The Vizsla News

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Just like the Pussy willow's bud changes from a mere flap of tissue on a branch to a fine, fluffy "sure-sign-of-spring", the Vizsla Club of America's spring field trial and Annual Meeting files are beginning to take shape and soon will be bulging with the details of the plans, and with anticipation and excitement!

The date: the first weekend in May.

The place: (a new one) Bloomfield, Iowa.

The field trial, in the hands of a capable committee is busy wrapping up the many details. The meeting, under the leadership of the new officers, will also be taking shape in the weeks to come, and is already headed for action on the many details of business long anticipated by the membership.

But, May 1 and 2 will be MORE than meetings and a field trial ...

It is people meeting people...
people listening;
learning;
seeing!

It is people visiting with other Vizsla owners;
visiting with trainers, amateur and professional;
discussing samenesses and differences;
joys and problems;
changes and improvements!

It is people talking.

New Vizsla owners meet those who have blazed the trail for this, the newest addition to the American hunting scene.

People meet the officers and members of the board. They, too, are "just people" who love these dogs, and want to serve them in the best way they can.

These people, who listen and learn -- about your Vizsla; about the trials and successes in your part of the country; about problems, misunderstandings or misinterpretations; or ideas or ideals. They will try to clear up these problems, or refer you to someone who can.

Even if you have never been to a meeting or a field trial before... come to this one!

Only when all Vizsla owners communicate in a single media for a unified purpose to the benefit of all owners, can the Club really be "a club".

Only when ideas are expressed in an open and forward-thinking way; discussed by the many other people from all across the country; hewed into shape or enlarged to encompass national proportion; and presented for membership action can the club step forward in a unified stride!

People are only people! They do the best that they can.
Vizslas will have to tag along and wait until people catch up with them... but they are patient and long-suffering. They have also "enrolled" an increasingly interested membership in the Vizsla Club of America.

So, people, come!

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PART III THE ORIGIN OF THE HUNGARIAN VIZSLA

By Mike Kende
Budapest, Hungary

(Part I and Part II appeared in the January and the February issues of the VIZSLA NEWS.)

The Hungarian Vizsla Breeders Association drew up the first Hungarian Vizsla standard in 1920. Later in 1935, the Hungarian Vizsla Club set up a Committee to review the Standard, which heard the opinion of all the Hungarian vizsla experts and so revised the Standard. This standard was later amended in 1943 by the breeding committee of the Hungarian Vizsla Club. So the Hungarian standard of the Vizsla is as follows:

GENERAL OUTWARD APPEARANCE—A noble-well-proportioned highly built, but muscular dog of medium size, with lively movement and intelligent eyes.

SKULL—Of medium width, not heavy, lying not parallel with the nose, but at an angle of 30-35 degrees. Strongly muscled so that the centre of the forehead dips slightly. Slight stop between nose and forehead.

EARS—Not fleshy, a little lowly set, and proportionately long, hanging fairly close to the side of the head.

EYES—Intelligent looking, eyelids covering whites of eyes and no haws showing. Only the iris is visible which should be lighter or darker in amber color in conformity with the coat.

NOSE AND MUZZLE—The top line of the muzzle is slightly arched until the nose is reached which is straight. Profile about the same length as the skull, muzzle narrowing but not pointed, with good rounded end. Nose moderately open nostrils, flesh to brown in color, corresponding to body color. Black or slate grey is a disqualifying fault. The lips moderately full, perfectly overlapping the mouth, which should have a pincer or scissor bite.

NECK—Fairly long, broadening towards the trunk and well muscled. Skin of neck should be close clinging.

BODY—Muscular, the back broad and straight. Shoulder blades tight to the body, and the hindquarters falling away moderately towards the tail.

TAIL—Lower set than other sorts of bird dogs. ⅓ of tail to be removed.

BREAST—Deep, reaching to the elbow, long and adequately broad.

BELLY—Moderately tucked up, the tuck up in the line of chest and belly to make an angle of 30-35 degrees to horizontal.

FORELEGS—Pillar like, strong-boned and muscular.

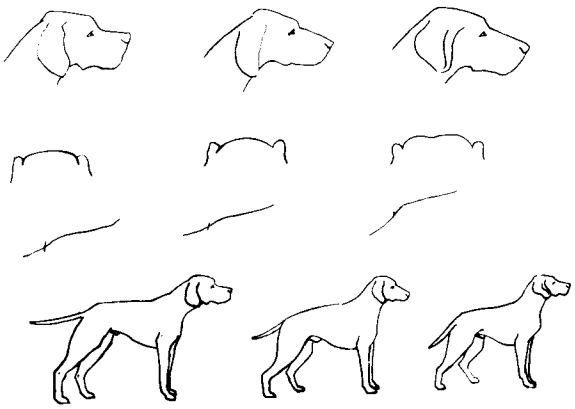
REAR LEGS—Well extended to the rear even at rest. Strong and muscular.

FEET—Short, roundish, with well closed toes, and short nails, like a cat's foot.

COAT, QUALITY AND COLOR—The hair is clinging to the body, short and dense. Color, rust-gold with little variation permitted. Little white spos on breast and feet can be permitted but it is better to avoid entirely.

Charles Baba after 20 years experience and measuring determined those striking dfiferences and specialities of constitution, based on the figures enclosed, which are not to be found in other sorts of bird dogs. They prove the breed character of the Hungarian vizsla developed in ancient times and even the unavoidable crossing with alien blood during some centuries could not destroy it.

By reason of the findings and experiences of Charles Baba, the Federation Cynologic International (F. C. I.) recognized the vizsla as a separate breed.



In the drawing in the first row of the No. 1 diagram, we can see that the lines of muzzle and forehead are almost parallel for the pointer and the German Shorthair. The English pointer has a deep and abrupt stop between muzzle and forehead, the German Shorthair a more moderate one, and the Hungarian vizsla less still. The length of skull of the English pointer is longer than the nose, that of the German Shorthair is the same length, while the nose of the vizsla is longer than the skull. The ears of the English pointer are under the skull line, but not deeply set, becoming pointed at the end; that of the German Shorthair are high set, and the upper part lies with its entire length along the skull side. The end is rounded, but there is also tapering; that of the Hungarian vizsla is deep set and with its rounded ends hangs wrinkled adjoining the side of the head.

The crown of the skull in the No. 2 line of the diagram demonstrates also an important race difference. The English pointer has a flat and broad crown, the German Shorthair has a slightly bulging broad skull, and the Hungarian vizsla was a moderate broad head with a furrow down the centre.

On the diagram in the 3rd and 4th row of the drawings mentioned above, we can see well the striking differences of the general form of the three breeds and top and bottom lines, and tail set show.

The head, neck and postition of legs also show strong differences.

In 1943 the breeding committe of the Hungarian Vizsla Association made an agreement intended to reduce the great height differences in the breed. Height of male 55-63 cms, height of female 52-61 cms. Translated into inches, this is 21.5" to 24.5" for males and 20.25" to 23.75" for females.

NOTE: A copy of the Vizsla Standard as approved by the American Kennel Club was printed in the February 1965 issue of the VIZSLA NEWS.

Since this is quite a comprehensive article, encompassing much time, Mrs. Hunt asked several other people, also from Hungary to read and comment on the document. The following is submitted by Bill Kemenes-Kettner, Canada.

Mr. Kende's study is a valuable help for the North American vizsla breeder and owner.

In my opinion, due to the fact that he wrote the article in special circumstances, and also, possibly due to errors in translation, there are a few lapses and hiatus's in this article.

In my short comments I will point out the most important omissions and mistakes.

The most powerful argument of the ancient origin of the vizsla is his color. Scientific research by Dr. ANGHI CSABA GEYZA, professor of the Veterianary College of Budapest, 1936, proved that the original European ancient large mammals were all one color.

He does not mention the pictures found in the palace of King Matyas (the Just) at Visegrad.

The role of ZOLTAN HANVAY and JULIUS BARCZY is somewhat confusing in this article. Hanvay and Barczy kept the first nearly complete vizsla stud book.

He left out the most influential vizsla breeders after 1917. (I don't want to touch on this problem or the reason that lies behind it).

I consider that there is an error in the citation of Baba Karoly's description of the vizsla. I have known and owned vizslas for 35 years and I have always been taught that the characteristic vizsla head has to have a shorter muzzle than skull. I can't check Baba's original text, but before me is the original text of the new Hungarian vizsla standard, valid from December 31, 1961. Here is what the Standard says: "End of the muzzle is blunt. The muzzle is not snipey, shorter than the skull. Proportion 11-13. Males length of muzzle 11-12 cms, and of skull 13-14 cms."

He does not mention that if a vizsla is registered by the breed committee in Hungary, on its outward appearance, the vizsla will be registered in "B" stud book.

I hope that my comments help to clear the very few obscure points of Mr. Kende's fine article.

Vizsla Club of Colorado

A. K. C. SANCTIONED

D E N V E R , C O L O R A D O

MARCH 13-14, 1965

A large entry was scheduled to get the Vizsla Club of Colorado off to a running start on their first AKC Sanctioned Field Trial.

Sixty-four entries; 22 Puppy, 20 Derby, 7 Open All-Age and 9 Amateur Gun Dog Stake entries were listed in their catalog Friday night. All Stakes were open to all AKC recognized pointing breeds.

The excellent entry blanks, letter and information on plans point to a well organized and informed group in that area! Congratulations on your fine progress. Report of trial will, no doubt arrive in tomorrow's mail!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT . . . . . .

The Nominating Committee of the Vizsla Club of America submits the following names for your consideration and vote for officers and board members of this organization.

The names were selected from the membership with the following points uppermost in importance:

1. that they own a Vizsla;
2. that they have indicated and expressed more than a passing interest in the Vizsla breed;
3. their geographic location would give the VC of A a wide representation and a contact with people in all parts of the country;
4. their experience and talents are needed to round out the VC of A program; and
5. they will accept the duties of the office and will devote the necessary time and effort to serve the Vizsla, if elected.

For the first time in the history of the club a full ballot, with one exception, will be sent to all members. For many years in the past, people with the necessary qualifications and experience were literally "drafted" for the jobs that had to be filled. One should not belittle the efforts of these people. . . they served during some "hard times" and were successful in maintaining the VC of A as a national voice and contact for all Vizslas in the USA, many times in an" above and beyond the call of duty" effort. The expenditures (both physical and financial) of many of these individuals is monumental!

Nominated for the office of President were: Dr. W. C. Meminger of Erie, Penna, and Dr. Dick Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. A brief sketch of each of these men:

DR. "BILL" MEMINGER, became active in the VC of A in about 1961 and has served on the Board of Directors since then. He enjoys hunting with his Vizslas, is active in the Erie Kennel Club, first in Obedience work and then in showing both locally and in Canada. He has been at most of the National Field Trials and meetings and has had entries in several. He and his wife accepted the responsibility for the first "A Match" for the VC of A, and he is the chairman of the Permanent Field Trial Committee.

DR. "DICK" REINHARDT, became interested in the Vizsla through its hunting ability in the Nebraska Sandhills. He has attended and actively supported every Field Trial since his first in the spring of 1963. He trains and handles his own dogs. He is a member of the Board of Directors, has served on several field trial committees and as chairman of the Field Trial Rules Committee. He is also on the Board of the PSVC and a founder and present secretary of the Nebraska Vizsla Club. His entry went BoB at the club's 2nd "B Match" in 1964. Dick has also actively participated in the many all-breed field trials in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, exhibiting the fine hunting qualities of the Vizsla in competition with other German Pointing dogs.

For the office of Vice-President, there are five nominations for the three offices to be filled:

DON ANDERSON, Denver, Colorado, is known to most of you as the man who owns, trained and handles the first Vizsla to become an AKC Field Trial Champion. He is president of the Colorado Vizsla Club, active in all the bird dog clubs in that area, and is an AKC approved judge for Field Trials. He has attended several of the last trials and Meetings of the VC of A and is serving on the F. T. Rules Committee.

ART CARPENTER, Carmel, California, was a member of the VC of A for many years and has again renewed his active membership. Carpenters have been active in Shows for over 10 years -- entering their Vizsla in the miscellaneous class in an effort to help the Vizsla get AKC recognition. Art has been president of their all-breeds kennel club, and they have one of the top winning Vizslas in Northern California.

JOE CUNNINGHAM, Middletown, New York, has been a member of the Board of the VC of A for several years and has served as Regional Vice-President and VP of the club. He has been active in Show circles, in the all-breed kennel club in that area, and has become very interested in Field Trials. He is a founder of the Vizsla Club just organized in that area, and accepted the responsibility for the first "B Match" of the VC of A in 1963. Joe has written several articles for the V. NEWS, attended several meetings of the VC of A, is Chairman of the Standards Committee and has worked on the revision of the club's constitution.

BETTY KENLY, Phoenix, Arizona, has been a member of the Club for many years and active in Field Trials since 1962. She has served on the Board of Directors, as a Regional Governor and as Vice-President. She was the Field Trial Secretary or two occasions, has written several articles for the V. NEWS, and has represented the Vizsla Club with entries at field trials in California and Colorado in addition to the national events and those attended by her dog and trainer, Paul Sabo, in Canada and the United States.

WILMER KLINE, Garden City, Kansas, has been a Vizsla owner for 6 years and a member of the VC of A for over 5 years. He is a charter member of the PSVC and Nebraska Vizsla Club, and a Board Member of the VC of A for several years. He has trained and handled Vizslas in both Field and Bench competition. He has also been a "small scale" breeder, so has been exposed to many of the joys and problems of the Vizsla business. "If elected, I shall be dedicated to the betterment of the Vizsla for all purposes." says Bill. He and his wife have attended almost all the meetings and trials of the club and has been most helpful in correspondence on the Constitution.

For the office of Secretary there are two nominations:

BERNARD "CLIF" BOGGS, Springfield, Ohio, has been very active in the VC of A the past few years. He owns 3 Vizslas and is, he says, a novice in Field Trials, bench and obedience activities. He is a member of the Board of Directors, has written several articles for the V. NEWS, the Vizsla flyer, and is Chairman of the Constitution Committee.

Clif is the Field Trial Secretary for this spring and has participated in field and shows and meetings of the VC of A. "I have boosted the VC of A at every opportunity, and will continue to do my best for the club," Clif adds, "and besides, I have never learned to say 'no'." He is manager in Flight Dynamics Laboratory, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, graduate of West Virginia University, but at heart, a sportman (hunting and fishing) and for fun is a pilot (commercial rating), photographer (amateur), architect and builder (of his own home), and can type!

WYMAN STEDMAN, Palmyra, Nebraska, is, by profession, a rural mail carrier so that it won't interfer with the hunting and camping that he and his son, Steve, do. He owns several Vizslas and has been active in field trials since 1963. He is a member of PSVC, and one of the founders of the Nebraska Vizsla Club serving as Secretary last year and now as Vice-President. He is also interested in Boy Scout activities. He has edited the Nebraska News Letter this last year and written several articles for the NEWS. He also types and seems to know how to get things done!

For the office of Treasurer, there is only one nomination:

BRAD JORGENS, Clara City, Minnesota, was drafted for the job 2 years ago and has said that he would continue for another year. "Besides, I have all this stationery to use up!" says Brad. His qualifications are most adequate: He is a banker by profession, is active in Field Trials in the USA and Canada, active in PSVC, interested in the National Club and is willing do to the job. He has served on several committees, and with his wife, Joyce, manages to keep up with the bulk of the treasurers responsibilities.

For members of the Board of Directors (a 2 year term) there are six nominations for the four posts to be filled:

ROSS EGGESTEIN, Annandale, Minnesota, is relatively new to the Club, but is an amateur trainer and has expressed much interest in the Vizsla breed and helping the club in any way that he can. He is at present training in the south, is a student, and has been active in Field Trials all over the mid-west this past few years.

M. D. "BUD" GRAFF, Seward, Nebraska, a member of the VC of A since 1959 and a Board member since 1962, and has "housed" the VCofA office since 1963. He has served as F. T. Chairman and on several committees, was a charter member of PSVC and a founder of the Nebraska Vizsla Club. He trains and handles his own Vizslas and manages a small kennels. He is a sportsman and active field trialer, and novice in bench and obedience work with Vizslas. He was the Vizsla Club's representative to the A. K. C. Advisory Committee on Field Trial Rules, and is an AKC approved Field Trial Judge.

TAFT JONES: Bremerton, Washington, is a long time member of the VC of A. He is interested in all sports, but especially hunting birds... "I find

the Vizsla a wonderful hunter and companion, and appreciate having them to make hunting more enjoyable." He owns 4 at present. Taft has been Secretary-Treasurer of the Pacific Coast Vizsla Club since 1959, and works his dogs at their weekly training session on their own 120 acre training grounds. He also is active in local kennel club shows.

GIL MAYNARD, Forest Park, Illinois, is another newcomer to the ranks, but jumped in with both feet. He found the club through an article in Dog World, attended Illinois Club fun trials, and came to the National in the fall -- instant success -- took home a first place trophy. He has been active in the Illinois Club and helped carry the load for the "A Match" in Chicago in January.

JACK MERRILL, Houston, Texas, has been a member for several years and the Regional Governer for the area this past year. He is a founder of the Texas-Oklahoma Vizsla Club and has been active in all-breed field trials in that area, hunts from sun-up to dark every week-end during the hunting season. He trains his own dogs and has done a superb job of bringing the VC of A to Texas this past year. As in MANY of the cases of those nominated for national posts, the Merrills are a real "Vizsla family" and both share the enthusiasm for the work of the club.

TOM PRATT, Clarion, Iowa, has been on the Board of Directors since 1962 and has served as President of the VC of A for the past 2 years. He is the founder and long time secretary of the Prairie States Vizsla Club, and has served on many committees. He is a hunter and was active in field trials in the past.

Two Board Members, Loy Coutts and Morrie Chatfield, have asked to be relieved of their National Duties. For that reason, there are two vacancies for the remaining 1 year of their terms. Nominated for these posts were:

DICK BUHMAN, Milan, Illinois, who has been a member of the VC of A for several years has served as Field Trial Secretary and now as Field Trial Chairman for the club. He is active in many field trials across the country, in addition to those of the club, and has participated in Vizsla matches, in New Sharon and Chicago -- with great success, I might add. He trains his own dogs, handles and hunts with them, and has demonstrated his extreme interest in the breed and the club.

PAT CARTER, Manchester, New Hampshire, has been a member for several years and owned one of the first Vizslas in the New England area. She handles her own dogs in shows and field, Finishing an AKC bench champion herself, and has judged Junior Showmanship in an AKC sanctioned match. Pat is a housewife and professional woman, as a Purchasing Agent for a world-wide manuvacturing firm, and enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, animal photography, writing, but mostly Vizslas -- dog shows, field trials and puppies! She is secretary of the Merrimack Valley Kennel Club and editor of their monthly publication, the "Hydrant". She has also written for the VIZSLA NEWS . . . and should do more of it.

JESSIE L. IFTNER, Atlantic, Iowa, has been a member since 1962 and has attended and participated in many of the Vizsla Club of America Field Trials and meetings. He has demonstrated his interest and willingness to support the Vizsla.

DR. R. V. VANCAMP, Colby, Kansas, has owned Vizslas and been a member of the National Club for several years. He has attended field trials and meetings and expressed more than a passing interest in the breed. Both he and his wife are DVM's and enjoy hunting.

Now, the only problem remaining, when your ballot arrives, is to decide just who to cast your vote for! Admittedly, it will not be an easy decision in many cases. . . all the people nominated have excellent qualifications. I am confident that if elected, each one will do his very best to serve the club and the Vizsla breed.

Official ballots are being mailed to all members in good standing. That is, dues paid up as of March, 1965.

(If for some reason, your dues are in arrears or you fail to get your ballot within the next few days, contact the secretary, phone, 8647, immediately.)

Notification to those elected (and not elected) will be sent just as soon as a reasonable time has been allowed (exact date printed on ballots) for the return of ballots and counting committee to make the count.

The New officers and board will be incharge of the May 1 - 2 meetings and official notices will be forthcoming in the near future as to the details of the Annual Meeting of the Vizsla Club of America.

Report compiled by Jane Graff.
Nominating Committee: Brad Jorgens, Chairman, Dr. I. S. Osborn, and Jane Graff.

TEXAS SHOW NEWS. . .

by Marty Coody

Austin, Texas, March 13. . .

Winners Dog: Piros of Milo High, owner, San. Anne de Bar, Mexico

Reserve: Bela Brock Vincent, Martha L Gaskin

Winners Bitch: Sogen's Taffy Apple, Gene and Sonia Maekel

Reserve: Wetobe's Little Dinah, Mrs. H. B. Barnett

BoB -- Piros of Milo High

San Antonio, Texas, March 14. . .

Winners Dog: Piros of Milo High, Anne deBar

Reserve: Bela Brock Vincent, Marcha L Gaskin

Winners Bitch: Wetobe's Taffeta, Mrs. H. B. Barnett

Reserve: Sintex Jumey Vinn, R. J. & Martha Coody

BoB -- Wetobe's Tafeta

Winning the Novice B Obedience was a Vizsla, Miss Burnished Copper, owned by Jane Bowen, with a score of 195. (just 9 months old)

Affiliate of
Izaak Walton League

Bluegrass Field Trial Club

Phone 664-3968
Bloomfield, Iowa

Member of:
Amateur Field Trial Club
of America

March 12, 1965

Jane Graff, Secretary
Vizala Club of America
R.#3
Seward, Nebraska

Dear Jane:

I want to take this opportunity in behalf of the city of Bloomfield, the Izaak Walton League, and the Bluegrass Field Trial Club to welcome you to our fair city of Bloomfield. We feel honored and grateful that you picked our city to have your National Vizala Trial on May 1 & 2, 1965. We plan to do everything within our power to make your stay a pleasant one. The American Legion also wants to welcome you to Bloomfield, and invite you to use their facilities.

The grounds are located two miles west of Bloomfield near Lake Fisher. The Izaak Walton Club House is located on the grounds near the bird field. All of the Izaak Walton Clubhouse facilities will be at your disposal. We run our Bluegrass Field Trial here and have received many compliments. We feel and hope you will like the course. Food will be served at the club house during the day. Your banquet will be held at our very beautiful and spacious American Legion Club. The Legion Club is located one half block east from the north east corner of the square in Bloomfield. The Legion Club serves liquour at the bar in the basement. Your banquet will be served upstairs in the Legion Club. The upstairs room where your banquet will be served has a capacity for over 200 people. You are invited to use the downstairs bar. The downstairs bar will be open to the public but the upstairs will not be open to the public. This room will be a good place to hold your Annual Meeting. The room will be available as long as you will need it after you have your banquet.

We think the lodging facilities are excellent here in Bloomfield. There are three Motels in Bloomfield: Motel 63, The Martin Motel, and The Hargrove Motel. There is also the Travlier Motel located 6 mile west of Bloomfield on Highway 2. We feel sure the above motels will be able to take care of your demands, but if the above motels cannot, Ottumwa is only 19 miles north on Highway 63. There is a new Holiday Inn located on the south side of Ottumwa we are sure you would like.

Our chairman, Bill Byers, Harold Howk, Myron Speer, Madison Bogert, Lester Sprouse, and many others are working hard to make your trial a great success.

We are enclosing some pictures of our club house and our grounds.

If you need any assistance in organizing your trial, do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

BLUEGRASS FIELD TRIAL CLUB

John E. Howk

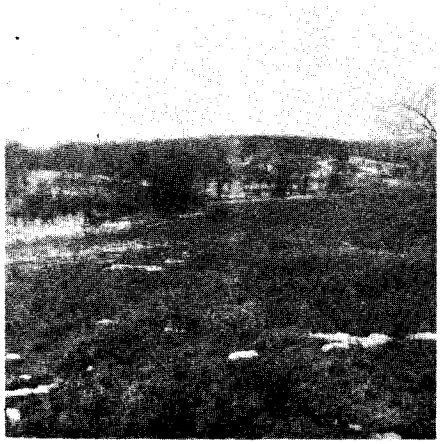
John E. Howk, Secretary
Bloomfield, Iowa

A WEE LOOK AT THE FIELD TRIAL SITE.....

The "break-away" for the All-Age stakes...

... part of the All-Age birdfield.

The Izaak Walton Club house...



Puppy and Derby bird-field.

Another view of the All-Age birdfield.

WHY THE EMPHASIS ON FIELD TRIALING?

"Twice a year, and for about a three-month period each time, this publication devotes a goodly portion of its space to touting field trials, perhaps to the neglect of other worthy items of equal importance to the bulk of the membership that is not interested in trialing. To some, this might not seem amiss -- but to others, it may seem a little overdone when it is considered that well over half of the members do not participate in trials, or even attend them."

The foregoing statement is a quote from an editorial by John Mires, in the Flushing Whip, the national publication of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, Inc. The problems that beset these people are much more complex than our own ... but the words he used is setting forth some very important "truths" about all sporting dogs and the people who are, in one way or another, influencing the future of their chosen breed, apply to the VC of A as well!

After explaining some of the circumstances that bring the Red Setter (formally divorced from the Irish Setter of bench fame) to its present status, Mr. Mires continues... "Any engineering effort must have its proving grounds. For the bird dog there is only one -- the field trial. While its conditions do not always approximate those of the hunting field, they are sufficiently close to be a test of reestablishing the two lost criteria of our dogs -- the nose and the run, or to put it another way, the ability to find and point the bird and to continue the search through a normal hunting period."

"To the 'just-hunter' dog owner, it need only to be pointed out that hunting seasons are too short and native birds too scarce to afford much opportunity to evaluate progress (or the lack of it) in a breeding program. It becomes necessary to use the longer, if somewhat more artificial, season of the field trials to more completely evaluate what is accomplished."

"Many owners of red setters shy away from the field trials because they either do not know just how the trial is conducted or because they do not wish to have either themselves or their dogs appear less than 'the best hunters in the world', which they secretly claim to be in their own corner of the map. Yet, neither of these is a valid reluctance. Most of the people in field trialing today are amateurs, and they are running the same dogs they shoot over during the hunting season. They have come to trials as a means of extending the season during which they can enjoy days afield with their dog or dogs, working as a team intent on doing all the things they do in the hunting field except perhaps actually bringing the bird to bag." Many Vizsla owners have found much satisfaction to compete in field trials, running with the pace-setters of the breed can be exciting, placings are more meaningful when you know just how your own dog behaves in a given "test", and "knowledge" and "appreciation" are not the least of the benefits that can be derived from participation in a field event.

"The horses? The gallery? Neither is really much of a problem even to the handler who prefers to walk or cannot train from horseback. All the stakes are paced for the foot handler if he desires to handle in this manner. The horse affords better visibility and more mobility, but is not essential to the success of a dog in a trial. So where is the variance between Trialing and Hunting? If you claim to be "just a bird hunter" and "not interested in field trials" you are missing a lot of fun in the field with your dog. After all, that's why we feed them, isn't it? For FUN?"

In each of the 115 breeds of dogs in the ranks of American dogdom, there is a single desire to improve and purify the blood lines. This is studied and discussed within each of the given breeds and the results are tested against other specimens of the -- for the many in the "just pet" classes, this is only in a show ring; "working dogs" and others can also demonstrate their trainability and intelligents in obedience trials; "hounds" have their style of field trial; and "sporting dogs" their own test. When a breeder speeks of soundness in a hunting dog... they would do well to prove their belief in the field! If all persons who would judge a dog would possess impeccable integrity and a universal and singular definition of just what a sound, physically perfectly constructed, trainable and representative Vizsla looked like -- then all marks of "rank" would have meaning. However, judges are only people -- and people only human, so such perfection is not possible.

Vizsla breeders should then take heed! Other breeds of sporting dogs have gone to "pot" in only a few decades, not because of poor breeding BUT because they were breeding for the wrong thing... and using only a singular "test" to base their thinking.

To compete in a field trial a Vizsla owner does not necessarily have to travel to the middle of Iowa! There are gun-dog clubs in practically every state in the union... and Vizsla contacts for each area. Start there! When you get out in the field and get the hang of the sport, you will not have to be "asked" to come to a National Vizsla Trial... you will be ready and waiting to participate in this proving ground -- the field trial.

NEBRASKA VIZSLA CLUB

An A. K. C. Licensed Field Trial is scheduled for April 24-25, 1965, at Grand Island, Nebraska. The Nebraska Vizsla Club invites all Vizsla owners and especially those making plans to travel to the National Field Trial and meeting the following week-end to making a full week -- attend two licensed AK.C Field Trials in one trip.

Vizsla Puppy and Vizsla Gun Dog Stakes are slated for Saturday's running, with the Open Derby, Open All-Age and Open All-Age Limited following and on Sunday. The Pointer-Setter Trial Grounds on the Grand Island Ordinance Depot along the Platte River valley should provide some good field trial experience for man and dog, and an excellent warm up for the National event the following week-end.

Nebraska also sports many "dog training areas" for year-round training. These will be open and available for your convience. State camping areas afford ample accommodations for those equipped for outdoor living -- or there are fine Motels for those who prefer their vacations with hot and cold water.

Nebraska Vizsla owners extend a warm welcome to all! There will be 4 Trophies awarded in each of the 5 stakes, and 2 Traveling Trophies to be defended! With a turn out of just the local entries, we could compile major stakes all the way around!

Field Trial entries and data will be sent to all persons who express an interest in them. Contact: Bud Graff, F. T. Secretary, Route 3, Seward, Nebraska.

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** The office of the Vizsla Club of America, Hwy 15 & Staplehurst Road, Seward, Nebraska, extends a personal invitation to all Vizsla Club members to stop in for a visit. The coffee will be on!

Welcome, New Members:

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Attention all members: Do check your mailing sticker. Is is correct? Is your zip code included? If now, please mail me a 4¢ card noting any corrections needed! Thank you.

Bud Graff, assistant editor in charge of mailing.

ONE PICTURE WORTH 1000 WORDS.....

THE TWO PALS Cara Gorrill with Bakony Betyar Fruzsi. Fruzsi pulled down 2 placings in the Canadian Field Trial, but when not hunting is "unseparatable" from Cara! This picture was sent by Dr. Bill Kemnes-Kettner, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. March winning picture!!

VIZSLAS DRAW INTEREST AT DOG EXHIBITION ... Manhattan Savings Bank

John Rendel, of the New York Times gave a nice write-up and picture to the Vizsla in March as a result of the tremendious interest that was shown to the breed by the many people who came to the 7th Annual Dog Exhibition at the Manhattan Savings Bank. Genevieve Wolfe spent a "delightful five days at the exhibition... answering hundreds of questions (all the way from "is it a clipped Irish setter?"on up!) " Many commented that they are the most beautiful hunting dog they had seen. Thanks to this member and the time she gave, many more people now know what a Vizsla is!

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OUR BIG DAY - - -

From the Illinois Vizsla Club Bulletin
by Sharon Simon

It started about four months ago when our members (Illinois Vizsla Club) started seriously working on being the host for the National Club's 2nd "A" Match. It would not only be a good thing for our club, but also wonderful experience for all of us, tho a bit frightening.

I decided there and then that this was my chance to have an active role with our Vizsla, "Jodi". When it comes to most Vizsla owners that are NOT hunters, you begin to feel left out. So this was my big chance.

Jodie and I lunged into daily strenuous training sessions on the art of showing a dog. With me not knowing any more than he about it, quite a few of our training periods turned out to be quite humorous.

We hadn't told Lew that we had decided to enter, but one evening after supper I asked him to sit down and watch us. Jodi performed beautifully and Lew was amazed! From then on his praise and encouragement helped us to our goal.

Then the big day arrived, there were so many butterflies in our house you might have thought it was spring. Jodi couldn't have cared less, but who could have expected him to know anything was up? Just because he got to sleep in our bed that night, just because he had a steak for breakfast, or just because I pampered him like he was made of 24 caret gold?

We arrived at the Auditorium late, and were amazed to see so many Vizslas, apparently all to be entered in the show. Jodi was amazed too, he had forgotten all that he was taught, and I was beginning to wonder if all my work had been in vain.

I barely got my coat off and the "Puppy Class for dogs" was called. Panic was written all over me. With wobbly knees, shaky hands, my heart in my mouth, and the dog who was still more concerned with his greetings to other Vizslas, we found our way to our designated place in the judge's ring.

To my surprise, Jodi began to calm down. Judge Hayden carefully checked all the dogs. Around the ring we went, then singly down and back, then a careful examination by Mr. Hayden, and after what seemed like hours, he carefully chose four.

No one could have been happier than I was at that moment! It is so difficult to express what I felt, but with tears in my eyes, I very proudly accepted the 2nd place trophy and ribbon for a dog, who for a long time to come, can do no wrong!

Editor's note: Sharon points out in a very sweet story the fact that working and training your dog to handle are the first things to do when planning to enter any kind of competition! A judge can only judge on what he sees -- and how you show it to him can make the difference.

OHIO CLUB FORMS...

Snow, rain, freezing rain, and wind could not deter Ohio Vizsla enthusiasts... 15 charter members of the new regional club signed their names to a membership and chose temporary officers:

Bernard, "Clif" Boggs, chairman
Jack McHaney, Vice-Chairman
Virginia McHaney, Secretary-treasurer
Hilda Boggs, show chairman
John Virag, field trial Chairman.

Another meeting is scheduled for April 11. Club members are urging participation in local trials and shows as well as National events.

TEXAS - OKLAHOMA REGIONAL CLUBS....

Jack Merrill, Regional Governer for that area reports that there are plans for a barbeque and possibly a limited field trial this spring.

Jack has also enrolled the assistance of "district chairmen" for the vast area that the region encompasses. Mrs. Robert Coody of Austin; Jerry Lineweber, Houston; Shirley Welch, Pampa; Dr. L. E. Mann, Paris; and H. W. Ray, Oklahoma City.

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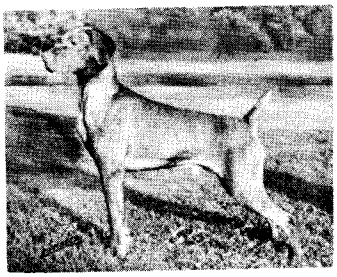

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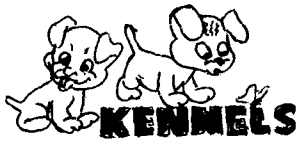

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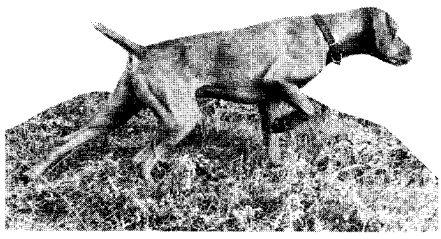

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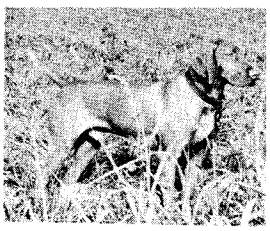

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