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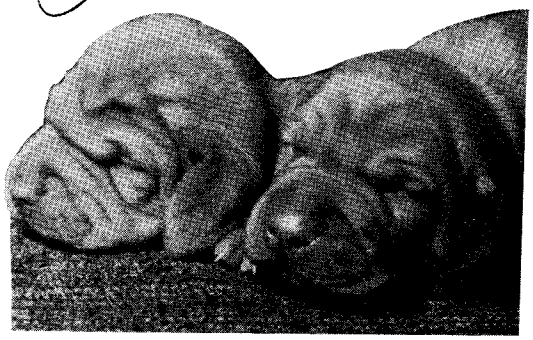


WELL, HERE IT IS... a couple of weeks late, but plumb-full of stuff again! When you get done "ah-ing and oh-ing" over the new heading, note the different type ...this is the IBM Executive about which I have been extolling the merits!! Final copy (including that last sentence) is done right here in the dining room, or I should say "office"... so now you have only me to blame for all mistakes.

I am only guessing that the width and length of the column is about right, since the printer has not sent the exact sizes he wanted. He will reduce my copy about half so that you will get as much reading as you did before on 9-point type, and at a savings of about $4 a page for the club. I think we can make-believe that the right side of the column is straight for that price, don't you? It will give me room to "droodle" a bit, and space for those of you who make proofing corrections !!

This machine is quite versatile... and does take a bit of getting used-to! There are different number of spaces used by the various letters, and great big CAPITALS... It also "EXPANDS" with the flick of a finger, but still "missspels" when the hour is late and the coffee cold!

Will frankly admit, I don't know just where to begin, since not everything is in yet... so will just dive in and hope I come out about even. Things appear to get just a little deeper around here every day... perhaps it is time for your secretary to get a secretary! Have made some progress on the files, but there is much, much more to catch up on!

Procrastination and domestic crisis have coupled to delay your news, and may have "out-dated" the splash I had promised the fellows back east about the Match on June 16th. (Hope the cards and letters sent to individuals will make up a bit... and the rest of you took the information in the May Issue and go/or have gone, as the case may be). ?! But, in case the printer is real quick... will give you the "dope" and hope for the best...

WHY NOT take in the FIRST VIZSLA MATCH?!

I say, "w'y not"? Most especially if you are within a day's drive of Middletown, New York. (That's up-state, I looked on the map). Joe Cunningham, secretary of the match, says that there is a fine motel... the Middletown Motel... practically on the property, how handy can you get? The date: June 16... see box ad May NEWS.

Since this is a "B" Match, and no catalogs to print, entries in the many age groups can be accepted right up to the time that judging is ready to begin. (But, it would be nice of you to drop Joe a line and tell him you are planning to make the show.) It seems to me that idle curiousity, if nothing else, would bring out each and every Vizsla owner on the east coast, especially with only $1 ventured in the deal.

The spacious grounds at Glen Cottage are opened to all Vizsla owners for this, the first specialty match show held by the Vizsla Club of America. The reports coming from the east coast are that the entries are shaping up nicely.

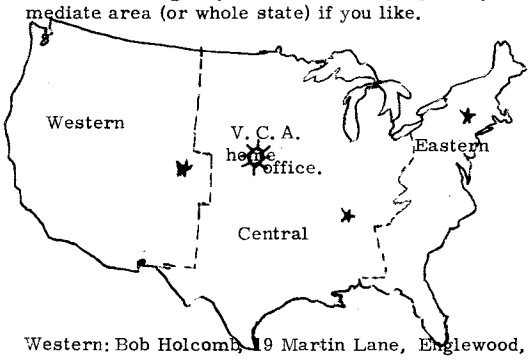
While there will still be other requirements to be met before specialty matches can be licensed, complete with points... this is another step in the right direction, and should be supported most whole-heartedly by the members.

Trophies and ribbons are polished and ready for those of you who step out of the flock of complacent, lazy, some-other-dayers, and enter your favorate Vizsla.

CARD FILE OF NAMES OF VIZSLA OWNERS AND CLUB MEMBERS, BY STATES, IS NEARLY COMPLETED!!

Another rainy day should do it... then we will have a complete list of all Vizsla owners known to the office of your secretary in all 50 states, Canada and over-seas.

These will be sent first to the three area Vice-Presidents... noting on the map which area you are included in, you may then contact your Vice-President, and they will be able to give you the names of people in your immediate area (or whole state) if you like.



Western: Bob Holcomb, 19 Martin Lane, Englewood, Colo.

Central: Joan Hunt, Route 2, Cottage Grove, Tennessee

Eastern: Joe Cunningham, Route 2, Middletown, N. Y.
(this address reaches him quicker than the Brooklyn).

They will be interested in knowing something about you and what ideas you have in mind for Vizslas in their area. Things like: Do you favor a local or state club?

If so, should the main purpose be, for training hunters, obediance and shows, or fun and official field trials?

Other people in your locale, not necessarily Vizsla owners, who have expressed an interest in a club, or the possible area that could be incorporated into a single unit would also be helpful.

Perhaps you would become the area correspondent, or simply take the first steps to find a score of enthusiastic people anxious to give a hand! I don't mean to infer that you must be interested in a club and/or "working" for the list of names... but don't hesitate to speak up and let your VP know that you have more than a passing interest in this thing!!

PACKETS for groups wishing to organize into a permanent group are needed. Through these summer months, I hope to get the information that is necessary for the local clubs as they express their intent to do more than "talk" about organizing. Things such as a sample constitution; requirements to be considered and decided upon; incorporation... most important for the protection of your officers; and the newest AKC hand books for Field Trials and Shows.. American Field Regulations for Trials... all these and more I am sure should be in the hands of a new club.

Your Vizsla Club of America has grown like "Topsy", and now, at the age of 10 is approaching the awkward age. It is going to need all of our understanding and help to mature into an adult organization... sound and productive! "Grass root" clubs seem to be a fine stabilization step... if they stay with and help the mother club... rather than go off on a tangent of their own. A Club Representative from each of these at meetings of the Board of Directors is probably the next step!!! all of this needs, and will get the attention of your officers in the near future. Knowing how many areas are ready now to start serious planning might hurry things along a bit!!

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Replacement of AKC litter papers .... J. Hunt

It was learned recently that AKC will replace either a complete litter kit or necessary blue forms upon written request by the breeder on the appropriate form (R66-3) and upon payment of a fee of $1.

The issuance of such duplicates automatically voids the originals.

INTER -- COMMUNICATIONS

Situation unclear -- dogs pointing all over the place.
Job security -- admitting you din't shoot the only bird that fell... he (your boss) did!
Parley -- where did those singles go?
Deadlock -- argument over where they went.
Fait accompli -- they went in the honeysuckle.
Seizing the initiative -- 'Did you shoot?'
Independent job seeker -- refusal to admit you didn't
Extended hunting excursion -- locating better bird country before looking for a new job.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME !

Harvey Dauffenback, 9945 Median Junction Rd. Route 1, Oskhash, Wisconsin
Allen N. Bennett, 3030 W3100 South. Salt Lake City, Utah
Agustin Legorretta, Hegel #714, Mixico 5, D. F. Mexico
Wyman & Steve Stedman, Palmyra, Nebraska
Joseph Malicek, 2622 N. Marmora Avenue, Chicago 29 Illinois
L. W. Cahnady, 1618 Johnson Street, Logansport, Ind.

(and another dozen subscriptions...)

PAST ISSUES OF THE VIZSLA NEWS.....

The VIZSLA NEWS has, since it was created, been the lifeline of the Vizsla Club of America. It is the pulse and the voice... the ears and eyes ... and now, in files and "books" all around the world serve as its history.

The first copies of your VIZSLA NEWS were mimeographed, and very well done, too! Only a few copies of those are in the files of the secretary, and will be carefully read and the information of interest to all will be reprinted as space allows.

Printed copies came next. Some extra copies were kept and are now available to you... to fill in your collection or supply you with timeless information of the breed for the years before you could even pronounce that strange combination of letters... v i z s l a !

Following is a complete list and the number of copies available of each:

Vol. IV	March 1959 (N. Hatfield, editor)	100
	April 1959	43
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	August & September #5	29
	October & November #5	112
	December #6	91
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	February #2	86
	March & April # 3	200
Vol. VII	July & August #5	40
	September #6	500
	September #7	300
Vol. VIII	November & December #8	56
Vol. IX	January & February #1	11
	March (1962) #2	43
	April #3	300
Vol. X	"Extra" (J. Graff, editor)	10
	March (1963) #2	36
	April #3	40
	May #4	42

There are, of course, other issues that are just not available, and when we run out of a certain one... that is it! There is much of interest in these back copies... I find them so. At present they are stacked in order and filed in boxes under the grand piano... would be most happy to send them out to you!

It was suggested by the Board that we charge 25¢ for individual copies... to cover cost of postage and packaging ... and make this "special" offer: the whole "book"... in so far as copies are available up to (or including the 1963 issues if requested) for $3.

Mail requests and check or money order (please) to THE VIZSLA NEWS, Route 3, Seward, Nebraska.

Your Editor plans a combined JULY & AUGUST Issue of the VIZSLA NEWS. Finding it impossible to make up time that just isn't there, and to eliminate the mailing of a "small" issue... since the cost per piece is the same, and printing is by the page... this seems the best solution. Happy Summertime to you, too!!!

Assistant Biologist - My Gal Amber

Seldom does the female gender acquire the above title, and more seldom does a dog merit such an official sounding designation. But here in Nebraska where the ring-necked pheasant reigns supreme, our game research program discriminates against neither sex nor species. Amber, a just-turned-two Vizsla, fits into the field work portion of Nebraska's intensive pheasant research program like the skin fits an old-fashioned hotdog. The long hours and low pay associated with the profession evidently don't phase the Assistant either, for she's ready to go -- be it a plains-howling blizzard or skinscorching summer sun. Her tasks are many, and with all aspects the much-heralded Vizsla sense of smell is her winning attribute.

By now you're probably wondering how a girl, and a dog at that, fits into a pheasant research project. Let me explain: This particular project is concerned primarily with ring-neck populations, seasonal fluctuations, reproduction, winter survival, and movements -- just to name some segments. To gather data on such aspects, cover is searched for nests throughout the summer, broods are counted and aged, complete censuses are made in winter, and breeding populations are sampled during the spring. On some 27 square-miles of study area there's plenty of footwook involved. (You 50-mile hike enthusiasts don't know what walking is!) No one has come up with a way to eliminate walking and still find nests or flush birds, but Amber, Assistant Biologist, has helped significantly in cutting man-hours afield and in increasing accuracy.

On nest searching, the able Assistant has located 48 percent of all nests found to date. Considering that we find an average of 250 nests during the course of a summer, the trusted Assistant accounts for a pretty fair share of the work. For those skeptics who say a dog can't scent a nesting pheasant, I know one Vizsla who disproves this theory consistantly. On destroyed nests in alfalfa, the Assistant is particularly sharp. As a result, intact eggs normally eaten by skunks before the hay is raked are now salvaged and analyzed for insecticide residues. Our sample size is thus increased substantially.

Vizsla behavior associated with nest searching is interesting. A hen on a nest is pointed strongly, and the dog really "locks in". On destroyed nests, Amber hesitates, doesn't point, but just "looks" without moving. Even single eggs (dropped eggs in research jargon) have been "looked at" and thus located. On several occasions, much to my dismay, the trusted(?) Assistant has chomped into an already broken egg. A calcium deficiency? or perhaps a fondness for raw egg? I don't know. Other than this, Amber has a clean record -- no "breaks" on a nesting hen, never an intact egg broken. This is a better record than my regular (human) summer employees have.

In late summer, hundreds of chicks must be counted and aged. Last summer, some 2,037 chicks were recorded. The Assistant figured materially in this work. Pheasant broods, especially those less than four weeks old, are often impossible to flush completely. With the Assistant on the scene, however, even the little grass-burrowers were found. Again accuracy is increased via the Vizsla nose.

Of course hunting season is not by passed. This is vacation time for the Assistant, and she relishes every outing. With Nebraska's pheasant season the longest in the nation (usually 72 - 80 days), there's ample opportunity to enjoy many fall days afield. And by mid-January, Amber is well-conditioned for further research duties -- -- winter census work.

Normally winter counts are made by plane. Flying low and slow is the method, but even the most skillful pilot can't maneuver so every bird can be counted. Once again the Assistant is brought into play. Ground counts are made by flushing large concentrations of birds. With Amber doing the footwork, birds are easily counted as they break from plum thickets or fireweed-filled hedgerows. Last year a number of birds were discovered beneath snow drifts. Any Assistant who can locate birds beneath 14-inches of snow gets my vote for superior performance.

When the winter winds begin to subside and a touch of green begins to show on the prairie, the early morning crowing of John Q. Ringneck reckons the coming of spring. After each crowing Romeo is counted on the study areas, early morning and late evening flushing counts are made to determine sex ratios. And after some peaceful days by the fireside, the Assistant is eager to welcome spring and to lend a hand (paw) on the project. Hundreds of birds are counted to determine sex ratios. You know by now who gets the nod for this particular task of flushing pheasants from roadside and wheatfield....

There you have a thumbnail sketch of Amber, officially "Maggie's Muvelten Gazember" Assistant Biologist. In her spare time, she also is the family pet, an avid field trialer, and a proven hunter.

Don't ask if she's versatile ---- words like that confuse me!!

Carl W Wolfe

Senior Research Biologist

Nebraska Game, Forestation and Parks Commission

(Editor's note: Nebraska is extremely lucky and can be justifiably proud to have a man of this quality working in its research program, thus assuring better and better hunting for the future.

His enthusiasm for his work does tend to bubble over into his conviction that the Vizsla is "the" hunting dog for this country, but his gentle manners and radiant personality leaves only the best impression of the breed with all people he meets.

The Nebraska Vizsla Club, of which Carl Wolfe is president, now has dog training grounds available to all its members for year-round use; and is making plans for a get-together the last Sunday in June... (hoping for moderate weather!) With Carl at the helm, this group may well "blaze the trail" for other local clubs to follow.

Carl, you get our vote for "No. 1 Ambassador" for the Vizsla, and the Vizsla Club of America.)

1000 WORDS OR SO .....

Loy Coutts, trainer and handler, continues with a witty line, and good common sense, as he goes over some "Do's and Don'ts" in the training of your pup....

STARTING YOUR PUP part II

by Loy Coutts

The most important thing in training any dog is patience, PATIENCE, and more PATIENCE! A pup learns from repetion of a command in connection with a deed... a single command given over and over until he associates it with the action, and recognizes the resulting pleasure he has brought you, constitutes "a lesson". Some pups will learn a command in just a short time... others, it seems will never seem to understand what it is you are driving at.

It is very important that you never give your dog a command that you cannot enforse. If you tell him to "heel" be sure you can make him come to heel. Strict obedience to every commant at the start will save many a headache later. Keep all commands short, one syllable if possible, and always in a firm, pleasant, tone of voice. It is not necessary to shout at your pup... his hearing is far better than yours and a softly spoken, but firm command will bring better results than all the shouting and arm waving you can do.

Most used commands are: "HEEL" to walk at heel; "WHOA" to stop and stay until ordered on; "HI OUT" to start him hunting or to keep him moving if he should start to putter around; and "FETCH" to send him for a retrieve.

Always call the dog's name before issuing an action command... ie: "Duke, FETCH". The reason for this is simple. He may not always be the only dog in the field, and some are rather upset if a stranger charges in and makes a retrieve..., or if in a field trial, your brace mate has a find and your dog is backing, the other handler may call "fetch" to his dog... and both dogs will go. This can be embarrassing, but if you have always called your dog's name before ordering a retrieve, this is not likely to happen (or at least, not quite so likely to happen.)

Just as no two people have the same dispotition and temperment, no two dogs are the same, not even from the same litter. Study your pup and learn how best he can be handled. Some pups with much hunting potential are sensative or shy and take a gentle hand... have to be "talked" into doing what you want; while a litter mate may be bold, over anxious and a little hard headed when it comes to taking commands. Each will have to be handled in a different way. (When a new dog comes to our kennels, I spend the first week studying the dog trying to learn how best to handle him... most pups respond best to a firm but gentle hand.)

Speaking of hands... don't ever strike your pup with your hand!! A dog gets most of the pleasure in his life from your hands: you use your hands when you pet him, use your hands when you feed him, and use your hands, at times, when giving a command... you surely don't want your dog to be afraid of your hands.

Never use your lead strap to whip him, as you want him to learn that when he sees you with the lead strap he is going hunting or for a walk. He should always associate your hands and the lead strap with pleasure.

Don't just keep batting him around just because you are bigger and stronger than he is, or pull his ears to punish him! His ears are very delicate and a sharp tug may cause permanent injury. If there is a good reason for such action, there are other and better ways to punish your dog.. a small switch is ample, and if you are very sury he know what he is being punished for, a good paddling with it may save much harshness in the future.

Another first class don't is: DON'T lose your temper while training your pup. I know this is hard, but if you lose your temper and get all mad at your pup, he will know it and you will accomplish nothing. There will be times when you get out to work "Rover"... and he has been doing very well with his lessons, but this day he acts like he has never heard a command before. (this usually happens if a friend is there looking on... and you are trying to show him off a bit!) You give him a command and he looks at you with those soulful brown eyes as much as to say, "Gee, Boss, I just don't know what you mean." A few minutes of this and you feel your naturally sweet disposition melting away. You are ready to beat the pup into the middle of next week or tear your hair out... (that is why most trainers are a little short in the hair department).

The thing to do when you reach this stage in the game is, put "Rover" back in his kennel and go in and pick a fight with your wife. She will, more than likely, crown you with a frying pan but at least it will not ruin your dog. A multitude of things effect his behavior: you may have awakened him from a sound sleep; or just the wrong time of the day... pups respond to a schedule very quickly; it might mean he has a belly full of worms... they all get them; or he just may be one of those who doesn't like "showing off" in front of sceptics. Whipping your pup at a time like this is wrong, he will know you are angry.

Remember, have confidence in his instincts and cultivate his desire to please you. After that it is just a matter of time... and patience, PATIENCE, and more PATIENCE!!

If you have a question about your "problem child", drop us a line... we don't know all the answers but will do our best to help. Address is: Waterloo, Nebraska.

VIZSLA "BEST IN MATCH" IN CALIFORNIA

... by Ventura Chamber of Commerce

A Hungarian Vizsla pranced her way to Best in Match honors at the Conejo Kennel Club practice match Sunday, May 26th. Mr. Jim Hale, judged and presented the trophy to the winner, a Vizsla owned by David Summers, of Thousand Oaks, California. She won through Best of Breed, First in Sporting Group and on to Best in Match.

"Petrochka", her call name or officially Ch. Campbell's Brass Button, C. D., is a litter sister of the Vizsla owned by ZaZa Gabor.

A total of 38 entries entered the breed judging.

"Petrochka" brought more joy home by finishing in the placings of the Obedience judging that afternoon.

Ch. Campbell's Brass Buttons, C. D. is pictured with her owner-handler, David Summers winning Best of Match at the Conejo K. C. May 26th.

V.C.A. Spring Field Trial 1963

(Editor's note: Got the wires crossed somewhere along the line, and still have not received the official list of **winners.** Will do the best I can with the names as they appear in my stake book... and winners and pictures when available. Again, don't have numbers or sire and dam of each... this information is on the entry blanks and must be sent in with the official copy of the winners, so unless the FT Secretary makes an extra copy for me, it just isn't available until it comes out in the Gazette!)

THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA with a total of 39 entries held its 1963 Spring Field Trial on the rolling hills of Iowa's Bird Layne Farms the first week-end in May.

Ten Vizsla Puppies paired off to start the show early Saturday morning, May 4. The first brace out was the one to see, for as the judges tally revieled later, the first and second place dogs set the pace right off the bat. Puppies, always unpredictable, turned in some fine preformances and a promise of great things in the Vizsla future. New-comers to the field trial circuit (human and canine) seemed pleased with the sport!

VIZSLA PUPPY STAKE: (10 entries)

1st Jorgen's Lady Olca, owner-handler; B. Jorgens
2nd Zipp v Loosdorf, owner-handler: W. Stedman
3rd Else v Hunt, owner-handler; J. Hunt
4th Haan's v Selle, owner-handler; D. Reinhardt

First place puppy, Jorgen's Lady Olca with Brad Jorgens, Clara City, Minnesota, (bearded for a centenial up there!)

Vizsla Derby entries were anxious to hit the field, and enthusiastic on-lookers strained to see these kids do their stuff. Seven entries included three from the puppy class ...but it didn't show when they were afield. How would the judges rate this running?

VIZSLA DERBY STAKE: (7 entries)

1st Haan's v Selle, owner-handler; D. Reinhardt
2nd Pete Barat, owner, B. Kenly; handler, P. Sabo
3rd Sistie, owner Judy Holcomb; handler, P. Sabo
4th Rippy, owner Jane Holcomb; handler, P. Sabo

First place derby, Haan's v Selle, and his owner-handler-trainer, Dick Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

The Vizsla Open-All-Age break for the field as the cheering for derby winners subsides, well wet-down in the pond just over the hill, and head for the birds ever moving and hiding in the thickets and hedge rows on Bird Layne Farms. Trying to report the closeness of the top dogs is impossible, since judges notes were not "lifted", but one spectator who rode all the braces felt that only an onion skin separated the top placings, as Ripp successfully defended his crown against some very able contenders. There were birds enough to assure good backfield work for the final brace of the day and the second placing dog.

VIZSLA OPEN ALL-AGE (5 entries)

1st Ripp Barat, owner, B. Kenly; handler, P. Sabo
2nd Dereka's Rex Selle, owner-handler, W. Kline
3rd Maggie z Selle, owner-handler, M. Graff
4th Osborn's Red Rebel, owner, I Osborn, handler F. Schultz

First place all-age, Ripp Barat and his owner, Betty Kenly, Phoenix, Arizona.

At this point, the field trial grounds were deserted by people and dogs, and left to the birds to "covey-up" for another day soon to dawn.

First up on Sunday morn was the Gun Dog Stake, open to all German pointing breeds. Three entries were from the formidable field trialing ranks of the GSH. Ah's and Oh's were heard from the gallery as these hard running dogs struck a fast pace in the crisp air.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG STAKE: (5 entries, 2 V, 3 GSH)

1st Rip, (GSH) owner R. Murry, handler F. Schultz
2nd Carlo (GSH) owner N. Bentson, handler, Schultz
3rd Ripp Barat (v) owner B. Kenly, handler, P. Sabo
4th Worster's B-B (GSH) owner handler G. Worster

The Gentleman's Amateur Stake brought a variety of new faces and dogs to the hill-top. The first brace out was the most picturesque, if not the most significant of the meet... two young fellows (think both were in their teens) headed into the wind with their own Vizslas! To you, Mike Donner and Dan Ralicki, the NEWS takes off its hat! Good bird work was the rule as the hunters had their day.

GENTLEMAN'S AMATEUR GUN DOG STAKE
(6 entries, 4 V; 2 Y-Mars)

1st Haan's v Selle (V) owner-handler; Reinhardt
2nd Grundy (Y-Mar) owner handler, Chuck Guidicessi
3rd Donnelly's Macintoch (Y-Mar) owner-handler John Donnelly
4th Chip Loosdorf, (V) owner-handler, Mike Donner

All this, ... and still building to a climax!!!

Now, comes the winners stake... the Open Limited All-Age, with entries needing to qualify by winning or placing in previous licensed trials or during earlier events at this one. Post entries gave 3 full braces... 6 top-notch dogs. All eyes were on the field as these dogs and handlers strained under the tension and turned in some sterling preformances. The hill top, still covered with spectators, awaited the announcing of the winners that climaxed the two days of running, and the Vizsla Club of America's Spring Field Trial for 1963.

OPEN LIMITED ALL-AGE (6 entries; 4 V, 2 GSH)

1st Ripp Barat (V) owner B. Kenly, handler P. Sabo
2nd Rip (GSH) owner R. Murry, handler, F. Schultz
3rd Dereka's Rex Selle, (V) owner-handler W. Kline
4th Maggie z Selle, (V) owner-handler, M. Graff

And here they are: Open Limited All-Age Winners for 1963 Vizsla Club of America Spring Field Trial....

Ripp .. Rip .. Rex .. Maggie ..and friends!

Doc Osborn, chm; Joe Bentley, FT Secretary and the entire Field Trial Committee want to thank all who helped to make this a success, and to thank the judges, Gus Garvis and Bill Maynard, for their services.

A Fall Field Trial Committee was appointed by Pres. Tom Pratt, and should have a report as to location and date for you in the next issue of your VIZSLA NEWS.

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VIZSLAS LEARN FAST! by A. Jacobs

We were completely sold on Vizslas from the first moment we had our "Rust Selle", she was so cute and loveable that we really didn't mind too much about her one bad habit... that of opening the kitchen cabinet under our sink where the garbage pail is kept... and proceeding to sort through, strewing the "non-eatable" garbage all over, until she found a morsel to her liking.

As she grew older and started her hunting career, we found that she would do an excellent job of finding, pointing and working a pheasant, but we (George Solberg, my hunting partner and I) could not get her to retrieve the dead bird. Since neither of us knew just how to teach her this, and we didn't want to risk ruining her, I turned her over to a trainer for several weeks... and anxiously awaited the moment we would get her home again!

Upon returning, not only did she start to retrieve all the birds shot over her, but she now would open the kitchen cabinet and carry the whole garbage pail into the center of the room where she had more light and space and she then could get at the "meat" of the subject with more ease!!

Maybe some dogs are dumb, but not this one!!

FIVE GENERATIONS OF VIZSLAS *****

"How about this!!" remarks Joan Hunt when she sent this unusual picture to the VIZSLA NEWS. "Wow" says me!! Nobody even blinked! Thank you, I am sure that many readers will be interested.

Pictured are: Diana Olca, gr. gr. grandma; Asta v. Schonweide, gr. grandma; Gellert Csintalan, grandma; Kincsem v. Hunt, mother; and Aranyfiu v. Hunt, 5th generation.

** TROPHY RECIPE

It is my firm belief that, just as hunters are always looking for better ways to find game, cooks are always looking for better and more interesting ways to prepare these "trophies" from the fields... thus enjoy the eating of the game as much as the getting of it!

We have a friend who says, "My wife can take any piece of game... fish, fowl, you name it, and make it taste just like an old shoe!"... and for a time he even lost his desire to hunt, until he found that by giving his "hard got game" to the Isaak Walton League, the whole bunch could enjoy a meal fit for a king, and he could once again feel that his hunting excursion had not been a waste of God's gifts!

It is with this thought that the VIZSLA NEWS is starting a new department, and welcomes its readers to send their favorate "trophy recipe" so that the whole Vizsla world can enjoy, doubly, the "pursuit of happiness..."

Rabbit Royale ... by Agnes Garvis, Des Moines, Iowa

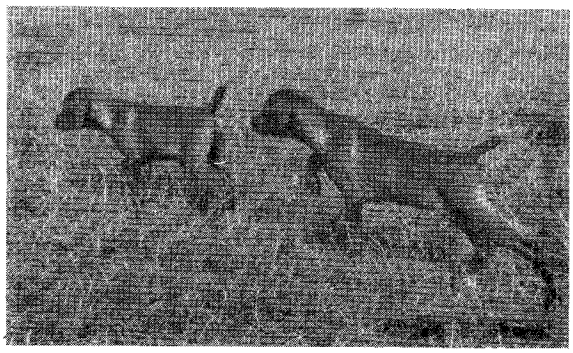
2 rabbits, cut in serving pieces
1 cup chopped onion
1 bunch of celery, cut up leaves and all
1 pt. canned tomatoes (I use my homecanned)
1 can tomato sauce
1 can corn oil (use tomato can as measure)
1 can cider vinegar (")
1 T. pickling spice tied into a cloth bag.
salt and pepper to taste

Place all the ingredients into a large kettle and cook until tender.

You can use cubed lean beef or pheasant instead of rabbit, and of course can vary the amounts of tomato, onion, or celery as your family likes.

Mrs. Garvis says that this is a Greek recipe and one her family is very fond of... and one I am sure we will try very soon!!

ONE PICTURE WORTH 1000 WORDS ---



"It's a bird!" not plain, but SUPER PUPPIES !

Now, if you found your way through that play on words, you may wonder how Brad Jorgens, Clara City, Minnesota, ever had presence of mind to click the shutter on the camara when two 10 weeks old puppies rack up on a bird like this. Congratulations! You won this months picture contest.

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"DEAR EDITOR...."

There is nothing, but NOTHING, that puts than necessary "spark" in the editor of this-here chatter sheet and sets me to wrapping up the multitude of material that goes into a single copy of your VIZSLA NEWS like a big fat bundle of mail along toward noon!!

Tonight, as the tops of the cottonwood and maple trees whir in the wind telling of "weather" high over Weedy Creek Valley, and heat lightning dances and chains across the northern sky, I have only to page through the file marked "Correspondence, NEW" and send my thoughts (and yours too, I hope) winging from coast to coast and across the ocean as many of you share your ideas and greetings with the many Vizsla owners around the world.

First, many people have stopped by to visit with the family... this is most enjoyable! Can't think of anything I would rather do than visit with people about Vizslas... what else?!? If any of you are traveling through Nebraska on your way somewhere (which is what our tourest office says people do), spot Seward on the map... it is that little spot just 25 miles west of Lincoln... drop in for a tall glass of ice tea and a visit on the screened porch! You are all most welcome.

RICHARD DAYE, Formerly from Japan, now of Nebraska, was out with his lovely Vizsla, "Breeze", whom they bought while they were stationed in Japan. A most interesting visit about hunting in Japan and Korea, and a marvelous Vizsla Club of Japan, prompted a letter to the head of the Japanese Organization, Thomas Blakemore... and I am hoping for a speedy answer with some picturesque discription of Vizsla hunting in this totally different setting!

ALAN JACOBS, Illinois, whom we met at a field trial several years ago, stopped by... some good material for the NEWS was the result? Note: "Vizslas Learn Fast". A phone call later, after a visit with G. Solberg and still more ideas for future news'. Alan's discription of coming to his first field trial is cute... says he, "George called up and said, 'anything planned for next week-end? Good, I have entered your pup in the National Field Trial down in Iowa!'" With this, he was on his way and found it a most interesting sport!

JOE CONNINGHAM and JOHN STRAUZ, New York, have tried to keep me up to date on plans for the Vizsla Match Show, along with several letters, and a couple of phone conversations, I am happy to say that things seem to be well in hand, and, how do you say it?... Wish I were there... A correction in the minutes was noted, a minimum of two "Plan A" matches at least six months apart are required before licensed shows can be scheduled. Thank you...

AL STEVENS, West Virginia, sent a copy of "THE RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY OF AMERICA" Vol. 1, No. 1 ... most interesting. They have members in 21 states, organized to fill the need for Grouse Admirers, and suggest that if any of you are interested in supporting the movement you contact the Society's office at Monterey, Va.

AGNES GARVIS, Iowa, sent some news clippings and that mouth-watering recipe I told you about... so now, a new department for the Vizsla News, "Trophy Recipe".

MICHAEL KENDE, Budapest, writes, .. "I was deeply moved to learn of the death of my dear old friend Colonel Eugen DUS... for 30 years we were Vizsla and hunting friends, and shared a great many beautiful hunting experiences, enjoyed often the thrill of the field trials." he expressed also that he was sorry that Charles Hunt had to give up the editorship of the News because of health and adds... "his boundless affection to his dear Vizslas helped him in his exhausing editorial work..." and hopes, as we all do, that he will recover soon and continue to be an active member of the V. C. A. Signes.. "With kindest Vizsla-huntsman's greetings,"

DICK REINHARDT, Nebraska, sends some marvelous pictures taken while in Colorado at the field trials this spring... will use them later in connection with an article in the making! Also, those darling puppies that head the NEWS this month. How could I resist? ?!!!!!

WAYNE F. EGAN, France, brought back memories of a field trial in Greenup, Ill. He has his Vizsla "Tzana" with him... would like to hear about hunting over there, Wayne! He inquires as to what is involved in getting her bred while in Europe.(Letters about registrations etc, are sent, answered awaited... ejg)

VICTOR R. ERDELYI, Washington, responded most enthusiastically after a routine inquiry about people in that area who have Vizslas and "any publication concerning Vizslas". A letter arrived last week containing a subscription and the names of many Vizsla owners... hopes of reviving the west coast Vizsla Club, and adds, "If you are interested, I would be happy to write occasional articles for the NEWS.." (Interested! INTERESTED!!) A letter today with more news, "Judith and I have spent the weekend busy looking for new Vizsla acquaintances.." a total of 16 more names who are interested in recieving copies of the VIZSLA NEWS. and notes that the translation of "Raba Baka" means "Raba Soldier"... Raba is the name of a river in Western Hungary. (Al, think you will agree, the name is still appropriate!!)

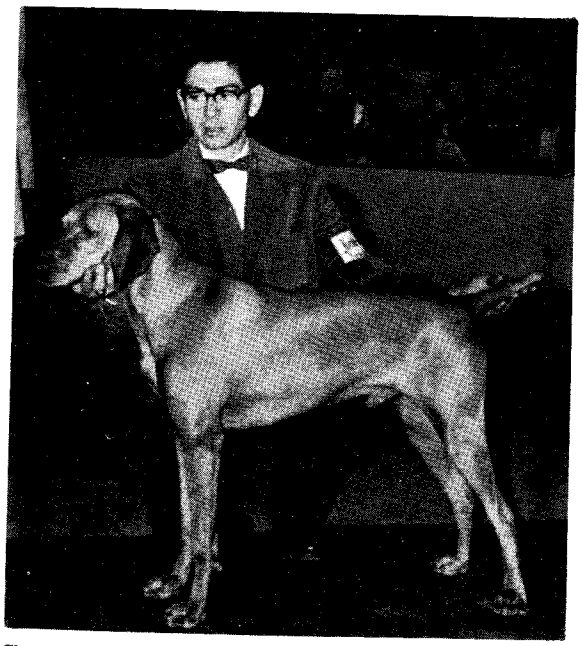
RALPH WILSON, New York, writes that his pride and joy, "Joey" has completed the number of points to become a champion, and adds, "...I find myself becoming acquainted with owners and their dogs from Main to Southern California through the NEWS... the letters to the Editor and my the various by-lines, makes this certainly one of the best breed publications I have read. This may be because it is our breed news, but I try to be objective!" He ask some questions that will be refered to the B of D and answered in a later NEWS, and also suggests that we get some mention of the Clubs activities in the Gazette and Pure Bred Dogs magazines. (have noted copies of news sent in some years ago by secretary, C. Hunt, and definately think this practice should be re-established.)

BRAD JORGENS, Minnesota, sends cheerfull letters with new names for the list of subscriptions, members and renewals of membership. The note containing the "Picture...." promised more names...but they did not arrive in time for this issue.

BOB HOLCOMB, Colorado, writes a long letter on his beautiful stationery...and along with area plans, etc, says .."it is beyond me to figure out how you get all this work done with the NEWS and all other work at home, too.... Tell me how you do it sometime.." (ejg: Well, it is like this! I got this rather happy philosophy from my father ..."do everything you do with joy!" And, so I go about the task at hand, whether teaching Lecia to sew, organizing a 4-H Club for 8 year old boys, fixing the screen on the porch or playing with this pup at my feet in just that way! When time and energy cease...I don't worry about what has not gotten done, and never seem to have trouble getting to sleep! I am greatly blessed with an abundance of good health, happy helpful children, and an understanding husband! Beyond that, it is just a zeel to tell the world about these fine companion-hunters I have grown to love so much!)

JACK MERRILL, Texas, dropped me a line giving me his new address and says, "The article by Loy Coutts was the type I have been looking for...it might be elementary for most of you, but for 'us beginners' it was just what the doctor ordered! If anyone is in doubt about getting a Vizsla and trying to train it, tell them to stop wasting time and get one...they will train you!! Our pup, "Miss Vickie Olca" is just seven months old, finds points, and retrieves now...and in such a short time, is not nearly as much as she has taught me!" he added this precious P.S. "the reason I didn't return my ballot is, Vickie ate it."

PAUL G. BRENDLEN, Ohio, writes a long letter about his family and the Vizslas belonging to them. This is an enthusiastic family spreading the good word about Vizslas in that area..."in the show ring, this distinctive rust-gold hunter seems to shout..'Here I am, a Vizsla, the greatest sporting dog in America'." says Paul. He was the 2nd Vizsla in the USA to receive a C. D. X. and Paul hopes to be the first with a "U. D."



Ch. Golden Shandor, CDX, pictured with his owner-handler, Paul Brenden, Maumee, Ohio, as he makes his championship at Lima, Ohio, May 31.

BETTY KENLY, Arizona, comments on the articles in the recent newspapers..."if people get pictures of these dogs in enough papers, maybe people will begin to know a Vizsla is a breed of dog and not a disease...although sometimes it can be that, too!" (ejg: How true!)

CARL WOLFE, Nebraska came through with a wonderful description of a Vizsla in action...note: "Assistant Biologist -- My Gal Amber" (Thank you, I am sure that everyone will get the thrill I did when I read your most picturesque accounting of this most unusual dog story.)

PAUL SABO, Illinois, sends a fine letter...comments "I read the May Issue from Mast Head to Bulk Rate Permit ...then with nothing to do, proof read it again.." (a crossword puzzle was the result, for me! OH, how I wish you were over here closer to make corrections before they are final printed? Sorry, I haven't found a proof reader who can spell, and works for free and in the middle of the night.) With this issue filled, will start the July Issue with a fine, deep thinking article by Paul, entitled, "VIZSLA POTPOURRI" Look it up! I did!!

As for the GRAFF clan, things have decended to both help and hinder the progress of your VIZSLA NEWS.

In the HELP column: Extra hands...Lecia and Tom sorted and counted all the old copies of the Vizsla News on the first rainy day of vacation...quite a game! Hope they don't get the child labor laws down on me, but since they didn't get paid maybe I am in the clear...just don't tell the NACP!

They also have just about completed a new card file of names of every Vizsla owner known to me, by states... will have that out to people in the areas soon, I hope.

Now, for the HINDER column: there is summer weather with all its humidity, hoeing, mowing, and the local swimming pool!!

I have also been just plain enjoying my children and getting 're-acquainted' with them again!

Then, there is this 7 week old puppy that Bud brought home to me last week. Had forgotten how much they were to care for in the house, but am determined to weather it out and give him this little something extra that family raised Vizslas have! Maggie feels that she has been invaded...more about that later!

My good intentions for getting the NEWS wrapped up and to the printers early in June were lost when a big thump, shattering glass and a cry from Peter put all the First Aid training I had ever had into use...we tried to slow the bleeding on a badly slashed wrist and dashed a long three and a half miles to Seward for some much needed stiching. Youth bounces back so quickly, and so only 48 hours later the color was coming back to his face as his supply of red corpuscles builds steadily. As the pain eased, it left only his Mother a bit weak, but so thankfull...the main vein was only nicked, and all of his fingers and thumb still wiggle on command, though he says they are still"dizzy". Perhaps now he will not jump onto the stairway landing (and into the window) in an effort to show the puppy how to come down stairs!

It will soon be getting light in the east...the rooster has started to crow. In these wee, quiet hours that seem to be a necessary part of getting the NEWS from my desk and to the printer so then, to you...I sip hot coffee and think about my interesting but interupted daylight hours... I have been besieged by questions from inquiring offspring; dumped on my fanny by a "deerlike" filly in an effort to give her a protective shot; bombarded, but not stung, by a swarm of a neighbor's bees, which are settled (I hope) in a hive in the orchard; and branded by the sharp little teeth of you-know-who as I sat bare footed at the typewriter visiting with you!! Copy is now ready for the printer!

Tomorrow I shall sleep a while, I think,

ejg

WOOD & DOG TICKS FOUND PREVALENT THIS YEAR

High populations of wood ticks and the American dog ticks have been reported by several mid-west Universities this year. Nebraska entomologists say that wood ticks are very prevalent in brush along the rivers and grassy areas, too, and are more numerous than usual for this early in the season.

A check of the ears and neck of dogs usually turns up any "riders" picked up in an outing. A tuft appearing along the normally smooth rust-gold coat of the Vizsla should be investigated and if just "riding" is easily removed with fingers.

If ticks become attached to dog or humans, the insects should be removed with a pair of forceps without jerking. Then apply an antiseptic, it is important to make sure the mouth parts of the tick are removed to prevent infection.

Progress Report of VIZSLA BOOK at this point Joan Hunt writes, "getting a couple of copies of the book in shape..." Then, to the printer for setting, back for proofing, back for corrections, then another proofing... and then... should have a date for you!!

"Let's take him off tranquilizers for a while..."

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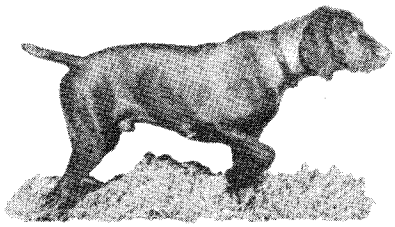

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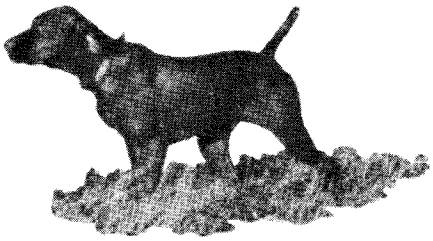

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