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A DOG'S PRAYER

Treat me kindly, my beloved master, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footsteps fall upon my waiting ears.

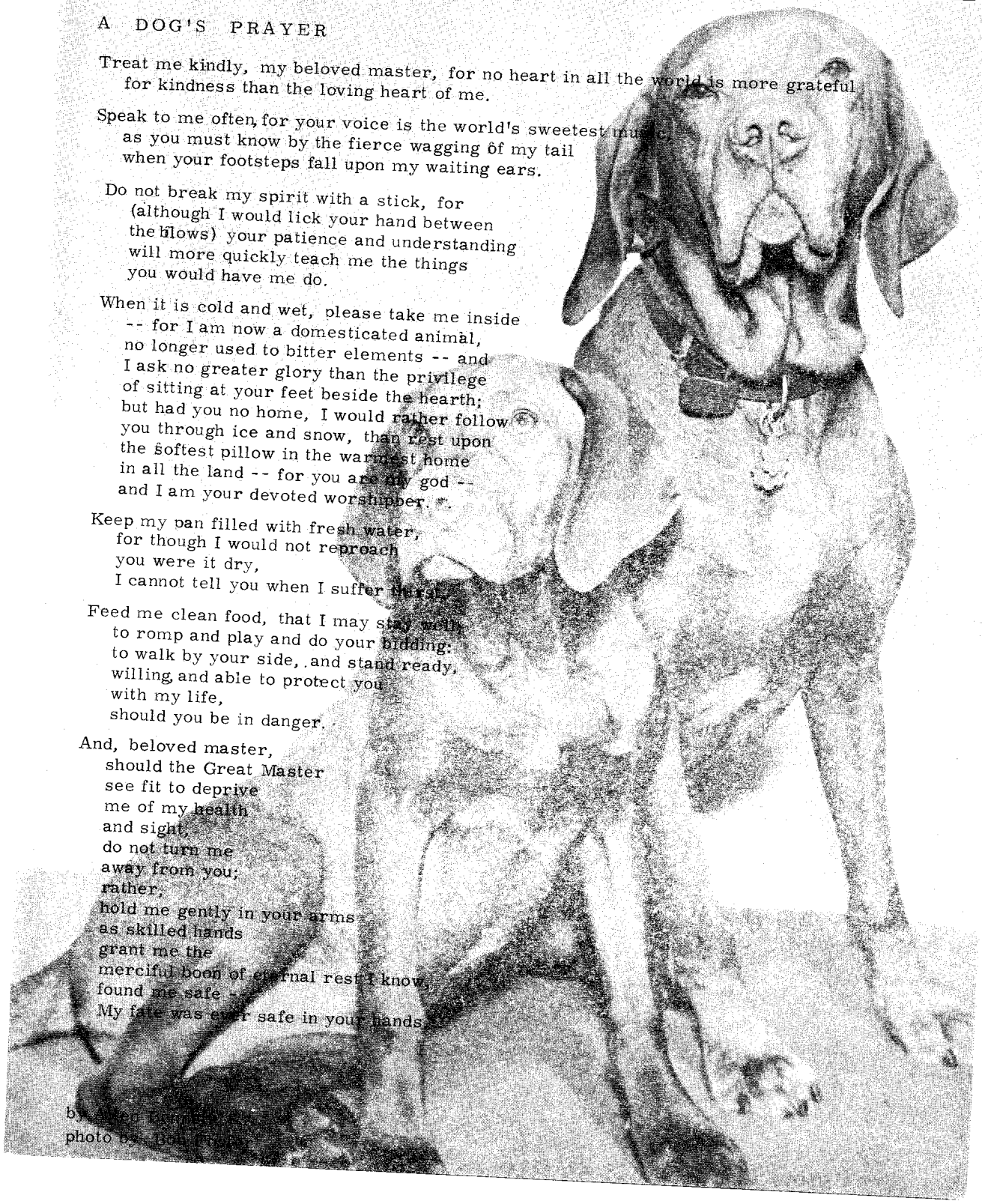
Do not break my spirit with a stick, for (although I would lick your hand between the blows) your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me do.

When it is cold and wet, please take me inside -- for I am now a domesticated animal, no longer used to bitter elements -- and I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth; but had you no home, I would rather follow you through ice and snow, than rest upon the softest pillow in the warmest home in all the land -- for you are my god -- and I am your devoted worshipper.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for though I would not reproach you were it dry, I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst.

Feed me clean food, that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding: to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life, should you be in danger.

And, beloved master, should the Great Master see fit to deprive me of my health and sight, do not turn me away from you; rather, hold me gently in your arms as skilled hands grant me the merciful boon of eternal rest I know, found me safe - My fate was ever safe in your hands.



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SORRY, DEAR HEARTS.....

The third issue of the Vizsla News was at the printer by the 15th of April (the day "aimed at" by your editor each month). It was intended to give all national members and those entering the national trial the last minute details about this annual event.

This column contained the agenda of the 3-day affair.

There was, however, a small matter in connection with another area of club business that, through a complicated maze of mis-understandings, left our publisher with a question as to the character and good-name of the club. Your April issue of the V. NEWS has been sitting on the corner of the desk awaiting clarification and instructions from the Board of Directors. At the time these are completed, this issue will at last be on its way to you... the only changes are the replacing of this column and a map showing all field trialers how to get to Volo once they arrived in Chicago.

Upon learning of the complication on the 25th of April, your editor considered herself "on vacation" for the first time since taking on the job: I have renewed my acquaintence with my gardens which showed the effects of years of neglect; I sewed for my daughter; she had a new suit to wear for her big day -- also May 1 -- and enjoyed with her the events that led up to her Confirmation into the church; I also walked the fields with the pups -- and tried to gain a new perspective and more realistic outlook on this whole crazy dog business. I don't know that I came up with any astounding conclusions -- but I did enjoy the vacation.

Those attending the national meeting and trial at Volo know that I was unable to attend this year due to the conflict of dates. Since friend-husband and I were unable to be two places at once, he represented us there; I, here. Upon his return Monday, we started the long job of "unwinding" the many wonderful and exciting details connected with the week just past. Complete reports will be reported by way of the people who attended the trial and meetings... it was a very good meeting ... a very big trial -- the biggest yet -- and again fine progress marked by the Vizsla Club of America.

The report on the Board elections is in:

Elected for the one-year term was; Bela Hadik, Chester, New Hampshire; and Hilda Boggs, Springfield, Ohio.

Serving a two-year term will be: Leonard Hartl, Muscatine, Iowa; George Solberg, Antoich, Illinois; Chauncey Smith, North Hampton, New Hampshire; Bob Holcomb, Englewood, Colorado; Dr. I. S. Osborn, LeSueur, Minnesota, and Dr. R. V. VanCamp, Colby, Kansas.

Those elected for the three-year term are: Dr. Richard Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska; Brad Jorgens, Clara City, Minnesota; Priscilla "Pat" Carter, Manchester, New Hampshire; Bill Fisher, Lincoln, Nebraska; Wilmer Kline, Garden City, Kansas, and Dr. Paul Rothan, Cincinnati, Ohio.

These, together with the four Board members who have one remaining year to serve on their present term (under the old constitution); Taft Jones, Bremerton, Washington; M. D. "Bud" Graff, Seward, Nebraska; Jack Merrill, Houston, Texas; and Tom Pratt, Clarion, Iowa, make up the new 18-man Board. Hereafter, 6 members will be elected for a 3-year term each year.

One of the first items of business at the Board Meeting was the election of officers. They are:

LEONARD J. HARTL	President
BELA HADIK	1st Vice-President
GEORGE SOLBERG	2nd Vice-President
RICHARD REINHARDT	3rd Vice-President
PRISCILLA CARTER	Secretary
BILL FISHER	Treasurer

The Board, sitting in sessions totally some 14 hours, covered a great deal of work which will, I hope, be reported to the members in due time.

The Regional Governors also used this opportunity to meet and discuss their work, ideas, problems and recommendations. Attending were: Bob Holcomb co-ordinator: Ann Brawner, Pennsylvania; Anne E. deBar, Mexico; Bernard Boggs, Ohio; Bela Hadik, New Hampshire; Judy Holcomb, Colorado; Bill Fisher, Nebraska; Bill Kline, Kansas; Betty Kenly, Arizona; Dick Reinhardt, out-going president and Bud Graff also sat in on the meeting. There were many reports, also, from those unable to attend. (There will be a few changes and additions to the list of Regional Governors -- but this issue will not note this, as they have not been formally reported at this time.)

PLEASE NOTE: The phone number of the Vizsla News office has been changed -- this hoping for a bit better service, from a rural line with 7 people to one with only 6. Unfortunately, there is no way to re-direct calls made to the old number (just another little problem we have out on this side of the Platte!) so, don't DDD the old one found on the back of the V. News before March 1966 -- no one will answer!

The new number is 8648. Still only 4 digit, and only slightly changed from the old one. For those wanting DDD routing, it is still Area Code: 402, prefix (which I understand I am not supposed to know about) is 643. And, if that does not reach me, have the local operator try it; she may not get it either, but she does have a lovely voice!

So then, dear hearts, things should be all squared away and ready for another go-around in just a short time.

You have a fine board that is willing to work and serve the Vizsla breed: they deserve our co-operation and support. They have mine.

INVITATION TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN WORLD-WIDE DOG SHOW

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INTERNATIONAL CYNOLOGICAL CONGRESS AND C.A.C.I.B. DERBY DOG-SHOW

under the protectorate of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale /F.C.I./

in Budapest

on 8 - 11 September 1966

Hungarians living in foreign countries and the breeders of the hungarian races from Austria, U.S.A., Canada, Israel and Germany asked the Magyar Ebtenyésztők Országos Egyesülete to organise a congress, where it would made known and coordinated the breeding principles and intentions of the hungarian races /: Vizsla, Komondor, Kuvasz, Puli and Pumi :/ At the same time we shall make it possible, that the hungarian dogs of foreign owners shall be judged by hungarian judges in their original country, in Hungary.

We will satisfy this manysided wish, when we organise an international cynological congress in Budapest on 8 - 9 September under the protectorate of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale, cooperating with the Hungarian Worldfederation and the foreign clubs of the hungarian dog-breeders. This congress will be connected with the International C.A.C.I.B. and Derby Dog-Show, on 10 - 11 September.

We beg the interested foreigners to secure in time their lodgings by the local international traveller bureau, which is connected with our IBUSZ office.

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BUDAPEST

INTERNATIONAL CACIB DOG-SHOW
BUDAPEST

This is a rare opportunity for the future of the Vizsla breed; a noble and ambitious dream -- to keep the Vizsla "true type" one in the same as those around the world -- and in its native land, Hungary. Cartainly the Vizsla Club of America, Inc, should have a delegate to the international cynclogical congres and representative winners of breed events entered in the international CACIB Dog-Show.

In addition, as many individuals who may find it possible to be in Budapest in September should start planning to attend this auspicious affair. People who are able to attend, and people who have dogs that should be exhibited should make their plans and wishes known to the president, so that the Vizsla Club of America can assemble them into a representative group for the occasion.

It is not an impossible idea! Look into it with a local travel agency -- this might be the most wonderful, most meaningful vacation-adventure of your life!!

NEW RULES FOR AN OLD GAME. . . . .

by Bud Graff

Field trials are not new, they probably started when the first two hunters compared stories about how their faithful dog helped share the game for the evening meal, and one said, "Ugh is quite a dog alright, but I'll put my old Oggo up against him anyday!" It has evolved into one of the finest sports ever enjoyed by man in partnership with beast; highly contagious and when addicted, usually incurable. Of course, rules were drawn up setting certain standards of preformance, and as time went on additional rules added and revisions made to clarify and unify the various stakes. In view of the vast interpretations possible in the rules known to all field men as the "Red Book", the American Kennel Club set up a committee representing those club's participating in field events: Gordon Setter, German Wirehaired Pointer, English Setter, American Pointer, Irish Setter, Weimaraner, Brittany, German Shorthaired Pointer and Vizsla, The two day meeting in New York City last January and many series of communiques thereafter have resulted in the following set of rules which became effective in all AKC field trials as of March 15, 1966.

These simply clarify the old Red Book rules and the many implied applications of them so that there is a universal understanding of them across the country and between the various breed clubs. The premium lists must specify exactly what you will be required of your derby entry, for instance, if a variation from the usual test is being planned by the host club.

In use for just about a month, the events run under them so far seem better organized and smoother run. The reaction from those running under them seem to be favorable. The judges, obviously, have read them and are trying to practice them faithfully; handlers, also, know what is required of them, and are attempting to demonstrate the required talents in the stakes as set up. There is some floundering over clarification of some points -- old habits are hard to break in a single moment -- but the general consensus -- at least with those to whom we have talked -- is that it is a fine improvement, and a worthy project completed by A. K. C. in their licensed field events.

Considerable of the hanky-panky is ruled out keeping this in the class of an honorable sport. Any field "training sessions" in the backcourse or birdfield are out. Marshals must not allow anyone to talk to the judges while the dogs are down, and a person cannot marshal, plant birds, or gun in which he is handling a dog or in which he owns a dog that is running. A clear and practical method of conducting the drawing for the braces is set down, and the selecting of a bye dog, if needed, is more logical than previously experienced. Other clarifications might be noted: The Puopy Stake birdfield (if used) has been cut to 6 minutes. A derby may be held by the collar or on a leash while his bracemate is on point if it seems that he will interfere with the other dog's work. Gun Dogs must demonstrate finished performances, and at a range suitable for a handler on foot; All-Age dogs must also demonstrate a finished performance but at a greater range and speed. The definition of these two distinct stakes is clearly spelled out -- and dogs giving the same type brace in both stakes should not come up with the same placings; if they can be handled to demonstrate both qualities, a good placing in both is justified. Quieter, easier handling is encouraged. Permission must be obtained before picking a dog up (a full, natural brace should be maintained if at all possible). All dogs must remain on the grounds for the duration of the stake unless excused by the Judges or Field Trial Committee.

The American Kennel Club welcomes comments and constructive suggestions from clubs after they have run a licensed trial under the new rules... The new bible-of-the-field The Blue Book may be obtained by writing to AKC, 51 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10010.

NEW "BLUE BOOK"
FIELD TRIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Pointing Breed Field Trials

In accord with the provisions of the newly adopted Chapter 19, Section 5 of the Rules Applying to Pointing Breed Trials (effective March 14, 1966) which reads:

"The requirements for a dog of one of the pointing breeds competing in field trials under these rules to be recorded a Field Champion shall be established by the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club."

the Board of Directors has adopted the following requirements for a Pointing Breed Field Championship:

At present a dog will be recorded a Field Champion after having won 10 points under the point rating schedule below in regular

stakes in at least three licensed or member field trials, provided that 3 points have been won in one 3 point or better Open All-Age, Open Gun Dog, or Open Limited All-Age Stake, that no more than 2 points each have been won in Open Puppy and Open Derby Stakes, and that no more than 4 points have been won in Amateur Stakes;

EXCEPT THAT a German Wirehaired Pointer or Weimaraner shall not be recorded a field Champion after June 30, 1967 unless it has also been certified by two Judges to have passed a Water Test at a licensed or member field trial held by a specialty club for one of these two breeds.

Championship points shall be credited only to dogs placed first in regular stakes. The number of points shall be based on the actual number of starters in each stake according to the following schedule:

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

The Board of Directors has adopted the following Standard Procedure for Pointing Breed Trials to be effective March 14, 1966:

PROCEDURE 1. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE

1-A PUPPY STAKES. Puppies must show desire to hunt, boldness, and initiative in covering ground and in searching likely cover. They are not expected to point but should flash point or otherwise indicate the presence of game if the opportunity is presented. Puppies should show reasonable obedience to their handlers' commands. They are to be judged on their future promise as high class Derby dogs. Game will not be killed in a Puppy Stake. Blanks shall not be fired in a Puppy Stake unless so specified in the premium list, in which case every dog that makes game contact shall be fired over if the handler is within reasonable gun range. At least 15 minutes and not more than 30 minutes shall be allowed for each heat.

1-B DERBY STAKES. Derbies must show a keen desire to hunt, be bold and independent, have a fast, yet attractive, style of running, and demonstrate not only intelligence in seeking objectives but also the ability to find game. Derbies must point, but steadiness to wing and shot are not required. Should birds be flushed after a point by handler or dog within reasonable gun range from the handler a shot must be fired. Lack of opportunity for firing over a Derby dog on point shall not constitute reason for non-placement when it has had game contact in acceptable Derby manner. However, Judges must arrange to have all placed dogs fired over if a natural opportunity does not occur. Derbies must show reasonable obedience to their handlers' commands. Derbies are to be judged on their promise as either future Gun Dogs or future All-Age Dogs. At least 20 minutes and not more than 30 minutes shall be allowed for each heat.

1-C GUN DOG STAKES. A Gun Dog must show a keen desire to hunt, have a bold and attractive style of running, and demonstrate not only intelligence in quartering and in seeking objectives but also the ability to find game. The dog must hunt for its handler at all times at a range suitable for a handler on foot, and should show or check in front of its handler frequently. It must cover adequate ground but never range out of sight for a length of time that would detract from its usefulness as a practical gun dog. The dog must locate game, must point staunchly, and must be steady to wing and shot. When the brace mate has established point it should back, preferably on sight, but if not, then on command. Intelligent use of the wind and terrain in locating game, accurate nose, style and intensity on point, are highly desirable. Intentional flushing and lack of steadiness to wing and shot are serious faults. The dog should automatically relocate game that moves out, but may be encouraged to relocate by its handler. The dog should give a finished performance and should be under its handler's control at all times. A Gun Dog should handle well with a minimum of noise or hacking by the handler. At least 30 minutes shall be allowed for each heat.

1-D ALL-AGE AND LIMITED ALL-AGE STAKES. An All-Age dog shall demonstrate all of the same qualities as a Gun Dog as defined in the foregoing, except that it must hunt with greater speed and at a much greater range if the terrain permits, with a greater degree of independence, and covering the course in a forward-moving pattern so as to locate any game on the course. It should respond to handling but should show an indication of using its own judgment in negotiating the course to find birds, and should not wait for the handler to direct it as to where to go. Style and intensity on point are essential. At least 30 minutes shall be allowed for each heat.

1-E In a Gun Dog, All-Age, or Limited All-Age Stake held by a German Shorthaired Pointer, German Wirehaired Pointer, Vizsla or Weimaraner Club, the dog placed first must have demonstrated backing in addition to the basic requirements for hunting and pointing as described above. A dog should not be placed on the basis of its backing performance alone, but failure of a dog to back or honor when its brace mate has established point must be heavily penalized. Backing should be done naturally but may be done on command, but greater credit shall be given for a natural back. Judges should try to have each dog that is being considered for placement back in a natural situation. However, if the opportunity to back does not occur naturally in these stakes the Judges may set up a brace for this purpose. The backing dog may not be touched before the blank is fired, nor before the retrieve if game is shot, unless directed by a Judge in case of an unproductive find.

1-F No Gun Dog, All-Age, or Limited All-Age Stake shall be run in heats of more than 30 minutes at a licensed or member trial unless the running time is given in the premium list.

1-G In any stake in which birds are not shot, except in Puppy or Derby Stakes as specified in Sections 1-A and 1-B, a blank cartridge must be fired by the handler over any dog on point, after the game has been flushed. The handler must shoot within the time that would be required to kill a bird at natural shotgun range. Any deliberate delay in shooting must be severely penalized.

1-H A reasonable move of a dog to mark a bird flushed after a point is acceptable, but this shall not excuse a partial break or a delayed chase.

1-I Any club that anticipates an entry in a licensed or member field trial that might exceed the number of dogs that could be judged

on the available running grounds during the available judging hours, should specify in its premium list that entries in any or all stakes will be limited and that entries will close when the limit or limits have been reached if this occurs before the specified closing time for entries.

PROCEDURE 2. JUDGES

2-A Each stake must be judged by two Judges.

2-B The decisions of the Judges shall be final with respect to the running and placement of the dogs, and in all questions concerning the merits of the dogs. They shall have full power to turn out of any stake any dog that does not reasonably obey its handler or that interferes with the work of its brace mate, and any handler who, in their opinion, willfully interferes with another handler or his dog.

2-C Any person who, during the running of a stake, strikes or otherwise abuses or mistreats a dog, or conducts himself in a manner prejudicial to the best interests of the sport, must be expelled from that stake by the Judges who shall also report the matter to the Field Trial Committee for possible action under Chapter 16, Section 2. A report of the incident and the action taken shall be sent promptly to The American Kennel Club by the Field Trial Secretary.

2-D Any additional running of the dogs after the first series of heats has been completed shall be entirely at the discretion of the Judges unless further series are specified in the premium list, and the Judges shall determine the length and scope of any subsequent series and the bracing of the dogs.

2-E If the two handlers with their dogs become separated while both are on course and under judgment, one Judge shall accompany each handler; except that a Judge should not follow a dog that cuts the specified course in order to reach the bird field.

2-F The Judges may appoint an official observer at the bird field to report to them whether or not a dog had game contact before a Judge reached the bird field.

PROCEDURE 3. FIELD TRIAL MARSHALS

3-A The Field Trial Committee shall appoint one or more field trial Marshals. It shall be the duty of one Marshal to assist the Judges and to carry out their instructions, including regulating and controlling the gallery, and seeing to it that the gallery is kept separate from and behind the Judges, and that no one in the gallery talks to the Judges while the dogs are down. Other Marshals shall see to it that braces are ready when called, and assist the Field Trial Committee in all other matters necessary for the smooth and expeditious running of the trial.

3-B No person shall serve as Marshal assisting the Judges in any stake in which he has entered or will handle a dog.

PROCEDURE 4. DRAWING AND BRACING

4-A The dogs shall generally be run in braces, and each dog in a brace must have a separate handler.

4-B If every dog entered in a stake at a licensed or member field trial has a different handler, the bracing of the dogs in that stake shall be established by a straight drawing and the braces shall then be run in the order drawn.

4-C If two or more dogs with the same handler are entered in a stake at a licensed or member field trial, such entries shall be segregated for the drawing for bracing so that no two dogs handled by the same person can be drawn for the same brace. The running order for all complete braces shall then be determined by a separate drawing after the bracing has been established. If, during the drawing for running order, any handler is drawn to handle in more than two consecutive braces in the same stake, and if there is a later brace to be drawn in which he has no entry, the next brace drawn in which that handler has no dog may be moved up to run following the second consecutive brace, so that the handler would not be required to run in more than two consecutive braces. However, this shall not apply if an alternate handler has been named.

4-D The bracing and running order established by either method shall not be changed under any circumstances; *except that*

(1) in case of a scratch or absentee the brace mate of the absent dog shall be run with the dog from the next incomplete brace or, if there is no other incomplete brace, with the bye dog; *and except further that*

(2) if the foregoing procedure would result in the bracing together of two dogs handled by the same person, the two odd dogs shall be rebraced consecutively with the two dogs in the last brace in the stake in which that handler has no dog.

4-E Any new brace or braces so created must be run in the running order drawn for one of the two dogs in the brace, as the Field Trial Committee may decide. If there is no bye dog and no other incomplete brace, the brace mate of a scratched or absent dog shall run last as the bye dog.

4-F If a bye dog remains after all the braces have been run, its brace mate shall be selected by the Judges at their sole discretion from among the dogs that have run in that stake; or the Judges may, if the Field Trial Committee agrees, run such a bye dog without a brace mate. The Judges alone shall decide whether or not any brace mate they select for such a bye dog shall be under judgment, and if under judgment, for what portion or portions of the heat, and their decision shall be publicly announced before the brace is started.

PROCEDURE 5. COURSES AND BIRDS

5-A Stakes at licensed or member field trials may be run on any of the following types of courses, all of which must include sufficient acreage, adequate cover for birds, and suitable objectives:

(1) *Single Course With Bird Field* consisting of a back course and a bird field which has sufficient cover to hold birds and which is of adequate size to permit a dog to hunt naturally without excessive hacking. A bird field must not be less than 5 acres, and 10 acres is recommended. At a licensed or member trial no less than two birds must be released in the bird field for each brace in first series in all stakes except the Puppy Stake. Additional birds may be released either in the bird field or on the back course.

(2) *Single Course Without Bird Field* consisting entirely of a course without any specific bird field, on which birds are released in suitable places around the course. At a licensed or member trial no less than two birds

must be released for each brace at a suitable place on the course in all stakes except the Puppy Stake.

(3) *Multiple Courses* consisting of a series of courses on which each brace starts where the last brace was picked up. On such a course it is assumed that there is adequate natural or released game.

5-B The same requirements for released birds that apply to other stakes at a licensed or member trial shall also apply to the Puppy Stake unless the premium list specifies that no birds will be released in the Puppy Stake.

5-C No released bird shall be picked up on the course or in the bird field unless dead or crippled.

5-D Regular stakes at a licensed or member trial shall be run only on recognized game birds, and the birds should be strong, healthy, full-feathered and clean; except that in Puppy Stakes non-game birds may be used if specified in the premium list.

5-E Birds should, if possible, be released in natural cover rather than in artificially created cover. They should not be placed in holes nor in such cover as will impede their ability to fly or run. Hobbles are highly undesirable, and must never be used if there is adequate cover. If hobbles are used they must be of soft yarn which the birds themselves can remove, and must allow a minimum of three inches space between the birds' feet. Other artificial restraints may never be used. Birds may be rocked or dizzied but not to such an extent as to affect their ability to fly. Game stewards should wear gloves. Successive birds should not be released in or near the same spot.

5-F The premium list for a licensed or member trial shall specify the type of course and species of game to be released in each stake.

PROCEDURE 6. RUNNING AND HANDLING

6-A The duty of having a dog ready in place when required for judging rests solely with its handler or owner. All dogs should be ready on the grounds well in advance of the scheduled times for their braces so that the Judges will not be held up in case of an absent brace. If a dog is not present at the place where it is to start within 5 minutes after it is called for by the Judges to run in any series it must be disqualified. The Judges are responsible for keeping the time.

6-B No more than one brace shall be run on a course or on any part of a course at the same time, irrespective of whether the dogs are in the same stake or in different stakes.

6-C In a stake on a single course with bird field the time of each heat shall include no more than 8 minutes in the bird field, except that in Puppy Stakes the time in the bird field shall not exceed 6 minutes. The time shall start when the first dog enters the bird field, except that a dog may be disqualified if it has cut the specified course in order to reach the bird field, in which case time starts when the second dog enters. Otherwise the Judges, or the Marshal if instructed by the Judges, shall see to it that both dogs in each brace are directed to the bird field at as nearly the same time as possible. If one dog has strayed or is otherwise held up on the course, the brace mate and its handler may ordinarily proceed on the course and enter the bird field unless otherwise directed by a Judge.

6-D Time shall not be called when a dog is on point in the bird field unless so specified in the premium list.

6-E In a Derby Stake, if the second dog is not on point or backing, its handler may, without penalty, hold or otherwise control the dog if there is any likelihood that it would interfere with the dog on point.

6-F A dog that is on point, roading, or obviously on game, when time is up, shall be allowed a reasonable time to complete its work.

6-G Judges must discourage continuous or excessive noise or loud vocalizing by handlers in any stake, and particularly in Gun Dog Stakes. Failure to heed the Judges' instructions may result in disqualification.

6-H Intimidation, blocking, or the use of any training aid or other means to restrain the dog from breaking wing or shot, shall be severely penalized.

6-I A dog that remains steady to wing and shot with a minimum of handling or commands must be given credit in a Gun Dog, All-Age or Limited All-Age Stake.

6-J A dog that is out of judgment for a continuous period of more than 5 minutes, or for more than 1/6 of the time specified for the heat if over 30 minutes, shall not be placed unless seen on point by a Judge or unless, in the opinion of the Judges, the dog's absence was due to unusual conditions.

6-K No person shall in any manner assist a handler in controlling his dog or in finding a dog that is lost, unless specific permission is first obtained from a Judge. A dog may be disqualified if it receives direction or any kind from anyone except its handler.

6-L No dog shall be picked up during a heat except on direction or permission from a Judge.

6-M All dogs started in a stake must remain on the grounds until the stake is completed unless excused by the Judges or by the Field Trial Committee.

6-N No one shall be permitted in the bird field at any time during the running of a stake; except for the Judges, the official guns, the Marshal, and the handlers of the competing dogs while the dogs are in the bird field; and except for the game stewards to the extent necessary to release game.

6-O No person shall serve as an official gun or game steward in a stake in which he handles a dog or in which a dog owned by him is entered.

6-P Promiscuous firing of guns or blank pistols on the field trial grounds is prohibited. The handler of a dog shall fire one blank and no more for each flush of one or more birds.

6-Q There shall be no training of dogs anywhere on the course during the trial.

6-R The Field Trial Committee shall not permit severe training, correcting, or disciplining of dogs on any part of the field trial grounds. The Committee shall investigate any reports of such conduct or of any other conduct prejudicial to the best interests of pure-bred dogs, field trials, or The American Kennel Club. Any person who conducts himself in a manner prejudicial to the best interests of the sport shall be dealt with promptly, during the trial if possible, after the offender has been notified of the specific charges against him, and has been given an opportunity to be heard in his own defense, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 2.

6-S The premium list for any licensed or member field trial must specify whether or not handling from horseback will be permitted in

any or all stakes. If handling from horseback is permitted in any stake the club must have suitable horses available. Mounted and foot handlers are not to be segregated in the draw.

The Judges shall see to it that any mounted handler uses his horse only as a means of conveyance on the course and never as an active aid in handling. The handlers shall remain on the specified course with the Judges. If one handler is mounted and the other is on foot, the Judges shall set a reasonable pace to accommodate the foot handler. Mounted handlers must keep their horses at a walk at all times unless otherwise authorized by a Judge.

A handler must always dismount before handling his dog on game and before firing. No handler's horse may be brought into the bird field.

PROCEDURE 7. SHOOT-TO-KILL STAKES

7-A The premium list must identify any Shoot-to-Kill Stake, and must specify, for each stake in which birds are to be shot, whether the shooting will be done by official guns or whether handlers will be required to shoot their own birds, and the shooting for all braces in the stake shall be done in the manner specified.

7-B The Judges shall have complete authority over all shooting. They may require a change of official guns at any time, and may bar from further shooting in that trial any official gun or gunning handler who does not abide strictly by safe gunning rules.

7-C If the shooting is done by official guns, two qualified guns are required for each brace, one to accompany each handler. Provision must also be made for alternate or stand-by guns in case they should be required.

7-D One official gun must join each handler as he enters the bird field, or if a bird field is not used, at a designated place on the course. The official gun must always keep himself in the correct position for safety of dogs and persons.

7-E Game should be shot cleanly, in a sportsmanlike manner, in full flight, and at a distance that will give the dog a reasonable retrieve. An official gun represents the handler up to the time that game is shot, but must not interfere in any manner with his work nor direct the work of the dog.

7-F Game flushed by a free running dog or birds that flush wild shall not be shot except on instructions from a Judge. If a bird does not fly after an attempt to flush by a handler, it shall not be shot on the ground except on instructions from a Judge.

7-G Retrieving is required in all Shoot-to-Kill Stakes, except Derby Stakes as specified below, and counts as an important part of a dog's performance. After the shot the dog shall not be sent to retrieve by the handler until the dog's steadiness to wing and shot has been positively demonstrated. The handler commands and/or signals the dog to retrieve but may not touch the dog. The dog must retrieve promptly and tenderly to hand. In Shoot-to-Kill Derby Stakes retrieving will also be required unless otherwise specified in the premium list, but the dog is not required to be steady to wing and shot.

No two people are alike, and both of them are glad of it.

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The Vizsla Club Of America, Inc.

April 1, 1966

LETTER & FLYER COMMENTS FROM AKC JUDGES - WITH REPORT AND COMMENTS OF SECRETARY

Bernard C. Boggs

Last summer, after the first Vizsla Specialty, the National Show Committee voted for recommendation to the Board that the Pedigree Flyer be mailed to each AKC Vizsla judge. This was later approved. This has been done and the judges have written back expressing their appreciation.

Up to this time many in the Club were divided, and perhaps some still are, on what represents the best medium of educating the judges to the "true Vizsla type". Actually these judges are sincere, and without question, are the greatest lovers of pure-bred dogs. Because of their vast experience these "all-round" type judges are usually the only ones qualified to judge new breeds. They normally are not as knowledgeable or interested in type as is a singular type breed judge. In one sense we should feel honored to have such eminent persons to judge our breed, but it is not without drawback. These judges, by the choice they make in the ring are a tremendous influence on our future type. As you all know, our breed covers the entire spectrum of size and shape. These judges are well qualified to judge the pointing breeds, and many have or still breed them. As a consequence it is difficult for them to become acclimated to the fact that, the Vizsla, while resembling other pointing breeds are quite different in physical makeup. We would like very much for them to take all these things into consideration while judging--to remember that their work each time in the Vizsla ring is a direct reflection on and for future breeding. And so many of us are tired about reports of the poor specimens being bred and sold! Let's see now what some of the judges think of our effort.

"I was pleased to receive one of the new pedigree flyers.... This makes a very good impression--the short history is interesting--printing and paper of excellent quality, and should help to promote your delightful breed. Which is one of my favorites in the sporting group." HWW

"Thanks so much for your very informative information on the Vizslas.... It is most interesting and should be of great benefit. I love the breed and have watched its progress with leaps and bounds in my opinion. Some of the specimens I have seen have been a little too weedy, but I am sure your breeders will correct this." EIE

"I think the mimeographed information and flyer with history and standard of breed... is a very fine idea and should serve to improve judging of our breed." MHM

"Thank you so much for the material on the Vizsla as I am very much interested in the breed. I have been working with Mrs. William Crawford... , and provided her with a list of every Champion Vizsla including their sires and dams. She will compile data as I did on Irish Setters some 25 years ago. I will be most grateful to receive any material, information, or suggestions that would be helpful to a judge". ICK

"I have bred pointers for over fifty years. I have been a judge of sporting breeds for nearly that length of time. I have owned ten bench Champions and thirty eight winners in recognized field trials. I have participated in writing standards. I am interested in your Vizsla Standard. In my opinion it is a mistake to encourage the breeding of a sporting dog especially one whose ancestry contains the pointer and calling for rounded ears. This affliction should apply only to dogs of foxhound ancestry. Secondly time and the judgement of the best breeders will not tolerate a cat like foot in a sporting dog. This is another hound characteristic. I am interested in any dog which derives his type from the pointer and I wish to say as in the shorthairs the closer you breed to the pointer standard the more winning you will do in AKC sponsored shows!" WEP

"Thank you so much for sending me the pedigree flyer. It is a splendid idea and I am not surprised that other breed clubs are interested in adopting it. Frankly, I admire the efforts your club is making to improve the breed, particularly your program with reference to hip dysplasia. I well know the courage and intent of purpose required in such an effort. It is an honor, indeed a privilege, to judge your breed. The Vizsla has appealed to me strongly since I saw my first one in the fifties. You should all take pride in the improvement you have produced over the years. True, one still sees some with rather serious faults, but in the last several years I have also seen some that well deserve high group placements in top company. I wish you all the greatest degree of success and am sure you will attain it if you continue your active, courageous programs. Thank you again for the flyer and I shall most certainly send for a copy of the original Hungarian Standard". JJJ

"Many thanks for the February letter and the pedigree flyer. Back in the early 1950's we were members of the club and breeders of Vizsla.... As one who was actively interested in the breed in the past and as a current judge of the breed I am happy to note the steps taken by the club to further improve the breed. When there are problems, it is better to face up to them rather than close your eyes to them or attempt to sweep them under the rug. I can see steady improvement in the breed and am confident that under the policies being pursued by the Club that this progress will continue. This being the case the breed is destined to eventually receive the recognition that it deserves. I always felt that it would become one of the top sporting breeds, in the field, in the home, and in the show ring. Best wishes for continued success." CYS

Let me personally thank each judge for taking that extra effort to write and say "thank you". And from the contents of these letters, it looks like they have given us a little better depth and understanding of our own breed. We are fortunate to receive their viewpoints.

As a breed club, let's quit sloughing off our support and lend these judges a helping hand in their difficult judging assignments. One judge did not bother writing--he called long distance and talked at great length--and expressed his appreciation for the material sent to him. He was one of the Best of Show judges at the Bermuda dog show.

Obviously, many of these judges are proud of the work they do in the ring and want to be proud of their selections week after week.

Our problems of the past in the show ring are of course still with us. Many of us just keep remembering these experiences. It would be well not to remember. Everyone showing in the ring has at one time or another been involved in a show where they heard something like this: "OK, now everyone once around the ring. . . . and, a one, two, three! Whereupon all at ringside say,"what happened?" "Is it over?" "Who won?"

For the many exhibitors who have spent their money on entry fees and traveled hundreds of miles, hurrying in heavy traffic, they wonder if it is worth all this just to get disgusted. But it isn't all like this. Most times we will get our full judging time under these judges.

This is your breed club, and it is up to each and everyone of you to alert the club of the good and bad points in judging. Keep insisting upon your officers and board to develop the educational publicity essential to good breed judging, and a clear standard of the breed that can be used effectively. This is as important to the breeder as to the judge.

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NEW LOCAL VIZSLA CLUBS.....

Regional Governor for NorthemCalifornia and Oregon, Art Carpenter, sends an excellent report on local activities to the VC of A. He and his wife, May, have accomplished wonders in just this past year. With the help of their family and in cooperation with other Vizsla enthusiasts they have accumulated a file of some 160 Vizsla owners, their names and addresses. These have been contacted by letter, phone or in person.

They made the plans for an organizational meeting:result -- a Vizsla Club of Northern California is now in the making with a constitution committee appointed and events for membership participation. "Fun" field days for Vizslas and owners at Fort Ord field trial grounds, with pheasants available at cost will help acquaint owners with bird work under field trial conditions. They have also been working on publicity in all local newspapers -- including show wins, pictures, as well as the fun trial. The Carpenters have attended GSHP Club meeting and trials in order to observe and learn procedures. They also have attended dog shows in California, Nevada, and Oregon and met and talked with many Vizsla owners, passing out comp copies of the Vizsla News, in an effort to acquaint them with the national organization and the other owners and breeders in that area. They also distributed copies of the Hungarian Standard courtesy of the Southern California Club. (this was published in the September 1965 Vizsla News).

The plans for the future include more fun days with more bird work, and a project to notify all Norther California veterinarians of the correct tail docking length.

BEST WISHES to this fine new Vizsla group...

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Allen Bennet, R. G. for Utah-Nevada sends word of the Utah Vizsla Club's first fun field trial the 1st week-end in April. Hope to hear more in detail about this event

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Iowa Vizsla Club also had a field trial on the 17th of April. The Shooting Preserve near Belmond in northern Iowa was the site.

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Vizsla Clubs of Illinois, Central New England, and Nebraska all have scheduled sanctioned AKC or licensed AKC field trials for the week-end of April 23-24. Colorado Vizsla Club held a sanctioned AKC trial last month.

-- what a lot of marvelous progress has been made in the past few years! I am just as proud as I can be of each and every group. It is a fine tribute to the breed; certainly a big factor in the increased membership and participation on a national level! Way back when I was just a little girl (3 years ago) I dreamed that the VC of A could be a dominant force for the Vizsla breed, and that the Vizsla owners in widely separated areas could enjoy and benefit from local Vizsla activities -- with no requirements or control from the VC of A. Through the system of Regional Governors with a Coordinator, Bob Holcomb, urging them on and answering questions for them in this area, there are now organizations varying from just organizing to incorporated and managing AKC events: New England, New Jersey, Ohio, Iowa, Illinois, Texas, N. Texas and Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado, Southern California, Northern California, Utah, Washington, and outside our borders; Canada, Scotland, and Japan.

It is interesting and not surprising that as a new area starts organizing, the national memberships and subscriptions greatly increase. People "found" by local Vizsla owners are eager workers for the breed. The publicity evolving from activities in the immediate area bring still more owners to the clubs -- and people interested in this unique companion-hunting dog to the breed. It is all like a magnificent blossom beginning to open -- each peddle an intricate part of the whole flower -- yet complete and separate except in the basic intent to serve the Vizsla breed to the best ability and talent possible.

This is an exciting time in the history of our club, and I am pleased that I have been able to be a part of such a worthy project. So many impossible dreams have been realized; is it any wonder that I am most optomistic for the future of the Vizsla breed in America?

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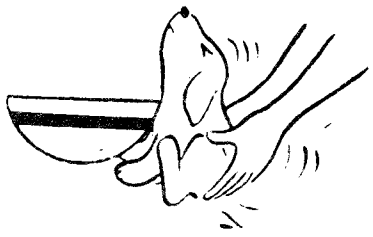

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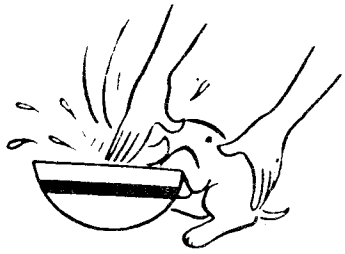

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Vizsla Club of Canada

by J. F. S. Anderson

Here are a few news items concerning the activities of the Vizslas in Canada which may be of interest to your readers.

A Spring Field trial is being held April 24, 1966 at Niagara Falls, Ontario. Puppy, Derby and Shooting Dog stakes will be run. Dr. P.A. Wright is organizing the trial.

The Vizsla Club of Canada held a Booster Show in conjunction with the Sprotsman Show in Toronto Ontario on March 19, 1966. The results were as follows:

Ch. Janoras Pawlane Suntan (Dr. P.A.Wright) BOB
Ch. Bakony Balatoni Katica (Dr. P.A. Wright) BC,BCB
Napkeltei Bajos Borcsa (Dr. W.Jean Dodds) BW, WB 1O
Am. Ch. J'Ann of Misty Hills (Carl H. Gawenus 2Φ
Napkeltei Zsuka v. Hunt (Dr. P.A. Wright) 1 SP, RW
Heidi of Bar-Mac (G.N.MacDonald) 2SP, BCBP
AmCh. Count Jonish Mignotte (E.E. Mignotte) 1O, WD
Bakony Balatoni Keve (Dr. P.A. Wright) 2O, RW
Napkeltei Vadass Bundi (J.M. Smillie) 3Φ
AmCh. Mar Ray's Futaki-Oric (G.Freer & C.Fineo) 4O
Montgomery Olca (Harvey W. Dauffenbach)
Napkeltei Vadass Cinkos (Dr. S. Chernesky) 1 CB

There will be a Booster Show for the Breed held in conjunction with the North Shore Kennel Club Show in Vancouver on August 14, 1966. All enquiries should be directed to Mrs. D. Norstrand, Director for B.C. for the Vizsla Club of Canada, 601 -#4 Rd., Richmond B.C.

Fall Field Trial. This is to be run on a continuous course basis over wild game and will be held in the Calgary, Alberta, area on September 24 and 25, 1966. All enquiries should be directed to the Field Trial Secretary, Mrs. A. Dechenne, 304 Adams Crescent, Calgary S.W., Alberta.

The Vizsla Club of Canada has just completed its new standard which is now in the hands of the C.K.C. A copy of it will be circulated with April's issue of Vizsla Views.

Thank you for the timely report. It is obvious that the VCC is moving ahead with excellent progress on all fronts. We encourage the good relationship that has been evidenced in the past years and increased participation -- one with another -- in club events to the mutual benefit of both our National organizations. ejg

VIZSLAS PLACE IN ILLINOIS TRIAL.....

by Sharon Simon

The German Wirehaired Pointer Club of Illinois held their spring field trial on March 19 - 20... don't have all the placings, but in the Open Derby the two Vizslas that entered came in on the placings... "Jodi of Czuki Barat" owned and handled by Lew Simon, came in 2nd; "Barat's Bezsu" owned and handled by George Peter placed 3rd. Needless to say were very, very proud and pleased -- and our club's president George Solberg was busting his buttons!

ONE PICTURE WORTH 1000 WORDS.....

"Bird-dog by breeding not by chance"... says Smitty Smith, North Hampton, N.H. and sends this picture of his (then) 12 weeks old Piri-Brok Selle pup. 1000 words could not begin to express the feeling one gets with a sight like that, can they?

INTERNATIONAL KENNEL CLUB SHOW

by Bernard C. Boggs

The famed International Kennel Club Benched Dog Show held in Chicago April 2 and 3, 1966, brought Vizsla owners from far and wide. Judge Walter J. Schneider placed the dogs as follows:

Best of Breed: Ch. Rocking DN's Gold Piece, Handler Dick Cooper, Owner Erma E. Muster, Bensenville, Illinois.

Best Of Opposite Sex: Ch. Gypsy's Bronze Bomber, handler, Jack L. Funk, Owner Harriet Anderson Chicago, Illinois

Best of Winners: Behi's Csinos Csiny, H/O Hilda Boggs, Springfield, Ohio. ("Trixie" came up through the classes taking Winners Bitch and the Open Bitches classes as well)

Winners Dog: Enon Jack's Vihar, handled by Carl Amweg, owned by Jack and Virginia McHaney, Fairborn, Ohio (also topping the Open Dog Class)

Novice Dogs First Place: Lucky E's Hunt'n Fun, H/O Darrell and Jannette Everett, Ringwood, Illinois

Bred by Exhibitor Bitches: Elsa v Hunt, H/O Joan H. Hunt, Cottage Grove, Tennessee

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VIZSLAS CONTINUE TRIAL WINS.....

by Dick Buhman

Vizslas are continuing to dominate the trials around here for restricted breeds, although vastly outnumbered. Len Hartl's Jake Jocaranda took the 1st place at Bird Layne Farms Restricted Stake on March 26th. Mel Uhlenhopp's Weedy Creek Sasha took 1st place and my Ferro v Hunt 2nd place at Arrowhead Preserve's Restricted Stake -- 2 Vizslas against 15 Brittany's and GSHPs.

A LETTER TO VIZSLA OWNERS
via the V. News from Dr. Wayne H. Riser.

"Thank you for your letter and the enclosed copies of the Vizsla News. I feel honored that you published the interview from Popular Dogs; if the information is helpful to your members, I will be pleased. Hip dysplasia can be a difficult subject to understand if the information at hand is not well studied. In particular, the genetic aspects and the problem of diagnosis are not easy matters to comprehend.

"Enclosed is a complete set of our reprints" (7 articles and papers on the subject -- copies available by writing the V. NEWS office) . .". Perhaps the greatest difficulty involved with the problem of hip dysplasia is misunderstanding; probably if your group had someone to answer their questions for them quite early in this campaign, much of the misinformation and confusion would have been avoided. For this reason, I would like to volunteer to be available for any correspondence you might receive, as a consultant. You may feel free to write as often as you wish, and I will give the best information we know today.

"I am hoping, of course, to help the members of your club to a better understanding of the serious problem of hip dysplasia. Reading over the correspondence in the Vizsla News reminds me in many ways of 30 years ago, when I started in practice in veterinary medicine in the Council Bluffs, Iowa, area, not very far from Seward. There was so much, and about the same type of confusion over tuberculosis and tuberculosis testing in cattle. Education and good public relations with sincere honesty were the things that enabled the U. S. to practically eliminate tuberculosis, from not only cattle but in human beings as well. The same type of program will eliminate hip dysplasia from the affected large breeds of dogs. The campaign to eliminate it is just getting started. It may be slow, and there may be a lot of disgruntled and disappointed people as the result of these campaigns, but when hip dysplasia is controlled, everybody will be grateful. . . . "

THANK YOU very much for the use of the objective look at a problem -- as you said, much misunderstood yet very important to every pure-bred dog owner. I imagine that your offer to answer individual questions will be welcomed by many members.

Address: Wayne H. Riser, D. V. M., M. S.
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

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