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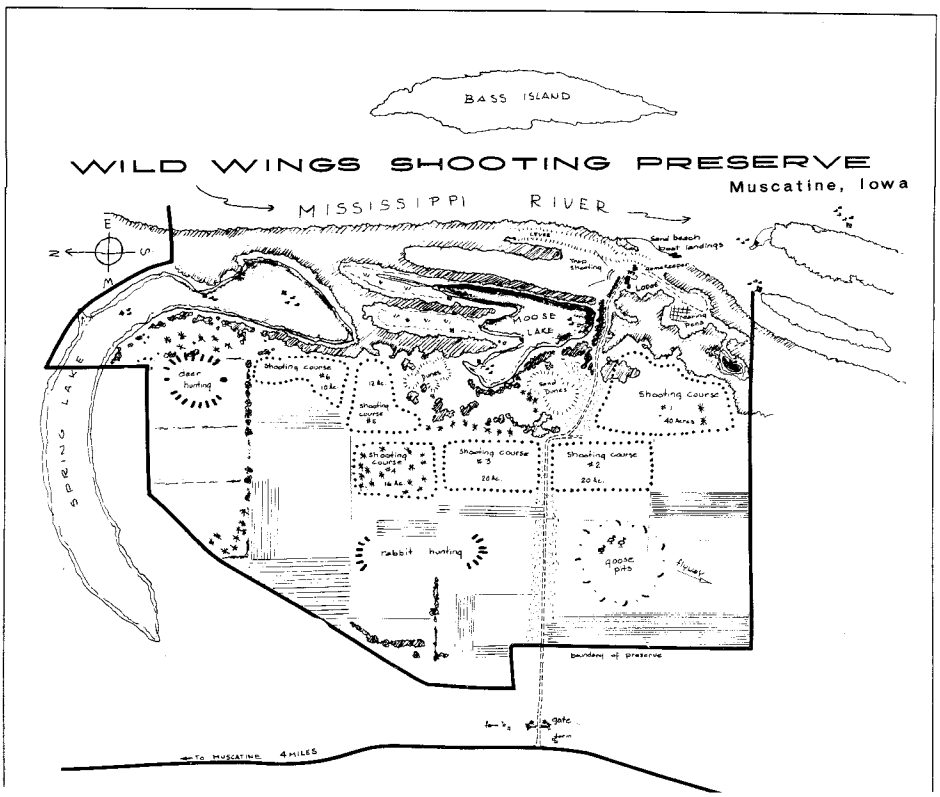


THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC., SPRING FIELD TRIAL & MEETING ON APRIL 4 - 5, 1964

The preliminary plans have been completed, AKC confirmation has been received, the field trial committee appointed, and grounds selected for the Spring Field Trial and Annual Meeting of the Vizsla Club of America.

This is your official notice! Make plans now to attend. Entry blanks will arrive in the March NEWS and in with your ballot (they have not come from the printer at this time).

Paul Sabo, veteran field trialer long known as an amateur trainer of bird dogs, has accepted the job of Field Trial Chairman. Betty Kenly will again do the pen work as F. T. Secretary. Others assisting in the preparations are Leonard Hartl, a Davenport, Iowa, school teacher, Fred Schultze, Minnesota dog trainer, and Howard James, sportsman, writer and president of Wild Wings Shooting Preserve at Muscatine. Other members will add their talents as plans progress.

The sight for the Field Trial is that of the newly opened "Wild Wings Shooting Preserve". A map of this beautiful 1200 acre "hunter's paradise" is pictured above and a letter of invitation from Howard James listing the vital statistics gives you a word picture of the fine facilities you will find when you arrive.

Along with the dog running, there is the Annual Meeting of the Vizsla Club of America. The big lodge right on the grounds (with large dining room adjoining) will serve our purpose very well. The dogs can be bedded down or staked out, leaving the people free to give their undivided attention to the business of the club. Motels right on the edge of Muscatine, just 4 miles away, mean only a few minutes travel time when the day's work is done. There is also ample space for setting up the camping tent or trailer right on the grounds... so that you are "at home" for the duration of the meet.

The Board of Directors, I understand, will have a meeting the day preceding the field trial. Here again, the lodge at the preserve will serve to give the space and privacy needed for a meeting.

To all Vizsla owners I extend this most cordial inviation to attend this Field Trial and Meeting. It is an opportunity to meet the people (and dogs) you have only read about over the years, a chance to actively support this fine breed of dogs ... compare them with their cousins in the field, and will be a "vacation" you will never forget. C O M E ! !

WILD WINGS SHOOTING PRESERVE

Rural Route 5

Muscatine, Iowa

The Vizsla Club of America, Inc.
Route 3
Seward, Nebraska

Gentlemen:

On behalf of Wild Wings Shooting Preserve, Inc., I would like to extend a formal invitation for your club to hold field trials at our preserve. While we have informally discussed this possibility, this letter will confirm our interest in these events.

Wild Wings is located on the Mississippi River near Muscatine, Iowa, a city of 21,000. Major air, rail and bus connections are located within the nearby area. Both the Rock Island and Milwaukee railroads have major passenger service; United and Ozark Airlines serve the area through Moline, Illinois, 28 miles from Muscatine. Muscatine itself has a municipal airport with surfaced runways and modern facilities.

The preserve is a 1200 acre area with three self-contained lakes and a variety of cover. Farming is a sideline, not a major function, and no livestock is fed on the preserve. Thus our preserve is fenceless. We have six 20-acre shooting courses; three of them planted to sorghum-sudan grass and three established from natural blue stem spotted with 6 year old jack pines.

We have a modern 150' x 150' lodge with restrooms and kitchen facilities. Breakfast lunch and dinner can be served to field trialers. There is adequate space for campers and also motels (one quite economical another ultra modern) just at the edge of Muscatine. Future plans call for construction of 8 sleeping rooms in the loft above the lodge. We have trapshooting facilities as well as modern kennels.

Wild Wings raises its own pheasant, chukars and quail. They are strong flyers. In addition, natural quail frequent the preserve. Our waterfowl hunting is purely wild and we do not have pen raised mallards available.

We believe we can handle your trials and related events right on the property, including dining, lodging (to a limited degree) and of course, the shooting areas and the local arrangements for a Field Trial.

Sincerely yours,

Howard James

Howard James, President

WHAT DOES A MEMBERSHIP IN THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA MEAN TO YOU?

Perhaps you say:
An opportunity to take an active part in supporting this fine breed of companion-hunting dog,

or,

Learn about training or showing Vizslas and participate in club activities,

or just,

To hear about and see pictures of Vizslas in other parts of the country and read about other people who enjoy their dog in the same way that you do...

or any of a dozen other personal reasons.

I am sure that you can't imagine why EVERYONE who owns a Vizsla does not belong to the National Club...(or at least a local one and have a subscription to the VIZSLA NEWS.)

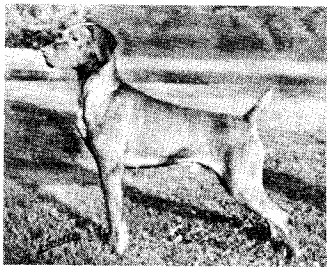
When you see another Vizsla, I am sure that you stop and talk with the people. You inquire about their dog, delve into the pedigree and where they got their dog...then probably chat at great length with your newly found friends about your experiences.

Of course, one of the first questions you ask them is (or should be) "Are you a member of the Vizsla Club of America?" You will be amazed how many people who own a Vizsla,have never heard of the club...They are looking for information about the breed, a place to turn for advice and a group to become affiliated with!

It is at this moment that you should whip out a membership application...fill it in, get their check and mail it to our treasurer. It is with this purpose in mind that we enclose several application blanks. (When you have used them up, you may have more by writing to the Vizsla Club office here at Seward or from the Treasurer.)

The membership of the club has increased greatly this last year, but we are always looking for new members and people are still looking for the club!! Many letters have come saying...."For years I have tried to find some group connected with this breed of dog, a friend gave me your name..." or "I was looking through a magazine at the Vets, and came across an article saying you were secretary of a National Vizsla Club..." or "...met a member of the Club and he gave me this address to write for information." I wonder how many more people are looking and have not found us!!

You are the "EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER" Committee.



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A T S T U D

Field Trial Winning
all purpose gun dogs.

Occasionally puppies, too.

Bela Hadik, Chester, New Hampshire

Futaki Jancsi
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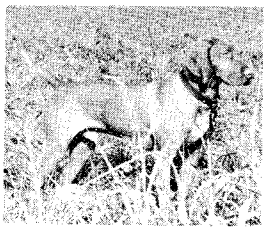


Futaki Darocz
AKC SA-115838
FDSB 663173

TROPHY RECIPE

How about a Duck Marsh rice dressing for the duck in the freezer?

1 cup of natural dark brown, long grain Duck Marsh rice. wash thoroughly. Place in large kettle
3 cups of cold water and
4 bouillon cubes. Cover tightly place over moderate heat about 8 minutes, then turn flame down lower and cook until tender...about 40 minutes.

In a skillet place:
4 strips of bacon cut in 1" pieces
1 tablesppon of butter
1 medium sized onion (diced very small)
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon oregano
1 cup chopped celery
1 small can of mushroom stems and pieces
Salt and pepper to taste

Combined with cooked rice, then stuff the birds. This rice dressing so compliments the flavor of the duck that you will feel that it is well worth the frozen feet you got while waiting for one to wing over the blind.

GOOD ARTICLES TO READ

"Tame Quail for Training" by George Bird Evans, Field & Stream, January 1964

There is also a new book out, by Clarence Pfaffenberger. "The New Knowledge of Dog Behavior." write to AKC, 51 Madison Ave. N. Y.

GET YOUR NEW "RED BOOK" NOW

The American Kennel Club, 51 Madison Ave. New York City, N. Y. has just published a new revision in 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¢ a copy.

Get it! Read it! Use it, as closely as possible for even the fun trials...then when you enter a licensed trial your dog will not have to carry you as a handicap!

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

"NOMINATIONS ARE NOW IN ORDER...."

Bob Holcomb has been named chairman of the Nominating Committee. He is already hard at work with his committee and soon will present the members of the Vizsla Club of America with a slate for your consideration and vote.

Bob has in his possession the names that were written in on ballots the past few years. The committee will consider any other names that you care to submit. (We must continue, at least for this year, under the old constitution. It allows only 15 Directors...thus only 8 may be elected at this time. When the new constitution is drawn up probably additional directors will be recommended.)

The offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and the Treasurer are elected on an annual basis. Two or more names should appear on the ballot for each office. It is advisable that persons nominated for an office have some experience in the club's activities.

Board of Directors who's 2 year term expires are: R. W. Hawkinson, I. S. Osborn, Charles Hunt, Irene McElwain, George Solberg, Gabriel Longo, J. R. Holcomb, Robert Grimes, and H. S. Phillips. (addresses are found on the back of each issue of the News.) Any of these people may be nominated for another term.

This is a very big country. Officers and Directors attend meetings at their own expense. Yet, it is most desirable to have on our board people from the far corners of the nation. The meetings are situated in the central portion of our country to ease, as much as possible, the travel expenses. (Until we complete our requirements for an AKC membership, we are obliged to hold our Field Trials within this area.) While it is true that the people from the coasts have the greater expense in traveling to meetings, it is also true that the people in the central region have the greater responsibility in setting up and administering the events. Since time is money to many people, it probably balances out about equally

Regional Vice-Presidents are appointed by the president. More are needed to make the job of communications to distant points on the map easier. These people may attend board meetings in an ex-officio capacity.

The Vizsla Club of America has taken some giant steps forward this past year. There is still much to be accomplished this next few years and PEOPLE with vision, enthusiasm and courage are needed to help carry the load.

Take an active part in your club! Search out the personnel for the job and/or volunteer your services. Don't wait until you have "time"...if you are interested, you will find it!

Send nominations to: Bob Holcomb, 19 Martin Lane, Englewood, Colorado. Be sure to include the name, complete address, qualifications and experience, if any. (advertising space is available for campaigning your candidate at the usual rate... $4 eighth page, $7.50 quarter page, $12 half page, and $20 whole page.)

LEND YOUR TALENTS TO A CAUSE WORTHY OF YOUR TIME.

"A" MATCH PLANS AWAITED

At this printing, the Vizsla Club of America is still awaiting the notice that the location and date has been approved for the first of the "A" Matches.

The "Great Lakes area" has been set as the general area for these events, and Margaret Meminger has accepted the job of heading up the planning for the first match. Erie, Pennsylvania, or its immediate area will probably accommodate the event, and it is hoped that a date can be found in April or May.

WITH DEEPEST REGRET

we learn through the Canadian Vizsla Club's publication, Vizsla Views, that a long time member of the Vizsla Club of America and one of the first Direcors of the CVC, Glen Morrison, Dundas, Ontario, died of a heart attack while pheasant hunting with his beloved Vizsla, Rex.

We extend our deepest wympathy to the family, Mrs. Morrison and their two boys.

NEW VIZSLA PINS

A Vizsla owner & a friend who is a craftsman was the start of the new Vizsla pin. The result was a small round pin, about the size of a dime... super-inscribed with the head of a Vizsla.

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

The Crftsmanship makes this a fine piece of jewelry you will be proud to wear not only on your hunting cap, but on the lapel of your suit or blouse. They are gold-filled, the aristocratic bearing is remarkably true to life.

Order now from our business manager, Joyce Jorgens, Clara City, Minnesota. $2 each.

SPRING FIELD TRIAL DATES.....

These dates have been received at the office of the VC of A... As trial dates are set in your area, send them along!!

March 14, Fun Trial. Muscatine, Iowa, informal warm-up for national... write Wild Wings.

March 21-22, Wymar AKC Spring Trial, Denver, Colo, (about 100 entries last year) contact Bob Holcomb, Box 177, Englewood, Colo.

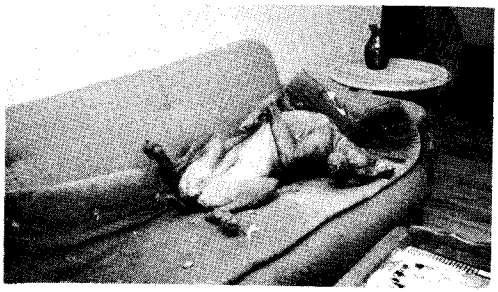
April 4 - 5, VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA AKC Spring Trial, Muscatine, Iowa. Wild Wings Shooting Preserve. (Route 5)

April 11-12, Omaha GSH AKC Trial. All ages open to Vizslas, large entry. contact Loy Coutts, Waterloo, Nebr.

April 18-19, Denver GSH AKC Spring Trial (120 last spring) more info... Bob Holcomb.

ONE PICTURE WORTH 1000 WORDS

"What a life! A good run in the fields, a dip in the lake, a sirloin steak bone and now a nice snooze while the Boss watches T. V." Lucky Arco fits his name pretty good, wouldn't you say.



Winner of this months picture contest is Wayne Hoskins, Enders, Nebraska. He noted that Lucky also brings his blanket from its place in the corner and waits til he puts it on the sofa before settling down for a nap.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Work is proceeding on the new constitution of the Vizsla Club of America. Joe Cunningham, N. Y. is doing the "finger work" in typing up the copy to be submitted to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

It was noted by your editor that the Weimaraner Club of America has just published the revisions in their constitution... as dog clubs grow in stature and number, there are necessary "growing pains" and revisions.

As I read the publications of the American Brittany, GSH News, Weimaraner Magazine, and The Flushing Whip I learn much about the internal structure of these sister organizations. Through their experience and development we can save ourselves some of the knocks and bumps... if we only will.

Our constitution needs no revolutionary changes... only to up-date the mechanical provisions to facilitate the continued growth of the club.

TRUMBULL COUNTY KENNEL CLUB

P. O. Box 45
WARREN, OHIO

Ted Bloomberg extends to all Vizsla owners in the Ohio area this special invitation to attend the Trumbull County Kennel Club Dog Show on May 24th, 1964. The Show is held at the Trumble County Fair Grounds (just off the Ohio Turnpike Exit # 14). Judging will be on fine cut grass with plenty of tents for rain or too much sunshine.

At the show last year there were 14 Vizsla entries ...it is hoped that this year it may exceed 25. with an entry of this size, there will be additional prizes and rosettes given by members and friends of the Vizsla Club of America.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Ted Bloomberg, 3932 Lockwood Blvd, Youngstown, O.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"The History of the Magyar Vizsla" by Béla Hadik in the November issue of the Vizsla News touched my heart. I thought, however, that there is still another area where somebody with a Hungarian background can be of assistance to the American Vizsla owners. This area is the mystic realm of Vizsla names.

It is heartwarming to me to see how many of my American compatriots prefer to have a Hungarian name for their prized Vizsla. All the more disappointing, however, to notice the frequency of misspellings and mispronunciations. Looking at a pedigree nowdays one can often wonder what the dog's name originally may have been since it is neither Hungarian nor English or anything else clearly recognizable. I would rather see a good English name spelled correctly than those unrecognizable ones. But to those, who like to feel the pride of having a genuine Hungarian name for their Vizsla, I offer my help in two ways:

1. Starting with this announcement I present a series of articles to the Vizsla News, on the essentials of Hungarian alphabet, pronunciation and name forming as well as on the English translation (as close as possible) of the more popular Hungarian dog names.

2. I volunteer to offer personal consultation to anybody who needs help in either naming his dog or learning the correct spelling or pronunciation of his dog's name. (Please enclose a self addressed and stamped envelope).

Doggily,

Victor Erdélyi

Victor R. Erdélyi

(Editor's note: How very fortunate we are to have people who, also originating in Hungary, now impart some of the color of their native land through the history of the Vizsla and now the "music" of their language. We thank you most sincerely.)

HUNGARIAN VIZSLA NAMES.

Part 1. The Hungarian Alphabet and Pronunciation.

by Victor R. Erdélyi

Thank to Saint Stephen, Hungary's first King (997-1038 A.D.), Hungary became part of the old Western civilization. Consequently, the Roman (or Latin) alphabet was accepted and incorporated in the written language. The pronunciation of these letters, however, acquired and retained a Hungarian character. Therefore, English speaking people should first learn the sounds associated with each of these letters in order to pronunce words correctly.

Fortunately, Hungarian spelling is completely phonetic: a certain letter has one sound of pronunciation only, regardless of the position of this letter in the word and irrespectful of the kind and number of other letters around it.

Another golden rule is that all the words are stressed on the first syllable. A special rule relating to the pronunciation of vowels is that they can be long or short. This only indicates duration, however, and not vowel quality as in English. The long vowels are provided with an accent mark (´) or double accent mark (˝),and are pronounced long (but they are not necessarily accented in pronunciation). The short vowels are pronounced short and are marked with a single dot above them, or a double dot (¨),(like a colon, but turned horizontal, called the German umlaut), or no diacritical mark at all. There are no diphthongs in Hungarian.

The consonants are either single or double. The double consonants (bb,cc,dd, etc.) are pronounced double, like in Italian, or as tt in the English word "coattail". Some consonants (cs, gy, etc.),are formed by connecting two different single consonants but are pronounced as a new single consonant and not as a composite of the two components.

In the knowledge of these simple rules one can learn the Hungarian alphabet in one hour and from there on can pronounce any Hungarian word or words correctly (I am almost willing to bet on it !). The letters with the English sound equivalents are listed below:

Hungarian Letters	Equivalent English Sound
a	as a in small but pronounced shorter
á	" a " car " " clear
b	same as English b in bed
c	as tz in tzetze but sounding as single consonant

Hungarian letters	Equivalent English sound
cs	as ch in child
d	same as English d in do
e	as a in fat but pronounced shorter
é	as a in care " " clear
f	same as English f in fall
g	" " " g " dog
gy	as gy in Magyar (phonetically: modyar)
h	same as English h in he
i	as e in event but pronounced clear
í	" e " even
j	as y in yes
k	same as English k in bake
l	same " " l " let
ly	same as English y in yes
m	" " " m " met
n	same as English n in not
ny	as ny in canyon but pronounced as single consonant
o	as o in Italian poco (not a diphthong)
ó	as o in orb but pronounced clear
ö	as e in maker but pronounced clear
ő	as u in fur
p	same as English p in put
q	pronounced kv rather than kw
r	same as English r in rich
s	as sh in dash
sz	as s in sell
t	same as English t in hot
ty	as t in Russian Potëmkin or ti in Italian Tiepolo
u	as oo in book
ú	as oo in tool
ü	as u in the French Du Pont
ű	as ü in the German führer
v	same as English v in have
w	pronounced as v
x	" " x in English six
y	pronounced as y in " lynch (or Hungarian i)
z	same as English z in haze
zs	as zh in Russian Zhukov or z in azure

Very rarely, and mainly in old, traditional personal names the following appear:

cz	pronounced the same as Hungarian c
th	" " " " " t

Now you can find it out for yourself that the correct pronunciation of the word Vizsla is Vizhla and not Veesla or Veeshla as you may have heard it so often.

"DEAR EDITOR....."

You will have to pardon me if things aren't in their usual light-hearted vein...I just washed my coffee pot and can't do a thing with it!!

The dust has hardly settled from the fall Field Trial...and we are deep in plans for spring. With each new day, there is a deluge of correspondence ...it waits for me now, as I take time out to finish copy for your February NEWS to send the glad tidings your way!

There is already a big file marked "Spring F.T. '64" and another marked "A Match"; one for the Nominating Committee and one more for the Constitution Committee. With the many committee reports and news items of activities...you can see that MANY people are hard at work for the Vizsla Club of America these days.

Visitors to the office mean that I have kept the dinning room table dusted...WY STEDMAN, Secretary of the Nebraska Vizsla Club came by to fill out the forms for our first AKC sanctioned Field Trial the last week-end in April. (Answer is still pending). CARL WOLFE, stopped by just before leaving for Pennsylvania for a visit with his folks and took a raft of notes to relay to Margaret Meminger...nothing like having a personal messanger! BOB MORRIS, FRED NELSON, and GENE HORNBECK came out from Lincoln. The result was a fine story on the Vizsla..."the Regal Hun" in the January OUTDOOR Nebraska. (I thought Bob did a pretty good, objective study on these dogs even though he did not have an opportunity to see a field trial or hunt behind one first...he was nursing an ulcer operation at the time.) Since then, have had a steady stream of people stopping by...the curious and the interested...but since I like nothing better than visiting with folks about dogs, it has been a pleasant break from regular tasks.

MIKE KENDE, Hungary, send their Christmas Greeting to all American vizsla owners...The mail is slow for such a long distance, and it just now arrived. (ejg: May I remind you that parcels of warm clothing are greatly appreciated... perhaps if you would like to bring some to the spring meeting we could bundle them and send them on their way. All in this world is not sunshine and roses; it will be appreciated.)

KAY JACKSON, Texas, wondered if I could spare a complimentary copy to some more Vizsla owners she had found in that area. You bet I can... keep sending names...or better yet, send memberships on those fancy new blanks!! "My son and I each have a dog in the obedience class...our friends are amazed at the control and confidence we achieve. I enjoyed the field trial issue so...I am finally hearing such things exist in this area, too. Not Vizsla of course, but want to show them Vizslas 'will do'. Hope to get to see one before my hair all turns gray.

DOC OSBORN, Minnesota, sent a nice note, checked on plans for spring. He wondered if the Fall Field Trial wins were recorded in the American Field. (ejg: Yes, thanks to Paul Sabo, got that rectified...and also a nice big write-up on the trial. Spring listing has been taken care of.)

JOE CUNNINGHAM, New York, sent the news from that area. "George Yovan is hoping to run a 'Fun Trial' at his lodge in Sharon, Conn. sometime this spring." (ejg: This is a step in the right direction. More local fun trials are the key to better competition on a National level. There is no substitute for experience, the more the better ...close to home and often!) A phone call last week caught me up on activities...I was glad to know that Bela had left the constitution material with Joe before departing for Europe.

CHARLES F. HAMILTON, Nebraska, AKC Sporting Dog Judge appreciated very much the copies of the Vizsla News that were sent his way. "...the Vizsla is one of my favorite sporting breeds. While I was judging at a California show, I finished the first Vizsla bitch to complete her championship in this country." (ejg: I believe that is 'Dutchess of Shirbob' owned by the Campbells) he goes on..."the quality is improving so much, that I am sure that they will be placing regularly in Sporting Groups."

RICHARD M. OLSEN, Illinois, "...the New Year is here and so is my resolution for this year. Enclosed is my membership in the National Vizsla Club. With our first addition and my occupation of teaching, there is not much left after necessities, but have been looking forward to reaffiliating with the club. Czuki has had another profitable and fun-loving year hunting in Wisconsin and Illinois and recall the good time had by all at Greenup in 1960 and New Sharon in 1961.." (ejg: I do hope that you can run down to Muscatine this spring!)

BELA HADIK, N.H. wrote from Washington D.C. "I wish you a great deal of strength, good health, patience and perserverance to carry on with the New Year." He is a bit overwhelmed with the enormous size of this country and the difficulty of having a club with officers that live so far away... (ejg: this is understandable, if one had lived for many years in a country no larger than Illinois... I guess we have just gotten used to distances, but it doesn't make them any less,) He hopes that regional branches of Vizsla Clubs can be established so that they can hold together the vizsla owners all over the country and organize trials and shows which would be within reach of all vizsla enthusiasts. (ejg: In the September 1963 issue of the VIZSLA NEWS there is an article entitled "So You Want to Have a Local Vizsla Club"...which gives a complete outline to follow in setting up a club. You need no "permission" from us...just do it anytime there are enough people to make it go. There are over a dozen now organized or in the process. If you are too isolated, affiliate with a GSH or other established group. It is strongly advised that the VC of A not attempt to 'organize' these without full time staff, traveling expenses, etc., but urge that people DO organize themselves...and offer all encouragement and publicity through the NEWS.) Bela suggests..."the two National Championships should be planned a year ahead of the date and stakes should be published every month from that time on so that people living far away could plan their time and trip in advance."(ejg: We are still a young club and have not established 'our date' yet...other clubs have been at this 30 or 40 years now. There were several years when no National Field Trial was held at all. It was Prairie States Vizsla Club (organized in the spring of 1960) that revived a trial group, and Paul Sabo who headed up a national trial at Greenup,

Illinois, the last week-end in November 1960. It wasn't until 1962 that a Spring Field Trial was attempted on a National Level, so, if we didn't make plans a year in advance, you will have to understand, we didn't know IF there would be another trial a year from then, or where! I am sure with the sensational turn-out this fall...68 entries compared to about 30 in 1960, that we are well on our way to making plans on a yearly basis. If and when we become members of AKC, we can take our trials out of this central region!) He further suggests that more amateur stakes should be planned and fewer open ones. (ejg: We are limited, in National AKC licensed Trials, to one amateur stake. However, here is where these local clubs you speak of can do a great service...they bring the amateur out, give him the experience in running a good hunting dog in competition...which is all a field trial is! The best dog in the world is not going to place well if his handler (whether professional or not) does not present him well. It is interesting to me that 7 of the 12 placings in Vizsla Stakes were taken by dogs trained and handled by their owners this last fall. Bela enclosed a nice ad picturing some mighty pretty dogs...and has promised some more articles for the Vizsla News in the future.)

TOM KRALIK, Ohio, asked that I send an application blank to some people he met at a Field Trial in that area...glad to send them along. Hope that you can work Muscatine into your schedule this spring.

BRAD JORGENS, Minnesota, our hard working treasurer poured this out at about 2 in the morning after working over a stack of income tax forms, then processed memberships, renewals, and subscriptions to send on to me..."as far as I am concerned the rating of Champion in Vizslas is misleading. I am disappointed in the attitude of some people toward the Vizsla...they seem only interested in the good looking dog whether it has any desire to hunt or not. We don't have a REAL Champion Vizsla in this country yet. We must ask ourselves...do we want our noble Vizsla to follow in the steps of the Irish Setter, the Cocker Spaniel, and Elkhound? These were terrific hunting dogs at one time, what practical use are they now except to stand tall at bench shows and bite the hell out of little kids..(ejg: Here I must note that it was not necessarily close breeding that led them on their present path...but what they were breeding for, namely "pretty feathers"...and they, like the poultry people, bred a most beautiful speciman only to find that it would not, then, lay eggs!) Where will WE be in 30 years? We don't have to go the way of the Irish...the GSH people have set a good example, breeding for field-wise dogs, within a standard, yes, but hunters!" (ejg: Them's mighty strong words... but worthy of consideration. I should suggest that it is a two way street...not only should Bench dogs hunt and enter field competition, but owners of good field dogs must quit looking down their noses, and put their dogs in conformation competition, too. DUAL Champions really mean something. The Brittany and Lab people have proved that, and Haans v Selle this last fall, made a good point...bench and field.

V. V. VANDIVORT, Iowa, dropped a card in the mail after receiving the last issue of the NEWS. "May I add a fervent 'Amen' to the very excellent article by Bela Hadik. I have never read a better expression of ideas which, in my opinion, have produced the greatest performers in any breed of hunting dog."

PAUL HALLY, N. Y. noted that in the last issue, the picture worth 1000 words...the pup is owned by his friend, GORDON CARLILE, Sonyea, N. Y. (ejg: Thank you for the correction)

CLIFFORD REHPOHL, Washington, says they have had a lot of snow but it has not been very cold as they are in the valley of the Columbia river... "but, I've had enough." By the beautiful color pictures of some puppies playing in the snow, it looks as if they love it as much as ours do...there is nothing like a pile of nice fluffy snow to jump into, that is if you are a 4 month old pup...or a 6 year old boy!)

LEONARD HARTL, Iowa, writes: "There is going to be a 'Fun Trial' at Wild Wings in Muscatine, Iowa, on March 14...to give us a run-through on a field trial and possible interest in a local club." For people in that area interested in a "warm up" before the National, here is your golden opportunity. Write to Leonard, Mounted Route #3, Davenport, Iowa. In a note just received today, he adds that he will see us at the Cedar Rapids Show, and has already been at work on some writing for National publicity!

As for the Graff household...we have enjoyed a long mid-winter thaw and now with a covering of new snow are out tramping the fields looking for more birds. (with a blank (and camera), hunting season is over, here.) Have had a bit of difficulty finishing things up for the printer this week...Bud went upstairs to fix a leaky pipe that has been plaguing us for some time and the first thing I knew there was a multitude of weird sounds, some muttering about ..."if ya' do something, do it right...", and my antiquated bath tub, up on cat-paw legs, came down the stairs and is now out behind the barn for a horse trough! Since then, I have been fetching crow-bars, pipe fittings, and the like...so must stick with it tonight, there will be things to do in the morning! (I bought the linoleum 3 years ago... just knew he would get around to it someday!)

It is encouraging to have a few minutes more daylight each day...it lets us know that we are inching toward spring!

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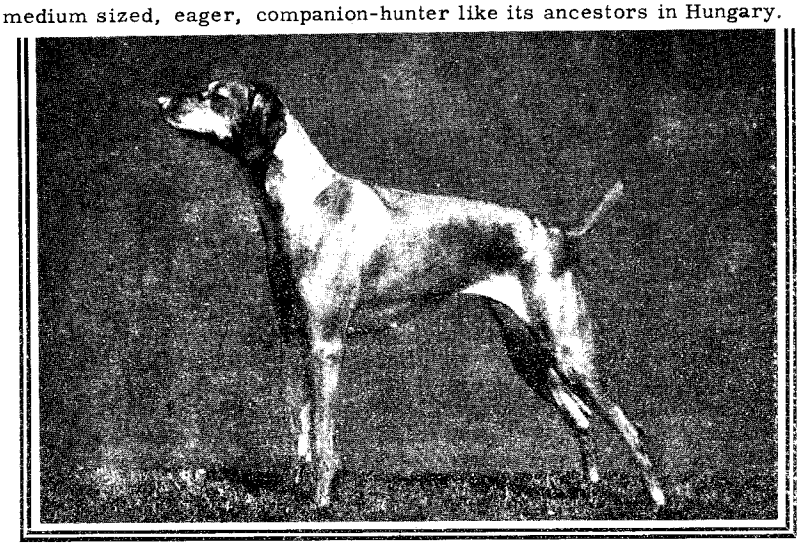
(10 more subscriptions, and many many renewals! This is most gratifying.)

This copy of the Canadian Vizsla Standard came just the other day. Roy Geil, proud owner of the dog pictured enclosed it with his membership in the Vizsla Club of America. I had heard a great deal about this standard and was interested in reading it. Since we are effected by our Vizsla cousins to the north, I feel sure that you, too, would be interested in seeing this copy. Only with accurate information should any opinions be formed.

In view of the problems we have had with our rather "loosely" written standard, time alone will determine if their standard will do a better job of keeping the Vizsla a medium sized, eager, companion-hunter like its ancestors in Hungary.



DU. CH. (CAN. AM.) SOUVENIR CSABE LIDI
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General Appearance—A distinguished and robust breed, but light weight, slim waisted, gait decided and supple.
Skull—In the upper part of skull the head is refined, covered with strong muscles that leave a depression the length of the middle line between the eyes, the forehead continues into the frontal-nasal part by a moderate crease.
Ears—The ears are thin, proportionately long, covered with a very fine skin, placed low on the skull and fall against the sides of the head, with rounded tips.
Eyes—Neither deep set, nor prominent, the balls of the eyes are circled with the eyelids, well set that they show no whites, the irises are of a shade corresponding to the light or dark shading of the hair, (the light yellow ones are not desirable for this breed).
Muzzle—In comparison to the skull, the muzzle is a little longer than the forehead, and seen from either side is not of a tapered shape but well squared, the nostrils are slightly open. (A black or slate grey nose is a defect), it should be dark brown, but a skin colored one is not to be rejected. The lips and the folds of the face are moderately developed and cover the mouth completely, the jaws are solidly developed, the gums are strong and set with well developed teeth strong and white as porcelain and perfectly set with no teeth under or over shot.
Neck—Moderately long, well muscled, nobly arched and shaping larger at the body end, with no dewlaps showing. The skin is sleek and smooth.
Trunk—Well muscled and well proportioned.
Back—Wide and straight, moderately arched, muscular and short.
Loins—Short, wide, well muscled, moderately arched.
Shoulders—Well laid back,, not steep, fitting close to the body, muscular.
Rump—Wide and rather long, starting at the height of the back and sloping gradually towards the tail.
Tail—Thick at the root, slimming out slightly to the extremity, the cropping of the last section is done in the first week after birth.
Chest—Deep, long and proportionately wide descending to the elbows, (a barrel chest or a too narrow one constitutes a serious defect).
Belly—Slightly tucked up.
Forelegs—Bones straight and well covered with muscles, strongly developed to support the body like the columns of a building. The elbows are parallel to the body, neither turned in or outward.
Hindlegs — Hindquarters are straight, if seen from the rear, thighs full and muscular. A too bent stifle is worse than a straight one.
Feet—The toes well formed and shaped like a cat's, (hare foot is objectionable), the nails should be slate grey, short and strong, the pads should be strong, (badly placed dewclaws are considered a defect).
Quality and Color of Coat—The coat is short, neither hard nor fluffy. Should be close fitting to the body, thick, without woolly under coat. It should be short and sleek. The coat is waterproof and protects against the weather. An animal with too fine coat and not thickly furred (like a mouse-coat) should be excluded from future breeding.

The color comprises all the shades of gold but the darker shades are preferable, (coffee color and dark brown or any mixed shade is a serious defect) but small white spots on chest or feet are not considered defects, but should be eliminated in future breedings.

general facts

Known as the Hungarian Pointer, its ancestry dates back 1000 years. The purity of its strain was upheld throughout the years by the barons and warlords who used the breed extensively as a companion to their falcons during hunting expeditions.

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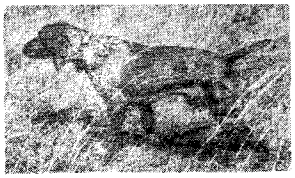

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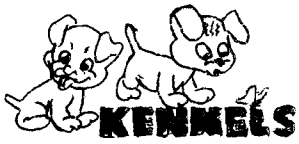

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