# The Vizsla News

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## A DESCRIPTIVE THEME

In the Varga Encyclopedia 1963, the word "vizsla" is described as being canis familiaris sagax acceptorius braccoides hungaricus. Now, this is NOT the definition of a mysterious, incurable disease (at least not by the unpronounceable collection of words just given); however, it has been known to be as expensive and demanding as any malady yet known to man. What is a Vizsla? It is, quite simply, a particular breed of dog.

The term "dog" flashes an immediate picture into the mind of man: either a particularly fond memory of a beloved family pet or most perfect of all hunting companions, or a snapping, vicious creature that chases little boys on bicycles, jumps up on Sunday clothes and howls at the moon. Thus the hundreds of word derivatives that covers some 25 columns in the Oxford English Dictionary range from meanings of "loyal above and beyond reason" to "most detestable, blasphemy." Dog, it would seem, has been many things to many people through the centuries, only a few expressions of which would fall akin to the image I see when comparing them to the dog in my life -- the Vizsla.

The English speaking people were the first to give the name "dog" to that four legged animal, a quadruped, of genus canis. Wild species were found in all parts of the world, and vary greatly in size, shapes and colors. They were, perhaps, one of the first animals that took to domestication by man, and they occur in a domesticated or semi-domesticated state in almost all countries. It is a highly disputed question whether or not they have a common origin, but all are classed in the "Canis familiaris" species. (OED)

There, a simple description ends and a more difficult and complex one begins.

Man tends to cultivate and mold all things that were created into things more suited to his own needs or fancies. Thus, the dogs in a particular area reflect much of the race of people they serve and the interests of their work or pastimes.

The English Sheepdog, Russian Wolfhound, Spanish Pointer, French Poodle, German Shepherd, and Mexican Chahuahuas reflect many characteristics of temperament and personality of the nation whose name they bear. A breed of dog can be greatly changed over a period of time, but once it is firmly determined, a particular breed of dog can impart a great deal of genetical heredity to unborn generations for a long period of time.

The Vizsla, a pointer-retriever native to Hungary, is no exception to the rule. It reflects this unique race of people who -- when not fighting a war -- devoted much time to hunting and much interest in the development of their own rust-gold hunting dogs, they called the Magyar Vizsla -- Hungarian Pointer.

The origin of the Vizsla is lost in the mist of medieval history, but it is said to have come from the Steppes of central Europe. The rust-gold of its coat is reportedly the native color of all animals in that part of the continent. Other blood lines were added with that of the native Vizsla to strengthen its characteristics as they became evident. This is done with all European dogs -- not "under the blanket" but openly as a means to a desired end: that of correcting flaws in build or personality so that a more nearly perfect breed will result. An out cross is followed by 3 generations of selective breeding after which choice specimens which also have the typical characteristics and the dominant "rust-gold" color are then registered.

The origin of the Vizsla bears some similarity to that from which the hound strain developed. The word "hound" is the name given to dogs who hunt by scent, however, in the Vizsla, the hound-like features (excess dewlap, throatiness, droopy eyes, and heavy footed gait) are not desireable. The excellent "knowledgeable" nose -- the most desireable trait -- has been retained. The pointer qualities of deep chest, good "running gears" and effortless, graceful stride more closely align themselves with those typifying the Vizsla today.

The "pointing instincts" that sets this group of breeds apart from all others in the canine world goes back to its wild status, when these dogs had to provide their own food by a unique form of hunting. They dwelled in the plains regions and preferred (or developed) a taste for the birds that built their nests on the ground: huns, partridge, and quail which is also native to the Pannonian Marshes.

For a dog with a well-developed sense of smell to find game in the brush is a relatively simple thing... but to catch it for dinner is quite another matter. The hounds that liked the furry rabbits or rodents of the fields developed the speed and strong legs to overtake a fleeing bunny on the run. On the other hand, those preferring feathered game had to develop other tactics, for to charge into the underbrush only set a bird to flight and out of the reach of these earthbound creatures.

When a Vizsla (or any pointer) hits scent, he not only stretches his muzzle toward the scent in a statue-like pose, but also cautiously manuuvers so that he can also fix his gaze directly into the eyes of the feathered-one crouching in the grass. Ground nesting birds are, by instinct, frozen in their hiding places, which protects them from most dangers, and from all but these predators.

The power of an intense gaze has been proven by individuals who would put someone "under their spell" and then control the actions of the hypnotized person. So it is with the pointer, the unbroken, intense gaze into the eyes of the motionless bird has the same hypnotizing effect. Once the bird is firmly "pinned", the dog has only to steathily, quietly creep in upon his prey, lifting one foot at a time, and then pounce upon it with its strong quick front feet. Voila, breakfast is served!

(If you have taken an experienced pointer and a couple of eager pups to the field in early fall, you may see this amazing feat take place right before your eyes... like WOW, how can anything be that fast!)

This strain of dogs fed themselves and their families for generations on birds without the help of man by specializing and developing this method ofproviding meat for their diet. When pop's appitite was appeased, the act was repeated and the catch was carried -- or retrieved -- to mama and the young. Man, perhaps, got the left-overs and offered words of praise and appreciation for this consideration, which the dog found pleasant to hear.

(Some people, I fear, think that man simply took a likely looking dog and taught it this "trick", and give mankind the credit for this marvelous talent.)

Man has, of course, capitalized greatly on the abilities of these dogs. First it was a partnership of share and share alike; later the sport of falconry was added, with the pointer taking a minor role, but of late more equally sharing the sport of the hunt; finding, pointing, and after man has flushed and downed the game, retrieving it for that bit of appreciation that is offered for his part in the act.

Now it is a sport combining the talents of the dogs and the skill of the hunter, and it has forever welded this "mutual appreciation union" between man and beast.

The intelligence of the hunting dog, especially of the pointers and particularly of the Vizsla breed, are so highly developed that in many instances they out-think and even anticipate the thoughts of their human masters. They serve man with more loyalty than other breeds of dog, therefore, they expect and rightfully deserve to be treated like more than "a dog." It is, then, that in a rather isolated country of very sensitive, artistic, and romantic people -- like those found in ancient Hungary -- the native pointers became more than just a dog, more than just a tool to be used in hunting... they also bewitched and captured the hearts of the people they so loyally served, and became again a "partner". The Vizsla "companion-hunter" more than any other dog in the sporting breeds is privileged to share and share alike the man they serve.

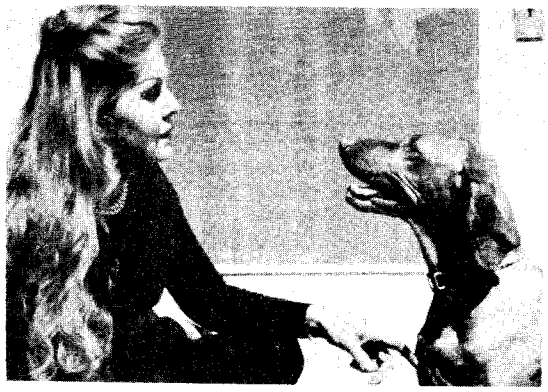
Even several generations removed from their home-land, the Vizsla is still an exceptional dog capable of developing tremendous hunting talents. Oftentimes this is quite to the surprise of their owners, who have never owned or trained a hunting dog before, but they supplied the love and home-like atmosphere and their Vizsla did the rest!

(Certainly not every individual who may chance to buy a Vizsla will be "converted" by simply holding the bill-of-sale, paying the dog food bill, vet and license fee, and patting him on the head when he goes by the pen ESPECIALLY just before hunting season. He will probably be wondering what all the fuss is about and if this "dog" is worth it.)

The Vizsla is a very special breed of dog, and therefore needs a very special kind of people to belong to if they are either one to be happy.

Should ONLY persons who "qualify" become eligible to own a Vizsla? For many centuries this was the case -- and in some countries it still is practiced, however, I find that in an ordinary American home of reasonably intelligent people, with only a little coaching and insight, a Vizsla puppy can grow up and is able to train and educate "his people" to be quite acceptable.

By the time he has grown to maturity, he will have (if given half a chance) worked his magic on the home and the people, showed them a more relaxing and enjoyable way of life, improved their understanding of each other and appreciation for the world around them.



If, of course, people don't let their Vizsla come into their hearts and life, all these poetic phrases will be just so much "hog wash", and the word "vizsla" will be forever just a specific breed of dog. As a "dog", a Vizsla will complain: bark, because he is unhappy; chew, to show his contempt for his keeper's possessions; climb and actually try to escape from the "dog-like" conditions he is forced to live under.

On the other hand, those who have become attuned to the like of these little red dogs find that through the eyes of their personal Vizsla they have found a new, more meaningful world. Of course, a Vizsla is a specific breed of dog -- at least that is what most of us thought it was when we first got it -- but, it has become something that means a great deal more to us. It has been a magic motivating force, set in the being of a very lovely canine carrier.

Some people who bought a Vizsla for just a family pet and companion have found that through the talents of their dog they now enjoy the marvelous world in the out-of-doors, hunting or just roaming over the

fields, or going clear to the top in a big field trial. Through their dog they have discovered a world that they didn't even know existed!

Sometimes the reverse is experienced: a hunter finds that his Vizsla is more than "a tool of the sport". This dog can share the fellowship of his home and family on the 300 days of the year not spent out tramping through the brush. The Vizsla is the one breed of hunting dog that, when he is the one-and-only King of the home, just hunts better and better for his master.

What a Vizsla IS depends, therefore, on what you let it become in your own life. If its magic has touched your heart, you will know what I mean.

Jane Graff, Editor

(This Descriptive Theme was prepared for a class assignment some time ago, and included in this issue of your VIZSLA NEWS as a final "editorial", if you can call it that. The pictures used to illustrate this article are taken from the Vizsla Club files, which includes dogs and people from all over the nation and over a number of years.

I am happy to announce that as of November 1, 1967, the Vizsla News will have new editors... which will be announced as soon as Board action confirms their appointments.

This has been a very interesting and exciting five years. The club has come a long way in that time, and I am happy that I could be a part of its growth. When I started there were perhaps 30 people working actively on a national level... at present the number is more nearly 300 and growing!! We have gone from inaction and confusion to specific planning and progress in all phases of Vizsla activities. It takes many people, each doing what they can for the breed to bring about this kind of a change. The Vizsla has enlisted a good number to serve its cause. A responsible club program is the result.)

# Vizsla Club of America, Inc.

FALL FIELD TRIAL 1967

Licensed
to be held under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

October 28-29, 1967 RISING CITY, NEBRASKA

Judges: Don Higgins, J. W. Dewey, Richard Armstrong, and Lee Coffin

STAKES AND ORDER OF RUNNING: The Trial will start promptly at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, October 28, or as soon thereafter as there is day-light. (We will still be on fast time!!)

COURSE # 1 (Dick Armstrong & Lee Coffin, judges)

OPEN PUPPY -- 20 minute minimum, for dogs 6 months of age but under 15 months on the first advertised day of the trial. Quail in the birdfield. No firing over puppies. All handlers must walk.

AMATEUR GUN DOG -- 30 minute minimum, for dogs 6 months of age and over. Finished performance, retrieve and back required to win. Shoot to kill done by official gunners. Amateur handlers only, foot handler sets the pace. Quail and Chukar.

OPEN ALL AGE -- 30 minute minimum, for dogs 6 months of age and over: finished performance, retrieve and back required. All-age range and manners, single course without bird field. Handlers may ride, foot handlers will set the pace. Dogs completeing the course satisfactorily will be called back for birdfield. Chukars used; official gunners.

COURSE # 2 ( Don Higgins & J. W. Dewey, judges)

OPEN GUN DOG -- 30 minute minimum, for dogs 6 months of age and over. Finished performance, retrieve and back required to win; gun-dog manners and range. Handlers may ride, but foot handler sets the pace. Chukars and Pheasants on course and in the birdfield. Gunning done by official guns.

OPEN DERBY -- 30 minute minimum for dogs 6 months of age but under 2 years of age on the first advertised date of the trial. Chukars in birdfield. This is NOT A shoot to kill stake. A blank pistol must be fired over dogs upon properly executed bird work (at least .32 caliber) no retrieve required.

COURSE # 3 (Higgins & Dewey, judges)

OPEN LIMITED ALL AGE -- 30 minute minimum (longer if day light permits) on an extended and varied course than has been previously laid out. This will be a single course with pheasants in the birdfield. Dogs entered in this stake must qualify by having placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in an AKC Amateur, Gun Dog of All-Age Stake, or 1st in the Derby Stake. Post entries will be accepted for those dogs who first qualify at THIS trial. Therefore, it will not start until the conclusion of all other stakes.

Stakes run on Course # 1 and Course # 2 will be run concurrently. Any adjustment in the schedule must be cleared through the F. T. Committee, Richard Reinhardt, secretary. There will be constant radio contact between the two fields with the aid of 2 portable HAM rigs.

FIELD TRIAL CATALOG The complete listing of the braces and order of running will be in the field trial catalog and available at the Hotel Perkins and Rising City Cafe on Friday October 27. There is no charge for the catalog. Those wanting to run ads or greetings may do so at $2 per inch. Write: Bud Graff, Route 3, Seward, Nebraska

ENTRIES: Entries close with the Field Trial Secretary, Dick Reinhardt at 220 South 4th Street, David City, Nebraska, 68632, at 6:00 p.m. on MONDAY, October 23, 1967. Once entered, dogs will be expected to fulfill all requirements needed for the completion of the judging of the stake (s) entered. AKC Rules for Pointing Breeds (Chapter 19, pages 33-40, NEW BLUE BOOK, Field Trial Rules) will be used in the judging of this event. These should be read and understood by all persons attending the trial and/or entering dogs.

PRIZES: Standard AKC Rosettes and prizes will be awarded in all FOUR places in each stake. Points toward AKC Championships may be given in all stakes and wins also recorded in the American Field. Traveling trophies awarded last fall must be defended. PRESENT HOLDERS OF TRAVELING TROPHIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THEM TO RISING CITY, NEBRASKA, for this event.

Details on the schedule, food, horses, housing are given on another page in this issue of the VIZSLA NEWS. Any questions that you may have may be directed to me by phone: Jane Graff, 8648, Seward.

NOTICE: Dogs entered in this Field Trial are not to exercise on any part of the trial course for at least 3 weeks prior to this event. Exercise areas will be provided for those who arrive early. This rule will be enforced.

IT's THAT TIME AGAIN.....

NATIONAL FALL FIELD TRIAL

1967

The Vizsla Club of America, Inc, has scheduled its Fall Field Trial for October 28, 29, 1967, at RISING CITY, NEBRASKA. The Vizsla people over this way have been waiting a long time to host a National event -- 5 years to be exact -- and we are going all-out to make this the best managed AKC trial ever put on by the VC of A.

FIRST: The grounds just south of Rising City are the best gun-dog running grounds that can be found. These soil-bank acres are knee deep in native grasses, only slightly rolling, and full of "natural game". Just what you would choose if you were looking for the most likely spot to "go hunting". The grounds -- large enough to handle two stakes at one time---will be laid out for only one, and additional soil-bank ground in the next section has been acquired for the Puppy and Gun-Dog stakes (with HAM operators set up to keep both fields in communications with one another).

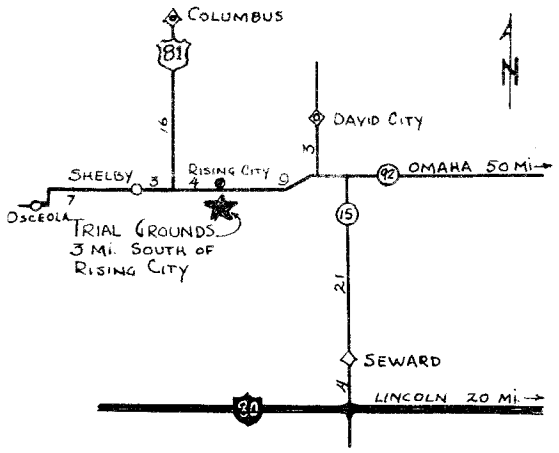
FIRST AGAIN: The town of Rising City has gone all-out in their preparations for this National event. You will find the people the most friendly, accommodating, and hard working of any in the whole United States, and maybe in the whole world. The food on the grounds will be good, home-made, and reasonable in price. The judges dinner will be served in the Firemen's Hall...and maybe if everyone comes they will have to move the fire trucks out! but you will enjoy a good meal, and you will have a real fine time!

This community has donated ALL the trophies that will be awarded to the first 4 places in each of the 6 stakes. In addition they have underwritten the advertising surrounding this event and other necessary expenditures. Is it any wonder that they have been named "THE VIZSLA CAPITAL OF THE WORLD" for 1967.

TOP A. K. C. FIELD JUDGES: Out here in Nebraska we take this field trialing business seriously. Even our training sessions and fun trials are judged by the book (The Blue Book, that is). The whole circuit of AKC licensed field trials in this area are highly regarded and well attended because knowledgeable dog men know that they are run and JUDGED under A. K. C. rules. (There is nothing more discouraging than to work all summer to finish a dog, know that your dog had a good run and came through "clean", only to find out that all the judge counted was the tail-end going over the 3rd hill on the cast-off!) If you aren't up on the Field Trial Rules for Pointing dogs, better get your copy of the "Blue Book" from AKC, 51 Madison Avenue, New York City, 10010 today and learn them.

FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE: Joe Dolezal, David City, is chairman and responsible for lining up the excellent grounds and facilities at Rising City for this event. He has done a wonderful job. I'm sure that all of you will agree that NO ONE has ever found this kind of a set-up for a National Vizsla trial ...and probably never will again! Our field trial secretary, Dick Reinhardt, has done a fine job of lining up the many details of management that are assigned to this office. A good work schedule with people assigned to specific jobs should make this the smoothest running field trial to date. The other members of the field trial committee and club members assigned to marshal and gun, are experienced responsible in their fields. When it comes to personnel, Nebraska is greatly blessed with willing workers. It is a pleasure to work with them!

TRIAL LOCATION AND HOUSING: Dick Reinhardt drew off this area map, giving the location of the grounds and near-by towns where motels, hotels, and the other meetings and dinners will be held.




In order of their closeness to the trial grounds:

BERNTS MOTEL, Shelby, Nebraska
14 units

PERKENS HOTEL, David City, Nebraska
(This is where the judges will be staying)
The Kick-Off Dinner will be in the Rose Room

REDWOOD MOTEL, Osceola, Nebraska

COUNTRY CLUB INN, 1 mile south of Jct 30 on 81.
CAMPBELL's MOTEL, at Jct 30 and 81.
(3 or 4 more good motels on the N. E. side of the town.) Columbus, Nebraska

DALE's MOTEL & STEAK HOUSE and
EAST HILL MOTEL, in Seward, Nebraska

People bringing their own camping outfits will find several locations available. Rising City, David City, Columbus, Seward all have camping parks. Our farm 4 miles north of Seward is also available ...to headquarter between the Nebraska AKC trial on the 21-22 and the national on the 28-29 and on to the opening of pheasant season November 4th.

HORSES: There will be a good string of horses from the Bar-none Stables of Omaha. Hank Rozanek is incharge of these, so place your reservation for half day, day or trial with him: 816 South 13, Norfolk Nebraska. There should also be enough to rent for a brace now and then.

FOOD: If there is one thing Nebraskans like to do better than run dogs, it is EAT. There will be a food stand on the grounds all during the field trial. The Rising City women are mighty good cooks!

Early Breakfasts will be served in Rising City, at the little cafe just off the highway. They will open at about 5:30 especially for all field trialers on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

A KICK-OFF BANQUET will be held in the Rose Room of the Perkins Hotel in David City on Friday evening. The running order catalogues will be there, and it is a good time to get acquainted with all the people! Everyone is welcome. (Don't have a menu, or price, but food out this way is reasonably priced!)

The JUDGES' DINNER will be held at the Fire Hall in Rising City on Saturday night. This is supposed to be a come-as-you-are affair. Bring a clean shirt or a more comfortable pair of shoes with you, if you like. But plan on feeding and taking care of the needs of your dogs BEFORE you leave the exercise area by the grounds, and come directly to the dinner. (This business of waiting around til 8:30 or so for the people to get prettied up is NOT in the best interest of good field trialing the next day.) There will be a social hour starting right after the Saturday braces are completed, and dinner served as soon as the majority of the people are there.

The GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held following the dinner and judges' cultural and educational exchange program. (I'm not sure this is the exact title of their portion of the program, but they will know what I mean!!?!)

APPROVED DOG TRAINING AREAS: Through the fine set-up with the Game Commission here in Nebraska, we have a number of good dog training areas. Pigeons are available locally for training, and also banded game birds can be released and shot on these special areas (Exact information about this will be available from the V. NEWS office, if you are interested) Approved areas include: Norfolk, David City Airport, Weedy Creek acres, Emerald Lake, and GSHP grounds by Raymond.

Hunting season will be open for Ducks, Geese, Merganser, Snipe, Rails, Coots, Gallinules, Cottontails and Squirrels statewide, and Grouse in the Sandhills and southwest area...(flyer enclosed with map and details.) Pheasant season opens the week-end following the National, so if you plan to stay over until then you will see that there is plenty to do!

CATALOG LISTINGS: Because of the tremendous trophy prizes that Rising City is giving, donations to the BOOSTER FUND this fall are not being solicited. If you would like a listing in the catalog, send your greeting or ad to Bud Graff, Route 3, Seward, Nebraska, 68434, so that it can be included ...2 pages are already filled. Price is $2 per inch.

COMMERCIAL AIR PORTS: Excellent air connection are available in Omaha, Nebraska. Lincoln also has many flights daily. Rent a Car service available at both. David City has a grass strip, and Columbus a hard surface for private planes.

ADDITIONAL TROPHY: In addition to the prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place dogs in each stake, and the traveling trophies...

BILL OLSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY (puppy)

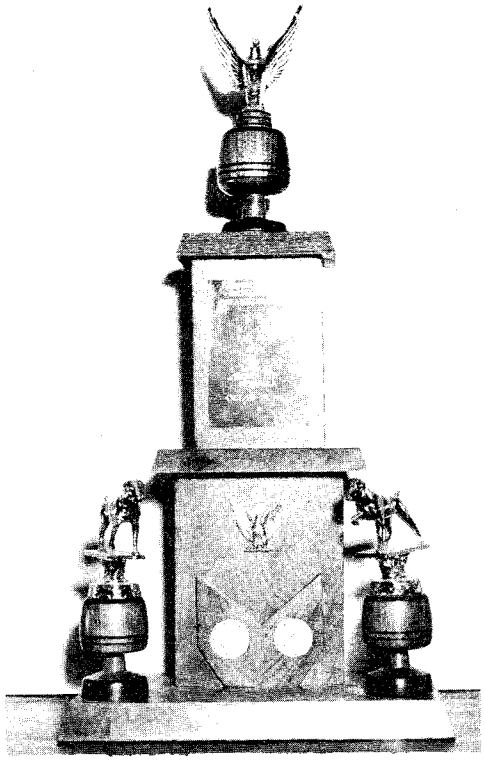
DERBY PLAQUE

VIZSLA ALL AGE TRAVELING TROPHY

COUNT LAZSLO ESTERHAZY TROPHY
(For the outstanding bitch, for hunting talents as well as conformation, in the trial)

BEST WOMAN HANDLER TROPHY

there will also be a super-duper trophy awarded to the entry from the greatest distance. This will not be a "traveling" item...but a special Nebraska Centennial award. So, write down the miles on the vehicle before you pull out of your drive-way...and total up the miles when you arrive at the grounds! You may get the BIGGEST TROPHY just for coming.



FIELD TRIAL ENTRY BLANKS: The entries are enclosed in this issue of the Vizsla News, and must be returned before 8 p.m. Monday, October 23... Note the address: 220 South 4th St. David City, Nebr. Dick Reinhardt, secretary, will be staying here in eastern Nebraska that week -- so don't send them out west. The drawing will be held at the Hotel Perkins.

Phone calls should be directed there, or to Joe Dolezal in David City, EM 7-3289.

COME TO THE GREATEST, GRANDEST AND 'BESTEST' NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL OF THE ALL!

## NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC., ON OCTOBER 28, 1967. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING THE JUDGES' DINNER, SATURDAY NIGHT AT RISING CITY, NEBRASKA.

The primary reason for this meeting will be the election of a nominating committee which must consist of one present board member and two persons who are not presently on the board. Nomintees must be members in good standing.

The Board of Directors (who will be meeting Friday and Friday night) will report to the membership and direct any further business of necessity at that time.

(signed) Leonard J. Hartl, president
1611 Spring Street, Davenport, Iowa, 52800

# NEBRASKA VIZSLA CLUB INC.

816 South 13th Street
Norfolk, Nebraska, 68701

August 14, 1967

NEWS FOR THE NEWS.....

The Nebraska Vizsla Club would like to welcome all Vizsla field trialers who are coming out this way to the National trials, and to extend an additional invitation to come a few days earlier and take in the Nebraska AKC trial, too. Come on out and test your favorite dogs on some of the best grounds around!

We will hold our Fall Field Trial, AKC licensed, on the NEW STATE GROUNDS (Pawnee Lake) located near Emerald, Nebraska. This is just a few miles west of Lincoln -- the Emerald Exchange off the Interstate -- or from Seward on Highway 34, 13 miles east and 2 miles south. The trial will be held October 21-22, 1967.

We will be holding 6 stakes: Open Puppy, Open Derby, Open Gun Dog, Amateur Gun Dog, Open All Age, and Open Limited. These stakes will be open to all A. K. C. pointing breeds except Brittanys, with the exception of the Amateur Gun Dog Stake which is for Vizslas only. These are all regular stakes. We should have a big trial again. Last year we had over 100 dogs with major AKC points in all but the Amateur stake -- with a few extra Vizsla owners in the area this could be a 3 pointer as well! If you would like a bunch of entries, just drop me a line and I will get them right out to you.

For those of you who would like to take in both the Nebraska trial and stay on for the Vizsla Club of America's trial to be held just north a ways the next week-end, you are most welcome to use the club's training grounds to work your dogs on through the week. We can line you up with some areas to grouse hunt, and take a few shots at the geese and duck too. If you like to hunt you are coming to the right place, 'cause we do too!

Field Trial headquarters will be in Seward again this fall. Dale's Motel and Steak House will be the gathering place Friday night. A kick-off dinner is planned for those arriving that night. (Just ask Dale, he'll point the way). The banquet Saturday night will be at the T. R. Hughes cabin (the old country club grounds east of Seward -- and ideal for field trialers and dogs).

Field Trial Chairman is Bob Luft, 244 North 1st, Seward, Nebraska, and secretary is Chuck Vanarsdall, 4001 North 15th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. See you at the Trials.....

H. F. Rozanek

H. F. Rozanek, Club Secretary

## THE VIZSLA CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

By May Carpenter Publicity Chairman

"The Vizsla Club of Northern California held its first field event at the Fort Ord Dog Training Area, near Monterey, Calif. , on April 23rd. This was strictly a fun event for field dogs, and a training session for the "city dog" not yet acquainted with bird work.

A field trial judge, Dr. Arthur Benoit, of Pebble Beach, judged the three stakes, and later gave a very informative talk on field trialing.

In spite of pouring rain, there was a very good turn out of members, some coming from as far away as San Rafael, Modesto and Merced. Twelve braces ran in three stakes, using pheasants in all.

The placements were as follows:

Novice

1. Debreceny Magyar , owned and handled by Major Fene, Fort Ord
2. Twin Acres Casador Selle, owned and handled by Mike Macias, Atwater
3. Debreceny Dezso, Owned and handled by Gary Carpenter, Carmel
4. Szabo, owned and handled by David Shrader, San Jose.

Shooting Dog

1. Magyar (again), owned by Dick Fene
2. Missy, owned and handled by Chris O'Brien

Ladies Handling

1. Missy (again) this time handled by our club Secretary, "Hank" Henrietta O'Brien
2. Csbi, owned and handled by Mrs. McDonald from San Rafael.

## The Vizsla Club Of America, Inc.

Dear Jane,

A subject I would consider worthy of discussion in your "Idea Exchange Corner" would be obedience training. Every Vizsla owner I'm sure is anxious to have his dog considered, not only the most beautiful and superior sporting dog in the field, and an excellent performer in the show ring, but a well mannered obedient companion as well. This can best be accomplished by expert and consistent training. This is not easy, and often consumes a great deal of time, but it has very rewarding results.

I was made aware of this when I read that a Vizsla puppy received the highest score among 45 all breed contestants at the graduation of the Morris and Essex Dog Training Club. His score was 1543/4 out of a possible 155. I called to congratulate the owners and was told that they intended to go on to higher obedience training, as the judge told them he rated the Vizsla among the top breeds in obedience potential, due to their willingness to learn and their ability to absorb and carry out instructions.

As a suggestion, might we do as the Borzoi Club of America does, and offer annual awards to members only, for high obedience scores accumulated at obedience trials at A.K.C. point shows? I think this would prove an incentive for Vizsla owners with a house pet, not quite up to competitive field and/or bench participation, but who would like to acquire A.K.C. points and recognition by our club as well. This is not to imply that field and bench dogs should not compete. By all means let us get our show dogs in there too. I'm sure we would find the added training beneficial to all of us interested in the improvement and popularity of the breed.

Most sincerely,

Jean Clarke

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# The Vizsla Club Of America, Inc.

THANKS TO PAT CARTER, Club secretary, we are able to bring you the news about the Vizsla Club of America's Specialty that was held in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, on August 27th. After waiting until the middle of September, I put in several phone calls to the east, was finally able to get hold of Pat who was appalled to learn that no write-up or pictures had come from the Show Committee. She got the article off to me the next day...the pictures will have to wait. (I understand that the committee got pictures of all the classes, but none of Best of Breed. Will try to get some to run in the next issue.) I do hope that the Show Committee will co-operate with the new editors of the Vizsla News better than they have with me. This is a big event for ALL of us, and we like to get the news as soon as possible!!

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

to

CH. COUNT JONISH MIGNOTTE

"1967 Vizsla National Specialty Winner"

OWNER: Elizabeth E. Mignotte, RR3 Exeter, Exeter, Ontario, Canada
BREEDERS: Alex & Marion De Lipthay, La Cañada, California, U. S. A.

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From the land of the "Maple Leaf" came this years' winner of the Vizsla National Specialty held at the Chagrin Valley Kennel Club all-breed show in Chagrin Falls, Ohio on 27 August 1967. Our wonderful neighbors from the North were well represented this year with their fine Vizslas and how fitting it seems that one of these excellent specimens of the breed should walk off with the top Vizsla honors in the States.

"CH. COUNT JONISH MIGNOTTE", a male Vizsla whelped on 16 July 1963, was indeed, in this writer's humble opinion, the epitome of the Vizsla standard. Of medium height, approximately 23½" at the shoulder, with a medium rust-gold color, "Jonish" moved about the ring with the graceful gait of a well-balanced, well put together Vizsla. He is tight of skin with no excessive flesh apparent anywhere on his body. His chest is deep and his hindquarters appear to be strong and well-muscled.

In competition with "Jonish" in the winners' circle were thirteen (13) other Specials as well as the Best of Winners dog and the first place Field Dog and Field Bitch. It was quite evident that our Judge, Mr. Cecil Y. Smith of Palmyra, New York was not only extremely pleased with the seventeen (17) Vizslas before him but was having a difficult time selecting his BEST OF BREED because of the high quality of the Vizslas.

When "Jonish" was finally selected, the ovation was not only a toast to the dog but to Mr. Smith as well for his selection.

Again, congratuations to the owner and the breeders for a fine win by a very fine dog - "CH. COUNT JONISH MIGNOTTE".

The second highest honors of the day went to the little puppy bitch, who came up from the classes to go Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. This was "MENCYE'S PIPE DREAM", a youngster only, whelped on 16 October 1966 and owned jointly by James A. Biddlecome of New York and Dr. Bernard E. McGivern, Jr. of New Jersey. Although not yet a year old, this little bitch is also of medium height, medium golden-rust in color with the same tight skin and well-balanced gait as evidenced by the Best of Breed winner. Congratulations to Jim and Bud for this fine fine win!

The 1967 National Specialty brought forth 63 Vizslas with 72 entries - a marked increase over the two previous Specialties. May I offer my heartiest congratulations to all the winners and a very special thank you to all exhibitors for making the 1967 Vizsla Specialty the best one yet! Other placements and wins are as follows:

WINNERS DOG & BEST OF WINNERS (5 point Major)

"Bakony Balatoni Keve" - owned by Mr. & Mrs. Garry MacDonald of RR4 Creek Rd., St. Catharines, Canada

Pending American Kennel Club confirmation, this fine win finished this beautiful Canadian Vizsla for his American championship. Congratulations.

WINNERS BITCH (5 point Major) "Mencye's Pipe Dream", listed above.

RESERVE WINNERS DOG: "Kiraly Z Rokudvar" - owned by Aimee D. Whitman of Mt. Kisco, New York

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH: "Brook's Amber Mist" - owned by Anthony J. Lucas of Westmont, Illinois

Puppy Dogs

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Klasik Fun Galore | Owner: | Al Sulesky, Ohio |
| 2. | Maximillian Ridgewilk Clan | Owner: | E. & G. Wallencheck, Ohio |
| 3. | Rothan's Betyar Gaza | Owner: | Dr. & Mrs. Paul Rothan, Ohio |
| 4. | Jock Pheasant Wood | Owner: | Patrick A. Walsh, Ohio |

Novice Dogs

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Napkeltei Vadasz Ezredes | Owner: | John Yancura, Michigan |
| 2. | Pem's Ezust Harczmen | Owner: | Nathalia Pemberton, Ohio |
| 3. | Stelmar Gyory v Hunt | Owner: | Lt. Col. B. Olsen, N. C. |

American-Bred Dogs

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Szekeres' Piros Bors | Owner: | Dr. & Mrs. B. E. McGivern, NJ |

Open Dogs

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Bakony Balatoni Keve | Owner: | Mr. & Mrs. G. MacDonald, Canada |
| 2. | Kiraly Z Rokudvar | Owner: | Aimee Whitman, N. Y. |
| 3. | Pirolin | Owner: | Carlo Zezza, Vermont |
| 4. | Flick Pheasant Wood | Owner: | Patrick A. Walsh, Ohio |

Puppy Bitches

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Mencye's Pipe Dream | Owner: | J. Biddlecome & B. McGivern, NY |
| 2. | Magyar's Tundor of Csillag | Owner: | L. Magyar & L. Csillag, NY |
| 3. | Ridgeland Copper Candy | Owner: | S. A. Cuthbertson, Illinois |
| 4. | Kovac's Martini | Owner: | C. M. Smith & C. Willey, N.H. |

Novice Bitches

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rez Krajcar | Owner: | Regina M. Yurek, Ohio |

Bred by Exhibitor Bitches

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| 1. | Stelmar Boske v Tolgyes | Owner: | Lt. Col. B. Olsen, N. C. |
| 2. | Karratz Kislany | Owner: | Dr. & Mrs. B. McGivern, N.J. |

American-Bred Bitches

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Magyar's Kimyal Zem Biro | Owner: | Joanne & Toby Delgiudice, N.Y. |
| 2. | Stelmar Okos v Hunt | Owner: | Lt. Col. B. Olsen, N. C. |

Open Bitches

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Brook's Amber Mist | Owner: Anthony J. Lucas, Illinois |
| 2. | Bakony Balatoni Katinka | Owner: Mr. & Mrs. G. MacDonald, Canada |
| 3. | Szekeres' Magyal | Owner: Max E. Hoiland, New York |
| 4. | Shasta T. Goncoltanya | Owner: Irene M. Landefeld, Pa. |

Field Dog Class

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|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ch. Szekeres' Kelet Szel | Owner: H. Boggs & P. A. Carter, Ohio & N.H. |
| 2. | Wilson's Most Happy Fella | Owner: C. M. Smith & R. W. Wilson N.H. & N.Y. |
| 3. | Ch. Szekeres' Aranyos Heja | Owner: H. Boggs & P. A. Carter Ohio & N.H. |
| 4. | Ch. Rustic-Fun-Galore | Owner: Al Sulesky, Ohio |

Field Bitch Class

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|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ch. Behi's Csinos Csiny | Owner: B. C. & Hilda Boggs, Ohio |
| 2. | Ch. Szekeres' Kezdet | Owner: J. A. & P. A. Carter, N.H. |

Brace Class

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| 1. | Ch. Szekeres' Aranyos Heja & Ch. Szekeres' Kelet Szel | Owner: H. Boggs & P.A. Carter, Oh./N.H. |

Stud Dog Class

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|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ch. Wilson's Pal Joey | Owner: Ralph Wilson, N.Y. |
| 2. | Shayo Fun Galore | Owner: Al Sulesky, Ohio |

Brood Bitch Class

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|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ch. Magyar's Tundor Karratz | Owner: L. & M. Magyar, New York |
| 2. | Ch. Szekeres' Kezdet | Owner: J. A. & P. A. Carter, N. H. |
| 3. | Ch. Diane's Golden Karratz | Owner: Dr. & Mrs. B. McGivern, N.J. |

As is normal, most Specialty clubs will drop a line to the judge after the show and thank him for honoring us by judging our breed. It is rare indeed when a judge will reverse this procedure - but this is the case this year. I am sure that Mr. Smith will not mind if we reprint his letter herein for I know he intended it to encompass our entire club and I do not feel I should just file it away in the Specialty folder.

Mr. Smith not only is a lover of the Vizsla breed (which was quite evident by his constant smile) he is a conscientious judge - taking his time and thoroughly judging each dog placed before him. I do believe that exhibitors and spectators alike left our 1967 National Specialty with the feeling that the winning dogs surely deserved their wins. He without a doubt is the most courteous gentleman I have ever had the pleasure of showing under.

Before closing, for those of you who could not attend this year, you might like to know that the Vizsla ring was set off by itself with private parking for our exhibitors as well as a private tent to house our dogs. It really was a thing of beauty and the Chagrin Valley Kennel Club has our heartfelt thanks for all they did for us.

Thanks to everyone,

Priscilla (Pat) Carter, Secretary

(Reprint of Mr. Smith's letter)

Dear Mrs. Carter:

I should like to thank the Club for the most enjoyable assignment that I had in judging your third National Specialty on August 27. We were, back in the Fifties, breeders of some fine Vizslas so I was very pleased to find that the breed is currently in good hands as evidenced by the exceptionally good overall quality of the specimens that I had the pleasure of judging.

If the progress that has been made in the last 10-15 years continues, I am sure that the breed will soon rank in the top 25 Sporting Dogs. I hope, however, that the breed never becomes too popular since too much popularity in the past has destroyed many excellent breeds. When a breed gets so popular that anything that is registerable can be sold, it is in trouble since quality deteriorates rapidly under these conditions.

You have my best wishes for continued success. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Cecil Y. Smith

Palmyra, New York

HAWKEYE VIZSLA CLUB
(formerly)
Iowa Vizsla Club
Marcia Hostetler

Hawkeye Vizsla Club has been active in the past few months and has many plans for the future.

A Spring Field Trial and meeting was held in May and Byrd Lanes, New Sharon, Iowa. F.T. Sec. Len Hartl did a fine job of organizing, the day was good and the dogs in good shape. As always, many friendly "Vizsla People" to talk "dogs". A meeting was held at noon with election of Board of Directors and new Officers. This is an enthusiastic group and plans for fall were under way almost before the ballots were discarded.

Board of Directors and Officers met in Des Moines in August and plans were made for a "Fun and Training Trial" to be held on August 24th with Jerry Nichols of Redfield, Iowa doing the honors as F.T. Sec. The Trial was held south of Norwalk, Iowa. Bob Danley, Professional Trainer, was kind enough to let us use his grounds and horses and also he served as one of the Judges. It was a terrific day and we had a big entry of 49 dogs; 29 Vizslas, 13 Brittanies, 5 English Setters, and 2 Weimaraners. Potluck lunch was provided by members. Ribbons as follows:

PUPPY

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|---|---|---|
| 1st | Abby (B) | Don Bayvey |
| 2nd | Nik V Ruman (V) | Ron Holmes |
| 3rd | Goldie (V) | Bill Lones |
| 4th | Bronze Buster (V) | Jerry Nichols |

DERBY

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| 1st | Cheminde Fer (E.S.) | Rinner |
| 2nd | Bullet's Dass Selle (V) | Darle Myers |
| 3rd | Bullet's Red Selle (V) | Bruce Trelstad |
| 4th | Miss Nessi (V) | Jim Arrasmith |

GUN DOG

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|---|---|---|
| 1st | Jay Cee Jumper (B) | Lou Eubank |
| 2nd | Weedy Creed Cha Cha (V) | Allan Hahn |
| 3rd | Sundai Selle (V) | Jerry Nichols |
| 4th | Goldie (V) | William Mc Gary |

Thanks to the combined efforts of Pres. Al Hahn and Sec. Tom Pratt the Hawkeye Vizsla Club has been granted AKC approval for a Sanctioned Trial. This will be held on October 14th and 15th at Danley Farm, south of Norwalk, Iowa. The Club is proud to have the Fall Trial and hopes some of you "out-of-staters"will write for entries to:

F.T. Sec. Dick Buhman
2031 Eastern Ave.
Davenport, Iowa

F.T. Ch. Ray Summers
RR #1
Wheatland, Iowa

SHOW NEWS FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
by Chris Kelsey

Vizsla owners in this area feel that a "really big" placing was awarded at the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills' Dog Show this summer. Over 3000 dogs entered, and a Vizsla -- 14 months old bitch,

Anglodales Mezei -- placed 3rd in the Sporting Group. She is a very flashy mover and handled most capably by her owner, Jake Castetter. At that time she was shy one more major win to be a Show Champion, and surprised everyone by going Best of Breed over some very strong Specials... and then continued her classy gait to be placed in the big Sporting Dog Class Group. Breed judge was Alva Rosenberg, group judge, Wm. Kendrick. There were 25 Vizsla entries.

Winners Dog: Debreceny Dezso, owned by Gary Carpenter, handled by May Carpenter, Carmel California.

Winners Bitch: Anglodales Mezei, owned by Jake and Mona Castetter, handled by Jake Castetter.

Also, Best of Winners, Best of Breed, and on to 3rd place in the Sporting Group.

Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Scopi v Hunt, owned by Irene Butler, handled by Bob Forsyth.

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VIZSLA CLUB OF CANADA

The Vizsla Club of Canada is holding their fall field trial at Craigdhu Hutterite Colony, Irricana, Alberta, on September 23-24, 1967. Field trial secretary, Mrs. E. A. Anderson, Calgary, Alberta, says that entries close on September 19. Four stakes are being planned. Puppy, Derby, Shooting Dog (for Vizslas only) and Shooting Dog for Vizslas, GSHP, Brittanys, Weimaraners, and Irish Setters.

A NOTE:

A letter that accompanied Carlo Zezza's membership brought the news that his wife Betty had undergone a serious operation on July 11. The results were very satisfactory, however she will be 4 to 6 months recuperating.

I am sure that cards and letters would be greatly appreciated. The address: Box 800, Springfield, Vermont, 05156.

# THE VIZSLA CLUB OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

On July 23, 1967 the VIZSLA club of Northern New Jersey held their annual summer match show which was held at BURJAN'S MAGYAR VIZSLA KENNEL, Higginsville Road, Three Bridges, N. J. and judged by Mr. Fairfield Day, Basking Ridge, N. J.

## PUPPIES

| | Puppies 3 to 6 months | Owner |
|---|---|---|
| 1st | Brutus (dog) | Eleanor Jensen, Washington, N.J. |
| 2nd | Puppy McGivern (bitch) | Dr. & Mrs. B. E. McGivern, Leonia,N.J. |
| 3rd | Lucky (dog) | Tibor Pavleszek: Elizabeth, N. J. |
| 4th | Duchess of Baja (bitch) | J. Urso, Neshanic Station, N. J. |
| | **Puppies 6 to 9 months** | |
| 1st | Gold Star's Titan (dog) | Mr. & Mrs. Anton Tinnesz,Lebanon,N.J. |
| 2nd | Chien D'or (dog) | Victor F. Rone, Vineland, N.J. |
| | **Puppies 9 to 12 months** | |
| 1st | Taffy (dog) | Barry Rathvon, Ephrata, Pa. |
| 2nd | Arrod, Jr. (dog) | Denes Burjan, Three Bridges, N.J. |
| 3rd | Count Duna (dog) | Joseph Urso, Neshanic Station, N. J. |
| 4th | Sandy (bitch) | Denes Burjan, Three Bridges, N.J. |

BEST PUPPY - Taffy

## ADULTS

| | Novice Dogs | |
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| 1st | Pepper | Dr. & Mrs. B. E. McGivern, Leonia,N.J. |
| 2nd | Gold Star's Spartan | Mr. & Mrs. A. Tinnesz, Lebanon, N.J. |
| 3rd | Gaba | J. Reinhard, Clifton, N.J. |
| 4th | Tzar-Rych | Ronald Rychlicki, Vineland, N. J. |
| | **Open Dogs** | |
| 1st | Gold Star's Viking | Mr. & Mrs. A. Tinnesz, Lebanon, N.J. |
| 2nd | Karratz Kisfiu | James Biddlecome & B.E. McGivern, N.Y.M. |
| 3rd | Jet | Bob Comandini, Raritan, N.J. |
| 4th | Golden Starfire | Mr. & Mrs. R. Hoff, Lake Hiawatha, N.J. |
| | **Novice Bitches** | |
| 1st | Mencye's Pipe Dream | J. Biddlecome - B. McGivern, New York,NY |
| 2nd | Wendie | Raymond Riley, Bloomfield, N.J. |
| | **Open Bitches** | |
| 1st | Kissy I | Dr. & Mrs. B. E. McGivern , Leonia,N.J. |
| 2nd | Mitzy | David Riley, Neshanic, N. J. |
| 3rd | Elvira Jutka | Tibor Bavleszek, Elizabeth, N.J. |
| 4th | Desiree | Barry Rathvon, Ephrata, Pa. |

BEST ADULT - Gold Star's Viking

| | Parade of Champions | |
|---|---|---|
| CH. | Brok Selle Son of a Gun | Dr. & Mrs. M. Wolfe, Montclair, N.J. |
| CH. | Diane's Golden Karratz | Dr. & Mrs. B.E. McGivern, Leonia,N.J. |
| CH. | Gold Star's Valdar | Mr. & Mrs. A. Tinnesz, Lebanon, N.J. |
| CH. | Rusty Roman | Barry Rathvon, Ephrata, Pa. |

Our congratulations to all the winners and our thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hoff, Show chairman for making this another successful and very enjoyable show.

Submitted by
Mrs. Mencye Biddlecome
Corres. Secretary

Mrs. Mencye Biddlecome

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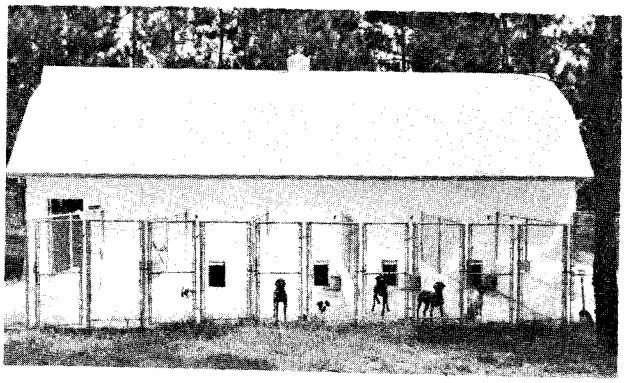

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