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1967 VCOA Specialty Winner

Elizabeth E. Mignotte, Ontario, Canada

## IN MEMORIUM

by Mike Kende, Budapest, Hungary

It is now nearly five years ago, since I learnt from the Vizsla News that my dear friend and hunting companion Colonel Jenő Dus had died as a result of injuries received in a car accident. The obituary notice was very brief, so I enquired from his friends and family as to further details.

At that time I wrote an obituary myself, but somehow it was mislaid. I now take the opportunity of rewriting it for this 5th anniversary so that he should not be forgotten.

Our friend was a valued member of the Hungarian Vizsla society making great sacrifices, even carrying out his duties of keeping the register of pedigrees, whilst on active military service.

Between 1936 and 1943, the golden years of Hungarian Vizsla breeding, he always had the best-trained dogs in the country. He always was the guiding spirit of the association's events, and was extremely well liked and respected by all.

After WW II, he emigrated to the United States, taking with him two of his favourite dogs, Kati and Jutka.

He established himself in New York State and together with Mr. Tollmann founded the Vizsla Club of America. It was at that time, that the term Vizsla became the accepted usage for the Hungarian Vizsla dog.

His untimely death must certainly have been a great loss to the Association.

I do not wish to reiterate too many details of this unfortunate event but I feel that, for the sake of people who did not have the good fortune to know the man, some highlights of the apparent devotion of his dogs to him should be told.

At the time of the accident, he was coming home from a pheasant shoot, and one of his dogs, Bözsi, was in the car with him. When the ambulance came to take him to the hospital, the dog sat on his hunting gear and refused to let anybody touch it. Later whilst Jenő Dus was operated on, old Jutka, who had come with him from Hungary, howled to such an extent, that Dus's family almost got a supernatural feeling of fear that the operation had gone badly for him. And Bözsi, not finding her master at home, ran away and was found waiting for him at his usual petrol filling station.

I think this shows to some extent the relation which must have existed between master and dogs.

Although his friends in Europe did not have the opportunity of saying their final farewell to him, we all joined in thought with his family and the many new friends who saw him to his last resting place amongst the huge pine trees at Hamburg - not the old European city, but the one in what we call the New World.

We thank the American association for keeping his name alive by naming a memorial trophy after Jëno Dus. We are also confident that the winners of this trophy are worthy successors to their breed.

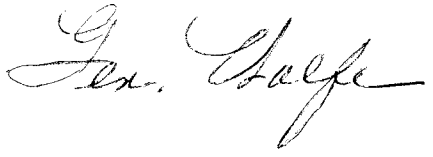
## COMMAND PERFORMANCE

Our Brok (Brok Selle Son of a Gun) had a red letter day November 8th when he appeared before the King and Queen of Nepal at the Piping Rock Club on Long Island.

The State Department thru the A.K.C. staged a dog show for the royal couple. Most of the eastern handlers attended with a top dog from each breed. Seventy-six breeds were represented, and we were happy to hear the King evinced much interest in the Vizsla, commenting on his beautiful color and wanting to know his origin and on what game he was used.

We have since heard that the King said the highlights of his trip were his meeting with President Johnson and the dog show.

Brok has settled down and has decided he still wants to live with us. We may not be royalty, but we set an awfully good doggy table and we do love him. He knows that is a hard combination to beat, where ever you live.



More about the VCOA Fall Field Trial

ED. NOTE: These comments from Dr. C. A. Wilber were intended for the last issue but arrived the day after the copy was sent to the printer. Dr. Wilber marshalled the Derby and the Open Gun Dog stakes.

OPEN GUN DOG - 22 Entries

"Exciting" best describes this stake; it was literally full of classy gun dogs that were exciting to watch. The only sad part was that the temperature on Saturday morning limited the gallery following the braces to a few frost-bitten diehards. The birdfield gallery missed much. Rarely has this reporter been privileged to see such a variety of outstanding backcourses. The following are my opinions and observations, since I did not consult the judges regarding the whys and wherefores of the placements. In addition to the top four, there were at least six other dogs that demonstrated winning quality, but on this day suffered a lapse of manners and/or style, or simply had a tough break.

#1 Alena Von Claus

At castoff "Lady" went right to work and hunted hard, but at moderate range for this particular course. She hit the cover very well and has a quick happy manner of checking in and then going immediately to work again. Although her backcourse was not as sparkling as some others in the stake, her manners and style on birds was immaculate and on a double find came to a snappy honor with a bird in her mouth.

#2 Weedy Creek Lobo

Lobo tore off to the left at the castoff as if he were going to hunt the west half of Butler County before lunch. And for the first one-third of the backcourse seemed to have a fixation on something far to the left. Although he was in sight and was hunting all the time, this did seem to make his backcourse and handling a little erratic. He leveled off, however, and the rest of his backcourse hunting was pretty. He proved to be a birddog with four clean finds in the birdfield.

#3 Weedy Creek Sasha

On October 28, 1967, Sasha was a relatively close hunting, quartering type dog, but was consistently busy and thorough for the full length of the backcourse. Her manners and style were excellent on two birdfield finds.

#4 Jodi of Czucki Barat

A wide searching race that covered nearly everything made this one of the outstanding hunting courses of the stake. Jodi was obviously using the wind to the best possible advantage, while negotiating the course in an intelligent pattern. One clean find in the birdfield was followed by a non-productive, which marred an otherwise high class performance.

It is often said that a backcourse find can make you or break you and the latter seemed the case in this stake, since none of the placed dogs had backcourse finds, while some other obviously good dogs eliminated themselves on wild birds in the backcourse.

OPEN DERBY - 16 Entries

This is a hard derby stake to write about, because frankly it was disappointing. The derby is my favorite stake, because I love rambunctious, swashbuckling young dogs, who have not yet been curtailed by too much discipline. There were, however, some bright spots in the stake.

#1 Bobo Buck Selle

Bo is almost larger than his handler and when he crashes through the cover, it's quite impressive. He made some good casts, but was a little erratic at times. Two finds in the birdfield with good style and excellent derby manners gave him the blue.

#2 Trigger's Charlotte

#3 Heidi of Windsweep

#4 Jeb Von Flidar

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Plan now to enter the VCOA Spring Trial which is scheduled for April 20 and 21 at Bong Air Force Base, Wisconsin, pending A. K. C. approval.

Dear Kathy and Membership,

It's well past time I explain what has happened and is happening with the Pedigree Book. I'm sorry to say, work on this project came to a complete standstill this year. My mother was very ill, so I had to set all else aside. Work has resumed and I hope to have it wrapped up this spring.

A new Vizsla owner, Mrs. Verl Stromstedt (Clare) has recently volunteered her assistance. Now, with two heads and four hands, progress is sure to be made.

We are still trying to get information from some, who have sent nothing at all, or only pedigrees, without the pictures. Most of the missing pedigrees, we have been able to put together - but for pictures, we can only keep pleading.

In tracing pedigrees, we have come across some discrepancies we hope to straighten out.

Some addresses are still unknown and we have not given up, yet, trying to find them.

In order not to have this trouble with the next edition (1967 - 1968), the information should be collected as soon as possible after the dog finishes or gets its degree. The AKC Gazette lists only the sire and dam for these dogs and not even that much for the obedience dogs. This means searching through the show results to find the owners' name and then trying to find an address for that name. AKC will not give out that information. It would be a great help if, whenever anyone hears of a Vizsla finishing (bench, field, or obedience), they would have the owner contact me.

Sincerely yours,
Connie Johnson
1066 Evans Ave.
Reno, Nev. 89502

## WESTMINSTER SHOW

From Genevieve Wolfe:

Vizslas are to be judged at Westminster at 11:30 a.m., Monday, February 12. A luncheon will be available after the judging at the Show Case Restuarant connected with Loews Midtown Motor Inn, 8th Ave. and 49th Street. All exhibitors are welcome. The breakdown of entries is five dogs, five bitches, and twelve specials.

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## VIZSLA CLUB of NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

by May Carpenter

Vizslas and owners met at the Diablo Valley College in Concord on September 10, for a conformation fun day.

Paul Putnam, a licensed A. K. C. handler from Novato gave a very interesting and informative talk and demonstration on how to prepare a Vizsla for the show ring.

Mr. Putnam, who has owned a Vizsla himself, is also a field trial judge. He owned, trained and handled the first Dual Champion German Shorthaired Pointer on the West Coast. Mrs. Putnam is also active in dog circles, serving as president and the Bench Show Chairman of the Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club this year.

Bob and Evelyn Hilbert, who arranged for use of the grounds(Bob teaches at the college), had printed large signs explaining the dog show classes, and they had set up a ring.

Pictured below- Paul Putnam in the role of judge- Gary Carpenter and Dezso; Evelyn Hilbert and Ferenc; Ginni Crawford and Troy; May Carpenter and Sandor (Tag); practicing what Mr. Putnam had just taught us.

## DISPLASIA NEWS

The following is the body of a letter from Dr. Spurrell at the University of Minnesota to Dr. Dick Reinhardt, Chairman of the VCOA Breeders Approval Committee:

"I note that you have had some discussions relating to the thirty-month period in the last issue of the Vizsla News. For this and other reasons I believe it is time to write a monograph relating to this and other subjects in regard to hip dysplasia.

"Enclosed are Xerox copies of a proposed publication (first draft) which I feel could best be sponsored by a breed association such as yours. The publication costs could be furnished by the accumulation in escrow fund.

"Facilitation of this production could be done by release of a major portion of the escrow funding to the Hubbard Foundation, St. Paul. We have a budgeted project relating to "Optimum Performance Capability in Animals" from Hubbard Foundation which can serve to reduce the administrative detail to a minimum. The release draft can be mailed to me at the Genetics Center.

"I would emphasize that this publication will be an initial popular report of the six years of research that we have conducted regarding the disease of canine hip dysplasia in the German Shepherd and Vizsla ( Hungarian ) breeds. Thus many new concepts will be included in this report."

Dr. Reinhardt sent the letter to the News with the comment that Bill Fisher has forwarded the funds, a little over $300, to the Hubbard Foundation. He is sure that this monograph will be available to interested members when it is published.

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Quote from the Newsletter of the Texas Coastal Brittany Club:

"The All Aged Stake, with fourteen entries, was won by Jack Merrill's Vizsla, Miss Vickie Olca. She laid down a good race and contacted birds with style under the adverse scenting conditions."

From the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals:

The Hip Dysplasia Control Registry of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Philadelphia, Pa. is to be known henceforth as the Dysplasia Control Registry.

This was decided on by the Foundation's Board of Directors ... The new name is intended to reflect more accurately the full range of orthopedic problems - elbow dysplasia, shoulder dysplasia, patellar luxation, etc. - that the Registry was created to deal with.

...10 dog breeds are represented on the Board of Advisors.

Out of this meeting, too, came clarification, for the benefit of dog breeders and veterinarians, of the Foundation's regulations for submitting radiographs of dogs for certification or evaluation on film size. The new requirements are that the film size must be sufficient to include the entire pelvis down to and including the stifle joints. Clarity, proper positioning and necessary permanent identification remain as before.

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From the Newark Sunday News
by Gus Bock

English setters and pointers have dominated field trial competition for a long time, but in recent years the Hungarian Vizsla has been making inroads. It was one of these fast moving, sure-nosed dogs known as Hubertus Aprod that captured top honors in the recent Jockey Hollow Field Trial Club's Members' Gun Dog Championship stake on the grounds of Dan Pahy's Faith Farm, Hope.

Aprod, a three - year - old bitch, owned by Dennis Burjan of Neshanic Station, was easily the class of the 32-dog field under the judging of Rex Hiller of Carlstadt and William Beyer, Jockey Hollow president, from Union.

It was a shoot-to-kill trial on liberated pheasants and Aprod come up with three perfect finds on which her manners to wing and shot were perfect. Her retrieving also was beautiful.

Our appreciation to the Vizsla Club of Illinois for the following article.

## THE WORLD'S HAPPIEST DOG
by Pat Downing

Our two and one-half year old Vizsla "Puppy" is undoubtedly the world's happiest dog. Many dogs get to hunt, others are house pets, and some get to do both; but hunting seasons are terribly short and the thrill of hunting becomes a minor one. Our dog, because he does it professionally, gets to hunt at least six months out of the year.

Puppy inherited his position in life from a dog whom he never met. In 1958, my husband, Bob, took a job as wildlife biologist with the Georgia Game and Fish Commission. His work primarily was devoted to the study of white-tailed deer. One of Bob's studies involved capturing deer with a nicotine-loaded syringe fired from a "dart gun". It soon became apparent that a trained dog was needed to help locate the deer after they were shot. An interested sportsman arose to the need and donated a Weimaraner puppy to be trained for this use. "Mike" worked quite well the first year at only ten months of age, finding and leading the men to twelve deer in his first two weeks of work. Deer at that time were costing over $100.00 each to capture, so the additional success was welcome. For the next three or four years, Mike worked well, often paying for his annual keep with a single night's work.

Mike's trailing ability was put to other uses as well. In the course of research work on deer, it became necessary to determine crippling losses from hunting. Mike attended dozens of hunts from the opening of the archery season in October to the close of the gun season in January, trailing wounded deer to determine if their wounds were fatal. Over several years' time, data were accumulated from over seventy such trailings of definite wounded deer. The work was exciting and sometimes dangerous, and on one occasion Mike spent seven weeks in the hospital having his wounds patched up. With this kind of courage and the research value that came from it, it was particularly tragic when Mike, running to greet a neighbor, accidentally got under the wheels of the car and was killed.

A few months later, Bob accepted a position in North Carolina with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service doing the same type research. There was even a more pressing need for a work dog as Bob began tagging adult deer and capturing fawns in order to study their movements, this time in five states instead of one. After several months of searching for a replacement for Mike, a chance meeting with Mrs. Pat Michael, Tryon, North Carolina, produced some leads toward obtaining our first Vizsla. Dr. Phillip of Augusta, Georgia, sold us a four-and-one-half-month-old puppy, whose personality has never fit any other word, hence the name "Puppy". Work probably started a little too soon, for at only five-ond-one-half months of age, we were deeply involved in fawn tagging in Virginia. That first season, Puppy was very much a butterfly dog, and he pointed and chased them at every opportunity. We were particularly proud of him when he caught his first fawn, and were not too severe at the interest he showed in the butterfly which flitted from one side of the windshield to the other. As we came around a corner, six adult deer burst across the road not thirty feet in front of the truck. "LOOK, LOOK AT THE DEER", we shouted. Puppy responded immediately by snapping at the butterfly.

The first year went well, however, with the capture of twenty-five fawns. And in addition, in South Carolina several crippled deer were found and given to the hunters. Whenever possible, the lessons learned in training Mike were used with Puppy. A basic difference in the two dogs, however, was that Mike had been an instinctive "trailer" while Puppy is a "winder". Puppy never had the opportunity to train intensively for trailing, however, and most of his early work was with deer so fresh that "winding" was an advantage. Slowness and caution are stressed at all times.

At seventeen months of age, Puppy began to show his maturity, and sixty fawns were captured in Virginia with his help. Work also picked up in North Carolina where adult deer were being tagged. During 1966, seventy-one deer were cap-

tured by the use of the dart gun and Puppy's almost indispensable assistance. Puppy quickly learned how to do everything but load the darts. As soon as a deer was hit, Puppy would leap out of the truck, run to the edge of the woods, and listen intently. As soon as the drug took effect, usually in about two minutes, the deer would begin to stumble and fall. At the first sound, Puppy would go in pursuit, locate the deer, and make sure it was down. Then he would return to lead us to the deer. We estimate that forty percent of the adult deer captured last year was due to Puppy's skill. With Puppy's assistance in capturing the deer, there was no need for the deer to be completely paralyzed, thus, we were able to cut the dosage in half. Mortality due to drug is usually near twenty percent, yet, with reduced dosages, we caught sixty straight without a loss.

During 1967 we have caught fifty-one fawns with Puppy's help and have even bigger plans for adult deer. We plan to attach radio transmitters to deer to monitor temperature, heartbeat, etc. Puppy will help catch the deer to attach the transmitters, and then recatch them when the batteries have to be changed, every three months or so.

Work, or "play" as it seems to Puppy, is rapidly becoming a year-round job. But his real year-round job is that of house pet. He even has his own private entrance. Puppy is living proof that a dog can be a pet and a hunter at the same time. The key to this dual use is that obedience, in work or at home, is always rather strict. Puppy has never been punished when he knew not what for, but neither has he been spared when he knew he was at fault.

## CONESTOGA VIZSLA CLUB
by Ann Brawner

The Conestoga Vizsla Club held its second A. K. C. sanctioned field trial at River Hill Farm, Clarksville, Maryland, on October 7 and 8. The club's first two-day trial, although competing with a Weimaraner point trial, drew 56 entries.

A. R. (Del) Seelye and his excellent committee were constantly busy to insure a smooth-running program. Del also arranged an exceptionally good dinner before the drawing on Friday night. The fact that the club can hold a successful two-day trial after less than one and one-half years' existence is largely due to Del's efforts.

The judging duties were capably handled by Ralph Robinson of Silver Springs, Maryland, and Harold Fuehrer of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Results were:

OPEN PUPPY (8 Vizslas)
1. Royal Rusty's Beanie, O/H - Del Seelye
2. Duna, O/H - Joe Urso
3. Aprod, Jr,, O/H - Denes Burjan
4. Candy Countess, O/H - Bill Lutz

OPEN DERBY (4 Vizslas, 3GSHP, 1 W.)
1. Futaki Merges(Vizsla), O/H- Hannibal De Schmertzing
2. Fleck Vom Elbental (GSHP), O/H - Walter Kuehnel
3. Rusty Von Toff(Vizsla), O/H Samuel Bigler
4. Futaki Zooey(Vizsla), O/H - Christopher Roosevelt

OPEN GUN DOG ( 8 Vizslas, 1 GSHP)
1. Dual Ch. Rambling Rock (GSHP), O/H Hal Ward
2. Rob's Royal Rusty (Vizsla), O/H - Del Seelye
3. Futaki Kati (Vizsla), O/H - Ann Brawner
4. Thunderbolt of Great Notch (Vizsla), O/H - Raymond Damiano

AMATEUR GUN DOG (7 Vizslas, 8 GSHP, 4 Weimaraners)
1. Thunderbolt of Great Notch (Vizsla), O/H - Raymond Damiano
2. Jones Hill Junker (GSHP), O - Amelia F. Jones, H - Lt. Col. E. L. Keeth
3. Bachman Valley Criss Cross (GSHP), O-C. C. Pascal and Jo Ann Dalrymple, H-C. C. Pascal
4. Mike's Rusty Rex (Vizsla), O - Larry and Dwayne Zea, H - Del Seelye

MEMBER'S GUN DOG ( 8 Vizslas)
1. Rob's Royal Rusty, O/H - Del Seelye
2. Somerville's Bichas, O/H - Richard Benoit
3. Futaki Jancsi, O - Timothy Smith, H - Hannibal De Schmertzing
4. Rakk Yogi, O/H - Forrest A. Williams

## VIZSLA CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND
by Carlo Zezza

The fall field trial of the Vizsla Club of Central New England was held on December 2 and 3 near East Windsor, Conn., on the John Flaherty F. T. Grounds. This was our second A K C formal sanctioned, qualifying, field trial and we are in great hopes of holding a licensed field trial next spring. The several pointing breed clubs in New England gave us tremendous support and many friends.

Bill Hennessy, Tom Bell, Al Colella and Bill Cioffi did a monumental job of judging, particularly on Sunday, when they spent the day in the saddle in pouring rain. They deserve hearty thanks.

Five stakes were run over the two-day period: Open Gun Dog, Open Puppy, Open All Age, Open Derby, and Amateur Gun Dog. Trophies and Rosettes were awarded to all placed dogs in each stake and two traveling trophies, the Arthur J. Webster Trophy to the first dog in the Open Gun Dog Stake and the April van Lou Trophy to the handler of the winning dog in the Amateur Gun Dog Stake, were also awarded.

The weather was cold and crisp on Saturday and on Sunday, while a bit warmer, the rain came down in torrents all day.

All in all, we had a good time and hope to have many western Vizslas in New England some time next spring for our first licensed trial.

Following are the placings:

OPEN GUN DOG
1. Futaki Jocko (V), O/ Bob Perry, H/ C. M. Smith
2. Eastwind T. F. Sepp (GSHP) O/ Robert Weiner, H/ Bernie Mortellaro
3. Piri (V), O/ Bela Hadik, H/ C. M. Smith
4. Hubertus Aprod (V), O/H Denes Burjan

OPEN PUPPY
1. HiHopes Lucky Irish (GSHP), O/H H. J. Hogan
2. Diana's Dynamo (GSHP), O/ H. J. Brewer, H/ C. W. Cummings
3. Count Duna (V), O/ Joe Urso, H/ Denes Burjan
4. Major von Wind'em (GSHP), O/H Nicholas Lagalante

OPEN ALL AGE
1. Field Acres Ace (GSHP), O/ Don Sinclair, H/ Ed van Stine
2. F. T. Ch. Williams Blue Bonnet (GSHP), O/H William Cioffi
3. Ellsmere's Baron Wehmann (W), O/ G. Wehmann, H/ C. W. Cummings
4. Monomoy Single Shot (GSHP), O/ Phyllis Mason, H/ C. W. Cummings

OPEN DERBY
1. Skerzeres Wis Szereto (V), O/ C. J. Willey, H/ C. M. Smith
2. Charlie Brown (GSHP), O/ Norman Budde, H/ Roy Elliott
3. Sir Lancelot (V), O/H William F. Goodman
4. Monomoy Caprice (W), O/ Phyllis Mason, H/ C. W. Cummings

AMATEUR GUN DOG
1. Ch. Pirolin (V), O/H Carlo F. Zezza
2. Heather Glen's Dr. Snap (GSHP), O/H Roy H. Elliott, Jr.
3. Withheld
4. Withheld

"Watch for birds!" is the final word from Christian de Guigne III, San Mateo, Calif., to his Vizsla, Jolie, as they prepare to take off in her namesake, "The Jolie."

Ernie Wolf, Regional Governor for Missouri, sent the following article describing a Paris dog show. It appeared in the Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune on March 8, 1967. Jane Graff and the present editors all thought that it gives an interesting picture of dog shows across the sea.

PARIS.—No animal lover has ever thought to rate the French as high as, say, the English. It was, after all, that archetypal Englishman Noel Coward who so sentimentally remarked: "My dear, I adore all animals to such an extent that I cannot see a water bison without bursting into tears."

Mary Blume

Everyone is wrong. A recent survey by I. R. E. S. indicates that 45 percent of French households have pets and that the French now own 7.5 million dogs and 9 million cats. The 1965 statistics show that France's cat and dog population leads that of the six other Common Market countries *and* Great Britain.

Not suprisingly, every inch of Paris's 88th International Dog Show, which is being held through Sunday, is jammed. There are 2,400 exhibits, an increase of about 150 over last year. "Each year we go up and up and up," said Gaston Pouchain, *commissaire général* of the show.

**Poultry Interdit**

Tucked off in a corner of the huge Salon de l'Agriculture which each year turns Paris's Porte de Versailles fairgrounds into a rather charming barnyard, the dog show is held in a shed between the fragrant live sheep exhibition and the poultry section, whose entrance bears a sign, *"Interdit aux Chiens"*—a ban that any literate dog will agree is justified.

While the exhibits bark, bay, yelp, howl, yap, snarl, growl, cry and roar, hucksters packed into the dog show's few free inches hustle dog food, accessories and medicines. There are dog boots, seat belts, shampoos, nail files, Mason Pearson hairbrushes, colognes, deodorants, dry cleaners, pest repellents, toy rubber cats, travel sickness tablets.

**Always the Dachshund**

This year's entries include about 150 breeds. The largest class is the dachshund, followed by the German shepherd, poodle, cocker, Breton spaniel and boxer.

The catalogue also includes the Podenco, (the hound many tourists bring back from Ibiza and that so fashionably looks like a starving mongrel), and the exotic Samoyede, Sennenhunde, Magyar-Viszla, Clumber and Affenpinscher.

This year's novelty is a Brazilian Xoloizcuintle. Only one is competing. "He will win his class of course," said Mr. Pouchain, "but it will be a triumph without glory."

Dogs from about ten countries are entered, and the judges come from six countries. The show is sponsored by the Société Centrale Canine (France's Kennel Club) under the direction of Raoul Nicole, a brass-voiced retired cavalry colonel who had 42 dogs when be was stationed in Mesopotamia. The Société Centrale was founded in 1882.

"It all began in imitation of the English," said Mr. Pouchain. The French, he says, have yet to catch up.

"The English are a century ahead of us. The English breeder is now a merchant. We are still at the amateur level."

The Paris show—the most important in France and the French equivalent of Cruft's or Madison Square Garden—is amazingly informal, with no grand stands, impressive promenades or, for that matter, any public announcement of winners or even of competing classes. Many of the owners hold French-style picnics, complete with checkered napkin and wine bottle, in front of their dogs' cages; the dirt rings are small and cramped. Onlookers hang over the low railings and speculate on how much each exhibit eats.

**Led by Children**

"We'll have hundreds of thousands of visitors. Everyone who comes to the agricultural show ends up here—their children make them come," said Mr. Pouchain, a garage owner who has been the show's *commissaire général* since 1937.

One of the curiosities of the Paris dog show is the wide variety of French regional breeds such as the Picardy sheepdog, the Auvergne hound, the Pont-Audemer spaniel, and, of course, the Briard.

"Every region in France thinks it has to have its own breed, just as it has its own costume and *patois*," Mr. Pouchain said.

Another thing peculiarly French about the show is the administrative problems caused by people's unwillingness to join breed clubs. "The Germans are obliged to join, the British are proud to join," Mr. Pouchain said. "But the French are hesitant—if only they would join they'd know the show rules."

Another peculiarity of the French dog world is the insistence upon having dogs' names follow a certain letter of the alphabet each year (the same rule applies to French trotters, though not, oddly enough, to other race horses).

**Plethora of P's**

Last year's letter was P, which accounts for the plethora of puppies named Pyhrrus, Pirate and Pat. This year it is Q—in itself reason enough to wait until 1968 to buy a dog, although Mr. Pouchain claims to have a list of 200 Q-names.

Another peculiarity of the Paris dog show is that no Best in Show prize is given. "We had to give it up, because nobody could agree," sighed Mr. Pouchain. "Each judge fought for his breed as if the dog were his own. The fights were terrible."

NOMINATIONS
by Len Hartl

Election time is again coming close. The nominating committee does not have much time to work, so your co-operation is needed. If you wish to have someone nominated for the Board of Directors (Remember, the officers are chosen from the board.), please write to Tom Pratt, Clarion, Iowa, the chairman of the nominating committee.

If you are asked to run for board office, please send your acceptance and election data or your rejection promptly.

These are the people whose terms expire in 1968:

Leonard Hartl*
Bob Holcomb*
C. M. Smith
George Solberg*
Dr. I. S. Osborn*
Dr. R. V. Van Camp

Under the new constitution, which went into effect in 1966, no board member can succeed himself more than once. Those people who have asteriks after their names have served previous terms. However, I believe it was decided when the constitution went into effect that we were starting with a clear slate. Therefore, I believe these people could be nominated. We regret that Bob Holcomb has decided that he can no longer fulfill a board position and wishes to resign from the board.

Officers elected during even-numbered years are president, second vice-president, and treasurer. Balloting will be by mail as required by the constitution.

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Dear Members,

When the time to prepare a Dec. issue of the News came, we found ourselves with very little news and with no special Christmas greetings and ads. At the same time, we were talking to printers here in Davenport about printing the News. The November issue was printed by the Banner press in Nebraska, but too much time was wasted in sending it back and forth -- it took more than two weeks. After several conferences with a friendly man here at Graphic Service, we think we have satisfactory arrangements made. The price will be approximately the same as Banner Press. Now that we have all this worked out, we are hoping to get an issue to you late in the first half of each month.

Again, we ask that you send material, particularly good pictures and information about any of your club's activities. Also remember that the News should serve as a forum for ideas.

The Editors

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"Presenting the Vizsla"

In addition to the pedigree forms which are described on page 11, there are several things available through the VCOA. Pins (both sizes) and tie tacks have been advertised in previous News issues. But did you know that copies of the flyer "Presenting the Vizsla" are available to you to use in the course of your work for the Every Member Get a Member Committee? They show a picture of a Vizsla, give a short history of the breed and the VCOA, give a Vizsla Standard, and have a membership application form attached. They are available free upon request from the Vizsla News office, 1611 Spring Street, Davenport, Iowa 52803.

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Also from the Illinois club:

Lazy dog's been standing there for five minutes --- won't budge --the guy I bought him from said he was trained for hunting. C'mon, dog--- Let's move!

All ads and listings in the Vizsla News have met with the requirements for advertising by the Vizsla Club of America, Inc. Rules and advertising rates are available from the club office.

## DOGS AT STUD

(Approved bitches, only)

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Davenport, Iowa 52803
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## FIELD TRAINERS

Ed Van Stine
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Andover, New York 14802
Phone 607-478-8188

The following dogs have been approved for advertising in the News by the Breed Improvement Committee:

Zsuzskg's Kis-virag SA-307529
Timothy Smith
Andover, Massachusetts

Glen Cottage Charlie SA-31054
K. B. Winters
Hollywood, Florida

Futaki Kati SA-241005
Mrs. H. P. Brawner
Media, Pennsylvania

Pirolin SA-301709
Carlo F. Zezza
Chester, Vermont

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We welcome one new member during the month of December:

Richard S. Solomon
1161 Latchwood Dr.
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Hilda Boggs seems to be the only member of the EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER committee this month. Let's do better next month.

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## ADVERTISE IN YOUR VIZSLA NEWS

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| Eighth page | $ 4.00 |
| Fourth page | 7.50 |
| Half page | 12.50 |
| Full page | 20.00 |
| Listings | $6.00 for six months |

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## PEDIGREE FORMS

Still available from the News office are beautiful pedigree forms. They would make a nice extra to go with every puppy you sell, and each member should have one for his own dog. There is room for a five-generation pedigree superimposed on a picture of two Vizslas on point. The back of the form contains a history of the breed, the breed standard, a short history of the VCOA, and a place for the dog's record of shots, points, etc.
$.25 each $1.00 per dozen

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