joe Dolezal, David City; Secretary, Wyman Stedman, Palmyra, and Treasurer, Bud Graff, Seward. Board of Directors include: R. Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Dee Ehrlick, Lincoln, and Bill Fisher, Lincoln.

The constitution was read and approved. Members signed the charter list. Plans for the future include a sanctioned field trial in the spring, and regularly scheduled fun trials and training sessions.

A great deal of credit for the success of the field trial should go to Pete Czura, who gave a full page headline in the Sunday Star-Journal the week before the big event, and the Omaha World Herald who also carried the announcement of the trial.

1000 WORDS OR SO . . .
ARTICLE III
By Joe Cunningham

So far we have been through "gaiting" and "set up" and we hope that everyone who has been working with their dog has been successful in accomplishing their goals. In this issue we are going to proceed with the next step: "STANDING FOR EXAMINATION".

No matter how beautiful your dog performs in the house and yard, his and your training isn't really proven until your first Match Show. Most Kennel Clubs hold at least two matches a year for precisely this purpose. They are for inexperienced dogs and new handlers with all the family pets in town usually showing up.

This may be the first time he's exposed to a car ride, large crowds of people, and strange hands pawing over him. We can prepare for some things but there is always the unpredictable.

In preparation for his first judging, we've taught him to set up, but now we've got to introduce another element—the inspection.

After the dog knows what is expected in the set up, it is vital to have a stranger go over him as would a judge. Dogs must expect lady judges with billowing skirts and big floppy hats to come up to him for examination. Perhaps a neighbor or visiting in-law might give a hand in this practice. Remember it should prefereably be someone with whom the dog is not familiar, otherwise the examination practice becomes meaningless. Once he gets accustomed to the examination and goes to his first shows he will never mind it again.

This phase of training should be conducted outdoors and should always be in the format of actual ring procedure. There are no hard and fast rules for the order in which a judge will ask exhibitors to show their dogs but 9 out of 10 times the routine will be as follows:

STANDING FOR EXAMINATION

1. Dogs enter ring—when all present—judge waves arm and asks exhibitors to gait dogs around ring in counter clockwise circle. He usually placed himself in center and observes gait of dogs. Remember your training, a gait is a brisk trot not a gallop, on a loose lead.

2. Judge motions dogs to stop and form a reasonably tight line, nose to tail, facing in the same direction that they were gaiting. This is your signal for the set up (the judge won't ask you). Remove the the lead and set him up. Keep your entry under control and await your turn as the judge comes down the line of dogs. The judge will approach your dog with hand outstretched and will perhaps talk to him. If Rover waves his tail, let him, it will impress the judge. Either he will examine the Bite (fitting together of the teeth—upper over lower), or he will ask you to do so. If you do it take your left hand—thumb and index finger and gently raise the upper lip while your right hand—same digits—lower the bottom lip. He is interested only in seeing the front teeth and fangs in a closed position so don't exaggerate the smile or pull the lips around. Of course, in order to see the bite **the teeth must be closed**. Next the judge might pick up a foreleg and watch it drop or he might go directly to his shoulders and apply pressure to test soundness and construction.

I think I had better stop right here to mention a few points on the handler. As the judge examines any part of your dog, keep yourself and your hands from getting between him and the dog. If he is examining the head, hands off 'till he moves away. Have your hand ready for a permissable correction but don't get in the judge's way. If the judge moves around your dog, you move around away from him and in back of your dog.

3. The judge will next go over the backline to the tail, probably running his hand along from neck or shoulders all the way back. Let us hope that the dog was groomed properly so he does not pick up any loose hairs.

4. His next stop is the rear to check the set on of the tail and those powerful back legs. He may set up the legs himself if they do not suit him. He will also check the males at this time to make sure they have the correct compliment of everything. If your male pup is a "monorchid", the judge will call a vet to inspect your dog. If it is there but has not dropped you're okay, but if it isn't there your dog will be disqualified.

5. The judge will then usually take a last overall look and move on to the next dog.

You can now understand why we stressed earlier that this section be done under the direction be someone strange. Actually the judges movements are usually very smooth, but to the beginner "pup", he is still someone that he doesn't know.

Although some judges willl have each dog in the line move up to him for the set up and follow this with individual gaiting, most judges will examine all dogs and then gait them individually.

When it is your turn to gait, present your dog to the judge and get your instructions as to how he wants you to gait (remember in an earlier section we mentioned various types of movement desired by judges). He will ask you to move your dog down and back; and indicate the direction or he will ask you to describe in a "T" or "L" fashion. The most important thing to remember here is that **you're not gaiting yourself**, you are incidental to the dog. Keep the dog moving in a line from and to the judge. You should be to the right or left of the judge, as you move away from him. The dog should move in a fast trot, not a canter. If he breaks, his gait that is, it is permissable—even desirable to stop, turn around and get started again. Remember you want the judge to see your dog at his best. Take pains in aiding his performance. Try not to convey your nervousness to the dog—which they sense through the lead.

The three patterns most used by a judge are: Down & Back, "T" and "L".

"Down & Back"—Go in a straight line from judge to end of ring and arc your dog around at the end and bring him back dead on course for the judge. Stop at the judge and try to get Fido into a set up—natural without fuss. The judge will either have you gait again or will ask you to go to the end of the line. By the way, while the others are gaiting it is generally a good time to have you and the dog relax a bit. He can move around a bit, take your clue from the other handlers in the ring. Some shows are all work and no nonsense, so you and your dog should be prepared to stay set up every minute of the time in the ring except while gaiting. As a matter of fact, this will depend on your experience in the ring. Some judges never take their eyes from the particular dog they are examining or gaiting and other judges cast sneaky looks all over the place, checking an earlier impression of the dog.

The "T"—You move down to the end of the ring, go to your left, as far as possible change lead to right hand on turn around, so that your dog is between you and the judge and go across the far end all the way. Change lead to left hand as you turn around and come halfway back where you will be able to get back to the judge in a straight line.

The "L"—is down to the end, change lead to right hand and go as far as possible to the right, change lead to left hand—turn around and return to center, and straight to the judge. The "L" may go to the right or left—whatever the judge prefers.

The "T" & "L" are a little tricky at the beginning. The effect you are trying to achieve is a continuous controlled trot by your dog with a minimum of confusion and abrupt stop. By practicing and talking to him, you will both soon learn them. The pattern may seem intricate but the judge wants to see gaiting from all angles of your dog.

After the gaiting everyone again sets the dogs up for the judges last inspection. He may ask dogs to switch positions or another to gait again but this is usually the last lookover and at this point he picks his one, two, three and four dogs for placement.

This section started out by being Standing for Examination, and getting ready for the first Match Show—but somehow it has gotten to the regular show stage which is allright since a Match, although informal, is usually conducted in the same manner —but without as much emphasis. Next section we will cover will be "GROOMING YOUR VIZSLA SHOW TACK". (Good Luck)

REPORT ON THE COLORADO-WYOMING WEIMARANER CLUB FALL FIELD TRIAL
October 12 - 13, 1963
By J. R. Holcomb

There were seven stakes with a total of ninety entries. Two stakes were closed for Y-Mars only.

The trial was held at the Cherry Creek Field Trial Grounds; where there was plenty of cover for the Chukars to hide in.

Again, the Vizslas made a good showing; if not in quantity, at least in quality.

Representing our breed was 'Buck' Rollins with his pup, which made a good showing in both the puppy and derby stakes, but was barely edged out of the placements by some very good dogs. The outstanding Vizsla performance was put on by Dr. Reinhardt's, Haans V. Selle, which won first place in the Derby Stake; and according to the judges, was well ahead of all the contenders in this stake. The third Vizsla was owned by Don Anderson. His dog placed second in the Amateur Gun-Dog Stake.

The G.S.H. Pointers dominated the winners, with a sprinkling of Brittanys and Weimaraners taking some of the winnings.

As usual, there were lots of complementary comments about the Vizslas' performance and beauty.

We are most grateful that 'Doc' Reinhardt made the trip up here from Nebraska. We hope that more close-by Vizsla owners can be here for the Spring Trials. Also, we hope to send some entries to the Nebraska Trials next spring for a little Vizsla support.

Perhaps by the Spring Trials we may have a Vizsla Club organized in this area, and this would create several more trial prospects.

DEAR EDITOR . . . .

"Since your letter in July, we have not heard from you. . . we did receive two copies of the Vizsla News, however. This proves that even if you neglect us directly, we are compensated indirectly. . . " so says a 'pen-pal' from the coast . . . . Yes, many others, too have noticed that the long letters that used to come from my desk are few and far between. It is not that I think of you . . . each of you. . less. Only that time does not allow me the privilege of "a long letter" very often.

Time was when I would get home from a field trial and pound out a letter to Bob Foster (the guy who started us in this crazy game) and by the time I had gotten through, I usually knew why our entry had placed the way she did, and although it didn't change anything, I usually felt better. (now, much more objectively and less prejudicely, I hope. . . I sent it to you all) Used to keep in touch with all the people who had gotten a pup from us, or whom we knew had Vizslas in this area. . . but I am afraid that I don't do that either, anymore! It is not that I care less. . . only that while trying to keep the whole Vizsla world in contact with each other, personal correspondence suffers.

I am glad that you understand! Keep your letters coming! I will try to get to them with at least a note, and MY, how I do love to hear from you and your dogs and, if you don't mind, will always share as much as I can with other people. . . who are as interested as I am so hear about them too.

Gee, it was so nice meeting the "names" that I have gotten to know so well this past year. Vizsla owners are the most delightful people in the world. . . there were no "strangers". Perhaps the letter we got from RAY MILLER, one of the judges at the Nebraska Field Trial hits the nail on the head when he says. . . "everyone was so friendly, no so-called 'airs' were put on and the trial ran so completly smooth. . . " This is the way people were at the National, too. . . people were interested in other vizsla owners, whether they were the original importers of the breed, royalty from a by-gone age, or the newest owner in the group. . . all "vizsla owners", a class unto itself. No "airs" necessary.

The file of new correspondence is larger than usual. . . true, it has been longer since the last issue. There are so many of you who expressed your desire to attend the meeting, I am sure that through your thoughts many of you were mentally with us that week-end.

ROY and MARGE WIDENER, have still another address in California. . . these "roving" ambassadors do not take their membership lightly. . . for everywhere they go, they find a few more "lost" Vizsla owners, and point them in our direction. "Talked to some people in the Sacramento area and they seemed interested in rounding up the 'Vizsla gang' to discuss organizing a local club. . . " (ejg: You'll never know unless you try. . . there are enough Vizsla owners

in practically every state to have at least one local club... if people would only get off their verandas and say... "lets...."

GENEVIEVE WOLFE, New Jersey, is a busy bee. Each week there is an additional note with another name or two... encouragement in the crusade on size, eagerness to get a club in that area started, and wishfullness to be able to attend the National meeting. Genevieve, your enthusiasm is refreshing! You ask how I keep up... actually, I'm not doing so well... I wish a little elf would appear in the night and do the cleaning, sewing, and cobbleing!!

JOE NESBITT, California, sent a most interesting letter... "Our purpose in securing our Vizsla was to chase cattle out from under low trees and brush. And this he does -- he can go all day without tiring. He is agressive, intelligent, willing to work at all times and a good companion. We need a short haired, long eared dog as our range is brushy and full of foxtails. We think our "Pete" is great!" (ejg: the most interesting to me is that he mentions the date, 1955, and dam and sire.. Rataz Povazia and Brok-Olca. This dog is a litter mate to the great "Ripp Barat".)

BRAD JORGENS, Minnesota, sent this snap shot... "results of the opening of duck and goose season... Max located and retrieved these honkers out of very heavy cover... pretty good job, wouldn't you say, considering that ol' Max is completely blind!!"

(ejg: Good for Max. Remind me to tell you about about when he was a pup, and had Brad carrying him up and down the stairs for months after he had recovered from a broken leg!)

WALTER CAMPBELL, California, says "persistence is a great virtue..." (ejg: now, Bud would call it "nagging" but I feel most strongly that the people who are breeding vizslas and representing the breed especially in far areas should have some contact with the National Club... so, "persistent" I was!!) "As you may know, we have a struggling young club started here called the Vizsla Club of Southern California with approximately 50 members..." (ejg: You would have been interested in the variety of length of dogs tails at the national... lets face it, it is difficult to tell just how much a tail is going to grow when it is only 4 days old. As I walked past a group of people visiting, overheard the comment... "yes, I had to dock that dog's tail twice, too..." I only wish there was some way to add to a tail that was chopped off too short... Maggie's tail isn't long enough to cover... anything!)

MARGARET MEMINGER, Pennsylvania, wrote a note the last of October... "I regret the day the Vizsla News is placed in my mail box, for, from then on nothing gets done until I have read it from cover to cover..." (ejg: But, imagine how deep things get at my house while I am writing it from cover to cover?! ... I know what you mean though, I used to sit down on the front steps and devour the copies that came from Tennessee). Margaret says that her Csic-Ked's Amos Jodie finished his championship by winning 4 major's. "We are trying hard to arrange to attend the field trial... lining up a 1600 mile trip is no small task. Whether or not I can attend, I'd like to donate a trophy..." (The Vizsla Club of America is always happy to accept donations toward trophies for any of their events... in fact ALL trophies used to be donated. Credits will of course be given in the NEWS. Thank you) Dr. Meminger did manage to get to the trial and meeting. I understand that he practically had to build his own plane to get out of Chicago.

BARBARA and LES KEEL, California, sent a lovely big picture of their pride and joy, and a letter, Barb says... "a short novel", telling about their Redfield's Duke of Brok (now champion of record). "Duke arrived air freight at the age of 3 months... scared to death. After two days in his nice new wicker bed (which he eventually ate,) with my husband on the floor by him trying to make friends... he finally decided we would do! We bought Duke for a hunting companion and it was quite by accident that we started to show him. He was entered in only 6 shows to complete his championship... 3 majors by going Best of Breed over the specials... 11 months old at the time. Out here people go more for showing, and there were 24 entries at Long Beach. We haven't been to any field trials yet and are sorry we can't make it to New Sharon... would love to try it out! We would love to hear from anyone who wants to talk Vizslas and promise to answer any letters we receive. (Address: 5607 Tampa Ave, Tarzana.. zip 91356) The picture of the three Vizslas looking out of the station wagon was so fabulous in the September issue... who are they? (ejg: This is some more of Dr. Reinhardt's excellent photography... Haans and friends) "Duke is one year old now, and I don't know how we would get along without him. My children (4) and I had always been fearful of dogs... all that is gone now, he seems to understand that he can be rough with the oldest and must be gentle with the youngest."

Ch. Redfield's Duke of Brok.

BOB FOSTER, Washington, also noted that it had been a long time since he had gotten a letter from me, and says "We are going to have a Field Trial out here next spring. It will be a sanctioned AKC event, so that in a few trials we will be able to award championship points, too" He invites any and all people to take a spring vacation, and enter a field trial in that far corner of the map. Dates will be printed as soon as I get it! Will hope that we have the kind of a winter so that perhaps we can return a visit of several years past. He sends this picture of "the gang" that go over-the-mountains each fall for a week or so of hunting. Don't have all the names, but recognize the dog in the middle holding the bird, it's Nikki's Arco.

HARVEY W. DAUFFENBACK, Wisconsin, did some research for me as to the correction of an address of a member's whose copies of the NEWS had been returned, "address unknown". He added that his Vizsla was working out very good for hunting.. "in fact he is terrific. Have been showing him, but no competition... seems that no one wants to show Vizslas which makes it hard to obtain points..." (ejg: Here is where local clubs, even those not planning to put on any elaborate events of their own, can help Vizsla owners get to the same shows, and have some success... if we go one by one, and finding no competition never return, we get no place! It is good for the breed to have good hunting Vizslas make themselves known in shows, so if it is kept in perspective, it should be incorporated into a local club's services!)

W. G. KOPPELMEYER, Wisconsin, then answered his letter saying... "I don't understand the reason why the NEWS should be returned to you... the address you have is the same one that I have had for the past 41 years!!" (ejg: This is not the only member the post office has "lost" for me, and I am trying to find you. After months of wondering and investigating through letters... the Post Office issues a pink slip saying "sorry, must have been a careless summer replacement".... big help!)

AL STEVENS, West Virginia, sends his letters of encouragement regularly... You see, he was here when I finished a copy and helped address and mail it, so he knows what a big job it is, and how much these notes mean to me. "We got our turkeys the first day of the season. Then the woods were closed for 3 weeks, was out on fire call 4 times last week. I'm going to stir up some action with the State Dept. of Conservation about the bird situation. I saw how the farmers do it out your way and there is no reason why it can't be done here. I used to blame stray cats, wild dogs, and foxes for the lack of game, but heck it ain't that... it's our darn farmers!! Birds can't live on weed seeds alone. " (ejg: suggest that you write to Howard James, Wild Wings Game Preserve, R #5, Muscatine, Iowa, for details on the planting courses for that area. The material we have on stocking quail and pheasants is not just release pen raised birds... but provide the cover and food (strip plantings and brush cover) and the birds will come!!)

For goodness sakes... here is a letter from my cousin in Florida. I had told her I would send her a copy of our family tree (our family homesteaded in this area about 100 years ago, and it is rather interesting)... but it sure slipped my mind! Wonder if she would mind if I copied it off on a pedigree form... (?) Then she would know I really have gone to the dogs.. !

Many more letters... more names of Vizsla owners (thank you), and more requests for the "book" of old Vizsla News copies... we still have enough to make it worth your $3.

It has taken me much longer to get finally copy ready for Bill, my printer, than I had anticipated. I even sent some ahead for him to set last week, to speed things along... this is a big 'ne! Have had so many interuptions... first I would drop off to sleep everytime I would sit down, then had to get the garden crop in before winter closed in, and finish Lecia's new winter coat (she has literally out grown everything), then visitors, and more days afield. I picked up a "bug" in the final drive to get October NEWS and entries out... aggravated it further by standing all day in the rain at Holdrege, and further encouraged it by lack of sleep and the cool breeze at New Sharon. Friend husband pulls the plug on the IBM at 10:00 and mixes a hot toddy... says he doesn't mind supplying the VC of A with "midnight oil" but would rather not have to pump me full of penicillin. Just about have it beat, now!

I'm still planning a December Issue... but with mail delivery so slow (almost 3 weeks from the time it is mail on an average)... will call it the "Holiday Issue" as I am sure that it won't reach you before Christmas in the rush!

Now then, Betty Kenly's write-up on the Field Trial arrived today, and should get Joe Cunningham's placings on the Match if I stop by the Post office this afternoon... will have it all wrapped up!!

Happy hunting to you, too....

ejg

P. S. Just looked out doors and find a light snow falling... fooy, will pull on the long handles and wool sox and go hunting anyway.

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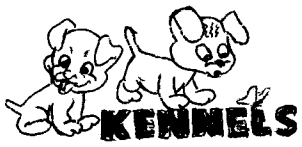

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(Winner of this month's picture contest is Ralph Wilson, New York City, with this picture of Joan and Gabriel Longo's "Czarda II von Hunt" and her 8 "magnificent" babies. The father, "Joey" is observing from a distance and getting "the look" from mama.)

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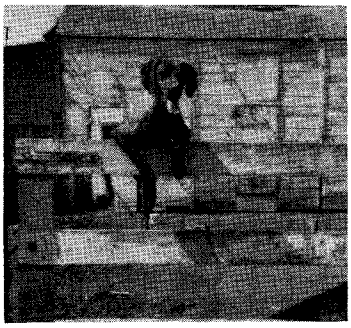

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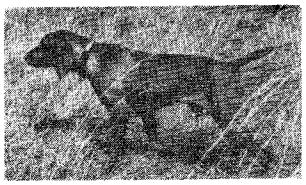

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