The Vizsla News

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SPRING CAME! Winter just packed up it's ice and snow and left in the night. On the breeze, there is the song of the meadow lark singing out the glad news!

Spring is a time of new beginnings. New blades of green, green grass carpet the hill and furnish the new-born colts and lambs with a dramatic backdrop. Mr. Ringnecked screeches at sun-set and strings of waterfowl stretch like lace from one horizon to the other.

Dwell not in the past, my friend... renew the joy of life in the youth that is SPRING.

The romantic antics of a pair of well-matched Vizslas as they bound over the fields in rhythm to the music in the air is poetry and beauty. Love blooms. Soon the time arrives and new life greets the world. One "new" is for you!

There's yours! the one bounding and bright, always moving. You can tell that he is put together as good inside as out. He likes you! He climbs up onto your lap with his dirty feet, chews with real determination on your fingers, then leaps at a passing butterfly and lands in a heap on your prize posy. Oh, there will be trying days ahead, but it will be worth it!

NOW, to try those new ideas and improved calculations on this product of study hopes and dreams! Each day brings joy and wonder. From the time that the daffodils nod on the spring air until the mums burst forth in a big cozy cushion, "new" will grow in stature and knowledge. Picking a pup with natural hunting talents is one thing... developing them is quite another!!

In a twinkling it will be time to show off your protege. Of course, others can't see him through your rose-colored glasses. And, they never perform as well with an audience as when you and he are afield along.

The "critics" next door will let you know the worst!

Hunting companions (both man and experienced dog) will view "new" with marked scepticism and reserve judgement until the first booboo.

But, when you put him down at the Club or National Field Trial... the only opinion that counts is the one handed down by the men with badges marked "judge". (Your opinion of their talents depends, of course, on how well they liked "new".)

A trophy for the shelf and the name in the book is what some folk feel is accomplishment.

Joy for others is the proving that the genetics and training of "new" is a step in the right direction.

Maybe your thrill comes in that walk through the field with a pup eager to hunt ...your way... and happiness is the knowledge that he is yours and you are his!

SPRING CAME... and with it... "new". Life is young and exciting. The cares and pressures of an old world can be "insomnia" for someone else!

Just STOP on your way hurrying somewhere and ask the lark on the fence post. It's true! He will say,

"SPRING'S HERE... On your mark, get set, GO ...!"

by Jane Graff
photo by Nebraska Game Commission

To the "National" and back in 70 hours.....

(Now, if you were unable to break away and get to Muscatine, I will try to set the scene and give you the atmosphere surrounding the events that you are about to read about... just hop in the back seat... here we go!)

FOUR O'clock in the morning is pitch dark and cold. Close the suit case and make one last check of the box of files (the "office" for the week-end) oh yes, and a couple dogs... now, what am I forgetting? Well, fasten the safety belt. We're on our way.

It's east all the way. Everything is set and waiting. We are too excited to even talk much as we scoot along on the interstate, there is just a warm, happy kind of anticipation. When the sky starts to get light we have crossed the flat plains and are skirting the edge of those grotesque bluffs, relics of prehistoric dust storms, and round the ultra-modern expressway across suburbia Omaha and by rows of "houses made of ticky-tack".

The dawn does not come up like thunder... there is just an awareness, in the overcast, that it is time to break out the coffee and sweet rolls. Have some, as we cross the wide Missouri and mount hill after hill across Iowa.

The haze in the air and cold, brisk wind forecast a "weather" condition that is going to influence the next hours in our lives.

Time to line up the correspondence that came tumbling in the last few days, check over the agenda and other details with my "advisor", friend husband, Bud. All that is squared away... now, I remember what I forgot... the cameras! The last few miles tick off... there is the Mississippi River! We are in Muscatine.

A stop at the gas station and sporting good store brings a friendly greeting and a welcome from the local people... a credit to the fine pre-field trial publicity put out by the Muscatine Journal with the information Howard James has compiled.

It is just noon as we pull up in front of the big club house at Wild Wings Shooting Preserve. Many people have arrived, greeting and meeting is made more friendly around the big stone fireplace. Gee, its good to see all of this wonderful Vizsla "family" again!

(To ramble on, at this point, would mean duplication of "coverage"... as minutes, reports, and official placings have all been compiled and sent by those in authority...

** Field Trial Report -- by V. V. VanDivort

** Official placings -- by Betty Kenly

** Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Your Vizsla Club of America is making remarkable progress, but there is still much to be done. There are many Vizsla owners that are coming forward with their talent and enthusiasm. Catch the spark!)

So, in just 70 hours we are back home... and all is history, but even now when I close my eyes I can see friendly faces, happy talk and good fellowship... vivid memories of a spring in Muscatine!

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MINUTES
Annual Meeting of the Vizsla Club of America
April 4, 1964, Muscatine, Iowa.

The Annual Meeting of the Vizsla Club of America was called to order by president, Tom Pratt. Members and guests in attendance included:

Don Anderson, Denver, Colorado
Loy Coutts,* Waterloo, Nebraska
I. S. Osborn,* LeSueur, Minn.
R. C. Murray, St. Paul, Minnesota
Fred Schulze,* Rosemount, Minnesota
Frank and Lee Sabo, Chicago, Illinois
Martha Sabo, Chicago
Joe and Helen Malicek, Chicago
George* and Betty Solberg, Chicago
Richard Olsen, Antioch, Illinois
Joan Hunt,* Cottage Grove, Tennessee
Dick Buhman, Milan, Illinois
Len Hartl,* Davenport, Iowa
Judy and Jayne Holcomb, Englewood, Colo.
Brad* and Joyce Jorgens, Clara City, Minn.
Bob* and Judy Holcomb, Englewood, Colo.
Michael Donner, Clara City, Minnesota
Dr. W. C. Meminger,* Erie, Pennsylvania
Howard and Dee James, Muscatine, Iowa
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Andersen, New Jersey
Robert C. Andersen, Lebanon, New Jersey
Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Motsinger, St. Joseph, Ill.
V. Louise Shiels, Scottsdale, Arizona
Paul Sabo, Jr.* Champaign, Illinois
Ronald Frey, LaCrosse, Wisconsin
Robert C. Bull, Shellsburg, Iowa
Dr.* and Mrs. R. C. Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Neb.
Mr.* and Mrs. W. G. Kline, Garden City, Kansas
Dr. and Mrs. R. V. VanCamp, Colby, Kansas
Dee and Jane Ehrlich, Lincoln, Nebraska
Frank and Norma Wenner, Davenport, Iowa
Mr. and Mrs. V. V. VanDivort, Perrysburg, O.
Meurice* and Jane* Graff, Seward, Nebraska
Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Rozanek, Norfolk, Nebr.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fisher, Lincoln, Nebraska
Joseph Cunningham,* Middletown, N. Y.
Betty Kenly,* Phoenix, Arizona
Madison Bogart, Brakesville, Iowa
Les Sprouse, Bloomfield, Iowa
Harold Howk, Bloomfield, Iowa
Tom Pratt,* Clarion, Iowa

(* Board members and officers. All newly elected officers present, 11 board members present and proxy votes present from 3 others.)

A Thankyou from the club was extended to Howard James, president of Wild Wings; Paul Sabo, for his work as chairman of the F. T. Committee, and Betty Kenly, F. T. Secretary.

Judges: Harold Howk, Les Sprouse, Madison Bangart and Van VanDivort were introduced. "Van" spokesman for the group, complimented the F. T. Committee on their fine organization and commented on the smoothness with which things were running. "The Vizsla is a fine all-around hunter... the average American hunter's dream of an ideal family pet, companion and hunter all rolled into one."

The minutes of the last meeting as they appeared in the Vizsla News were approved as printed. A summary of the year activities were given by the secretary:

One year ago, the office of the Vizsla Club of America came into my house. It was predicted that the job of club secretary and editor of the Vizsla News is too large a task for one person, unassisted.

I wholeheartedly agree!! But, I have had the wonderful, generous support of many individual Vizsla owners, the other club officers, many of the Board of Directors, and most especially, the understanding and assistance of my husband. He has helped with the correspondence, managed the advertizing, edited the editor and not complained when the piano needed dusting or when I ruined a tire while driving to David City to get the printing done.

With the most gratifying response to requests for pictures, articles and new ideas, I can only say that this past year has been both interesting and challenging. I am looking forward to this new year, better prepared and hoping for the continued support and additional growth for the Vizsla Club of America.

Many things have been accomplished... many others not even touched. Perhaps this job is too large for one person, but since I am a woman and don't know that things are impossible, I accept the job for another year. I ask you, each and every Vizsla owner, to add your 2¢worth, help carry the load. Your encouragement lends the enthusiasm needed to drive ahead.

The club membership has grown from an active list of about 125 to over 200, the subscriptions to the NEWS from none to more than 100. The "every member get a member" has been at work contacting individuals, and there are several Board members who take their office seriously, they get out and work... A conservative estimate of the number of Vizslas in the USA at present is at least 3000. Our present membership is far from adequate! Many Vizsla owners have never heard of the Vizsla Club of America, (true, some are not interested in affiliating with the club even if it is working for the benefit of "their" breed...but many people are looking for just such an organization.)

To contact Vizsla owners, everywhere, invite them to join the Vizsla Club of America, tell them of the Vizsla News and other club activities should be the goal of every Vizsla Club member! (It is mine)

It is a great concern to this office that such a small percentage of Vizsla breeders are affiliated with the National Club (or any club). Most of the Vizsla puppies, therefore, are being produced by people who have no real valid information on the breed, its direction, even its standard. These casual breeders (and some "factories") are greatly influencing the breed without any basis for accurate evaluation of their stock. They water down the fine progress that has been made by the good breeding done by many members, and make the gap ever wider between the "field trialers" and average "pet-companion" Vizslas. If everytime you see a litter of pups advertized in your locality, you would "as a committee of one", take an application for membership to them, sign them up, you will be helping eradicate the situation.

In this same vein, there is a great need for national publicity for the Vizsla Club of America! I don't know just how to get this done, but perhaps one of you will help find a way. (A news item in Dog World brought 15 or 20 membership inquiries, newspaper write-ups about field trials always bring interested people to the grounds...these are steps in the right direction.) A Vizsla Club within an area is also good, as many people will join locally and develop into very active members, nationally. Human interest stories about you and your Vizsla will bring many "unknown" Vizsla owners your way. Notices of your dogs accomplishments should be made to your newspapers...by YOU. This office is not set up to do it...work in a plug for VC of A, if you can! (The publicity for this spring Field Trial by the Muscatine Journal was superb! David City did a fine job with the PSVC Trial a year ago. Pete Czura has given the Vizsla excellent coverage in this area, as has Outdoor Nebraska...Denver area is getting the word to the people now, too. This all has its beginning with "local interest", and goes from there!)

The Vizsla News has a list of "complimentary copies" sent to people who are interested in the breed and making note of its activities through their publications. Do you have a "friend in the press" to be added to the list?

This past year, the VC of A has sponsored two "B" Matches, and two Licensed Field Trials representing the largest number of Vizslas ever entered in the Club's history. Plans for the "A" Match in Erie, Pennsylvania, April 19th will bring one step closer the requirements to be completed before AKC Membership can be applied for.

Our Regional Vice-Presidents, Bob Holcomb, Joan Hunt and Joe Cunningham, have worked in their respective areas with individual success. It is recommended that this next year further divisions be made within each "Region" and that these people be called "Govenors" and it is hoped the results can be multiplied many times over. (This will be only if these additional people work with the zeal and dedication that the Regional VPs have this past year.)

In the matter of clarification of the Vizsla breed standard, (a matter long discussed by the active club members) the committee's report and proposal was sent to AKC by the Vizsla Club of America last November. It was approved and is now a part of our standard. The original standard indicated that the Vizsla should not deviate "excessively" from the size of 22"- 24" for males and 21" - 23" for females, but now the amount of variation is defined in the amount of 2" above and/or below those figures. It is hoped that this will assist breeders and judges keep the "comformation winners", which are supposed to represent the true-type Vizsla, the medium-sized companion-hunter. Owners of oversized Vizslas voiced some disapproval, but it is hoped that will realize that a comformation "Champion" should not be a dog that does not come within the breeds standard. If we would continue, we would eventually end up like the Poodles..."Toy", "Standard", and "Enormous", and forget that they were once bred to point and retrieve. By far the majority of

Vizslas are, at present, within the size limit and will remain so if undo influence is not perpetrated by show stock that does not represent the breed.

(A flyer containing the Vizsla Standard, a short history of the breed, information about the Vizsla Club of America and a membership application is being worked on by several Board Members and it is hoped it will be out soon. Probably the constitution should also be in it... if I can ever get the Board to sit still and finish it!)

Great strides have been made this past year in the organization of local Vizsla Clubs. The Vizsla Club of Southern California, formed several years ago has over 50 members. Washington State has re-newed some of its activities. Newly organized Clubs include Colorado, Illinois and Nebraska complete with officers, constitutions and planned activities. (Nebraska has its first AKC Sanctioned Field Trial this spring) Other areas that show interest include Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. PSVC has a AF Trial scheduled for this spring.

This past year I have, necessarily, formed a working association with the American Kennel Club. Correspondence with John C. Neff was most helpful in learning about AKC, the necessary steps to be taken before an application for membership can be made by the Vizsla Club of America, and the role that a national club should play in helping its chosen breed to recognition without killing off its secretary! Since July, William Stifel has been the person with whom I have corresponded. I just about begin to understand procedure and policy when they throw me a curve... and I know nothing again. But, I will keep trying and hope that the relationship will continue to give direction to our group.

(To those who are organizing local clubs, I urge a great deal of patience, time... a great deal of time, and several successful events completed before requesting your first sanctioned event.)

The Vizsla is becoming known in many dog circles. Representatives of the breed have placed in sufficent numbers in all-breed competition so that we can see the progress with some relation to other established breeds.

The Vizsla Club of America is basically on sound footing, the Board of Directors and officers represent a variety of interest groups and includes people from one coast to the other. The progress the club will make this next year is up to us... all of us.

Jane Graff, secretary

The treasurer, Brad Jorgens, submitted the following treasurer's report:

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, VC of A.
May 1st 1963 to April 1st, 1964

INCOME:		
Membership dues		$ 1694.50
Other incomes		
Vizsla News Subscriptions	264.50	
Vizsla News Advertising	94.10	
Sale of "Old News'"	48.25	
Dog World Refunds	16.00	
Match Show Profit	5.40	
Hip Dysplasia Booklet	.15	
(Income continued)		
Nat'l Spring Field Trial	384.95	
Nat'l Fall Field Trial '63	726.00	
		1539.35
Total income		3233.85
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Nat'l Spring Field Trial	422.12	
Nat'l Fall Field Trial '63	580.85	
Vizsla News printing	1243.61	
Telephone	203.78	
Moving secretary's office from Tennessee to Nebr.	49.91	
Equip. Repair & supplies	91.25	
Dues Notices and envelopes	15.25	
Postage	20.00	
Dog World Subscription	5.00	
Fall F.T. Entry Refund	10.00	
Advertising	65.00	
AKC	15.00	
"A" Match expense (advance)	75.00	
Pins & Tie Tacks purchased	200.00	
Canadian Exchange Paid	1.65	
		2998.79
		235.06
Balance on hand May 1, 1963		1286.92
Balance on hand April 1, 1964		1521.98

W. B. Jorgens, Treasurer

Additional notations: Approximately $185 has been realized for the sale of pins to date. Another $150 has been recieved for Vizsla News advertising since the books were closed for this report. (The Vizsla News printing disbursement includes other items such as the mailing permit, postage, stationery, and the fee for 2 licensed Field Trials.)

It was moved that the report be accepted. Seconded. Carried.

The president asked that a report of the Board Meeting and recommendations be given.

The Board of Directors (those newly elected for the current year) met Friday, April 3, at 1:00 p.m. with the outstanding number of 12 members present, 3 proxy votes submitted, and 5 other members (several detained at the last minute) arriving later in the day or for the Annual Meeting.

The following recommendations are submitted for the approval of the members:

1. Rules and Procedures for Vizsla Field Trials be drawn up to supplement those of AKC to give further guidance to F.T. Committees and the judges of our events. A 3 man committee was suggested.
2. "Regional Governors" be appointed to facilitate area sub-divisions of smaller sizes than those of the 3 Regional Vice-Presidents.
3. It was recommended that in future Vizsla Club of America Field Trials that we open the Derby Stake to Europeon Pointing Breeds (leaving the puppy and gun-dog stakes for Vizslas, only)

The Board, in session for only the afternoon, did not have ready many other items of business on the agenda.

Question: European Pointing Dogs included in our trials now are: Vizsla, Weimaraner, German Shorthaired Pointer, Pointing Griffon, and German Wirehaired Pointer. Why not the Brittany?

Paul Sabo, Ch. of the F. T. Committee answered that in the classification of dogs, "Pointer-Setter" and "European Pointing", the Brittany stems from the Setter family. True, they are a gun-dog, but from a different side of the family tree. (They have their own rules and allow only Brittanys in their trials, especially on a National level). It was suggested that Paul write a complete explanation for publication in the Vizsla News.

Question: If other established breeds hold their National Field Trials for their breed alone, why should the Vizsla Club of America be opening more and more stakes to other breeds? There are now enough Vizsla entries to fill the entire judging time. Perhaps we should have at least one of the two Field Trials a year for Vizslas only.

A 10 minute recess was called as tables were cleared.

It was moved by Joan Hunt that we turn the matter of opening additional stakes to other breeds back to the Board of Directors and that no action be taken to open the Derby without a referendum of the membership. Seconded by Frank Sabo. Voice vote was inconclusive. A show of hands defeated the motion.

There was further discussion on the object and/or merit of all-breed stakes, and of the term "National".

It was moved by Bud Graff that the club retain the stakes as they are at present:
Open Puppy (Vizsla), Open Derby (Vizsla), Open All-Age (Vizsla) and the Amateur, an All-Age and the Limited Stakes open to other European Pointing Dogs.
Seconded by Shirley Reinhardt. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the other recommendations (1 & 2) be approved. Carried.

Nominating Committee Report: Bob Holcomb reported the work of the nominating committee and presented the list of new officers and board members to the membership:

Officers: Tom Pratt, president; Betty Kenly, Paul Sabo and Joe Cunningham, vice-presidents; Jane Graff, secretary; Brad Jorgens, treasurer.

Board members: Dr. I. S. Osborn, George Solberg, Bob Holcomb, Bernard C. Boggs, Morrie Chatfield, Loy C. Coutts, Hannibal DeSchmertzing, Leonard Hartl, Joan Hunt, Dr. Richard Reinhardt, G. Harvey Warholm.

Members with one more year on their term are: Wilmer Kline, Bud Graff, Fred Schulze, and Dr. W. C. Meminger.

The photographer will be on the grounds on Sunday and Board Members and people with dogs in the placings are urged to "be available".

The proposed Constitution Revision was briefly discussed. It was moved that it be reviewed by the Board and that it then be printed in the Vizsla News and a vote of the membership be taken by mail. Seconded. Carried.

The Standards Committee: The president called for further discussion on the Vizsla Standard. (The board had not taken up the matter, presented in writing, at its meeting, so this was actually board business and not ready for membership action.)

Joe Cunningham submitted a translation of the Hungarian standard on color as a possible help in clarifying our vague reference to color.

(Present standard on color: "Solid. Rusty gold or rather dark sandy yellow in different shades, with darker shades preferred. Dark brown and pale yellow are undesirable. Small white spots on chest or feet are not faulted.")

Proposed revision: "Solid. Rusty gold or rather dark sandy yellow in different shades, with darker shades preferred. Dark brown and pale yellow are undesirable.

Small white spots 2" or less in diameter on the chest are not faulted. Small white flecking on feet is not faulted. All white chest or all white feet or legs to be considered a disqualification. Breeders should aim for complete elimination of any white."

This did not meet with favor. The membership voiced most strongly that at no time should the Vizsla breed indicate or urge the "elimination of all white."

Our standard, here again, is so general that a dog with white over half its body could become a Champion of comformation, which is certainly not desirable or intended by those who made the original standard. There is a need for some type of clarification.

It was moved by Joe Cunningham that additional members be appointed to the standards committee and that they contact AKC or possible suggestions to clarify the standard as to the color of the Vizsla and the amount of white that should be permitted and terms for defining it. Motion was seconded and carried.

It was suggested, again, that a show Champion be required to demonstrate its hunting ability in some way before it be permitted to use the title (at least in our own publication). Loy Coutts suggested that a "Certificate of Merit" could be given to dogs entered in our trials that show birdiness, a good nose and a desire to hunt even if they are not in the placings... (training, experience and opportunity effect wins, and hunting ability doesn't have to mean F. T. winner.)

Dr. R. V. VanCamp, DMV, interjected the thought that with all the discussion about hunting ability, show type, color, etc, and "standards" for each, a most important "standard" was being overlooked. There is no standard set by the Vizsla Club for the reading of x-rays of breeding stock in order to declare any stock "clean" of Hip Dysplasia. (We suggest several experts, and knowledge to date in the monograph published by the club in 1961. Copies are available, in limited supply, from the Vizsla Club office, Route 3, Seward, Nebraska, 15¢ each)

It was moved that the treasurer investigate costs of a photographic duplicating machine to add to the club's equipment. This is needed to aid in the job of keeping Board Members and officers, and all members informed on club business. Seconded and carried.

The report on progress in the research in the field of Congenital Hip Dysplasia was called to the attention of the Chair. Dr. I. S. Osborn reported that the extensive research carried on at the University of Minnesota is nearing completion. The research was started during WW II when the dogs trained by the arme forces would complete their training only to develope hip-dysplasia and have to be destroyed. The governmen sought to find the cause and cure for the ailment. Following the initial work, several million dollars has been given as a grant to further the research. It includes many other breeds of dogs...from Greyhounds (that do not have the ailment) to the Chihuahua. The Vizsla, imported in only a few numbers, were added to the research in order to prove the results found in other breeds, but something different happened. Because of the fine co-operation of conscientious breeders, the Vizsla will be one of the first to benefit from this new knowledge. Reports are now being completed and the information will be made available to all persons interested in the program in the very near future.

It was suggested that the Board Members (17 present at this time) remain after the meeting and work on the items of business yet on the agenda. Declined by the president.

Meeting adjourned.

Jane Graff, secretary

WELCOME !! NEW MEMBERS

Eldon H. Vroman, Dows, Iowa
Lyle B. Eno, 5140 Spruce, Lincoln, Nebraska
L. J. Weiland, Mission Hill , South Dakota
Leland McEwan Cobb, SandSpring Lane, Morristown New Jersey
Vice-Admiral W. J. Marshall, Box 242, Route 2 Vienna, Virginia
V. Louise Shiels, 611 East 3rd Street, Scottsdale, Arizona
Dr. M. D. Wolfe, 129 Llewellyn Rd, Montclair, N. J.
Haddin Pumphrey, Box 83, Iowa City, Iowa
T. J. Mills, Route 1, Box 156 B, Coal Valley, Ill.
Gerald D. Butterfield, 303 Glen Rose Ave. North Platte, Nebraska
Ross Eggestein, Route 2, Box 33, Annandale, Minn.
Dale Starr, Box 515, Fairbury, Nebraska

MORE ABOUT THE VIZSLA PIN....

I have been telling you about the fine little gold pins (or tie tacks) with a Vizsla head superinscribed on it. Many of you have availed yourselves of the opportunity to "advertize" your favorate dog. The pins and tie tacks are available by ordering them from Joyce Jorgens, Clara City, Minnesota. $2 each.

Bill Kahler (the member who made this fine crafted pin available to us) mentioned in a telephone conversation the other evening, that I also suggest the following:

By special order you could have made (in this same pattern) buttons for a blazer, and charms or cuff links in gold or silver. Inquire more from Joyce.

Vizsla Club of Canada

Dr. P. A. (Phil) Wright
President

Dear Jane:

Many thanks for the clarifying statement appearing in the issue of Vizsla News that arrived yesterday. In a meeting with the Canadian Kennel Club I find that it might take as much as 2 - 3 years to get a fully revised standard accepted.

In connection with the designation "Dual Ch." actually, there is no such thing in Canada. The official title is "Ch. (Can-Am.)". We use the designation, "F. T. Ch., Ch. Suchensuch".

Furthermore, we do not stop at this as indicating a REAL Champion. We feel that a genuine Champion will be F. T. Ch, Ch. and C. D. X. or better! We have several Sporting dogs in the country with these full titles! The ideas expressed by Bela Hadik in his comments on our proposed standard, that any Champion should meet minimum requirements for the field and bench, and would add obedience as well.

I know it is asking a lot at this time when our breed is still in its infancy here, but we do so badly need more rigid standards to preserve the visual as well as working qualities of the breed!

COLORADO VIZSLA CLUB ORGANIZED

by Bob Holcomb

More than 25 interested Vizsla owners attended the meeting held on March 24th and elected officers. They are: Don Anderson, president; Buck Rollins, vice-president; and Mrs. Walt MacKenzie, secretary-treasurer.

Don Anderson is very qualified. He has been a Vizsla owner since 1960 and has been very active with his dog in field trials, and has judged many AKC trials. Buck Rollins has been running his dog in field trials for more than a year. The MacKenzies are new comers to the Vizsla Clan and are very interested in the breed and will be a big help in this new club.

Each of the new officers were presented with the "book" of back issue of the Vizsla News. A committee is now working on the constitution which will be sent to AKC with the list of members in the near future.

VIZSLA CLUB
OF ILLINOIS

This sparkling new Vizsla Club has added a new twist to the services that come from a membership...a Monthly Bulletin! Editing is Lee Sabo (Mrs. Frank Sabo) who's enthusiasm and wit surge from the top of her head right out her fingers and onto the printed page!

Plans for the "Put and Take" Trial have had to be postponed until fall because of Illinois (outdated?) game laws. The club is actively supporting shows, obedience trials and field trials.

Congratulations! Your activities should serve as an inspiration to other areas contemplating organizations

V. C. of A. Field Trial
Spring- 1964

by V. V. VanDivort

Wild Wings Shooting Preserve, a new and promising area near Muscatine, Iowa, was selected as the venue for the Spring field trial of the Vizsla Club of America. The six stake program was run over the weekend of April 4th and a total of 72 dogs went to the starting line. The team of Paul Sabo, F. T. Chairman and Betty Kenly, F. T. Secretary put on a well planned and executed card of events both for the running of the stakes and for the social enjoyment of such a gathering.

Wild Wings Preserve, hard by the Mississippi River just South of Muscatine, is comprised of 1200 acres and offers a variety of activities for the shooter from trap and skeet to quail, pheasant, chukar, duck and goose as well as squirrel, rabbit and varmits with fishing on the Mighty Miss' for those who want it. A large and beautiful clubhouse is nearing completion and will have in addition to good handling and serving facilities and large lounge for the after-hunt gab fests, sleeping rooms for overnight guests.

Howard James heads up the company which is operating Wild Wings with Mel Uhlenhopp as resident manager. Clarence James, Howard's septuagenarian father, was on hand and handy to have around for the entire weekend.

Much remains to be done on this area to make it ideal for field trials (it first opened last October). There is a lack of cover...as indeed, there is all over the mid-west this spring...which hurt some of the Vizslas as it gave them too vast an area to try to cover in search of an objective within their normal range. There were some areas of vicious sand burrs that will need to be eliminated so that more of the grounds can be used in properly laid out courses. Stables and kennels are to be added. Objectives that will hold birds and provide a pattern for the dogs' running are a necessity. All this is in the future for the area according to the James father-and-son combination.

When one sees the progress that has been made in this short year of operation, it is easy to believe that it will have been effected before another year has passed.

Muscatine, incidentally, is the button manufacturing capital of the western world with more than a dozen companies actively engaged in making buttons with the Mississippi River furnishing much of the raw material in the form of shells. This is another of those little known facts one picks up while just looking at bird dogs.

The Vizsla Club of America enjoys a panel of hard working officers whose dedication to the advancement of their chosen breed is something tremendous to witness at work. Tom Pratt, currently president, has held many other posts in the organization. All three newly elected Vice-Presidents were present and carrying their share of the business at hand, Betty Kenly, Paul Sabo and Joe Cunningham.

Jane Graff, secretary and editor of the Vizsla News is a real spark-plug for getting things done and spares herself least when pushing the program. Brad Jorgens handling the purse strings. Backed up by a board of directors and many enthusiastic members, rounds out the workers of the Club. A few were absent, very few! These people believe in showing their support and they were here in force.

The Vizsla Club is on the move upward in many ways, also. It is estimated that there are 3000 Vizslas in the U. S. today. In a report given to the members the secretary told of an ever increasing number of members and the addition of many local clubs, with many states now sporting their own Vizsla Club.

The weatherman was not too rough on the trial except for Sunday morning when a torrent of wind-blown rain soaked everyone and everything. It dwindled to a sprinkle by noon and did not appear to hamper anyone too much. The wind was high for both days and kept the gunners on their toes and swinging through to catch up with wind-borne pheasants.

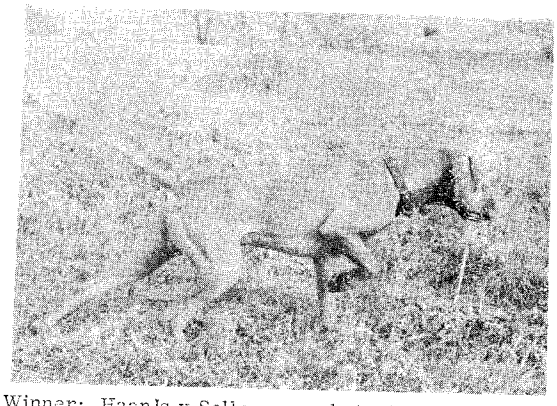
That the gunners came through with fine records was a commendable factor here. Russ Boom, Frank Swengel, Luke Nelson and Bob Graham handled these chores. Mr. Nelson is publisher of the newspaper, Muscatine Journal, which featured a two-page color spread on the trial, the Vizsla as a breed and the Wild Wings Preserve.

The judging panel included Lester Sprouse of Bloomfield, Iowa, and Madison Bogart of Brakeville, Iowa, who handled the Puppy and Derby Stakes, and Harold Howk of Bloomfield who rode with this correspondent. These midwesterners had a great many years of bird dog and bird shooting experience behind them and it was a genuine pleasure for me to spend the weekend with them.

THE RUNNING

Amateur Gun-Dog Stake

Started promptly at 7:20 in 28 degree weather with a good breeze going. Haan's v Selle put together a good, level ground heat moving attractively. He had one bird field find throughout which he was excellent in deportment and intensity. Dereka's Rex Selle had similar bird work but not quite the application in running. Brok Selle was a bit soft on a bird and had a non-productive. Ripp Barat had a class race with one find on course and one in bird field. He was a bit over cautious in the bird field. Two non-productive stands hurt him.



Winner: Haan's v Selle, owned, trained and handled by Dr. Richard Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

AMATEUR GUN-DOG STAKE (9 Vizslas, 4 GSHP)

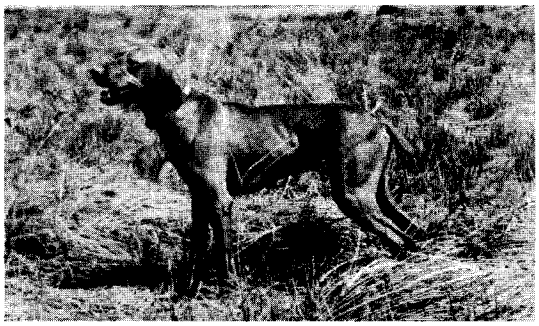
H. Howk, V. V. VanDivort, judges.

1. Haan's v Selle (M) by Kosa v Selle -- Konya v Selle. Dr. Dick Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebr. owner handler.
2. Dereka's Rex Selle (M) by Rex Selle -- Osborn's Copper Lady. Wilmer Kline, Garden City, Kansas, owner and handler.
3. Brok Selle (M) by Brok Olca -- Baba Selle. Don Anderson, Denver, Colo. owner handler.
4. Ripp Barat (M) by Brok Olca -- Rata z Povazia Betty Kenly, Phoenix, Arizona, owner handler.

Open All-Age

Started after lunch. Wind high. Ripp Barat came back in this one and was a different dog. Paul Sabo must have had a chat with him over lunch. He put down an excellent race with five pieces of bird work, two quail and a hen pheasant on back course and two pheasants in bird field. In addition he pointed a rabbit, but let it run unmolested. His retrieves are a picture to see. He was a bit rough on the handle but indicated he knew what he was doing all the way.

Osborn's Starfire had a good all age race with a better patterned effort than Ripp but who can discount five bird finds? Star had two finds, one a runner and was good on both with a bit of encouragement from handler. Haan's v Selle had two birds in bird field, backed at command and sat at flush on second bird. Brok Selle had an unproductive that marred an otherwise fine performance.



Winner: Ripp Barat, owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Kenly, Phoenix, Arizona. Handled by Paul Sabo. Ripp won for the second year in a row the all-age traveling trophy which was donated last spring by a Mr. V. V. VanDivort.

OPEN ALL-AGE (10 Vizslas)

H. Howk, V. V. VanDivort judges.

1. Ripp Barat (M) by Brok Olca -- Rata z Povazia Mr. and Mrs. John Kenly, Phoenix, Arizona, owner, Paul Sabo handler.
2. Osborn's Starfire (F) by Rakk Selle -- Osborn's Miss Kubis. Dr. I. S. Osborn, LeSueur, Minn. owner, Fred Schulze handler.
3. Haan's v Selle (M) by Kosa v Selle -- Konya v Selle. Dr. Dick Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebr. owner and handler.
4. Brok Selle (M) by Brok-Olca -- Baba Selle. Don Anderson, Denver, Colorado. Owner handler.

"Meanwhile---on the south 80" the younger additions of the Vizsla breed were taking their turns in the field. A record number of entries meant that the two men in the saddles had their pencils sharp... their re-cap of the placings are as follows.

Open Puppy and Open Derby

For the first time since 1956 the Puppy and Derby Stakes were won by the same dog. Weedy Creek Dutchess, at 10 months of age, displayed the proper qualities throughout both stakes with excellent range and application. Fine derby bird work was in evidence and Dutchess honored when called upon. (It was Nikki of Bayview, great-grandmother of Dutchess, who last accomplished this feat.)

Soni Brook Selle crowded the winner for the Puppy Stake with a fine back course. He had one pointed bird find. Ripp Barat's Lucky (with a white horseshoe on her chest) was not so wide but had three finds during her heat. Paloma Barat ran as puppies love to but without the purpose one seeks.

Winner: Weedy Creek Dutchess, owned, trained and handled by Hank Rozanek, Norfolk, Nebraska.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE (15 Vizslas)

Les Sprouse, M. D. Bogert judges

1. Weedy Creek Dutchess (F) by Weedy Creek Skol --Shirbob's Honey Dew, H. F. Rozanek, Norfolk, Nebr. owner and handler.
2. Soni Brook Selle (M) by Osborn's Red Rebel -- Duchess v Vltava. Bud Graff, Seward, Nebr, owner and handler.
3. Ripp Barat's Lucky (F) by Ripp Barat -- Bystra Csibesz Povazia, Jayne Holcomb owner, Loy Coutts handler.
4. Paloma Barat (F) (ejg: lineage not noted) Louise Shiels, Scottsdale, Arizona, owner. Paul Sabo handler.

In the derby, Jake Jacaranda, Ferro v Hunt, and Rex of Round Valley were not easy to seperate as all showed good derby propensities and all had bird work of varying sorts...as did several other fine entries. But all entries had to bow to the little lady and that paragraph in the red book, "A derby dog who is staunch on point, steady to wing and shot will be given due credit for the advanced type of performance."

Throughout this whole day a wind was blowing hard and cold out of the east which, according to Howard James, is the worst for producing birds. (Only about 30% recovery in comparison to 75% and up from "weather" from any other direction.)

Dutchess, winner, here pictured with Jake Jacaranda owned and handled by Len Hartl, Davenport, Iowa, 2nd place, and the mother of both dogs, Shirbob's Honey Dew, held by Bud Graff her trainer, (Honey, now "employed" by Wild Wings was, of course, not entered in the competition.)

OPEN DERBY STAKE (12 Vizslas)
Les Sprouse, M. D. Bogert judges

1. Weedy Creek Dutchess (F) by Weedy Creek Skol -- Shirbob's Honey Dew, H. F. Rozanek, Norfolk Nebr. owner and handler.
2. Jake Jacaranda (M) by Pepper Olca -- Shirbob's Honey Dew. Len Hartl, Davenport, Iowa, owner and handler.
3. Ferro v Hunt (M) by Csillan v Hunt -- Gsilla v Hunt. R. J. Buhman, Milan, Ill. owner and handler.
4. Rex of Round Valley (M) (ejg: sire and dam not in my records) Robert Anderson, Lebanon, N. J. owner and handler.

Open Shooting Dog

Off at 8:00 Sunday morning in a driving rain. The sandy soil at Wild Wings that's responsible for the lack of heavy cover this time of the year held an illuminating secret... Oven an inch of rain drenched man and beast, but the footing was not sticky or slippery, and when the rain stopped, there was not the misery underfoot usually encountered.

Top performance was turned in by a fast pacing GSHP, Baron von Eichorn. Running near the end of the stake, there were many rather wet birds available, and while a judgement is never based on number of finds, he did handle 6, and all without a bobble, he set a knowledgable pattern throughout. Rip, another Shorthair, ran a heady, well-animated race and racked up four finds, three of them on the back course. He was steady and stylish on all and made an acceptable retrieve. Ripp Barat's Rippy evened the score on birds but lacked the ground covering effort of Rip. Starfire had an equal number of finds but let her manners slip a bit on a couple of them.

(The Picture of Baron von Eichorn has not reached this office in time for this publication... will insert it at a later date.)

OPEN SHOOTING - DOG STAKE (9 Vizslas, 4 GSHP)
H. Howk, V. V. VanDivort judges

1. Baron von Eichorn (M) GSHP by Patrick von Buisenhorst -- Big Island Trinka. L. M. Adams Atlanta, Ga, owner, Fred Schulze handler.
2. Rip von Skoumarkens (M) GSHP by Patrick von Buisenhorst -- Skoumarken's Flinka. Dr. Roger C. Murray, St. Paul, Minn. owner, Fred Schulze handler.
3. Ripp Barat's Rippy (M) Vizsla by Ripp Barat -- Sissy Selle. J. Holcomb, Englewood Colo, owner, Paul Sabo handler.
4. Osborn's Starfire (F) Vizsla by Rakk-Selle -- Osborn's Miss Kubis. Dr. I. S. Osborn, Le Sueur, Minn. owner, Fred Schulze handler.

Limited All-Age

Brok Selle, improving with use, ran a well-patterned, seeking race, level throughout, had three finds and retrieved with ala crity. All of this was accomplished without directions or admonition on the part of the handler and was an exhibition of complete finish in a dog.

Haan's v Selle ran well and with purpose, had three bird field stands and retrieved acceptably. Maggie z Selle ran at fair range with a strong finish and three finds in the bird field plus a single quail on the back course. Her style is extremely intense. Ripp Barat's Rippy had a good back course, three finds steady all the way. Only one retrieve was necessary, no kill on two birds. He also had a good stop to flush.

Brok Selle, owned, trained and handled by Don Anderson, Denver, Colorado.

OPEN LIMITED ALL-AGE (6 Vizslas, 4 GSHP)
H. Howk, V. V. VanDivort judges

1. Brok Selle (M) Vizsla. Brok Olca -- Baba Selle. Don Anderson, Denver, Colorado, owner and handler.
2. Haan's v Selle (M) Vizsla. Kosa v Selle -- Konya v Selle. Dr. Dick Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebr. owner and handler.
3. Maggie z Selle (F) Vizsla. Radar z Povazia -- Greta z Karpat. M. D. Graff, Seward, Nebr. owner and handler.
4. Ripp Barat's Rippy (M) Vizsla. Ripp Barat -- Sissy Selle. J. Holcomb, Englewood, Colo. owner, Paul Sabo, handler.

official placings submitted
by Betty Kenly, F. T. Secretary

The First
A.K.C. Sanctioned "A" Match

THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA — APRIL 19, 1964, ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

by Margaret H. Meminger
Match Chairman

Our first Plan "A" Match is a matter of record now! Last minute details brought many gray hairs to this head, but things fell into place and the match went very well. There were not as many entries as we had hoped (last minute illness and conflicts coupled with the requirement that dogs with previous major wins could not compete in the Match.)

We had some lovely trophies donated plus the ones that were bought with money donated for that purpose. I placed each trophy on a cardboard square covered with dull silver paper, then wrapped the trophy in saran wrap and decorated each with a small plastic flower. The best in match trophy was a silver plated cheese tray with wood inset in Spring Flower pattern -- a lovely thing, indeed. At the match I covered a small table with a pastel green cloth and displayed the trophies and rosettes together (ribbons were Rose, Brown, Lt. Green and Grey) and it was quite attractive.

The photographer, who had promised to be present did not show...the only gap in the show plans. So, no pictures (hope to arrange for some later.)

PLACINGS AT THE MATCH

Puppy (9-12 mos.) Dogs

1. Talizman v Hunt, by Ch. Csicskas of Goncoltanya --Kinscem v Hunt. Dr. P. A. Wright, Canada

American Bred Dog

1. Jandras Pawlane Suntan, by Kelly of Gardenville -- Star of Gardenville. Dr. P. A. Wright. Canada
2. Ede de Dus, by Devil of Shirbob -- Boske of Goncoltanya. Dr. W. C. &M. Meminger, Erie, Pa

Open Dogs

1. Csic-Ked's Ardent, by Ch. Csickas of Goncoltanya -- Ch. (Am. &Can.) Kedves v Hunt, C. D. Dr. Jas. L. and E. Schuster, Erie, Pa.
2. Donci of Goncoltanya, by Devil of Shirbob -- Boske of Goncoltanya. W. C. Meminger, Erie, Pa.
3. Jandras Pawlane Suntan, by Kelly of Gardenville -- Star of Gardenville. Dr. P. A. Wright, Canada
4. Tigris Vadasz, by Tito's Szaszar -- Aranyka Asonsag. Eugene and Hatusky Ray Fowler, Warren, O.

Puppy (6-9 mos.) Bitches

1. Bakony Csikcsicsoi Biske, by Ch. Aprod Prucsok (imp) -- Ch. Arokparti Parazs (imp). Dr. P. A. Wright, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

(ejg:I do not have a clear marking as to 2nd and 3rd placing in this class, will list and note them later.)

Ludmilla of Milco, by Nenui of Gardenville -- Benni Schloss Loosdorf. J. G. Brodie, Erie, Pa.

Bakony Betyar Finyas, by Ch. Aprod Prucsok(imp.) --Golden Blitz Bakony. Bakony Kennels Ltd. Canada

Best Junior Puppy in Match: Bakony Csikcsicsoi Biske

American Bred Bitches

1. Erze de Dus, by Devil of Shirbob -- Boske of Goncoltanya. Dr. J. D. Lasher, Erie, Pa.
2. Brok-Olca's Tizsa, by Brok Olca -- Miss Olca. Dr. W. C. and M. Meminger, Erie, Pa.
3. Tis'sa Olca, by Bountiful -- Ishla Olca. John & Charlotte Rusin, Lorain, Ohio.
4. Aranyo's Caprice, by Rommel Selle -- Tis'sa Olca. Delores Chapla, Lorain, Ohio.

Open Bitch

1. Zsuzsi v Hunt, by Csillan v Hunt -- Szutyi Kislany. Dr. W. C. & M. Meminger, Erie, Pa.
2. Piros, by Gyemant Csoki -- Asta v Schonweide Dr. Stephen Jackovich, Pittsburg, Pa.
3. Kisselring's Gretchen, by Remi z Povazia -- Suka z Povazia. Edwin Kisselring, Erie, Pa.
4. Tis'sa Olca, by Bountiful -- Ishla Olca. John & Charlotte Rusin, Lorain, Ohio.

BEST IN MATCH: Erze de Dus

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX: Csic-Ked's Ardent

The judge, Durwood H. VanZandt is from Lima, New York.

Best in Match went to a perfectly elegant bitch, Erze de Dus, owned by Dr. J. Donald Lasher. She has everything and is a showing fool! Mrs. L. usually shows her but is a bit advanced in pregnancy so their seven year old son did the honors. Well, imagine the Lasher's delight when Erze and Mark topped the show!! (Father and Grandfather Lasher at ring-side with grins wide enough to break the face, and Mother with tears streaming...and, as for young Mark, the most dead-pan expression I have ever seen!)

The ladies that served the food did a very fine job. There was lots of it and it was very good.

I am going to prepare a list of things that must be done, to be given to the next match chairman, there is quite a lot of details.

Allow me to tell you it has been great fun doing this for the Vizsla Club of America -- here's to bigger and better matches in the future!

(note: A tremendious vote of thanks is due this gallent lady, Marge Meminger and the good Doctor who let her take this big job on, and helped to host this very important affair.

The notice from AKC, Show Plans Department, acknowledging that the Premium Lists, Entry Forms, Judges Books and Catalog have been received and examined, came in today's mail.

Thank you, this is the drive and dedication that is moving the Vizsla Club of America forward. Thank you, also, to all Vizsla owners both American and Canadian, who participated in the Match.)

" DEAR EDITOR.... "

Well, congratulations! that is, IF you read through all those minutes, reports, etc, and are still reading! As you see, lots of things have happened in this dear old VC of A.

I knew it would happen, today I got a letter saying "..I didn't get my copy of the April News, please send another as it must have gotten lost..." O.K. boys! It's not lost...just detained. (If you think planning an event on a National scope is difficult, you should see what reporting them can be!) Our friend, VanDivort had some x-ray treatments waiting for him upon his return to Ohio, got pretty well along with the write-up and found he needed some additional names before he could complete the report. (Ohio to Nebraska to Arizona and back a couple of times by pony express takes a heap of time...but I know you will feel that it was worth waiting for!)

There have been a whole bevy of Field Trials this past few weeks and many noteworthy Vizsla placings...but they will have to wait for "space".

A big meeting and week-end takes a lot me! I was pleased with the things accomplished but quite discouraged at the pile of things not even touched... I, quite frankly, did not know where to begin. I would try to find through it...give up and go out and hoe gardens!

Then the mail man would bring letters of encouragement, and I could dive into the backlog of correspondence , labor through the minutes and with all that behind me now, I can see daylight ahead!

MARY MANNERS HAMMERSTEIN, Pa. did it! She sent that coffee cake. It arrived the morning we returned from the "National". I had thought I would sleep all day, but with that bit of inspiration I just put on the coffee pot and started to "unwind". (The "70 hours to the National and back was several columns in the original version ...but chucked most of it in favor of the official data.) DICK and SHIRLEY REINHARDT stopped by about noon to get Don Anderson's address. They enjoyed a piece of cake, too, and told of getting fog bound near Des Moines. At breakfast, next morning, in walks DOC OSBORN so got to visit with him before heading west again. (Gee, I didn't realize that when they get this far, they are only half way home! They come a long, long way!)

WALTER R. CAMPBELL, California, president of the Vizsla Club of SoCal, sent a note with his membership and has promised some articles in the near future. Thank you so much for your good work in that area!

PAT CARTER, New Hampshire, says "Don't ever shock me like that again..." this as a result of opening the March Vizsla News and seeing the piece she had done on "What is a Vizsla" which she sent along as a filler or something. It seemed JUST right for that spot on that issue, and it was very well received, Pat.

VICTOR R. ERDELYI, Washington, sent this lovely pencil sketch by his wife, Judith. Perhaps this, or something along this order, should be added to the letterhead, or an arm patch or decal. Comments at the National Meeting were most complimentary ...only suggestion was perhaps a little more dog and a little less bird. We thank you for offering this additional talent to the VC of A!

LEN HARTL, Iowa, dropped me a line after the Fun Trial in March. "We had 24 entries and learned quite a few things about running a trial. Ed Lloyd and Harold Howk came over to help lay out possible courses." This stuff 'above and beyond mere duty' is part of the reason that a National event with a record breaking entry went off so smoothly.

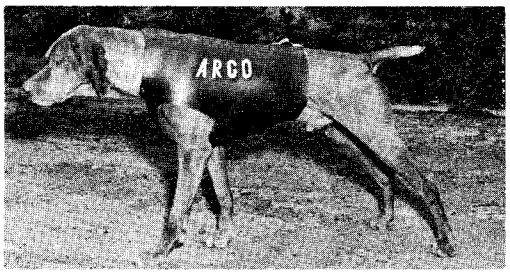
RAY C. BAUSPIES, president of the National German Pointing Dog Club wrote a nice letter inviting the VC ofA to, again, join this group. This was just one more thing that did not get action by the board. (Will see that this is included in the material for the board to process by mail!) He adds, "We believe with all the National Organizations of the German Pointing Dogs and Vizsla's in our group, our National would be of the highest caliber of any in the country." He recalls that several years ago the VC of A was a member and Charlie Hunt our representative. Paul Sabo has also run Vizslas in several of their events.

BOB HOLCOMB, Colorado, is absolutely the do-ingest man around! Amid other correspondence, getting the Colorado Club started, helping to line up Regional Governors, to say nothing of a couple of field trials out that way and the National at Muscatine, he noted the fine coverage being given by Tex Wilcox in the Fishing and Hunting News. Happy to put his name on the "comp" list . He also noted that he had lost 20 pounds since April 1st and felt much better. (This guy instructs his secretary to put all Vizsla correspondence on the TOP of all the mail. This he takes care of first, then other business!)

PETER VAN PELT, formerly of Venezuela, writes that he is now in New York City. His Vizsla is still in Venezuela on a large farm with friends and hopes to have another fine Vizsla when they can get out of the apartment and into a house.

BERNARD C. "CLIF" BOGGS, Ohio, wrote early in April that he and Hilda regretted that they could not make it to Muscatine...everything worked against them. He volunteered his help...I suggested a few fields of endeavor and got a most gratifying response! (Now, this is what I need...instant help!) This guy not only does some thinking, but types it off and sends it along. He is really a "Board Member"...nas been going through old show catalogs and checking on Vizsla members; is taking a good hard look at the area for a possible State Club and been driving around visiting some of the people in the area. Hilda is working on a 4-H dog training club, ("Might be just a bunch of mongrels, but it is the best thing that could be done to take strays off the streets.") He notes that he is withdrawing from other activities in order to devote more time to this. (He has already done some work on preparing that flyer along the order of the Shetland Sheepdog one he has, and did a fine job of checking over the proposed constitution and made note of some good points to check into.) Had hoped to get to Erie, but this time it was "Vizsta" who would not co-operate.

BOB FOSTER, Washington, sent this picture of Arco. Seems that he has turned "model". This is a Canine Zero Suit that is being produced commercially out there...said to be the answer to a Duck Dog's prayer! The man who is making them has inquired about advertising in the News...so should have all the details for you in the next issue. (Wonder if he also makes maternity jackets for dogs that always seem to be "that way" at field trial time!?)



BELA HADIK, New Hampshire, writes, "I am awaiting the Vizsla News with great interest because I hope to find out just what happened at the spring trial and at the meeting." He also noted the change in ownership of "Jancsi". Last month the names of the dogs in his ad were not under the right picture ...I had explained it so carefully to the printer... then I found that the names on the back of the beautiful photographes he sent had been mixed. Do hope that they are right now!

I would like to note for those who might be wondering, Count Hadik asked that he be relieved of the responsibility of a National office because of reasons of health and the great distance that he is from the center of club activities. He did complete the few months of his term and has promised other articles for use in the Vizsla News.

DICK REINHARDT, Nebraska, has again supplied the picture of the romping pups used on the V. News heading. Thank you so very much for sharing it with all of us.

JACK MERRILL, Texas, tells of his futile quest to get to Muscatine..."We looked at all the maps, figured a way to get off from work! But, then Vickie started 'planning a family' and my little boy broke out with the chicken pox..." so, they started making plans to come in the fall. Jack is starting to compile a list of Vizsla owners in Texas...has a lot of names and looking for more. Hopes to get a state club going for hunting and training purposes...and noted, "It was a great privilage just to be on the ballot with these Vizsla lovers."

JOAN HUNT, Tennessee, wrote a note the middle of April saying that she had a poisoned left arm...hope it is better, now. Joan and I did get a moment at Muscatine to visit...she says that Charles is feeling ever so much better, is able to get out and about. Charles Hunt, one of the charter members of the VC of A was for many years the secretary and editor of the Vizsla News. He was taken ill following the Field Trial, Spring of '62. He hands the torch, now, to Joan who has represented him at National event since then. (Joan has great stamina...after running 3 braces in a row she was called for the bye position, and came out of the field beaming as the pup, 'Fireball" turned in a fine performance, unfortunately not under judgement... but it was beautiful to see.)

I would also like to note that Joan and Charles have been most helpful to me in this change from Tennessee to Nebraska. I have had ever so many questions and they are always so kind, co-operative, and encouraging. I thank you, both!

VIRGINIA TINNESZ, New Jersey, tells of the joy of seeing so many Vizslas out to shows in that area. Ramapo had 17, Norther N. J. 10 the next day. "It certainly is heart-warming to see so many Vizslas entered and also see how many fans these dogs have. Everyone who passed them on the bench stopped and remarked how beautiful and gentle they are." These large entries made it possible for two dogs to finish their bench championships, Brok Selle Son of a Gun and Gold Star Kandi.

HAROLD M. HOWK, Iowa, writes..."In the hurry to get homeward bound, and confusion of the rain and fog, I didn't get a chance to thank you for the fine reservations & the nice trophy clock. I prize it very highly.

I also want to commend your club on the fine job they are doing in developing the Vizsla Dogs. They are a fine bunch of bird finders! I admire a good bird dog of any breed. I have enjoyed making your acquaintance and working for your fine group." (he also enclosed some snap-shots he took while there. Thanks)

V. V. VANDIVORT, Ohio, has done a terrific job, again, in writing up the running. He added, "At this stage of the game, if I hadn't become accustomed to rain (like that we got on Sunday morning) I shouldn't accept an invitation to judge a trial. I've seen some real gully washers...and once had the flood gates on the Deleware Dam Area opened during the running of a championship stake and we had to swim the horses back to dry land! I want to tell your members that Bessie and I had a wonderful time at your trial, we were impressed with the very efficient manner in which everything was handled."

RALPH WILSON, N. Y. writes that he had a most satisfactory and enlightening week-end in Chicago at the International Dog Show... even though tremendously exhausting! "There were top representations from all breeds... except in the Vizsla" (This was the same weekend at the National Vizsla Club field trial and meeting which did pull people away, I am afraid.) Ralph spent the most part of both days on the bench answering questions and inquires, and meeting and talking with other Vizsla owners. Thank you for holding the fort for us. Perhaps next year we can avoid the conflict.

Now then... that fills the space... 16 pages are laid out around the dinning room table and with the high winds and turbulent weather we have been having I have nightmares of one of my big windows breaking and... oh, what a thought!!

I seem to be farther behind in my "home work" than usual. Of course, this has been a long, hard grind to get this issue out! (I hate minutes!) And then there are extra spring things to do... a garden planted, sewing for Lecia, trees and bushes planted around on our "training area", and I must play mother-hen to two incubators full of pheasant eggs!

Thank you for your fine letters and phone calls... I look forward to them! Now that I am all caught up (with this) will enjoy a "vacation" with the "new" puppy that is inviting me for a walk in what is left of SPRING.

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LETTER for LETTER

by Joe Cunningham

I read with interest Brad Jorgens comments about a **REAL** Champion Vizsla. Granted, there are not too many around. I think (of course this is only my opinion) that many of the bench people are so wrapped up in the "show circle" they have forgotten what a Vizsla was bred for!

BUT, the Field people are equally at fault, in keeping our Golden Friend for only the birds--- this is for the "birds". Possibly Brad has never seen a GOOD show specimen perform in the ring and then the next day go out with his boss and do equally as well in the field. I have! (Ch. Ripp of Fairfield, Conn) Others I am sure if given the opportunity could be truly great in shows as well as field are Ripp Barat, P. Pete, and Haans v Selle to single out only a few... there are many more!

In regards to the Irish Setter (once great hunter) This COULD happen to us! We don't want it to, of course. ANY breed in the hands of amateurs, indiscriminant breeders, or people blind to their dogs shortcomings or even unaware of them can with their "fooling around" with several litters of pups do a great deal of harm to a breed they love.

Without forethought, investigation and evaluation a breed begins to deteriorate. We should all strive to keep our Vizsla a VIZSLA. Let us help each other -- sometimes the truth hurts -- but if we kid ourselves, we, too shall be in the same category as the Irish Setter.

(Editor's note: A hunter's certificate, discussed at the Annual Meeting, for show champions might help breeders in the important choice of a stud.)

Dear Jane,

Here is "ONE PICTURE WORTH 1000 WORDS."

We hope you like it.

Vizslaly yours,

Michael & Anna Rutenberg

"These babies have to get their faces in every picture!" says Anna, winner of this month's picture contest. The Vizsla is identified as "Tana Rakk Olca" and assume "Baby Rutenberg" also has a name. The Rutenberg's live at 120 Sherman Ave. New Haven, Connecticut.

TO: VIZSLA OWNERS

FROM: F. EDWARD SPENCER, JR.
(11 Summit Ave. Bronxville, N. Y.)

I thought perhaps the readers of the Vizsla News might be interested in the recent antics of one of my Vizslas, "Miska", not quite 2 years old.

About a week ago I noticed that every time he entered my bedroom he would head directly towards the air conditioner, his tail wagging at a furious rate and assume a perfect point which he held for a long time. At first I thought he was just fooling around, as most of the time he acts like a nut. But when this continued, and one night he made motions towards a bronze statue of a grouse on my desk beside the air conditioner, I decided to investigate.

Upon opening the conditioner I hear something rustle, but although I had a flashlight I could see nothing. The next day I climbed a ladder to check things from the outside. There I found, between the air conditioner and the window sill, the beginning of a bird's nest. I have no idea what kind of a bird it could be, but it just goes to show that we should always believe our dogs. In most cases they have shown that they are much smarter that their owners.

(Editor's note: Thank you for sharing this experience with other Vizsla owners. I encourage more such tales! Perhaps you have started a new department!)

MRS JANE GRAFF, EDITOR
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DEAR MRS GRAFF:

WE ARE INTERESTED IN SECURING A GOOD "BIB" PROVEN MATRON. I WAS INTERESTED THAT THE CANADIAN STANDARDS DID NOT ATTEMPT TO PRESCRIBE OR PROSCRIBE SIZE. THIS IS AS IT SHOULD BE WITH THE THREE DISTINCT HUNGARIAN TYPES OF THE VIZLA. FURTHER IF WE ARE TO HAVE AN OUTSTANDING DOG THIS SIZE VARIATION SHOULD BE ACCEPTED. THE SMALL DOGS MAY BE FINE FOR THE OPEN PRAIRIE BUT WOULD BE HELPLESS IN THE BRUSH COUNTRY OF SOUTH TEXAS. OUR BIG 85 LB (BUT NOT AWKWARD) MALE IS A SOURCE OF ASTONISHMENT TO THE EXPERIENCED HUNTERS THOUGHOUT THE AREA AS HE "BUSTS" THE MESQUITE, CATCLAW AND PRICKLEY PEAR DURING QUAIL AND DOVE SEASON. HE IS BIG ENOUGH ALSO TO HANDLE THE ROUGH WATERS OF THE BIG BAYS DURING DUCK SEASON. SINCE THE DIFFERENT SIZE TYPES WERE ESTABLISHED AND ACCEPTED IN HUNGARY THERE IS NO BASIS FOR THE RIDICULOUS SIZE PROSCRIPTION IN THE CLUBS STANDARDS.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS LETTER IN THE VIZLA NEWS.

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND ADD, RUN IN FIRST POSSIBLE EDITION.

VERY TRULY YOURS;

WILLIAM F. WALLACE, JR.

Note: The Vizsla News welcomes the self expression of all Vizsla owners. The pages of this publication can only reflect the thoughts and feelings of all its members if they are put down in such a manner and offered for publication.

I am too new at this job to take to heart the "tongue-in-cheek" comment of learned Editor of the American Brittany, Dr. Fred White, "To anyone aspiring to become an Editor... Always take a side! Become biased, stay on one side, slant, suppress if necessary. If you attempt to show both sides of an issue you will cause side A to curse you for printing that trash from side B, and vice-versa... you will not illuminate, increase knowledge or foster understanding (?) Stay with one side. Then, at least, one faction will be solidly in your corner!"

Your point is well made, Mr. Wallace. True, in this big country a variety of size within a breed of dog can be utilized. From the space in Texas to an appartment in New York or city lot in California or Omaha a Vizsla can be found to "fit" the family.

The object of a "breed standard" is to regulate the size and shape of the show specimen that are declared "representative of the breed". As a breed, the Vizsla is "medium sized"... and we don't aspire to become "Weimarvizslas" or "Chivizslas", but do give a 6" leeway.

To each his own... isn't it wonderful that this is a free country where we can choose what we like, and pursue "happiness" as we, ourselves define it?

VIZSLA, "FICKO", STARS IN NATURALIST FILM "THE COMPANIONS" PURCHASED BY WALT DISNEY

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Thus reported the Vizsla News in May 1960! It was a tremendious surprise to your Editor and family (and to many other Vizsla owners, too) when the film appeared one Sunday evening on the Disney program.

I have been trying (unsuccessfully) to get the picture used at that time in the News and/or one from Walt Disney. This pen sketch will have to do for now.

"Ficko", the Vizsla; "Pletyka" the Dachshund; and "Nimrod" the hawk, play their roles in areas still of Hungary almost inaccessable to man (probably in the Gemenic Forest swamps and the vast reed beds of the Little Balaton).

Dr. Istvan Homoki-Nagy proved his abilities as one of the foremost photographer-naturalists, four years in the making, which he also wrote and directed. The original is an hour and a half long.

Kalman Szigethy, trainer of Ficko, certainly ranks among the foremost trainers as this film demonstrates the intelligence, courage and versatility of their National Pointing Dog.

In the English narration the Vizsla was given the name "Jancsi" (Johny) and his short-legged companion was called "Elsa". "Nimrod" was "Nimrod"!

Watch for the "re-run" of the show some time during the summer months. Titled "Three Gypsies" I am sure that you will find it worth an hour of your time... even in black-and-white the homeland of our rust-gold friends is breathtaking, in "living-color" it must be ever-so-much more beautiful.

Additional information on when and where this film will be shown will be published in the News.

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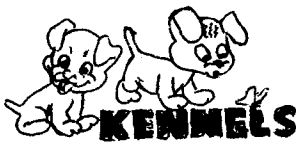

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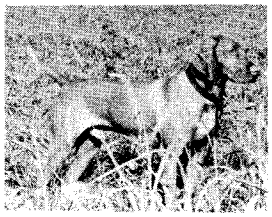

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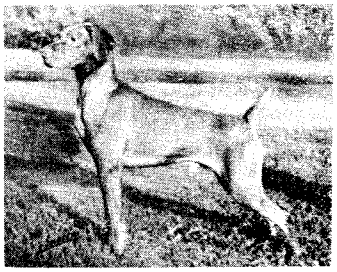

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