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TO KEEP A DOG OR A BITCH?

by Mihaly L. Kende, Budapest

(The following article was written by our friend and counselor in Hungary. It is illustrated with pictures of some of the well-known Vizsla bitches that have distinguished themselves afield.)

Some time ago, Mr. Charles Hunt, a dog breeder colleague, complained to me that one of his litters produced 1 male and 7 bitch puppies, and he was in difficulties since his clients had booked beforehand for male puppies only, and he was thus left with 7 bitch puppies on his hands.

At home in Hungary we also experience that the majority of would-be Vizsla purchasers desire male puppies.

Let us look into the question, why is it that purchasers find bitch puppies less likeable? There are probably two main reasons...

First winner of the Olson Memorial Puppy Trophy was the bitch, OSBORN's STARFIRE. She went on to be 1st holder of the Esterhazy Trophy, and first AKC F. T. Champion bitch in the Vizsla breed.

1). All huntsmen who themselves are not dog breeders are adverse to keeping bitches because of the inconvience caused in and about the home during the half-yearly "in-heat" period of 9 - 14 days each, and during the second half of the gestation time and the suckling period. Due to these circumstances, the bitch is not always available for sporting purposes.

WEEDY CREEK SASHA was the second named for outstanding field knowledge and conformation.

2). Some Vizsla owners prefer male dogs, as the bitch is less mettled and is less bold with respect to game.

The breed, however, is preserved not only by the qualities of the male dog, in fact it is preserved principally by those of the bitch.

In order to successfully breed a given type of dog, and to eliminate faults or to introduce more desirable features, it is essential to have a good, or preferably an excellent bitch at one's disposal.

Too, if preference passes infallably to the dog puppies (simply because they are male) and the bitch puppies are destroyed, sooner or later it will become necessary to use lesser quality bitches and without due selection, for breeding purposes. It may also occur that just those bitch puppies are destroyed which later might have developed into eminently suitable breeding stock.

Appreciation might well be deserved, that from a dog breeding aspect, a year during which the number of prize sinning bitches at the Vizsla Show and Field events exceeds the number of male dog winners, is a fortunate year.

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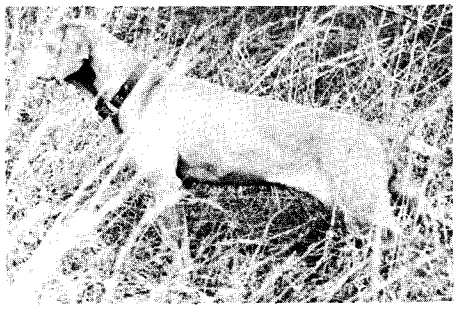

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But even this is not completely unavoidable, as during the in-heat time, the bitch may be segregated in her own kennel run and away from a male dog and in a few weeks be safely "passed". Thus the 9 weeks of pregnancy and 4-5 weeks suckling periods are not lost to the sportsman.

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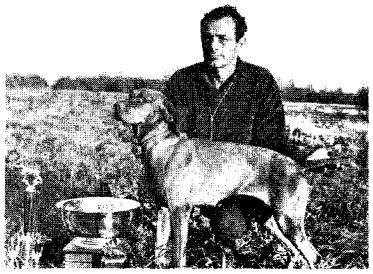

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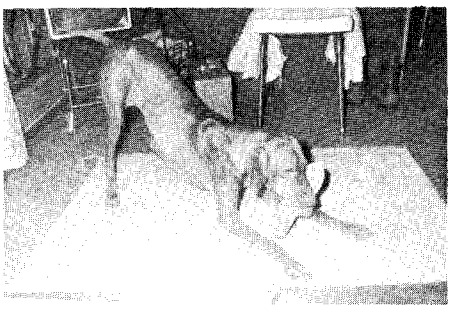

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The male dog has numerous undesirable properties and habits, too. True, he is not ever in-heat, but then again is always fiery. He does not pass another dog without whiffing, and is always scenting adventure. He is prone to stray from the home and during his wanderings is subjected to accident hazards. Often he is absent when he is most needed.

Let us take a walk through a village with a male dog. All dogs within sight display interest in HIM, causing him to forget his own 'law and order.' When nearing a strange dog, he rushes and scents the stranger even if forbidden, and fraternizes while the owner waits until the dog tires of his new friend.

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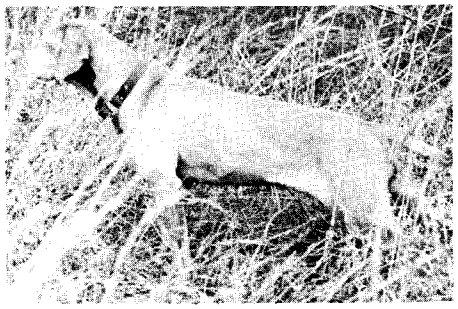

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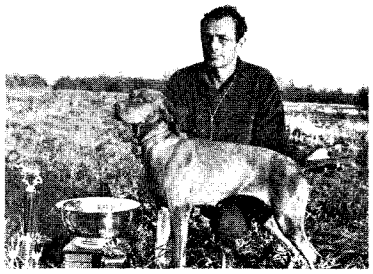

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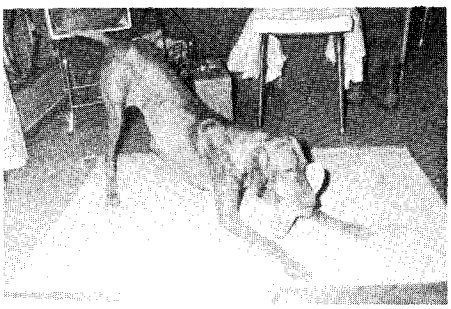

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might mistake a table leg for a tree, (usually is there is company presant.)

The male dog forgets his duties and even his hunting instinct whenever he scents a bitch in heat. Some are noticably distracted even when they spy an especially attractive female that is not in heat, or one well into pregnancy.

Now let us compare the favourable properties of the two sexes:

The MALE does not become "in-heat" and therefore can always be available for hunting for field trial dutues. He is better mettled, is undoubtedly more enduring afield, and generally firmer and bolder.

The FEMALE is quicker to mature, but has a periodical in-heat period. With systematic training, she becomes bolder, firmer and more enduring afield. Her pregnancies regulated so that loss of hunting time can be kept to a minimum.

Many experienced dog trainers will tell you that they prefer the bitch to train. The female is more obedient and ready to learn. They are considerably more mild and more eager to please. Experienced hunters declare that there are comparatively more keen-scented bitches than dogs.

The bitch is more loyal to her own and more inclined to remain near the house and her own family, thus is a better watch dog. Her greater alertness is due to the care and watchfulness with which she tends her litters.

In summary is may be stated that there is no justification for the general view that it is preferable to keep a male dog and not a bitch. I, myself, have owned numerous types of sporting and shepherds dogs, but for preference, I kept bitches.

D E A R H E A R T S . . . . .

"This'll be my last.".. was my brother's standard remark as he took one more cooky from the jar before supper; it seems appropriate in this instance as well.

It just didn't seem fair to the new editor to send a stack of letters, articles, and news along with the equipment on the 29th of October, and expect her to get out an "October issue". My intentions were to have this issue printed and out to people before the fall National trials here... but those intentions went out the window when Peter fell out of the big tree and broke his arm.

It is perhaps a bit of poetic irony... when I took on the job of editor five years ago, I surmised that when the youngest child learns to hitch up his own britches and blow his nose, a mother is apt to feel a bit unnecessary. Well, if I was having any second thoughts about retiring from the job ... this particular remark brought me up short. For the last 4 weeks and for probably another 4 Pete is very dependent on his mom to hitch, blow, and all the other things one usually does with a right arm -- like write.

I am very happy that I can announce to the Vizsla world that our new editor will be KATHY HARTL (Mrs. Leonard Hartl) wife of our presant President. I am sure that she comes into this position with much more knowledge -- both about dogs and editing -- than I did. I hope that you will offer her the same courtesy that you gave me, in getting accustomed to the system of getting an issue put together and out to the membership. I also hope that you will help her by sending news items, pictures and articles. The new Vizsla News address will be: 1611 Spring Street, Davenport, Iowa.

Kathy is also fortunate to have an assistant editor right in Davenport: Bobbie Holmes (Mrs. Ron Holmes) has offered her basement, and spare time in typing and working copy. The Holmes have 2 children, who will probably get to help with the mailing lables, stapling, and sorting job that my kids have helped with through the years.

It is not easy to say good-by, as your editor. It has been a wonderful five years. Thank you for the opportunity I have had to write. I don't know how you will get along without a periodic report on the adventures of kit & kin out here in Nebraska, but I am sure that Kathy and Bobbie will find many items that will keep your interest.

If some day I am able to contribute something in the literary field, it will

be because of the start I got writing for these little rust-gold dogs...and you, dear hearts. It has been great fun!

Will paraphrase on a well-known closing ...My husband thanks you; my daughter, Lecia, thanks you, my sons, Tom and Pete, thank you, and I thank you.

Mrs. Maurice D. Graff, editor

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS. . . . . .

by May Carpenter, Publicity

The Vizsla Club of Northern California met on July 16, 1967, at the St. Vincent's Pheasant Club in San Rafael. Pheasants were available for those wishing to do a little "brushing-up" before fall hunting season.

There was a very good turn-out of both members and dogs (a nose count showed 21 vizslas and 1 English pointer), in spite of the fact so many were leaving soon on vacation trips.

TOM & ANN LAWSON, Watsonville, expressed excitement about their upcoming trip to Europe, especially to Hungary. The well-known Puli breeders, the Benis's, had sent them the names of vizsla people to look up.

WILL & GINI CRAWFORD, Pebble Beach, were preparing to leave for a month in Alaska, travelling in their Cortez, with son Mark & 3 vizslas.

VIRGINIA GRIFFIN, Merced, had already left for a trip to Alaska.

ART & MAY CARPENTER, sons Gary and David, & 2 dogs, planned a camper truck trip to the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, Glacier and Mt. Rainier National Parks. They also told of the pleasure of meeting the VC of A Regional Governor & his wife, from Missouri, Mr. & Mrs. Earnest Wolf, while they were on vacation in Calif.

BOB & EVE HILBERT were going to Oregon.

The resignation of our secretary, Mrs. HENRIETTA O'BRIEN, of Monterey, was read and accepted regretfully. Husband BOB was sent back from VietNam to the Fort Ord Army Hospital for tests. He has not been well for some time. His new assignment will take the O'Briens, 5 children, 2 vizslas, 2 beagles, 2 cockers to Washington, D.C.

We were sorry to report members ARTHUR & CAROLYN HANDL & JOSEPH J. CALLANAN had moved from the area.

Two new champions were congratulated; CH. DEBRECENY SOSIJA, owned by JACK & MARY ATWOOD, of Hillsborough, finished at Santa Ana, Calif. in June; CH. DEBRECENY DEZSO, owned by GARY CARPENTER, Carmel, finished July 8, at Richmond, Calif. (Sosija's picture appeared in April-May issue of News.)

Our club's new secretary and address- Evelyn Hilbert, Route 2, Box 292-A, Martinez, Calif. 94553.

A new Champion, Debreceny Dezso, shown going Best of Breed at Del Monte K C in May, 1967, under judge Fred Hunt. Dezso is owned by Gary Carpenter, breeders are Art & May Carpenter, Carmel, Calif.(Ch. Besa v.Debretsin, his dam was top vizsla of 1964)

COMPLETE LIST OF DOGS APPROVED FOR ADVERTISING IN THE VIZSLA NEWS, including all dogs qualifed from the beginning of the VC of A's X-ray program to Nov.1,1967.

DOGS & BITCHES 30 months of age and over that have met the radiograph requirements and are approved for advertising in the VIZSLA NEWS on a permanent basis:

BROK SELLE M SA-71934
Don Anderson, Dillon, Colorado

BOLEN'S GEZA BELL F SA-288990
Mervin & Connie Johnson, Reno, Nevada

CAESAR M SA-175554
Max Holland, Elnora, N.Y.

CHIBASCO BARAT M SA-147121
Robert Motsinger, St. Joseph, Illinois

COUNT LAZSLO V WEEDY CREEK M SA -265480
Greg Fisher, Lincoln, Nebraska

DGIN F SA- 78281
H. DeSchmertzing, McLean, Virginia

FUTAKI DAROCZ (deceased) M SA-663173
Bela Hadik, Chester, New Hampshire

FUTAKI JULISKA F SA-167518
Robert Perry, Acton, Mass.

GENGHIS KHAN M SA-80317
Marshall & Hadik, Chester, N.H.

GLEN COTTAGE MAX SELLE M SA-112824
J. F. Cunningham, Middletown, N.Y.

HAANS V SELLE M SA-188786
Richard C. Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

JAKE JACARANDA M SA-152480
Leonard Hartl, Davenport, Iowa

KONYA V SELLE F SA-167518
Richard C. Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

NIKKI'S ARCO M FDSB 570855
Robert S. Foster, Bremerton, Washington

O'HZAI CSINOS F SA-128290
H. DeSchmertzing, McLean, Virginia

PIRI F SA-80316
Bela Hadik, Chester, New Hampshire

PUERCO PETE BARAT M SA-147120
J. F. Cunningham, Middletown, N.Y.

QUEEN INGA F SA-170424
Len Hartl, Davenport, Iowa

RETES V HUNT M SA-134027
Marshall E. Fink, New York City, N.Y.

REDGINALD M SA-245893
James Bruhmuller

RIPP BARAT M SA-63295
c/o Paul Sabo, Waynesboro, Georgia

RIPP BARAT's RIPPY M SA-132646
J. R. Holcomb, Englewood, Colorado

SANDOR V DEBRETSIN M SA-78285
Art Carpenter, Carmel, California

SHELBY HEIGHTS SARI F SA-239211
Ronald Frey, LaCrosse, Wisconsin

SNOOK F SA-188768
Chauncey Smith, Chester, New Hampshire

SUNDAI SELLE F SA-296513
Jerry Nichols, Marothon, Iowa

SUZY SELLE F SA-63258
Robert Motsinger, St. Joseph, Illinois

SZEKERES KEZDET F SA-
Pat Carter, Manchester, New Hampshire

WEEDY CREEK CHA CHA M SA-288453
Allan Hahn, Muscatine, Iowa

WEEDY CREEK LOBO M SA-296061
Harold Wingerter, Muscatine, Iowa

The following dogs are LESS THAN 30 MONTHS of age, and have been approved for a period of one year.(Some have already expired, but are listed so that a complete register of people and dogs can be made.)

PIROLIN (10-20-66) M
Carlo Zezza, Chester, Vermont

SZEKERE'S ARONYOS HEJA (11-18-66) M
Pat Carter, Manchester, N.H.

GLEN COTTAGE WAGGER (12-2-66) ?
J. F. Cunningham, Middletown, N.Y.

Male Pup- unregistered (1-20-67) M
R. V. VanCamp, Colby,Kansas

STELAR JULIE V HUNT (5-11-67) F
Bob Olsen,Wilmington, N.C.

RUSTIC FUN GALORE (7-19-67) M
Al Sulesky, Cleveland, Ohio

RUSTY ROMAN (11-23-67) M
Barry Rathvon, Ephrata, Pa.

GLEN COTTAGE BARRIT JAYJAY (1-9-68) F
Sarah Clark, ?

WINDSWEPT FUTAKI (2-4-68) F
R. Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

CHIP ODYSSEUS (1-14-68) M
Len Hartl, Davenport, Iowa

BRAZEN BUDDY (12-24-67) M
Robert Grimes, Huntsville, Alabama

BRAZEN BUCCANEER (12-24-67) M
Robert Grimes, Huntsville, Alabama

CHARLIE (6-21-68) M
C. M. Smith Chester, N.H.

HEIDI OF WINDSWEEP (7-12-68) F
R. Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

WINDSWEPT SPOT (7-12-68) M
R. Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

THIS PAGE IS PRINTED WITH THE NAMES OF DOGS CLEARED TO DATE ON ONE SIDE AND THE INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURE FOR X-RAYING DOGS ON THE OTHER SO THAT IT CAN BE REMOVED FROM THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWS AND FILED FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

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,

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.

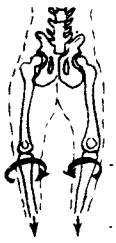
PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING RADIOGRAPHS THROUGH THE BREED IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA FOR EVALUATION BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOR CANINE HIP DYSPLASIA:

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.

A LETTER FROM A FORMER SECRETARY

Jack was the first executive secretary of the Vizsla Club of America. He wrote this very challenging (and premature) epitath some time ago, and I will include it now, lest we all procrastinate until it is too late. His greetings are to all; and as he says, "I'll be rooting for all Vizslas." I am eternally grateful that he adopted me as one of his tribe. His encouragement kept me going back when there were no other voices to guide me.
I GIVE YOU MY MOCASSINS --

TRY TO WEAR 'EM.

One day it will come to you --"...wonder what has happened to Jack Baird? We haven't heard from him for a long time." By the time you get around to asking seriously, you will find that it is too late to go to the wake that never will be held.

Lest you forget what the old Indian has said: There will never be any wake, any funeral, and -- holding to the old brave's theory -- "If you have not paid respect in life, don't make a mockery in death by saying I am SO sorry or by sending flowers." Posies are only for when a person can drink in their beauty and smell their fragrance -- not something to bear your name as a last tribute of respect.

There are signs in the old warrior's teepee, directing notification of the old battler's Legion Post Service Officer, that the unenbalmed body shall immediately be shipped to Yale Medical, in the hope that mayhap the bright boys of Yale's bright blue might find that mysterious alchemy that has seen the old goat through 34 years since he "died", and possibly help find a cure or an arrest that just might save some other poor bastard from the 34 years of grabbing pain that he has not enjoyed.

The old trail hitter has also willed his eyes to the Eye Bank, in the hope they may bring better sight to someone else. All these things are covered in big letters in his teepee, as well as in his very thin wallet.

Remember him when he was at his best, with lots of space and the ability to fill it; remember him when he'd dig out some way to help you, your breed, your phase of doggy endeavor, and your cause; remember him as the guy when anyone was down, adopted that papoose as one of his tribe, and would send cards and notes and smoke signals of hope and cheer and drive.

Don't condemn what is left of him because he hasn't been able to write as much or as fast as he once did, because one day you may wish that someone understood you better.

Many times in recent months it would have been easier and more humane on himself, if the old Indian could have turned his face to the darkest wall of his teepee and to have said, "Okay, Great Spirit, come and get me."

When it takes the power of two hands to get the bulk that no pony wants to carry 5 minutes to get out of a chair; when it takes hours to get him to sleep, and maybe 15 minutes to get him out of bed; it is not easy to send smoke signals in return for yours.

Just remember, I'll always love my adopted family and when I go, there is no shame, because "Chief Dogface" will ne'er be found in retreat, but reaching to try to do that NEXT thing.

Just

Jack

Jack Baird
Friend of the Vizsla
Veterans Home & Hospital
Rocky Hill, Connecticut, 06067

ANOTHER LETTER from a former secretary and editor of the VIZSLA NEWS

HUNTLEA

ONLY, TENNESSEE ,# 37140

615-296-2022

Dear Friends,

Will you please not our new address and telephone number. We are located on the North side of Interstate #40, three miles East of Tennessee 13 and one mile West of the Barren Hollow overpass. South or north bound on I 40, the new Huntlea is in easy view.

Here, on 204 acres in the "hills and hollows" of middle Tennessee, we are building various stables, kennels, rings and training courses, also a lodge with lounge and guest rooms. Huntlea offers food and shelter for man and beast -- canine and aquine; also, top flight instructions in equitation, training of horses; and well-schooled hunters and pleasure horses for sale.

We hope that you can break the mesmeric spell of high-speed driving, whenever Nashville or Memphis bound, long enough to stop in for a visit and a cup of coffee.

Aariefson, his mares and foals, the working geldings; Csisckas, Finn Barr and their families; the Dachs, the Manchesters, the Bassets and the fox hounds, with Kitty Puss and her family, are in residence, to welcome old friends and make new ones.

Eventually we will have our own hound pack for foxhunting and the Bassets for the less hardy to follow. There are miles of car-free trails to ride for pleasure or training for endurance rides: and there will be horse shows and hunter trials.

Drop inat new Huntlea -- we will be happy to see you.

Cordially,

Joan and Charles Hunt

"WHAT ARE DOG SHOWS FOR?"

That question has been asked hundreds of times by hundreds of people ever since dog shows first existed. I think it has been answered best by Mrs. Given Pinette, and I have had her permission to quote from her article in Pure Bred Dogs. "The very thing dog shows should prove cannot be proven in the ring; that is, whether they are quality dogs that can reproduce their own good points. In actuality, a show dog is supposedly one that possesses all the fine points of his particular breed type, plus soundness, plus good temperament. His reproducing ability is not evident on the day, in the ring. That is why all top winners do not necessarily contribute to their breed. Perhaps they never even produce. The only way to prove that they are of value in the latter respect is through the Stud Dog and Brood Bitch class at shows. Unfortunately this is a much overlooked, non-regular class offered only at Specialties. Even then there are one, two or no entries!

Theoretically, what are dog shows for? To show the top produce from one's kennel to determine how it compares to top produce from another kennel. Here again we fall short of proving much if we compete almost solely against our own stock. True, in four or five entries from one breeder, the best one is determined by a competent judge (but what if they are all poor or mediocre specimens to start)? The real test is in determining how a dog of one particular breeding measures up to the Standard as compared to how a dog of another breeding fares by comparison. The dogs are not compared to each other but to the "ideal."

As in all things there is plenty of margin for human error. It was once before stated that we should present only our "best" in the ring. It proves nothing to campaign a Vizsla two or three years if half a dozen or more judges have put him down in mixed competition from the start. It is such eventual "Champions" that lower the prestige of the title in any breed and lead to cheapening it, since novices will have confidence in the tag "Chi" and the dog will be used to reproduce regardless.

There are, of course, the exceptions to every rule. One example, a dog may be brought out too young to compete seriously with mature animals. Only the breeder or owner knows in his own case whether the dog he is showing is worthy to be dubbed "Ch" and is also a worthy producer. One breeder of record often tests the reproduction ability especially of bitches (the kennel's backbone), before attempting to show their prowess in the ring. But this isn't practical for everyone. And besides, you say, "I only want a show dog. I don't care if he (or she) can produce quality. The ordinary judge has no way of knowing."

So we have dog shows--and in short, we try to preserve breed type by "ideally" showing our best specimens. There is no substitute for dog shows, nor would we want one! If you are experienced in the pitfalls, and are ethical, it is the only ground on which 1) to prove quality (phenotype) in your breed; 2) to seek out someone else's good stock either for purchase or stud. It is the place to meet others (people and Vizslas) in your breed that you might otherwise never be able to see. There again, it behooves us to show our "best" because one or two entries represent to the public the produce of one's kennel. One bad specimen can leave an unfortunate impression on spectators. In other words, if that is his best, you wonder what's left at home?"

I hope this will prove informative and helpful to new breeders, exhibitors and to established kennels as well.

Genevieve Wolfe

SOME PICTURES OF THE 1967 VIZSLA SPECIALTY WINNERS

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OUPS!! A "SLIGHT" ERROR.... The picture of the Best of Breed, "CH COUNT JONIS MIGNOTTE", and that of the Best of Opposite Sex,"MENCY'S PIPE DREAM" seem to have been reversed at the print shop. Those of you who know the dogs will probably know the differenc -- those who don't might not care, however, many letters MIGHT question the fact that the dog pictured at the bottom of page 9 is not the same dog as that at the top of the page -- and the dog on page 10 is obviously NOT a bitch puppy! Please remark your copy to note the correcti

My apologies to the people and dogs involved! I am sorry that such an error was made. (In view of the 5 years that we have had the Vizsla News printed at the Banner-Press, this is the first such error. I guess they are entitled to 1 every 5 years or so!)

Oh, yes, the $3 bill is one of the souvenirs from the National Field Trial held in Nebraska...for all of you who couldn't make it to this one. Now, don't take any wooden nickles! I'm out of those!!

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SOME PICTURES OF THE 1967 VIZSLA SPECIALTY WINNERS

Some very wonderful things have happened here at your Vizsla office this months, none the least of which was the arrival of the pictures of the winners of the 1967 Vizsla Specialty, and some fine letters that I can share with you about them.

R. R. #3, Exeter,
Ontario, Canada

Dear Jane:

I'm afraid that I am a little late getting this back to you, but mail up here can sometimes be pretty slow in the rural areas. I am sending a choice of pictures, as I don't know which you would prefer. The one from Chagrin is not his best... Joni must have just turned his head when it was snapped.

Joni had 13 Best of Breed placings in 1965, and in 1966 he had 3 BoB in Canada and 2 more in the U. S. with 1 Group placement. I haven't had much opportunity to show him in the last year because I was attending universitv 400 miles from the farm.

Del Rairigh of Aurora, Colorado, showed him to his AKC Championship in California, and believe it or not, I managed to show him through his Canadian Championship.

Right now Joni is busy running things at my father's farm and keeping 10 barn cats in their place. He has one hundred acres to run on so that is probably one of the reasons he stays in good shape.

He is a wonderful friend and companion, very considerate but very affectionate. He is a true Vizsla -- but very special --HE's MINE!

Please express my sincere word of appreciation to the Vizsla Club of America for having the Specialty show in the first place, for the marvelous showing facilities and the privelege of owning the winner. This was our third trip to Chagrin and we certainly enjoyed every show!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Mignotte

Judge Cecil Smith presents the Best of Breed ribbon at the 3rd Annual Vizsla Specialty at Chagrin Falls, Ohio, to Ch. Count Jonish Mignotte.

AKC & Canadian Champion Count Jonish Mignotte and his owner, Elizabeth Mignotte

Then from the Regional Governor in Southern Cal. came a wonderful letter of tribute about the breeders of this year's winner:

Dear Jane:

I was very pleased to see that a California bred Vizsla won the Specialty, and especially happy to see the DeLipthays get some recognition they well deserve. They have had just 3 litters, and for all those small time breeders, the Delipthays are certainly a shining light! Talk about quality not quanity... they sure are the ones. Out of "Jonish" litter of 4, ALL finished as Champions. Autumn's Golden Nocturnne finished at 9 months of age with stiff competition, Anglodales Mezei Magda was number 2 Vizsla according to Phillips System in 1966, and De La Francesca finished her championship going Best of Winners each time.

The DeLipthays second litter hasn't had any recognition as none of the owners have shown their dogs. Of the third litter, one was shown, and pictured in the August and September 1967 issues of the Vizsla News... Ch. Anglodales Mezei. This bitch is setting a record for the breed for '67. All these Vizslas are first and foremost family companions.

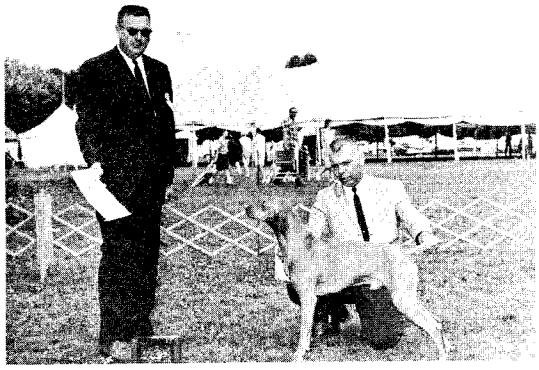
These litters were all sired by Herzog Schloss Loosdorf and are grand children of Ch. Miclos Schloss Loosdorf - deceased -(sire of 12 Champions and too many grandchildren to count)

With a breeding record like that, I think it's fitting for the DeLipthay's to be rewarded for their efforts in the person of "Jonish", winner of the 1967 Vizsla Specialty.

Best wishes...

Chris Kelsey

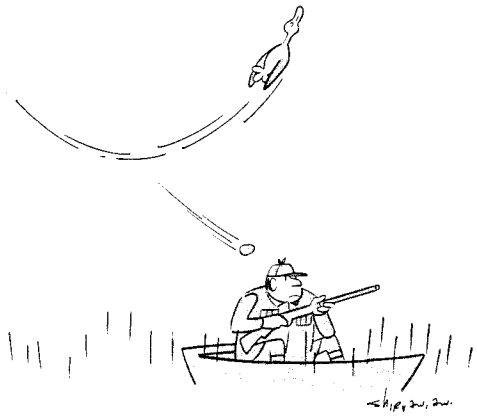
The information about the little bitch that was awarded the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed came via telephone from New York. James Biddlecome, who admittedly was still in shock, said that he was sending the picture of "MENCY's PIPE DREAM" that was taken at Chagrin Falls and added, "...and to think, we very nearly decided NOT to even go to the show! There were so many reasons why we should just pass this one up -- none the least of which was the fact that my wife was to have a baby very soon. Other than the fact that it would be nice to support the entry and see the show, we didn't feel we had much of a chance (our male was too big, and our female was only a puppy), however, we combind a bit of business in the area and decided to enter the dogs for the experience. It was a very long, but exciting day! I don't think that the wheels of the car even touched the road on the way home."



Cecil Y Smith presenting BoS to Mencye's Pipe Dream at Chagrin Falls, August 1967.

Mr. Biddlecome asked if anyone got pictures of the Best of Breed that day. His wife, who had taken pictures all through the judging had to leave ring-side for a moment, and when she returned, it was over. If anyone got a colored slide of the finish, and of the Best of Breed dog, he would like to get a copy, so that the whole record of our 3rd Specialty will be complete.

James A. Biddlecome, 243 West 99th, New York City, N.Y. is his address.



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FIRST AKC SANCTIONED FIELD TRIAL
by Allan Hahn

The first AKC Sanctioned Field Event of the Iowa Hawkeye Vizsla Club was held at Danley Farm south of Norwalk, Iowa. Judges were Merrill Vanderloo and Conway L. Rhyne. A total of 37 entries competed for prizes.

Dogs placing in event are:

OPEN PUPPY
1. Nik v Romarlin, O/H Ron Holmes, Davenport, Iowa
2. Miss Nessi, O/H James Arrasmith, Waukee, Iowa
3. Mike's Olca Kubis (name not given)
4. Fanci Day Selle (name not given)

OPEN DERBY
1. Rob's Gay Tika (Vizsla)
(other placings to other breeds)

AMATEUR GUN DOG
1. Bullet V Selle, Tom Pratt, Clarion, Iowa
2. Big Indian Buddy, Dick Buhman, Bettendorf, Iowa
3. Jundai Selle, Jerry Nickols
4. Sasha's Lead Scout, Summers

OPEN GUN DOG
1. Weedy Creek Lobo, Harold Wingerter, Muscatine, Iowa
2. Weedy Creek ChaCha, Allan Hahn, Muscatine, Iowa
3. Thor (W-mar)
4. Sundai Selle, Jerry Nickols, Redfield, Iowa

OPEN ALL-AGE
1. Weedy Creek ChaCha, Allan Hahn, Muscatine Iowa
2. Jake Jacaranda, Len Hartl, Davenport, Iowa
3. Sundai Selle, Jerry Nickols, Redfield, Iowa
4. Big Indian Buddy, Dick Buhman, Bettendorf, Iowa

OPEN LIMITED ALL AGE
1. Lobo
2. ChaCha
3. Jake
4. Thor

OTHER IOWA NEWS
by Harold R. Wingerter

At the Eastern Iowa GSHP Club trial held at Independence, Iowa last spring, JAKE JACARANDA, owned and handled by Leonard Hartl, took first place in the Open Limited All Age. WEEDY CREEK LOBO owned and hendled by Harold Wingerter took 3rd in the Amateur Gun Dog and 4th in the Open Gun Dog Stake. He also took the 1st place in theIllowa Bird Dog Club Restricted Shooting Dog at Wild Wings Shooting Preserve on March 12

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