



BULLETIN

American Field Update

By Nancy Browne

The 2019/2020 season saw several Vizslas in the Winner's Circle of American Field Championships and Classics, including events that historically have been won by Pointers and Setters.

The Region 19 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship is a wild bird trial held at the Namekagon Barrens field trial grounds near Danbury, Wisconsin. Held in October, the grounds are very unique, and require a dog that not only ranges but also handles well, as handlers and scouts typically are unable to see their dogs for long stretches in the low slung scrub oak cover. This season, Chad Chadwell and Nancy Browne competed in a field of 35 dogs, including Pointers, Setters and several Vizslas, and were awarded "Runner-Up Champion" with their dog "Cal" (Tiki x Mia), who had two wild covey funds and an impressive, consistent race. (NB: The American Field only recognizes two placements in a Championship stake, and treats both placements as championship placements.). This event was previously won by Laura Miller's "Bull", who was the first Vizsla ever to place in this prestigious and challenging Regional Championship!

Also, immediately after the Region 19, the National Vizsla Association held its first ever wild bird trial—the "Sharptail Classic"—at the Namekagon Barrens. Laura Miller's "Sawney" (Millstar's Lion Rampant"), a son of Bull, took first in the Shooting Dog Classic. Chad Chadwell's "Ty" (Roy x Penny) took First Runner-Up, and Lee Dosier's "Skippy" was handled by Mike Northwood to Second Runner-Up. The Sharptail Derby Classic unfortunately was held in sleet and bitter cold conditions that challenged the intrepid handlers and young dogs. Given the unlikely chance that the derbies would have wild bird contact on this part of the course, they were evaluated based on application. The Winner was Chad Chadwell with "Aly" (Scout x Reve). Rob Tomczak placed First and Second Runner-Up with two outstanding derbies—"Roscoe", owned by Ryan Martin, and "Ozzy", owned by Mike Northwood.

In February 2020, the Piasa Pointer and Setter Club trial held at Jim Edgar Panther Creek found Mark Johnson and Jarrett and Allison Bell, no strangers to the Winner's Circle, in the top placements. The Amateur Shooting Dog Classic was won by Mark Johnson with his pointer "Pete", and the Bell's placed second and third with their Vizslas Smudge and Swagger. Jarrett and Allison also placed Second in the Open Shooting Dog Classic with "Kimber"!

Fortunately, despite many other cancelations in the American Field world, the National Vizsla Association was able to complete three more major fall and spring events.

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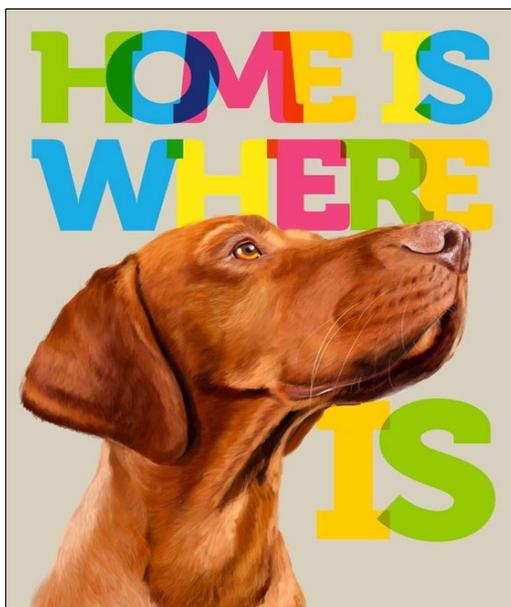
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Mark Your Calendars

To be determined:

Fall Hunt Test
VCOI Training Day
VCOI Fall Field Trial
Awards' Banquet



President's Message

By Bill Elliott

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Meeting Minutes

VCOI General Meeting Notes 2020

Braggs

Ty (Roy x Penny) Earns his Thirds VCA National Field Event Title!

Penny's Wiki Wiki Another MaiTai Please ("Ty") earned his third VCA title in November 2019 at Pyramid State Park in Cutler, Illinois, when he won his second consecutive National Amateur Championship. Ty was the VCA's National Field Champion in 2016 and the National Amateur Field Champion in 2018, both events held in Mingo Junction, Ohio. He also placed Second in the 2017 National Field Championship held at Pyramid State Park.

Ty was bred by Greg and Sharon Wegler, handled by owner Chad Chadwell, and scouted by proud dog mom Nancy Browne. Chad witnessed Roy's incredible Derby performance in 2011 when the VCA Nationals were held at Pyramid State Park, and Penny's Fourth Place run at the Nationals in Fort Robinson, Nebraska, and knew he had to have a pup from this special breeding. It seems like Roy's love of the Pyramid grounds and his momma's DESIRE got passed on to his son!

Chad and Nancy are also pleased to report that their nine year old "Mia" (Boots x Cali)—Cali's Wiki Wiki MaiTai at Sunset—was awarded Second place behind Ty in the 2019 National Amateur Stake, having previously won this event in 2016. Mia was bred by Brian and Stephanie Fidler. She also placed Third (behind Guy and Gunnar) in the 2017 National Amateur Field Championship. This makes a total of seven National placements for Ty and Mia.

Ty's and Mia's 2019 runs were best described by reporter and Vizsla breed historian Andrew Campbell:

"His first series run had been highly competent, his second confirmed and magnified his willingness to make bold, independent moves ahead of his handler, his bird work in the second series immaculate—including standing through what would be the only two misses on-course during this entire championship."

"[Experience] won this time around and Mia claimed the runner-up ribbon with 75 minutes of consistent, forward effort, and elegance in her bird work."

Mia



Ty



American Field Update

(continuation of the cover story)

Midwest Vizsla Shooting Dog Championship and Gary Jagoda Derby Classic, Thayer, Iowa; September 2019:

Champion: CK Touchdown Sassy (“Sassy”)—Gingrich

Runner-Up: Millstar’s Lion Rampant (“Sawney”)—Miller

Honorable Mention: Southwind’s Silent Stalker (“Dexter”)—Beckley Gary Jagoda

Derby Winner: Reve’s Royal Hawaiian (“Aly”)—Chadwell

First Runner-Up: Hess Farm’s Orange Blaze (“Blaze”)—Hess

Second Runner-Up: Burr Oak’s Tess (“Tess”)—Gingrich

National Quail Championship, Pyramid Park, Cutler, Illinois; October 2019:

Champion: Ramblin River’s Rollin Stone (“Stone”)—Gingrich

Runner-Up: Bgk’s Blinged Up Rossi (“Rossi”)—Bell

Amateur Champion: Burr Oak’s BamBam (“BamBam”)—Gingrich

Runner-Up: Ramblin River’s Fire Woman (“Cinder”)—Stapleton

Derby Winner: Hess Farm’s Pyromaniac (“Pyro”)—Hess

First Runner-Up: Bgk’s Lone Gunman (“Wyatt”)—Bell

Second Runner-Up: Burr Oak’s Tess (“Tess”)—Gingrich

National Championship, Grovesprings, Missouri; March 2020:

National Champion: Ramblin River’s Fire Woman (“Cinder”)—Stapleton

Runner-Up: Cali’s Wiki Wiki MaiTai at Sunset (“Mia”)—Chadwell

Amateur Champion: Kick ‘Em Up Kimber (“Kimber”)—Bell

Runner-Up: Meyer’s Bella (“Bella”)—Meyer

Derby Winner: “Pyro”—Hess

First Runner-Up: “Roscoe”—Tomczak

Second Runner-Up: “Remi”—Gingrich

Vizsla Club of Illinois Announces A New Date For Their Specialty Show

By Michelle Princer

Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club will be hosting the VCOI Specialty with an All Breed Show scheduled for October 17 and 18, 2020. The show location is at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The premium is up at BaRay events. I am very excited to be able to secure a second date for our specialty show. Thank you to the Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club for their ability to offer us this opportunity.

We will have Sweepstakes and Specialties on Saturday and Sunday. A luncheon will be provided by Show Chair Michelle Princer and committee on Saturday after judging is completed.

We will be having our photography calendar contest at this show as well as a nice raffle. We currently will be in Building 14 for crating, photography contest and raffles. Our ring will be in Building 12. The rings will be spread out to accommodate for current COVID mandates. Please note we will be in touch with health departments and will take every opportunity to practice safety measures as needed.

Saturday Judges

Sweeps: Joy Sonsalla, Bristol Wisconsin. Breeder/Mentor of Vizslas under Priden Joy.

Specialty Judge: Deb Thornton from Georgia. She is a breeder of Pumi. Which happens to be from Hungary!

Sunday Judges

Sweeps: Karen Picci, Roscoe, Illinois. Breeder/Mentor English Pointers under the Tarmigan name.

Specialty Judge: Janie Bousek. She has been breeding Fox Terriers for over 30 years. She resides in Wisconsin.

Our Artist this year is Tara Glenny. Tara was a final year Fine Art student at The Florence Academy of Art and experienced the lock down with the Italians. Tara has family in the Winnebago, Illinois area. This year's artwork is a combination of last year's Best of Breed Winners. Tara did a beautiful Vizsla piece using colored pencil on art board.

Opportunities exist to sponsor trophies for this event. Please note that if we have to cancel we will use the sponsorship towards next year's event.

Best of Breed	40.00	Saturday _____
Sunday _____		
Best of Opposite	30.00	Saturday _____
Sunday _____		
Select Dog/Bitch	20.00	Saturday _____
Sunday _____		
Best Bred by Exhibitor	20.00	Saturday _____
Sunday _____		
Winners Dog/Bitch	20.00	Saturday _____
Sunday _____		

Sweepstake Winners on both days. We will also accept checks toward a general trophy fund and/or raffle. A special Vizsla gift will be sent out as a thank you for your generous sponsorships. Thank you for your consideration.

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- Abide by the rules of the American Kennel Club and other sanctioning entities of VCOI events
- Encourage high standards in breeding, training, and showing of Vizslas, and
- Promote the welfare of the Vizsla breed

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- Field Trials Hunt Tests Specialty Show/Supported Entry Fun Days
- Training Days Education Promotion (Sports Shows & Pet Fairs)
- Agility Rally Obedience Tracking

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Sponsor Signature for New Applicant	Sponsor Signature for New Applicant
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Pet Safety Alert: The Rising Dangers of Blue-Green Algae

Published by ASPCA

Alarming reports have recently surfaced of blue-green algae intoxications in pets. Many pet parents don't realize the severity of the threat these toxins pose to animals, and it's easy to overlook. During this recent spike in blue-green algae cases, we want to make sure you have everything you need to know to keep pets safe.

What Is Blue-Green Algae and Why Is It Dangerous?

Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) is most likely to thrive in bodies of fresh water when the weather is warm (over 75 degrees) and sunny. Algae intoxications happen more during the summer because weather conditions promote the growth of cyanobacteria. These organisms are incredibly toxic and are known to cause poisoning in dogs, cats, livestock, wildlife, birds, fish and even humans.

How to Spot It

Water containing toxic algae blooms will often have the appearance of a pea-green paint or will appear as if there's slime on the surface.

If certain wind conditions are present, the film will often concentrate along the shoreline in areas where animals may drink or swim.

Symptoms of Intoxication

Dogs can develop poisoning when they drink from, or even simply swim in, contaminated water sources. If blue-green algae is ingested, it can cause severe neurologic or liver damage.

Signs of blue-green algae toxicity include:

- Seizures
- Panting
- Excessive drooling
- Respiratory failure
- Diarrhea
- Disorientation
- Vomiting
- Liver failure
- Ultimately death

If your dog begins to experience any of these symptoms, you should contact your veterinarian immediately.

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Stay Alert!

Prevention is key when it comes to any pet toxin. Don't allow your pets to drink from stagnant ponds, lakes or other bodies of water that have bluish-green scum on the surface or around the edges.

Blue-green algae cells can also stick to a pet's fur and be ingested when they clean themselves, so take caution before allowing your pet to jump into a body of water and be sure to rinse your pet thoroughly with fresh water after going for a dip.

Many public health departments test water frequently in areas that are known to have outbreaks and will post signs when there is a problem—so vigilance is also important.

If you suspect that your pet ingested something potentially toxic, please call your veterinarian immediately.

Heat Exhaustion in Dogs: Signs Your Dog Is Overheating

Published in Hill's Pets

Overheating in dogs is not something to take lightly. As the weather heats up, it's important to remain aware of how the heat affects your pup. Heat exhaustion in dogs can lead to serious and potentially fatal conditions such as heat stroke and cardiac arrest. To help keep your dog safe and cool during the summer, here is the lowdown on signs that he's overheating and how to prevent it: hint, a little water does wonders for keeping your pup cool.

Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke

Unlike people, dogs don't sweat out excess body heat. While your dog does have a few sweat glands located in his paws, these do little to help regulate his body temperature. Instead, he does this through rapid, open-mouthed breathing, called panting. But sometimes panting isn't enough to keep him from getting overheated. Heat exhaustion in dogs can occur when the body temperature becomes elevated above the normal temperature. This varies slightly, according to PetMD.com, but it's generally agreed that temperatures of 103 degrees Fahrenheit and higher are above normal. If the temperature continues to rise and reaches 106 or higher, your pup is in the danger zone for heat stroke, during which the organs begin to shut down and his heart could stop altogether.

Warning Signs

Fortunately, it's not difficult to spot signs of overheating in dogs. Excessive panting is the first symptom. A dangerously overheated dog, according to the [American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation](#), may collapse or experience convulsions, exhibit vomiting or diarrhea, and may also have gums or a tongue that turn blue or bright red. You may want to identify the problem before it gets that severe, though to intervene and prevent serious overheating. Early signs are more subtle - it may be as simple as your dog seems less responsive to commands than usual. When you call his name, instead of turning to look at you, he may wander away. If there is any question at all, get your dog out of the heat. [The Humane Society of the United States](#) adds that signs of potential heat stroke include glazed eyes, excessive drooling, a rapid heart rate, dizziness or lack of coordination, fever, lethargy, and loss of consciousness.

Risk Factors

While all dogs are at risk for overheating if the conditions are right, some breeds are more prone to it than others. This includes dogs with thick coats or long hair, very young or very old dogs, and brachycephalic breeds—those with short noses and flat faces, such as shih tzus, pugs, [boxers](#), and bulldogs. Overweight dogs and those that suffer from medical conditions that cause difficulty breathing or heart problems are especially susceptible.

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If your pooch has energy to burn and needs some form of [exercise](#) in order to stay calm, take him swimming or let him run and play in the sprinkler before heading back indoors. You can also use a cooling body wrap or vest to help keep him cool without getting him wet. And if your dog has long hair or a thick coat, consider getting him a short haircut to get through the hot months—just be sure to leave enough fur to protect his skin from the sun.

Extremely active dogs and working or hunting breeds (such as shepherds, retrievers, and spaniels) are also at a higher risk, especially during warm months. You should be careful to not push these dogs too hard, so make sure they get plenty of breaks to rest in the shade and that they are well-hydrated at all times.

Environmental factors can also place a dog at risk. Be aware not just of high temperatures, but also of high humidity, which can increase the chance of heat exhaustion in dogs. All dogs are at increased risk of overheating if they're not given adequate shade or another cooler place to relax indoors. And dogs left in a hot car are in serious danger of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

What to Do if Your Dog Is Overheated

At the first sign of overheating, immediately take action to cool down your dog. [Vetstreet](#) recommends the following steps to treat heat exhaustion in dogs:

1. Immediately move your dog to a cooler area, either indoors where there is air conditioning or in the shade under a fan.
2. Use a rectal thermometer to check his temperature. Heat exhaustion typically occurs when a dog's temperature falls between 103 and 106 degrees. A temperature above 106 places him at risk for heat stroke. If he's in the danger zone, call your veterinarian.
3. If you're near a body of fresh water, such as a lake or a baby pool, let your dog take a dip to cool down. Otherwise, you can use cool, wet cloths or towels to help him out. Place your cool wet cloths on his neck, armpits, and between his hind legs, and you can also gently wet his ears and paw pads with cool water.
4. If he's conscious and willing to drink, give him cool, fresh water. Don't force it, however, as it may end up in his lungs. If he can't or won't drink, or can't keep water down, wet his tongue with water instead. Don't feed him ice cubes, which could cause his temperature to drop too quickly, leading to shock.

Get him to the vet. If you haven't already done so, call ahead so they can be ready to take immediate action as soon as you arrive.

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Avoiding Heat Exhaustion in Dogs

Of course, the best cure is prevention. You can help keep your pooch from overheating with some basic safety practices. These include limiting exercise or outdoor activity on excessively hot or humid days, providing plenty of shade and water when your dog is outdoors, and never, under any circumstances, leaving your pet in a parked car—not even in the shade with the windows rolled down. On mild days with temperatures in the 70s, the inside of a parked car can reach 120 degrees in minutes, making this an extremely dangerous environment to leave your dog, even for a short time.

Give your dog several breaks in the shade and make sure he has plenty of fresh water. Consider wetting him down or using a cooling vest while he's active, and keep a close watch on him for the first signs of overheating. Remember that working dogs tend to become so focused on their tasks that they don't realize when they need to rest and cool down. It's up to you to monitor your dog and make sure he gets the breaks he needs to stay healthy.

Additionally, if you take your dog on long walks it might be better to take him during the cooler hours of the day such as early in the morning or later in the evening (keep in mind hot sidewalks and pavement can burn his footpads). Be sure to keep water with you and let him take a break every once in a while. If you run with your dog make sure to not overdo it. Just as hotter temperatures make it harder for you to stay hydrated on a nice run, it's even more true for your pup.

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Finally, don't forget to put a plan in place for keeping your dog cool if the power goes out or the air conditioner stops working. As uncomfortable as you might be under such conditions, it's even worse for your dog, whose body temperature is already much higher than yours. If you plan to retreat to someplace cooler, be sure he'll also be welcome. Otherwise, consider leaving him at a kennel until it's safe for him to return home to cooler conditions.

If you'll be hunting or hiking with your dog, or if he has a job to do such as herding sheep or cattle, be sure to give your dog several breaks in the shade and make sure he has plenty of fresh water. Consider wetting him down or using a cooling vest while he's active, and keep a close watch on him for the first signs of overheating. Remember that working dogs tend to become so focused on their tasks that they don't realize when they need to rest and cool down. It's up to you to monitor your dog and make sure he gets the breaks he needs to stay healthy.

Armed with the knowledge of how to recognize overheating, how to respond and how to avoid it in the first place, you can look forward to a safe, fun and happy summer with your four-legged friend.

BULLETIN SCHEDULE

VCOI wants to hear from you! We highly encourage everyone to submit any articles, photos, brags, etc.

*** Please submit all articles in Word format. ***

<p>WINTER (January/February/March) Awards Banquet Upcoming Events (March FT - Pheasant Fest - Pet Expo) Wrap-up of events held in the Fall Information for National Walking Trial - VCA; and March Field Trial **Meeting in January** Meeting at FT in March</p>	<p>Bulletin to be out 1st week of February. Last day to submit articles/photos is January 15.</p>
<p>SPRING (April/May/June) March Trial Photos & Wrap-up Double Bubble Events List (one day) Specialty Show advertising Information for Training Days Meeting at Double Bubble / One day events followed by steak dinner</p>	<p>Bulletin to be out 1st week of May. Last day to submit articles/photos is April 15.</p>
<p>SUMMER (July/August/September) Wrap-up of Specialty Show Information for Sept Trial</p>	<p>Bulletin to be out 1st week of August. Last day to submit articles/photos is July 15.</p>
<p>FALL (October/November/December) September Trial wrap-up Fall Trial at Eagle Information for Awards Banquet</p>	<p>Bulletin to be out 1st week of November Last day to submit articles/photos is October 15.</p>

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The next
Membership Meeting
will be held:

American Field Registered Event

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Winner Charlie "CV's Kentucky Boy"
Owner/Handler: Paul Howard



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Breeder: Vincent Tuttle

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