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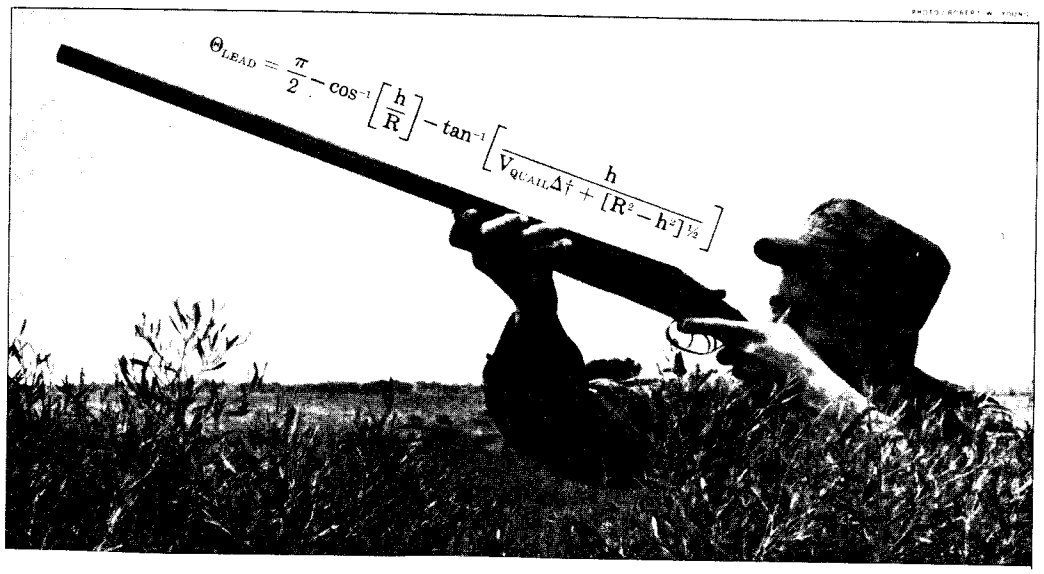
THE EQUATION FOR ANGLE OF LEAD WE CAN DO WITHOUT!

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO A HAPPY DAY IN THE FIELD.



BUT THE VIZSLA IS MISSING HERE. LET'S WORK TOWARD KEEPING THE GUN AND OUR VIZSLAS.

WHAT IS ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER?

SO YOU WANT A VIZSLA SPECIALTY CLUB?

By Bernard C. Boggs

The momentum has hit a high pitch and many state groups are finding enough people interested in forming Vizsla specialty clubs.

The "Parent Club" which we know as the Vizsla Club of America can take pride in that most of the work to bring the breed before the public is now being done by these groups full time. Before the emergence of any state specialty club this burden was solely on the one organized club--the national, and on a few individuals giving with the "hard sell" line. The nucleus of these local clubs came from this--the National or Parent club.

Another important factor and influence that has carried from the National to these groups is that they mostly prefer to align themselves with the organized competition that is available from the American Kennel Club, with secondary allegiance to the American Field. The American Kennel Club is a zealous group, and do not want the local clubs involved with anyone other than themselves. But the dual registry is necessary for the owner who might want later on to expand his competition.

Further, it is evident that our breed is more compatible with the rules and procedures provided under the American Kennel Club. The prestige of DUAL CHAMPION can become a reality, and most anyone can understand the rules and compete for this title. The rules are very strict and rigidly enforced, and because of this they are oftentimes misunderstood.

In forming any local club it should be clearly established that alignment will be with the American Kennel Club first and foremost. Then all those people concerned with the formation should be fully aware that they are forming not a state club, but a very localized one, such as in one city or county. And also that all such events will only be held in that one location. With these ground rules firmly in mind you are now prepared to Approach the AKC.

Before the AKC will accept the fact that, in reality, you have a club and will be considered for approval, the following are just a few of the things they want:

1. Fair number of members (30) in one specific area. (Not an entire state.)
2. Solid nucleus of individuals who have registered litters of Vizslas with AKC.
3. Individuals in club that show Vizslas in AKC shows and run in AKC field trials.
4. The group should have a fairly descriptive name.
5. A Constitution and By-Laws that is acceptable to AKC. It shall be restrictive in that the governing body is local and run by local people.
6. Such local club must benefit the breed based on an intangible criteria not specified by the AKC.
7. All events must be held in the one location. (Community of interest.)
8. Members can belong to the club from distant points--in or out of state.
9. List of members and addresses sent with each application. Initially (oftener if requested) the complete history of each member is required and his association with dogs such as: breeder, trainer, judge, breeds owned, number of dogs and breeds presently owned, litters whelped in last three years, type and amount of work done and accomplishments in show, field, and obedience in the last three years.
10. That the club hold regular meetings at one community.
11. Name of the club must be AKC approved.
12. Application made for each event with membership list and fee.

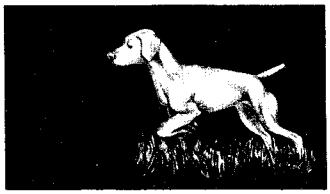
With this information, a committee is appointed within the AKC upon initial application to decide if they will put the requesting club on their records. (This is not to be confused with becoming a MEMBER of the AKC.)

The AKC does admit to past mistakes by allowing certain club names of the Vizsla people to go on their records. It is apparent that they do not intend on continuing these "mistakes". It probably reflects a change in their philosophy during the period between the first approval and that of today. It has been confusing to the newer people who want to form a club and will most certainly continue in the future. From such names as Prairie States Vizsla Club, later forced to break up by the AKC, to Nebraska Vizsla Club to Vizsla Club of Illinois to Vizsla Club of Central New England to Conestoga Vizsla Club, who would ever know that they are all a like group--all specialty clubs for the Vizsla? And if your group should want to select any name, would you be able to guess what it would be? It seems that each new group trying to form is faced with an entirely different set of ground rules.

By taking heed to the facts presented here, it is hoped that those of you now in the throes of formation will benefit. Don't let yourselves be overly influenced by those who "hate the guts of AKC", or "hate dog shows", or "hate field trials", or whatever their bias is. They will cause your club trouble next as their aim is never constructive. AKC is here to stay and offers many advantages that no other organization ever will. So form with them first and foremost. Nothing says you ever have to request permission to hold any event under their rules. But, if you do, then your battle is won--that is unless they change their philosophy again between now and then.

Whatever our future is with the AKC and the Vizsla breed--it will surely be based on the strength and influence of the PARENT NATIONAL CLUB--The Vizsla Club of America!

The Vizsla Club Of America, Inc.



Priscilla A. Carter
SECRETARY
116 Hazelton Avenue
Manchester, N. H. 03103

5 February 1967

THE TIME IS NOW - - -

TO: Start thinking about our NATIONAL VIZSLA SPECIALTY for 1967!

This year - 1967 - our National Specialty will be the biggest and the best!

Lots of new things are being planned by the club's Show Committee and the Chairman, Ralph Wilson of New York City, is hoping for a spectacular Specialty - a record entry - and a splendid array of TROPHIES!

This is where we all come in!

TROPHIES - don't you think it would look pretty good to have your name or the name of your kennel listed in the Premium List and Show Catalogue as being a "trophy booster" for our 1967 National Specialty? You bet it would! And, remember, the show catalogue travels all over the country.

You may donate a special trophy for an individual class win - a monetary trophy for a class win or to the general specialty trophy fund itself to enable me to purchase trophies where they are needed. It is up to you - I will be the clearing house only. Any amount will be welcome and you will be listed as a trophy booster. If every member could give just $1.00 each believe me, our trophy table will sparkle.

An added attraction this year will be the appearance of two special trophies to honor the BREEDERS of the dogs who place BEST OF BREED and BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX to Best of Breed. These trophies will not go to the owners of the dogs who take these two finest wins but will be awarded to the person or persons who BRED these two top placing dogs. Why? For we are a specialty club dedicated to the breeding of better Vizslas - so why not honor the breeders of the dog and bitch who take the top honors at our own Vizsla National Specialty!

Deadline for trophy donations is 15 May 1967 for the Premium List will close approximately 30 May 1967. Send you donations TO ME now. If you send for a special class win - give a second choice - but please help us - we want to make this Specialty for our National Club the biggest and the best - yet!

Thank you.

Pat Carter

BREED IMPROVEMENT -- FIELD ONLY?

By Dr. Bernard E. McGivern, Jr.

Field trials are generally considered a means for comparing sporting dogs in competition in the field under a standardized procedure. Many "bench people" seem to hold a sort of disdain for those "hunting people" and vice versa. It is my opinion that the greatest reason for some of this existing contempt is the result of a misunderstanding of the "sport" and the "fancy" by well-meaning people on both sides. Both of these factions are fully defensible and it is high time they be defended in our breed.

The Vizsla, being a dual-purpose dog and a member of the Sporting Group, is equally at home in the house as a pet and companion as well as in the field as a dauntless hunter. He takes readily to training for the bench and is an affable showman both in the breed and the obedience rings. He is a fearless seeker of upland game birds which he points with a flourish and retrieves with delight. It is indeed unfortunate that everyone can not possess acreage and time to train his Vizsla for the field for he is missing one of life's true rewards. His dog is then doing what he originally was developed to do by the Magyar plainsmen--hunting instinct and nose. On the other hand, there is much to be said for the competition of the breed ring where mainly by looks--not performance--a dog can be crowned a champion. Of course, there is a certain amount of performance involved in the show ring. The dog must look alert and stand well for examination.....there is certainly performance to consider in a flashy gait; but, agreed it is nowhere near the total performance of the winner of an Open Gun Dog stake.

However, countless breedings and a goodly amount of hard labor is effected to get that perfect specimen so dear to the hearts of the bench show exhibitor. Blessed is he, and valued highly too, the occasional dog that is able to exhibit near standard conformation as well as adapt to field training in such a manner as to render creditable performance after performance in competition.

Such a dog is the first seen in United States competition by Vizsla people--Dual Champion FUTAKI DAROCZ. "Darocz" was campaigned simultaneously in the field and on the bench by non-professionals. His sire, Ch. Hunor is but points away from this dual goal as well and there are several more in the making at the time of this writing. This represents a great deal of time, money and training for the dog. The field training represents the greatest amount of these three ingredients and it is practically a necessity for the owner to possess enough land with available game for field training to be really effective. Of course, the dog can always be placed for professional training but it is my opinion that half the battle is doing the job yourself if you can.

There are many of our Vizsla Club of America members whose business ties are such that it is imperative they reside in or near large metropolitan centers of business and medicine. Should they be looked upon with disregard by the great outdoorsman? Certainly not! I know of many Vizslas that live in apartments in New York City and get daily workouts in nearby parks. Their only contact with live game are the pigeons and squirrels they gleefully chase when they are puppies but soon learn a rather contemptuous tolerance for after they become more sophisticated. There is a story though of a New York Vizsla that froze dead on point at the sight of his first pheasant mounted in the window of a Third Avenue Taxidermy shop. That's sight pointing for you! True story or not, these Vizsla owners can in no way be scorned if they choose to exhibit their dogs in the only manner of competition their dogs can possibly excel in--the bench show. I contend that if a Vizsla owner can afford to train his own dog or have him trained for the field, and wishes to, then he should--and his dog will certainly be better for the field experience. However, if field training is not at all possible and bench competition is, then the breed is improved at least physically by the competition of this dog.

Far more knowledgeable persons than I say that it takes about three generations for "nose" to be bred out of a line. This may or may not be true, but I think our breeders are young enough and intelligent enough to profit by the errors of other sporting dog breeders and not allow our good noses to get away. I feel strongly enough that this can not happen in our Vizsla to take exception with those who do. We all know that there will always be a certain amount of friction between the "sport" and the "fancy"; however, we should not forget the nose when breeding for the bench. After all, we all like a good looking field dog that points with flash and style and we will always be proud of the show dog that points the passing poultry truck on his way to a show.

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With this NEWS I shall return you to your regular EDITOR, Jane Graff. Let me take this opportunity to thank all you members who helped make this job so easy by sending in your news items. A special thanks to Jane for being so helpful and prompt in supplying material and continuing to do the job with the PRINTER, and to Bud Graff and his children for licking the mailing labels. It has been my pleasure to have had this opportunity to serve the BREED.

Bernard Clif Boggs

THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA. . .

SPECIALTY PLANS

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From Ralph Wilson, Specialty Chairman (3rd), comes word that will make everyone happy who plan to go to our SPECIALTY this year. He says that the Chagrin Valley Kennel Club will furnish a tent for our own private use at the cost of $150.

At the fall 1966 Board meeting this request was brought up and the Board had no objection as long as it was financed other than from the club treasury.

A call is going out to all Vizsla Specialty clubs (Regional or State clubs) for a money donation of $10. Many clubs have already agreed to this. If you have not been contacted please volunteer. Also all interested individuals are asked to help reach this goal.

The Show Committee plans to say on our page in the Chagrin Catalog that:

> OUR PRIVATE TENT AND LARGE PRIVATE RING HAVE BEEN FINANCED BY GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM MANY REGIONAL CLUBS AND INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS OF THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA.

This was sorely needed by our club the last two times, and it will do more than any other single thing to focus the public eye on the Vizsla. It will be easier to advertise and will make it more convenient to those people looking for the Vizsla breed. Also, the Vizsla entries will be easier for our members to manage at ringside and for the day before and after showing.

Don't miss this Specialty! Plan to be there.

Do not confuse this request for donation with that for trophies.

For the TENT FUND, mail your checks to:
Mrs. Marge Meminger
R. D. 4, Elk Creek Road,
Waterford, Penn. 16441

BOARD MEETING AT CRAB ORCHARD, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 1966

Chauncey Smith; Bud Graff; Bill Fisher; Len Hartl; Kathy Hartl; Dr. Paul Rothan; Jane Graff; Hilda Boggs; and, Dr. Richard Reinhardt.

THE VIZSLA CLUB OF CANADA. . .

SPRING FIELD TRIAL

by Don Mead

On behalf of the Vizsla Club of Canada, and acting in the capacity of field trial Secretary for the coming spring trial, I wish to make known to the public the following challenge we offer to all takers. . . .

COME TO CANADA and compete against some of our Canadian Vizslas in a Shooting Dog Stake (Vizslas only) held in Southern Ontario near Hamilton on April 23, 1967 -- one week before your own trial.

Some might consider this trial a cheap win or even a practice run prior to your spring trial. . . BUT DON'T. . . there are some mighty fine field trial dogs in Canada. For example: Tara Somm, winner of the Shooting Dog stake in the V.C.C. Fall Trial 1966, competing against some of your well known dogs of U. S. A. (Ripp Barat and Ripp Barats Rippy) to name a couple--Bundi, winner of All Age stakes held by the Ontario Bird Dog Club last fall and Alena Somm, winner of the Shooting Dog stakes open to all continental breeds in the V.C.C. Spring Trial 1966.

Don't be afraid, come and try us. Besides having the winner's name engraved on the beautiful V.C.C. traveling trophy as illustrated in the picture with Alena Somm, the winner, should he or she win your trial as well as ours could be classified as the Best Vizsla in North America.

Those who wish further information may do so by writing: Don Mead, Field Trial Sec., R.R. 1, Jerseyville, Ontario, Canada.

ALENA SOMM

---- HOLD THE PHONE -----

Have just learned that the Army Reserves will be holding some artery maneuvers in the area that had been mentioned earlier as the site for the spring Field Trial...

Spring F. T. Chairman and secretary Harold Wingerter and Allen Hahn are in the process of making other arrangements. A request has been filed to hold it in the Bloomfield, Iowa, area and probably a week earlier than was scheduled -- April 22-23! EVERY THING IS " PENDING" A. K. C. APPROVAL AND FINAL ARRANGEMENTS.

SO, just hold everything a minute or three. We will try to keep you informed so that your spring plans can also be formulated.

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VIZSLA CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

By May Carpenter

The Vizsla Club of Northern California held its first election on October 30, 1966 at the Fort Ord Field Trial area, in Monterey County. Elected to office for the year 1967 were:

President, Art Carpenter, Box 2461, Carmel
Vice-President, Milo Schrock, 925 Magnolia, Modesto
Secretary, Mrs. H. O'Brien, 2141 San Vito Circle, Monterey
Treasurer, Ed Sorokowski, 2732 Doverton Sq., Mountain View
Board of Directors (2 year terms)
Dr. Will Crawford, Pebble Beach
Mike Macias, Atwater
Mrs. Virginia Griffin, Merced
Board of Directors (1 year term)
Mrs. Rose Housky, Monterey

All Vizsla owners in Northern California are invited to join this new group, and can do so by contacting any of the above officers.

Many thanks to the parent club for the handsome flyers of history and standards of the breed, which the northern California club mailed out to 200 known Vizsla owners in the area. It is encouraging to see that some of the recipients have since joined the V C of A and feel certain many more have subscribed to the "News", as a result of receiving the flyer.

The latest club project was to distribute the benching at the Golden Gate Kennel Club show, held at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, January 14 & 15, 1967. Again, the flyers were invaluable, as we discovered so many spectators who own and have even bred Vizslas without ever having read the breed standards. (An extra "thank you" to Mr. Boggs for rushing us his own supply of the flyers to use until a larger supply was received from the club.)

A picture of the winning Vizsla and a complete report of the other wins will come next month.

ONE PICTURE WORTH ONE THOUSAND WORDS. . . .

THE FAVORITE CHAIR WITH ROOM ON TOP from Herbert Clark, Abington, Conn.

SHOW PICTURE OF THE MONTH. . . .

Billy Brokowski, grandson of **Al Sulesky** with Enon Jack's Vihar owned by Jack McHaney at the benched Western Reserve Kennel Club in Cleveland, Ohio, December 18, 1966. Storm says, "Don't cry, that was just one judge's opinion. Next time it will be different".

PICTURES FROM PEOPLE. . . .

HAANS V SELLE AND SOME OF HIS "KIDS" AT OAK GROVE, NOVEMBER 1966.

Dr. Richard Reinhardt with Haans V Selle
Bill Fisher with Lucky Dutchess Selle
Clif Boggs with Ch. Beni's Csinos Csiny
Shirley Reinhardt with Heidi
Jay Laucus with Rusty Jay Laucus
Chauncey Smith with Jocko

THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES TO MRS. BETTY KENLY, PHOENIX, ARIZONA FOR A VERY SPEEDY RECOVERY. WE ALL HOPE THAT YOU WILL SOON BE BACK IN THE SADDLE RIDING OVER RIPP BARAT ONCE AGAIN.

Information received here states that Mrs. Betty Kenly had an accidental fall the last of January. She hit her head and may have a fracture. She is in:

Doctors Hospital (Room 70)
1947 E. Thomas Rd.
Phoenix, Arizona 85020

Or, you may write her at home which is at:

9021 No. Black Canyon Highway
Phoenix, Arizona 85021

TRAINING AND HUNTING THE VIZSLA IN HUNGARY

by MIKE KENDE

PART II. Disciplining at Hunting Fields.

Previously we had discussed the accustoming to obedience so let us discuss now the disciplining at fields, at your future hunting territories.

The exercises of disciplining at hunting fields are the follows: 1. Style of searching. 2. Behaviour at searching. 3. Searching after scent.

You have to begin these exercises with the vizslas when the exercises of obedience are perfectly executed by your dog.

1. Style of searching. We mean searching style or searching manner, the dog's behaviour in that time when he is looking for the game galloping right and leftside 30 to 100 steps far of us, his head high in the air searching for the game's scent, by his nose. Before you the vizsla should never run farther than 15 to 20 meter, but on right and left sides he may run farther too. The dog has never to search in a direct line, but he has always to show his side to his master. An enclosed Illustration Number 10 proves the distance of front may be 20 meter; but the dog's side swing may reach right and left to 50-50 steps. When the hunter arrives at Swing Line I, the vizsla has executed Swing Line II. When the hunter arrives to Swing line II, his dog must go on to Swing Line III, etc., etc. (Illustration missing at this time. bcb.)

Of course you can't stick to a regular snakes' line, because the dog is often diverted from his way by some scent, which needs to be first elaborated. But the basic movement must remain something as a snakes' line. You will find inclination for searching in all hunting dogs but you have to develop it. A vizsla which is searching in a nice style makes his master's greatest happiness. Therefore be never too tired to teach your hunting companion to develop his searching style as nicely as possible.

In the beginning exercise at such a place where now is no game at all.

Some of the young vizslas are so excited when they search that they don't care for warning signs, just run after their desires.

In such cases don't wait till the dog becomes quiet, because he would accustom himself to too much independence and will be later disobedient. Put on your dog even from the first exercise days a long cord of 25 to 30 meter and take the end of it in your hand. Send the vizsla searching with voice-sign: "Go! S-s-search!" And to regularize better his searchings direction yourself must also swing out right and left too. That will be indication of the direction for your vizsla. You start on and at the same time you give a sign with your right hand that the dog has to start leftside. To encourage him you too have to go a little bit left. But before your vizsla would stretch the long slip you have to hiss at him (or if you accustom him to whistle signs, produce two half-short whistle signs) and after, when the long cord is stretched, it will pluck the vizsla. Now make a sign with your right hand in right direction and start on rightside yourself too. Regularize your vizsla with the slip: if the dog would go ahead, pull him back; if he goes right of left too far so draw the slip closer to you. Act with the long cord so that you could see always your dog's side and go on further with regulating the dog's swing as you see it on Illustration Number 2. (Not available. bcb.) The thick line means the hunter's direction, the dotted one this of the vizsla. You have to direct the vizsla's line so that till you reach point B the vizsla must reach point Z. At the same minute you have to hiss at him (or execute a short double whistling), pull the cord, change quick the direction, go on to direction "c" and show with hand sign the direction to your dog. Do the same at point "c", "d", "e", etc., when the vizsla arrives to 2, 3, 4, etc. Work with the long cord till the vizsla is not accustomed to the distance and to returning on your hissing or on your whistle sign. It may happen that you need even two months to teach this exercise but don't lose patience, because it would be an irreplaceable negligence.

2. Behaviour at searching. When you see that your vizsla's style is quite good without greater intervention too, you may start on to disciplining at searching. By teaching the exercises of obedience you taught yet these exercises so the accustoming of them will not be very difficult. You have to demand lie flat at once when you execute some short whistling, hissing, voice sign, hand sign, when you raise the gun, or when shooting, no matter how far you are. Start from the shortest distance and go successively farther and farther. Hearing a long whistle sign your dog must come back at once and of course galloping. When your vizsla works reliably on long cord, you may let go the cord but not the neck collar, that he has the illusion to be in hand. Buckle him up from the long cord just when he produces a correct reaction for all kind of signs and respects by and large distances too. He will accustom just this way the obedience and will become a really useful hunting dog.

3. Finding of the wounded game by scent. At the same time of teaching searching style, you may teach the searching by scent too.

One of the most important duties of your vizsla is to find and fetch the poultry and the little game with fur. People who imagine that vizslas inherit perfectly this capacity are very wrong. There are some kinds, for instance the hungarian vizslas, the short haired and the rough coated German vizslas who inherited very much of this capacity. But e. g. the English vizslas are not so strong in that although they have a very fine snout too.

The vizsla is looking for the scent of the game usually with his snout high in the air, that means with air-scent. Therefore his trace keeping is not steadfast and is not quite sure. The bloodhound's and the dachshund's scent is perfect because they are

using all the time soil-scent.

It is not easy. Some vizslas (in particular the English vizslas), like to work just by air-scent. By these you have to find out a lot of tricks. Our time is short, therefore I will speak about these and you will see which of them are superfluous at those who have an inclination for correct searching by scent. To conduct him please use a cord or string of 8 to 10 meter. At start work always with the wind behind you. You must take the greatest care that the vizsla looks just for that ONE odour on which you put him. Therefore you must arise his interest with very great intensity, that he should be interested just in this ONE odour. So the smell of the odour must be very intensive.

Toast a little onion in some grease. Put it in a little box and take it in your pocket. Take two or three slices of bread, two or three little strings of one meter and two meter long sticks too. Don't fodder the vizsla before this exercise. Take an assistant with you at the experimental place who will help you to "put down" the odour. He has to take with him 6 or 8 sticks (20 or 25 centimeters long) pointed on one end and split on the other, that way that you may be able to put there some piece of paper.

At the experimental place look for the direction of the air current by the smoke of a cigarette.

Smear your bread with the prepared onioned grease on both of its sides and fix it at a 2 or 3 meter long string, but so that the bread shall remain fixed even when you drag it. Fix the other end of the string to the 2 meter long stick. That is your "dragpiece" and you have to indicate its direction, but be careful that the direction must take such a way that who follows it gets always the air current from back side (I mean backwind). It is important mostly at the beginning of the exercise that the dog don't get the wind in his face, because then he wouldn't search with soil-scent but just with air-scent and so he wouldn't follow the odour. Let the vizsla lie down some steps farther, if possible, so that he never remarks the position of the dragpiece. Your assistant pricks one of the sticks in the grass (with a piece of paper on its top to make it good remarkable) and rubs with the bread strongly the earth around the sticks. (That is the place where the imagined wounded game was falling down.) Now the assistant has to walk right or leftside just so far that his stretched arm and the length of the sticks are only between him and the odour. He must stop at every 25 centimeters with dragging the dragpiece and wait a little till the grass take over better the scent of the greasy bread. Then he has to go ahead with the dragpiece straight in the direction of your plan. After further 20 or 25 meters he has to stop again and wait a minute for leaving there a stronger odour; just then start on again. At the end of your plan's way he has to take off the string from the stick, leave there the bread and put near it a signal stick.

At first the way you planned has to be just 50 or 60 steps long and must show a direct line. When your dog executes this exercise in a satisfactory manner, your assistant may increase the way with further 50 to 60 steps, till he reaches a way of 2000 or 3000 steps. But after the first hundred steps let him make a curve, but not a sharp one just a calm bright design, so that your vizsla don't lose the trace. Let your assistant put a stick at the beginning and at the end of the curve and after putting the bread on earth don't let him come back on the same way but on a very different one.

You who are the teacher, you have to prepare the vizsla in the meanwhile, as it follows: buckle the dog's neck collar to a fixed ring and to this ring the searching cord, which is as I mentioned above an 8 to 10 meter long quite thick string or leather string with a carabinier on it. Now let stay the dog in front of you. Buckle on his waist the searching cord (about the middle of his chest) like a belt. Be very careful that your dog don't feel pain when--while searching--, he draws himself hurting his throat. If it happens your dog will be afraid from searching by cord because he will remember the bad feeling he got. You take the dog to the indicated place and let him lie flat. Take the cord at the meanwhile in your left hand at a length of 2 to 5 meter. At the same minute that your dog "becomes the scent" tell him slowly: "It's lost, s-s-s-search it my little dog". If he is interested in the odour and he begins to follow it, ask him slowly: "Search it little fellow, s-s-s-search it!" Pronounce the word "search" in this case always with a very long "s" and with a short one when you desire not a soil--but an air-scent. When the dog begins to follow the prepared way let him go on with a 2 or 5 meter long cord and follow him so that the cord shall be lightly straited. When he deviates from the direction because he is nervous or immoderated, call him back to the trail and calm him. If that is not enough guide him again back to the trail and caress him and when the dog is again tranquil let him go on again for the searching. It is seriously forbidden to be rough with your dog when such kind of things happen. No matter when you are near explosion because of your nervousness. Even when you have the idea that a nice "goddam" would help you, please pronounce it with such a kind and smiling face, and so slowly as if you would have the greatest pleasure and fun.

Otherwise your dog gets a bad experience and will get a searching fear forever. It is not enough to accustom him to follow the trail so give the cord to your assistant and go on yourself on all fours on the trail near the vizsla till he starts at last. Accompany him on all fours at the least 4 or 5 steps and after that take over the cord from your assistant and accompany him further while slowly pronouncing the voice sign. When he jumps by himself a little aside and comes back to the trail after a little circle that is a very good sign because it means that your dog controls himself spontaneously. Such kind of dogs will be perfect searchers.

When he already follows the trail correctly but in a very quick manner, try to slow his timing down and don't let him run. At concours your dog will obtain more better points when he is slow but reliable searcher as if he searches running, but leaving the trail and correcting more times himself his production. It is better if your dog is a slow but reliable searcher as a runner.

In the vicinity of the bread your dog's nervousness will grow highly. 2 or 3 steps far from the bread hold him back by the cord therefore to not give occasion to pick it at once. But praise him and give him a little bit from the bread as a reward. Bring back the bread and prepare a new searching line for your pupil but take care not to cross it with the first one and avoid that an air current from the side neither brings a scent from it.

When you see that he follows the bread's scent in a reliable manner so exercise it 2 or 3 days more and successively grow the distances and the numbers of the curves once at rightside once at leftside and then again at right. When he executes the exercise quite correctly then put the bread at the end of his searching way, on such a high tree that he couldn't reach it. But don't forget to rub at first the foot of the tree with the bread therefore that he looks for it with a soil-scent and not an air one. When he arrives to the tree let him bark 2 or 3 minutes. That is the method to accustom him to barking on dead animals. (Deadbarking.) When he barks with persistency don't forget never to praise and reward him with a tiny bit.

When your dog follows the prepared trail properly and in a reliable manner so go on with searching of shot game. For this purpose shoot down first a turtle-dove. With its bleeding part rub the place of the imagined hit, moreover don't forget to leave there two or three feathers too.

Buckle the turtle-dove's foot with a string and go on to prepare the trail with it. You must drag the bird by its foot because the backward pulled feathers are offering a more better scent. Drag the bird just as the bread only don't hold the dog back with the cord at the end of his way. When he arrives 8 to 10 steps from the turtle-dove's body, pronounce the voice sign: "It's lost, fetch it, fetch it, fetch it!" And let him really fetch the dead animal. Exercise this with different shot birds, let the dog make curves and grow the distance of his way. When your dog executes this lesson quite perfectly, let him go searching and fetching without a cord on him. Choose shorter distances at first times, later increase gradually his way to the shot animal. Don't exercise only with birds but use fur animals (gophers, hamsters, foxes) too.

At this exercise be very careful with the direction of air-currents. Don't be afraid when your vizsla don't walk strict on the designed way but right or left of it but always in the good direction. It means that you got a side-wind such a little one, that you don't feel anything but the vizsla's good snout has a scent of it. And that means that your dog has already his fine experiences in snout's use.

We know some vizslas who don't search with the snout direct on the searching line but follows it punctually as a snake's line. That is nothing else just self control.

When you repeat diligently the above exercise with your vizsla or other kind of hunting dog then after the well executed duty--supposing that your dog is already reliable--, you may easily go on with HUNTING!

You can not say it enough that you have to demand the executing of exercises in a consequent perfect manner and therefore repeat and repeat them till they are executed perfectly one time after the other successively several times.

Before turning to the discussion of HUNTING I must repeat again with due emphasis that when you demand for a well disciplined hunting dog--without immoderation and without confusing you by his disobedience before your friends--so you must make a sacrifice of five minutes time every day. To help my kind readers not to forget this 5 minute long duty let me remember the old proverb: "Dogs, horses, women are tricking you when most of people are there to revenge that you neglected them."

The daily 5 minute exercises are the following: 1. Following by dog slip and freely too. 2. Sit down. 3. Lying flat. 4. Turning right, left, and backward while walking on whistle, voice, and hand signs. 5. At the resting place. 6. Calling back. 7. Turning to foot. 8. Fetching objects. 9. The fetching of object you throw out. 10. Searching of a hidden object. 11. Fetching of different objects. 12. Barking on command ond on hand sign.

There you may see that you have not many things to exercise and please believe me that you will wonder how much advantage you will obtain through the above short daily training.

And don't forget the pleasure you will have when in hunter's society the companions will congratulate you for your hunting dog's skillfullness and say that they are grateful to you for the pleasure and fun they had with your well-trained hunting dog.

VIZSLA YEARBOOK. . . . . bcb

Mrs. Connie Johnson is calling on many Vizsla owners, past and present, for information, pedigree, and pictures for our club YEARBOOK.

Response could and should be much better. If you have been contacted by her, why not support this effort and help document our breed advancement? Do it right now! Let's make this a fully documented story of our breed accomplishments before December 31, 1966.

Mrs. Johnson wants to have this done by April. PLEASE HELP. We are fortunate to have a member willing to do this very difficult task.

TIME TABLE OF BASIC TRAINING

Third Month

DAYS	EXERCISE			
	Fetching objects with playing.	Fetching objects by force	Lying flat with calling in and turning to leg.	Sending back to place.
1-5	You may exercise this already at the age of 2 or 3 months. Prepare some rag ball or doll, throw it out and send your dog to fetch it. Don't demand a quite regular fetching yet.	Press the dog's lips between his teeth, and push quickly a little pole in, while pronouncing the voice sign: "Take it". Take it away from him just when saying: "Let it".	Day after day develop the exercise.	Day after day develop the exercise.
6-10	By throwing out the doll or ball, hold him back by his neck-slip and don't let him fetch the object thrown till you pronounce the word-sign: "Fetch it, fetch it".	If you don't reach your goal with the above method, put on the dog's neck a nailed collar and exercise the fetching of objects as written in the detailed instructions.	Continue this exercise.	Continue this exercise.
11-15	When the dog brings back the object thrown, have him sit down in front of you and hold the object in his mouth till you take it away from him, while pronouncing the word-sign: "Let it, let it". After this send him to your leg with turning.	The object has to lie farther and farther. Let him have it on voice-sign: "Take it, take it" and take it away from your dog on voice-sign: "Let it, let it".	Continue this exercise.	Continue this exercise.
16-20	Exercise the fetching of objects regularly and take care that the dog give the object always into your hand and don't spit it on the earth.	Keep the object nearer and nearer to the earth, till it is on earth and the dog picks it from there too.	Continue this exercise.	Continue this exercise.
21-25	Send your dog to fetch different kinds of objects and games, but always see that he presents them regularly.	Throw the objects farther and farther on earth. Of course execute the exercise with different kinds of objects and games. Take care that the fetching be regular.	Continue this exercise	Continue this exercise.

SHOW NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA

by Christine Kelsey

Kennel Club of Beverly Hills (First winter show), January 8, 1967.
Breed Judge: Mrs. B. Godsol.
Group Judge: Dorothy B. Klokke
Vizsla entry: 18
Total dogs entered: 2208

Winners Dog: Sandor Barat
Winners Bitch & Best of Winners: Debrecency Sosija.
Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Anglodale's Mezei Magda.
Best of Breed: Ch. Warhorse O-Jay AND GROUP THIRD.

SHOW NEWS FROM OHIO

by Marge Meminger

Canton-McKinley Kennel Club, Canton, Ohio, January 15, 1967.

Winners Dog: Pumpkin-Fun-Galore
Winners Bitch & Best of Winners: Fenyes Leany
Best of Opposite Sex: Pumpkin-Fun-Galore
Best of Breed: Ch. Zlatna Devojka V Hunt

HIGHEST SCORING SPORTING DOG IN OBEDIENCE: Donci of Goncoltanya owned by Dr. W. C. Meminger with a score of 195. Not bad for a boy who has never been to class!

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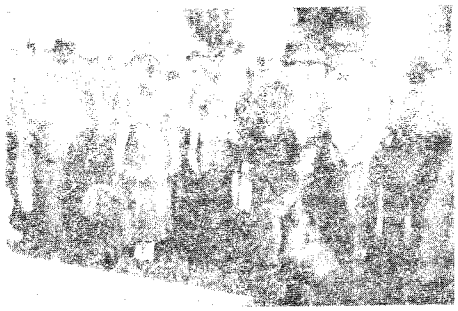
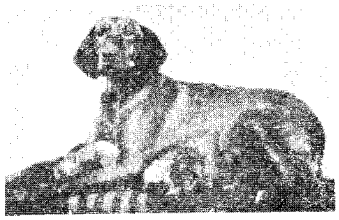


Winners of the June 2, 1935 show. A Komondor, a puli and Ch. Szidi, Hungarian Vizsla. (From Nimrod Hunting Magazine by Mike Kende)



Champ. Mari
This was the most beautiful Vizsla from 50 that appeared in a combined Vizsla, Fox Terrier and Dachshund Show in the early thirties. Owned by John Vegh, Jr. Breeder Dr. Dezso Lenkey. This bitch won her Championship with a 100 point rating. Best of Opposite Sex was "Vegvari Betyar". (Note the two light colored puppies. This throwback is still relatively common.)

PICTURES FROM PEOPLE . . .

The fellows and their dogs taken on our club pheasant hunt. We sure had a swell time on November 19, 1966. One picture had 18 dogs and not one fight--or cross word from dogs or hunters. We took lunch and spent the day.
From Allen Bennett, R.G., Utah

ORTHOPEDIC FOUNDATION FOR ANIMALS, INC.
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NEWS RELEASE

John M. Olin of New York City and Alton, Illinois, industrialist and long-time breeder of sporting dogs, was elected president at the first meeting of the organization's Board of Directors, held on November 17th at the Holiday Inn North in Bridgeton, Missouri, in the St. Louis area.

The OFA's long-range objective is the control and elimination of orthopedic diseases in dogs, and its immediate goal the control of canine hip dysplasia.

Plans were laid at the meeting for the development of the Hip Dysplasia Control Registry and for a fund raising drive to insure support for the activities of the non-profit OFA. Income from examinations of pelvic x-rays submitted to the OFA and proceeds from the book Canine Hip Dysplasia and How To Control It, published by the OFA, will need to be bolstered by contributions from individual breeders of bench, obedience and field trial dogs, and from breed clubs as well as from show-giving and field trial-holding clubs. It has been suggested that groups hold their show and trial events as benefits for the OFA, and that breeders pledge assistance to this work. Correspondence for the OFA should be directed to P. O. Box 3251, Philadelphia, Pa., 19101.

KEEP THE FUTURITIES IN YOUR PLANS STARTING THIS FALL.

Mr. Bernard C. Boggs
51 Cherry Drive
Springfield, Ohio 45506

2141 San Vito Circle
Monterey, Calif. 93940
20 Jan. 1967

Dear Mr. Boggs,

I am going to try to give some background right now so you will not wonder why this silly woman is sending me a copy of a letter about a Cocker Club especially since it is from Saigon.

To begin with we are a household of seven (five children, three girls, and two boys) plus six dogs(two Vizslas, two Cockers and two Beagles) I own one Vizsla; Cathy, age 16, owns the two Beagles and one Parti-Color Cocker and is my Vizsla handler in the show ring; Chris, age 14, owns one Vizsla and one Black Cocker. We as a family all hunt and show confirmation wise as well as obedience and have tried fun field trials.

It has always been my husband, Bob, who has spurred us on in all fields. He has handled our Vizsla Champion(in fact he is the one who was in the ring with her when she got her last points back east) in confirmation and obedience - she is his dog even if my name is on her papers.

Bob has been both Obedience Chairman and Puppy Show Chairman for the Salinas Valley Kennel Club before he went to Norfolk Va. in Jan. 1966. He managed to attend obedience classes and dog shows back there even though he had no dog with him. A true "Dog Nut". I brought one vizsla back to Va. when I visited him in May 1966 and he kept her there for a month to show.

To make a long story longer he left for Viet Nam the end of August 1966 after we as a family took a camping trip with the two vizslas to Canada to attend a Vizsla Specialty in Vancouver.

When our daughter, Cathy, was asked to write the Northern California news column for the American Cocker Review in Jan. 1967 for fun she wrote to her Dad for the news of the cockers in Saigon.

The enclosed copy of the letter is the answer her Dad sent. We have sent this along with her column for A C R and also shown it to many people. Even non-dog people had to smile---some even laughed out loud.

Thus the purpose of this long explanation: We as a family thought vizsla owners might just enjoy a chuckle along with us. If you want to use it sometime we all would be very pleased.

Thank you for taking the time to read this very long confusing letter.

Sincerely,

Annette A. O'Brien

6 December

Dear Cathy;-

Well, it's not very often that I manage to sit down and write all the cocker news from here to the monthly A C R reporter, but I find myself with a few free minutes so here goes. Also the reason I'm writing to you the Northern California reporter, is that my A P O is San Francisco.

The first annual meeting of the Cocker Spaniel Club of Saigon was held at XQ #1, Tan Son Nhut and after the roll call was taken I found I was the only one in attendance. Not phased by the poor showing of the membership, elections were held and yours truly won the presidency by a margin of one vote. You have to realize that this whole thing wasn't easy since there wasn't any one to second any nomination. The vice-president, secretary, and treasurer jobs were also assumed by me by default.

A report was rendered by the Show Review Committee (that's me) and there were no reports of show wins nor even of any shows. As you can see, the meeting so far was quite dull.

The Good and Welfare Committee (that's me again) rendered a report that it has been heard from a highly reliable source that a young cocker enthusiast back in Monterey, California (in the land of the big P.X.) has turned traitor. That's right, I said turned traitor. She's gone out and bought herself another beagle. The membership agreed, in spite of this, to pass on the best wishes of the club to both her and her new pup, Buglair Brian Boru. Good luck, Cathy, to both you and Brian.

When it was finally established that the only club member didn't even own a Cocker Spaniel and that there are no shows in Vietnam anyway in which to show this non-existant pooch, the motion was carried to disolve the Cocker Spaniel Club of Saigon. (Also people were starting to wonder why I was talking to myself.)

And so ended probably the smallest and shortest club devoted to the betterment of the Cocker Spaniel breed.

I think that next month I'll establish the Vizsla Club of Saigon since I don't own a Vizsla either.

Sincerely,

R.T. O'Brien
(alias Dad)

NEBRASKA VIZSLA CLUB INC.

1967 Spring licensed AKC Field Trial April 15 & 16, at the Stan Matzke Farm near Seward, Nebraska. Stakes are: Open Puppy, Open Derby, Amateur Vizsla Gun Dog, Open Gun Dog, Open All-Age, and Limited All-Age. Pigeons will be used for Puppy stake, Chukars for all other stakes. For those who might like to stay longer, the Omaha GSP trial is April 8 & 9, and the Sioux City, Iowa trial April 22 & 23. For more information contact Joe Dolezal, Chairman, David City, Nebraska or Hank F. Rozanek, 816 South 13th Street, Norfolk, Nebraska 68701. Ph. 371-4737. You are all welcome to join in the Fun.

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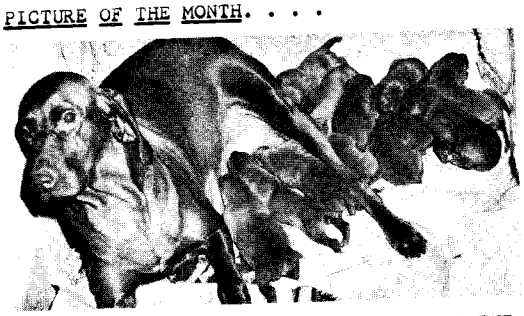
PICTURE OF THE MONTH. . . .



Ch. J'ann of Misty Hills in CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN! Carl Gawenus is laying claim to the first "1967 Vizsla Models", until someone proves otherwise. 6 male and 6 female bred by Ch. Brok Selle Son of a Gun. Carl lives in North Norwich, New York.

VIZSLA CLUB OF ILLINOIS. . . SPRING FIELD TRIAL

BY Sharon Simon, Sec.

The second AKC licensed trial will be held at Bong Air Force Base, Kansasville, Wis., April 1 and 2, 1967. One course trial with limit of 64 dogs (entries).

*Open Puppy	$8.00 (pigeons)
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*Amateur Gun Dog	$12.00 (pheasants)
*Open Gun Dog	$12.00 (pheasants)

Stakes marked (*) are open to all German Shorthairs, German Wirehairs, Weimaraners, and Vizslas. Derby is for Vizslas only.

Plans are being made for a tent and food on the grounds. A banquet is scheduled, but details are not available at this time.

For further information contact:
Dick Olsen
1026 Spafford St.
Antioch, Illinois

VIZSLA CLUB OF OHIO. . . . . SPRING FIELD TRIAL bcb

The Vizsla Club of Ohio trial will be held April 16, 1967, Medina, Ohio. Stake offered are: OPEN PUPPY; OPEN DERBY; AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG; and, CHILDRENS HANDLER STAKE.
This trial will be run under the minimum requirements of the American Field. For further information contact: Kenneth Zack, 4486 Emerson Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44121, Field Trial Secretary.

CHIT-CHAT NEWS FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

By May Carpenter

The name of ELIZABETH MIHALYI is familiar to all of us that have been in Vizslas for very many years. She is a very fine Portrait Artist, this charming lady from Redwood City, California. Mrs. Mihalyi escaped from Hungary, she took with her Panni XV, the family Vizsla, who became Vizsla #2 in the Austrian Stud Book and the mother of the foundation Vizslas in Austria. Last summer, before leaving for a trip to Hungary, Mrs. Mihalyi called to see if there was anything at all concerning Vizslas that she could do for us while there. She planned to devote a day of her trip to this, visiting the headquarters of the Hungarian Kennel Club. This year, as always, it was a pleasure to visit with Mrs. Mihalyi at the Golden Gate Dog Show.

CONNIE JOHNSON, of Reno, gave all Vizsla owners at ringside a thrill when she handled her beautiful Ch. Bolen's Geza Belle to a 3rd in the Sporting Group, at the San Mateo show in November.

WILL & GINI CRAWFORD's Tartary Lulu may have set a record; she got her first 2 points at 6 months, 4 days old, going Best of Winners at San Fernando. Shortly after went Best of Opposite at Tulare. Dr. WILL CRAWFORD, Lulu's co-owner, was recently elected President of the Del Monte Kennel Club, Pebble Beach. Their show this year will be a blue ribbon show.

Debreceny Dezso, owned and handled by GARY CARPENTER, 13 of Carmel, won the Sporting Group at the Del Monte K.C.'s AKC Sanctioned Puppy Match in December.

Football fans who watched the East-West Shrine charity game on TV just before New Years might remember the Shriner who led the pledge of allegiance, before a crowd of 56,000 in Kezar Stadium. The Shriner is TOM LAWSON, of Watsonville, a brand new Vizsla owner, having just acquired Brandi (Hassie Alena Selle - Ch. Sandor v. Debretsin).

JACK & MARY ATWOOD of Hillsborough, have been in India for several months. In their absence, Sosija has traveled to several shows with her handler, Frank Housky, of Monterey, who imported 2 Vizslas from Austria in 1954 & 1955. An interesting coincidence is that Sebreceny Sosija, that he now handles, is a grand-daughter of Ramanze vom Trutzhof, the bitch that he imported so many years ago.

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE MIKE KENDE ARTICLE ON TRAINING bcb

Whatever the game--learn the rules for that particular competition! Don't say that this series of articles will ruin a dog for AKC competition. Your dog is versatile enough to learn whatever YOU are capable of teaching it. If you enter AKC competition then learn those training requirements, or you will certainly be disqualified. This series of training articles will be good for any dog.

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