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VCOA SPRING TRIAL

Vizsla Club of America Inc.
1970 Spring Field Trial

April 4-5-6
Baldwinsville, New York
Three Rivers Game Management Area

Open Puppy - 7:00 a.m. Sat. April 4th
Amateur Gun- 7:00 a.m. Sat. April 4th
Open Gun- following Open Puppy
Open Derby- following Amateur Gun
Open Limited All Age- following all other stakes

Horseback handling will be permitted in all stakes. Handlers horses are included in price of entry fee.

There will be trophies and AKC Rosett for all placed dogs in all stakes.

Judges include: Mr. Paul C. Barry, Kings Point, L.I. New York; Dr. Richard C. Reinhardt, Scottsbluff, Nebraska; Mr. Kenneth Marden, Titusville, New Jersey; Mr. Martin Walters, Defiance, Ohio and Mr. Walsh.

Members of the Field Trial Committee include: Dr. B.C. McGivern Jr. Chairman; Mr. Carl L. Richey Sr., Secretary; Richard Yonda; Don Morin; Anton Tinnes; Del Seelye, Ann Brawner; Carl Gawenas, Charles DuPuy; Carole Smith.

The Spring Trial is being hosted by The Vizsla Club of Central New England, Vizsla Club of Greater New York; Vizsla Club of No. New Jersey and Conestoga Vizsla Club.

Baldwinsville is located off of Exit 36 of the New York Thruway. A map of the area will be mailed out with the premium lists.

Trophy Contributions may be sent to:
Mrs. C. M. Smith Jr.
Futaki Kennels, Box 18
Chester, N.H. 03036

The Board of Directors Meeting for Friday afternoon - April 3rd will be held at the Fireside Inn (located 1.2 miles from the road leading into the trial grounds)

The "Kick off dinner" Friday evening will also be held at the Fireside Inn and also the Judges Banquet on Saturday night.

Motels in area:

Fireside Inn	a/c	315-638-0214
Hey Dukes Motel	a/c	315-652-9868
Three Rivers Motel		315-695-2074
Bonanza Motel/Restaurant		315-457-7171

(Rates at motels in area run between $12.00 to $16.00)

Syracuse Airport is nearby and there is a bus from the airport. Mr. Joe Fadden from the Fireside Inn can provide pick up service from the airport should anyone desire. The charge is $6.00

Kennel runs are available at the field trial grounds. There are 80 runs in all--20 inside and 60 outside.

There are 20 horse stalls available free of charge, however stable service is available at $1.00 per day.

If stable service is not used it will be up to the individuals to see that the stalls are kept clean.

Horses will be provided for handlers - however should anyone wish to rent a horse the charge is $15.00 per day or $2.50 per brace.

Contact:
Mr. Perl Trumble, Conservation Off
Box 138
Phoenix, New York 13135
Tele. 315-635-3801

O F A

VIZSLA ARTICLE

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals regularly sends out press releases to many outlets across the country. I was very happy to receive this one from them last week:

Every breeder is trying to eliminate, or "control", hip dysplasia in his kennel. He occasionally sits back and says: "... now what exactly would be the ideal control program?" Well, unfortunately, this is not something which we can verify with statistics . . . but there is a Breed Club who might be able within the next few years to provide all of us with some answers.

The Vizsla Club of America is a cooperating breed club with a named representative to O. F. A. They have one of the most comprehensive breed improvement programs in operation of which we are aware. This program has been outlined to us by Dr. Reinhardt, Chairman of the Vizsla Club's Breed Improvement Committee, and it is with his permission we present it to you.

1st: The VCOA accept diagnoses from either O. F. A. or the University of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine.

2nd: Vizslas x-rayed normal before 30 months of age are given temporary approval. NOTE: a year-old "normal" is temporary!

3rd: A "normal" x-ray taken at 30 months or older is given PERMANENT approval. NOTE: if you wish to wait until 30 months of age you may have a permanent approval issued at that age if normal. If you wish to have him done BEFORE two months of age and he is normal you may have a temporary breeding certificate which is good until he is thirty months of age and must be re-x-rayed as normal to receive his permanent certification.

4th: Their national newsletter accepts ads from ONLY normals on studs and mature animals. Puppies, if advertised, must show normal sire and dam.

5th: "Near normals" are not considered in the Vizsla Club. Like many Veterinarians in the field, they apparently feel "near" is "NOT".

6th: Like many breed clubs who publish normals, the Vizsla Club also believes the dogs who do not pass as normal deserve anonymity- and provide this with their 'confidential' between Veterinarian, owner, and O. F. A. and Univ. of Minnesota.

7th: We feel it only fair to advise Dr. Reinhardt says: "...to any club inclined to start a similar program, it meets considerable opposition in starting out, but once underway-is accepted quite readily and the support gains momentum with each year it has been in operation."

The Orthopedic Foundation For Animals, Inc. can only salute the Breed Improvement Committee of the Vizsla Club. This writer has been at this work for a long number of years . . . and can only sit here with mouth agar and say: "When I go to war, I want the Vizsla Club on my side."

We wish to ask if there is another breed club in the United States who could start and continue a control program such as this? (I wonder if my own Breed Club could be convicted?) Like it or not - believe it or not - afraid of it or not - the professional men say it is the FINEST thing for us until research gets us something definite.

This was climaxed the other day by a phone call saying: "...Well, we all know that if a dog is cleared at one year of age they are 99% of the time going to be clear at three years of age." 99-99/100% PURE? DON'T YOU COUNT ON IT!! I think the Vizsla Club is going to be better off ten years from now than are we unless we also set up our temporary and permanent. How may Breeds have the intestinal fortitude to try it???

X-rays sent O. F. A. for certification go to: O. F. A.
817 Virginia Avenue
Columbia, Mo. 65201

letter

Following is a letter I received from Wes Basler of Winnipeg, Manitoba which I thought Vizsla News readers might enjoy:

I had been intending to write you about our new training club for some time, but never got around to it because I was so busy being a carpenter to get some shelter for the winter for my dogs, which now number 8.

We had talked about bird dog training, off and on, for several years, but never got past that stage until last spring, when we met two young chaps that were training Labradors, who thought they would also like to learn bird dog work. The upshot was, we formed The Manitoba Pointing Dog Association with 9 members, registered our name, took out a game bird breeder's license, went to Minnesota to buy pheasants, and talk to trainers, built a training corral, and bird pens, dug out an incubator, collected pheasant eggs and hatched 9, got 100 Coturnix (Japanese Quail) eggs, hatched 30, built brooder, ran obedience classes until the dogs were ready for bird work, and brought a half dozen dogs along until they were steady to flush and gun. Last Sunday we held our first annual meeting, I got stuck with the chairman's job for another year, and we estimate that we have at least a dozen prospective members itching for spring, so they can start outdoor work.

The critical point was, could we actuall teach ourselves the necessary skills to do a good job on our own dogs, and with other people. I decided to take my problem to my good friend Frank Engstrom, of Grey Eagle, who sold me my first Vizslas, and also started another of our members with G.W.H. pointers. Frank took the week-end off to drive me around and introduce me to game bird breeders and trainers. At that time there was no training being done, and we weren't ready for birds yet, so we arranged to go down again a bit later, which we did on our Victoria Day long week-end. Frank drove me down to Anola, just outside Minneapolis, to the home of Mr. & Mrs. C. Delaney, who are well known as trainers and handlers, and Mrs. Delaney dropped her regular work to give me demonstrations on pheasants with 4 different dogs, in various stages of training. They work in a corral, which must be nearly 100 yards in diameter, and they have pheasants loose in here, with clipped wings. The dogs are worked on leash, so that you are working in a controlled situation, where you can restrain the over-eager dog, and urge on the reluctant ones. This is the program we have adopted, and we found that even with beginners like ourselves, you can get results. One addition we make is the use of small welded cages that will hold a pigeon, and can be stuck in the ground, to use in getting the dog to search ground over a larger area that our corral, which we could not manage as large as this. Here also, the dog is on leash, and under control, until he shows that he can be trusted off leash. We only lost one bird through being grabbed by a dog, and it was not from the actual grab, but from infection that got in a wound. I have found the Vizslas to be very soft mouthed, this winter one cock got out and flew off, and next I knew one of my bitches came trotting up with him in her mouth, completely unharmed. (This was Bolondus mother incidently, and he really inherited from her)

I have given the above in detail, because I wanted to acknowledge the warm-hearted co-operation we received from everyone we came in contact with in Minnesota, but particularly Clair & Chuck Delaney, they are dog people of the very finest kind.

Our training program starts with puppies 8 to 12 weeks old, where I give a 1/2 dozen obedience classes free with each litter. At the end of that time, if they are interested in more obedience, or showing, we refer them to the two local kennel clubs, if they are interested in hunting, we continue our work with them, as part of their associatio

membership, until the dog can be worked off leash and obedient to command. Then we start work in the corral, the owner going in with his dog, the trainer with him to assist. This is continued until the dog is steady to flush. We use a training pistol right from the beginning, and have had no problem with shying off because of it. Last fall, because of the late start, the dogs went right from the corral into the hunting field, but did O. K. This year we intend to use our quail to give them polish in search and handling before the season starts. Our laws permit work on wild birds after 15th July, and we will urge our people to use their week-ends in this way also.

I know most trainers don't want to look at a dog until he is at least a year, but I tell you, it is a great thrill when a fire-tailed little heller finally scents that bird, carefully stalks it and freezes, and the handler slacks off the leash and he holds steady. Then you go to flush, and find he is right on top of the bird, so that you can hardly get your hand between his nose and the feathers, to roust the hen out, and all the time he stands there, with his little foot cocked up.

With training over, because everyone except me was out hunting, I found myself with 10 dogs to shelter, and only one small shed available. So plans were drawn for an 12 x 20' shed, insulated, to be heated by electricity, to hold 5 pens of 2 dogs each, and we got it far enough finished that the dogs could use it just before the far below zero weather hit us. Each pen opens into a 32' run that gives lots of room to exercise, but I tell you they aren't using it for that very much these days, tonights forecast is 15 beow, and thats quite a bit warmer than last night. But we still have some space cause we sold two of the dogs.

To sum it up, no group, however small, need lack training opportunities, and if you [illegible] to use any part of this letter for publication, or can use the ideas as the base for an article, please feel free to do so, it might help someone with a similar problem.

I am also enclosing two pictures and a note of explanation, and hope you can use this in the News. Harold is one of our most enthusiastic members, and Felho, now just 13 months old, is far advanced in his C. D. X. work. He claims this is one dog that opens drawers to dig out the training equipment so as to coax Harold into working him.

I must tell you also that the News is the most read publication that comes arou here, everyone is so interested in what is going on with Vizslas, and we sure enjo the pictures.

At left is pictured Mrs. Wes Basler with Gamefinder Kiralyi Pletyka taking third in group in her first show under Judge W. Semple at the Fort Garry K. C. 50th Anniversary show on 25 June '69. Pletyka finished (subject to C. K. C. confirmation) under Judges J. Fleming of Calgary and P. Smith of Woodstock, Ont. At this club's shows of October 11th and 12th '69. Pletyka is by Wundermorgen Valora Kecskemet (a grandson of Ch. Bro. Selle Son of a Gun and Ch. Csic-Keds Alca C. D., and a great grandson of F. Ch. Jake Jacaranda) out of Devecseri Csilla (a daughter of Ch. Devecseri Pushi).

At right is her half brother, Gamefinder Fagyozerda Felhő, by the same sire out of Bakony Somlohegyi Gyorgyi (a daughter of Ch. Bakony Somloi Kapitany C. D. and Ch. Jutka Von Hunt) with his owner/handler Harold Brachman of Winnipeg being presented with the Rosette for Best Canadian Bred Puppy in Show by Judge J. Fleming and the Doctor Ballard trophy by Mrs. J. Carlton, on 11th October at the Fort Garry K. C. Show.

OPEN FORUM

Dear Editor:

I must take strong exception to the column which appeared in the February 1970 NEWS under the heading: FROM A FIELD TRIALER (RETRIEVER) ON 'HIPS.'

Having some familiarity with retriever trials and training, I just can't keep my seat when a retriever trialer asks me: "where are your 11 year olds? On the bed or in the grave?"

It has always amused me when I hear retriever people using the phrase at their trials about "their dog RUNNING at such and such a time." What little running that is done by these fine dogs is over a very short distance and for a very limited time with considerable rest between series.

They would have to "run" much longer than the three days mentioned in the article, in order to expend the energy put out by one of the pointing breeds in one short 30 minute course. It is understandable why their dogs are still competitive at 11 years of age.

I am sure that no intelligent person has ever maintained that sound hips are 100% of what a hard working hunting dog needs, nor is it even close to the most important characteristic that a hunting dog needs. But, it is much more essential to the breeds requiring real stamina and speed than it is to the retrieving breeds. Also, I am sure that few readers were surprised at his statements that "there are national champions in retrievers with poor hips" as well as "cases of bad hips where the dogs were brilliant until six or seven years of age and then they were through." In the case of the pointing breeds, a dog will not make it past the derby (and place) without a good, sound rear end.

Dysplasia control is still an important part of every intelligent breeding program!

Dr. R. C. Reinhardt

ON THE COVER

Ch. Cigany Csillag, C.D. owned by Mr. & Mrs. Elmer J. Thomasko, Amherst, Ohio placed first in the American Bred and Open Dog Classes and was chosen Winners Dog for a 5 point major at the Chagrin Valley Vizsla Specialty, August 24, 1969. Judge, Dr. Rex B. Foster is shown making the award to Mrs. Thomasko. This was "Cigany's" third major and he finished his Championship at Sewickley, Penn., September 20, 1969.

"Cigany" finished his Obedience Companion Degree at the 1968 Vizsla Specialty and placed fourth out of an entry of 64 dogs in the Novice A Trial.

FROM: B. FISHER, TREAS., VCOA

Well, I am fast approaching the end of my term as Treasurer of The Vizsla Club of America. I know that I have not been as efficient as someone else might have been, so I want to thank everyone for bearing with me over the past four years. I have enjoyed the job as treasurer very much and hope that in the future I can serve the Club in another capacity. Most of all I think I should thank my wife Pat and our two children for letting me take the time to do this job, and believe me it does take some time over a four year period.

The Vizsla Club of America has taken some great strides in these last four years both financially and in size. The most important thing, I think, we have done is to start on the way to becoming a truely NATIONAL Club. We must keep going on this road or we will lose all the ground we have gained toward naming a Vizsla National Champion either on the bench or in the field. We now have Vizslas that can compete with any European Breed of dog in the field and come out on top. The sole objective of this Vizsla Club of America is to improve the Vizsla Breed. We can only do this by working together nationwide and bringing the best of the breed into competition and then using these dogs to breed better ones. I think that only by having our club competitions so that all our members can attend, maybe not every time but occasionally, can we hope to be THE VIZSLA CLUB of AMERICA.

I will get off my soap box now and back to the business of treasurer. Four years ago when I was elected to this office I could well have said "Yesterday I couldn't even spell Treasurer and today I are one" At that time the Treasure amounted to approximately nine hundred dollars, today we have over two thousand dollars in the checking account and more than another thousand in savings accounts. This is not a whole lot of money for a club to have on hand as one activity that didn't come off as well as expected might take the better part of this amount.

Again I want to thank everyone for making my job easier than it might have been. I just hope that the next treasurer gets the same cooperation from all of you that I received for four years.

Your Treasurer,
Bill D. Fisher

V.C.O.A. 1970 SPECIALTY

The Specialty Committee is busy planning our 1970 Show. If you are interested in entering your dog in the Specialty, circle May 31, on your calendar. The location is new this year! It will be held in conjunction with the STONE CITY KENNEL CLUB SHOW at New Lenox, Illinois.

We are now accepting donations to the TROPHY FUND. If you or your local club would like to contribute, make your check payable to the V.C.O.A. and send them to Maxine Paluska, Trophy Chairman. Your name will be listed in the show catolog as having contributed.

Maxine Paluska
3205 Pecan Street
Rockford, Illinois 61111

★ LOST DOG ★

Recently Zipper got lost. He was gone on Friday and there still was no sign of him on Saturday or Sunday. On Monday, after school, the phone rang and a child's voice inquired, "Is this Mrs. Kennel?"

Ann was bewildered for a moment until the next question came in rapid succession, "Did you lose a dog."

"Yes, we lost a dog. And he had a collar on with Fredan Kennels and our phone number. I am Mrs. White and you must have our Zipper."

She never did get the point across that her name was Mrs. White and not Mrs. Kennel but she did get Zipper back.

If Zipper had not had a collar on with his owner's name and address he might still be roaming the streets.

The cheapest and best way to insure that you will not lose your dog permanently is to be sure that he wears his identification at all times.

People with hunting dogs always have the problems of lost dogs to contend with. A good hunting dog can easily go out of sight for several hours or be lost for days.

The first thing to do when you lose your dog is quickly and carefully search the surrounding area. Get in your car and work all the neighboring roads, preferably with a passenger so that he can watch one side of the road while you watch the other. If you can cover the area rapidly before the dog has a chance to move on you stand a better chance of spotting him.

If you don't find him even though you work in gradually widening circles you should next stop at all the neighboring farm houses. Describe your dog. Give the breed name and if the breed is not familiar describe him as a small dog (about Springer size) white with tan spots and a short tail. This description will create the correct picture in most people's minds. Stress the short tail as this is an important means of identification. Offer a reward for the return of the dog.

If he has been lost before you might investigate the same place you found him previously. If your dog escapes from his pen nine times out of ten he will take the same route every time. Any dog escaping from that pen is likely to take that same route. Maybe he has a favorite buddy in the next block. Go there and look for him.

Sometimes you can take your second dog out. Put him down in the same area that you lost the first dog in. Quite frequently the second dog will find the lost dog for you. ESP maybe?

An intelligent lost dog, if not interfered with, will go home of his own accord when he is tired of exploring or he will go back to the place where he was put down for his hunt. So if you don't find him by dark leave your coat or his crate on the spot where he was put down and your chances are good that he will have returned by morning.

If he is gone all night contact the radio stations the next morning. Some stations carry a lost dog program as a public service. Others will charge a slight fee for the announcement.. He should also be listed in the lost dog columns of the local paper. All this should be done that second day. Get the word out fast before he has time to travel too far.

Very young dogs may become confused and not be able to find their way back. This kind will usually drift into the nearest farmer's backyard and ask for adoption. Others will become downright panicky and these are the ones that will travel for miles across country with no rhyme nor reason to their pattern of travel.

Be sure that the local pound knows of your lost dog and visit them daily to look at their new arrivals. A delay here may mean that you might lose your dog completely as most pounds keep a dog only 2 or 3 days before destroying it or offering it to a new home.

The local school is a good place to go, especially in the country. The authorities are usually willing to let you post a notice on the bulletin board or will send a notice around to the classrooms. Farm kids that ride a school bus can be a great help if you can interest them in looking for your dog.

The trick is to get as complete coverage as possible as rapidly as passible. The longer a dog is lost the wilder he can get—and the harder to catch. And of course the longer he remains running loose the greater his chances of getting out on a road and getting bit by a car.

Owners of Vizsla Stud Dogs--Help! The Breed Improvement Committee of the Vizsla Club of Illinois needs you! Our project to provide a register of Vizslas used for stud to the owners of any females, on a nation-wide basis, is slowly making headway. We now have 28 of the stud dog questionaires returned, representing Vizslas from coast to coast. We are in the process of writing an introdution to the registry, and will soon make it available to anyone upon request. If you wish to have your dog included free of charge, please request a questionaire from Ken Wierschem, 590 Phillips Circle, Antioch, Illinois 60002.

Many questionaires were distributed at the fall field trial, and those receiving them demonstrated an enthusiasm for this project. Futhermore, many secretaries of state clubs have asked for and received packets of the questionaires. If you do have the questionaire, will you please take a few minutes to fill it out. It is not necessary forthem to be typed; and if you have a copy of the pedigree on some other paper, you can just send that along. We will retype it.

APPROVED DOG

Evidently a dog was omitted from the list published in the February News. F. Ch. Jodie of Czuki Barat, owned by Lewis Simon, 688 No. Main St., Antioch Illinois 60002, should be listed as permanently approved.

TO: THE VCOA BOARD MEMBERS

In order to know where the VCOA stands in printed supplies, etc., please bring to the board meeting or send an account of any VCOA materials in your possession.

from Bud McGivern

I have just turned up this list of contributors to the tent fund for the 1969 VCOA Specialty in a long-forgotten envelope in a dresser drawer.

Mr. Carl Amweg
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Hawkeye fun trial

The Hawkeye Vizsla Club held its' annual meeting and election of officers Feb. 8 at Bird Layne Farms, New Sharon, Iowa. The officers for the year 1970 are: Paul Holzwoth - President, Mel Uhlenhopp - Vice President, Jerry Nichol - Secretary, and Jim Arrasmith - Treasurer.

Along with our meeting we held a fun trial, there were 26 entries with GSP, Brit., Weimaraners and Vizslas participating.

Placements were as follows:

OPEN PUPPY
1. Goldie (V), Charles Baumhouer
2. Chip (GSP), Ray Summers
3. With-held
4. With-held

OPEN DERBY
1. Rocky (V), Bob Freyermuth
2. Heidi (V), Bob Freyermuth
3. Saffy (Brit), Ed Lang
4. Buck (V), Mike Strottman

OPEN GUN DOG
1. Ch. Nik-V-Romarlin, Ron Holmes
2. FCh. Jake Jacaranda, Len Hartl
3. Honey of Holzworth, Paul Holzworth
4. Saffy (Brit), Ed Lang

THE JUDGING *Situation*

by Everett Metzger

It is becoming more and more difficult to obtain good new judges for our trials. With all the trials that are being held it is indeed difficult to find enough week-ends to hold them. Most clubs face the same problem twice each year. "Who are we going to get for judges?" We find each club trying to come up with the best judging slate available. Ever sit in on a committee meeting to select a judging panel? Someone suggests a name. Somebody else says "We had him last spring or fall." The next suggestion is "Let's get somebody new." Another name is mentioned. "Don't have enough experience" or "He might be all right if we put him with an experienced man." And so the conversation goes.

Field Trial judging is said to be an inexact science and that those who perform this frequently arduous, and often thankless, task are not endowed with any special powers bordering on the supernatural. We find that they are human beings, honestly trying to do a job. Of course they err now and again for who in this day and age is infallable.

Just where are young, new, judges to come from anyway? Where and how do capable men and women gain the experience needed to judge a field trial?

A good field trial judge should possess the following attributes:

1. Honesty, fearlessness, and absolute impartiality.
2. A quick analytical mind.
3. A calm dispassionate temperment.
4. Physical ability to withstand long hours in the saddle.

To these qualities we must add bird dog know-how—gained by hunting behind, training, handling, and owning, not one but many bird dogs.

In hunting behind a good bird dog the habits of the birds sought are soon learned .In training one soon learns to understand the mental processes and reactions of a bird dog. Handling teaches the nuances in performance which are so very important, but very often overlooked by the inexperienced.

Then the best place to gain further experience is to ride in the gallery, following the stakes from start to finish. Watching each development and situation as it arises, making mental analysis of each dog's performance, obtaining the opinion of experienced field trialers on situations which you do not understand.

We find many a newcomer, with the limited experience of one or two years of trialing, often voicing opinions like a veteran. Until you are absolutely sure you know what you are talking about it is best to keep your mouth closed, for some of the opinions mouthed from inexperienced may come back to haunt you later.

From time to time we hear the suggestion that some kind of apprenticeship be set up for field trial judges. This is a good idea except for one thing. Field trialers are a peculiar breed, especially the beginner. After attending a few trials he is an expert—often with numerous ideas on how trials should be run. Very few would accept an apprentice judge's assignment for this would be admitting publicly that he lacks the necessary knowledge to judge a trial.

So if you want to judge field trials—get some experience. It's still the best teacher.

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