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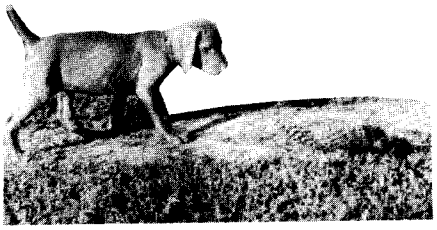


September appears... Goldenrod fringes the fence rows with yellow; dusty milkweed pods spin their hidden silk. The air is aflutter with yellow butterflies and from dewy lanes there is a heavy scent of fresh-cut alfalfa and wild mint.

Snap that big, red apple off the twisted old tree, polish it against the bluejeans and bite in! M-m-m-m-m....this is the best time of the year!

"New", the pup that you got early one spring day, groomed and worked with during the summer, wondered about as dog-days melted your wee prodigy and your visions of Vizsla perfection, now bounds past you like a gazelle and heads out to the field...adding his approval to your thoughts!

Is there anything quite as relaxing as a walk for two, the "2" being you and your dog? Only the sounds of nature and the crunch of underbrush 'neath your feet meet the ear. No need to whoop and holler at "New", he is doing fine without so much as a whistle. He nuzzles the corner, checks out a plum thicket, glances your way... and a wave of the hand sends him on a cast along the lake. The lying grasshoppers that serenaded him all summer are by-passed... the heat is right... his nostrils wriggle and his ears flap in the wind as he breathes the evening air for ... something.

It is nothing short of miraculous to watch a pup, with a good share of natural talent, grow up and learn what he is to do with them. Then, as adolescence reaches, find that all four of his legs, a body, strong, lean and sensitive, educated nose are all coming up to the brain that has but one thought ... "to find birds for you!"

As you drink in the beauty of the earth and ponder the measure of good fortune that has brought you to this place in time and space -- you suddenly stop short in your tracks.

"New" by the hedge ... POINT!

Several moments elapse before you recover your senses. Spellbound, you can't think what to do now! What a point! He hasn't moved an eyelash. Calm down, friend, you will blow it! Now, circle wide enough to come in and get that bird up 'n out there. Not too fast or too slow. Move with confidence! You know "New" will hold and chase ... he should at this age!

"Oh, please may it be a bird! Not a cotton-tail or black-and-white pussy cat."

As you move up, there is a rumble in the underbrush... "New" creeps. Up shoots a hen, then another... then a young one, some not beginning to turn brilliant colors. You watches them peel out, then pins his eyes on the one that screeches as it swings down the creek. He digs out in a cloud of dust... kinks his tail going to catch it, but not today. At the quarter mile fence row, he swings in an arc and circles back along the hedge, hunting all the way. "Oh, Smiley!"

You are so pleased that it is all you can do to keep from calling him to you and giving him a great big hug... but that would never do! In the following dusk, you finish the hunt, then sit down on the back steps and have a long talk about it.

"Son-of-a-gun... I've got me a bird dog! Now, when's that there Field Trial...?"

photo and words by Ely

FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE REPORT....

With the field trial date (November 14-15) just 2 months away, the field trial committee is busy "firming up" the ground work in preparation of the big day.

LEN HARTL, Chairman, formerly a school teacher, although relatively new to the field trial game is known for his thoroughness. The Chairman, of course, is in charge of the over-all planning and running of the trial...and, for this reason, Len started his plans with evaluations of not just one, but about the last 5 or 6 field trials...hoping to glean as many of the good points and remedy any weak spots. He started with the finance statements (a budget has never been established for these events...and some items have gotten a bit out of hand.)

The Trial location, Bird Layne Farms, New Sharon, Iowa, and dates, November 14-15, were set by the president, Tom Pratt. With this as a beginning, Len has been working with Ed Lloyd of Bird Laynes and Dick Buhman, the field trial secretary to complete the preliminary arrangements for our National Fall Field Trial.

DICK BUHMAN, F.T. Secretary, has shouldered all the responsibilities assigned to that office as suggested several years ago by that well-known GSHP Field Trialer, Col Pearl. Items (a) Obtain permission and dates for the trial from AKC; (b) Fill out the form and return it to AKC for the Entry Blanks; has already been checked off the list and noted to this office.

In connection with other items on the list, Dick and Len are checking on trophies, and trial mementoes, obtained trial equipment from Purina-Ralston Co, and are lining up banquet, housing, etc, in the area...all to be listed in the October NEWS.

They have located for us two well-qualified and capable judges: Ron Lisius, Commandor, Iowa, is a Brittany man highly recommended by several groups. We are happy to welcome him to the Vizsla Club of America trial. Bill Maynard, Eldon, Iowa, has judged for us on several occations...when left in the lurch at the last moment because of a change of plans by a man who had earlier agreed to judge, Bill was persuaded to give another weekend (during hunting season, yet!) to the VC of A.

Qualified gunners from the New Sharon gun-club have been asked to handle the gunning duties: Don Vahn, Cedar Rapids, and Ken Darland, New Sharon.

ED LLOYD, reports that he has two courses available if we must double-up on the running and alternate all-age fields. These, without crossing the road, lay one to the south of the buildings, and the other just across the road to the north.

Ed has good mounts available to all who like to "ride" the trial...but would like to have reservations for horses sent directly to him at New Sharon as soon as possible, as it appears that there will be a large number of spectators and officials on horseback, and he may need to make arrangements for extra mounts ...(he can't do this after you arrive at the grounds Saturday morning!)

The men are hoping to line up Motel and Hotel accommodations closer to the trial grounds...and Ed reminds me that there is adequate space just south of the barnyard for all those who are equipped for camping...and invites all who like to rough it to make that "home" for the duration. (Running water, at the end of the hose, and a regulation WPA privy included for free!)

Banquet arrangements are being made with the good ladies in New Sharon...those who remember the lavish smorgasbord last fall will agree that this is just what the doctor orders for the end of a long day in the field. We urge a "come-as-you-are" type gathering...since we will be running continuously, will probably stop only when day-light is gone, and will be in need of as many hours sleep as possible before the first brace casts off, so won't want to spend time traveling to and from distant Motels before dinner and a meeting. The Community Center in New Sharon has a pleasant lounge and large, clean dressing rooms if a clean shirt is desired after washing away the dust from the fields.

This takes us through item number 7...and, when details are in on these, all that remains is recording the entries, drawing...running and making out the official judges books, and all will be "history" for another Vizsla Club of America Fall Field Trial!

Will you be part of it? I sincerely hope so!!

(Editor's note: I am very gratefull for the ever increasing responsibilities that you, the members of the Vizsla Club of America, accept in the planning and managing of club events! As more individuals gain experience and give of their time and talents your VC of A will be able to increase its services and the quality of its program to all Vizsla owners.)

PACIFIC COAST VIZSLA CLUB

'Good weather --- good management --- good time by all!" is the report from the west coast following their Field Trial. Forty-three dog entry included Vizslas, Y-Mars, English Pointers and Setters, Brittanys and GSHPs.

Open Puppy Stake (6 entries) brought 1st place awards to "Arco's Hugo" Vizsla, owned by Chester Nicholls, handled by Cliff Bullis. 2nd and 3rd went to Setters, and 4th place captured by the other Vizsla in the event, "Tessey of Shirbob" owned and handled by Bob Foster.

The Vizsla Classic Stake was won by "Nikki's Arco" owned and handled by Bob Foster. Second place to "Golden Boy's Flash" owned and handled by Taft Jones. Third, "Alena of Bayview" owned and handled by Marion Garland. Fourth, "Patko z Pavozia" owned by M. J. Thorning and handled by Jim Reid.

Judging the event were Charles Tibbets of Seattle and Joe Cook of Tacoma, Washington.

Elling Simonsen who reported the event in the Bremerton Sun says, "In the past few years the Vizsla has grown in popularity in this area in the field and at trials...my first look at a Vizsla years ago wasn't too impressive, but today, a well trained Vizsla doesn't have to take a back seat to any other pointing breed!"

DR. FRED Z. WHITE, Editor of the American Brittany, continues his series of articles to his fellow Brittany members. The Vizsla News is happy to have the opportunity to give added coverage for profound thinking, straight shooting Dr. White!

REFLECTIONS--

A great deal has been said about the "dual dog" in the last few issues, although surely this has been no more than the proverbial drop in a very large bucket, when compared to the general conversation on this same subject through the past several years.

And very often, the "purpose" of the American Brittany Club; or the "creed" that all members subscribe to when joining this club, is cited as the gospel from which the "dual dog" concept draws its might.

Regardless of how anyone feels about the "dual dog" concept, we must all admit that the purpose of the American Brittany Club, as stated in our constitution, and printed on page 2 each month, does clearly speak out for the "dual dog".

We cannot doubt the wisdom of the founding fathers of A.B.C., when this was written . . . **nor should we question their grammatical syntax!!**

It is customary, and grammatically correct to list things according to the rules of syntax — in order of importance.

This we all accept in daily usage, and in a wide range of areas.

For example: "God and Country", "Steady to wing and shot", — first things first in both instances,—Even in the customary "Love, honor, and obey" there is an order of importance!

In the "purpose" of A.B.C., the same syntax—the same order of importance has surely been used, and we would all do well to re-read this with this in mind.

Note as you do so, that first is listed; **the promotion of cooperation and friends among the breeders and owners of Brittany Spaniels.**

Second in importance as listed is **"encourage higher standards in breeding, training, and showing of Brittany Spaniels in the field and in the show ring".**

Third, and last, we find the dual dog admonition.

It occurs to me that perhaps we have become more interested in the tail of the animal, and less concerned with the body and head. This could well be disastrous — particularly when dealing with a bob-tailed canine!!

Regardless of the type of competition in which we become involved with our Britts, it is important to get back a reasonable distance for a good look at the entire scene,—including our own individual and personal place in that scene. With this three dimensional, wide screen, cinemascope perspective, it may even appear that the part that you,—or I, or he,—plays in that total scene is only a bit part. Perhaps even that triumph in show or trial is of local interest, but cannot be of overwhelming importance on this overall montage of Brittany activity.

It has been my personal, unconfirmed observation that there is a peculiarly constant behavior pattern in regard to trophies—and in a parallel manner in regard to placements.

The first trophy is of utmost importance. Nothing animal, human, vegetable, or mineral can be compared with this first victory.

Then as the amount of hardware on the trophy shelf increases, the importance of that next win decreases; and the value of the friendships formed along the trial increases.

This, I think, is what the "purpose", "the creed" of our club intends to tell us.

The maintenance of the "dual dog" as a hypothetical or real goal is important, to the better and total human enjoyment of our breed.

Higher standards in breeding, training, and showing our Brittanies is of more importance, for owners (who are people with human drives) must feel the thrill of improvement and progression in a common effort of breed improvement.

Most important of all—and the end result that purposes two and three strive for,—is cooperation, friendship, and sportsmanship among members.

May I submit that the time is here when we of the A.B.C. should concentrate on the total picture with emphasis on cooperation and friendship? Even admitting quietly, that the dogs may only be a darn good and enjoyable excuse to spend wonderful days and evenings with good friends.

Being this far out on a limb, I'll go even further and suggest that some of the hard work and effort that has been expended in intra-mural "discussion", could be better used in attempt to improve the sporting for all bird dog people.

There is, for example, a real challenge that must be soon met if we are to prevent the total extinction of real field trial grounds, — but then, that's another story!! And still another story rests in the phrase "higher standards" at least in so far as our trial dogs are concerned.

No, don't panic — patient reader, there will not be two Editorials in the next issue!

F.Z.W.

Regional Governor's CORNER

BOB HOLCOMB, Regional Governor coordinator, has never been a man to do things half way! Throughout the summer months he has been sending to the Vizsla Club office carbon copies of letters going between he and all the "working crew" around the country. Many have "caught the spark" and are glowing for the VC of A in their corner of the map!

(Will run down the list and review the multitude of activities that have been started in the few short months since these people were appointed to their posts:)

New England States -- people there attending established Field Trials and Shows in that area.

New York - New Jersey, -- had a meeting the middle of September, and have plans for a Field Trial of their own on October 17 (note: ad)

Ohio -- membership questionaires out to 65 Vizsla owners in that area.

Iowa - Illinois -- Field Trial at Muscatine, Iowa, September 19-20. Films on dog training, discussion about a perminate organization.

Chicago area -- monthly meetings, "put and take" trials set for October 4 and October 11th, also making plans for a real large-type service to the Vizsla Club of America in the form of an A Match in their area.

Minnesota -- is to be host to the Prairie States Vizsla Club Fall Field Trial, near Granite Falls on October 11th. (Note: ad)

Texas - Oklahoma -- is having their field trial on September 19-20...the club's organizational meeting will be that Saturday evening. Texas and Muscatine's trials were both noted with a big ad in the American Field!!

Nebraska-Kansas -- is all lined up for their second AKC Sanctioned Field Trial to be held near David City, November 1, with a warm-up "hunter's special" on Saturday, dinner and meeting that night. (note: ad)

Colorado -- had 3 very fine "fun trials" in August, will be participating in the Y-Mar and GSHP licensed trials out there in September and are making plans toward their own trial in the spring.

California -- is starting some field training sessions for Vizsla owners in preparation for trials when dogs and people are ready! (A dog club council representing all hunting breeds has succeeded in obtaining dog training grounds in that state.) By the way, the number of entries required for a "major" has been raised in California because of the number of Vizsla entered in their shows!

Utah - Nevada -- Allen Bennet talked with the California people when on a visit there this summer and is working on activities for that area.

Pacific Coast Vizsla Club -- has just completed a very successful Field Trial (note report).

Canada -- is ready and waiting for their first National Field Trial on September 26 - 27. Several U. S. A. Vizslas will be entered.

Are you "in" on the activities in your area? ...here is your chance! they all are just starting, get in and learn with the rest of us!

Have you heard from your Regional Governor? ...if not, get with it! the world is passing you by! Drop him a line -- call him by phone -- stop by his house for a visit! Maybe he just doesn't know you care!

How do you start a regional club? (get out the September 1963 issue of the VIZSLA NEWS...page 5)

Don't have any experience? we all started with none! and you will never get it by sitting back and waiting for someone else to do something!

Got an idea? Have a question? Write to good old Uncle Bob...I guarentee he will answer your letter, gather any and all information that he has! If you happen not to have a Regional Governor close by, and have enough Vizsla and/or Gun-dog owners that want to start a training group...tell it to Bob! He will go to bat for you, get it squared away with the powers that be!

Lest I be forgetfull or negligent in my duties... that address is: J. R. "Bob" Holcomb, Box 177, Englewood, Colorado.

Many Regional Governors will be attending the Fall Field Trial at New Sharon, Iowa, the week-end of November 14-15. Coordinator, Bob Holcomb, is calling a meeting of all Regional Governors (or, if they are unable to attend, a representative appointed by them) "Since we are so strung out across the country, anytime we can get together for an exchange of ideas, discussion of problems or a question and answer session we should take full advantage of the opportunity!" says Bob. "A written report by each would be a good place to start, and most helpful to have when returning home...won't be to apt to forget ideas or where they came from if further information is needed later." So....

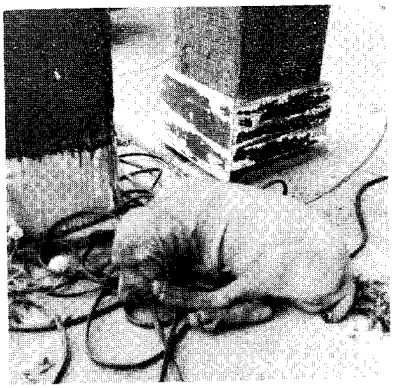
ATTENTION: A MEETING OF ALL REGIONAL GOVERNORS IS TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 13th, FRIDAY NIGHT, 7:00PM

(the exact place will be announced later, but will be in the New Sharon, Iowa, area.)

J R "Bob" Holcomb

J. R. Holcomb
R. G. Coordinator

ONE PICTURE WORTH 1000 WORDS . . . .



"Had a busy day. . . think I will catch 40 winks and unwind!" This picture was snaped by my daughter, Lecia, just after "Soni Brooks" (age 7 weeks) and "Maggie" had put on a pointing - retrieving exhibition at the Izaak Walton League.

(Editor's note: Send your snap-shots and photographs for your nomination for the picture of the month! VIZSLA NEWS, Route 3, Seward, Nebraska)

How to Retire . . . And Love It!

By PAUL SABO

TWO score years and three equals 43 years or the time the American Telephone Company allows one to be part of it before shelving one's activities to any green pastures extant. My permanent retirement from the Bell System came along last October, though I have been in semi-retirement for five years now. Shelving one from the activities of daily routine, however, holds no terrors for one who likes the outdoors, bird dogs and all that follows in its wake. As I write this I am contemplating my twentieth season on the Saskatchewan prairies and the least I can say for it is "Wonderful."

Arrived here on July 11, to a hot and arid part of the Province. This is one of those normal hot July summers, which we know and expect to change as the days move along into autumn. Saskatchewan this year is spotty in character, some parts having abundant rains, other areas panting for want of it. However, for the man with bird dogs and birds in mind this should be a banner year. Crops in places are thin, other vegetation is sparse in this area, the bird crop is even better than it was last year, which was one of the most abundant I have experienced since first coming to the prairies, so the dogs have a reasonable opportunity to dig birds out of their hiding places without too much effort if the weather is cool and suitable which it is from daybreak to about ten a.m.

Came north from Illinois with ten dogs this year, leaving my semi-invalid wife in a nursing home in Champaign. Proceeded in a leisurely fashion, making the 1800 miles in five days, the Airstream trailer hitched on behind the truck, a fine base of operations for the needs and comforts of man and dogs.

Advancing civilization is encroaching upon the bird dog man as well as man generally. For instance, twenty years ago much of the highway had rough gravel gaps which made the Canadian trip an understaking of no small means. This year from my starting point in Georgia to Ardath, Sask., the entire trip was made on paved roads to within twelve miles of where I sit and that last twelve was good though dusty gravel. Once this area was an isolated back prairie country; it still is but the highways have shortened the time to city conveniences. With mingled emotions I don't know which era I prefer.

One of the assets of this immediate area is that I have no problems as to agriculture as is true farther south in the Province. Up here crops are not too extensively planted and there are plenty of hay and pasture lands giving one free access to almost any place in any direction when working dogs. Fences are becoming a slight problem, but I don't expect that to curtail my activities for my friends have made gates in them for me where needed. It's nice to have friends with consideration for an alien fellow man. Friends are people for whom one does things rather than people one leans on for support, and it is a double-edged blade working both ways.

The bird crop, as I mentioned, is more than adequate, my young dogs bumping and barging into them almost constantly as we work afield.

They are very small birds, however, and don't give off much scent for I note even my all-age dogs with previous prairie experience seem to have problems of definite location when in the vicinity of either Huns or prairie chickens. The dry ground further complicates this, but since this is early and July, the most we can hope for is to condition the dogs for the more arduous work coming in August and September as the weather breaks for the better.

We acquired a new Palomino gelding to add to our string of three mares, which is named "Honey," and a honey he is in color as well as deportment. He is a girl-trained cow pony of about a thousand pounds, four years old, with a disposition to suit a sixty-six year old retired telephone man. Even the dogs are enamored of him and want to lick his muzzle at every rest opportunity. He, in turn gives them a gentle nudge or nips them in the rear if they don't move out of his way as we rove the prairie and once in a while a dog tires and loops in for a brief walk ahead of the horse. In the bush whenever I lose one on point, I just give Honey his head and loose rein and he has time and again located the dog, having an uncanny sense. The former owner tells me that he has been doing this with cows and calves in the bush ever since he has been broke to ride cattle.

Expect to stay till mid-October for the open season on upland birds and do a little shooting over all my dogs this year, here in Saskatchewan as well as in Alberta in the Calgary area where we have relatives and friends.

Later en route to our new permanent residence in Georgia in the Augusta area will pick up my wife in Champaign and look for new horizons. There is the job of building a new home, a stable and a few kennel runs and try Georgia bird hunting for size as we have the last five winters past and see what these prairie neophytes have learned that will be useful in the Augusta area.

It's been said that once shelved a person dies of boredom. If this is boredom, then I highly recommend it to all old codgers. Get yourself a bird dog and a horse and you are in business in one of the most fascinating endeavors you can imagine. Let me suggest you start this when you are twenty or so and it can become an avocation as important as life itself by the time you reach three score and six.

BELIEVE YOUR VIZSLA

by Richard Olsen
Illinois V. C. Bulletin

As I look back now, I believe the first time our Vizsla made a "believer" of us was when she was 11 months old. It was one of those warmer than usual days in March on beautiful Lake Catherine (which is on the Fox River chain of lakes in Illinois.) We had been living on the lakeside for seven months and our Vizsla, "Czuki of Lake Catherine" enjoyed the run of the yard which was fences on three sides with a five foot sea wall and on the front by the house.

My wife and I had been watching the last red and white embers flicker in the fireplace, while our Vizsla was curled up in the traditional style proving her breed nickname "comfort seeker". Suddenly, Csuki was at the door and thumping to be let out. (Now, I ask you, what kind of trouble could a Vizsla get into in a yard that is all fenced in?) Before I could settle back in the easy-chair she was back at the door...but there was something different about her attitude. She didn't want in, she just stood by the door, growled deeply, the hair on her back raised. When she refused to come in I closed the door in disgust...and settled back down to the warm embers.

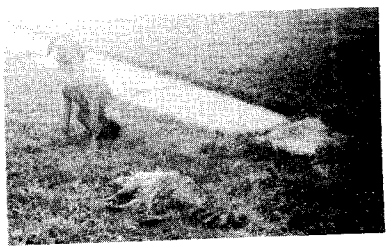
I was promptly raised out of the chair as apparently the sky fell in! From outside came the sounds not unlike that of two full grown lions locked in mortal combat...I grabbed a half dead flashlight and tore out of the house, fully expecting to find a dead Vizsla and a victorious black panther standing over her remains. (Living at the lake had made me spooky.)

I was relieved to see in the dim light Czuki standing at the fence. But as I tried to lead her back to the house, she refused to come and clawed at the fence in an effort to scale its heights.

By this time Joyce was at my side with a five cell flashlight and my Smith & Wesson pistol. (Living at the lake must have made her spooky, too) What ever had been in our yard was now our neighbor's problem ...thought I, but Csuki was over the sea wall and out to finish what had been started!

She began to trail like a hound and some hundred yards from the fence she stood with her paws on a large oak tree, growling at something up and out of sight. The flashlight produced two beady eyes, glistening red... quite a shock to this old coon hunter! A .22 hollow point produced the desired result and an old Daddy coon fell at our feet. Czuki was on him like a flash...but this racoon was plum out of fight. She seemed to realize that Mr. Coon had passed on to wherever racoons go to tantalize dogs in coon heaven.

The next morning a fish scale indicated that the intruder weighed in at 16 pounds, so we were quite relieved to have our bird dog -- turned coon hound -- with only ruffled hair. A vizsla would be a lot easier to debate with if they would learn to talk... or we would learn to understand!"



Czuki and bandit ... morning of the night before!

VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA....

SECOND "A" MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Plans are now formulating for the second AKC Sanctioned "A" Match for the Vizsla Club of America. The date selected by the committee will fall after the first of the year, so there will be time to complete all the planning in the coming months.

Watch for official notice in the NEXT Issue of the VIZSLA NEWS.

FALL FIELD TRIAL CALENDAR

September 26 - 27 Vizsla Club of Canada, Nanton, Alberta. (Dr. Phil Wright, R. G.)
September 26 - 27 GSHP Licensed Trial, Denver Colorado. (Bob Holcomb, Board Member)
September 26 - 27 GSHP Licensed Trial, Omaha Nebraska, (Bud Graff, Board Member)
October 3 - 4 GSHP Licensed Trial, Kansas City Missouri. (Lee Summerlin, 5113 Lowell Ave. Merriam, Kansas.)
October 4 & 11 Put and Take Trial, Chicago, Illinois (George Solberg, Board Member)
October 10 - 11 GSHP Licensed Trial, Wichita, K.
October 11 Prairie States Vizsla Club, American Field Trial. Granite Falls, Minnesota. (Brad Jorgens, Board Member)
October 17 Field Trial, New York State (Joe Cunningham, Board Member)
October 17-18 National German Pointing Dog Assn. Field Trial. Ohio, Illinois. (James Dugan, Box 152, Long Grove, Illinois)
November 1 Nebraska Vizsla Club, AKC Sanctioned Field Trial. David City, Nebraska (Bill Fisher, Route 8, Lincoln, Nebraska)
November 14-15 Vizsla Club of America, Licensed AKC Field Trial. New Sharon, Iowa. (Dick Buhman, Box 804, Milan, Illinois)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ! !

Miles Monroe Kreuger, 25 East 10th Street, New York City, N.Y.
Rene Carignan, 6240 Mignault, Montreal 5, Quebec Canada
Laurence R. Ludt, 1215 Crumrine Avenue, Youngstown 5, Ohio
Hugh K. Lambert, Box 154, Wayne, Illinois
Stan St. Pierre, Box 148, St. Eustache, Quebec, Canada
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DEAR EDITOR . . .

A drizzly September rain is falling and the country-side is suddenly green again. Flocks of grackles seem to think that Fall is here. Things here at Weedy Creek are a long way from ready for winter winds... so I can only hope that "weather" holds off until the garden is all gathered in and our big, square house is covered with a coat of white paint.

Days are racing past... field trials, hunting, and National meetings and trial loom ever closer. I hope that this is the year that YOU get to come to the "National".

Of course, it is not possible for everybody to get to the middle of Iowa on that particular weekend.

There are many trials, meetings, and gatherings at shows, etc, all across the country. If you make a special effort to attend and support the Vizsla in your area you are helping the Vizsla Club of America ...and the Vizsla breed. In this point in our growth, this is the most important thing you can do! At such time as we complete all requirements for an AKC membership, THEN we will be able to bring National events to your area. We will need established groups... and will rotate these main events around the country to better facilitate our many members from coast to coast.

First: there is some confusion about my telephone number (please note the listing on the back cover of this issue.) The phone company is rather primitive out this way, so have only a 4 digit number... just 8647! (It is a country line, and have 7 other people on the party line, so don't get discouraged if you get a busy signal) For those of you who can "DDD", the area code is 402, and a prefix of 643 is needed.

Second: there is the matter of YOUR zip code numbers. The Seward Post Office gave me the zip numbers for the entire mailing list a couple months ago ... (since then the list has grown considerably, so need to get the new ones added on.) A few of the larger cities are now using zip numbers almost entirely and on several occations a Vizsla News is returned to me when the zip number is wrong... even when the name and address are correct!! Please check your address, and if it is not entirely correct, please let me know and I will make the proper changes.

MILES M. KREUGER, New York City, sends with his membership some of the interesting activities of his Vizsla, "Sander". "On February 10th he made his T. V. debut on the Today Show. Following this he became a featured player on the Birthday House NBC children's program. (After performing a few simple commands, Paul Tripp, host, placed a mechanical dog in front of Sander... his reactions to it were very amusing.) "In the Greenwich Village where I live, he is now quite a celebrity, and many people whom I have never met greet him by name... it makes me quite proud! I am looking forward to meeting other Vizsla owners in the New York-New Jersey area through activities in the Regional Club."

MARGE MEMINGER, Pa, has been very busy with shows, judging, obedience trials, etc, and concludes her letter... "our best news of the month is that we have purchased a house and 67 acres just four miles from where we now live; will move just as soon as we can... September 21st! I can hardly wait!"

JACK BAIRD, Conn, I find in the original copy of the club constitution, was the first Executive Secretary of the Vizsla Club of America... so, sent him a copy of the last V. News. I was delighted when he was able to write a letter to me (his work schedule has had to be curtailed these past years.) I find that Jack secured the rush order okay from AKC to add a pair of Vizslas to the Chicago International Show in 1951 in their 1st public exhibition in the United States. They were owned by Frank Tallman of Kansas City. "What a hit they made, and that is what got the breed rolling." In 1954 his column in the New York World Telegram carried a 4 column article titled "Captivating Vizsla Oldest of Hunters, "in which he estimated that at that time there were only about 100 Vizslas (including newly arrived litters of pups) in the United States.

> I am trying to piece together some of the History of the Vizsla since its arrival in the United States... Other information of interest to present day Vizsla owners is welcomed.

CLIF and HILDA BOGGS, Ohio, tell about some exciting activities in their area. The obedience class had its graduation exercises at the County Fair! It brought much interest... and broke even on expense... what more could you ask for! Then the next week at the Ohio State Fair they have what they call the 'Dog House'... my what a lot of people come through there in a day! Trixie put on a demonstration with a wing on the fishing rod... (of course, you might know that when I really want to fish, she must be put in the house!) " Clif has been working on a "flyer" for the Vizsla Club of America and hopes to have it ready to present at the Fall meetings. He is looking for a picture of a "representative" Vizsla male and female on point... perhaps you have one that would be just right! If so, send it along to Clif or here to the Vizsla Club office...

BOB HOLCOMB, Colorado, in addition to his "family" of Regional Governors, keeps me posted on a dozen other items of Board of Directors business. He comments on a copy of the proposed ABC constitution sent to those having expressed interest in our revision efforts, "...this could help us greatly, and should be studied as we set about to revise ours... I especially like their idea and set up of regional club formations..." (ejg: another item of business for an agenda!)

MARTY COODY, Texas, took to heart last months article on a Purpose for the Vizsla Club... and volunteered her services for typing and mimeographing things for the club! Hooray! The staff of the VC of A has just now DOUBLED in size! It will take a bit of time to line things up, but will most certainly use all the help in an effort to better serve the Vizsla breed!

V. V. VANDIVORT, Ohio, is planning some hunting out this way early in the season... am looking foward to a visit with him on his way through this area. Vizsla owners 'round here are alerted and ready to show these men birds, Nebraska style!

DONALD TURCKE, Alaska, says he was happy to find another Vizsla owner in that far off place... Ken MaGuire promptly enrolled them in the National Club! (Don's Vizsla is originally from Dr. Phillips in Georgia.)

VICTOR EHRLICH, Regional Governor for Washington and Oregon, has a new address (listed on the back page) and adds:.." on the first of May, I became a United States citizen." Congratulations! I will also note in the NEWS the corrected spelling of your last name...that is much more "pronounceable". Now that you are settled in your new home and are able to become active again, we are anxiously looking forward to some more articles!

RALPH WILSON, New York City, writes that he spent six weeks abroad this summer, and will probably be months catching up. He added..."Mr and Mrs. Bob Iverson, from Illinois spent 3 days in New York (the occasion being the marrage of our dogs...)and took in some of the sights and the fair, but most of the time was consumed in dog-talk". After studying what they could of the pedigrees available to them, Bob and Ralph are interested in finding other Vizsla owners whose dogs come from the Schloss Loosdorf and Komlod lines. Any one able to supply information along these lines may correspond with Ralph at 357 Bleecker St, NYC.

EVAN YOUNG, from Scotland, wrote to me this summer inquiring many things about the Vizsla...asking first, "is there a Vizsla standard, and what country are they native to?" He says that there are about 100 Vizslas in that country, but that no one seems to know much about them. Needless to say, he got the "book"...in the form of past copies of the Vizsla News, the standard, and a 6 page letter!! Will try to see that the Vizsla owners there get all the information that I can send their way, and hope that they get a Club of owners started!

PAUL SABO, writes from Canada that they are very busy working dogs and making hay! He plans to hunt in Alberta and Saskatchewan and work his way down the map arriving at New Sharon in time for the Fall National. He sends this message to his friend, Kelsey Johnson who is going up for some hunting in Canada..."please sharpen up your shooting! the last time we hunted together in Illinois you couldn't hit a bull on the posterior with a fiddle!" (Say Paul, what are you training those dogs to point at? ... gee, I'd better quit or I will have both these guy aiming at me!) Paul adds that he is getting a "DIANA GRADE" 20 gauge BROWNING over and under...fullfilling a yen of long standing!

Oh, how very much we wanted to attend the Field Trials in Canada, Muscatine, Oklahoma...and drop in on your meetings , but, the responsibilities of a mother of three (a 2nd and 5th grader, and Lecia in Junior High); a small farm with a few dogs and quite a few birds and horses (that have been looking for holes in fences); to say nothing about duties as your secretary and editor! All of which make trips of great length and expense prohibitive, at this time. ....Maybe in another year, I always keep hoping!!

My thoughts are certainly with you on those days... and, should something come up that I could help you with, remember, I am just as near as the telephone ...that is, if those teenagers down the road don't have any "lengthy problems"...

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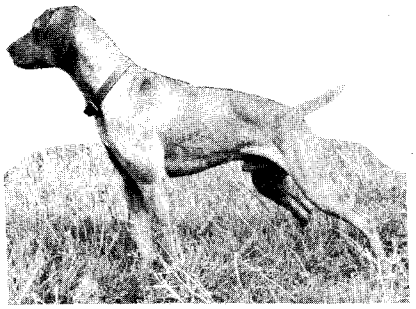

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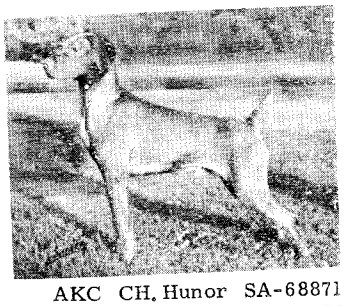

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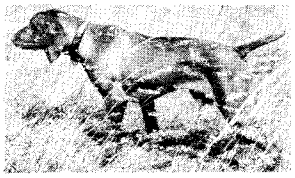

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