The Vizsla News

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"... Field Trial, Club... ? well, I got a Vizsla strictly for hunting..." is the remark most often heard when meeting an obviously new owner of the breed. They might ask if you know a good trainer (not knowing that the best training for Vizslas is done by their owners, with the help of other amateur and professional trainers in regular training sessions or periodical "fun trials".)

Fortunately, there are many people who bought their Vizsla "just for hunting", who have discovered that through group training, fun trials, and licensed field trials, they can expand their hunting "season" to encompass the whole calendar -- not just a few weeks or months in the fall of the year. Great progress has been marked by these individuals, using these grounds -- comparison hunting -- within the Vizsla breed, and with other contemporary "gun dogs". With the ever broadening field group, the Vizsla owners have a corresponding increase in proven field specimens from which they can choose.

However, let us never slight the many members of the Vizsla Club of America who are -- by geographic location, material limitations (physical, financial or time), or interest -- "JUST HUNTERS". This is your club, too.

This is YOUR special time of the year.

You have memorized the dates and bag limits for each and every game bird not only in your state, but in many of the surrounding states. You have probably worked to improve hunting conditions, game laws and hunter-farmer relations.

The calendar is circled -- D-day is at hand! Just time enough to put some polish on the boots, the shot-gun, and the manners of that rust-gold friend of yours.

HAPPY HUNTING!

by Jane Graff
photo by Nancy Wolfe

"CLASS DOG" takes top honors at FIRST VIZSLA SPECIALTY.....

Sunday morning, August 29th, dawned sunny but crisp and as one looked across the green expanse of lawn at the Metropolitan Polo Field in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, one could see a "golden haze" at the far end of the field. What was the "golden haze"? Why VIZSLAs naturally - for this was the BIG DAY - the day of the first Vizsla Club of America Specialty, being held in conjunction with the all-breed classes of the Chagrin Valley Kennel Club dog show. An unprecidented entry of 52 Vizslas was expected.....and there they were -

Around Ring #1 - with many old friends greeting one another and many new friends being found (both canine and human).....all having one great interest - THE FIRST VIZSLA SPECIALTY. They came from Nebraska, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Florida, Connecticut, New Hampshire and as far away as Canada - BUT THEY CAME - all to support their national club and their breed. There were puppies, the real first-timers, the field trial dogs never shown in the ring before, and the old pro's - but all were there, beautifully groomed and putting their best 'paws' forward for their masters. They KNEW that this was something special - why else would there be so many other red dogs around! There was a certain 'spark' in the air, even the dogs sensed it, but the feeling was one of complete relaxation and enjoyment.

Never before had so many Vizslas assembled at a dog show to be judged. It was the most rewarding sight to see and the Open Dog Class was the finest I personally have ever seen with eleven magnificent Vizsla dogs vying for the blue ribbon. Mr. Kenneth M. McDonald of Corona, Calif. surely had a most difficult assignment - he must select the best of the best. But, after the judging was completed and this best dog had been selected - all agreed that our judge had done an excellent job.

From the various classes of dogs and bitches, Mr. McDonald selected his Best of Winners - which was a dog. This dog then entered the ring to complete with the 13 Specials (all Champions of Record) for the most coveted award of all - BEST OF BREED. After what seemed an eternity, Mr. McDonald pointed to his "Class Dog" and we now here offer our heartiest congratulations to a most magnificent specimen of our Vizsla breed - who came up from the classes to be awarded the top honors at our first Vizsla Specialty.

Congratulations to: "Gypsy's Bronze Bomber"
Owned by: Mrs. Harriet Anderson, Chicago, Illinois
Handled by: Mr. Jack Funk, Chicago, Illinois
Bred by: Mr. & Mrs. John Kenly, Phoenix, Arizona
Sire: Ripp Barat Dam: Sissy Selle

A breakdown of the Vizsla placements is as follows:

Entry: 52 Vizslas 22 dogs 17 bitches (3 absent) 13 Specials

BEST OF BREED:	"Gypsy's Bronze Bomber"	Owner: Mrs. Harriet Anderson Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. John Kenly
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST OF BREED:	"Ch. J'Ann of Misty Hills"	Owner: Mr. Carl H. Gawanus Breeder: Mr. Edward L. Bennett
WINNER'S DOG & BEST OF WINNERS:	"Gypsy's Bronze Bomber" (5 pt. Major)	
WINNER'S BITCH:	"Diane's Golden Karratz" (5 pt. Major)	Owner: Dr. & Mrs. Bernard E. McGivern, Jr. Breeder: Michelina Nazzeri
RESERVE WINNER'S DOG:	"Csopi v Hunt"	Owner: Irene Butler Breeder: Joan & Charles Hunt
RESERVE WINNER'S BITCH:	"Csinos v Hunt"	Owner: Dr. & Mrs. Paul Rothan Breeder: Joan & Charles Hunt

PUPPY DOGS: (5 in competition)

1st	"Rustic Fun-Galore"	Owner: Al Sulesky Breeder: Same
2nd	"Szekeres' Kelet Szel"	Owner: B. C. & Hilda Boggs Breeder: John A. & Priscilla A. Carter

3rd	"Glen Cottage Boj Bee"	Owner:	A.W. Braun & J.F. Cunningham
		Breeder:	J.X. Strauz & J.F. Cunningham
4th	"Szekeres' Kis Ficko"	Owner:	John A & Priscilla A. Carter
		Breeder:	Same

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOGS: (2 in competition)

1st	"Szekeres' Aranyos Heja"	Owner:	John A. & Priscilla A. Carter
		Breeder:	Same
2nd	"Pumpkin Fun-Galore"	Owner:	Al Sulesky
		Breeder:	Same

AMERICAN BRED DOGS: (6 in competition)

1st.	"Csic-Ked's Ardent"	Owner:	Dr. James & Elaine Schuster
		Breeder:	Margaret Meminger
2nd	"Rusty Red"	Owner:	Joe H. Cuthbertson
		Breeder:	Frank G. Engstrom
3rd	"Ferro v Hunt"	Owner:	R. J. Buhman
		Breeder:	Joan & Charles Hunt
4th	"Kashturah of Goncoltanya"	Owner:	Irene M. Landefeld
		Breeder:	Same

OPEN DOGS: (11 in competition)

1st	"Gypsy's Bronze Bomber"	Owner:	Mrs. Harriet Anderson
		Breeder:	Mr. & Mrs. John Kenly
2nd	"Csopi v Hunt"	Owner:	Irene Butler
		Breeder:	Joan & Charles Hunt
3rd	"Puerco Pete Barat"	Owner:	Joe Cunningham
		Breeder:	Mrs. John Kenly
4th	"Haans V Selle"	Owner:	Dr. Richard C. Reinhardt
		Breeder:	Merle W. Callaway

PUPPY BITCHES: (1 in competition)

1st	"Hladky Lee of Laurel Ridge"	Owner:	Lee B. Michaels
		Breeder:	Judith A. Holcomb

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCHES: (2 in competition - with 1 absent)

1st	"Zsuzsi v Rozsda"	Owner:	Walter & Robert Anderson
		Breeder:	Same

AMERICAN BRED BITCHES: (3 in competition)

1st	"Brok Olca's Tizsa"	Owner:	Dr. W. C. & Margaret Meminger
		Breeder:	Dr. I. S. Osborne
2nd	"Lady Burdee"	Owner:	Michelina Nazzari
		Breeder:	Paul E. Madrid
3rd	"Rika Barat"	Owner:	Edythe V. Billingslea
		Breeder:	Charlotte & John Rusim, Jr.

OPEN BITCHES: (11 in competition - with 2 absent)

1st	"Diane's Golden Karratz"	Owner:	Dr. & Mrs. Bernard E. McGivern
		Breeder:	Michelina Nazzeri
2nd	"Csinos v Hunt:	Owner:	Dr. & Mrs. Paul L. Rothan
		Breeder:	Joan & Charles Hunt
3rd	"Rittie"	Owner:	Sarah E. Clark
		Breeder:	Samed
4th	"Zlatna Devojka v Hunt:	Owner:	Lawrence R. Ludt
		Breeder:	Charles & Joan Hunt

After the final judging, many of the exhibitors enjoyed a "tail-gate" party under the trees with "Doc" Reinhardt's camper serving as our refreshment stand. Here the exhibitors talked over the day's event, greeting new and old friends and all exhibitors agreed it was "a mighty fine specialty". All look forward to the next one with great anticipation.

Priscilla "Pat" Carter,
National Show Chairman

Pat Carter

THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, Inc.

The Fall Field Trial of the Vizsla Club of America will be held in Greenup, Illinois, the second weekend in October.

The Kick Off Dinner is to start at 6:30 p. m. at the Cumberland County Sportsman's Club on Friday evening, October 8. Following the dinner and introductions will be a film "Hunting Dogs Afield" and a general get-acquainted time.

Open Derby and Open Gun-Dog Stakes will cast off at 7:00 a. m. Saturday morning, October 9th. the Open Puppy and Amateur Shooting Dog Stakes will follow in their repective fields.

The judges' banquet will be served right there on the grounds, with the social hour starting just as soon as the dogs are put up for the night. The banquet will be served at 7:30.

The trophy committee has again done an excellent job of selecting a fine assortment of "suitable mementoes" to be awarded to the top four dogs in each stake. For the stakes completed on Saturday, the placements and awards will be given at this time. Remainder of the stakes and the Limited will be run off on Sunday, October 10.

(First row: Derby, 2nd row, Amateur, 3rd row, Limited all-age; 4th row, puppy and 5th row, Gun Dog. Want to reserve one now?)

There are a number of traveling trophies to be defended, and also a new one to be added to the fun. Arthur J. Webster of Milford Massacusetts has donated a very beautiful trophy -- 20" tall. It is to be awarded to the best woman handler. Now then, if the judges seem to be consentrating on the actions of the handler -- it will be for a good reason!

(Virginia McHaney, co-chairman of the Trophy Committee eyes this pretty addition -- then went out and worked with HER entry!)

SEE YOU AT GREENUP ! ! !

...A TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT... or is it a REAL STORM ? ?

The Vizsla News, established in the early days of the Vizsla Club of America, has been a part of almost all activity and progress made. I hope, at this point, that the "debate" that is coming through the pages of this breed's publication will finally prove to be beneficial, and result in some sound proposals to help and guide breeders and owners of Vizslas.

If this sounds a bit vague -- it is because after a week working, re-working, standing back and trying again, my proof-reader says it is all quite confusing. So, instead of beginning with an editorial, I will review the "problem" that has evolved... then the "discussion" in as nearly the order it arrived as possible.

The reason, I believe, that things are confusing just now is that no final statement can be given. ...not at this point! Members would do well not to jump to "conclusions" until all sides have been aired!

The POINT IN QUESTION. The June V. NEWS carried the committee appointments. Well and good. The chairman of one, Wilmer Kline, asked that I put a note in the News concerning the Breeders' Approval list. His letter was filed and the suggestion forgotten, My apologies to Mr. Kline. It is:

> "I would like to get all the ideas from all sources, members and breeders alike. Then from the various ideas I hope we can come up with something constructive."

The June issue also carried an advertisement for a puppy by Dr. VanCamp.

Upon seeing the ad, another member felt compelled to write an open letter attempting to ratify the negative impression implied. Mr. Davies felt that such an ad should never run in "our News". He expressed his sincere feelings (MANY members have said similar things) and while I certainly could not agree with all the points, felt that it brought up some questions that need answers, and some views that need correcting -- not only for this one member who "spoke up" but all members with feelings all the way from: ... "don't mention H. D." to "... I have yet to see a clean x-ray"...

As editor, it pointed to: (1) the need for a review of facts known -- the majority of members today know nothing about discussions on the problem of Hip Dysplasia back in 1961; (2) a need for education in the field, making available the latest facts in the research program; (3) some revision in policy for accepting ads in the breed's publication and/or the breeders' approval list of requirements.

So, the August issue carried the open letter, and also another ad for a puppy by still another member.

I am sure that it would have been "safer" to have toned down or qualified all of the preceding items. I could have answered these gentlemen quietly on the side, and no one would need to know that a highly controversial subject -- one that effects the breed and all people who have added even one Vizsla puppy to the ranks -- is brewing behind the scenes.

Think I, "... this may spark some interest in this area so that the board will do more than "talk" about it this fall, maybe take some action that would give the

club an objective approach. " The club, at present stands on the following document:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, That

Whereas, x-ray examination of certain Vizslas has proven the breed to be infiltrated with the presence of the undesirable dominant gene for congenital Hip Dysplasia,

Whereas, the percentage of breeding stock afflicted is unknown as no general radiographing has been undertaken,

Whereas, to determine the extent of infiltration of the dysplasia gene, or to attempt to eliminate this gene from the breed, it will be necessary to obtain graphs of the hips of breeding stock.

Whereas, breeding experiments have proved without question that Hip Dysplasia is a hereditary defect that is transmitted from a parent to the young as a dominant character with incomplete penetration,

Whereas, that in order for the Club to suggest a program to reduce the incidence of Dysplasia within the breed, it will be necessary that radiographs be obtained of the hips of all breeding stock,

Whereas, that in order for the gene for congenital Hip Dysplasia to be eliminated from the breed it will be essential that dysplastic animals should not be used for breeding purposes; excepting to produce dysplastic puppies as a breeding experiment to determine the presence of the dominant gene in one of the parents, resultant litter to be unregistered.

Resolved, that it is the sense of this Resolution to propose means to reduce the incidence of congenital Hip Dysplasia within the breed,

Resolved, therefore that the Vizsla Club give consideration to adopting this Resolution calling for all breeding stock to be immediately radiographed, and specifying that no dog or bitch presenting the slightest evidence of Hip Dysplasia be used for breeding purposes, excepting controlled breeding experiments to prove or disprove the presence of the dominant character in one of the parents.

Unanimously approved at the Annual Meeting, April 8, 1961, Chicago, Illinois.

The 15 people who were at this meeting probably worked hours on this, and went as far as they could -- at that time -- but what does it say today? . . . "we resolve to give consideration to a resolution calling for radiographs on all breeding stock. . . " The club did publish a pamphlet telling about hip dysplasia in dogs (limited numbers are still available from the V. NEWS office, 15¢ each).

HISTORY. The Vizsla breed -- by coincidence and "luck" -- has been privileged to be participating in the research being done at the University of Minnesota on Hip Dysplasia in dogs. A large percentage of the dogs trained for guard duty (German Shepherds) for the Army during WWII developed hip dysplasia. Months of training was wasted. As a result, the government gave a large grant to be used for research --- "cause and cure" of the condition. This was the first large scale look at dysplasia -- and following the initial reports, a rash of articles in Veterinarian publications and Dog magazines attempted to interpret these findings to the thousands of dog owners and breeders. (From 1957 to 1961) The immediate hysteria of German Shepherd people was lessened when hip dysplasia was diagnosed in 45 other breeds of dogs. The course for research to take was to prove (or disprove) the findings in another breed. The Vizsla, only in this country a short time, with only a few confirmed cases of hip dysplasia was offered to the research center. An appeal was printed in the May-June issue of the Vizsla News (1961) for any other dysplastic Vizslas known to Vizsla Club members to be sent to the Dysplasia Colony. Owners of normal stock were also invited to donate dogs. The program, subsidized by the government, would be at no cost to the Vizsla Club or owners -- it would be an important contribution toward eventual elimination of hip dysplasia. There was a special fund established to pay the shipping expenses for dogs when owners could not afford express charges. I have no record as to the number of dogs that were sent.

The Colony now has about 125 Vizslas (as well as many more German Shepherds, and possibly some other breeds)

THEREFORE, Vizsla breeders do not have to talk in generalities, or in facts and figures on other breeds. We are fortunate! Other breeds are just now beginning research programs. The research done with Vizslas did not bear out 100% with that done on Shepherds.

Last November at the Fall Field Trials, Dr. Francis Spurrell, from the University of Minnesota spoke at the Judges' Dinner. He had films of dogs, slides showing how to get an x-ray, and x-rays of clean and dysplastic dogs -- Vizslas and Shepherds. The report of that talk was made by Dr. Peterson, a vizsla owner and a vet, for the Vizsla News. His main points will be repeated here, since they apparently were missed by many:

Hip Dysplasia has been found in all breeds of pure-bred dogs.

The gene for dysplasia is undoubtedly as widespread in the Vizsla as it is in many other breeds of dogs. (Not necessarily more - but certainly not an insignificant amount)

Strict vigilance to mating normal dogs will be necessary to keep the condition in check.

Dysplasia cannot be confirmed in the Vizsla until it has attained the age of 30 months -- 2 ½ years of age.

X-rays may be sent to the University where an impartial board will examine them.

With these as the only "facts" presented on the subject, then how can members have such widely differen views? It was interesting to note that the first criticism made by both individuals was that I printed -- or even acknowledged the views of the other one!

IS THIS THE TIME AND THE PLACE? Well, it will have to do, now! Since this is where it started -- just ride the waves -- if some individuals gasp with horror or close their minds to the problem, there is nothing we can do, BUT we are stuck with the job of airing in the hopes of arriving at some workable policy, for the Vizsla News and the Vizsla Club of America. Spark some interest? The Boston Teaparty was a social event by comparison!!

Perhaps the number of dysplastic dogs coming out of a kennels or mating will remain a more closely guarded secret than insanity in the family, but we, the members, are doing nothing about the problem by ignoring it, or by advertising for a "clean" puppy.

There is a discussion -- therefore -- before the membership. "Hot" issues have been discussed at club meetings with 40 or 50 members present, this one has come in the V. NEWS, so will be considered by 10 times that many. . . that's all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. These are not necessarily in the order they arrived, and are again not altered, but just as they were received on this subject.

September 8

Dear Jane:

I was somewhat surprised at your printing the letter on hip dysplasia by Erny Davies. My first thought was that your idea was to stimulate interest and discussion on the topic by publishing this side of the subject.

The Vizsla Club of America is commited, among other things, to "support research and educational work to reduce and/or eliminate undesirable or detrimential congenital traits in the breed" and to "educate Vizsla owners". Our Breeders Approval Committee is not taking steps toward this end.

It seems to me that Mr. Davies' first concern is the selling of dogs, and this has no place in the Vizsla Club of America program. The sole function, in my opinion, of a national breed organization is to improve (and protect) the breed. If there are weaknesses (hip dysplasia is one, and only one of them ---there are others as well) then it is our responsibility to recognize this weakness early while there is still an opportunity for its correction, rather than to pretend it is not important to the point that it becomes a major problem. Let us hope that the final conclusions drawn by our Breeders Approval Committee will show us that dysplastic hipe in our breed are not as wide spread as some people now think they are, but, until this is decided one way or the other, let us not be afraid to discuss it openly.

I hope that you will print a representative sample of the letters of rebuttal that I'm sure you will be receiving in reponse to this article. I'd like to see this followed through to some sort of a conclusion.

Sincerely,

Dick

Dick Reinhardt
104 East 21st Street
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

(TO: EDITOR, VIZSLA NEWS

FROM: R. V. VanCAMP September 20
Colby, Kansas)

Dear Jane,

I am always glad to observe new ideas in use, especially in the field of journalism. In the August issue I notice you had a fact and fiction column. Mr. Davies did an excellent job of writing a highly fictious article for the Vizsla News. Not only did such a fictious article get into the news but was evidently sanctioned and accepted as the latest report on dysplasia. The editor neglected to mention that this was Mr. Davies' ideas and not the ideas representing the Vizsla Club of America.

I would like to clarify now that any thing I may say in this letter in no way reflects the ideas of the Vizsla Club of America. In fact it is unfortunate that such a truthful statement can be made. We have reached the point of deterioration of the breeders of Vizslas, where selling is the most important aspect of breeding.

Mr. Davies' ideas are quite antiquated. I am sure the greyhound people would be offended by the statement that all breeds of dogs are affected with hip dysplasia. With due respect to Mr. Davies, I must chuckle when I think of a greyhound lap dog. The greyhound is the exception to his statement regarding size. Research has generally proven that the smaller dogs within a breed with a corresponding large muscle mass in the hind quarters are more resistant to dysplasia.

Many falls in this area we have the misfortune of a good crop of sandburrs. I have often observed Vizslas and other breeds continuously hunting these areas. Since these dogs are endouwed with that extra ingredient that keeps them hunting while the burrs are hurting their feet doesn't this possibility also exist with dysplasia?

I am sorry my ad was offensive to Mr. Davies. I did however, pay for the right to advertisement. Mr. Davies' only expense was a stamp and a very few minutes of thought. My advertisement did enable me to find a puppy with a guarantee of freedom from dysplasia at its 1st birthday, not at 3 to 5 years as Mr. Davies indicates. I hadn't realized that breeding of Vizslas was so lucrative that most breeders could afford not to be interested in premium prices. I still have a few letters I received if any one is interested in obtaining clean stock. It was most gratifying to observe a similar ad in the August issue.

Mr. Davies is so obviously misinformed that in order to get a point across he must resort to insults and accusations directed at the medical professions. I find these remarks very insulting and distastefull. The Vizsla News has shown very poor judgement in printing these derogatory statements. I would assume that Mr. Davies was irritated with me so should have so stated rather than including the medical professions.

Other breeders are concerned with dysplasia and other abnormalities existing within other breeds. One needs only to read the Dog World magazine and find many articles which circumvent these problems, including dysplasia. This is a newstand circulation open to the general dog world, not to only the Vizsla people as the Vizsla News is. My primary concern is that we educate ourselves to the fact that dysplasia is a serious problem facing our breed. To anyone who tends to take this statement lightly let him attempt to find clean stock and a breeder who believes in his stock. Let Mr. Davies raise puppies and as his last two words of his letter so aptly described it, SELL THEM. We can't regulate breeders and puppy mills, they will eventually take care of this by themselves depending upon their integrity and quality of stock offered for sale. Let a few people who are dedicated to improving and preserving this fine breed go about it without so much resistance. Contrary to popular opinion we also pay taxes, raise children, and lead lives similar to others. We are perhaps more realistic and idealistic with our views, than is shared by others.

A few years ago Jack Parr made a television star out of his Dashshund which had been operated on for intervertebral disc protusion. This is a common condition found in the Dachshu d breed. I haven't observed any fewer Dachshunds since this was brought to the attention of the public.

Ignorance, lack of understanding, and the failure to admit that problems do exist can be the real enemies of the Vizsla breed and not those who insist on improvement.

Sincerely

R V Van Camp Jr.

September 11, 1965

To: Editor, VIZSLA NEWS
From: Bernard C. Boggs
51 Cherry Drive, Springfield, Ohio

THAT FAD--HIP DYSPLASIA
A Reply to Mr. Davies

Hip dysplasia may well be a fad in the minds of some people. The Vizsla Club of America has not to my knowledge been responsible for any recent articles on this subject. Many have been printed by other club publications. One I might mention is the May 1965 issue of "THE AMERICAN BRITTANY". It states that in two instances where about 50 Brittanies were x-rayed only one in each group was declared 100% clean.

The Vizsla Club of America has been interested in this problem for some time, but has not been working actively toward a solution. Too few members fully understand this problem, and those who do are not interested in starting a "crusade" that would damage their reputation or that of the Vizsla.

This problem has been discussed at the board meetings, and a Breeder's Approval Committee has been formed.

The club does not have the authority or means to insist that every Vizsla in the United States be x-rayed. Anything done along these lines must be done by the individual. How to motivate each and every Vizsla owner to do this is something else again.

One objective of the club is to support research and educational work to reduce or eliminate this and other undesirable congenital defects in the breed. No one defect was singled out. It is evident to many that hip dysplasia currently is the most serious, and will multiply in its frequency. It will become more and more difficult to arrest as time goes by. No matter how much publicity, research, or educational work is done by the national club, the "backyard" breeder will now be responsible for the majority of it. This is not the place of origin. Creditable breeders will still be held accountable for its continuation. It is probably too late at this point to stop its spread. But it is not too late to form a group of dedicated breeders working cooperatively with the national club to breed for its exclusion and to guarantee that any of their breeding will be free from hip dysplasia.

On April 8, 1961 a resolution was unanimously approved at our Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, to propose means of reducing the incidence of congenital hip dysplasia in the breed. This resolution further called for all breeding stock to be radiographed, and that no dog or bitch representing the slightest evidence be used for breeding purposes, except for controlled experiments to prove or disprove the dominance in one of the parents. "Congenital Hip Dysplasia and Its Ramifications" and an address "Dysplasia in Vizslas" by Dr. I. S. Osborn, DVM was published by the Vizsla Club of America in 1961. This resolution has not been given the attention it deserves.

Does anyone know how many dysplastic Vizslas have been bred, and rebred since that resolution? So far it has done very little to control it, and this may be because very few people believed its existense, or else were afraid of losing sales.

A breeder that learns he has dysplasia in his kennel after that sire or dam has been responsible for a number of offspring cannot recall his sales. And some would not answer an owner who found it in one he bought, much less replace it.

One thing you can be sure of, and that is a person who once owned a dysplastic dog does not want to buy another just like it! He will go to great length to avoid it. For this reason you will continue to see ads asking for some type guarantee, and I am hopeful that we will see more and more breeders willing to sell under these conditions. It will not come from the breeder whose only interest in the Vizsla breed is to sell pups.

It is unfair to the new initiate in the breed to be faced with his first Vizsla a dysplastic one. This is the fastest and surest way I know to put the breed down!

It would seem that as a national breed club our responsibility is to prepare a breeders approval list so a prospective buyer might buy with confidence. Now, when I receive an inquiry it is quite difficult to make recommendations without showing favoritism in one way or the other. There is no assurance that these people will buy a dog that has been radiographed and declared clean by a competent radiologist.

From reading Mr. Davies letter, if I were an unsuspecting individual, this H.D. would be even more confusing. My impression would probably be that this thing was some latent type virus, or disease that might show up at maturity. It would scare me off dogs for fear it might suddenly appear in my children.

According to Dr. Osborn it is transmitted as a dominant characteristic with incomplete penetration.

A dog has or has not! Only the degree of hip dysplasia is normally in question. The sublaxed bi-lateral type dog won't run long, is painful to him when exercised, and after such exercise it is extremely difficult for that dog to rise from his sleeping position. This severe condition can be detected visually, and is quite easily confirmed by x-ray.

Why buy this when for the same price you can get a reasonable guarantee? As dedicated members of the Vizsla Club of America and breeders of the Vizsla it is our responsibility to improve the breed. Hip dysplasia is certainly deserving of our attention, but not to the exclusion of everything else that is good or bad in our breed.

Should there never be another Vizsla sold, let the Vizsla Club of America present this breed to the public as it is now regardless of how it came about. Under no circumstance should we cover up known defects just for a sale! And if this causes people not to buy this breed for business and profit, then we shall have rendered a futher service. The worst thing that could happen to the Vizsla would be its becoming the MOST popular dog. This is far worse, in my opinion, than hip dysplasia or any other congenital defect we might wish to focus our attention on.

Bernard C. Boggs

An open letter to Mr. Davies (c/o The Vizsla News) was also received by Pat Carter, Manchester, N.H.

Unfortunately there is not space in this issue to include the entire letter. Many of her points are included in earlier comments, but it does point up that another member took the time and effort to respond to the needs of the breed... (the letter will be at the meeting in Greenup and may be included at a later date) She states... "according to leading European scientists, the breed MOST affected in the U. S. is the Labrador Retriever... not exactly a lap dog!" and concludes by saying, "our breed has already won the respect of the public -- mainly through the devotion and diligence of our national club. We are not afraid to spell out, or talk, about the hip dysplasia problem. I am very grateful to our national club and am very proud that I belong to this wonderful forthright organization. May they always be outspoken and helpful on every subject!"

The only other letter having arrived to date on the subject was also written on September 21, written by Wilmer Kline, Garden City, Kansas, It concluded, "I won't go into the details at this time as to why I feel that a rebuttal to such a letter as that signed by Mr. Davies is unnecessary."

WITH THE FOREGOING COMPLETED, I will add only this to the discussion: The fact that people ran ads like they did, members responded as they did and still more individuals have reacted in a number of ways as a result of foregoing events indicates that we have been far too long in getting started in an educational program! If this was a poor approach, then it is unfortunate -- but it is the ONLY one that got a "flicker" on the subject.

When asked to edit this "newsletter", I had only a limited amount of experience in the publishing of a periodical, an interest in writing, and a great love for the Vizsla breed. As I look back on it now, that which I felt was a dedication to a needy cause must also have been spiked with a hell of a lot of nerve. You members patiently endured the early efforts, as I struggled to "put together" an issue, find a printer who was dependable and could get out the type of publication needed to serve a national membership. Although I may have advanced only from that of a "green-horn" amateur to that of a more-or-less competent "hack", The Vizsla News has become a regular 12 to 14 page magazine covering as wide an interest scope as possible. The paid-up mailing list has more than doubled; the member-participation has increased far more than that.

In the initial issue, I called for all members, Vizsla owners or interested persons to write articles on any subject for airing. The Vizsla News is an "open line of communication"... and as such the only qualification made was: "Equal space will be given to answer any controversial opinions. All material will be used verbatim, none taken out of context when signed and printed under a by-line." If YOU have a bone to pick -- rest assured that it will be impartially handled in this office. I do not "pre-judge" or "put-down" an article or open letter when it appears over YOUR NAME. If I was to squelch all comments on any one field, the publication would cease to speak for the membership! It would speak only for the members who agree with the editor (or other controlling influence) I need not point out the dangers of a situation such as this!

What is the saying... "Always be tolerant with those who disagree with you... they have a perfect right to their ridiculous opinions!" I have paused and re-read that clipping on my bulletin board more than once while typing copy ... or edited out comments feeling that members did not need a "map" to see through items. Most members are literate, intelligent, and adult: "Danger, forked tongue", "This crack-pot should get a cat", or "Read this! It's GOOD for you!" would not be my approach to the problem. The words used by the individual should be sufficient.

The Vizsla News carries a variety of subjects within each cover. It may be educational, informative, amusing; it may be of general interest, or of specific nature; there are committee reports, regional items, of one member's feelings or questions concerning a given subject; it also carries official notices for the Vizsla Club of America, and reports of national events; paid advertising is also accepted. Each is identified. Further qualification above each would be superfluous, and in some instances most derogatory.

This is a big country. An organization attempting to represent the whole breed -- with some kind of a unified voice -- had better have an inner-club "sounding-board" on which all members can be recognized --not just those who live within driving distance of Greenup, Illinois, for instance!

An open letter, addressed to the editor of the news is JUST THAT. You can stand up at an annual meeting and present a personal view, or write an open letter to present your thinking on a point. Either way, it should be met with the same courtesy. After you have your "say" you should expect rebuttals, but as a final result there should be some type of action on the part of the membership! Listening to or reading about opposit views should pose no "danger" to the membership. There should be an increase in interest, research and education in the process!

Maybe this crusade for "freedom of speech" is passé ... "... the News makes a good national forum, as if anyone really cares..." said one person.

... "... educated breeders will take the open letter by Mr. Davies for what it is worth, but there are many amateur breeders who read the NEWS and who might use this as one more excuse to disregard hip dysplasia in their breeding program..." says another.

... "... let us kid no one, the club will never be able to do anything about the problem of hip dysplasia except through the NEWS. The fact remains that we will have to get the INDIVIDUAL so conscious of it that he will have his dogs X-rayed the same as he protects them with shots for distemper and rabies..." says still another.

... "... as long as a breed publication goes along with no criticism or comments, it is not really serving the breed..." says a fellow editor.

... "... you state that this was not intended to undermine this committee's goal. In view of the developments, I can't help but wonder...," someone adds.

As I see it, the issue of hip dysplasia in Vizslas is only EXPOSED -- and persons would do well, at this point, to keep an open mind in the matter. Further than that, your editor will sort and use all material that will serve to clear the air, and that that seems pertinent in reaching some solution.

A national forum? Yes, I guess that is what we have. It is the ONLY full membership "floor" the Vizsla owners have... you should care! If by this discussion some policy is marked by the Vizsla Club, then the "burr" under the saddle will have been justified.

If, in the mean time, YOU have something you want to say (on this or any other subject), the editor of the Vizsla News (and 90% of the membership) will be glad for your 5¢ worth of thoughts!

COLORADO VIZSLA CLUB

by Betty Kunie

The second AKC Sanctioned Fall Field Trial was held on September 18-19. We had a very successful trial with a total of 42 entries -- 21 of these were Vizslas.

The weather was very poor with rain and snow on both days. Dogs and handlers were wet to the ears, so the food tent sold much coffee.

The Vizsla placings were as follows:

Open Puppy: (12 entries) 2nd place: "Jodo Red" a male owned and handled by James Rose, from Boulder, Colorado. Amateur All-Age: 2nd place' "F. T. Ch. Brok Selle" owned and handled by Don Anderson, Denver, Colorado; 4th place: "Mile Hi Sandy" a female owned and handled by Tuck Nicolarson from Denver.

The Amateur Gun Dog Stake is a handler shoot. The 1st place in this went to Don Anderson and his F. T. Ch. Brok Selle.

A lot of experience was gained by dogs and handlers. Many were there for their first trial. Fun was had by all even in the wet muddy weather. All were anxious to return home to thaw after all events were completed in hopes there would be better weather conditions next time.

WILD WINGS HOSTS FIELD EVENT

by Len Hartl

Weather conditions were far from ideal on the week-end of Sept 18-19, but anxious hunters were out to see if their dogs remembered anything from last year. This is an all-breed affair, with Vizslas not even entered in all events.

The puppy stake, however, proved to be Vizsla placings all the way! Dr. Tom Purden from Iowa City took top spot with his Vizsla, "Barriff", 2nd went to "Lobo" owned and handled by Harold Wingerter, from Muscatine, and 3rd: "Cha Cha" owned and handled by Allen Hahn, also of Muscatine.

Despite the battle with the Mississippi River this spring, the cover at the preserve is in real good shape and the bird crop is promising!

NEBRASKA VIZSLA CLUB

The Fall Field Trial, licensed by AKC, was held near Lexington, Nebraska, on September 18-19. The weather was no better here! The ground, wet with several days of drizzle proved hard going for the 39 entries. The frequent downpours during the two day event did not stay these rugged individuals.

Judges, Don Higgins of Omaha and Ray Miller of Grand Island had to use water-proof pens, but got all the marks recorded. Red Hollingsworth, assisted by Walter Dunlap and Harlan Wheeler didn't miss a que at their corner of the birdfield when it was time for the official gunners to drop the birds for the retrieves.

A great big assist was the fine field catalog prepared by F. T. Secretary, Burrel Bourn. The Bourn's also supplied and planted the birds, set up a food stand for the Nebraska ladies to run, saddled horses, ran erronds and were responsible for the fine set up that welcomed Nebraskans -- and not in the least responsible for the weather!

Placings were:

Open Vizsla Puppy Stake:

1. Ringo z Povazia, owner/handler, Stephen DePetro, Omaha, Nebraska
2. Weedy Creek Natasha, O/H, Bud Graff, Seward
3. Miss Golden Stardust, O/H, Brad Jorgens, Clara City, Minnesota
4. Weedy Creek Jem, O/H, Bud Graff, Seward, N.

Open Vizsla Gun Dog Stake:

1. Haans V Selle, O/H, Dick Reinhardt, Scottsbluff
2. "Amber", O/H Bud Graff, Seward
3. Ajax Olca, O/H Brad Jorgens, Clara City, Minn.
4. Maggie Too, O/H Joe Dolezal, David City, Nebr.

(Dick Reinhardt and Haans with the Wayne Hoskins Trophy awarded in the Vizsla Gun Dog Stake.)

The Open all Age Stake was a major one, and won by "Shady Oaks Yankee Pacer" a GSHP owned and handled by Bob Joneson of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Narrowally missing the top spot was "Amber" owned by Bud Graff and "Haans" owned by Reinhardt. 4th went to "Hedacres 1B's Dek" handled by Nile Hemphill from Omaha.

(Joneson, Graff, Reinhardt and Hemphill line up in order of the placings.)

Haans and Amber also placed in the Limited All-Age, 3rd and 4th respectively. Weary field trialers then headed homeward for another season. Plans are to hold the spring field trial in the eastern part of the state, locations already being checked out by chairman Wy Stedman.

News from Canada

by Mrs. Diane Nordstrand
B. C. Director of the VC of C

Canada also has a dual champion of record: "Rigo v Klein" (Tito of Shirbob x Donna Selle) bred by Mrs. Mildred Sullivan of Richmond, B. C and owned by Eugene Klein of North Vancouver, B. C. The owner handled Rigo to both accomplishments. He finished his bench championship several years ago and his field championship was gained at the B. C. All Breed Pointer Club Field Trial on April 11, 1965, with a first in the Amateur All-Age Stake (12 starters), and a third place in the Shooting Dog Stake with 13 starters.

The Vizsla News congratulates "Rigo V Klein" and Mr. Klein for holding the distinction of first Canadian Field and Show Champion.

Several people have asked something about the rules for Canadian Trials. Many are run under the American Field Rules but others under Canada's own rules. I do not have a copy here, but do have the scale for awarding championship points there:

Puppy (5 or more starters), 1 point to winner
Derby (5 or more starters) 2 points to winner
Shooting Dog & All-Age
(8 or more starters) 5 points to winner
2 points to 2nd place
1 point to 3rd place

This is considerably different than that which we are used to in the American Kennel Club. With a tight set of rules covering exact manners -- many excellent dogs can be hard pressed for those points. Only the winning dog gets the championship points, and 25 dogs or more must start before a 5 point stake is declared. Limitations are also made on the number of puppy, derby and amateur points that can be credited toward a championship.

At present the rating of points is as follows:

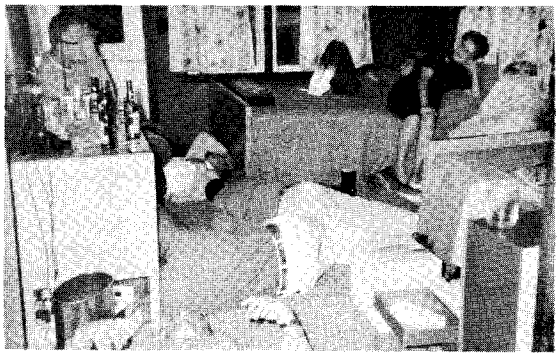
4 *to* 7 *dogs competing*	—1 *point*
8 *to* 12 *dogs competing*	—2 *points*
13 *to* 17 *dogs competing*	—3 *points*
18 *to* 24 *dogs competing*	—4 *points*
25 *or more dogs competing*	—5 *points*

There were, of course, Vizslas who were considered "gold" or "silver" medal winners in Hungary, based I believe on their dual qualities -- both conformation and hunting abilities. The "firsts" for the breed of course were there, and it appears that the field is wide open for females with talents in the field and/or both!

OSBORN'S STARFIRE GETS A BIG ONE!

Thirty two entries in the Gun Dog Stake got the Omaha GSHP Club off to a rousing start. Their Fall Field Trial held on the sides of the "Iowa Alps" proved a grueling test of man and beast -- more than one handler entered the slope of the birdfield in a sitting position. Topping this large entry was a female Vizsla, "Osborn's Starfire" owned by Dr. I. S. Osborn, LeSueur, Minn, and handled by Fred Schulze of Minneapolis. This, indeed, was a "5 point major" the first won by a Vizsla (male or female) and the first won by Fred Schulze in 20 years of pro-handling. Congratulations are in order for both!

ONE PICTURE WORTH 1000 WORDS.....



"Dog Tired" is the caption given this picture by Hank Rozanek, Norfolk, Nebraska, taken mid-afternoon after the Vizsla events were completed. The field trialers, after working out in the cold rain, put on dry cloths and then settled down to listen to the football game... doen't look like they heard much of it! October picture winner!

EMBLEM CONTEST REPORT

Six very nice nominations have been designed by members for consideration of the Finance Board and officers in selecting a club emblem. Duplicate copies were made (on this marvelous thermo-fax) and the final decision is now awaited. Possibly all can be used in some way by the club. Thank You!!

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August cover of the Vizsla News no longer a mystery.

The tribute, "Why a Vizsla" used on the August cover is no longer anonymous -- its author became known when Margaret Meminger, of Erie Pennsylvania stepped up, not for recognition, but thought I would like to know. I am sure you would also! "this was written at the request of Charlie Hunt while he was editor and has lain in the files for at least 5 years ... quite a thrill to see yourself in print!" she added.

MY DEEPEST THANKS.....

To all our exhibitors at the First Vizsla Specialty. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the splendid support my committee received from all of you - for without YOU, the exhibitor - our first specialty would not have been the huge success it was.

I would also like to thank the following people and organizations for their monetary donations for our beautiful Sterling Sillver and Crystal as well as Silver Plate trophies that adorned our trophy table at the Specialty. These beautiful trophies were a credit to our club.

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On behalf of the Vizsla Club of America, my show committee and myself, thank you.

Priscilla "Pat" Carter
National Show Chairman

Pat Carter

In view of the apparent need for clarification in the matter of accepting paid advertisements, among other things, the Vizsla News will not print any stud listings, kennel listings, or other ads having to do with the buying or selling of puppies.

The Board of Directors, meeting October 8, 1965, in Greenup, Illinois, will be asked to establish a policy upon which this publication can (1) accept in good faith, and (2) print in the Breed's publication. (?) I invite member opinion on the subject.

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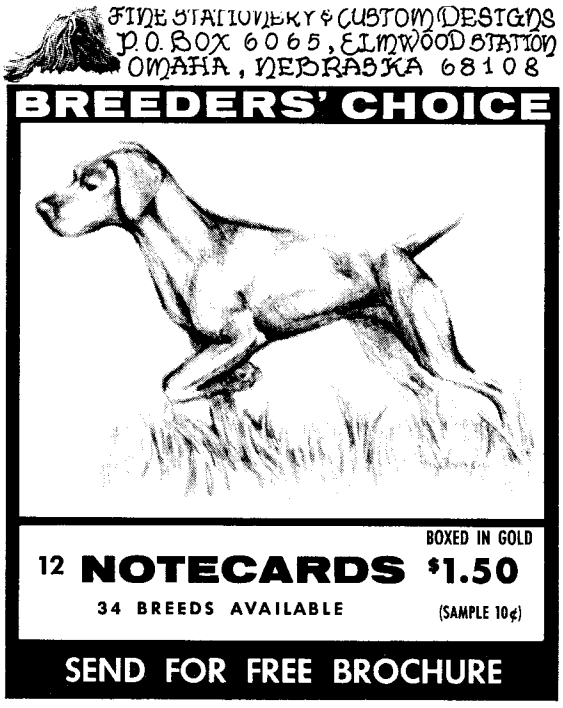

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