# The Vizsla News

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## An Introduction to Dogs

by Ogden Nash

The DOG is man's best friend:
He has a tail on one end,
Up in front he has teeth,
And four legs underneath.

DOGS like to bark.
They like it best after dark,
They not only frighten prowlers away...
But also hold the sandman at bay.

A DOG that is indoors
To be let out implores.
You let him out and what then?
He wants back in again.

DOGS display reluctance and wrath
If you try to give them a bath.
They bury bones in hideaways
And half the time they trot sideaways.

They cheer up people who are frowning,
And rescue people who are drowning.
They also track mud on beds,
And chew people's clothes to shreds.

Dogs in the country have fun.
They run and run and run and run.
But in the city this species.
Is dragged around on leashes.

DOGS are upright as a steeple
And much more loyal than PEOPLE.

**The dog described here could NOT be a Vizsla ! Perhaps here and there** a phrase reminds you of your dog...the rest must be about someone else's dog...until that last line. A VIZSLA is, by this measure, most loyal of all. Vizsla people also measure pretty high on the stick, too, by the way!

picture by Allen Hahn

# Hello-o-o out there....

IN VIZSLAland

Gee, but it seems good to just sit down and visit with you. The correspondence has brought a nice lot news to be shared with everyone, some very interesting articles, and information about national events for the summer and fall.

To be completely honest with you, the work on the centennial book I was writing was finished the middle of last week -- and I intended to sit down the next day and start the June issue of the VIZSLA NEWS, however, I had a distracting element that had to be disposed of: a flat of purple petunias.

Now, that doesn't sound like such a big job -- just dig a bunch of holes and drop them in. The problem with that was, the place I was going to plant them was along the front of the house.

The front of the house? Well, that is what needed a coat of paint!! So the job of planting those silly petunias lasted clear through the week and was completed just this morning.

Oh, I tried to just ignore that little project and get the copy ready for the printer BEFORE I started painting. After all, I can't see the front of the house from my typewriter...but as I would set my kitchen in order in preparation for a few days in "the office", those stupid purple petunias would smile up at me from the corner of the sink.

Now, who can think about dogs with a bunch of silly flowers growing in their sink? I tried, but it just didn't work -- so I would go out and climb the ladder and do the scraping and sanding, and finally got a fresh coat of white paint on the porch.

My daughter will testify to the fact that when it comes to painting, I am bilateral: that is, I can drip paint equally as well with the left hand as I can with the right. Despite the "helpful" suggestions freely given by the family on how to get the most painting done and moving the ladder as little as possible, and the rather "pointed" prodding of the mosquitoes the job was finally completed. Contrary to rumor, my Vizslas do NOT have white spots on their backs...the temporary conditions appears only after standing under the ladder while you-know-who is trying to paint under the eves...and hopefully it will brush out in time!

Bud and I did take out a few hours each evening to participate in that new Nebraskan pastime -- "Thistle Stomping". Some fuzzy musk thistles blew into Nebraska a few years back from somewhere, and seem to flourish in the pasturelands here abouts. After you spray early in the year and get all those you can, there is only one thing to do with the others that appear in the tall brome and timothy -- dig them out. So, armed with a spade instead of a shot-gun, we turn as many as we find "down side up" as we can each night. It is almost beginning to look like someone lives here again!!

Fact is, we are beginning to find time to "live" again...and enjoy playing with our Vizsla dogs, and visiting with Vizsla people accross the land!

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LETTERS TO SHARE WITH YOU.....

Dear Jane:

This will be pretty short as I'm still having big problems writing, since my skull fracture. I did want all the club members to know how much their cards and letters were appreciated and I do intend to answer them all if I ever get in shape to write a letter. Right now I can only write a couple of lines then have to wait awhile until my eyes get back in focus. Like I told the doctor, if they'd cut my head off, I'd be well by now!

I'm sorry I couldn't get to the Spring Trial, but I'm sure saving my strength for the Fall Trial. Oh, yes, I have a new address: 4733 N. 15th Ave. Phoenix, Arizona 85015.

Sincerely,
Betty Kenly

(note: It was sure good to see Betty's handwriting on an envelope, and so glad to know that she is coming along. Betty is unable to serve as Regional Governor for that area this next year, which is certainly understandable.

Get well, Betty! Hope to see you this fall!)

Dear Jane:

The old Marine isn't dead -- merely faded away to the hospital. If I survive the 13 indicated things (only 2 serious) they'll move me to the Barracks end where they think I'll be a great psycological asset...

(note: This letter arrived the other day, and I was so happy to hear from our friend JACK BAIRD. I am sure that all of you, who have enjoyed his column and articles through the years will want to send him your greetings and of course some snap-shots of your Vizslas. For over 35 years now, Jack has been waging a continual battle with cancer...and all the time writing his regular dog columns, going to shows and trials (until this became impossible) and always ALWAYS writing letters of encouragement to people just starting in the dog writing field, like me -- and probably hundreds more! His address is:

Jack Baird, Room 223
Veterans Home and Hospital
Rocky Hill, Connecticut, 06067

Jack was the first executive secretary of the Vizsla Club of America, and probably the one who did the pen work on that constitution and incorporation quoted on the other page, and has continued his interest in the breed and steady encouragement to the club's progress. They just don't come any finer!! His greetings were for all of you, and as he says, "I'll be rooting for all Vizslas."

VACATIONERS, Jack Merrill, his wife Glenna and two children stopped by the other afternoon. On their way through to Canada, they send their greeting to all Vizsla owners everywhere from the state of Texas!

Californians also stopped by for a visit. Enoch Hunter and family from Hayward, California, dropped by.

If you're going through Nebraska this summer stop by for a tall glass of tea and dog talk...or if you can't stop WAVE as you go by!!

## SPECIAL EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR

Way back in 1952, a group of individuals who owned or were interested in this newly imported breed of dog known as the "Magyar Vizsla" met and drew up the articles of incorporation for a national organization. Considered the first objective of this new corporation was:

"(a) to apply for membership in the American Kennel Club as soon as practicable, and thereafter to engage in all functions, preform all duties and enjoy all privileges of a parent specialty club of the American Kennel Club for the Magyar Vizsla breed...."

Since that time, the Vizsla Club of America has been engaged in the procedure of completing the requirements for applying for membership in the A. K. C. From time to time there have been long and tiring delays due to a lack of understanding or communications, and always a shortage of the man-power to complete certain projects once they were underway; but the club has always moved to complete this original goal.

After many years of trying to get the breed established and keeping all owners and breeders of Vizslas in communications with each other (which proved impossible, even then) the realization that FIRST the breed must be recognized and registered by the A. K. C. before its parent club could apply for anything, was made. It was in November of 1960 that the Magyar Vizsla -- to be recognized simply as "Vizsla" -- was accepted in the stud book registery of the American Kennel Club. As soon as this was completed, the club applied and received permission to hold a sanctioned AKC Field Trial. A second sanctioned field trial was held 6 months later in Nebraska, and a licensed trial was approved for that fall, 1962. The VC of A has held two licensed Field Trials each year since then...but all the field trials for the next umpteen years would not qualify the club for acceptance in the AKC: there is only one event that can put us, or any breed club, in line for this -- the required number of SPECIALTY SHOWS.

Of course before one can apply for a Specialty Show there must have been several "Match" events -- in our case two "B" matches and two "A" matches, and then our first Specialty in 1965. This first National Show event brought some 52 Vizslas to Chagrin Falls from all over the nation. The second specialty was also held at Chagrin Falls a year later with 66 entries from not only the United States but Mexico as well.

This August 27th will be our THIRD SPECIALTY SHOW also to be held at Chagrin Falls. This will be -- above anything to this point -- the ONE most important event ever scheduled by the Vizsla Club of America, Inc. This event completes our requirements for application for membership. Since all steps to this point have been successfully completed, it is hoped that this one, too, will be supported by the entire membership! If you can get to Chagrin Falls, enter your Vizsla in one of the many classes and come; if you can't come but have a dog that should be there -- send it with a handler or friend. If you can't participate in this way, then support the event as a VIZSLA BOOSTER This most important event should be also the nicest!

The Specialty Committee has made arrangements for a larger ring, one that will allow for more space for gaiting , and for setting up some of these large classes of dogs. They have also reserved a tent in case of inclement weather. Another $70 is needed to pick up the tab for this item -- $10 from each of the regional clubs perhaps?, or individuals who would like to support the event in some small way. Checks for this should be sent to Marge Meminger, Route 4 Waterford Pike Road, Erie, Pennsylvania, 16509. (Please indicate VCA Specialty Committee on the check or money order.)

The trophy fund for the specialty is also in need of $$$$. Unlike field events where a part of the entry fee goes for the trophies, birds and other expenses, a show -- with superintendent and host kennel club -- use the entry fees for their expenses, and the trophies and prizes are the responsibility of the parent club. Pat Carter, 116 Hazelton Avenue, Manchester, New Hampshire, 03103, has made the arrangements for a full list of beautiful prizes, but the fund is always in need of doners. If you missed the last event, or forgot to send your donation off (like we did) GET IN ON THIS ONE!

So, its almost here! The event that the club has worked toward for 15 years! Each event to this point has been a step on the way -- and each one has played its part in making this event a reality.

COME TO THE SPECIALTY

Chagrin Falls, Ohio August 27, 1967
Pre-Show Dinner Saturday night, August 26.

BE A VIZSLA BOOSTER
** SPECIALTY TENT FUND
** SPECIALTY TROPHY DONATION

The next event on the schedule is that of the Fall Field Trial. This is the first time since spring of 1962 that the Vizsla Club of America has held its trial in NEBRASKAland...and the people out this way are making big plans for a field trial that will be very special in every way!

Rising City has gone all-out to bring this event to Nebraska in this, our Centennial Year, and is being given the title of "VIZSLA CAPITAL OF THE WORLD" for the event. Publicity will break in many national publications soon, which hopefully will bring many, many Vizsla owners who do not know about a national breed organization both to the trial and/or to membership in the club.

Nebraska Vizsla Club's Fall Field Trial is the week-end preceeding -- October 21-22, and there is pleanty of hunting to be had during the week: Grouse, Prairie Chicken and Duck Season are all open about then.

The Vizsla Club of America's AKC licensed Fall Field Trial will be OCTOBER 28-29, on what has been discribed as "the best gun-dog trial grounds anywhere!" Four highly respected AKC Field judges will be sitting in the saddle!!

SEE YOU IN NEBRASKA IN OCTOBER !!

WRAP-UP OF THE NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL

PLACINGS (Continued from last issue)

(The customary placement listing, name of dog, sire, and dam, owner and handler was not available in May, and has been sent to the V. NEWS office by F. T. Secretary, Allen Hahn, and a few of the owners of the dogs placed as requested in the last issue. Will attempt to record them here for the records.)

OPEN PUPPY STAKE (19 entries)

1st WINDSWEPT SPOT (M) (Dual Ch. Futaki Darocz - Konya v Selle) O/H Dick Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska
2nd SZERES KIS SZERETO "Brat", (Dual Ch. Futaki Darocz - Szekeres Kezdet) O/ Carol Willey, Plattsmouth, N. H. H/ C. Smith.
3rd JEB VON FLIDER (M) ( Flip Von Ripp - Dardai Csitri's Cindy) O/H Ken Rose, Boulder, Colorado.
4th WILSON's MOST HAPPY FELLA (M) (Ch. Wilson's Pal Joey - Princess of Carlstadt) O/ C. Smith & Ralph Wilson, H/ C. Smith. New Hampshire & New York City, respectively.

OPEN DERBY STAKE (18 entries)

1st SZERES' KES SZERETO (F) (listed above) O/H Carol Willey, Plattsmouth, N. H.
2nd HEIDI OF WINDSWEPT (F) (Haans v Selle - Weedy Creek Dutches) O/H Dick Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska
3rd BOBO BUCK SELLE (M) (Dual Ch. Futaki Darocz - Konya v Selle) O/H Sylvester Armstead, Omaha, Nebraska
4th DESERT WENCH (F) (Dual Ch. Futaki Darocz - Czigany Jolan) O/ A. Riboldi (address not known) H/ Ed VanStine.

AMATEUR GUN DOG (12 entries)

1st JODI OF CZUKI BARAT (M) (F. T. Ch., Can F. T. Ch. Ripp Barat - Czuki O'Lake Catherine) O/H Lew Simon, Antioch, Illinois.
2nd HAANS V SELLE (M) (Kosa V Selle - Konya V. Selle) O/H Dick Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebr.
3rd BULLET V SELLE (M) (Len's Duke Selle - Nickla) O/H Tom Pratt, Clarion, Iowa.
4th Withheld

OPEN GUN DOG (17 entries)

1st Can & AKC F. T. Ch. RIPP BARAT's RIPPY (Can& AKC F. T. Ch Ripp Barat - Sissy Selle) O/ J. Holcomb, Englewood, Colorado & Paul Sabo, Ga, H/ Paul Sabo
2nd Can & AKC F. T. Ch. RIPP BARAT (Brok Olca - Rata z Povazia) O/ Betty Kenly, Phoenix Arizona & Meminger, Pa., H. Paul Sabo.
3rd WEEDY CREEK LOBO (M) ( Weedy Creek Skol - Weedy Creek Merya) O/ Harold Wingerter, Muscatine, Iowa, H/ Mel Uhlenhopp.
4th COUNT LASZLO OF WEEDY CREEK ( M) (Soni Brook Selle - Maggie z Selle) O/H Bill Fisher, Lincoln, Nebraska

OPEN LIMITED ALL AGE STAKE (number of entries not known: at least 12)

1st Can. F. T. Ch. RIPP BARAT (This win made him also an AKC F. T. Champion) (M) Brok Olca - Rata z Povazia) O/ Betty Kenly, Phoenix Arizona & Meminger, Erie Pa; H/ Paul Sabo
2nd WEEDY CREEK LOBO (M) (Weedy Creek Skol - Weedy Creek Merya) O/ Harold Wingerter, Muscatine, Iowa. H/ M. Uhlenhopp.
3rd PUMPKIN FUN GALORE (Shayo Fun Galore-Gamma Fun Galore) O/H Al Sulesky, Cleveland, Ohio.
4th WEEDY CREEK CHA CHA (M)(Weedy Creek Skol - Weedy Creek Merya) O/H Allen Hahn, Muscatine, Iowa.

A SPECIAL THANKYOU is extended to all Viz sla members and friends who helped purchase the lovely trophies that were awarded at this national event!

DICK & SHIRLEY REINHARDT
ANN BROWNER
ELIZABETH & CARLO ZEZZA
J. R. (BOB) HOLCOMB
ALLAN C. HAHN
WILLIAM S. BUCKLES
LEN & KATHY HARTL
TAFT JONES
CLIFFORD BULLIS
FRANK ENGSTROM
AL SULESKY
MARCIA HOSTETLER
PATRICIA A. LENT
BELA HADIK
JOHNNY LAUCUS
PAUL FRANK
GENEVIEVE WOLFE

Thanks to the efforts of our trophy chairman, Bob Holcomb, the donations to the booster fund, listings and ads brought in enough to buy the biggest share of the trophies and off-set the cost of the programs. Treasurer, Bill Fisher, sent the following statement for this event.

Field Trial Report, Spring 1967

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| Receipts | | |
| Starting dogs fees | 913.50 | |
| Trophy Fund | 124.00 | |
| Listings and ads | 50.00 | |
| Banquet (Friday and Sat.) | 57.00 | |
| Raffle | 31.00 | |
| | | 1,175.50 |
| Expenses | | |
| Birds and bird feed | 391.25 | |
| Izaak Walton Club | 277.00 | |
| Judges' Travel | 12.00 | |
| A. K. C. license | 25.00 | |
| Trophies | 145.00 | |
| Catalogues | 61.20 | |
| Miscellaneous (Sect & Ch) | 24.00 | |
| | | 935.93 |
| | | $ 239.57 |

Thank you, everyone, who worked so hard to put this national field trial on. It takes the dedicated effort of so many! It is greatly appreciated.

# The Vizsla Club Of America, Inc.

THIRD NATIONAL VIZSLA SPECIALTY

CHAGRIN FALLS, OHIO Sunday, AUGUST 27, 1967

This year's Specialty Judge will be Cecil Y. Smith, Palmyra, New York.

SHOW SUPERINTENDENT: BOW Dog Show Organization, 9999 Broadstreet, Detroit, Michigan. For a full premium list, write directly to this address. An entry blank will be mailed (hopefully) with either this issue of the VIZSLA NEWS or next month. All entries must be received at the Superintendents office by AUGUST 10. This is most important! Entries arriving after that day cannot compete.

CLASSES: These, as far as I have been able to find out, are to be the same as last year. If this is not oorrect, please follow the information in the premium list.

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| PUPPY DOG CLASS (under 1 year) | PUPPY BITCH CLASS |
| NOVICE DOG | NOVICE BITCH |
| BRED BY EXHIBITOR | BRED BY EXHIBITOR |
| AMERICAN BRED | AMERICAN BRED |
| OPEN DOG | OPEN BITCH |
| SPECIALS | |
| STUD DOG | BROOD BITCH |

The Stud Dog and Brood Bitch Classes are an additional class, and judged differently than others: Entry for the Stud Dog Class is: A stud dog and two of his get. The get do not necessarily have to be owned by the exhibitor or the same person, nor do they have to be litter mates, or even have the same dam. They must have the SAME SIRE only. The "get" is judged for uniformity and conformation; the stud dog must be there and entered, but is not judged, himself, so advanced years do not matter. The entry for the Brood Bitch Class is for the brood bitch and two of her produce. The same applies here: the "produce" only is judged, and the dam herself is not under judgement.

BRACE CLASS consisting of two dogs as nearly identical in looks, size, and conformation as possible may be entered as a "brace". They should handle as a team, gate and move alike. They can be two dogs, two bitched or a dog and bitch, but both must be owned by the same person or persons.

HIGHEST SCORING VIZSLA IN OBEDIENCE will also be awarded a trophy and recognized for this honor for its work in the obedience trial held in conjunction with the dog show at the Chagrin Valley Kennel Club Show.

ALSO FIELD TRIAL DOG FIELD TRIAL BITCH
(See Pat Carter's letter for the details on this!)

A fine list of trophies has been arranged by the Show Committee with awards in each of the four places given in EACH class. Worthy prizes are given for Reserve and Winners Dog; Reserve and Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex.

SO COME TO THE SHOW ENTER YOUR VIZSLAS YOUR NATIONAL SPECIALTY

The committee has reserved a block of rooms for Friday and Saturday nights at the HOLIDAY INN, Kent, Ohio 44240. This motel is located at the junction of I 80 South and Route 43. It is less than 10 miles from the Ravenna Show (on Saturday) and the Chagrin Specialty (on Sunday). Reservations should be made directly to Holiday Inn, and a deposit required to hold a room after 6:00 p.m. -- it is wise to send the deposit in any case! This is a brand new Holiday Inn with all the luxurious trappings plus a pool. Dogs gladly accepted!

A dinner is planned for Saturday night at 8:30. Check at the motel for place. The price will be around $4.00. The committee asked for a mid-morning judging time -- and received word that Vizslas will be judged at 11:00 a.m. Sunday. Enter both Ravenna's show and the Specialty -- they have the same superintendent. I'LL SEE YOU THERE!

BE A VIZSLA BOOSTER TROPHY FUND & SPECIALTY TENT FUND IN NEED OF $$$$$
Send to Marge Meminger, Route 4, Waterford Pike Road, Erie, Pa, 16509

GENERAL NOTES ON THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA'S HIP DYSPLASIA PROGRAM

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The basic purpose of this program is two fold; It provides a means whereby breeders may secure expert pelvic evaluation as an aid to better breeding. It also is used as a requirement for advertising stud services, pups and dogs for sale in our breed publication, THE VIZSLA NEWS. Regulations for advertising in the "News" may be obtained by writing to the Vizsla News Office, Rt. #3, Seward, Nebr.

When submitting your xrays to the University of Minnesota, a waiting period of approximately six weeks should be anticipated before your films and report are returned to you.

In the event that a diagnosis cannot be made from the xray submitted to the U. of M., a fee of only $1.00 is charged. The balance of $4.00 is applied on another Xray when it is submitted, or it is refunded at the request of the owner.

The money from the fees that are charged is held in escrow by the Vizsla Club of America and is to be contributed, as it accumulates, to the University of Minnesota for use in canine research.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING RADIOGRAPHS THROUGH THE BREED IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA FOR EVALUATION BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOR CANINE HIP DYSPLASIA:

1. The following information must be imprinted on the radiograph with lead markers or other radiopaque materials: Date of radiograph, Dog's registration number, Right or left side labeled.

2. The following must be submitted with radiograph: Owner's name and address, sex of dog, age of dog in months and a fee of $5.00.

3. Adequate anesthesia is essential to insure immobility of animal in the desired position.

4. Dog is positioned squarely on back with hind legs in maximum extension and abduction and as nearly parallel as possible. In this position the radiograph will appear much as a man standing. The pelvis should not be tilted - compare sizes of obturator foramens. The patellas should appear directly above the condyles of the femurs.

5. Density of the film should be of sufficient quality to give good definition to the osseous structures of both hip joints.

6. Radiographs with the above information and fee should be mailed to: BREED IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA
104 East 21st Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69361

Those Vizsla owners and breeders who wish to have their radiographs diagnosed by The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine may do so by writing to the following address for instructions on their procedure:

ORTHOPEDIC FOUNDATION FOR ANIMALS, INC. Hip Dysplasia Control Registry
Box 8251, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101

The fee for the services of the OFA is $10.00. Their diagnosis may be used as qualification for advertising in THE VIZSLA NEWS by forwarding, to the Breed Improvement Committee, the origional certificate issued by the OFA. This certificate will be duplicated and returned to the owner.

Dogs under 30 months of age can be approved for advertising in the VIZSLA NEWS for a period of 1 year only. Dogs over 30 months of age, if free of hip dysplasia, are "permanently" approved.

13 July 1967 **The Vizsla Club Of America, Inc.**

Open letter to all the members:

Well - here you have it finally - the minutes of the Annual Meeting. As you can see, I am quite late in getting these on to Jane, our Editor, but time just has a way of fleeting by. I am sure that all of you are well aware of this as is Jane. I am sorry for the delay for I know many of you have been anxiously awaiting these minutes.

As you can see, quite a few good things have taken place in the past few months. I personally feel that one of the better accomplishments was the Board's approval of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals as a means of certification of our Vizslas being free from hip dysplasia, as well as by the means already in use by our Breed Improvement Committee. By having this additional means of certification, it assures our members that there is no possible way to discriminate among dogs - and this has been a hue and cry in the past - although it was untrue. I certainly hope that all of you who have not already had your dogs certified will now do so.

Many of us, including myself, have had a bitch certified clean but in the past we have had no way of informing the "Vizsla World" of this feat. Now, with the passing of the recommendation for the listing of the names and AKC numbers of all certified dogs and bitches who have been clearned, this gives us the means by which everyone will know our bitches are clean.

I would like to personally say "thank you" to a wonderful guy, ED VAN STINE, for his wonderful donation of a Traveling Trophy to be given to the Vizsla National Champion when we are recognized to hold a championship trial. I certainly hope this trophy will be in use in the not too distant future. What a wonderful goal to work towards - YOUR National Champion Vizsla!

It was nice to meet and talk with many of you at the spring trial and I hope that we will have the opportunity to renew acquaintances once again at our next big national event - THE VIZSLA SPECIALTY SHOW - to be held at Chagrin Valley, Ohio in August. Ohio isn't that far away for any of us and this show is one of the most beautiful in the country - come on out and take part with your Vizslas - you will have a ball.

In addition to the regular classes and the Stud Dog, Brood Bitch and Brace classes of last year, this year we are introducing a FIELD TRIAL DOG and FIELD TRIAL BITCH class. This may be just the class YOU have been looking for. Maybe you own a dog or a bitch that is not a "show dog" so to speak but is one whale of a good bird dog - then this is the class for you! Most of the dogs and bitches shown in this class have never seen the inside of a show ring before (some have however) and the judge knows this. Your dog will be judged for conformation, of course, but the fact that he doesn't know what to do - or the fact that you don't know what to do - is taken into consideration by the Judge. The only requirement is that to enter this class your dog or bitch must have placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th at a licensed A.K.C. field trial. Come on - let's see how you do!

Remember too - if you are the BREEDER of the Best of Breed and/or the Best of Opposite to Best of Breed winners - there's a trophy waiting for you! This is another new incentive this year.

Ralph Wilson, Show Chairman, has asked Bow Dog Show Organization to forward a number of entries to our Editor for inclusion in one of the issues of the Vizsla News. Besides this, I have forwarded a membership list to Bow and have asked them to be sure to mail an entry to all. Sometimes they slip up on this that's the reason why Ralph has asked that entries go out with the issue of the News. Make out your entry and send it in - we'll all be looking forward to seeing you at CHAGRIN!

Now that the lazy summer is upon us, I hope that all of you are having a wonderful time. I hope your spring field trials were fun and that your dog show season is in full swing. I hope to see many new Vizsla Champions listed this year both in the field and on the bench, and when can we expect another Dual Champion!

Too, I hope as many of you as possible will support your local and regional Vizsla clubs. If you do not know if there is a club in your area, contact me and I will try to help you. If you know there is no club in your area but you WISH THERE WAS, get together with the other Vizsla owners in your 'neck of the woods' and start your own. Have a

couple of fun field trials, some picnic get-togethers and before long you will become a group and will start on forming your own club. I will be glad to help in any way I can - just call on me.

Publicize your Vizsla - tell the world about that Champ you own - take him out to the field trials and let the world know that the Vizsla is one heck of a good bird dog. He doesn't have to take a back seat to any breed but no one will know this unless YOU tell the folks and let your dog show them just what you mean.

My best to you all and if I can be of any service to any of you, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely in Vizslas,

Priscilla (Pat) Carter
Secretary, V.C. of A., Inc.

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Vizsla Club of America, Inc. held on 22 April 1967 at Bloomfield, Iowa.

The President called the meeting to order at approximately 9:45 p.m.

Paul Sabo asked to be recognized. So recognized by the Chair. Paul stated to the membership that he wished the club had a prize to offer for good sportsmanship. He further stated that one member of our club should certainly be so honored and asked for a hand of acclamation from the entire membership for this one man - a good sport and a good bird dog man - Chauncey Smith from New Hampshire.

The President advised the membership that in as much as the Minutes of the previous membership meeting had been printed in the Vizsla News and in as much as no corrections or omissions had been received by the Secretary, we would dispense with the reading of said minutes because of the lateness of the hour.

The President called for the report of the Secretary.

The Secretary advised the President and the membership that because of the hour and the many important items that had to be brought before the assembly, she would not give a report.

The President called for the report of the Treasurer. Said report is as follows:

Vizsla Club of America, Inc. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
April 28, 1966 to April 19, 1967

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| Balance as of April 28, 1966 | | | $ 928.57 |
| INCOME: | Membership Dues | $2,844.00 | |
| | Vizsla News Subscriptions | 266.25 | |
| | Sale of Old News issues | 52.50 | |
| | Advertising in News | 170.00 | |
| | Field Trial including Trophy Donations | 1,272.05 | |
| | Dysplasia Booklet | .25 | |
| | Pedigree Flyers | 33.00 | |
| | Vizsla Pines | 66.00 | |
| | Vizsla Patches | 76.00 | |
| | Show (Specialty) including Trophy donations | 121.68 | |
| | | $4,901.73 | + $4,901.73 |
| | | | $5,830.30 |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | Field Expense | $2,090.54 | |
| | Vizsla News | 2,246.52 | |
| | Telephone | 424.50 | |
| | Secretary | 153.44 | |
| | Show (Specialty) Expense | 151.25 | |
| | Equipment Repair | 45.50 | |
| | Treasurer | 50.77 | |
| | President | 10.55 | |
| | Miscellaneous | 206.83 | |
| | | $5,379.90 | - $5,379.90 |
| | Balance on hand 4/19/67 | | $ 450.40 |

The President asked the Secretary to summarize, for the membership, the activities of the Board of Directors during the past two days.

Prior to giving her report, the Secretary advised the membership that it had come to her attention in the past year that many of the members of the V.C.A. did not realize the work that their Board did for them during the course of the year. She assured the members that being on the Board of Directors meant work for 365 days of the year.

The Secretary reported to the membership that in the early session on Friday, 21 April, the President advised the Board that the permanent Field Committee had been working on a field trial for the Spring of 1968 and that a tentative site and date of April 21, 1968 - Bong AFB outside of Kenosha, Wisconsin had been chosen. Kenosha is approximately 50 miles north of Chicago, Illinois. He further advised that he and Hal Wingerter had looked the site over and found it quite adequate for a national trial. He further stated that the state of Wisconsin would donate 200 pheasant to our club to be used on the back course. It is to be understood that these birds will not be shot but they will be released for the dogs to work on. More information will be published in the Vizsla News as it happens.

The Secretary advised that Alan Hahn had been unanimously nominated by the Board to be a member of the permanent Field Committee. He was so appointed by the President.

The Board of Directors will make three recommendations to be presented to the next Futurity Commitee re Field Futurity and one recommendation to be presented re Bench Futurity.

The Secretary further reported that the Board of Directors had given full support to the Show Committee for them to proceed and support the Vizsla entries, under the auspices of the Vizsla Club of America, at various dog shows throughout the country. They further granted the show committee permission to spend up to $30.00 for trophies for these shows for the coming year. Ralph Wilson, Show Chairman, had advised the Board that such support was necessary in order to enable our club to be "national in scope".

The Secretary then advised that after the 1967 Specialty in August, which will be our third National Specialty Show, we would have then complied with what we trust will be all the necessary requirements to enable us to approach the American Kennel Club with reference to membership. She further advised that as soon as the Specialty Show was completed, she would immediately contact the A.K.C. with reference to same.

The Secretary then introduced a "new face" among the membership - that of Ed Van Stine from New Jersey, a professional handler and trainer who just recently had taken on the Vizsla in the Eastern states. She further advised the assembly that Ed was a comparatively new member and prior to this time had been strictly a German Shorthaired Pointer man.

The Secretary then announced to the Assembly that at the Board of Directors' meeting, Ed Van Stine had donated a Travelling Trophy to the Vizsla Club of America, said trophy to be donated upon recognition by the American Kennel Club of an A.K.C. National Champion Vizsla. This Traveling Trophy would be given each year to the National Champion Vizsla and trophy to be valued at not less than $100.00.

The Secretary then advised the assembly that over the past few years there had been a great deal of discussion and a great deal of advance made for our club and our members with reference to Hip Dysplasia. The Board of Directors had made one further advance and that is the approval of the Breed Improvement Committee being informed that if a member of the Vizsla Club of America or any owner of a Vizsla has his Vizsla certified free of hip dysplasia by the Orthopedic Foundation of Animals in Philadelphia and upon receipt of the original official copy of the O.F.A. certification sent to the chairman of the Breed Improvement Committee, they, the B.I.C. will immediately and automatically accept this Vizsla for advertising in the Vizsla News. It was pointed out, however, that this type of certification will be in addition to and will not replace the system already set up and in use by the Breed Improvement Committee. It only means that the V.C.A. will now have two means by which a Vizsla may be certified.

The Secretary further advised that in as much as Wilmer Kline, chairman of the Breed Improvement Committee, had been obliged to resign from this position due to employment obligations, the Board of Directors had unanimously asked Dr. Richard Reinhardt to accept the position of chairman for this very important committee. Dr. Reinhardt accepted.

The Board of Directors also approved the publication in the Vizsla News of the names and the A.K.C. numbers of all the Vizsla dogs and bitches that so far have been certified free of hip dysplasia by the Breed Improvement Committee. This listing will be retroactive to cover all Vizslas that have been certified to date. The new chairman of the Breed Improvement Committee stated that he would contact Jane Graff, Editor of the Vizsla News, to work out a system of publication.

The Board of Directors will also recommend to the Standards Committee that our breed standard for Vizslas be revised with reference to dew claws, said revision to read: "removal of dew claws is optional". The Secretary advised the members that this is not an immediate or automatic revision but only something the Board will recommend that the Standards Committee take under advisement.

End of Board Report by the Secretary.

(Secretary's note: The various Committee Reports that had been presented to the Board of Directors were not read to the members; however, these are listed herein for your information.)

No report from the Regional Governor Co-ordinator received.

Breed Improvement Committee Report Wilmer Kline, Chairman

This committee has continued to function as in the past, with the major portion of work being concerned with the processing of radiographs. At present there are ten radiographs in the process of evaluation.

I, personally, see no need for major changes in the operating procedures of this committee.

(Signed: Wilmer Kline)

A further hip dysplasia report was received from Paul Rothan and this is as follows:

"Being of unsound mind and completely duressed, I, Paul L. Rothan, at sometime between 10 and 12 p.m., Saturday, November 12th, Crab Orchard, volunteered to see if something couldn't be resolved once and for all on the hip dysplasia conflict.

Before any dissertation, I should like to say my degree is in Dentisty and any words of not an expert but a layman with some scientific background. Since the meeting, I've done quite a little reading on dysplasia and talked to a number of whom I feel are qualified veterinarians.

The outstanding fact observed in all this is that dysplasia is in fact an enormous problem which if unfaced at this time will turn dog breeding into a disaster area. It may not be in the too far distant future that a dog would not be allowed to be registered with the A.K.C. if it is not certified clean.

There may be some disagreement as to causitive theories and what to do about it, but I'm sure there's no disagreement in the educated that hip dysplasia is present in all breeds (Greyhound excepted) and that unless controls are taken, will get worse.

The program the Vizsla Club of America has initiated is certainly a step in the right direction. As clearly as I can tell, the problem within the club seems to arise from two directions.

1. People who have already had their veterinarians check their dogs and feel they are clean, don't think its worth the time, money and effort to become "officially clean" to advertise in the news.
2. The one certifying center (University of Minn.) doesn't certify but passes its information to the Breed Improvement Committee who has to act on it. Personally I think the committee has

done a fine job, but I'm sure there is some misunderstanding in many people's minds as to what they actually do.

Recommendations; or at least thoughts to be considered and ramifications made.

1. (a) We "must" become more educated to the problem and really believe what we're saying and trying to do.

   (b) To offset the cost and effort of certification and as a reward to encourage more people - perhaps a breeding and whelping section could be posted in the News (free to certified clean bitch and stud). This would reap a second dividend as we would like to stimulate sale of member's pups as compared with "puppy factories".

2. (a) We should allow members to apply for certification to the University of Minnesota or the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Inc. To go one step further, I don't think we would lower our standards greatly by accepting judgment of any recognized school of Veterinarian Medicine. Primarily our objectives should be getting as many people aware of the problem and as many dogs X-rayed as possible. By making things as easy as possible, we may more readily accomplish the latter. It should be kept in mind that the standards could be made more uniform (the certifying centers made fewer) after greater participation.

   (b) Arguments in favor of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Inc. are:

   1. Comparisons and standards from other breeds could be utilized bu us.
   2. Being associated with and using a national foundation, our source of information and education should be broadened.
   3. A certificate of approval is issued for all dogs with no radiographic signs of this disease. For those who do not qualify for certification, there will be an explanation sent, describing the hip abnormalties that prevent certification.
   4. Quality of radiographs should be better, as the foundation gives specific instructions as to how they want the films taken. As a second thought, I think it's only human nature for a Vet to try a little harder on a film going to this type of foundation.

In conclusion, I'd like to say this letter was done in all sincerity and with malice toward none. It was kept short so as not to confuse the issue. If you want a short concise "eye opener" on hip dysplasia read "Canine Hip Dysplasia and How to Control It" by Dr. Wayne H. Riser and Harry Miller.

(Signed: Paul L. Rothan)

No report received from the permanent Field Committee other than what was reported by the President.

No report received from the Finance Committee.

Futurity Committee report — Hilda Boggs, Chairman

The Futurity Rules have been revised according to the direction of the Board of Directors. They were published in the January 1967 issue of the Vizsla News. There are approximately 200 copies here to distribute to interested breeders.

I requested more members for this committee. Ann Brawner has been suggested and I concur.

There is not much to do at the present time. I request space be made available in the September 1967 Vizsla News to submit application blanks for the members.

There have been some comments made that are both good and bad about this our first Futurity. They would have been appreciated more before this was brought before the Board. I would like for these to be sent to me so we can give them to the 1970 Futurity Committee. I see no reason whatsoever to change this Futurity's

rules, but any suggestions or complaints should be taken into consideration for the 1970 Futurity.

The rules for the 1969 Futurity have been approved by the Board so there is no reason to approve them again.

(Signed: Hilda Boggs)

No report from the Membership Committee received.

No report from the Representative of the National German Pointing Dog Assocation received.

Publicity Committee report — Shirley L. Rothan, Chairman

Have held up this letter hoping to hear from Dog World and also from Bud McGivern. I hope the delay does not inconvenience you too much. I feel the board should know of the problems and perhaps one of them could help the situation.

Copy of the letter sent to Bud McGivern, Tom Purdon and Bernard Boggs.

As one of a committee of four appointed by the Vizsla Club of America last November at the meeting of the Board of Directors, I am in hopes you will be able to lend some ideas as how to organize our efforts. You have all received letters from Len, the first dated November 16, 1966 and the other dated December 6, 1966, in which he has given us some good suggestions.

It seems that the writing of articles for dog publications has been discussed for sometime without any good solutions. I was able to talk with a Mrs. Louise Greeno of Cincinnati, who wrote for Popular Dogs on Springer Spaniels for a one year period. I explained that the VCA wanted a committee of four to write the articles. She said this was quite impossible, it had been tried before and as far as she knew, had never been worked out. This, of course, threw me for a loop! What then could be some kind of a solution? Also, the Dog News is published here in Cincinnati and I was able to talk to its editor, Alice Rosentha. She agreed with what Mrs. Greeno had said that didn't seem to be able to shed any light for a solution. I also asked her about submitting articles to the "Dog News". She explained that the magazine depends upon its advertizers and since we were not regular advertisers in her magazine she did not feel that she could put a monthly article in for us; however, we could submit articles on occasion and if space permitted, it would be published. If this is the attitude of all the magazines, then indeed we are in trouble. Popular Dogs is supported by John X. Strauz and Joseph F. Cunningham and so they have kept the Vizslas' activities up through that magazine. Hunting Dog is basically supported by Irene Landefeld, although others have advertised in this magazine and also written articles for them. The A.K.C. Gazette has to have its articles submitted by the club Secretary. I am still waiting a reply from Dog World as to its policy.

The problem here is, do we write the article and submit it as a news bulletin to the current writer in these magazines and let them forward it on to that particular publication? If we do not do this then in what manner do we submit these articles especially if someone is already keeping the Vizsla in the news? Suggestions will be appreciated.

Since this thing has been "battered" around so long it might seem like a good idea to compile our ideas and suggestions and write a report. Submit it to each Board Member before the April meeting. This will give each member a chance to think it over and/or accept the recommendations or give us some better ideas. I will give you my idea and then I hope you will give me yours.

Have one person appointed to receive all mail to be used in compiling an article. At a certain date each month this information will be sent to one person on the committee who is assigned to write the article for that month. By all information I mean: Shows, Field Trials, Obedience, humor, etc. that can be used in an article. Each person on the committee will be given certain months to write an article and the information forwarded to that person at a specific time of the month.

Jane could put an article in the Vizsla News as to who would receive the mail and ask all members to send interesting information to that person so that it might be used for publication.

Also, do you have any other publications in mind that we might send news letters to such as Sports Illustrated, Field and Stream, Sports Afield, etc.

(Signed: Shirley Rothan)

(Secretary's note: This letter was basically Shirley's report however there were answers to her letter from her committee members but because of their length, I will not submit them here.)

Show Committee Report — Ralph Wilson, Chairman

The 1967 Specialty will once again be held at Chagrin Vally K.C. all breed show on August 27th, 1967. The same beautiful Metropolitan Polo field will be the site. The judge chosen by Chagrin at no expense to the VCA is Cecil Y. Smith of Palmyra, New York. This we think is good because Chagrin asked him because he is one of the four we suggested. We requested an early judging time and the request was granted. 11:00 A.M. Publicity in National magazines and the Press over the entire country will be handled as before. Through direct contact with key sports editors and through the regional governors.

We have gone ahead with our plan for a private ring and Tent this year. The approximate cost for this convenience is far less than we were originally quoted, but the exact cost is not firm. I spoke to Dottie Hauck just before leaving and she assured me that the cost would be about $150.00 or a little more since 'everything has gone up'.

As you know, we are attempting to raise the money to finance the tent and private ring in committee. To date we have about $80.00. We had had an appeal printed in the Vizsla News, and the official appeal to regional clubs has been out for about a month. We have asked that all donations be sent to Marge Meminger.

Apparently there is no record of existing regional clubs in our files with the name of a key person to correspond with; therefore, we are having to work through the Regional Governors. Therefore, it makes it necessary for us to wait a longer period of time for responses. As you know, appropriations will have to be made at board meetings or membership meetings and some clubs meet every two months.

Trophies for the Specialty are being obtained by donations from individuals who want to be listed in the premium list and the catalogue. To date, we have quite a few and monetary donations to supplement them.

There will be a cocktail mixer and dinner on Saturday night before Chagrin at a restaurant in the area. Also, we are going to, as before, try to reserve a block of rooms in a motel so Vizsla people won't be spread all over the Cleveland area. These plans will be made this weekend and announded in ample time in the Vizsla News.

We are shooting for an entry of between 75 and 100 Vizslas this year and we need everyone's support in every way.

(Signed: Ralph Wilson)

Standards Committee Report — Bud Graff, Chairman

Unfortunately, this committee has not found the time to correspond at length and get the items that need action ready for this spring meeting. I have not had my usual "winter vacation" so the time just got away from me.

The "Field Standard", the running rules as they appear in the Blue Book seem to be working out very well in most cases. There are a few places where there is still misunderstandings, but these are getting cleared up.

The "Breed Standard" needs some reviewing. The matter of the dew claws was referred to this committee last fall but no suggested revision or solution to this is ready for a vote at this time. Since the removal of dew claws is a "man-made" alteration, perhaps their removal could be recommended but leave the matter optional in the standard. (This is ONLY a possibility not a suggestion at the moment.)

The length of the tail has come up again. Many show people feel that 1/3 off is not enough. They suggest that since other breeds (GSHP, Wyman, etc.) cut theirs half or more and that we should too. I DO NOT think that we want a short bob on the Vizsla. Education is again necessary --- among our breeders, the vets (who always want to get as much off as they can) and show judges. The Vizsla tail is distinctive and should not conform to German Pointing breeds, necessarily.

Our disqualification on size has been beneficial in keeping the breed from getting clear out of hand. Perhaps at the time, we should have made it 1" instead of 2" above or below the standard size. The degree above is seldom faulted by judges and unless a dog is ruled out it is too often put up. The matter of having dogs measured should be clarified. Only an exhibitor can request a measure -- not someone outside the ring. (A judge can, of course.) It should be considered "standard proceedure" where there is a question of size and not "dirty work" or "unsportsmanlike". People should not be afraid to ask for a measure. They are not very accurate and slow up a show, but the only means we have for preserving the Vizsla breed size in this area. It is the people whose dogs are being measured who should demonstrate the good manners and sportsmanship in the situation!

The matter of white spots on the Vizsla has also come up. I do not recommend the measuring of the size of a spot on the chest and certainly not recommend that white be "bred out"; however, a simple ruling that "white spots" other than on the chest and feet should be a disqualification". (This with the exception of scars that a dog may have gotten).

There is a need for more cooperation from show judges. Many do not use or judge according to our approved standard. They should be contacted and if they openly oppose our standard, they should be reported to the club secretary.

(Signed: Bud Graff)

No report from the Trophy Committee.

Vizsla News Report — Jane Graff, Editor

In going through my files, I cannot find a copy of a Vizsla News Report for last fall, although I remember making one. I either do not have it properly filed or am loosing my marbles. In view of this, however, I will start with the report given last March and go from there. I did not get a break-down on the monthly price of each issue however the price is virtually the same as before: approximately $100. per issue.

Issues since then include:

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| April #3 | 14 pages | 2 color cover |
| May #4 | 14 pages | field trial reports |
| June #5 | 12 pages | story cover |
| July #6 | 12 pages | story cover |
| August #7 | 10 pages + flyer | 2 color cover |
| October #8 | 14 pages | picture cover |
| Entry blanks | | special mailing |
| October Supplement #9 | 14 pages | trial information and spring minutes |
| November #10 | 12 pages | trial reports, etc. |

At this time, I was given a 3 month leave of absence which I enjoyed tremendously. Also, for the first time in five years, I got to READ a Vizsla News! Clif Boggs did the typing and arranged the pictures. I continued to line up the ads and back page, took it to David City, brought it home and saw that it was labeled and mailed. I assured Clif at the time he said he would take on the job that I would not "edit the editor"; so, except for a change that had to be made (when the trial date and place was made) it was just as he set it. Clif edited:

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| December #11 | 16 pages | 2 color cover & training story |

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| January | #1 | 14 pages | futurity rules and more training |
| February | #2 | 16 pages | specialty report and end of training lessons |

The confusion of the changing of dates for the spring trial, reasons and information about the trial worried me considerably. Also, the fact that I did not have this book done and was unable to spend the necessary time with the project. Friend husband took the situation in hand, gathered up the necessary items, chose a cover and helped paste them into page size ready for the printer. It was at the printer when the entry forms arrived and back and out to the membership in record time.

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| March | #3 | 14 pages | field trial information |

In the 11 months since the last meeting, there have been 12 issues and I think that there will be a full number of issues this year as well. There are several excellent stories awaiting space now. The 12 issues include 162 pages of reading and news for Vizsla owners.

Our membership has risen considerably this last year and the renewal rate is much higher than it was previously. Perhaps this is because all members feel more a part of the club than they did previously of that the notice sent to them on their membership, by the treasurer, is both received and acknowledged. A great deal of credit should be given to Bill Fisher who has set up a very good system of recording new members, renewals and subscriptions each month and sends a copy to both Pat Carter and myself.

The subscriptions have remained at about 100. I feel that the present rate for membership and subscriptions is right and that any change would not be in the best interest of the club.

I do not have a break-down on the V. News fund expenditures at the moment; however, in looking over it last month, I noted that 90% of this goes for postage and mailing of the V. News.

The matter of assistant editors has not been too successful this past year...through no fault of theirs, both girls got involved in other areas of Vizsla activities and this just did not pan out. Sharon Simon did complete a dummy for the pamphlet, "Vizslas Just for Fun" -- the best of the 1000 word pictures. This is awaiting funds for printing, and my time preparing final finish copy. Pat Carter, as club secretary, did an excellent job of supplying the V. News with finish copy of all stuff from her office, which was a big help. There were also some columns of east coast news through the year and specialty reports. She is also working on a pamphlet about Vizslas in show and obedience, I believe. Dick Reinhardt has completed the dummy on a phamphlet, "Vizslas Afield", which is also awaiting funds to be printed. Price quoted for the 24 page booklet is $354.00 for 500 copies. I feel that they would easily sell for $2. a copy, so return considerable for the investment. The Vizsla Yearbook is also coming along well but Connie Johnson needs help in getting the additional addresses and pictures. She seems to have a very good understanding of the project and I am anxious to see the results.

I believe that the matter of advertising in the V. NEWS is quite satisfactory. We have more stud listings at the moment than we ever had before, and we can be proud of the stand that was taken. I feel that it was because of the system that we set up that the OFA saw the need for an "all breed" system; however I feel that we should keep our present system, using OFA as an appeal board when necessary but NOT switch from one to the other -- at least not now.

Other breeds are just now waking up to the problem -- and some of them have a much greater problem than the Vizsla! The Brittany Club, for instance, says that they will print the names of all dogs that are approved by OFA free. The Canadian Vizsla Club, apparently wants to print the names and breeding behind all Vizslas that are dysplastic (something that I feel is the WORST thing that can happen). Our system of approving young dogs on a yearly basis makes an "approval list" difficult; however, I would like to see something along this line worked out. I think that people should be encouraged to use any means that they find acceptable for getting their dogs checked out for hip dysplasia but I do not want to see the club back-track. I think that we should investigate membership in the OFA and affiliate the Vizsla Breed in that group but not use them as the only reference on H.D.

More education is needed in all fields of breeding and training of Vizslas...this is a continual thing and something that I am always on the look-out for. News is important but should not be considered the only purpose for the publication.

The regional clubs are continuing to increase memberships and publisize the breed locally. Our present set-up is adequate and not too difficult to manage. As long as we must operate on a strictly volunteer basis we are obliged to handle all phases of activity as simply as possible.

If there are any questions that come up at the meeting pertaining to the Vizsla News, I would appreciate it if someone would call and talk with me about it.

(Signed: Jane Graff)

Secretary's note: The balance of Jane's report, the last three paragraphs, were more of a personal nature and actually not pertinent to the V.News report as such and I have, therefore, not printed them here but they will remain a part of her report.

Dr. Richard Reinhardt was present and gave a full report on the Fall Field Trial to be held on October 28 and 29, 1967 in Rising City, Nebraska. Dick is the Field Trial Secretary with Joe Dolezal the Field Trial Chairman. Dick reported that all arrangements had been made with reference to the birds, horses, banquet. He further advised that the American Kennel Club had approved the dates and the site for the trial. Dick invited everyone to attend and to stay on an extra week in Nebraska and help them open the state's hunting season. He further advised the assembly that the dates for the trial were originally planned to fall within the hunting season; however, for the first time in approximately ten years, the Game Commission in Nebraska changed the date of openeing of bird season. He further advised the members that the Nebraska Vizsla Club was trying to plan their fall field trial to be held a week previous to the National Trial.

Al Sulesky from Ohio asked for the floor. He was recognized. Al stated that in speaking for the Vizsla people of Ohio with reference to the fall trial, which was originally set for November 4th, could the trial date be set forward again to November 4th or the weekend following. He felt that this would set the trial date far enough ahead to allow people to plan sufficient time off to include a little hunting. He further stated that he himself had lined up about 14 people to do some hunting out there and if the date is not set forward to November 4th then these people will not go out. He felt that this was quite a few people who had planned to do a lot of hunting and take in the trial which included his own six Vizslas.

Dr. Reinhardt asked the Secretary to verify that the dates of October 28 and 29 had been approved by the American Kennel Club. Said verification was given by the Secretary.

Bill Fisher further clarified that the dates of October 28 and 29 had been set up figuring they would be within the hunting season but the state of Nebraska decided to change the hunting season.

Dr. Reinhardt asked the Secretary if a date could be changed once approval had been received.

The Secretary advised that this could be done although she herself would not recommend it. She further advised the assembly that even though the dates fell during her annual vacation when she would be out of the country and would not be able to attend the trials herself, she did not feel, in all honesty, that the dates should be changed and that she would have to recommend to the assembly, as secretary of the club, to keep the dates and not change them. In giving her reasons for this she stated that due to the fact that the trial dates had to be changed for the last two trials, she felt that now was the time when we needed to show a little stability with the American Kennel Club and she as secretary firmly believed that the trial dates should remain as they are and as they have been approved by the A. K. C.

Dr. Reinhardt stated that the club had been advised to try and set the dates for trials a year ahead if possible and even by doing this we find we still have problems.

Al Sulesky, on the same line, stated that the Vizsla people of Ohio asked that he bring up the subject of the changing of trial dates and that regardless of the reasons, a last minute change of date causes hardship because schedules can not be changed at the last moment. He further stated that this is the same thing that is now going on with reference to the fall trial; that is, the date was originally planned for November 4th and now it has been changed to October 28th. He further stated that he had already made plans for November 4th.

The Secretary advised Al that as far as she knew no definate trial dates had been set prior to the October dates. Bill Fisher advised that no trial dates had actually been set before and no one knew of the dates with the exception of the committee working in Nebraska. Bill further stated that Al had made plans erroneously if he had made them for November 4th for these trial dates had never been set by anyone in authority.

The President stated that he assumed where there was a member on the Permanent Field Committee, who was from Ohio, he may have heard the November 4th date mentioned and this date was discussed but the final decision was the October dates.

Chauncey Smith advised the assembly that the only thing he could remember about last fall's discussion on the 1967 fall trial was that the members had asked the field trial committee to try and arrange the trial in conjunction with the hunting season as an added incentive for folks to attend. He further stated that he could not remember that it was specified that the trial be held on November 4th.

Bill Fisher advised the assembly that the reason the Nebraska people set the date as far in advance as they did - even prior to knowing the exact dates when the hunting season would open - was because the folks in Rising City, where the trial is to be held, wanted to make this trial one of the biggest events they will have had there in 100 years. He further stated that the committee went ahead and set the dates figuring they would be within the hunting season but unfortunately the Game Commission decided to change the season.

Dr. Reinhardt asked if there were any further comments or objections to the fall trial dates. No further comments were received and there were no objections to the trial dates.

Upon motion duly made (by Carlo Zezza) and seconded (by Alan Hahn) it was moved that the field trial committee not change the dates for the fall field trial to be held in Rising City, Nebraska.

The President called for Old Business.

Bud McGivern brought before the assembly the subject of a publications committee and advised the members that there was no one at the present time officially appointed to write for the National Dog Publications. He further stated that we have been having erroneous statements printed about the Vizslas in national magazine. He further advised that the AKC Gazette is the national forum for the American Kennel Club and that the VCA has not been represented enough in this publication. He further advised that last year a proposal was made to have a publications committee but this was vetoed in favor of the appointment of one person. However erroneously a committee was appointed by the President. He further stated that he would rather see a committee other than one person and in this way we could have an ethical column with no possibility of free advertising, etc.

A motion was made (by Bud McGivern) and seconded (by Carlo Zezza) that a committee be appointed, under the auspices of the Vizsla Club of America, to write columns for the A.K.C. Gazette and have the V.C.A. represented monthly and give this committee full authority to publish these columns.

A full discussion was held as to the different publications and why we weren't being represented as a national club but by individuals writing on their own.

The Secretary stated that if such a committee were appointed then they should be given full authority which would also include the President contacting the American Kennel Club and advising them that the Gazette may accept columns from this committee without it going through the Secretary, as is now the case.

Motion carried.

The President called for New Business.

Al Sulesky stated that he had heard a lot of rumors that the national Vizsla Club would be opening up their trials to all breeds. He asked if this was just a rumor or was it a fact.

The President advised Al that this matter was brought up for discussion at the Board Meeting but opening the trial to other breeds was not approved by the Board.

The Secretary further advised Al, and the membership, that such a change in the rules of running our National trials could not be made by the Board of Directors. She stated that the members of the V.C.A. had voted to keep our national trials for Vizsla only and the Board of Directors had no authority to override anything passed by the membership. This change could only come from a general membership meeting.

Al Sulesky then asked why our national trials weren't advertised in American Field and he felt that our club was losing a lot of recognition by not being listed in this publication.

The Secretary advised the President that she thought she could answer this question for Al and for the members. In directing her answer to Al Sulesky, she stated that she thought that where Alan Hahn and Hal Wingerter had taken over the spring trial plans on such short notice and when they then ran into the problem of being "bounced" out of the Illinois site by the Army, that in all the confusion it was just an oversight on their part and not an intentional omission. The Secretary further advised Al that as far as she knew all previous national trials had been listed in American Field.

A full discussion was held with an explanation of the merits of listings in American Field given the assembly by Paul Sabo. Shirley Reinhardt advised the members that the city of Rising City, Nebraska was giving a substantial amount of money to the V.C.A. for the fall trial to be used where needed and that at least half of this money would be used for nothing but national advertising.

A motion was made (by Chauncey Smith) and seconded (by Bud McGivern) that it be put into our club's Running Rules for Field Trials that all committees see to it that our trials be listed with American Field.

Motion carried.

Carlo Zezza brought up the subject that he felt our breed standard was inadequate, particularily with regard to the withers. A discussion was held with reference to this and to the judges' interpretation of the Vizsla breed standard.

A motion was made (by Carlo Zezza) and seconded (by Kathy Hartl) that the Standards Committee be asked to consider a more explicity definition of the standards for the Vizsla and that this standard, once written and approved by the Board of Directors of the V.C.A. and the Show Committee, be sent to all bench show judges.

Motion carried.

Al Sulesky brought up the subject of new members not receiving copies of the By-Laws but only a membership card.

Carlo Zezza stated that he thought all new members should have a copy of the By-Laws of the V.C.A. The Secretary advised that she concurred and that as far as she knew the only copy of the Constitution and By-Laws ever received by any member was the one printed in the Vizsla News. She further stated that naturally none of the new members would be receiving a copy of this old issue of the News and that she would appreciate seeing a motion put on the floor by someone other than herself that when the revised C. & B.L. is approved by the members and forwarded to the American Kennel Club that we go ahead and have our club printer in David City, who does our News, print up some copies of our C. & B.L. in booklet form to be given to the Treasurer so that he may mail this with the membership card to all new members and also to all old members.

The Secretary's suggestion was so moved (by Bud McGivern) and seconded (by Ralph Wilson).

Motion carried.

Ed Van Stine brought up the subject of a National Championship stake for when the day comes for our club to run a trial for a National Champion Vizsla. He recommended that the club begin now to work on this et up. He further stated that a National Champion Vizsla would and should be something above a gun dog and something above an all-age dog; above all, if a national champion were designated, he would be a dog who would do his work with the least amount of handling - a dog coming up on point with no commands - a dog who if he happened to have a stop to flush would whoa without command - a dog who would back naturally without command, etc. Ed advised that he thought we would begin setting up our running rules right now which naturally would be different from the running rules now set up and that he would suggest a separate committee be appointed.

Paul Sabo suggested that we use the running rules for the German Shorthaired Pointer and explained further that this trial would be run on a continuous course with call back. A full discussion was held.

A motion was made by (Dick Buhman) and seconded (by Bill Fisher) that the President appoint a Championship Committee to investigate possible running rules and requirements for a National Championship Vizsla.

Motion carried.

The subject of running an extra stake at field trials was brought before the membership. Bill Fisher pointed out to the assembly that it would not cost any more for judges or horses and that the only extra expense would be for a few more birds and four more trophies. Dick Buhman stated that the idea for more entries was good but asked the membership to consider the maximum amount of entries that could be accepted and the maximum amount of days the trial would be run.

Bill Fisher stated that he was in favor of accepting all entries for a national trial and if it ran into a three day trial, fine.

The Secretary advised the membership that the subject of six stakes had been brought up at the Board Meeting and that the decision was that it should be brought before the membership for a vote but leave it up to the discretion of the current field trial committee at that time as to whether or not they could run six stakes depending upon the time of year and the grounds that were available.

A motion was made (by Tom Pratt) and seconded (by Dr. Osborn) that the Vizsla Club of America have an open-all-age stake for all future trials.

A discussion followed. Dick Buhman asked the Secretary to once again bring up the recommendation made by the Board with reference to having six stakes. The Secretary advised the assembly that the Board recommended that we would run the trials with the understanding that the field trial committee could run six stakes and that it would be up to their discretion taking into consideration the grounds, etc.

Dick Buhman stated that open the field trial committee finds itself in a quandary when it has been instructed to do something by the membership six months prior to a trial date - something that no longer seems to be in the best interests of the trial. Dick further stated that he would go along with an optional stake for the field trial committee to use if possible for they are the ones who have to do all the work and have the responsibility of putting on a good trial.

Tom Pratt pointed out that we need more entries and he felt that more people would come if they had more stakes to run their dogs in. Bob Holcomb advised the assembly that in Denver they have quite a few trials in the spring and fall and the biggest one is held by the German Shorthaired Pointer people with about 120 dogs in two days. The field trial committee of that club advises and instructs the judges that when a dog 'cuts his throat' they pick him up and everything moves along smoothly. Bob further stated that he felt the all-age stake should be left in their permanently.

The motion was moved with the motion being carried with 1 opposed and Dick Buhman asked to be put on record as having opposed the motion.

Paul Sabo asked what the club's status was with regard to the American Kennel Club and moving our trials to some other areas other than those states now designated in the mid-West.

The President asked the Secretary to answer the question.

The Secretary advised Paul and the membership that the club hoped that after the third National Specialty was held this coming August, a change could be made. She further pointed out to Paul that after the Specialty was held, she would immediately contact the American Kennel Club with reference to their further requirements for the V.C.A. to apply for membership. She would then ask them at the same time if it was possible to begin holding our trials and specialties in various parts of the country.

Paul Sabo pointed out that positive proof was available that the largest concentration of Vizsla owners was now in the East; that is, Ohio on to the East coat and also in the Southeast and that he would personally help run the trial when it could come east.

A discussion was then held with reference to various misinterpretations of American Kennel Club rules with reference to field trials. The Secretary brought up the point that the V.C.A. has been under the false assumption that their National Trials must be shoot to kill trials and that every stake must be a shoot to kill stake and that the A.K.C. requires this. She further stated that she did not know where this misunderstanding had its roots but in fact the A.K.C. does not require a club to have every stake in a trial a shoot to kill stake. They do require that a dog that comes in contact with game be shot over and by that they mean a blank pistol is acceptable. They do not require that the bird be shot. Keeping this in mind, the Secretary presented to the membership a recommendation by the Board of Directors that the membership consider: 1. Not making all of the stakes for dogs over two years of age shoot to kill stakes particularily if we want to encourage the amateur handler and 2. eliminate a bird field in the puppy stake. This recommendation was made with the amendment that this be left up to the discretion of the field trial committee as to which stakes would be shoot to kill stakes and which would not as well as which stakes would be run on a continuous course with a call back for bird field work.

A discussion followed.

Bela Hadik advised the assembly that he felt a bird field was completely unnecessary for the puppy stake and quite costly for the club but it would be necessary to have a good course for the puppies with objectives along the course.

Bill Fisher staked that the only objection he would have regarding a non-shoot to kill stake is that this is one area in which the Vizsla doesn't have to step down to any breed with reference to field work in a bird field; that is, steadiness as to wing and shot with tender and prompt retrieve and Bill didn't feel we should now ignore what we have by trying to get more run in the dogs and resort to a pop gun. He further advised that he felt we should stay with the shoot to kill and retrieve as it is one of the stronger points of our breed and in as much as we must compete in other trials on such a basis than we should keep it in our national trial and make it uniform all over.

Bob Holcomb stated that he could see no objection as to our having one 'pop gun' stake and if we were going to have this type stake then it should be only for the Amateur Gun Dog stake.

The Secretary stated that this is why the recommendation was made - for the amateur handler - the amateur stake - to encourage same.

Bela Hadik reiterated that he was violently opposed to throwing the shoot to kill stake and retrieve out but further stated that if you have four stakes we shouldn't run them all as shoot to kill. As known, he stated, the Open Limited All Age must be perfection from beginning to end with perfect manners on the retrieve and the Gun Dog stake should be the same so that you can shoot over the dog. He further stated that we should try to encourage the amateur by having a non-shoot to kill stake and also encourage the top professionals by having the Open All Age a non-shoot to kill stake. He recommended two

shoot to kill stakes and two non sheet to kill stakes. He further clarified this by stating that this would encourage the amateur but would also encourage the professional who brings along a young dog just out of Derby who is a fantastic running dog who isn't ready and one the handler doesn't want to ruin by shooting over him too early.

The President asked if there was anyone in the general membership who wanted to pursue the matter any further.

A motion was made (by Tom Pratt) and seconded (by Dr. Osborn) that we recommend to the Permanent Field Committee that the new All-Age stake be a call back stake.

Motion carried with two opposed.

Paul Sabo asked if there were enough grounds at the Rising City trial site to run a continuous course with a call back for bird field work. Bill Fisher stated that he did not believe the grounds were adequate for such a course.

A suggestion was made by Ralph Wilson whereby he stated that in as much as there were so few amateur people left at the meeting who would be affected by this amateur non-shoot to kill stake proposed we put this matter on the agenda for old business at another meeting and further proposed that the meeting be adjourned.

This suggestion met with the approval of all and the motion to adjourn was seconded by Bud McGivern.

The President adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 midnight.

A TRUE RECORD

Respectfully submitted

Priscilla A. Carter, Secretary
The Vizsla Club of America, Inc.



(Secretary's note: A roll call was taken of all the member by way of a signing in process. Unfortunately, this was not returned to me after the meeting and when I looked for it after everyone had left the hall, it was among the missing. However, there were sufficient members present and voting to form a quorum for the annual meeting.)

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** ** ** ** ONE TRAVELING TROPHY ** ** ** **

This trophy, known as the VanDivort Traveling Trophy, has been awarded in the spring of the year to the winner of the "Vizsla All-Age Stake" -- or so it was to have been. At Bloomfield two years ago, it was awarded to the winner of the "All-Age Stake", Warren Townsend's Shorthair. The trophy was taken to Volo by Bud Graff and Steve DePetro, and it should have gone to the winner of the all-age Vizsla stake, "The Open Gun Dog", Futaki Juliska. It might have been put in with the many other trophies won by the dogs from that area and not recognized as a "Traveling Trophy", or left behind in Illinois. Please look around and see if it can be found. Contact: Bob Holcomb, Trophy Chairman, Box 177, Englewood, Colorado80110.

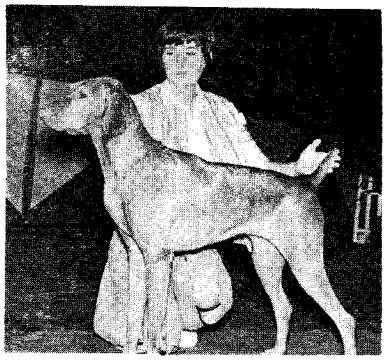
## SHOW NEWS FROM OUT WEST...

### VIZSLA CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Publicity, May Carpenter

We think we have really got something to brag about here in Northern California! We have the #1 and #3 Vizslas in the nation right here!

Ch. Boske v. Debretsin, C.D., owned by our club secretary, Mrs. Robert C. O'Brien of Monterey, was TOP winning Vizsla in the USA for 1966, by the Phillips Point system. Ch. Bolen's Geza Bell, owned by Merv and Connie Johnson, of Reno, Nevada, also members of our club, placed 3rd.



Ch. Boske, or "Bo", as she is called, was shown by Mrs. O'Brien's daughter, Cathy, who started handling at her very first show with Bo, and has now become one of the sharpest young handlers in the country. Cathy has since acquired a cocker and two beagles of her own. She has written, and been written about, in the American Cocker Review, quite frequently. We all know how difficult it is for a vizsla to get a group placement, and to do so without a professional handler is even more so. That is why we are doubly proud of Bo and Cathy.

Our club president, Art Carpenter, was the breeder of Bo (Ch. Sandor v. Debretsin ex Csilla v. Debretsin). Worthy of mention also is the fact that Carpenter's Sandor also sired the top vizsla of 1964, Ch. Besa v. Debretsin, owned by Art and May Carpenter. Besa's breeder also belongs to our Northern Calif. club, Mrs. Virginia Griffin of Merced, owner of the dam, Lady Ria Olca. Lady is also the grand-dam of the 1966 Top Vizsla, Boske.

The 3rd top vizsla, Ch. Geza, was bred by Bob and Helen Butts, of Roseburg, Oregon, by Field Ch. Ripp Barat ex Bolen's Athena.

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