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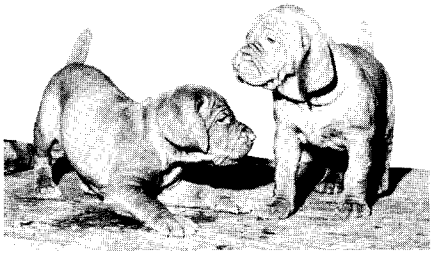

W h i r-r-r goes the reel. A make-believe bird plunks into a [illegible] and "New" shows that he is Vizsla through and through . . . even to the foot tucked tight against his chest. [illegible] intense gaze as he imitates the real-thing with [illegible] ceremony.

[illegible] it said that after you have studied three dogs you [illegible] learned enough to train one . . . but, whether [illegible] you can only do the very best you know how . . . and hope!

The book says the environment never has given man or dog any ability he does not inherit. That is why you didn't look for a specific trainer for your job. (Knowing both the mother and father personally, of course, is a distinct advantage.) It also says that puppies start to learn when they are about 21 days old. . . [illegible]

[illegible] seven weeks of age to sixteen weeks, "New" is going to learn all the things which will help form his character as an adult.

Natural talents are developed or lost,

His opinion of mankind is formed, but most important

He will learn how to learn!

But, he must be yours alone, not one of the "pack"; he must be secure in your love . . . constant, not on and off; basic commands, simple "do's and dont's" are all part of the game and he will test, again and again, your love by checking the boundaries of his world.

[illegible] is happiest when he is doing something worthwhile. If that isn't supplied, he will, quite likely, find something on his own . . . like following a mole tunnel through the petunias or catch all the grasshoppers -- kerplop -- in the strawberry patch.

It is no surprise, when the cool of the evening comes over the land, and you gather the "tools" of the lesson and speak his name, that every muscle and nerve from the wriggle of his soft, moist nose to tip of his wildly wagging tail says "joy".

When the sun light has faded and night creatures begin their symphony you complete the lesson in the easy chair. . . . "New" falls asleep by your side, and you read, again, the next chapter of "How to Train a Bird Dog."

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photo by Bob Foster

# VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA

## FOOT NOTES....

from: Tom Pratt, president

At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vizsla Club of America, Inc, held at Muscatine, Iowa, April 3, 1964, I was asked to appoint Regional Governors to represent the VC of A in their respective areas.

When this was presented to the Board, it immediately had the unanimous support of the entire board, in fact, everyone was very enthusiastic about the possibilities of improving the club, its membership and activities ... and of course the Vizsla breed as a whole.

Therefore, I appoint the following persons as Regional Governors to serve the areas designated. This appointment is for one year or until the annual meeting in the spring in 1965.

Mr. J. R. Holcomb (Box 177, Englewood, Colo.) has agreed to serve as Chairman of this group. He has done a terrific job of organizing and promoting the Vizsla cause in his area, and because of his experience in this field will have some very excellent ideas that can be put to good use in your areas.

I ask that you accept the responsibility of this appointment and, to the best of your ability and knowledge, promote the Vizsla Club of America and the wonderful breed of dogs it represents.

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(note: Perhaps you have heard from your Regional Govorner by now! These people, notified in a letter from the president the middle of May, stand ready to help with the kind of activities that are right for YOUR area... drop them a line!)

## FURTHER NOTES ....

A committee has been appointed to work on RULES FOR VIZSLA FIELD TRIALS. As discussed at the spring Board Meeting of the Vizsla Club of America, there is a need for further clarification on the exsisting rules. The committee consists of:

Dr. Dick Reinhardt, Chairman
104 E. 21st Street, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

Len Hartl,
Mounted Route 3, Davenport, Iowa.

Don Anderson
805 South High, Denver, Colorado

The STANDARD's COMMITTEE has been busy gathering information and opinions on our breed standard. Persons interested in working on this committee should indicate their willingness to do so to the president.

The CONSTITUTION revision is proceeding, and it is hoped that a proposed revision will be ready for publication following the Board meeting this fall.

## FALL FIELD TRIAL PLANS

Your fall field trial has started to take shape! The committee has been appointed and is working on plans now. They include:

Len Hartl (temporary address: 1139 J Avenue, N.W., Ceder Rapids, Iowa. Chairman
Dick Buhman, Box 804, Milan, Illinois Field Trial Secretary
Dick Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Bob Bull, Shellsburg, Iowa
Dee Ehlich, Lincoln, Nebraska
Brad Jorgens, Minnesota,(treasurer)

Dates and place of the trial will be announced as soon as possible. (They must, of course, be cleared through proper channels). It must be, however, in this mid-west area and will probably be in late October or early November.

OFFICIAL DATA WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Suggestions, offers of help, etc, are welcomed by the committee! But, YOU start planning, now, to bring your dog and come to this one!

"I attended my first field trial last fall, had a good time, learned a lot, and it didn't hurt a bit!" commented one Vizsla owner... COME and SEE!

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On September 26 - 27, 1964, the Vizsla Club of Canada will hold its first national field trial in Nanton (50 miles south of Calgary on the 7A Ranch which has 72 square miles of bird land.) The Vizsla Club of Canada invites every Club member of the Vizsla Club of America to participate in this event. Due to the fact that Alberta is very rich in water fowl and upland game population, and that yearly many, many American hunters come here to hunt, maybe many Vizsla owners can combine a hunting trip with field trial participation.

Our field trial Secretary is Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, 1215 - Riverdale Avenue, Calgary S. W. and she will be very glad to answer any questions in connection with the technicalities of the field trial.

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The NATIONAL GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER ASSOCIATION, Inc, has announced that its 1964 National will be held at the Green River Refuge, Ohio, Illinois. Judging will be: Jack Pomrening of Brookfield, Wisc. and Walter Braun of Milwaukee, Wisc. The field marshall will be Eugene Brown of Pontiac, Illinois.

The trial will be held on the 17th and 18th of October. More information next month....

TO: VIZSLA OWNERS

FROM: WALTER R. CAMPBELL
President, Vizsla Club of SoCal

I promised a while back to set down a few notes on Vizsla tails for your perusal but then got carried away and decided to check over the proposed changes to the Standard as outlined in the November 1963 issue of the Vizsla News. The next decision was to discuss all these points with the other members of the Board of the Vizsla Club of SoCal. The following represents the uanimous opinion of the "way out West" group.

If all the complaints written or spoken by owners concerning how a judge failed to follow the standard were placed end to end -- there would be no end!!

Judging is a subjective response based on a judge's feelings, opinions, experience and interpretation. However, to be fair it must be said that the majority of standards contain the most eloquent generalizations penned by the hand of man!

Whether his choice is the correct one or not is often difficult to substantiate from reading the standard. Therefore it is our conviction that the Vizsla standard should delineate in a clear, concise manner, wherever possible, those characteristics germane to the breed.

Armed with this premise we move boldly to the points in question.

Under possible DISQUALIFICATIONS

1. A SIZE VARIATION OF 2" ABOVE OR BELOW THE PRESCRIBED STANDARD IN EITHER SEX.
Comment: Concur. A total latitude of 4" is certainly ample and yet does prevent oversize or undersize from becoming fashionable.

2. DEWCLAWS NOT REMOVED.
Comment: Do not agree. The presence of dewclaws in no way affects the basic soundness or structure of the dog and is purely an omission on the part of the breeder. It is felt that the present statement that, "Dewclaws, if any, to be removed" is sufficient. If you must list it as a fault then classify it as a minor one, something the judge can utilize to separate two otherwise equal specimens.

3. ANY WHITE SPOT LARGER THAN 3" IN DIAMETER ON THE CHEST AND ANY FOOT WITH TWO OR MORE SOLID WHITE TOES.
Comment: We are in agreement with the aim of this proposal but feel that it is premature. The scarcity of Group placements at even the smaller shows would indicate that we have a long way to go in the breeding of good sound dogs. We concur that white on other than chest or feet should be severly penalized but in the interest of "first things first" lets breed for basic soundness, bone, substance, balance etc and then worry about the white on chest or feet.

4. EXCESSIVE DEWLAP, PENDULOUS LIP, DROOPY EYES, OR ANY HOUND-LIKE CHACTERISTICS.
Comment: We believe that a disqualification based on a subjective judgement is dangerous. The word,

"excessive" does not lend itself to universal interpretation and therefore cannot provide consistent judging standards for all areas or from year to year. If this can be re-written in more objective form it would be acceptable, if not we suggest that it be listed as a Fault rather than Disqualification.

Under possible SERIOUS FAULTS

1. OVERSHOT OR UNDERSHOT JAW.
Comment: Generally concur. However, the extent should probably be considered. Anything definitely greater than 1/8 of an inch might well be considered sufficient for a disqualification.

2. YELLOW EYE, BLACK OR SLATE GRAY NOSE, DARK BROWN OR PALE YELLOW COAT.
Comment: Black or slate is at such variance with the true color of the Vizsla nose that this should present no great difficulty. The other factors however present quite a problem. The Vizsla color ranges from a golden rust to a dark rust-gold all of which doesn't say much except that the colors are gold, yellow, red, brown in various blends. We have often heard people refer to our dogs as "yellow" in color or "brown" depending on their interpretation of color or a comparison of adjacent dogs. We have no great solution to this dilemma unless it would be to consider terms such as, "a definite lemon-yellow" or a "definite cocoa-brown" or similar terminology to narrow the range of interpretation as much as possible.

3. BACK ROACHED OR SWAY, COW HOCKS, HARE FEET.
Comment: Concur.

Under possible FAULTS

1. EXCESSIVE OR TOO LITTLE ANGULATION AT THE HOCKS.
Comment: Far too much subjectivity. Our present standard uses an obtuse term like "moderate" to describe the angulation and Lord knows that can be subject to very liberal interpretation. Now it is proposed to compound this vacuum with terms like "excessive" and "too little" ... how much over "moderate" is "excessive" ?? Then again does "excessive" mean in relation to some other part of the dog, to another dog in the same ring or a dog seen last month? If nothing better than this can be proposed we suggest that the present limbo of "moderate" be retained as it is. While on this subject, our group feels that overall balance is preferred to angulation per se. If a proposal could be drafted indicating as ideal shoulder layback of say 45 degrees, a hindquarter angulation of such-and-such a degree and other points of angulation stated in relation to these so that when complete any owner, breeder or judge should have some reasonable idea of what a well put together Vizsla should look like then it would be acceptable. (ejg: perhaps a "true-type" Vizsla male and female would be the way to solve the inadequacies of words.)

2. TAIL SHORTER THAN 1/3 OFF - TAIL LONGER THAN 1/3 OFF.
Comment: This is ridiculous! Who can look at a mature dog and state positively that it was originally docked exactly 1/3 off ... maybe it was 2/9ths or perhaps 3/8ths ... and this is a fault?? Why not try the proposal outlined in the Vizsla News, Volume VII, Number 3.? (March - April 1961)
Since the length of a dog's tail has nothing to do with his overall soundness or ability we feel that attempt to set the length of tail with micrometer exactness is "much ado about nothing"...

3. FEET EAST AND WEST
Comment: Concur... but you gotta admit that feet North and South ain't so hot either!

4. DOGGY BITCHES AND BITCHEY DOGS.
Comment: Generally concur.

Well Jane, there it is for what it is worth. We are all waiting for the Vizsla News (April - May) to find out what took place at the last meeting and trial.

(ejg: I thank you and your fine SoCal Vizsla Club for their efforts on behalf of the Vizsla breed!

If more groups and/or individuals would sit down and do this kind of thinking, we could save years of confusion, misinterpretation and perhaps even this fine breed of companion-hunters entrusted to our hands for safe-keeping!

There was time set aside this spring for just such "sitting and thinking", but it was not utilized in anykind of official capacity ... much to my distress!

Perhaps with your lead, other people and groups will offer their thinking on the multitude of other items of importance: Constitution, Rules for Field Trials, Standards for Hip-Dysplasia, a Vizsla Futurity, National membership, and any or all suggestions in our Standard. It is unfair to ask people or committees to work on items of business, present them and then "do the thinking". Ideas, suggestions, and questions on all items of business would greatly speed the volume of work still to be done by the Vizsla Club of America. !)

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**EXTREMELY NICE VIZSLA PUPPIES**

**Whelped April 30, 1964, from top Field Stock**

**Sire -- Puerco Pete Barat**
**Dam -- Sissy Selle**

**Also some good show prospects**

**Betty Kenly**
**9021 N. Black Canyon Hwy**
**Phoenix, Arizona**

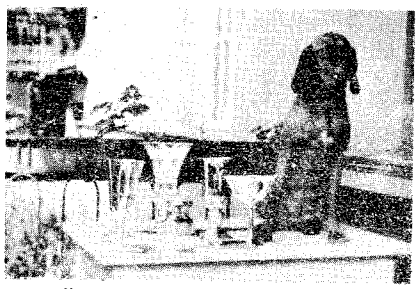
MY FAVORITE VIZSLA - "JOKA" (Hungarian: "Zsóka")

by Michael L. Kende

I first saw Joka running up and down the platform while I was traveling through the railroad station in Balatonfured, Hungary, in May 1936. Being on urgent business, I could not interrupt my journey, so I asked the trainman on duty to find out who owned the Vizsla and to send word to her master that if the puppy were for sale, in two days he should bring her to the station with her leash and pedigree. I expected to return by the afternoon train within two days and would gladly take her off his hands.

During those next two days I was so excited, not knowing whether the owner would part with her. I was relieved when the train arrived at the station, and I saw Joka with collar and leash. The deal was soon concluded. When I looked at her pedigree paper, I literally leaped with joy: her sire was the famous "Szikra", who belonged to Kalman Kittenberger, the well-known Hungarian hunter in Africa.

Within a few days when I had a chance to enter Joka in the Dog Show of the Hungarian National Vizsla Club, she won the first prize in the youth category. Then Endre Felix, a renowned dog-trainer and a close sporting mate of mine, offered to take Joka for a month of training to see if she had the potential for becoming a fine hunting Vizsla. Of course, I was not even to visit her during that period.



Another month of excitement followed. Every day upon returning home from work, I would wonder how Joka was standing the trial. At last the critical month ended. On the afternoon of the last day Endre Felix rang me: "Come and fetch your dog tomorrow!" and then he hung up the phone. I tried to call him back at his country home, but when I finally got a connection, he was already gone. The next day my work was not worth a cent. I could hardly wait for the end of the working day to hurry to the railroad station. The journey on that crowded, slow train seemed so long! I was afraid that my confidence in people had betrayed me. At last I arrived at Felix's place. I told him sadly that I had come to fetch Joka. "For this watch-dog!" he exclaimed. "...well, let's wait for the day to cool off a bit, then we can go to the field. Don't be so down-hearted. Let's have a drink first."

We were sitting more than an hour in the cool hall. Felix talked about his job, while I remained silent and was not even aware of what he was saying. Finally he stood up, took the long leash and the gun, called out Joka from among eight other Vizslas in the kennel, put her on leash, and we then headed for the field nearby.

I was due for a surprise! He put the long leash on Joka and to his command: "Go ahead, search!" Joka began to cover the ground in a zig-zag pattern. A breeze blew from one side and Joka suddenly stiffened like a statue. Felix slowly approached her, soothing her, and after unleashing the dog, whispered to me, "Let's just wait."

We had stood about five minutes, when Joka turned her head towards us. "Now watch!" Felix quietly circled well behind Joka and the little bush upon which Joka had fastened her stare.

He was about five feet away from the bush when a covey of partridges started up and flew away.

I saw Joka fling herself to the ground as if she were stricken by lightning. Felix shot after the flock with a blank charge (it was still prohibition season for partridges), and threw a stuffed (fake) partridge into the air. Joka lay flat on the ground until given the command, "Fetch it!" She leapt up and retrieved the dummy bird beautifully and handed it over to Felix; then, on a hand signal she padded around Felix's back and sat down at his left foot. I was so overjoyed at this performance that I ran to Joka, planted a kiss on her head, and then hugged our master-trainer, Uncle Felix.

"Well, my lad! You have an excellent eye for Vizslas; it is not easy to find a more obedient and more teachable dog in this country. Take her home and hunt with her just as I have demonstrated to you. You will teach each other. Never beat her unjustly and don't send her after a wounded hare as long as Joka can see it. Only when the hare has disappeared on the horizon should you lead the dog upon the piece of fur or drop of blood found on the spot where the hare was wounded; then with the command, "Lost, search" send her after the hare. If you follow this advice, your dog will remain steady and will never jump after the game on its own volition. Now you have two more weeks to go before the partridge hunting season opens, feed the dog yourself, and rehearse with her the obedience and field exercises so that she gets to know your hand and voice signals."

With these instructions he led me on my way. Needless to say, I was the happiest man in the world. I embraced and caressed Joka during the whole journey home.

Every morning for two weeks I fed Joka before going to my office, and when I returned home in the afternoon I would go first to Joka to give her a meal, and only after this would I join my family for five o'clock tea. As soon as my last morsel of food was swallowed, I would take my Walter-22 rifle, the starting pistol, the stuffed partridge, and go with Joka to the field which was near my home. It was a large meadow of about 24 acres, with a two-acre sized lake in the middle, overgrown with bulrush and reed grass. There were always two or three hares, a flock of partridges, one or two covey of quail and a couple pair of wild ducks. I trained my dog here for an hour every day.

Those two weeks before the partridge season were long for me. At last the big day arrived. We started for the field. While my hunting companions -- who came without a Vizsla -- went forward, I

walked around the edge of the field with Joka to a shallow marsh. I moved around in a big circle so as to have the game between me and Joka, and then began to approach her in a zig-zag line. A big wild duck took to the air with loud quacking. I watched Joka. As the duck rose, she immediately began to lay down but had to sit up because the water would have covered her otherwise. The splendid feathers of the duck glistened in the sunshine -- a delightful sight. Suddenly the duck flew in a climb, but taking careful aim, I pulled the trigger. Wounded by my shot the duck fluttered down upon the open water. I sent Joka after it. Eagerly going after it with great jumps until reaching the deep water, she then swam for the duck in a so-called "doggie" fashion, splashing with her forelegs in the water and making big ripples. As she approached the duck and snapped for it, it dove under the water. Joka looked at me in surprise as if to ask where the prey had disappeared. The duck soon came up on the surface of the water about 50 yards further away. Now Joka gave real proof of her intelligence, for when she saw the moving duck, she swam in the greatest silence, edging along parallel with it, and then snapping at it quickly. The duck dove again, but Joka did likewise, and in a few seconds she came up on the surface with the game in her mouth. Upon reaching shore, she happily strutted through the reed grass and set down at my feet to present the prize to me.

From then on, I knew I had a real hunting-retrieving dog in Joka!

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

G. Harvey Warholm, 331 Molino Ave. Long Beach California
Walter R. Campbell, 13361 Galway St. Garden Grove, California
(these were left off last months list... came in the first of April.)
F. A. McCabe Jr. R. D. Stanley Place, Far Hills, New Jersey
Jon B. Held, 3040 Jamaica Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas
Gilbert R. Maynard, 222 Tampa, Park Forest, Ill.
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Rev. Charles Halff, 414 Donaldson, San Antonio, Texas

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VIZSLAS in ALL-BREED TRIALS...

German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Colorado, held in Denver April 18-19 recorded placings for two well known Vizslas. Brok Selle (owned and handled by Don Anderson, Denver, Colorado) placed 4th in the Amateur Gun Dog Stake; Haans v Selle (Dick Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska) took 4th in the Open Gun Dog. These were big stakes ... 4 and 5 points were awarded to the winners of each.

In the Weimaraner Club of America trial held at Hugo, Minnesota April 25th Osborn's Starfire (owned by Dr. I. S. Osborn, handled by Fred Schulze, Rosemount, Minn.) took 2nd place in the Open All-Age Stake. (Baron v Eichhorn the GSHP who won the Open Shooting Dog Stake at Muscatine took the first place in this 3 point major.

The German Shorhaired Pointer Club of Nebraska that ran their spring Licensed Trial on their grounds at Venice, April 11 - 12. Soni Brook Selle (owned and handled by Bud Graff, Seward, Nebraska) placed 4th in a fast moving puppy stake of 33 entries. Fred Schulze, down from Minnesota, placed Starfire 2nd in the Open All-Age. All other placings were taken by the GSHPs in the 122 dog trial.

Weimaraner Club of America Trial held in Denver Colorado March 21-22. Winning the Amateur All-Age Stake was Brok Selle (Don Anderson, Denver) with Haans v Selle coming in 3rd. (Dick Reinhardt) Brok Selle also placed in the open Gun Dog Stake.

Down Dixie way, Ripp and Rippy, running in Pointer Setter Gun Dog Stakes with Paul Sabo handling were in the placings on several occations. March 9th at Chester, South Carolina, competing with 8 Pointers in an AF Trial placed 3rd with Ripp Barat's Ripppy. (this trial was a week long, annual affair)
The next week at Baxley, Georgia, Ripp Barat placed 1st in a Field of 11 Pointers 1 Setter and 2 Vizslas on some very spectacular back course work ... 7 finds in his 30 minute heat.

Up New England way, Bela Hadik, Chester, N.H. placed Heniu of Gardenville 2nd and Piri 3rd in the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake run by the Woburn Trial Club.

Other Vizslas placing in other trials ? ! Send them on to the Vizsla Club office!

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FROM CANADA ....

by Joan Hunt

Elizabeth Kemenes-Kettner handled her "Pushi" (Can. Ch. Devecseri Somloi Pushi) to his second Group Win at Calgary Kennel Club show, Alberta, Canada... and this on the day following her release from the hospital as a result of a serious illness. This, no doubt, was the best medicine available!!

Pushi has now been entered in 9 shows and has placed in groups seven times. Handled throughout by Elizabeth... Bill K.K. reports that he is also a very promising field vizsla.

***** One of the most interesting part of this job of editing the Vizsla News is receiving the publications put out by the other hunting breed clubs. Each one, read cover to cover, contains a great deal of "teaching" for one as new to the game as I. The April issue of the American Brittany carried the first of a series of articles by editor, Dr. Fred White. The common sense philosophy that this learned dog man expresses in a few well chosen words is worthy of consideration by Vizsla owners as well.

He emphisized at the off-set that opinions expressed are his alone, and not to reflect policy of the American Brittany Club, officers, or any faction thereof.

He also explained that the following thoughts put out on paper in a non-emotional, detached state of being that must exist before the word 'philosophical' could be used was made possible by a vacation away from it all! (and, the years of learning along the way.) One has only to mentally transpose Vizsla for Brittany and VC of A for ABC to come up with "food for thought".

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So that there will be no unnecessary further damage to fingers, typewriter keys, or reader's eyes, let it be again emphasized that the opinions expressed are only my own; that axes will not be sharpened; and that the explanatory preamble to Part I of this 'series' is still in effect.

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There is a peculiar facet of human nature, probably a part of the gregarious instinct, that causes us to join a group and become part of it, 'body and soul'. Nothing wrong with this.

But the by-product of this group identification is a negative and hostile attitude towards those not in the group. The logical progression of thought that culminates in this attitude is as follows: "I belong to this group. We think, believe, and act alike. Our group is right.

"Anyone not belonging to my group must belong to some other group. He must think and act differently, therefore, he is wrong and bad—and so is his group."

We have all seen this phenomenon at work with children of varying natures, and at times the child will come to the surface of the adult.

Usually, however, with maturity comes the realization that the other fellow, the other group, may have an occassional good point.

Consider now A.K.C., F.D.S.B. and A.B.C.

I suspect that on rare occasions the child within breaks through the adult veneer when either of the first two terms are discussed. Something favorable said about A.K.C. will bring down clouds from those that lean towards the philosophy of The Field. A discussion of the purposes of The Field is almost sure to yield torrents from the Kennel Club camp.

Could it not be that each has many, many excellent points? Are not both organizations working in their own manner to maintain and improve our sport and hobby?

Would it be impossible to bring the best from each and by so doing improve our own A.B.C.?

The American Brittany Club should before long be mature enough to stand on its own feet, and its own principles, and do what it knows from its own experience is best for this breed. Impossible? Perhaps, but before deciding lets examine and discuss some of the aims and methods of the three bodies.

The American Kennel Club and the Field Dog Stud Book are both agencies with a primary function of registering dogs, maintaining records, and by so doing preserving the purity of breed.

This statement, as is most of what will follow, is oversimplified, but essentially correct.

The method of registration and record keeping varies in the two bodies due to practicality, experience and philisophical leaning. For example, the purity of the breed under A.K.C., is felt to be the responsibility of the breed club, while the F.D.S.B. attempts itself to maintain this purity. This and many other minor difference in manner and method are due to a basic numerical difference in the number of breeds with which each body is concerned. A.K.C. has over 100 breeds in its records. F.D.S.B. deals mainly with sporting dogs, and to a greater extent with the Pointing breeds; probably 7 or 8 major breeds and several more of lesser numbers. It can therefore, do more for these few breeds, in sofar as policing and additional records are concerned.

Another major difference is that A.K.C. is a bench show oriented body, while all breeds are shown, only a relative few are trialed. On the other hand, the Field has an almost exclusive interest in the field, with almost all of the breeds registering with F.D.S.B. holding field trials.

Another major difference exists in

the methods of 'making a champion.'

The kennel club does this in the field as it does on the bench, with an accumulation of points awarded according to the number of other dogs bested, and when the proper total points are gathered in a number of trials, a champion is crowned. In effect this means that this champion has proven himself a number of times, in different locations, in different competition, and under different judges. 'Lucking into' a championship is felt to be excluded by this method. This 'total point' system has, over the years, been favored by most, and has much to be said for it. The Field on the other hand, feels that the event justifies (even demands) the championship. If the grounds are of championship calibre, if the club has championship experience, if the event can draw championship competition, and is judged by men with the experience and knowledge to name a champion, then a champion can and should emerge from this one event.

At first blush this may seem to be widely divergent methods, but think a little and then remember that our National All Age Stake was for many years a championship, single event stake, in the eyes of both The Field and A.K.C.!

Now for the sake of discussion, let us suppose that you are running a business, the American Brittany Club, and have two organizations ready and able to offer your company the services it needs to best conduct its business. Each of these companies beyond reproach, but they differ in some areas from each other.

Your choice then, as a business man interested in getting the best for your company, would be to do one of two things. Accept the services totally from one company—nothing from the other, which would bring to you the good and less good services from this company. Or accept services from both organizations, picking the best from each, and belonging exclusively to neither.

It is interesting to note that most of the other national clubs devoting their interests to pointing dogs, have chosen the latter course.

Generally speaking, bench activities are left entirely in the hands of A.K.C., an organization without peer in this field. The smaller regional trials are, at the choice of the members of the trial giving club, run under A.K.C. license, or under the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America. The trials of National Stature are under the national or parent club.

Of course licensing or approval need not be from one body only. Most A.B.C. trials were run under the minimum requirements of The Field, even though under A.K.C. license, and so were recorded with both bodies.

It is my hope that some day A.B.C. will stand straight and strong, not leaning on any other, and say, "We know what is best for us, having learned this from the teachings of all and our own experience. We will accept the services and advice of those that can help us, but we will set our own course. Registration with both stud books is strongly advised, and our regional trials should be under the minimum requirements of The Field as well as A.K.C. license. The right of the individual club to make decisions is recognized on the basis of their greater familiarity with conditions of time and place, and so their right to choose individual approval for their trials from A.K.C. or A.F.T.C.A. shall not be challenged."

"Finally, events of National Calibre shall be run under the rules and approval of A.B.C. Should this also fall within the framework of the existing rules of one of the other bodies, well and good, but A.B.C. first."

To repeat, a hope. Like many hopes, perhaps hypothetical and unreachable, like the dual dog. But that might be a subject worthy of reflection next month.

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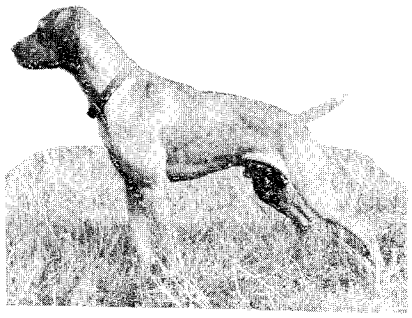

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# Nebraska's AKC Sanctioned Field Trial

As an added touch, like icing on a cake, a "Spring Newsletter" worked up by Carl Wolfe, President and Wy Stedman, Secretary (cranked off by Peggy, no doubt)...the Nebraska Vizsla Club made a fine "report" to the many Vizsla owners in the area.

SPRING FIELD TRIAL RESULTS
Raymond, Nebraska - April 26, 1964

"Ordeal by mud, snow or hail has become more or less of a byword at Nebraska trials. April 26 was no exception. We don't question the mentality of people who will brave the elements -- much -- (the look that passed between dog and master as they stood on the starting line in one of the gully washers made it clear what he or she thought!!)

We do know that there are many diehard Vizsla fans who came and stayed to cheer the entries on ...then, mud to the knees, helped push and pull the whole caravan of cars off that slippery hill to the gravel road a half mile away.

Aside (or inspite of) the weather, these are the ingredients needed for a successful trial.

Sincere thanks are in order to the judges, Dick Armstrong and Bob Joneson, for spending a soggy day asaddle; to Darrol Larson who handled all the bird planting chores; to the gunners from that fine David City gun club, for some fine shooting under the worst of conditions; to Lloyd Vogler who provided not only horses for judges to ride but that also doubled as tractor in a pinch! Thanks also to the Irish Setter Club of Lincoln for the use of the grounds and for providing coffee and other vittles. Finally, special acknowledgement to Joe Dolezal for handcrafting all the fine trophies!"

THE RUNNING

Vizsla Puppy

1. Gus, handled by Leonard Hartl, Davenport, Ia.
2. Ripp Barat's Apache, (Holcomb) handled by Loy Coutts, Waterloo, Nebraska
3. Soni Brook Selle, handled by Bud Graff, Seward
4. Weedy Creek Dutchess, handled by Hank Rozanek, Norfolk, Nebraska

Open Derby

1. Jake Jacaranda, handled by Len Hartl, Davenport, Ia.
2. Soni Brook Selle, handled by Bud Graff, Seward, N.
3. Kramer's Kleine Edie (GSHP) handled by Bob Kramer, Omaha, Nebraska
4. Ferro v Hunt, handled by Dick Buhman, Milan, Ill.

Vizsla Gun Dog

1. Withheld (weather conditions simply did not allow "finished" performances.)
2. Haans v Selle, handled by Dick Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska
3. Silver Cholla Cactus, (Holcomb) handled by Loy Coutts, Waterloo, Nebraska
4. Withheld

Open All-Age

1. Withheld
2. Fisher's Pepper Princess, handled by Bill Fisher, Lincoln, Nebraska
3. Maggie z Selle, handled by Bud Graff, Seward, N
4. Haan's v Selle, handled by Dick Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

"Now that our first sanctioned field trial is a matter of record we have started planning for the fall field trial!" (Due to the fine work of our F.T. Secretary, Dick Reinhardt, and the fine support of the many Vizsla members, we have received notice from AKC that the records of this trial were in order.)

The Nebraska Vizsla Club has no regular monthly meeting (since we cover the whole state this is simply impossible). Several Vizsla people attended and participated in the AKC Licensed Show at Grand Island; there are fun-trials (training sessions) with other dog clubs, and fun-matches in the area.

"This is nesting season...let's give mother hens all the help we can! April 1 to July 15 are reserved for the birds and it is unlawful to run your dogs in the fields. This does not mean that you cannot run your dog at all! The Game Commission has provided training grounds all across the state which offers everyone a chance to keep Rover in top condition. (The newest one just opened is Wagon Train State Recreation Area, Salt Creek #8, about 10 miles from Lincoln. While you are there, try the fishing, too!) A fun trial and picnic are on the planning board for mid-summer."

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May 26, 1964

Mrs. M. D. Graff
Executive Secretary and Editor
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Dear Mrs. Graff:

Your letter addressed to Mr. Walt Disney has been forwarded to this department for acknowledgment. Please forgive the delay in replying but we have been extremely busy with production and with projects for the New York World's Fair and unable to answer until now.

You are, indeed, correct as we have received a number of letters regarding our television show "The Legend of Two Gypsy Dogs." The majority of these letters are from people who own Vizsla dogs and are seeking further information pertaining to their breed. I am taking the liberty, at your suggestion, to refer them to you for the desired information and for possible membership in your organization.

In answer to your inquiry as to this film being shown in theatres accompanied by one of our animated pictures, I would say it is quite possible that sometime in the future it may be scheduled to be shown in this manner. However, at the present, no decision has been reached on a theatrical release.

We thank you for your kind offer of assistance and for your interest in our television show.

Sincerely,

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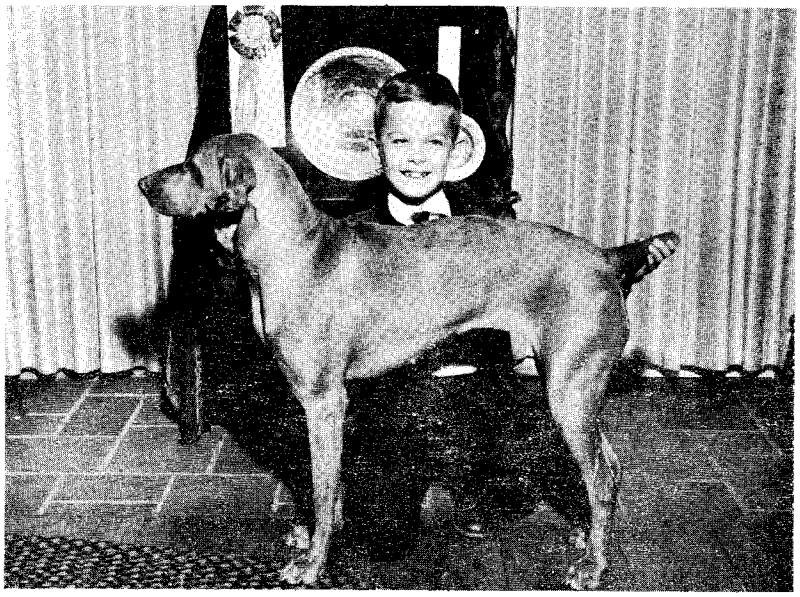

ERZE DE DUS, winner of the Vizsla Club of America's Sanctioned A Match, Erie, Pa, April 19, 1964, and her able handler MASTER MARK LASHER. Erze is owned by Dr. J. Donald Lasher of Erie.

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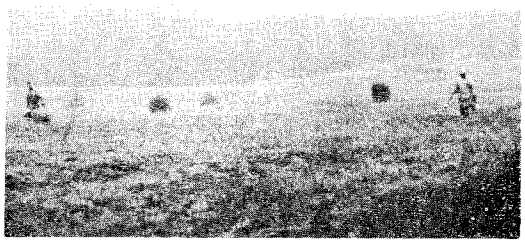
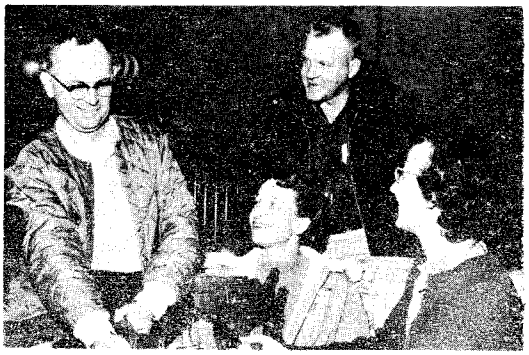
MORE PICTURES
OF
SPRING FIELD TRIAL &
MEETING AT MUSCATINE
compliments of Muscatine Journal

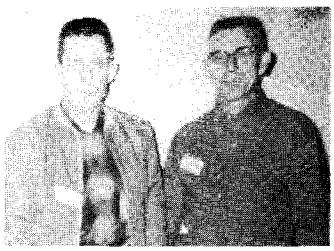
BARON VON EICHORN winner of the Open Shooting Dog Stake, VC of A, Spring Field Trial, Muscatine, Iowa. Owner L. M. Adams of Atlanta, Ga, handled by Fred Schulze, Minn.



A misty moisty haze in the air over the bird field brings back memories of soggy boots, wet dogs and the tingle of excitment recalling dogs and men "giving their all" for the top honors of the day.



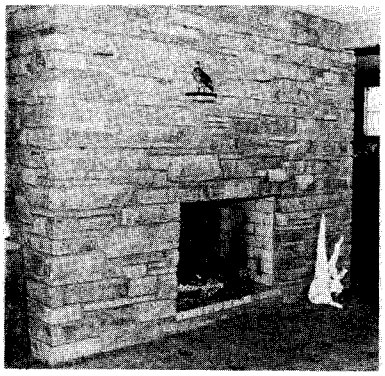
VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA OFFICERS
Tom Pratt, president, Brad Jorgens, treasurer Betty Kenly, vice-president, and Jane Graff, secretary. (Attending the meeting but not in this picture were Paul Sabo and Joe Cunningham



Maynard D. Bogert and Les Sprouse came to the F. T. committee's rescue and helped with the judging on Saturday.

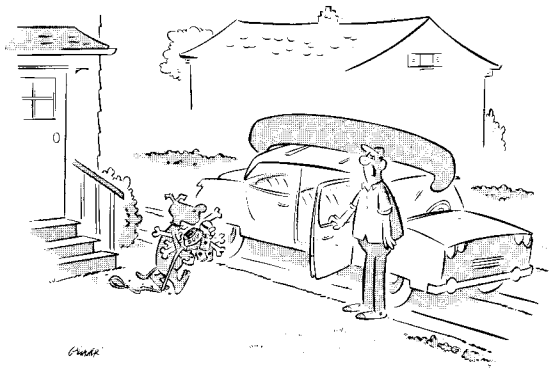
V. V. VanDivort and Harold Howk could crack big smiles after two long days in the saddle, when presented with their "reward" ... a trophy clock, matching the beautiful trophies awarded to winners and runner-ups.

This snap shot, taken by Harold Howk, in the dining room of the Wild Wings Lodge during the business meeting. Behind the head table you can see the beautiful banner Joyce Jorgens brought with her from Minnesota.



This is the fire place in the middle of the main room of the lodge around which we visited, warmed ourselves and fortified ourselves to brave the elements ...

The big "sun porch" served as a mud-room-porch-kennel-and-catch-all! Mel Uhlenhopp, resident manager of Wild Wings, straightens one of the plaques after an eager pup attempted a "retrieve".



*"You'll only be at the kennel for a week!"*

Dear Editor. . . .

Again, copy is completed for your V. News...all that remains is this column! You will have to pardon the slight pre-occupation, the extra-curricular activities during the summer months are most time and thought consuming! (the latest of which is becoming "mother" to 10 three and a half week old puppies and day and night nurse for my dear friend, Maggie. They are all coming along fine, now, but I can't seem to concentrate on anything else!) Will cover quickly some of the items here on the desk and try to be better organized next month.

For any of you who may also find yourself in need of a "puppy formula", here is one that seems to do real well...

4 oz canned milk
4 oz. warm water
1/2 tsp. Karo syrup
1 egg yolk

every 4 to 6 hours...

My, what a nice surprise to turn a page in the June issue of Field and Stream and find a nice picture of our favorite Gun Dog...and some kind words by Joe Stetson. GENEVIEVE WOLFE, N.J. did some checking with Joe and Hugh Grey (editor of Field & Stream) and has received permission for the Vizsla News to print the story in its entirety...it will appear next month! Thank you, Joe... your articles about dogs are always interesting, but especially when it is about the one WE like best!! Thank you, also to Bela Hadik for the fine background material and beautiful picture. Thank you, Gen, for your prompt action in making it available to the VC of A.

GERALD IUPPA, New York, sent a note and some nice snap-shots...and has promised more!

(left to right. . Garry Iuppa, Valerie of Csiri, Frank Smith, Cindy of Bay View, G. E. Iuppa and Fritz Maritz of Bufflo...a 3 generation hunting team!)

J. W. LANSDOWNE, Indiana, has been hard at work...fortified with extra copies of the V. News, membership applications in the V C of A, and a list of names of Vizsla owners, he says... "I think it would be nice if we could organize a group here which would allow us to give concerted support to the national club rather than hit and miss support by a few individuals!" (ejg: This sounds like a good start on a "purpose" for some of the regional or state clubs...) Warren has also promised to write a few paragraphs for the V. News in the future!

B. C. "Clif" Boggs, Ohio, has just sent a fine article. It will appear next month...as you see, this copy isnot off the desk before the next one starts taking shape!

I am so gratified with your marvelous response and assistance! My biggest concern when I took on this job was...what I would do when the few things I knew about dogs were said...(my experience, as you can see, is quite limited!) Perhaps it is because I knew so little and was so new at this that all these articles and ideas are so interesting to me ..., and apparently to you, too! To the dozen or so "old timers" perhaps it is a bit of a bore ... and no doubt many times they recall similar articles, back in '54 or so... but 99% of the club is new and green and learning...so, with your continued help in writing, pictures, evaluations, etc, the Vizsla Club of America will continue to grow, inspite of itself!

You write it...I will edit and type...and we will get along fine!

Oh, yes, I am sorry that I had to chop the edges of your April-May issue...the extra ink on the pictures and the two color cover-page pushed the little hand on the postal scale just over the half way mark of 1 oz. All bundled to go, there was nothing to do but bring them all home and with the big paper cutter, chop some margin from the top and side! Three blisters and 4 hours later they were all repackaged ... and I could only hope that I hadn't mutilated it too much! Thus...2 pages less in this issue! So, must stop here...

Many more letters came across the desk, some already incorporated into copy, others are the friendly kind of chatting, not necessarily needing answers, but altogether pleasant to receive, and many others from my fine "supporting board members."

One more note: The article sent all the way from Hungary, via Gaza Katona, mentioned that Mike has mentioned in his past letters that he hopes to be able to purchase a second-hand typewriter over there. If any of you wish to assist with this, in addition to the Vizsla News, I would be glad to see that it is forwarded to him, through a special money order that can be cashed there.

Oh dear, schedule says, feeding time at the zoo...

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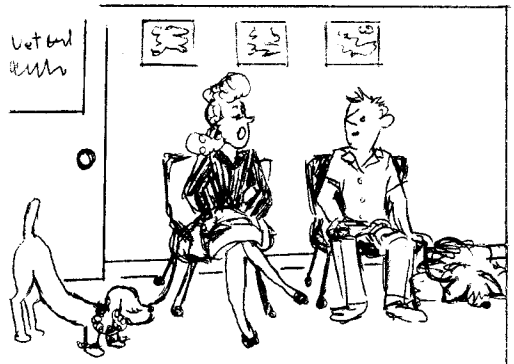

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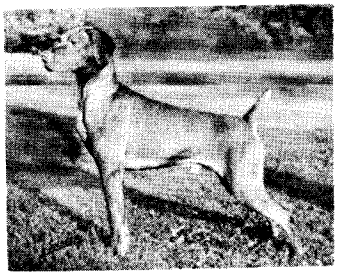

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