Vizsla News

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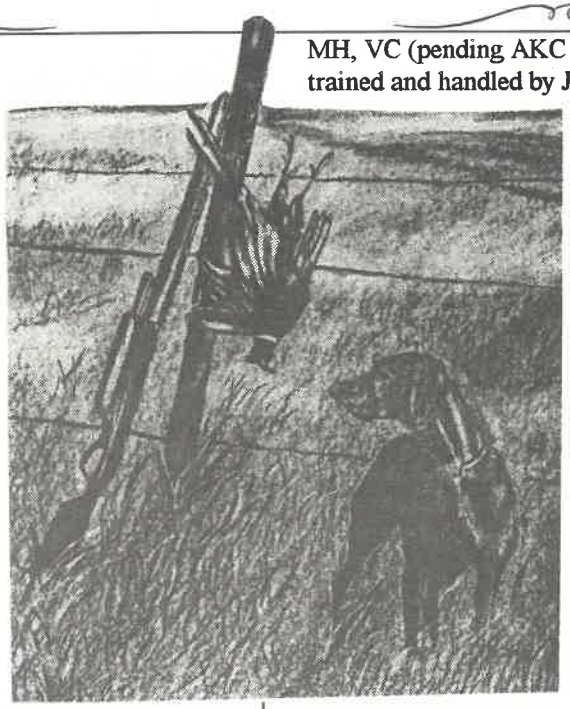
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sandra Parady . . .



You have probably realized by now that you have not received the May/June issue of The Vizsla News. The Editor, Bernee Brawn, resigned with no advance notice to the Board of Directors. Because the Board needed time to find a new Editor, we decided to send the membership this interim newsletter so that necessary information could be sent to you. The Vizsla News will be back in production in the very near future. The Board of Directors had three excellent candidates to be the Editor and I'm sure it was difficult to decide on one of them. The Board has chosen Beth Molnar to be our new Editor of The Vizsla News. Beth is a VCA member and also belongs to the Conestoga Vizsla Club. Since 1986 she has been the owner of Molnar Associates. I want to welcome her as the new Editor. I'm sure we will see some improvements in the layout and production of the News.

Included in this mailing are the 1997 Membership Directory and the VCA's first Breeders Directory. My thanks to Jackie Promaulayko for producing the Membership Directory and to Lynn Worth and Leslie Mahr and the rest of the Public Education Committee for putting the Breeders Directory together. The Breeders Directory will take the place of the Breeders and Stud Dog Indexes that appeared inThe Vizsla News and will be distributed with the information packets that are provided to the public. ***Some very exciting news . . .***

The AKC and the vizsla breed have another Triple Champion! Triple Champion Legacy's DeChartay UDX, MH, VC (pending AKC approval). Chartay is owned, trained and handled by Jack Sharkey and was bred by Diane Shearer and Gregory Gollick. Congratulations to all of them! It is quite an achievement. Jack finished Chartay's OTCH at the Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club Obedience Trial on July 4th under Judge Marie Hoffman. They earned 10 points in Utility B with a a score of 194 1/2 and then 2 more points in Open B with a score of 197 1/2. Chartay also went High in Trial and High Combined. What a way to finish! She is the third AKC Triple Champion and the second vizsla and first bitch to achieve this honor. The first AKC Triple Champion was a vizsla, Cariad's Kutya Kai Costa. The second was either a Lab or a Brittany - Jack Sharkey is attempting to get this information from AKC. Jack told me that when his dog, Hunter, won the National Field Championship in 1993, he threw a champagne party at the field trial. He has promised us rockets and flares this time. This is certainly appropriate for achieving this honor on the Fourth of July. Congratulations, Jack and Bettylou!

Reminder - if you haven't voted yet in the VCA election, please do so. Your vote is important. If for some reason you haven't received a ballot, get in touch with VCA Secretary Barbara Snyder. Call her at: (518) 377-4979 or fax her at (518) 374-0947. Ballots must be postmarked by August 1, 1997.

I want to thank Lynn Worth for doing this newsletter. And an additional thank you to Linda and Jackie Promaulayko for doing the mailing. All your efforts are appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENT . . . . . .

For those who have vizslas diagnosed with lymphosarcoma, the Vizsla Club of America and Magyar Vizsla Society Health Study contact person is: Sue Boggs. She will send blood shipping instructions and handle reimbursements. Sue's address, phone number and e-mail address are: 7580 Warner Road, Madison, OH 44057 - (216) 428-1077 - snowridge@ncweb.com. We urge all owners of afflicted dogs to consider participation in this study which we hope will make a significant contribution to the future health of vizslas.

VCA JOBS AVAILABLE . . . . . .

CLUB HISTORIAN — maintains and updates scrapbooks and portfolios of past and present events, stores and catalogues past Vizsla News and other publications of the Vizsla Club of America.

NATIONAL AWARDS CHAIRPERSON — keeps annual record of all AKC titles achieved by vizslas, keeps inventory of VCA medallions to be awarded to VCA members whose dogs have received these AKC titles.

TOP TEN FIELD REPORTER — keeps records of all AKC field titles awarded to vizslas and their placements in the Top Ten Field Standings. Prepares same for publication in The Vizsla News.

If you are interested in applying for any of the above positions, please send a resume or letter stating your interest to: Sandra Parady, President, 10 Fernwood Drive, Boulder Creek, CA 95006. **Application deadline: August 15, 1997.**

PLEASE NOTE — the ballot for 1998 national specialty judge is included in this newsletter. The ballot must be signed and mailed by September 15, 1997.

At the Vizsla Store . . . . . .

Pedigree Books 1981- 1984	**$40.**
Pedigree Books 1970-1975	**$40.**
Unbound Pedigree Books	**$30.**
National Events Catalogues	**$10.**
VCA Stickers	**$1. ea**
Lapel pins & tie tacs	**$10**
Pedigree forms	**$1. ea**
New VCA Pamphlets	**10 for $3.**

"Presenting the Vizsla"

"Is the Vizsla the Right Breed for You"

"So You Want to Be a Breeder, etc."

"Raising A Vizsla Puppy"

Stud Contracts, Sales Contracts, Puppy Buyer Questionnairs $.50 ea

1997 EditionVCA Breeders Directory $.50 ea

To Order, Contact:

Kathy Williams
11020 Cowlitz Drive, SE
Olympia, WA 98501

(360)923-1176 Willbash@aol.com

1997 NATIONALS UPDATE . . . . .

Plans are completed for the 1997 Vizsla Club of America National Events hosted by the Tampa Bay Vizsla Club in Tampa, Florida. All details have been approved by the VCA and the premium and information packet will be in the mail by the end of July.

Headquarters

Four Points Hotel (formerly known as The Sheraton Inn), 7401 East Hillsborough Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33610. (813) 626-0999. $65. + tax, plus one-time pet fee. Make reservations early! There will be a large horse show at the Florida Expo Park at the same time. Mention the VCA when making reservations.

Other Accommodations

Red Roof Inn, 5001 North US Hwy. 301, Tampa, FL 33610. (813) 623-5245. 2 double beds - $46.99 + tax; King - $51.99 + tax. No pet fee.

Motels closer to Field Trial Grounds

(listed in order of preference)

Masters Inn Economy, I-75, Exit 58 (813) 973-0155.
Holiday Inn, S.R.50 & I-75, (352) 796-9481.
Holiday Inn, U.S.19 & S.R.50, (352) 596-2007
Sunset Motel, Brooksville, (352) 796-3494
Oaks Motel, Brooksville, (352) 796-4807

Field Trial Dates: October 26 - 29

TBVC Farm, 5.5 miles north of S.R.52 on U.S.41, Masaryktown, FL.

Judges: Joe Luisi & Michael Aldrich
Open Championship and Open Puppy

Judges: Jim Jackson & Tony Lucas
Amateur Championship and Derby Classic

Agility Trial (indoors): October 30

Charles Lykes Horse Arena, Florida Expo Park (formerly known as Florida State Fairgrounds), Orient Road, Tampa, FL.

Judge: Beth Ann Canner

Specialty Show, Obedience Trial, Sweepstakes, Junior Showmanship: October 30 - November 1 ***(indoors)*** Special Events Center, Florida Expo Park

Judges: Dorothy M. MacDonald - Breed
Nancy Baybutt - All Sweepstakes
Sylvia Kerr - Junior Showmanship
Elizabeth Knight - Obedience
Rose Doan, Obedience

Camper Hook-Ups at Show Site: Full hook-ups at Florida Expo Park. (813) 621-7821. Ask for space in South Camp Grounds. Cost: $22. per night.

Catalog Advertising: For prices and to reserve: Call Chairperson: Marlene Chumbook (941) 697-6172.

Raffle & Auction: For donations call Co-chairpersons: Florence Duggan (908) 789-9328
Linda Promaulayko (908) 369-5630

Trophy Donations: Contact VCA Trophy Chairman: Nica Lyons (203) 866-7579 or TBVC National Trophy Chairperson: Carol Burjan (908) 806-4868

Additional Information: Anne Denehy, VCA National Events Chairman, (516) 424-7863; 1997 National Chairman, Betty Anderson (941) 746-6218; Jenni Hutto (Agility) (407)896-7446; Del Vanek (Obedience) (407)628-1559; Karen Bowen or Len Hutto (field) (407)321-6371.

FINAL 1996 TOP TEN FIELD

February 1997 AKC Awards

(January 1 - December 31, 1996 trials)

OPEN

(Only placements from Open Limited Gun Dog Stakes and VCA National Championship stake are used)

1. NFC/DC/AFC Sun Up Magnum Forty-Four, W & L. Morrow, CA (405)
2. FC/AFC Fieldway's Jack Daniels, C. Burjan, NJ (282)
3. FC/AFC Magma's Mentowin, S. Baker, CA (234)
4. FC/AFC Bo Knows Birds, J. Gingrich, IL (195)
5. FC/AFC Curren's Buta Kutya SH, G. Curran, OH (150)
6. FC/AFC Baker's Darlin' Sportin'Ginny MH, S. Baker, CA (123)
7. NAFC/FC/AFC Semper Fi Gust O Wind, A. Lucas & T. Digney, VA (117)
8. Melto's Ripstop Rose, L. Worth, VA (107)
9. DC Rebel Rouser Cal, H. Rozanek, NE (101)
10. Lifo Riley, G. Ordonez, IL (100)

    FC/AFC Sippican Sam, R. Jardin, MA (100)

AMATEUR

(Only placements from Amateur Limited Gun Dog Stakes and VCA National Amateur Championship stake are used)

1. FC/AFC Curren's Buta Kutya SH, G. Curren, OH (335)
2. NAFC/FC Semper Fi Gust O Wind, A. Lucas & Tom Digney, VA (256)
3. FC/AFC Fieldway's Nitro Flash, J. Frayne/J. Manning, NJ (218)
4. FC/AFC Bo Knows Birds, J. Gingrich, IL (181)
5. FC/AFC Sippican Sam, R. Jardin, MA (122)
6. NFC/DC/AFC Sun Up Magnum Forty-Four, W. & L. Morrow, CA (120)
7. FC/AFC Magma's Mentowin, S. Baker, CA (104)
8. FC/AFC Rebel Rouser Ice, W. Elliott, IL (97)

    FC/AFC Buster Keeton SH, J. Busch, IL (97)
9. DC Sierra's Wooden Nickel, CDX, MH, D. Anthony, CA (84)
10. DC/AFC Masha's Sinfuly Wild Cheri, J. Datis & C. Hibler, NJ (83)

(1st place = 4 x number of dogs defeated = top 10 pts
2nd place = 3 x number of dogs defeated = top 10 pts
3rd place = 2 x number of dogs defeated = top 10 pts
4th place = 1 x number of dogs defeated = top 10 pts)

PUPPY/DERBY

(Only placements in Open Puppy and Open Derby stakes will be used. A dog may remain on the list until AKC AWARDS has reported results from last trial in which it was eligible to compete in Derby.)

1. Rightjess, T & G Ordonez, IL (451) 3/31/95
2. Berry's Blockade Runner, G. Jagoda, MI (470)
3. Copperfield's High Roller, E & C. Kottmeier, MO (414) 5/09/95
4. Berry's Viva Shotgun Meetah, J. Blumentritt, TX (337) 5/27/95
5. Semper Fi Piper's Drummer, A & T Lucas, VA (295) 1/10/95
6. Sippican's Madhatter, R Jardin, MA (292) 7/08/95
7. JK Inda Blue, K & J Fales, MI (271) 12/13/94
8. Berry's Borne To Be Wilde, C Ebert, IL (266) 5/27/95
9. Rapp's Ignatius, R. Rapp (219) 6/02/95
10. Keystone's UFO, R & J Bonar, MD (188) 8/01/95

Deborah F. Lynn, Top Ten Field Reporter

TOP TEN SHOW

Group and BIS - March AKC Awards (1/2/97-1/31/97)

1.	Ch. Sandyacre's Russet Majesty JH Barber/Clark/Adams	2091
2.	Ch. Quail Quest's Summer Hobby Harding	302
3.	Ch. Keystone Big Buck's Andamooka Bonar/Miklos	244
4.	Ch. Oakleaf's Adrift on Abby Hill Ranes	153
5.	Ch. Boshar's Budapest Belle JH Barr	108
6.	Ch. Caveat's Smooth Sailing Delano/Jones/Hooks	97
7.	Ch. Nyircsaszari Edes Fiu Kerr/Liebes	29

Vizslas Defeated - March AKC Awards (1/2/97-1/31/97)

1.	Ch. Sandyacre's Russet Majesty JH Barber/Clark/Adams	96
2.	Ch. Jaybren's Kivalo Nivos JH Brennan	93
3.	Ch. Penlee's Leader of the Band JH Himmelfarb	60
4.	Ch. Reingold Loge Anton Dvorak Miller/Shylen	46
5.	Ch. Titan-N-Bayview's Mystery Girl JH Davis/Salb	44
6.	Ch. Pointe Blank Wyld Tazmanian Zahn/Fowley	20
7.	Ch. Keystone Big Buck's Andamooka Bonar/Miklos	19
8.	Ch. Nyircsaszari Edes Fiu Kerr/Liebes	19
9.	Ch. Lizec's Sugar-N-Spice Crans	18
10.	Ch. Kizmar Caveat Spellbound JH Rust	17

Group & BIS April AKC Awards (1/2/97-2/28/97)

1.	Ch. Sandyacre's Russet Majesty JH Barber/Clark/Adams	2462
2.	Ch. Quail Quest's Summer Hobby Harding	302
3.	Ch. Keystone Big Buck's Andamooka Bonar/Miklos	244
4.	Ch. Oakleaf's Adrift on Abby Hill Ranes	153
5.	Ch. Boshar's Budapest Belle JH Barr	108
6.	Ch. Caveat's Smooth Sailing Delano/Jones/Hooks	97
7.	Ch. Nyirscaszari Edes Fiu Kerr/Liebes	29

Vizslas Defeated AKC Awards (1/2/97-2/28/97)

1.	Ch. Sandyacre's Russet Majesty JH Barber/Clark/Adams	197
2.	Ch. Penlee's Leader of the Band JH Himmelfarb	113
3.	Ch. Jaybren's Kivalo Nivos JH Brennan	102
4.	Ch. Titan-N-Bayview's Mystery Girl JH Davis/Salb	82
5.	Ch. Russet Leather Anasazi Dostal	76
6.	Ch. Rheingold Loge Anton Dvorak Miller/Shylen	73
7.	Ch. Koppertone's Cariad Baratom Coffman/Goodwein	50
8.	Ch. Boshar's Budapest Belle JH Barr	49
9.	Ch. Keystone Big Buck's Andamooka Bonar/Miklos	38
10.	Ch. Questo's Autumn Tanner Yaninek/Richards	34

TOP TEN SHOW - *continued*

Group & BIS May AKC Awards (1/2/97-3/30/97)

1.	**Ch. Sandyacre's Russet Majesty JH** **Barber/Clark/Adams**	**3737**
2.	**Ch. Keystone Big Buck's Andamooka** **Bonar/Miklos**	**460**
3.	**Ch. Quail Quest's Summer Hobby** **Harding**	**302**
4.	**Ch. Szikra's Braveheart** **Folz**	**293**
5.	**Ch. Boshar's Budapest Belle JH** **Barr**	**280**
6.	**Ch. Titan-N-Bayview's Mystery Girl JH** **Davis/Salb**	**256**
7.	**Ch. Dawn's Bell Bottom Blues CD** **Sander**	**215**
8.	**Ch. Beresford's Miss Perse JH** **Loselle**	**205**
9.	**Ch. Caveat's Smooth Sailing** **Delano/Jones/Hook**	**158**
10.	**Ch. Oakleaf's Adrift on Abby Hill** **Ranes**	**153**

Vizslas Defeated AKC Awards (1/2/97-3/30/97)

1.	**Ch. Sandyacre's Russet Majesty JH** **Barber/Clark/Adams**	**331**
2.	**Ch. Penlee's Leader of the Band JH** **Himmelfarb**	**189**
3.	**Ch. Titan-N-Bayview's Mystery Girl JH** **Davis/Salb**	**139**
4.	**Ch. Jaybren's Kivalo Nivos JH** **Brennan**	**117**
	Ch. Russet Leather Anasazi **Dostal**	**117**
5.	**Ch. Rheingold Loge Anton Dvorak** **Miller/Shylen**	**102**
6.	**Ch. Keystone Big Buck's Andamooka** **Bonar/Miklos**	**76**
	Ch. Rivercity's Work the Crowd **Marshall**	**76**
7.	**Ch. Boshar's Budapest Belle JH** **Barr**	**75**
8.	**Ch. Koppertone's Cariad Baratom** **Coffman/Goodwein**	**61**

Fran Johnson, Top Ten Show Reporter

TAMPA BAY VIZSLA CLUB, HOST OF 1997 VCA NATIONALS, PROMOTES AND SUPPORTS THE VIZSLAS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOGS, INC. PROGRAM

In the TBVC News of July/August 1996 was an article taken from Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. entitled "Crossing The Road". Following is a synopsis -- . . . . . On February 26, 1996 Elaine Anderson reported to Class at Southeastern Guide Dogs. It was a day she will never forget. They gave her a breed with a funny name - vizsla. She had never heard of such a dog before. Elaine had retinitis pigmentosa and was legally blind and as a way to increase her independence, she had applied for a guide dog. The vizsla's name was Byron and he and Elaine, as part of their training, had to take a night walk. Such a prospect terrified her, but her trainer insisted. "Elaine", he said, "You must learn to trust your dog." Summoning her courage, she commanded Byron, "Forward" and the feared night walk began. As she walked, Elaine began to feel the love Byron had for her coming right through the harness handle and her confidence soared. She began to visit her mother confined in a nursing home and Byron began doing double duty as a therapy dog for the residents of the home. One day Elaine was faced with having to cross a busy six lane highway. She again felt terrified. But her trainer's words came back to her -- trust your dog. Byron never doubted he could handle such a challenge. They made it across the highway and back again. From now on it would be "Forward, Byron". No turning back.

Note: TBVC started a breeding program for vizslas at the Southeastern Guide Dog facility. Last year they donated 10 PVC sling beds to be used for 10 vizslas who arrived there for training in August. The Club's 1997 Yard Sale was dedicated to underwriting the cost of that purchase.

TOP TEN OBEDIENCE

Scores from AKC Awards, March & April 1997

P=Placements H=High Score S=# of scores A=Average

1. **Ch. Titan's Red Sky at Night CDX (Davis)**
   P - 1 H - 194 S - 1 A - 194
2. **DC/AFC Legacy's Dechartay UDX MH (Sharkey)**
   P - 4 H - 197 S - 14 A - 193.75
3. **Ch/OTCH Boelte's Keira Classic UDX (Morris)**
   P - 0 H - 193 S - 1 A - 193
4. **Pelstad Radlands Chamois CD JH (Hershberger)**
   P - 0 H - 193 S - 3 A - 186.67
5. **Hennagold's Magda McDog CDX (Gaughan)**
   P - 1 H - 190 S - 2 A - 186.5
   Ch.Wynvale RB'sSeptember SongCD(Brinkworth)
   P - 0 H - 186.5 S - 1 A - 186.5
6. **Ch. Matchpoint's KC Coffee UD MH (Coffee)**
   P - 0 H - 195 S - 2 A - 186.25
7. **Echo Falls Cinnamon Twist CDX (Andreas)**
   P - 0 H - 187 S - 2 A - 186
   Cigany's Deer Run Holly Bee CD (Reynolds)
   P - 0 H - 186 S - 1 A - 186
8. **Ch. Koppertone Aero Kalypso CD (Goodwein/Parker)**
   P - 1 H - 188 S - 3 A - 185.33

HIGHEST SCORING & HIGH COMBINED

(March & April AKC Awards)

DC/AFC Legacy's DeChartay CDX MH (Sharkey)
197 score, 1/18/97 Spartanburg KC, Greenville, SC.

DC/AFC Legacy's DeChartay UDX MH (Sharkey)

High Combined, 2/2/97 Charleston KC, Ladson, SC.

CORRECTION: **HIGHEST SCORING UTILITY A FOR 1996 - SCORE 193: Ch. Huntwyck's Woodland Cooper CDX TD JH AX (Thomas).**

Dee Chuisano, Top Ten Obedience Reporter

Scores from AKC Awards, May & June 1997

P=Placements H=High Score S=#of scores A=Average

1. **Happy Tails Mistral Mariah (O'Brien)**
   P - 6 H - 198.5 S - 6 A - 196.5
2. **Ch/OTCH Titan's PM Silhouette UDX (Standen)**
   P - 8 H - 197.5 S - 12 A - 196.5
3. **Ch. Poquito's Chile Buena Vida (Zucconi)**
   P - 3 H - 196.5 S - 3 A 195.83
4. **Ch. Titan's Red Sky at Night CDX (Davis)**
   P - 1 H - 194 S - 1 A - 194
5. **Ch. Huntwyck's Woodland Cooper UDT JH (Thomas)**
   P - 1 H - 195.5 S - 1 A - 193.75
6. **DC/AFC Legacy's DeChartay UDX MH (Sharkey)**
   P - 22 H - 197 S - 38 A - 193.67
7. **Ch/OTCH Boelte's Keira Classic UDX (Morris)**
   P - 0 H - 193 S - 1 A - 193
8. **Ch. Keystone's Mischa Jia (Asher)**
   P - 0 H - 196 S - 2 A - 192.75
9. **Ch. Sandyacre Poquito Chile Bean UDX MH (Zucconi)**
   P - 5 H - 197 S - 8 A - 192.56
10. **Zenith Drum & Fife (Croft)**
    P - 0 H - 192 S - 1 A - 192

(March & April AKC Awards)

HIGH IN TRIAL & HIGHEST SCORING VIZSLA

Happy Tails Mistral Mariah (O'Brien)

198.5 score, 4/12/97 Harrisburg KC, PA.

HIGH IN TRIAL

DC/AFC Legacy's DeChartay UDX MH (Sharkey)

196.5, 3/21/97 Durham KC, Durham NC

Ch. Sandyacre Poquito Chile Bean UDX MH (Zucconi

197, 4/12/97 Clovis Portales KC, NM

HIGH COMBINED

DC/AFC Legacy's DeChartay UDX MH (Sharkey)

3/21 & 4/5/97 Durham KC & KC of Maryland, MD

NEWS FROM AKC .....

A great deal of activity and changes at the American Kennel Club . . . . . some important highlights that are of interest to our club and breed . . . . . AKC's new President Al Cheaure is involved in some significant reorganization of the outfit. First and foremost, is the retirement of Vice-Presidents Robert McKowen and James Dearinger. Dearinger had served as VP of Obedience Events since 1993 and McKowen had served as VP of Performance Events since 1988. Under the stewardship of Bob McKowen, the performance area of AKC made great strides such as the development of agility trials, lure coursing for sighthounds, herding tests and trials for herding breeds and earthdog tests for small terriers and Dachshunds. McKowen created seminars for these performance events and worked to develop national competitions for many events -- including the AKC Gun Dog Championship. With the retirement of these two men, AKC will combine obedience into the Performance Events Department which will be headed by one Vice-President - yet to be determined - who will report directly to the President. The AKC Delegates' Standing Field Trial Committee has drafted a letter to Pres. Cheaure outlining what our group feels are important skills for such a Vice-President. In the meantime, two new directors have been named for the Department - Mike Diesu for performance and field trial events and Robert Squires for Obedience Events. Both gentlemen will report directly to the President until a new Vice-President is in place.

At the March 1997 AKC Delegates' meeting David Merriam, Robert Hritzo and Patricial Scully were elected to the Class of 2001 and Ronald Menaker and Robert Smith were elected to the Class of 1998. Subsequently, Mr. Merriam was re-elected Chairman of the Board and Dr. Hritzo was re-elected Treasurer.

It was stated at that meeting that there was an increase in the numbers and geographic distribution of dogs who are testing positive for Brucellosis. It is recommended that bitches be tested before estrus - and stud dogs every 6 months.

At the March AKC Board meeting it was announced that the position of archivist/historian had been filled by Geraldine Hayes who will begin to compile and set up a system of updating AKC policy. She will be contacting Parent Clubs to ascertain their needs and to assist them in preparing breed and breed club historical archives.

At the May Board meeting it was voted to keep AKC's Corporate headquarters in New York City. However, present operations will continue in Raleigh, NC.

The Board voted to implement a policy for dogs born overseas to AKC registered sires and dams in places where there is no acceptable foreign registry. Under this policy, dogs produced by an AKC registered sire and dam in a country with no registry for that breed may be eligible for AKC registration when brought to the US and the owner provides DNA test results for the sire, dam and all dogs in the litter, verifying the breeding.

The Board approved a number of amendments to the "Obedience Regulations", effective July 1, that eliminate the minimum entry requirements for qualifying scores.

At the June 1997 AKC Delegates' meeting, the Chairman discussed the following: wants AKC to move affirmatively into the area of Breeder Education - should AKC get back into the business of licensing professional handlers - suggested changes to make the judges' approval system more streamlined - one of the big registration issues AKC needs to address is that of problems with co-ownerships of dogs. AKC President Cheaure noted the need for an upgrade in customer service and to establish the integrity of the stud book.

At the Delegates' Forum, Dr. Sheldon Adler, Chairman of the Delegate Canine Health Committee, presented a video on Canine Epilepsy. Also -- an up-date on the DNA pilot program for the registry was discussed. AKC welcomes the support of Parent Clubs in this effort. For example, at the Saluki Club of America's national specialty, the AKC plans to have DNA samples taken with an emphasis on three areas: sire-dam-offspring, closely related dogs and entirely unrelated dogs. The guidelines for the AKC DNA pilot program will apply to the samples collected.

$55,000 was authorized for computer disk upgrade for the Events system.

AKC has released a new obedience video entitled "Extraordinary Bond". The 13 minute production describes the joys of obedience training as well as the advantages of basic training. It shows how crucial socialization and training are from puppyhood onward. The cost is $6.95 and can be ordered from AKC Customer Service at (919) 233-9767.

And last, but certainly not least, AKC Delegates Parent Clubs Committee wants to review individual Parent Club's membership application and Code of Ethics. It is with an eye to compiling a pamphlet with suggestions for new or existing parent clubs. Also, they have asked all parent clubs to discuss the issues of frequency of breeding dogs and bitches and ages of breeding for dogs and bitches.

Remember, I represent YOU with the American Kennel Club, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Lynn Worth, AKC Delegate

WAGGING TALES

The University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine has identified gene combinations responsible for a number of genetic diseases in dogs. The school is hoping to provide the first genetic counseling service in the country. Owners will be able to phone (for a modest fee to be determined) to learn about hereditary problems relating to their breed.

In 1996 AKC statistics there was a modest decline in all obedience titles and a general increase in hunting, lure coursing, herding, field and agility titles. Surprisingly, there was a slight decrease in show championships.

Statistically the vizsla remains in 54th place for individual dog registrations for 1996. There are 143 breeds recognized for registration with AKC. 1996 litter registrations increased placing the vizsla 64th - up from 65th in 1995.

A REMINDER -- As of July 1, 1996, the AKC only accepts OFA evaluation results for dogs that are positively and permanently identified at the time of testing. A microchip or tattoo is an accepted means of identification. The dog's AKC registration number and the microchip or tattoo number must be reported to OFA at the time test results are submitted for evaluation. Otherwise, the AKC will not accept the results from OFA. AKC recommends that these identification numbers be noted on x-rays when they are submitted to OFA.

New books to consider . . . . . "Every Puppy -- Perfect Puppy or Perfect Pest?" by Eric Allen. $.9.95

"Kids + Dogs = Fun -- Great Activities Your Kids and Dogs Can Do Together" by Jackqueline O'Neil. $19.95

"No Barking At The Table -- More Recipes Your Dog Will Beg For" by Wendy Nan Rees. $9.95

Above available from Howell Book House (800) 428-5331.

CGC: A Standard for Search and Rescue . . . . As the popularity of the Canine Good Citizen test continues to grow, dog trainers are finding new applications for the program. Search and Rescue groups nationwise are beginning to adopt the CGC test into their training. Members of MESARD (Maine Search and Rescue Dogs), a volunteer group supplying trained dog and handler teams to search for lost and missing persons, works with dogs from several AKC groups including Sporting, Herding, Working and Hounds. To become certified, the team must pass certain tests. One requirement for certification is passing a nationally recognized test of basic obedience. The CGC program has been specified as fulfilling this requirement. For more information about CGC, call AKC Obedience Events (212) 696-8285.

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ACCURATE TEST FOR vWD . . . . . Researchers at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan have designed a virtually 100 % accurate, non-invasive test to detect the gene for von Willebrand's disease in dogs. (vWD is a bleeding disorder). Instead of merely measuring levels of vWD factor, as did previous blood tests, this test looks for the actual genetic blueprint of the mutated gene. Dogs and puppies can be tested by their owners at any age by scraping the inside of the dog's mouth with a special cotton swab and mailing the DNA sample collected to VetGen, the company marketing the test, for analysis.

TICK VACCINE . . . . Researchers at Ohio State are manipulating the canine immune system into fighting off the brown dog tick. The team is trying to find a component in tick saliva that would trigger a vaccinated dog's immune system. Ticks would then die once they attached before feeding long enough to transmit serious diseases.

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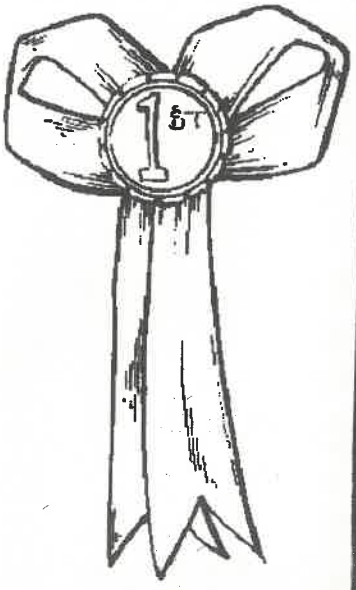

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