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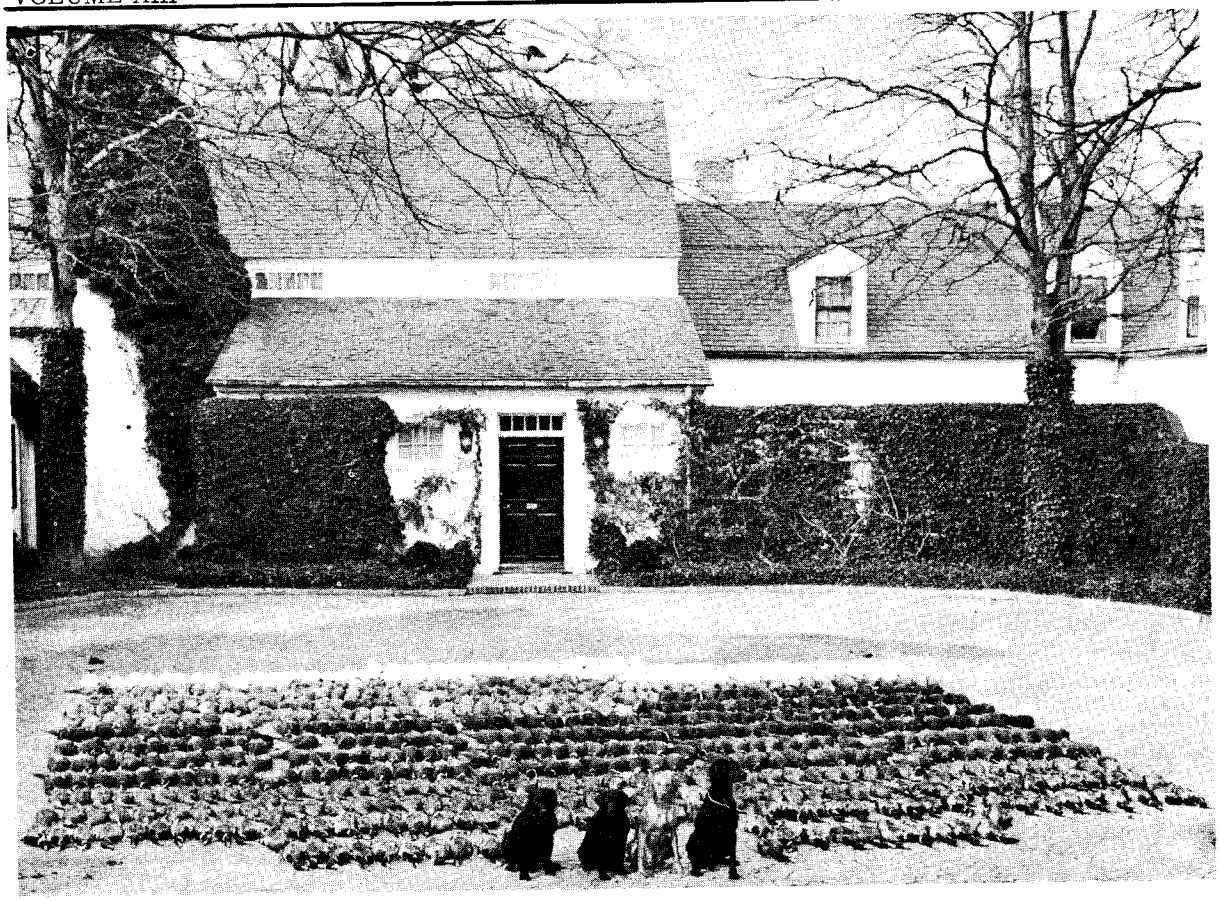

A GOOD RETRIEVER

by George N. Toth

There are very few hunting dogs that went through as many adventures as this particular Hungarian hunting dog. This Hungarian vizsla was born in 1956 at Budapest. There were eight of them in the litter and she stood out from the others when she was only three weeks old. She was very alert and frisky and was given the name Csardas. When she was five months old she received the obedience training and went from Budapest to a Hungarian Film Compound, where she made numerous friends. It was a real animal kindergarten. Her pals were baby wolf, fox, wild boar, raccoon, a baby cheetah, and many others. She met her father, Ficko, here. Ficko was a very famous dog. He was the hero of many movies. These movies played in many countries; in the U. S., too, there was a movie in which Ficko played a big part -- shown over Walt Disney's Wonderful World of color under the name, "Two Gypsy Dogs."

When fall arrived, Csardas became interested in other things besides her playmates. HUNTING! Her master took her out and she was pointing at hares and pheasants and everything else that got in front of her nose, but she could not enjoy this amusing sport too long.... the world inwhich she lived suddenly changed. One morning she was put on leash and started down the long road. This seemed very strange to Csardas for she was used to running free, but now she was commanded to heel.

After five days of walking Csardas reached the Austrian border. It was Christmas eve, one o'clock at night when Csardas crossed the border leaving Hungary forever. Snow covered Csardas tracks and nice memories. She did not know that there was a revolution in Hungary, but had she known, she could not have been of help.

People were talking to Csardas but she was not interested -- nor could she understand German, but she was happy to get fed. She had no idea what this was all about, or that she and her master were under the protection of the Red Cross. When it came to immigration, it turned out that she could not go. Luckily an Austrian family agreed to take care of her for a time. It took six months to get her papers and ticket. Finally the day came and Csardas arrived at the U. S. A. New York airport where her master was waiting and let her out of the cage at once. Csardas was a fullgrown dog by now and sat in front of her master thoughtfully -- of course, she had forgotten Hungarian, and because her master did not speak German, they could not communicate at all. There was a vague glimmer of memory, but much learning and relearning to do.

Csardas got to an animal farm. Here she quickly regained her confidence, for everything reminded her of the Film Compound with her pals from long ago. But here, instead of play, she took her job seriously and helped to take care of the other animals. If any would get out she did her best to get them safely back.

Her best friends in the park were the deer. When Mr. Wells was too busy, he gave the bottle to Csardes and she was happily on her way to feed the fawns.

** Csardas feeding her friends, the fawns**

Her real work, however, was to look her own naturally beautiful self infront of a camara; her pictures made the N. Y. papers many times, she appeared on T. V. and even did some commercials.

In 1962 during the fight for championship, Mr. Wells bet on Patterson $300 against the ownership of his half dog. He lost and so Csardas now had two masters. In two days she got to Mr. Toth and to a Game Preserve on Long Island. Here good days came to Csardas as she could hunt as much

**Csardas retrieving a white pheasant **

as she cared to. She never got tired of it -- no matter how much game there was. Being a "private property" from October till January, there was hunting on every weekend for pheasant and ducks.

At first it was not easy, for Csardas had three rivals: big, well trained Black Labradors, but when she got used to the place, nothing could top her. She became FIRST! The biggest bag ever on one weekend was 505 pheasants and 175 ducks. This was the highest number ever shot on this place. Csardas did her share, retrieving 122 pheasants on the first day and 54 ducks on the second.

She sure learned how to retrieve! She discovered the easier hold, too, all by herself.

Then Csardas moved from Long Island to faraway California where a T. V. film had been made for Walt Disney Productions starring her two sons. (ejg: more on this is promised in the near future!)

That is the story of how Csardas got from Hungary to a new and interesting life in the New World.

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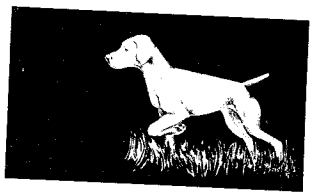


SECOND NATIONAL VIZSLA SPECIALTY

CHAGRIN FALLS, OHIO

AUGUST 27, 1966

Specialty Judge will be Dr. Richard H. Gaetz, Getzville, N. Y.

Show Superintendent: BOW Dog Show Organization, 9999 Broadstreet, Detroit, Michigan. Your FULL PREMIUM LIST will arrive soon directly from BOW. All entries must be received at the Superintendents office by August 16. This date is most important... PLEASE!

CLASSES:

PUPPY DOG CLASS (under 1 year)	PUPPY BITCH
NOVICE DOG	NOVICE BITCH
BRED BY EXHIBITOR	BRED BY EXHIBITOR
AMERICAN BRED	AMERICAN BRED
OPEN DOG	OPEN BITCH

SPECIALS

in addition: STUD DOG CLASS BROOD BITCH CLASS

(the qualifications for these two classes are as follows: Stud Dog: this is for a stud dog and two of his get. The get do not necessarily have to be owned by the exhibitor or the same persons, nor do they have to be litter-mates or even from the same dam; they must both have the same sire only. The get is judged, not the stud.

Brood Bitch: this is for the brood bitch and two of her produce. The same applies here... The produce only is judged -- the dam is not judged.)

BRACE CLASS

(A brace consists of two dogs, dog and bitch, or two bitches -- but both must be owned by the same person or persons. They should be as nearly identical in looks, size and conformation as possible. They should handle as one: gait alike and move -- as a brace.)

HIGHEST SCORING VIZSLA IN OBEDIENCE

(this in the obedience trial held in conjunction with the dog show at Chagrin Falls, also)

A tremendous list of trophies has been arranged by the Show Committee with four awards in each of the show classes, and fine prizes for Reserve and Winners Bitch; Reserve and Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, and Best of Breed.

SO, ENTER YOUR VIZSLAS COME TO THE SHOW YOUR NATIONAL "SPECIALTY"

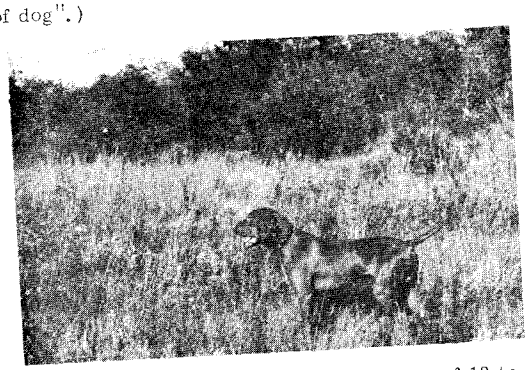
A FEW PICTURES.....

SPRING FIELD TRIAL WINNERS.

These, pulled from the files or sent to the Vizsla News by their proud owners will, at long last, add "sight" to the excellent field trial report turned in last month by Clif Boggs.

JODI of CZUKI BARAT, winner of the Derby Stake owned by Lewis and Sharon Simon, Antioch, Illinois.

FUTAKI JULISKA, winner of the Amateur Gun Dog Stake (28 entries) and the Open Gun Dog Stake (23 entries) and placing 4th in the Limited All-Age... owned by Robert and Nancy Perry and handled by Smitty Smith, North Hampton, N.H. (pictured here on the way to the staring line at Bloomfield Iowa a few trials back...and as the judges said "is a lot of dog".)



RIPP BARAT'S RIPPY, topped the stake of 13 to win the Limited All-Age and his Field Trial Championship! Rippy, owned by Judy & Jayne Holcomb and handled by Paul Sabo, is pictured here in his beloved Canada where he has spent 3 months out of every year in training. Rippy has the distinction of being the first Vizsla to make both a Canadian and AKC Field Trial Championship.

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FALL FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE

The members of the fall field trial committee are already hard at work: site, date and details are all pending at the moment.

Field Trial Chairman, Dick Buhman, Box 804, Milan, Illinois, has asked that VC of A members within this "mid-west" area check around their area for possible trial sites and into some of the basic trial needs (local personnel to manage arrangments, expenses for horses, birds, motels and food; size, dates available and person to contact.) These are needed for the field trial file -- and if not for this fall -- certainly to be considered for future events.

The field trial committee for this fall include Dick Buhman, chairman; Bernard C. Boggs, 51 Cherry Drive, Springfield, Ohio, secretary; Allen Hahn, 932 Hancock, Muscatine, Iowa; Richard Olsen, 1026 Spafford Place, Antioch, Illinois, and Carol Willey, 3 Maple Avenue, Newmarket, N.H.

"Even with a record-breaking number of entries at the spring trial, the club went far into the red, this time," reported our new treasurer, Bill Fisher. While it is never the intention of the club to make a profit on national events, it is not reasonable to assume that we can sustain a loss like this twice a year, either! Careful planning and a sharp pencil in budgeting are very necessary; if expenditures at preserves must run this high, the club will either have to go to less developed locations (which may mean better trial grounds for the running of dogs) or increase entry fees to cover these "conveniences". Any other suggestions? Make them to Buhman -- he is looking for some answers to some obviously big questions!

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Route 5
Muscatine, Iowa
June 28, 1966

Dear Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to state my sincere interest in promoting and improving the Vizsla breed. I hope that I may fill the office of president of the Vizsla Club of America to further these goals.

The national Vizsla Club has grown to the point where several interest groups should be able to function side by side. Although my personal interest has been in field trials, it would be a mistake to believe that excellence in field trials alone makes a dog ideal. The ideal Vizsla which we should work for would be a champion in field and retriever trials, obedience and conformation, and above all, a companion gun dog. In promoting our own special interests, let us not forget our overall purpose. I will expect suggestions from the membership on new ways to accomplish our objective.

Sincerely,

Len Hartl

....ABOUT OUR VIZSLAS AND
OUR STANDARDS.....

Among the many letters that arrive at this address every year there are numerous comments about the Vizsla and the standards by which they are judged -- both in show and in field. Commenting on an article in the April 1966 issue of the V. NEWS (Report on letters from AKC show judges), one member wrote: ..."I don't know who W. E. P. is, but I most certainly would never want to show any dog under his judgement. If he can not judge a breed by its OWN standard, he should not be considered qualified to judge. If Shorthairs and Vizslas should be bred to the Pointer standard, why bother having standards of our own? For that matter, why even bother having Vizslas at all? Ridiculous! Mailing a letter and flyer to the judges was an excellent idea. We can only hope it will do more good with the majority of them than it obviously did the above mentioned one."

The Vizsla Standard, the one that is supposed to be the physical description of this specific breed and used by AKC licensed judges in determining dogs of quality to represent the breed in Dog Shows and as Show Champions, is set up and maintained by this organization -- the Vizsla Club of America -- with the approval of the American Kennel Club. It is true that it is a rather broad description; it obviously could benefit with some more specific terms. But what do we, the VC of A, do about judges who openly and deliberately disagree with our standard, and place dogs that resemble THEIR idea of this breed (this usually is more like their own choice of breed -- pointer, hound, or the bigger, heavier gun-dogs)?

Since a person must be licensed to judge a breed (coming up through a series of apprentice positions under a qualified judge, etc.) they can also be suspended, and not permitted to judge a breed when properly filed complaints are registered with AKC, and action is taken by the Board of Directors. Judges not using the approved Vizsla standard in placing dogs should be reported: this is our only channel for remedying a situation. Certainly one irate letter from one exhibitor will not set the world on fire -- but repeated complaints will bring an investigation into the problem, and a correction to the situation.

Many breed clubs have started setting up a "preferred list" of judges they feel are qualified and knowledgeable in their particular breed. While this system obviously has short-comings and through an oversight or error bring a prejudiced decision in the groups, for instance, it would help the new-comers to the show game, and would give preference to those judges who DO make an effort to know the individualities of the breed and judge them accordingly. It was also suggested in the GSHP News that perhaps a "black-list" for those judges who are known in the trade as "handler-judges" -- however, I feel that an official suspension would really be in the best interest of the A. K. C. and dog shows in general!

Whether you are actively showing a dog or not, you should have a copy of the A. K. C.'s "Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows". Single copies sent without charge on request...from 51 Madison Avenue, N. Y. C., N. Y. There are many items that certainly are doing things to influence OUR BREED -- for good and bad. These rules are established by member clubs for the protection of the individual breeds and events.

When rules are not correct or incorrectly interpreted, it is up to the breed clubs to get the situation changed. There are rules -- good ones -- that have been ignored for so long that experienced show people don't even know it exists. Judges, too, have apparently lost sight of the fact that dogs that are given championship points SHOULD be good specimens of that breed... in a letter requesting the Hungarian Standard, one judge commented that of course in the classes, judging was a matter of comparative qualities and when in the GROUPS it is supposed to be the specific breed qualities looked for. (One wonders what he compares them with -- each other on manners? show experience? gromming or conditioning? surely all these must be considered, but basic conformation WITHIN THE VIZSLA STANDARD should be the primary consideration, if entries do not represent qualities of THIS BREED; points -- by default -- are not in our best interest, or the whole show system's) There is a rule that should mean that all dogs receiving points toward a championship should merit this distinction; unfortunately among the many fine Show Champions representing the Vizsla are numerous dogs that were simply not as bad as the others he was entered with. Harsh words? perhaps, but someone had better say it, and we had better see what can be done to rectify the situation before the whole system loses "merit".

...IN THE SAME VEIN, BUT ANOTHER FIELD...

there are repeated misunderstandings and misinterpretations of rules, varying rules and the different value they carry in field trials, too.

Another member sent a clipping from "HUNTING DOG" stating that Herm David's reply to the question about Irish Setters and AKC field trial championships, and commented "David's reply can be readily applied to all the other pointing breeds as well... it pretty well summs-up the opinions of knowledgeable active bird dog people and the reason why the remark "paper Champion" is heard when terms Dual Ch, Dbbl Ch, etcetera are used to describe a Field Trial Champion."

This all points up two problems -- one in reading what is written; the other confusion in concocting ones own conjunction for several individual titles.

First, the pointer and setter are quite separate in Mr. David's thinking from the "other pointing breeds" namely the Vizsla and other reputable gun-dogs that fill the need of the average hunter, and dog man in the USA. The Field Dog Stud Book is specifically a field dog organization, and primarily Pointer and Setters. Gun dogs are recognized and encouraged by them, but when trying to compare the two qualities I feel they are as far afield as the fleet-footed race horse, and the sure-footed quarter-horse ...certainly each beautiful, and excellent in their own field ... but not comparable in the same field.

WHY argue the merits of one over the other -- they are simply different! I would like to see, in the future, a Vizsla Championship Trial using the gun-dog requirements in the American Field Rules. This would be something to work toward. At present both our spring and fall field trials are licensed by AKC and recognized by AF, and hopefully they always will be.

The term "dual Ch" is not a conjunction for an AKC Field Trial Championship and American Field Champion... at least not to my understanding. A dual championship is recognized by AKC for both a Field Trial and Show Championship -- however an additional "dual championship title" is not made.

As for this "Dbbl Ch", this ranking escapes me as I have never been confronted with it to date.... perhaps someone else can enlighten this interesting term.

Certainly our Field Trial Rules have had their short-comings. It was hoped that with the revision of the AKC running rules, much of the confusion of Field Trials would be a thing of the past, however, the rules must first be completely adhered to, and knowledgable AKC judges listed to judge AKC events! Perhaps a qualifying or apprentice system should also be enacted for these licensed events, as they are in shows and obedience work.

It is not reasonable to assume that people will continue to spend the money to come to events advertised as AKC licensed trials only to find out that the judges -- reputable and fine gentlemen, all -- are experienced AF men who just look at a dog in a slightly different way than the way those "other" rules say.

Here we are with the FINEST GUN DOG in the world -- and we are up on horses from the Derby Stake on --"a gun-dog is to hunt for the foot handler", it says, but where is he? Not at a crazy steeple-chase I grant you! For the all-age and limited, alright, but let's hunt with these dogs; not try to make them some type of short-haired setter.

ALL THESE VARIOUS "STANDARDS", and Contests are helpful to individual owners. They give one the opportunity to compare one dog with another, one line with another and even one breed with another. They can lead to excellent marks of achievement for dogs of exceptional quality; they can also be quite mis-leading -- so it is necessary to know the "how" and "who" behind these titles.

These various contests can prove the versitility of the breed: Field Trials, Show and Obedience come naturally to mind, however, Water Retrieving, Tracking are also open to competition and very interesting, too.

A "champion" of any of these is certainly a mark of accomplishment, but is NOT the WORLD! No matter how many titles are collected before and after his name, the "how", "who" and some times the "how much" of other dogs of obviously less merit tend to color the honest wins and fine accomplishments attained. When people with little or no knowledge of an event continually "knock" it and claim that only their particular "standard" or contest means anything, it doesn't help much... and one sometimes wonders if explanations help either.

The STANDARDS by which we judge our breed are established and maintained by us! They are licensed and approved by the A. K. C. They are rated by judges -- judges that should be kept on their toes by US! If judges prefer other breeds -- they can have them -- but not try to make the Vizsla like that breed by ignoring the standards by which they are being judged, or their duties in administering them properly.

Standards are ONLY standards... different for each type of event: none are "cheap" except when we allow them to be so. All should carry the "merit" of that award and the respect of all. - ejg-

VIZSLA CLUB OF COLORADO

A "news letter" bearing this title arrived showing still another mark of organization for another regional club... and bringing the following news to the Vizsla News office, and on to all VC of A members!

"At the April meeting of the Vizsla Club of Colorado the following officers were elected: Jim Rose, Boulder, Colo, president; Jim Block, vice-president; Jacki Rose, Secretary and Jerry Chamberlin, Treasurer. Regular meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of every month; Don Anderson will be the speaker in June with tips on training a hunting dog.

The July meeting will be held at Cherry Creek Recreational Area on July 30 and will consist of a meeting, pot luck supper and a fun trial in the evening."

In other correspondence information is that Colorado is proceeding with incorporation and plans for their Fall Field Trial.

VIZSLA CLUB OF PENNSYLVANIA

The first meeting of the Vizsla Club of Pennsylvania was held on Sunday, June 19, at the home of Berry Rathvon. Sixteen Vizsla owners attended and there were letters and phone calls from many others indicating a much larger group at the next meeting.

Our officers are: President, Berry Rathvon; Vice-President, Richard Johnson; Secretary A. R. Seelye; Treasurer, Richard H. Whitman. Dick Johnson agreed to rough-draft a constitution before the next meeting.

Secretary Dele Seelye will begin procedures with the A. K. C.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, August 14, again at the home of president, Berry Rathvon. Dick Johnson will give an obedience exhibition and tips to those interested in getting into obedience work. We hope to have field, show, and water work clinics at future meetings.

All those interested in the club, please contact Berry Rathvon, R. D. 2, Ephrata, Pa, or Ann Brawner, Regional Governor, 151 Rose Tree Road, Media, Pa.

NEBRASKA VIZSLA CLUB, INC.

A "Newsletter" on fine new stationery is also an addition to the Nebraska Club's services, and to the duties of club secretary, Hank Rozanek & family, I would venture to say!

Nebraska Vizsla owners now have permanent fun trial and training grounds, located 2 miles east of Raymond (just north of Lincoln). A fun trial is scheduled for July 3, and the first Sunday in every month; GSHP people also invite us to their fun trial the 2nd Sunday of each month. (Travelers in the area are welcome to drop in...7 a. m. on)

The Fall Licensed AKC Trial will be September 17-18 South of Rising City. Chairman, Joe Dolezal has already lined up a spectacular array of trophies, and grounds are reportedly "best ever".

The following article, written by a Vizsla Club of America member, Bela Hadik, arrived at the Vizsla News office recently. It presents interesting facts and some thoughtful considerations about these Hungarian Pointers of ours, and is included here just as it came to me. Hopefully this will add perspective and knowledge to all who are owners and breeders of Vizslas in America. ejg

Dear Hearts and Gentle Vizsla People !
During the year 1965 our Vizsla News published a series of articles emanating from Hungary. "The Origin of the Hungarian Vizsla" by Mike Kende.(1965. Jan. Feb. and March issues) This is an excellent and comprehensive summary of the Vizsla background and Vizsla standards, the way I understood these to be back in the twenties and thirties when I lived in Hungary. The second article:"Judging of the Shorthaired Hungarian Vizsla Characteristics" (Sep.1965) which is the newly revised story and standard, invented, put together and made official in 1960-62. It is mainly in reference to the second article that I want to comment. It is a very interesting and lengthy study and contains many good points but I want to draw the attention of the American Vizsla breeders to a few mistakes I have detected in this article.

First, however, let us pick out the good points! In reading this article everyone can see how seriously breeding was taken in Hungary. Before any dog could be used for breeding it had to be registered in the Stud Book. For this purpose the dog was judged by not one, but three competent judges. A detailed entry was made, including photographs, measurements, faults, qualifications and achievements. If a breeder leafed through this record book he could find, not only his own dog's exhaustive description and points, but those of it's ancestors, and also pictures, descriptions, qualifications, and show and trial wins of all the sires available for breeding. This system was reinstalled after 1956, taken from pre-war days. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could start again from scratch and register all our breeding material in this manner ? Perhaps if the United States were as small as Hungary, only about the size of Indiana, this might be feasible.

The only difference in this present system of registration is that in olden days this careful work was done by gentlemen and sportsmen who were not interested in financial gain but were trying to breed a better and more beautiful hunting companion, whereas today in Hungary dog-breeding is a centrally governed means of procuring foreign currency. Mr. Kende states that" he wishes to shed light on the Hungarian Vizsla for the sake of putting the dog where it belongs, into the ECONOMY of the Hungarian People's Republic." In the light of this and my further comments I feel we American breeders should be wary of accepting the new standard without discrimination. The danger might exist that the present authorities, for some unknown reason, are aiming at producing a hound-bloodhound type of dog with lowset ears and pendulous tail and all the characteristics of a hound. We can not deny that there have been some of this type of Vizsla, but these we have culled. We here in America greatly prefer the high-tailed and noble stanced dog. Let us use our discrimination wisely !

"Judging the Shorthaired Vizsla Characteristics" (Vizsla News Vol XII No 9) says, in regard to the history of the Vizsla: "The Magyar Vizsla has descended from a number of dog species. The migrating Hungarians brought with them into the Carpathian Mountains of present day Hungary a hunting dog, which was then crossed with the

native hunting dogs from that area, and so they developed the Pannon and Transylvanian Kopo.(Kopo means Hound) ---------- This early native Vizsla, during the period of the Turkish occupatio from 1526 to 1686 was crossed with Eastern yellow and sand colored Turkish hunting dogs. This crossing is the explanation for the different characteristics and sets apart the Hungarian Vizsla from the Western and other pointer type breeds."

I think that somewhere around 1500 years ago our migrating Hungarian ancestors divided their hound-type dogs into two gategories. The ones that searched for and chased birds were used for falconry, the others for the hunting of cleft-footed game and bears and wolves. Hares were hunted by greyhounds. To the best of my knowledge the Vizsla dedcended from the light colored dog used for falconry.

I still maintain there is no existing proof that they did or did not cross the breed with other strains and therefore feel the declaration in the above article is misleading. There is no proof, it is all conjecture. There is no data on the existence of a native dog of that area and little is known of the Turkish hunting dogs four hundred years ago, nor is mention made of the Turks having been a bird-hunting nation, all the more so as their religion forbids their eating any meat that has not been ritually bled by slitting the throat.

What would have been the advantage of cross-breeding ? A bird hunter does not want a hound that goes off on deer tracks and pays no attention to its master. Crossing with a greyhound would improve the dog's speed but ruin his nose. All known types of hound have a black nose and black lips. How can one believe that a Hungarian hound crossed with a Slav hound and then with a Turkish one would suddenly arrive at a dog with flesh colored nose and points birds and retrieves !

The section of the article which really incenses me however is paragrapg #3 General Appearance: " The characteristic of the body shape indicates its ancestry from the Kopo (Hound) Kopo type shows on the structure of the skull, muzzle, chin, ears and shape of the tail and manner in which he carries it. Ears: are attached low and are fairly long, 7.1-7.9 inches. The neck------ Around the throat the skin is characteristically loose. Tail: The tail is attached lower than it is in other pointer types. When calm it hangs down, when he moves it is carried level." Oh horror of horrors ! And to top it off the author continues: "Outstanding tracker and continuously uses voice when driving game. When the quarry is brought to bay amits a distinctive howl." Do you suppose my Futaki Vizslas have won almost two hundred placements at Field Trials by barking and howling their way around the course ? No, this is foolish, unspeakable nonsense ! If we allow the country's judges to read that article and to judge accordingly, then it will be the end of the true Vizsla type which we all esteem so highly. We brought this breed from the Old World, let us develop it for the purpose we need in the New World, which is, incidentally, identical with the use to which Hungarians put the Vizsla for many generations.

Béla Hasi

Chester N.H. 24.5.66

"VIZSLA"
by Sharon Simon

Mans' best friend has long been created,
Nothing has ever been more perfectly mated.
No one could ever take either one's place...
No animal alive would want to get in the race.

There are other animals, this is for sure;
But none whose heart is quite so pure.
He's loving and kind, a most beautiful breed,
To which you could find almost every need.

You're probably curious to which is the best...
Well, ours could pass the most impossible test!
I know you'd like to know what he is.
He's a VIZSLA, of course, the best there is!

PICTURES FROM HERE AND THERE.....

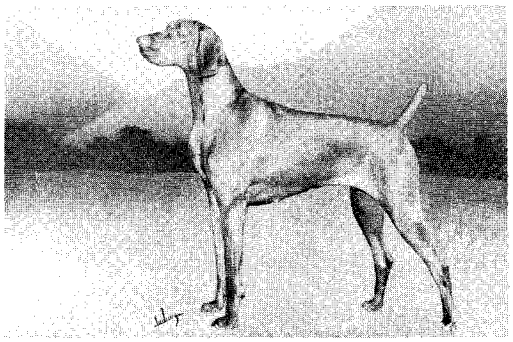
Arriving from Mexico is this picture of Mexican and American Ch. Piros of Mile High, owned by Anne E. DeBar, that was BEST IN SHOW at the 2nd International All Breed Dog Show in Mexico City, March 5 - 6.

"M. and Am. Ch. Piros of Mile High"

From Ohio , this picture of Ch. Szekeres' Kelet Szel -- or "Trump" as he is called by his

owners, Clif and Hilda Boggs. He completed the points for his bench Championship on December 5, 1966 at one year of age.

And this lovely picture from the far west, California, of Ch. Warhorse Sheila, owned by Robert and Christine Kelsey, of Newport Beach, California. A beautiful dog, and a very in-



teresting photographic technique... which is a very fine combination!

Along this line, is a note from New York and Joe Cunningham stating: " Puerco Pete Barat, recently finished his Championship. Petey took his second major (4 points) at Twin Brooks and received his coveted title at Daylestown, Pa, show." He also added that they had been holding some very successful field trials in the east with a very good turn out at each. He and John have been burdening the chore of getting things organized and ensuring that everything is run according to Hoyle (or should we say the AKC blue book). "We have some mightly promising dogs at these events and have ventured to state that some of these should be taken out to the National trials come fall!"

And from the north west, Bob Foster sends this picture of his granddaughter and 6 months old pup, GiGi, who did very nicely at her first show -- Reserve Winner with 5 bitch entry. She had never

seen so many people and dogs and loved it all! She also loves her field work, Bob adds -- "and retrieves better than most "labs" and takes her training well." Bob is a long time Vizsla owner from Bremerton, Wash.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ** *** ******
(April, May, and June 1966)

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Vizsla Club Of Illinois, Inc.

by Sharon Simon

The Vizsla Club of Illinois will be holding a "family fun-day" at the McCullom Lake Sportsmans Club in McHenry, Illinois. This will include training for pups, training and correction for older dogs, trap shooting, a family picnic, and (if the pond is dug) we will try some water retrieving. All in all, it should be a fun day for everyone!

Next month our Activities Committee has planned a "Water Retrieving Trial" to be held at Bong in Wisconsin (date has not yet been set). and there are plans for a "B" Match in the near future. Every month at our monthly meetings we have a guest speaker, a vet, field trial judges, or a movie. At our next meeting we are showing a film entitled, "Way of a Field Champion" courtesy of the Gaines Research Center. Of course, there is coffee and rolls and plenty of dog-talk, too.

"Dear Editor....."

Perhaps a progress report from this desk is in order:

I am just about getting the house, and your V. NEWS office all put back together, after that sudden spring storm. (which includes a re-decorating job in the living room -- with a WOW RED rug for a start!) Sorry if I shocked all you dog-men with a superfluous, feminine triviality like that, but besides being your editor, I am also a woman, and these things are very exciting!

The outside? Painting, roofing, etc, etc, etc,... well, we are making progress.

I am finding it just a wee bit difficult to tie my self in this corner of the house long enough to put together another issue of the V. NEWS -- that leave of absense this spring was most pleasant, and you know when you start gardening there is just no place to stop! However, I found some new wheels for my office chair, (these are round -- I had worn one flat) so that makes it alot more fun!!

Your new officers are finding through the maze of detail that surround their various offices, and are coming out on top!

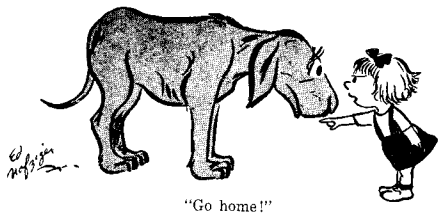
LEN HARTL, reports that he will have the Regional Governor's list in very soon now. He and his wife, Kathy, are planning a visit to the V. NEWS office to get acquainted with the club's files and various job requirements he is discovering. Len is planning to go back to school in Iowa City this fall; new address still pending -- they are searching for a place that meets their needs (5 dogs, 5 horses, outdoor spirit and their budget!) With school out for the summer, Kathy is enjoying just being Len's "secretary"!

PAT CARTER, is not only finishing up the plans for the 2nd Vizsla Specialty, and establishing the club's office in New Hampshire, but setting up a real logical filing system -- separate letters for individual items! Now there is an organized girl!

On the Board and membership meeting minutes, she sends word that she is having her problems -- as she took only partial notes, most of the minutes were put on tape; however, when the tapes were forwarded to her, the recorder that was located to transcribe them had only one speed -- not a slowed speed, at which they were taken! But she is still trying and hopes to have them completed shortly... and adds, "I sure haven't gotten off to a very good start in my new job - but I trust I will fare better as the year goes on."

BILL FISHER, has been setting up a bookkeeping system, despite the fact that the club's books have still not been forwarded to him. The full official membership list was compiled and forward to Pat, Len, and V. NEWS office last week, with this most universal conclusion: "I am sure glad to know I'm not the only one having troubles with his new job for the club... sometimes I'm ready to give up job, dogs, and the whole works, but then I go run Laz and Luckie and that sort of changes my mind for a while. I guess that someone has to do it, so here I am!"

....and so here am I, too, HOT, HUMID, an HURRIED, but HAPPILY serving Vizslas.



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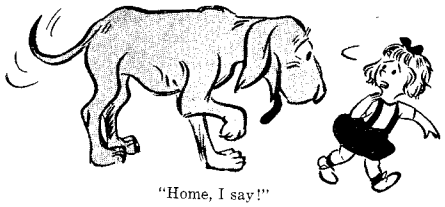

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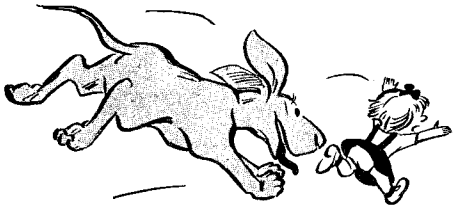

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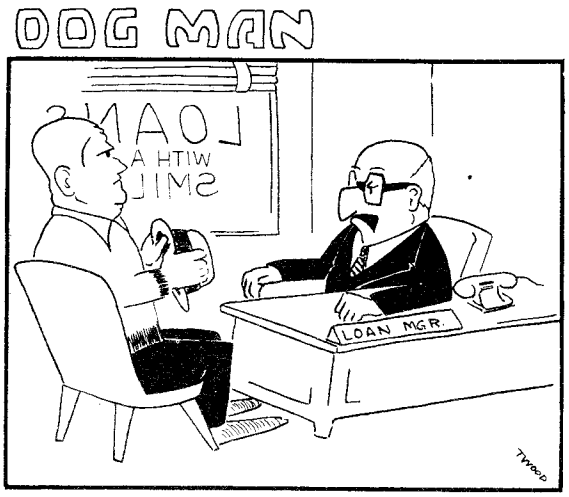

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