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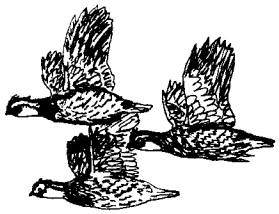
A Toast

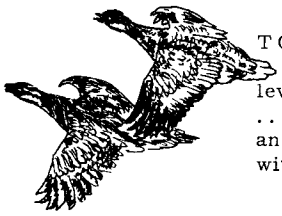


TO THE BIRDS

TO THE QUAIL....

that covey in the hollows and gullies and set a bird dog to quivering in the crisp winter air. He freezes mid-stride as the scent from their "tepee" is caught by his educated nose and he alerts you to " ACTION AHEAD".... It is one thing to get little "whirry birds" up... and quite another to bring them down!

TO THE BIRDS!



TO THE PARTRIDGE....

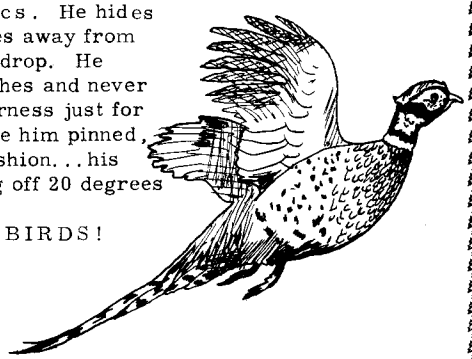
who may spring up out of a thistle bush and level off at 25 feet so that both you and your dog just look on in utter disbelief ...or, he may sneak away over the hill without so much as rustling a leaf and pass the word that clears a wide path for an anxious pup to find only warm with scent, but quite uninhabited by brother partridge...

TO THE BIRDS!

TO THE PHEASANT....

the master of field antics. He hides in an open wheat field that wouldn't conceal a cricket, or races away from danger with his head and tail glistening against the bland backdrop. He might squat in a dusty bush, let you and a pup pass within inches and never budge...or lead a merry chase over miles of trackless wilderness just for his own entertainment. Then, when you and Rover finally have him pinned, he will fly up with that utterly raucous cackle, in a brazen fashion... his brilliant plumage flashing in the sun ...and throw your timing off 20 degrees from center. You will swear that he has 9 lives...

TO THE BIRDS!



As you work with your pup, teaching him all the ways of the world so that this year you will be all ready to clear the fields... did you ever wonder just who is teaching that new hatch of chicks just how to make a hunter look so stupid?

May their flocks increase...
May the elements be kind to their existence and their predators unsuccessful in their quarry, and
May there be a tomorrow so that you and your dog can head into an autumn breeze, for...

As long as there are birds, there will be hunters answering the call of the wild and trekking over hill and dale in search

OF THE BIRDS!

by Jane Graff
pen sketches by Howard James

A. K. C. ANNOUNCES REVISION OF THE VIZSLA STANDARD. . .

In a communique received at your Vizsla Club office the day after Christmas, Mr. Alfred M. Dick, Executive Secretary of the American Kennel Club reported that the Board of Directors approved the general idea set forth by our Club of the revision of our standard, and have amended the paragraph on Size to read as follows:

(Delete the paragraph on "Size" and substitute:)

Size: - Males 22 to 24 inches, females 21 to 23 inches at the highest point of the shoulders. Any dog measuring over or under these limits shall be considered faulty, the seriousness of the fault depending on the extent of the deviation. Any dog that measures more than 2 inches over or under these limits shall be disqualified.

The new standard will appear in the January Issue of PURE-BRED DOGS - AMERICAN KENNEL GAZETTE. The Vizsla Club of America will, as soon as is physically possible, put out a flyer containing the revised standard. It will be available to all members and also sent to all sporting dog judges listed in the AKC directory.

1000 WORDS OR SO. . . . .

TRAINING YOUR VIZSLA FOR THE SHOW RING

by Joe Cunningham

This is the fourth and final in this series of articles entitled "Training Your Vizsla for the Show Ring." We hope that you have enjoyed them so far and that they have been of some help to those of you who would like to show your dogs but were not quite sure of what would be expected of you and also how to go about it.

We will now proceed with this final section entitled "Grooming Your Vizsla & Show Tack"

In this section, we would like to discuss the finishing touches to your Vizsla on the day of the show. All of these points are merely last minute touches, for a well groomed dog is the result of constant good diet, good health and cleanliness. Of the many breeds we have dealt with, the Vizsla by structure and habit is the cleanest encountered.

We only bathe our Vizsla when they have gotten into some kind of mess that brushing would not take out. If you feel he is a little "high", bathe him at least 5 days before a show and brush daily before the show. We find the gentlest soaps induce dandruff and cause skin to flake. At first -- in brushing -- brush against the grain with a natural bristle brush (grooming type) to rake out loose hairs and dandruff and flake skin particles. After this is done, brush with the coat until the dogs gleam. Your hand or a chamois is used for the finishing touches. Clip the nails -- if they need it -- with a special cutter designed for this purpose. Nails should never touch the ground. Only by constant clipping from puppyhood on can you keep them short. Be careful to always cut a little at a time so as not to cut into the quick. Always have a bottle of "nail clot" or some other type of astringent around in order to stop the bleeding if you do injure the quick.

Cut off all "cat whiskers" or "feelers", long muzzle hairs, eyebrows and those at the side of the head and under the chin. This will give your Vizsla a sleek smooth look. Use a hand clipper, for a scissor can be deadly if your dog moves suddenly.

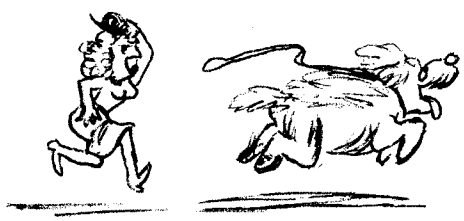
Clean the dogs ears out with mineral oil on cotton. We usually do this as part of the dogs general weekly "cleanup chores" to prevent wax accumulation which can harbor mites. Our Vet has advised the biggest source of mites in dogs comes from rabbits who might wander about the grounds.

Since the judge will examine the dog's bite, make sure that his teeth are clean. Don't laugh -- open your dog's mouth sometime and look at the tarter accumulation on his teeth. Teeth cleaning can be done with a paste mixture of Bicarbonate of Soda and water applied a little at a time with a rough turkish washcloth. In some instances you will notice the gums will begin to bleed but this should not alarm you. . . some gums are very tender. In no instance should you ever use Boric Acid (not referring to cleaning teeth -- just generalizing) since it is a poison and can be licked off by dogs. In the cases of some smaller white breeds, i. e. Maltese, Boric Acid was formerly used to clean the brown tear stains made under the eyes. Kennel mates would then lick the eyes and death has occurred.

A final brushing with your hand and he is ready for the judging.

A word on tack -- although the "frenchknot" type of fine link collar with separate lead attached is the favorite choice for most shorthaired sporting dogs; we especially like the one piece leather leads for showing. These thin all leather leads are rather fragile but are easy to slip on and off during the judge's examination. Then, too, they are available in a dark tan color which blends right in with the Vizsla coat. Of course, if you go into the ring with an ostreperous bounder, this type may not hold him. Let us hope that after having gone through some of the training we have discussed that your Vizsla will not be that frisky.

If you have any further questions on showing, please drop us a line and we will be happy to try to answer them. Good Luck on your show ventures . . . proper preparation does pay off.



" Heel! "

As Editor of your VIZSLA NEWS this past year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many "scribes" who have helped to pen this publication. Listed alphabetically ....

Sylvia Chatfield
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Ralph Wilson

and, to the many ardent fans who join in the fun and merriment by sending letters to the editor. I THANK YOU ! !

In this new year of 1964 the Vizsla News hopes to continue to promote cooperation and friendship among the breeders and owners of Vizslas and to encourage high standards in breeding, training and showing of Vizslas.

May straight forward perspective govern all
our events and sportsmanship the participants.

The continued growth and success of your Vizsla Club of America depends on what you are willing to do for it in the next 365 days. The new year is filled with boundless opportunities for those who accept a share of the responsibility and help in the building of its program.

Jane Graff

Chief cook and bottle washer
VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA

(Editor's Note: The Vizsla News welcomes the opportunity to publish this article in response to one printed in the March 1963 Issue, and urge that other readers with experiences to share, knowledge to impart, or a bone to pick take pen in hand... scratch out an article and sent it along to the office of the Vizsla Club of America, Route 3, Seward, Nebraska.)

Chester, New Hampshire

The Editor of the Vizsla News
Seward, Nebraska

Dear Editor:

I have read the article by Roland Ramsey, "Breeding Top Flight Stock" and, as the Latin saying goes: Audiatur et altera pars - which, loosely translated, means: Don't make up your mind before listening to the other guy!

This "other guy" would like to sound a warning bell. The parallel between vizsla and cow does not stand!

With all due respect to the author of the article and to avoid all misunderstanding, I will agree that the American cattlebreeders have achieved great results with inbreeding---all I want to say is that this system is not necessarily applicable to our vizslas without risk. Even with other breeds, the results have been questionable. It is, in my lifetime, for instance, that inbreeding has produced the admirable miniature breeds which shiver and yap continuously. No one can deny that the resistance and stamina of these inbred products is much lower than that of their original ancestors. May I ask why there are so many hypernervous neurotic, spooky and overly possessive biting dogs among all these modern breeds? Surely not because of lack of affection or lack of care - for the American dog owner is the kindest master possible.

Look also at what has happened to the larger breeds during the last thirty years. The various bird dogs have become by inbreeding narrow and deeper in the chest, have developed longer hair and are entirely unusable for their original purpose because they have lost their good nose, can no longer run as they used to and have become slightly dull witted.

The cocker spaniel, which was known to be a lively agile dog and an excellent swimmer has been produced in a variety of colors and sizes. Its coat has become so long and thick that it needs continual care. Its sight has deteriorated and have become purely pets. They hardly dare go in the water and the heavy bell-shaped, feathered legs would probably cause them to sink if they attempted to swim.

The collie has now been developed to have enormous heavy flat bodies, tiny flat heads and have completely lost the ability to run as it used to, rounding up sheep. Or, in my case, my mother always had collies imported which were highly intellegent animals and would follow the horses. Now they are unrecognizable.

I could continue this indefinitely with the dachshund, German shephers, etc. All these animals are now more useful to the veterinarian - with their degenerative diseases, hipdysplasia, false pregnancies, slipped discs, etc. - than they are a joy to their owners.

Let's return to the cattle! There must be today over ten million Holstein cattle bred from many thousands of blood lines, which were not inbred until quite recently with the advent of artificial insemination. A one time inbreeding would not hurt them. Vizsla breeding is however only ten years old in this country and there are only a few hundred registered dogs. From the history of the vizsla, we know that willy-nilly all vizslas descend from a certain inbreeding.

A Holstein breeder has 30 to 300 cows and it is, therefore, improbable that he should become particularly fond of one animal and inbreed this regardless of its faults.

The vizslas are spread out - one or two to an owner. The majority of owners are not professional breeders and have little chance for comparison and are apt to consider their dogs the world's best. Now they read that it is sufficient to breed father and daughter, or litter brother and sister to achieve spectacular results. This advice is readily followed as it is so much simpler and cheaper than travelling long distances to find areally good sire.

I do not want to assert that line breeding is necessarily harmful or that inbreeding is criminal; for these are the breeders strongest tools but they must only be put in the hands of true experts who are willing to bring sacrifices and choose the material for experiments only after

thorough and exhaustive study. This study must include the ancestors of the dogs for many generations and must cover hunting ability, nose, tail position, conformation, character and health. The latter should be supported by X-rays. We know there are thousands of inherited factors.

Selection is very easy in Holstein herds. Official records give all the information on the only really important factors: fecundity and high milk production. High milk production with a high fat content over a number of years is proof enough of good health and a good nervous system. An animal that is upset by every small change or disturbance never becomes a record milk producer over any length of time.

Please believe me, dear Editor, when I say that in the case of vizslas, the matter is much more difficult because they are not too many and because of the many qualifications required of them. I am speaking from experience because I too used to raise cattle, sheep and horses.

As you know, I have vizslas. One of them is a Bench Champion and all have won at Field Trials. I am very proud of them and consider them very good - but I have no delusions about their being perfect. In surveying all the excellent dogs I have seen in the United States, I can think of none that is absolutely perfect and, if there were one, upon investigation, one might find some fault in an ancestor.

I completely agree with Mr. Roland Ramsey that "inbreeding is really the acid test for detection of great sires because inherited weaknesses are almost sure to show up in the inbreeds". On the other hand, whatever first class sire we might choose, the end result is line-breeding for all vizslas are fairly closely related.

I recommend that we go no further than this line-breeding. My experience is that the mating of close relatives over-refines the blood, weakens the nervous system and reduces the resistance to weather and disease. It entails degenerative diseases and often sterility.

We old fashioned European breeders attached great importance to blood refreshening, out-crossing. For instance - in game breeding. On my hunting territory in Hungary, we shot four to seven thousand birds and hares yearly. Ninety percent of this game was bred wild - only the eggs out of nests disturbed while mowing hay were collected and hatched artificially. This huge game stock was developed from next to nothing, starting in 1919. If feasible, we shot off as many as possible of the cocks every two or three years and then released an adequate number of cocks brought from elsewhere. The increase was marked in every case, proof that the outbred chicks were more resistant.

The validity of this theory of out-breeding was most obvious also in red deer and roe deer breeding. Some people fenced in their game parks. Within five or six years, the deer became smaller, weaker and more prone to disease. Only releasing fresh blood from elsewhere remedied the situation and this was, of course, very expensive in the case of large game. In the open forests, we attempted to force the fare to intermingle and travel by keeping the proportion of the sexes one to one. Thus, not only did the "survival of the fittest" theory prevail, but the weaker younger males were forced to try their luck elsewhere. It is thus that the Hungarian forest owners took 75% of the prizes at the International Trophy Exhibition with the antlers exhibited.

Why is it that almost every religion forbids the intermarriage of close relatives? Was it not because to preserve their power and fortunes the Egyptian pharaohs and other ancient rulers married their own sisters, that they died out so fast?

To me exagerated out-breedings are opposed to nature. You would not consider crossing Aberdeen Angus and Hereford although both are excellent beef cattle. I would also oppose out-crossing if interpreted to mean we should improve the vizslas nose by injecting bloodhound strain or improve his pointing by crossing with an English pointer. It is crazy to even think of any such plan although all three breeds are excellent hunters.

Let us be satisfied with searching for the best possible sire amongst not too closely related dogs. Let us choose a dog that is not only pleasing to the layman but has proven its worth in both Field trials and Bench shows. Let us counteract the possible faults of our female by selecting a sire strong - particularly where she is weak.

I sincerely hope that, without hurting anyone's feeling, I have been able to persuade my readers to use extreme caution!

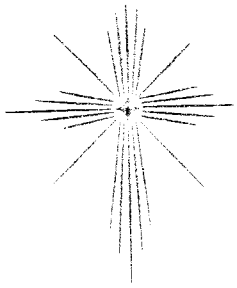
Bela Hadik

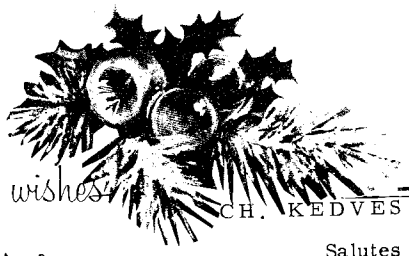
"Best wishes to all our Vizsla cousins"
Maggie z Selle, Soni Brook & Tina Louise

May the Spirit of Christmas
abide with you throughout the Coming Year

MEURICE D. (BUD) & JANE GRAFF
WEEDY CREEK KENNELS

May you have a truly blessed and joyous
CHRISTMAS
Morris, Lynda & Doug





Best wishes
for a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

CH. KEDVES V. HUNT Am. & Can. C. D.

Salutes an outstanding litter:

Ch. Csic-Ked's Amas Jodie — 4 Majors All from Bred by Ex. Class
Csic-Ked's Alca, C. D. — O. B. Degree 3 shows, 7 points. 2 Majors
Csic-Ked's Amauese C. D. — 3 shows -- each time in the "ribbons"
Csic-Ked's Anton — Basking in Hawaiian Sun -- 1 point
Csic -Ked's Ardent Robin — "Champeen" House Pets and Companions

Dr. W. C. "Bill" and Margaret Meminger

Ripp Barat (Friend) suggests that I extend to you

"Season's Greetings"

John and Betty Kenly, Phoenix, Arizona

OBEDIENCE AND MAN'S BEST FRIEND

By Sylvia Chatfield

Opening night for beginners in the Twin City Obedience Training Classes, find canine owners congregated, listening to the 'do's and don'ts' of obedience training. Their goal, to make good citizens of their dogs. The following week, Masters and their dogs, all shapes, sizes and breeds, arrive to begin training together. Confusion reigns as these barking newcomers tug at the end of their leash, ready to take on any of those upper classmen, calmly going through advanced paces in classes all about them. The dubious and bewildered expression of the new Masters change to one of awe by the end of the first twenty minute session. The simple proper use of training collar and leash have their dogs under control. Three twenty minute periods, with ten minute breaks in between, constitute a class night each week. A fifteen to twenty (no more) minute workout is required each day at home. Chief aim is to keep dog happy while working. A confused handler means a confused dog. After eight weeks of this training course many set their goals toward the Companion Dog degree. Here they are credited with the heel, sit stay and recall, both on and off leash.

Next degree is the Companion Dog Excellent Dogs work unleashed at all times under more difficult commands. Retrieving over hurdles, down on recall and staying put when owner is out of sight.

Graduation from the obedience training and the issuing of the Utility Dog degree, means your dog has achieved scent discrimination and working with hand signals.

Utmost care is needed for those of us who have hunting and field trial dogs when entering obedience training. Plenty of hunting experience and field training should come first. A run in the fields each day during the obedience training will help him to know what you want of him. From personal experience, we put a pair of young Vizlas, 6 months old, (required age) through the obedience paces. Their eagerness to please made it a snap. Hunting had not been introduced to them before this. It took the capable handling of a field trainer to undo some of this to ready one dog for a field trial.

Highlights of this TCOTC group are the Obedience Demonstrations put on at various Institutions, Vet's hospitals, etc. These are not trained dog acts seen at stage shows. Rather the simple commands to 'Man's Best Friend.'

Our last Demonstration, a few weeks ago, enclosed in the high stone walls, patrolled by armed guards, there at the State prison, a graying inmate walked up and asked "Lady, may I pat your dog? I haven't touched one in eighteen years."

DEAR EDITOR....

Oops...the calender has a brand new number and here I am still working on "Holiday 1963". I should know by now that when the children are home from school things just don't get done...

Your editor got caught up in the traditional kindling of the Christendom. There were choir robes to wash and iron, holly to be "decked", and Christmas shopping to do (which was completed by noon on the 24th). There was a trip to the doctor with two boys who managed to get bad colds, extra baking...cookies, pies and the Baby Christ Child's birthday cake...and lots of visitors to Weedy Creek Kennels and your Vizsla Club office; LEONARD HARDT, Iowa, REV. DON BROOKS, CARL WOLFE, WY STEDMAN and SAM BUEL, Nebraska, GILBERT STEVENSON and MRS. ALLAN CASARI, Kansas.

...and all done in sub-zero weather.

The day befor Christmas suddenly turned warm and sunny, so, with things far from ready your editor cleaned the ice (and so forth) from the kennel runs and put fresh prairie hay in for pups...the gift of temperate weather was greatly appreciated by all!

Christmas Eve found everyone in their proper places...or at least almost everyone, Peter was still coughing so he went to Grandma's during the Children's program. After a late dinner and a visit with the cousins, the children could hardly get to sleep and "Santa" could hardly stay awake! As the last of the packages were tucked into the socks, I gave a big sigh. We watched the lovely glow-candle with its brillant drips of red and green beside the nativity, then settled down for a long(?) winter's nap.

Christmas morning with three children is joy itself! Lecia was probably most thrilled with a new curry comb and a jar of saddle soap. Tom, with his camera 'round his neck in case he saw something to take a picture of, was playing with his brother's "race track". Peter was just thrilled ...and building bridges, houses, or playing with a little 25¢ top! When Bud got things all put together, he settled down with his new book, "Bull Cook and Authentic Historical Recipes and Practices" by George and Bertha Herter. As I nibbled on candy and picked up the debris, he quoted many of the witty remarks and exotic dishes...from "how to make caviar" to "how to kill rats"...

I reclaimed your Vizsla Club office for the task of ringing in a New Year. Big Jim Rice (who with his wife, Betty, puppy-sit for us while we are off Field Trialing) helped Bud with the cooking. There was "Hawaiian Hurricane Punch", cheeses and crackers...and after mid-night the local (sometimes pronounced "loco") gang dined on pheasant salad, quail, Hungarian sausages, and Roast Racoon stuffed with sauerkraut... we were all quite "filled with Joy" for the New Year.

So now, 90 days ahead on calories and $90 behind on money, I settle down to put the finishing touches on your mid-winter NEWS, and extend to you the many good wishes from your fellow Vizsla owners from all across the land.

Perhaps you feel that it is a bit belated to be wishing Holiday Greeting. If so, it just proves how quickly we cease saying "Merry" and "Happy" to our fellow men and turn to the business at hand. Maybe this will serve to extend the spirit of goodwill that should be with us always!

BRAD & JOYCE JORGENS, Minnesota, sent a lovely self-styled Christmas Greeting with a sketch of that fine trophy Brad took home from the spring field trial. Also noted that their import, "Hunter" finally has all his 'numbers'...what a fine Christmas gift!

The KEEL's, California, wish everyone a glad new year...and add, Duke sez "me, too"...(all his Vizsla cousins say..."thank you kindly".)

MARGARET & TOM BARNES, Nebraska, sent their Holiday Greetings with this additional note: "...nice seeing you at the Field Trial. 'Tiger' and I are going to read the rule book before the next one. He has been doing real well hunting in his own style!" (with a personality like he has, who needs rules?)

The ERDELYI's, Washington, send a most sincere Christmas Greeting from that far corner of the map. Tucked neatly inside was a fine "gift" for all of us! The first in a series of new articles that will start appearing in the next issue of your VIZSLA NEWS. "..the article by Bela Hadik on the Vizsla History is excellent. It moved me so much that I decided to write some, too...I hope you will like them." (We thank you!)

DICK ARMSTRONG, Nebraska, came by one cold day and he and Bud went hunting. They agreed, after trekking through the fields, that Nebraska's long hunting season makes for happy holidays. A long visit over coffee turned to field trials...this GSH man has a world of experiences to share with newcomers like us. The Omaha GSH Club organized years ago still has problems turn up at their trials ...so as the hours slipped away, came up with a good "job description" for FT committees that will help delegate the load and ease the individual responsibility somewhat.

BURRELL & K. T. BOURN, Nebraska send Christmas greetings from their Game Farm out in Western Nebraska.

The VAN CAMP's, Kansas, send a cheery Christmas Card from their family...Marj, Vic... Kurt, Kim, Keli, and Kipp. (Gee, I confuse the names of my children, Lee, Tom and Pete...how do you manage, Marj?) She noted that they are looking forward to the Spring Trials.

The FOSTER's, Washington, send their best wishes for the Holiday Season. Shirley noted, "Bob had 2 weeks of bird hunting and a week for elk this fall. Really enjoyed his new Chinook Camper."

The STEDMAN's, Nebraska, sent their Christmas greeting along with a copy of the new Nebraska Vizsla Club constitution for approval. It looks pretty good. With a fine secretary like Wy, who has a wife that can type like Peg, the Nebraska Club is in good hands!! (Friend Husband enjoyed a couple days of real good quail hunting down in that corner of the state with Wy and Steve...and a couple of pretty good hunting dogs by the name of Maggie and Zipp...)

GEORGE & BETTY SOLBERG, Chicago, sent their Christmas Greeting with a 6 page letter! Betty said that George was working the 4 to 12 shift so she got to read the November NEWS first...and undisturbed for a change. George read it while having his mid-night snack...so no fuss. She sent for the back issues of the NEWS, and enclosed an extra 25¢...it seems that 3 month old "Pete" noticed the last issue on the arm of the chair, and ate a couple of pages. (Hope it didn't make him sick!) She intends to put all the copies together in a "book" so that when they loan it out to Illinois Club members, they won't get lost and not returned...thinks she will have them "sign it out". (You could have them put a $3 deposit for it, and when they bring it back say that you have "invested" it in a subscription for them?!!) Well, it was only a thought.

The STEVENS, West Virginia, sent a lovely self-styled card designed by his wife, Greta...and noted that she even gave the dogs honorable mention!!

PAT & JOHN CARTER, New Hampshire, sent their greeting with news of the Worcester Dog Show and added..."Will be taking a ride out to wish Bela and Mrs. Hadik a Bon-Voyage. They are leaving for Virginia in the morning and will be going on to Switzerland later in the winter...will not see them again until late spring..." She went on to tell about the hazards of trying to handle a whole wagon full of dogs at a show. "..we tried to figure out how we were going to juggle six dogs around between the two of us...decided that it just couldn't be done! We need not have worried at all, as we met some wonderful Vizsla folks from Connecticut and Holyoke who gave us a hand holding dogs at ringside while we were inside showing." Pat was ecstatic telling about the placings...their 11 month old puppy "Szekeres' Kezdet" (Missy) went Winner's Bitch and on to Best of Breed. (A picture of this pup appeared in the June V NEWS ...contect winner) "I am so excited about her winning a 3 point major that I couldn't even sleep last night, so am still goggled fog this a.m. and can't even think straight. Oh, well, that's one of the fun things I guess about dog shows, of which I am an addict."

PAUL HALLY, N. Y. Sent a note with the picture...and 2 gift subscriptions to the Vizsla News...now there is a fine man with the Vizsla Club in mind!

RALPH WILSON, N. Y. also sends a long letter with his magnificent Christmas card...Native Pines on Fire Island, such beautiful photography! He also included the information for Joey's Stud Listing.

DICK REINHARDT, Nebraska, sends his greeting to you all...and offers his help to the VC of A...Help we can always use and will put him to work at the spring field trials! He noted: "..our first snow and 'good' weather came the day after duck season closed...I'm in hopes the new snow cover will tame the pheasants down a bit..."

JOAN HUNT, Tennessee, wrote that she wished that she could have been at New Sharon to run some dogs and help with the trial....."am now concentrating on making the Canadian Vizsla Club Specialty Show at Toronto in March". She goes on to say..."someone wrote me the other day and said they had just bought a vizsla and what was it used for?" (*%#!!)

MARGARET MEMINGER, Pennsylvania, has been corresponding with me about the possibility of a Specialty Show in that area... sorry, we are not able to hold any until our Sanctioned Matches are out of the way... a letter from AKC has approved the Great Lakes area for the general location of the "A Matches" and hope that by the next issue we can announce a location and date for the first one!!

PAUL SABO, Illinois, writes a mighty fine letter answering many of the questions I had put to him, and adds that he and his wife are planning to go to South Carolina for the winter, and will plan to stop by the "office" on his way to Canada next summer. I am looking forward to another visit with this learned dog man.

TOM PRATT, Iowa, our president, writes "now that the rush of Xmas is over I will try to catch up on some of my correspondence. I'm sorry I did not get a note to you for the Holiday issue but I was just too darned busy... apparently you gave up the idea anyway. (ejg: I never give up, just a little late, as usual) "I am working on the nominating committee, will send the names to you when I've heard from each. I'm also working on the field trial committee for the spring trial. I have not contacted anyone yet but have been giving it a lot of thought. The site of the trial will be up to the committee." (Spring will be here before we know it, and plans ... especially on a National level take so much time... hope to have these committees functioning real soon and reports for the next NEWS.)

BETTY KENLY, Arizona, sent a long letter with a copy of the fine write-up Paul Sabo sent to the American Field about the Fall Field Trial. She made a few corrections in her accounting ...

"Osborn's Flaming Arrow" was handled by Paul Sabo in the Puppy Stake.

"Silver Cholla Cactus" was handled by Loy Coutts in the Derby.

"... guess I was asleep at the switch when I finished typing it out..." (ejg: there were a lot of dogs and people to keep straight, and think you did a fine job!)

There is another stack of letters containing subscriptions (there must be a good article in DOG WORLD this last month, as many have mentioned that publication when inquiring about the VIZSLA NEWS and a National organization...) Then, there are several people asking how they can increase their subscription to that of a full membership... (Mathematics... an additional $7 gives you a membership... $9.50 for a family membership, effective immediately, and due again 12 months from when your subscription was sent in. O.K.?)

It is my sincere hope to have the constitution brought up to date and available to all perspective members, so that you will know if it is a membership you want or just a subscription. With a subscription you are "looking in at the window", so to speak... it is the members that are the "family"... actively working for the full recognition of the Vizsla breed, guardians of it, and financially assisting with the National events that are responsible for the present status of the Vizslas. Oh, there are so many things that should be done... should have been done months ago... In case you haven't noticed, the job of "secretary is mis-named!! In fact, on the original constitution, the word used is "Executive Director"... and that it is, and then some!!

... but then, a Rose by any other name ... also has a fair balance of beauty and thorns! so, by what ever name it is called it is exciting and challenging... and made my life anything but dull! ... Each day I learn more about things that I had no knowledge of before... and meet more people who love Vizslas, too!

There, and it is just a week later than I had set as a dead-line! I can give you a dozen good reasons for the delay... every other one is "Tina Louise"...

Oh, yes, the next issue will be the February one. See you then...

ejg

MUST for reading: "Field Trial Requirements" by Henry P. Davis in the January SPORTS AFIELD. Hunter, Trialer, or just curious... it makes some good points!

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* TROPHY RECIPE

One more pheasant recipe... for people who don't like pheasant!

Barbecued Pheasant

4 Tablespoons butter (economize where you can, but not by using a butter substitute in cooking.)
1 small onion diced and sautéed

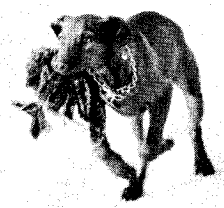
Place pheasant in covered baking dish cut into serving pieces cover with above mixture and bake for 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Then mix together
1 Cup Ketchup
½ Cup water
2 Tablespoons lemon juice or 1 teaspoon mustard
2 Tablespoons brown sugar
1 Tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce

Pour over the pheasant and bake for an additional 40 minutes.

If you don't have pheasant, chicken will do... probably even cardboard would taste good baked in this sauce!

ONE PICTURE WORTH 1000 WORDS.....



"Is this how to do it, Boss?" as every muscle strains full ahead on this eager retrieve... 4 month's old pup, "Carlile's Paprika" wins for her owner, Paul Hally, Box 143, Sonyea, N.Y. the picture of the month contes

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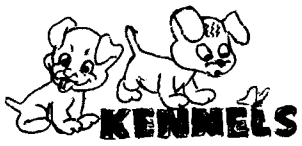

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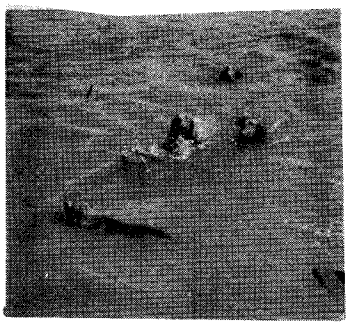

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