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MEMORIES of a RARE HUNT

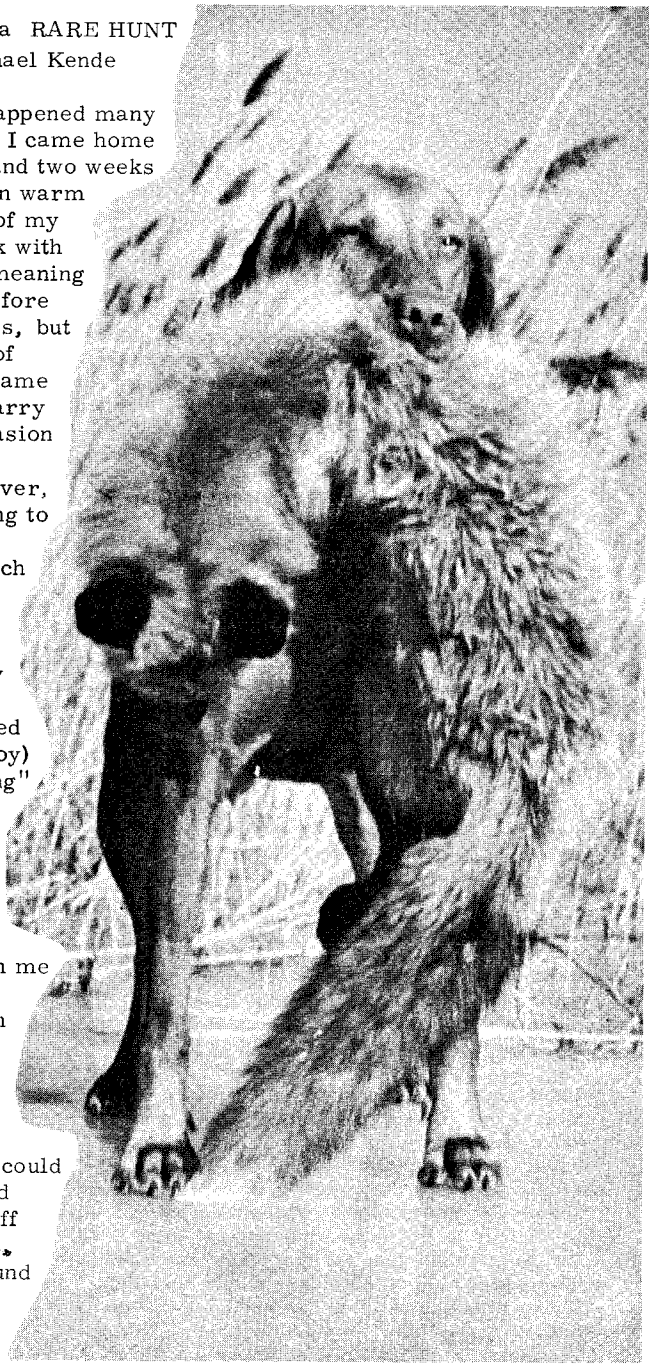
by Michael Kende

An adventure came to my memory that happened many years ago. In the third year of World War I, I came home for a Christmas recovery leave (two weeks and two weeks for the journey). I was glad to enjoy the clean warm bed and good food and above all the affection of my family. On sunny days I would go out to track with my young Hungarian Vizsla named "Tüzér" (meaning artillerist). Our hunting ground had been, before the war, a rather good one full of wild animals, but the lack of care and the multiplied numbers of beasts of prey were threatening noble small game with extermination. Nevertheless, I would carry home 1-2 hares and 4-5 pheasants on the occasion of each excursion.

Once, about midday, I had reached the river, "Ung" and was walking a few kilometers hoping to find wild-ducks. Suddenly a brownish animal seemed to slide into the water from a rock which was standing out of the water about 150 paces off shore. I went nearer to the rock and saw that the whole place was full with animal and fish skeletons and waste. I immediately knew that the animal which had slid into the water must have been an Otter because I remembered that my father had said (when I was a small boy) that otters were often noticed in the river "Ung" and he himself had shot some specimen. I recognized the field thoroughly and marked a bush about sixty paces away from the rock.

All the way home the otter was keeping my mind busy and I was planning when I should go for stalking; what kind of clothes I should put on; and which gun I should take with me -- that one, for bullet, or that other one for small-shot. Arriving home, we had our lunch and I announced that I had seen some wild animal jumping into the water and I would not rest until I could get it with my gun!

I had started with full equipment at sunset. I dressed warmly, taking care that I could move easily. After some hesitation, I decided to take my Mauser gun. I took also a foot-muff and a big fur coat. When "Tüzér", my Vizsla, saw my preparations, he started jumping around me, indicating that he didn't wish to be left at home. I tried to calm him, but he went on with barking his wishes. I felt pity for him, (such persuasion these dogs employ) so, took his rug out and put it into the rachsach, too.



Vizsla & fur-game (not otter) by G. Toth.

His joy was beyond description. While we were approaching the sled, he ran to and fro at least five times. I explained to him with some words that it was not fitting to be loud -- he had to behave calmly.

The village-dogs passed the news to one another that an expedition was setting out to the river Ung; then, when we left the village, a great silence fell onto the country.

It was not too cold. I was pleased to feel the mild fresh air. The moon didn't rise yet and the stars were glittering in the deep blue. My thoughts were about the success my night-watch could bring. During the short way (about 5 km-s) I thought out four plans -- but at the end, I decided my first plan was the best.

The sleigh stopped about 600 paces from the river and I got down with "Tüzér". I ordered him to keep close to me and he came with me in such silence that even the rustle of his feet could not be heard on the snowy path. I bade the sleigh-driver (who was an Italian prisoner of war) to return about 12 o'clock at night. First of all, I made a good place for my dog; then I settled down on my hunting-chair. I let Tüzér lie on my left side (that I could flick him if he tried to move or to whine.) Before me I cut loop-holes among the branches of wood, lest they should deviate the shot from its course. I got into the foot-muff and put on the fur-coat. It was 6 o'clock in the evening when I was finally ready with all the preparations.

The Mauser gun hung on a branch so I could take it off without any noise. Small clouds were flying in the sky. Memories of those last two years of front service came to my mind. Millions of stars were glittering in the sky. A cloud was creeping forward before the rising moon and put her out of sight. I was watching the rock with close attention in order to see the arrival of the fish-robber. Suddenly I saw a tiny black point swimming towards the rock. I reached for my gun as slowly as I could, taking care to avoid any branch. As my eyes got accustomed to the darkness, I saw that the black point was swimming very slowly -- I was in doubt whether I had not confounded some log with an otter. After some minutes, it seemed to me as if he had a fish in his mouth. I breathed a prayer "Heaven help me!" and lifted the gun to my face. My heart gave great throbbings when the moon crept out of the cloud-rags and I recognized a block of wood was my target, instead of the otter.

Oh, I had already imagined that I could get my otter, then go home on foot with Tüzér (leaving the warm clothes behind which the driver could fetch later) and I could then drive to the New Year's Eve Ball at the town of Ungvár where my beloved one would be dancing in her white silk gown. In my eagerness and great excitement, I forgot to watch the instincts of Tüzér -- HE had been laying calmly on his fur-rug the whole time!

I shut the safety lock on the gun, hung it on the branch again and was grateful to the moon for having come out of the clouds just in time so a foolish shot should make the whole expedition purposeless.

I kept on waiting. The moon hid and appeared several times. About 9 o'clock Tüzér lifted his head and was watching towards the willow plantation. In a little while a hare came into sight -- keeping to the river, then he turned his shovel-ears toward the willow, stamped his feet, and ran away. My dog sat up to gaze after the hare, but to my sign lay down calmly. I praised him with my eyes, which he acknowledged with tail-wagging. After about ten minutes a black nose appeared in the willow-brush -- later a fox-head could be seen. The fox watched for a few minutes but did not move. The moon went out of sight for a short while then dived out again. The fox was drawing near to the river now. Tüzér was watching the fox motionless with his head on the ground. The fox sniffed around, then set forth making his paces slowly until he reached the place where the hare had stamped, then set off with his nose to the ground on the track of the hare.

Tüzér lay down again but I was musing, watching the rock. My battery-comrades came to my memory celebrating the New Year's Eve at the valley "Uz" in Transylvania and the ball at the town of "Ungvár" where I should be dancing at this hour with a lovely lady -- whom I had promised to dance a "Csárdás" with -- but how could I, at that time, have known that I should be stalking an otter on New Year's Eve. The hunting passion and keeping my promise were struggling within me. But the goddess Diana seemed to have triumphed because I counted to meet the otter until 11 o'clock so I would have time enough to change and thus to arrive at the ball in due time.

The moon hid again. I couldn't see anything for darkness, but I was listening and watching attentively. Soon I heard a splash from the direction of the rock. When the moon appeared again, the gun was already in my hand. I examined the rock with a telescope. My heart began to throb when I caught sight of the otter as he was eating a very big fish heartily. He was standing with his back toward me. I was speculating; if I shot at him in this position, it would damage the pelt. I made up my mind to do a bold action: I aimed at the otter and was imitating, meanwhile, the squeaking of a mouse. The otter turned his head towards me and in that moment I fired off a shot. The otter jumped up and then fell down on the rock. I loaded again, waiting to see what the otter would do. This was the most exciting moment. I glanced at my dog who was sitting upright and was watching the otter closely, also. When I remarked that the otter did not move I sent the dog into the water saying, "Fetch the wild animal my little pet!" He had to swim about eight paces, then he climbed up on the rock to approach the otter. I held my gun ready, should the animal begin to move. On having reached the otter Tüzér sniffed round, then seized him and started running towards me. I was waiting on the riverside. Túzér climed skillfully out of the water and presented the otter.

Then I hid the fur-coat, muff and Tüzér's rug under a bush and we started homeward. About half past ten we arrived home. I was glad to have the rare prey and also that gallantry had not suffered any harm -- as I was present at the midnight "Csárdás" dance, after all.

SECOND NATIONAL VIZSLA SPECIALTY ** ** ** ** ** and MEMBERSHIP BUFFET DINNER

The event of the Second National Vizsla Specialty at Chagrin Falls, Ohio, August 28, 1966 will be preceeded by a Buffet Dinner, for the Vizsla Club of America Members, Vizsla owners and their handlers -- ALL VIZSLA PEOPLE -- are invited. The Dinner will be held Saturday evening, August 27th, the evening before the "Specialty" at the Chagrin Valley Show. Hilda Boggs has made the following arrangements:

VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA BUFFET DINNER

Where: Turfside Moter Lodge, 4511 Northfield Road, Cleveland, Ohio. (1 ½ miles South of the intersection of US 422 and Ohio 8. The Motel is on the East side of Ohio 8 opposite the Thistledown and North Randall Race Tracks.)

Time: 7:30 p.m. EDT

Entertainment: COD Bar and possibly movies of several VC of A National events plus an opportunity to visit with other Vizsla members and club officers.

Rooms: AAA rated good. $9 single and $13-16 double. Due to the late notice to members Hilda Boggs, 51 Cherry Drive, Springfield, Ohio, has reserved 10 rooms for members. so -- contact her first. First come, first served. Must be assigned before August 22.

(Shaker House Moter Hotel near the intersection of US 422 and Ohio 8 will also allow pets -- single rooms at this motel are $9 - 15, doubles are $15-30.)

Menu: Three meat dishes and all the trimmings! The Chef has guaranteed a first class meal. (she adds: "...it must be a foreign Chef from his accent!")

Price per plate: $4.50

Although the notice is short, it is hoped that ALL those coming to the specialty will be present at the dinner; the fellowship of these occasions are as important as the events themselves!

REMEMBER, entries for this show close August 11, 1966, with the Show Superintendent, BOW Dog Show Organization, 9999 Broadstreet, Detroit, Michigan, 48204. Your entries, on any official entry form, must be at that address on that date -- or your dog will not be able to compete. (If you have not received your premium list from Bow, check with local handlers for a form -- and get it sent off!)

SO, come to the Show and the Dinner. Join with your other Vizsla Club members as they help the Vizsla Club of America, Inc, take another step toward full American Kennel Club membership.

Show Committee: Pat Carter, Chairman; Joe Malicek, Marge Meminger, Hilda Boggs, and Ralph Wilson.

REPORTING from the East.....

by: John A. Carter

In as much as spouse "Pat", who usually writes this column, is still trying to decipher the recordings of the Vizsla Club of America meetings, as well as files, various pieces of correspondence, etc., she asked me to fill in for her this month to give you the latest Vizsla news from the eastern part of the country.

The Vizsla Club of Central N.E. held its first AKC Sanctioned B Match in conjunction with our club's first Annual Meeting in Chester, N. H. on July 10th. Thirty (30) Vizslas were passed over by our most gracious judge from Montclair, N. J., Mrs. Genevieve Wolfe. Mrs. Wolfe, a noted breeder herself, was most impressed by the fact that most of the dogs under judgement were not only show dogs but had many field trial wins and placements to their credit.

A Parade of Champions followed the regular judging and it was pointed out to the spectators at ringside that each Champion present was a field trial dog with many wins to his/her credit. Each Champion was presented with a lovely Rosette by Mrs. Wolfe as a memento of the day.

Results of the match are as follows:

Puppy Dog - 6 entries

1st.	Ringer	Owner: Don Morin, Mass.
2nd.	Twochester Timmy	" Tim Smith, Vt.
3rd.	Twochester Ficko	" Tim Smith, Vt.
4th.	Szekeres' Pajkos	" Joe Davin, Mass.

Puppy Bitch - 6 entries		
1st. Szekeres' Kis Szereto	"	Carol Willey, N.H.
2nd. Szekeres' Magyal	"	Max & Ellie Holland, N.Y.
3rd. Futaki Kincs	"	Bela Hadik, N.H.
4th. Futaki Pitci	"	Bela Hadik, N.H.
Bred by Exhibitor Dog - 2 entries		
1st. Szekeres' Aranyos Heja	"	John & Pat Carter, N.H.
2nd. Pirolin	"	Carlo & Betty Zezza, Vt.
Bred by Exhibitor Bitch - 1 entry		
1st. Futaki Linsci	"	Bela Hadik, N. H.
American Bred Dog - 5 entries		
1st. Uno	"	Brad Ingalls, Mass.
2nd. Mahler	"	Bob Abrams, Mass.
3rd. Szekeres' Kis Ficko	"	John & Pat Carter, N.H.
4th. Pirolin	"	Carlo & Betty Zezza, Vt.
American Bred Bitch - 4 entries		
1st. Szekeres' Abrandozas	"	Marilyn Shute, N.H.
2nd. Futaki Orsi	"	Max Holland, N.Y.
3rd. Cee-Jay's 1st Brandie	"	Dennis Abbott, N.H.
4th. Lady Susan	"	Stanley Kodzes, Mass.
Open Dog - 3 entries		
1st. Pappy	"	Don Morin, Mass.
2nd. Uno	"	Brad Ingalls, Mass.
3rd. Pirolin	"	Carlo & Betty Zezza, Vt.
Open Bitch - 3 entries		
1st. Kis	"	Tim Smith, Vt.
2nd. Cee-Jay's 1st Brandie	"	Dennis Abbott, N.H.
3rd. Lady Susan	"	Stanley Kodzes, Mass.

BEST OF BREED IN MATCH - "Szekeres' Aranyos Heja"
owned by John & Pat Carter

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX - "Szekeres' Abrandozas"
owned by Marilyn Shute

BEST PUPPY IN MATCH - "Szekeres' Kis Szereto"
owned by Carol Willey

The "Parade of Champions" saw the following Vizslas putting their "best paws forward", gaiting around the ring and showing the spectators just what champions are made of:

Dual Ch. Futaki Darocz	(Male)	owned by Bela Hadik, N. H.
Ch. Hunor	(Male)	owned by Bela Hadik, N. H.
Ch. Caesar	(Male)	owned by Max Holland, N. Y.
Ch. Szekeres' Kezdet	(Female)	owned by John & Pat Carter, N.H.

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Following the match, the club's Annual Meeting and election took place with the following members being elected to lead the club during the next fical year:
Bela Hadik, president; John Carter, Vice President; Donald Morin, Treasurer; Lynn Hilton, Recording Secretary; Carol Willey, Corresponding Secretary. Board of Directors: (Two year term) Timothy Smith, and Carlo Zezza; (One year term) Chauncey Smith and Pat Carter.
Plans are now being formulated to hold an AKC Sanctioned Field Trial (pending approval) on October 1, 1966 at Westboro, Mass.

A new Travelling Trophy made its appearance at the Annual Meeting, said trophy being a Silver Bowl on a Walnut Base donated to the club by Carlo and Betty Zezza of Chester, Vermont. This trophy will be awarded each year at the annual meeting to the club member and his/her dog who, in the opinion of a committee, have done the most during the previous year for the Vizsla breed. The trophy was presented this year to:

BELA HADIK and his Vizsla bitch, "gramma" - PIRI

After the meeting was adjourned, members enjoyed a swim in the pool and all in all everyone agreed that it had been a wonderful "Vizsla Day".

John Carter, Manchester, N. H.

The Vizsla Club Of America, Inc.

TO: VC of A Membership
FROM: Len Hartl, President

In the due course of time, the mountains of material passed on by our former president have been reviewed, and now the necessary committee appointments and jobs can be assigned with a bit better knowledge than I had on the first day of May. They are as follows:

SHOW COMMITTEE

Ralph Wilson, New York, N. Y. Chairman
Pat Carter, Manchester, N. H.
Paul Rothan, Cincinnati, Ohio
Margaret Meminger, Erie, Pennsylvania
Al Sulesky, Cleveland, Ohio

The second National Show Specialty is planned for the last week-end in August. Plans for a third will, no doubt, be started when the committee concludes this one -- about an hour after! when they are (for the most part) there at Chagrin Falls. The third one should also be held in the "Great Lakes Area"...and invitations will be entertained by the committee and submitted to the Board for consideration.

FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE

Bill Meminger, Erie, Penna. Chairman
Richard Buhman, (2 year term)
Bernard C. Boggs, (3 year term)

This committee is set up on a rotating membership basis, and is the "papa" committee under which the Fall and Spring Field Trial Committees operate. This National Committee is the group that is established on this permanent basis to give the club some continuity in planning from one trial to the next, and from one year to the next. Sites for next spring and fall of 1967 are being investigated, invitations welcomed! For at least one more year, the VC of A is limited to locations in the "mid-west" for its AKC Licensed Field Trials.

FUTURITY COMMITTEE

Hilda Boggs, Springfield Ohio, Chairman
C. M. Smith, North Hampton, N. H.
Brad Jorgens, Clara City, Minnesota

This is a new committee, and a long time coming! The establishment of a Vizsla Futurity, both in field and in show, has been discussed for many years, and recommended as our next step in the progress of furthering the Vizsla Breed for almost as many years. We now have a committee to set the system up, and hopefully within the proper allotment of time, Field and Show Futurities will take their place on our National Schedule of events

As our past history will show, the members or board can discuss a matter endlessly and never make any notable progress: a committee of interested individuals can develop a plan onwhich the board and membership can act. Result -- progress!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Richard Olsen, Antioch, Ill. Chairman
Taft Jones, Bremerton, Washington
Bill Fisher, Lincoln, Nebraska

This committee is the group to whom we refer for consideration of major expenditures of club funds between board meetings. They should also be advised of tentative budgets for national events (our field trials and specialty) and make recommendations to the board for any revisions in club policy in regard to finances. They should also resolve some of the present finance projects (club pins, patches, and booklets) and get some order to the management of them.

TROPHY COMMITTEE

Bob Holcomb, Englewood, Colo. Chairman
Wyman Stedman, Palmyra, Nebraska
Jesse Iftner, Atlantic, Iowa

These gentlemen will be incharge of the many trophies needed for national events. The purchasing may, of course, be assigned to a specific individual for a specific event, but the trophy committee should see that it is being taken care of. The list of traveling Trophies is always getting longer, and these -- defended on an annual basis -- should be present and in good order for the proper event. "Vizsla Booster" donations are directed through this committee, and catalogues and premium lists are a dual responsibility of this committee and the individual event scheduled.

BREED IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wilmer Kline, Garden City, Kansas, Chairman
Ivan Osborn, LeSueur, Minnesota
Laurance Ludt, Youngstown, Ohio
R. V. VanCamp, Colby, Kansas
Richard Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

This group, established only one year ago (under a similar name), has made excellent progress in the establishment of a system whereby all Vizsla owners can obtain an expert, confidential reading of hip x-rays. This is of primary importance to the individual owner; and specifically important to people advertising on the pages of our national newsletter -- many, many dogs are now cleared for ads. This group of men have worked many long hours, but has accomplished a great deal. They are to be highly complimented. This is the first step (and only the first, of course) in helping to reduce and eliminate undesirable traits in our breed of dogs.

STANDARD COMMITTEE

Bud Graff, Seward, Nebraska, Chairman
Joe Cunningham, Middletown, N. Y.
May Carpenter, Carmel, California

The Standards by which the Vizsla is judged (both show and field) should be continually examined and appraised. A standing committee charged with this responsibility should continue to work to keep the Vizsla "distinctive" in characteristics and ability.

Appointed as our National German Pointing Dog Club representative is George Peter, Chicago, Illinois. Participation in this annual field event has failed to materialize -- this for a number of reasons (conflict of dates, change from late fall to early spring, lack of information about field events) however, we are still members, and hope that in the future, worthy Vizsla entries will enter and prove worthy competitors in this event.

The MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 's work will be included with that of the Regional Governor's reponsibilities this year -- since so much of this is over-lapping, and the Vizsla Club of America representative in an area can do the most to foster national memberships as well as establish local activities. It is hoped that all past committee chairmen and regional governors will see that their file of material is turned over to the new person in this position, and co-operation will continue to help get them started!

The new Regional Governors Coordinator is Genevieve Wolfe, 129 Llewellyn Road, Montclair, New Jersey. Bob Holcomb, who established this post two years ago has done a tremendous job, and will turn over a very large file of material to help Gen as she starts. The entire membership -- and especially the 13 regional clubs that have been formed in the last 2 - 3 years and R. Gs. working in their individual areas should all express their thanks to Bob as he retires from the post!

REGIONAL GOVERNORS

*New England States -- Carlo Zezza
*New York- New Jersey -- Genevieve Wolfe
Middle Atlantic States -- Al Stevens
Southern States -- Joan Hunt
*Ohio -- Jack McHaney
*Pennsylvania -- Ann Brawner
Indiana -- Earl Ebert,
*Illinois -- O. E. Borst
Michigan -- Joe Grabill
Wisconsin -- Harvey W. Dauffenback
Minnesota -- Kelsey Johnson
*Iowa -- Al Hahn
Missouri -- Earnest Wolf
*Southern Texas -- Martha Coody
Northern Texas - Oklahoma -- Shirley Welch
Kansas -- Dottie Kline
*Nebraska -- Wyman Stedman
The Dakotas -- L. J. Weiland
Upper Rocky Mountain States -- Jasper Birdsall
*Colorado -- Betty Kunie
Southwest States -- Betty Kenly
*Southern California -- Christine Kelsey
*Northern California -- Art Carpenter
*Utah - Nevada -- Allen Bennet
*Washington - Oregon -- Bob Foster
Alaska -- Kenneth McGuire
Hawaii -- Nancy Spalding
*Canada -- J. F. S. Anderson
Mexico -- Anne E. deBar
*Scotland -- Evan Young
*Japan -- James McGill

* Regional or State Clubs for National Clubs. There are, presently, 13 Regional Clubs organized or organizing in the USA and 3 outside.

** From the April issue of Canada's VIZSLA VIEWS comes an excellent article by Paul Sabo on "Preparing for a Field Trial". Writing in his inimitable fashion, Paul sets down many facts in basic training procedure that often are not known to people starting with their first Vizsla. It has been said that if you only ruin 3 dogs before you learn how to train them, you are doing well... but with this basic information, you need not ruin even one! A Vizsla is a very intelligent dog; he will allow you to correct many mistakes you may have made, and will -- if you let him -- teach you many things about hunting with a bird-dog.

PREPARING FOR A FIELD TRIAL - Paul Sabo

The time to prepare your dog for a field trial is the day you acquire him, however preparing him physically, mentally and temperamentally is all to the credit side of his future life with you and if you do run him in a trial, he will comport himself as a normal, well-adjusted canine sport to bring pleasure to both of you.

Take him afield as frequently as you can in an environment conducive to opportunities to contact the desired prey, in this case game birds of the Gallinaceous family, namely ground nesting birds. When he is still a naive puppy he can be allowed to pursue and chase field larks, stalk them and sight point them. I would start discouraging (mildly) almost from the beginning of his hunting career, the chasing of rabbits or other fur bearing creatures. But let me say here, fur is as natural for a bird dog as are feathered creatures and, if my puppy failed to take out a bunny and give tongue and chase, I'd think there was something abnormal in his makeup. The reason for discouraging rabbits is to get him to learn in his formative period that bunnies are 'taboo' and, too, it will come in good stead in his later career as a finished dog.

Handlers frequently working their dogs afield soon learn to recognize the personality characteristics of their charges and this will be reciprocated by the dog in recognizing what is wanted by 'the Boss', the two making up a team wherein each performs his part of the work at hand, mutually assisting each other. This is what makes a dramatic picture at a field trial, dog and handler each having mutual confidence and understanding of each other. Without this contact neither party to the act can perform confidently and it usually results in both man and beast coming apart at the seams, an apprehensive dog and an apprehensive handler. The handler should devote 99% of his time, when afield, either at a trial or informally when training to focusing his attention on what the dog is doing, so that he can instantly recognize when the dog is in the presence of game, either wanted or unwanted kind, so that he can either help or dissuade the dog. This help, or correction, must be moments ahead of the dog's intention and YOU will have to do the THINKING for him at this critical moment. Therefore the strict attention to your dog ALWAYS when you two are working together.

My experience with the Vizsla leads me to believe that he is generally a higher-strung dog than are the other contemporary pointing breeds. This should be taken into account by the handler-owner when working them, or preparing them to

run at a formal trial. This nervousness manifests itself in several ways. Excessive barking when restrained on a tie-out lead or confined in car or pen. When the dog is unable to get its desires it generally shows a very high degree of animation, so much so that once cast loose to run free it causes a hyper-mobility of the bowels or is so worn out that its normally expected enthusiasm diminshes to a phlegmatic behaviour pattern. This is especially bad at a field trial where you want your dog at his peak.

Prior to a field trial date, fast your dog moderately, feed him half rations two or three days prior to the trial. Feed foods that normally create firm stools. Pure meat is a good pre-trial ration. Remember this one point: while you are hunting or trialing for the fun and pleasure of a sport, the basic reason behind a dog's hunting activity is fun and pleasure only as a secondary thing - he is hunting because hunger pangs are urging him to fulfill the act of staying alive. Once that urge is satisfied, his natural act or desire is to lay down and sleep it off till hunger again motivates him to hunt. SO DON'T LOAD HIM FULL OF FOOD prior to working afield. Feed him after the trial or workout.

Like a child, who can recite its catechism by rote at the kitchen table, then fold up like an envelope when on the stage with the spotlight on him, a bird dog can do his hunting and pointing routine when working in a family environment on the 'back forty' like a champion, then, when exposed to a field trial environment with all its attendant strange sights sounds, other dogs just as nervous as is he, comes a cropper and falls flat on his face leaving a helpless handler nonplussed and wondering why his dog is acting so abnormally.

The way to overcome these things is to expose your dog through everyday contacts with the vicissitudes of canine living in a man's civilization. Take him with you as often as possible in the family car to the supermarket, to the city, to a trap or skeet shoot. Let him get used to strange sights and sounds, but, best of all, to many field trials, even if you don't enter him in them. We normally lock our dogs behind fences, on leash behind the house or some such cloistered environment while we go about our daily lives getting used to OUR civilization and then expect the dog to understand all our ways of doing things without exposing him to them.

If, by chance, you are entered in a field trial and draw a late-in-the-Stake brace, don't park him on a leash or in the car near the scene of activities to excite him and work him into a frenzy till his time to run, to be all worn out before his turn comes. Park him somewhere where he is normally somewhat isolated and visit with him frequently and take him for short walks on a leash. Your presence with him will reassure him and keep his neurosis in balance. If the day is warm, water him frequently - even wet him down all over with a sponge or towel - keep him in the shade with plenty of air about him. If it is cold, keep him out of the wind - he won't need artificial heat.

In training afield prior to a trial, or just anytime afield informally, ONE CARDINAL RULE IS - don't pet your dog or show any great sentimental affection for him every time he comes in to you; in fact do the opposite - either ignore him or show by motion that you want him out and away from you. He will soon learn that there is no profit in coming in and looping back everytime his interest wanes because there was nothing in the place he was hunting to draw his attention. If you do pet him on any and every time he comes in to you, he is well on his way to becoming what is known in bird dog parlance as a 'YO*YO'. This is one BIG REASON WHY some of the other breed fanciers and hunters won't have a VIZSLA. The Vizsla is a gregarious and over-fond dog, especially of those who are his daily companions such as you, his owner-handler. He will carry this affection afield and the handler unconsciously falls for those friendly gestures and responds by petting and other friendly demonstrations, unconsciously making a yo-yo out of his Vizsla which is POISON at a field trial. When cast loose afield the dog goes out on a short or long hunting expedition, depending on the milieu and objectives at hand. When he has made that cast he will look up and expect to be directed to a new objective and learns to make one himself by watching the direction you take. If you pay no attention to him at the time he has finished that cast, especially if he is a young puppy, he will come back to you for attention and here is where the big negative way of hunting starts - you pet him and it soon becomes a lifelong habit that will kill your field trial chances to show him at his capable best.

You are down either thirty or maybe sixty minutes if in a major stake. Assume your dog goes out on a cast, then comes in and goes out (generally to the same place he just came from) on another cast, then he has used up 66% of that time covering the same area which he covered on the initial cast. In other words he is wasting two-thirds of his time running back to you for attention.

The time to show him affection is after he has made a find, handled it to your satisfaction and you have performed your job as his partner by putting the birds into the air, fired the shot and he has remained steady. Now he will learn by repetition and rote that he is going to get a lot of that attention which is so much a part of his well-being, for having done a job of bird finding and he will learn that when afield all the time must be directed to hunting and finding and you, his god, will be along pretty soon to reward him for his independent find and STAYING PUT till you get there, to reward him fore something he has EARNED.

There is considerably more to this preparation for a field trial than what I have written here but this is already a long treatise on the subject for just one issue of the Views, so I will cut it off at this point with the hope that maybe at some future time I can add to it.

In the meantime keep these little gems in your hatband and I am sure they will bear fruit if you are a bird dog lover, as I am, and I have learned that they brought fruit to me. Many disappointments are also part of the bird dog picture, for not all dogs are endowed with the mental capacity to understand their owners and, may I say, the REVERSE also holds true! However I like to feel that the pursuit of any endeavour is the motivating force, not the attainment.

This also holds true in the age-old 'Man chases Woman', since time began.

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THE VIZSLA CLUB OF OHIO
FUN WATER TRIAL

The Vizsla Club of Ohio held a fun water trial on June 26th at the residence of the B. C. Boggs, Springfield Ohio. It was a hot day which invited dogs as well as handlers into the water. For the experience a short puppy course was run on pigeons. Places were:

1st	Frida	Handled by Jack McHaney
2nd	Happy	Handled by Hilda Boggs
3rd	Wrinkle	Handled by Hilda Boggs
4th	Gypsy	Handled by Jim Stander

The water results were

PUPPY

1st	Kotcha	Handled by Paul Rothan
2nd	Pete	Handled by Hilda Boggs
3rd	Frida	Handled by Jack McHaney
4th	Jinx	Handled by Hilda Boggs

DERBY

1st	Trump	Handled by Hilda Boggs
2nd	Storm	Handled by Virginia McHaney

ALL-AGE

1st	Csinos	Handled by Paul Rothan
2nd	Storm	Handled by Virginia McHaney
3rd	Trixie	Handled by Clif Boggs
4th	Cindy	Handled by Jack McHaney

CHILDREN (up to 8 years)

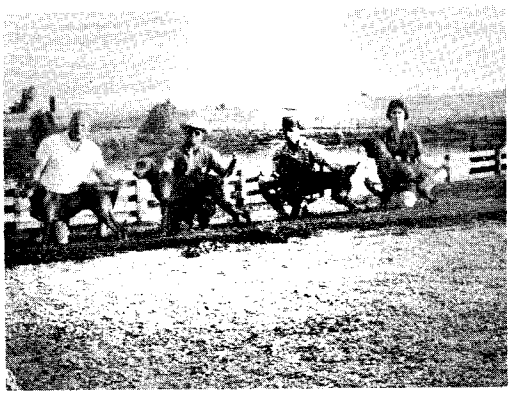
1st	Pete	Handled by Randy Boggs
2nd	Jinx	Handled by Carl Boggs
3rd	Wrinkles	Handled by Lesa Rihl
4th	Zip	Handled by Paula Boggs

CHILDREN (up to 16 years)

1st	Jinx	Handled by Diana Boggs
2nd	Trixie	Handled by Nancy Boggs
3rd	Kotcha	Handled by Mark Rothan
4th	Csinos	Handled by Steve Rothan

The judges were Rex Rihl (Cedarville, Ohio) and Fred Latta (Enon, Ohio). Both were impressed with the dogs' work from a blind, floating and stationary dock. A good time was had by all!

Virginia McHaney
Secretary, Vizsla Club of Ohio



ALL- AGE - Csinos & Paul; Storm & Jack; Trixie & Clif; Cindy & Virginia

CHILDREN (to 8 yrs) - Zip & Paula; Wrinkles & Lesa; Jinx & Carl; Pete & Randy

CHILDREN (up to 16 yrs) - Csinos & Steve; Kotcha & Mark; Trixie & Nancy; Jinx & Diana

from the AMERICAN BRITTANY

Distemper

Until a tragic incident occured a few months ago, this writer, and I'm sure many others, took immunization for distemper and hepatitis thoroughly for granted. With confidence we take our dogs and puppies to our vet for their innoculations, chalk up another chore done, and feel secure in the fact that our stock is protected. However, when this supposedly protected animal develops infection we must immediately try to find the reasons for the appearance of disease.

In this case, the "villian" who shattered our rosy outlook was another breeder, who, one day, called to say that one of her ES puppies from her first litter had distemper. Innoculated? Yes. A few days later another call came to tell us of a second puppy down with distemper from the same litter. This puppy also had been innoculated and had been living with its new owner for over four months. Eventually four puppies of this litter, all of whom had been duly innoculated, contacted distemper. It might be noted here that there was not at this time, an epidemic of distemper in this particular area.

Fortunately, the breeder, upon the outbreak of distemper in her own puppy, and upon learning of the second afflicted puppy, took direct action to determine, if possible, the reason the disease was contacted after all precautions had been taken.

This step brought some facts to the foreground and one of the most interesting, especially to the laboratory which later tested the blood titers, was that the 4 year old sire of this litter had had to undergo a series of innoculations over a lengthy period of time before adequate immunity to distemper was developed in him. After this information was received, blood titers were made of ten puppies (three not being available for testing) by a Toronto laboratory. With testing completed, the laboratory reported that of the ten puppies, five had NO immunity. This report alone could have closed the case and allowed us to accept the inherited factor as the reason for this extremely high percentage of afflicted puppies out of one litter. However, further investigation revealed that all of the puppies who showed no immunity had been vaccinated at the same animal hosiptal. Of this group, of five, three died of distemper, and again these three had each spent one night in an animal hospital for other reasons.

We lay no blame on the veterinarian for the use, in good faith, of vaccine from a reliable drug house, that may have in some way become ineffective. For example, a shipping delay enroute would cause the vaccine to lose potency if there were no facilities for refrigeration. Several factors must then be considered . . . any one, or a combination of which, could supply the missing piece of this puzzle.

1. A hand-raised litter. The breeder having had to resort to bottle feeding 72 hours after birth.
2. The hereditary factor.
3. Ineffective vaccine.
4. Improper isolation of an existing distemper case in the animal hospital.

Even though it is not possible or even feasible for a breeder to maintain a medical control on every puppy leaving their kennels, and thereby record and research every infection and/or ailment that may develop in the dogs, the fact that is was possible and was done by one breeder, has revealed an interesting case history which all breeders can ponder, and from which, it is hoped, derive some benefit.

At any rate, our hat is off to this novice breeder for her conscientious attempts to determine the cause of the heavy outbreak of distemper in one litter. Time, work, considerable expense, and the heartache, when the loss of each puppy was reported by its owner, was the total price paid.

from English Setter Newsletter

NEWS from SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
by Christine Kelsey

Good support for the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills Dog Show was given by the Vizsla owners in Southern Cal -- and beyond. A 28 dog entry was realized. Placings were as follows:

BoB: Ch. Gypsy's Bronze Bomber, handled by Jack Funk; owned by Harriet Anderson, Chicago, Ill.
BoS: Ch. Campbell's Copper Penny, H/O Walter and Marie Campbell
BoW: Boske Von Debretsin, C. D., H/O Henrietta O'Brien -- also went Winner's Bitch
R. B. Warhorse Golden Dawn, handled by Dave Warner, owned by Bill Geiger
W. D. How'lyns Cherokee Rocket H/O Howard & Jacklyn Slough
R. D. Red Rust of Terian H/O Carl & Marilyn Jensen.

Riverhead Kennel Club (Long Island) draws 19 Vizsla entries to its first All-Breed Dog Show. Judging this large entry was Margaret Meminger, of Erie, Pennsylvania, long time Vizsla owner and obedience judge -- and the first judge to enter the judging profession through the Vizsla Breed. The entire list of placings is not available, but BoB went to Ch. Puerco Pete Barat, owned and handled by Cunningham and Strauz, of Middletown, N. Y.

UTAH VIZSLA CLUB
by David Cook, F. T. Sec'y

The newly organized Utah Vizsla Club held their First Field Trial (fun trial) on April 2, 1966, near the shores of Utah Lake, just west of Spanish Fork.

The cover was good and the birds were there but were they ever wild! Something about the spring weather seems to make the birds a little jumpy, I guess. We were pleased to note that we had some very fine field Vizslas. These dogs are from the best of bloodlines, and with a little more field trial experience we should have some strong contenders. Some have already been doing well in open competition with English Pointers and Setters.

Preparations are now being made for our first Full Field Trial, which will be held September 24, 1966, and will be run under rules and regulations of the American Field. Three stakes will be run: Puppy, Derby, and Shooting Dog. This will a trial for Vizslas, only, and all Vizslas and Vizsla owners are invited to enter and attend!

We are going to have a real good time and are looking forward to meeting you other Vizsla fans!

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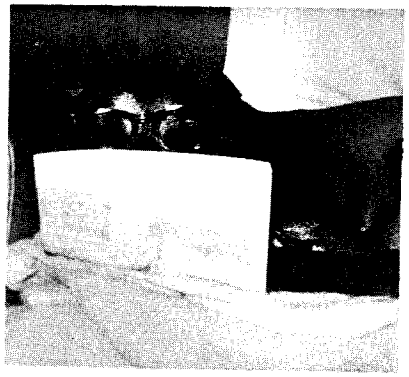


Winner of this month's picture contest is Laurence Ware, 520 Fir St., Fort Bragg, California... with the following note: "Enclosed is a picture of Bull Selle reading the Vizsla News. I have had him for over ten years and he has been one of the finest hunters that I have ever had." (I can see why! he keeps up on the latest training tips from the V. NEWS!)

NEBRASKA VIZSLA CLUB
by H. F. Rozanek, Sec'y

The Nebraska Vizsla Club, Inc, will hold its 1966 Fall Licensed AKD Field Trial September 17-18, 1966, at the Tom Sanley farm located 3 miles South of Rising City, Nebraska. The way things look, (cover, birds, personnel) it should be a real good trial.

We will be running six stakes: Open Puppy, Open Derby, Amateur Vizsla Gun Dog, Open Gun Dog, Open All-Age and Limited All-Age.

Judges will be Don Higgins from Omaha, Nebr; and Leigh Coffin from Beatrice, Nebraska two notable judges in this area. Pigeons will be used for Puppy Stake, Chukars for all other stakes.

For more information contact Chairman, Joe Dolezal, David City, Nebraska, or F. T. Secretary Hank Rozanek, 816 South 13 St, Norfolk, Nebraska Phone 3714737. Come on out and have some fun!

DEAR EDITOR.....

Down to the tail end of another issue -- and still hoping to get back on schedule -- so this is just the July issue -- August issue out soon. Some comments are back from the June issue:

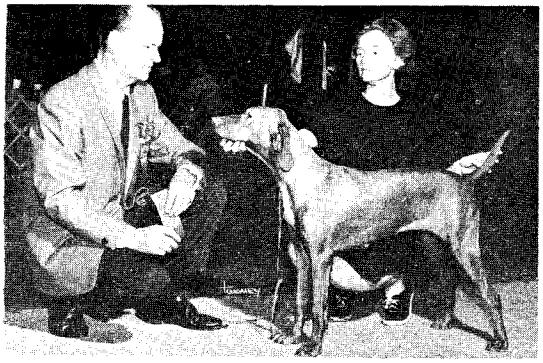
LEN HARTL, Muscatine, questioned some of the long-time dog men from that area and says that the term "Dbbl" before Champion or F. T. Champion indicates that that dog has accumulated enough points (major wins, etc) to have made two separate championships. Sounds reasonable! Any other ideas?

Have also received several favorable comments on the bit of steam I blew off -- and Bela Hadik's superb article. Perhaps all comments won't be so complimentary, but it still better to 'discuss' it than 'just cuss' it around the corners!

W. BASLER, Tod, Manitoba, Canada, took the time to send these comments: "....we enjoy the V. NEWS, my wife and I read this first of all the mail. We particularly like the use of pictures, and the mention of the accomplishment of various dogs. When (as you have done in some reports) you are able to give sire and dam-- this is doubly interesting, as we are interested in learning more about the performance of different blood-lines.

"...there is apparent, a diversity of type that is showing up. One Canadian breeder I know insists that the true Vizsla type is a long bodied, short legged muscular dog (what I would call the Staffordshire type) yet he was most successful dog was a light boned, long legged dog -- completely different from what he calls the true type -- and judging by your pictures, this is the type that is winning most of the Field Trials. .... I urge you to keep publishing pictures of all the best Vizslas that you can get ahold of, so that the type will become established in the minds of your association. I have even thought that we should follow the example of the dairy breeders, and make a small model of plastic or metal 6" high, of the very best type for distribution to breeders to aid them in selection of ideal type." ... so send those good pictures, and do include the sire and dam's name.

In keeping with this line of thinking -- this picture just arrived from Austin, Texas, of Ch. Sintex Jumey Vinn, C. D. (pronounced you - may - win -- and she did, too!) the day she finished, going BoB under Judge Charles F. Hamilton, of Omaha, Nebr.



Owner/handler is Martha Coody.

As for your dear editor -- the rather flippant remarks about gardening and no place to stop have certainly come back to haunt me! There is no place to stop with the gardening; or with re-decorating (from the living room, to the front hall and up the open stair-case; then into the guest room!) Gallons of paint, rolls of paper -- and I am still not quite done. And, between dashing from one job to the other, I pass through your v. News office -- and shutter! Am still answering April and May correspondence -- and when I get started in there.... well, if being busy makes life interesting, what more can a well adjusted, Vizsla "nut" ask for!

Jane

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