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Ken Crago

It was gratifying to all the Crago's when we received all the cards, calls, and letters from so many of you when Rippi earned his Field Championship last month. We received notification from AKC in early December that it's official; thanks one and all for the kind thoughts.

There are many people with whom I trained from time to time, however, there are two people in particular I must thank for helping me get "Rippi" ready. They are Dennis Cakora and Darrell Crosswhite. They supplied me with an endless supply of birds and an endless supply of energy. For those of you who have never had the experience of steadying a dog to wing and shot, you should know that it is not the easiest of tasks and requires time, patience, energy, a good supply of both blanks and shotgun shells, and birds, birds, birds. It is virtually impossible to steady a dog, or teach him to honor another dog's point, all by yourself. Darrell and Dennis have helped me when I needed their help the most. Thanks very much fellows.

There are many records that have been set by our Illinois club - some of these that come to mind quickly are -

F.Ch. & Am. F.Ch. Jodi of Czuki Barat

- Our first Field Champion and Illinois "Dog of the Year"

D.Ch. & Am. F.Ch. Brook's Amber Mist

- Our first Dual Champion

D.Ch. & Am. F.Ch. Amber's Windy Autumn

- Our youngest Field Champion and first Am. F. Ch.

Ch. Mormac's Guinevere of Amber

- Our youngest bench champion - also finishing in the least number of shows

D.Ch. Rippi of Webster Woodlands

- Our youngest Dual Champion and highest ranked puppy/derby dog

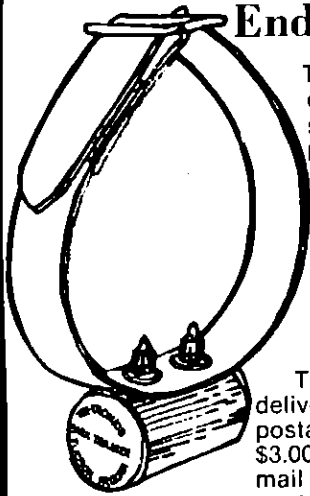
Obviously, nobody can break someone's record for having the first of something, but in my view all of these other claims of having the youngest of these, or the oldest of those, or winning the most of something or losing the least of something else are established for the purpose of creating new goals for competition. There's no doubt in my mind that another Vizsla will come along and earn its Dual Championship at a more tender age than my dog. And, I believe that this should happen because records are made to be broken. If we are to have real breed improvement, the records must fall and new records be established that someone else can break.

The Vizsla breed is off to a good start. This is particularly true here in Illinois. Through people like yourselves and clubs like ours, the Vizsla shall continue to improve and set all kinds of records. I hope we can, as a club, experience the thrill of breaking and setting the important records of accomplishment.

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It is standard procedure at this time of the year to print all letters from those nominated for the forthcoming election. Major office nominees such as President and Vice President are required to submit a 100-word or less article for publication in the Bulletin. All others nominated may or may not (as they desire), write an article also. All the articles that have been received are being printed below.

Nominated for President - Ken Crago

Article: "My name is Ken Crago and I'm running for a second term as VCOI President. Since I joined this club some five years ago, I've tried to maintain an active membership and participate in all of our club's activities. Some of these activities involved participation with my dogs while others involved participation with people. In both cases; it has been real fun and, in my judgement, worthwhile. If it had not been for my affiliation with this club, I would not now have the two Vizslas that have brought my family and I an additional dimension in life. I'm hopeful that I can serve another year."

Nominated for Vice-President - James Busch, Dennis Cakora, Tony Lucas

Article: "Jim and I have very much in common as far as goals for the breed. We have always stood up for the minority (or silent majority). We would like to make profits to be turned back into the club for the good of the membership. These would be used for Free Trials, Rented Hunting Land, etc., etc. It is difficult and time consuming to be an active club member, but more important, I try to be a helpful club member all the time. I try to help the club at all its functions even if I don't agree with how the function is run. I believe that all members should be treated equally. I retain an open mind on the subject of closed vs. open trials. I own five Vizslas and I campaign them as much as possible

for the good of the breed. As a breeder, I have never had a dissatisfied customer. Almost 20 percent of our customers return to buy a second Vizsla. Your vote will be appreciated. Good luck to the field trialers, show people, and obedience people who campaign "Our Breed". Vote for me, Dennis Cakora"

Article: "It is and always has been my conviction that two and only two persons should be nominated for each major office in VCOI elections. Only in this way will the elected person be positive of representing more than half of the persons who voted. Dennis Cakora and I agree almost totally on all points of our Vizsla philosophy. Therefore, I am asking anyone who might vote for me, please vote for Dennis Cakora instead. Signed - Jim Busch"

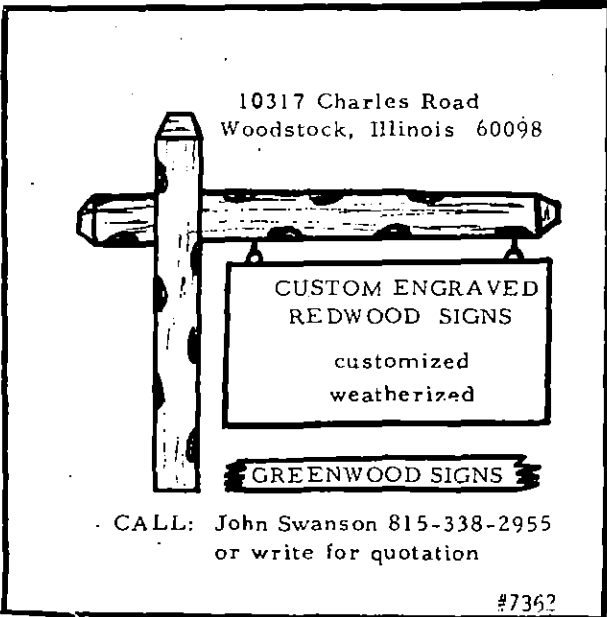
Note: We have not received an article from Tony Lucas to date.

Out of those persons nominated for the Board of Directors, the following have been received:

✓ Over this last year or so, I have had the pleasure of meeting and knowing more of the members of the VCOI. I am fairly new at learning the art of raising Vizslas and it has been one of trial and error, which I believe all of us have gone through. I am running for the office of Director. My qualifications are that I take great interest in the VCOI and would like to help the club in every way possible and to become more involved in any and all activities. I am a sportsman and a dealer in fair play. I know I can help the VCOI and would appreciate your vote for this office. Signed Walt Jagiello"

✓ "A VOTE FOR MAR IS A VOTE FOR THE VIZSLA - Yes, I make that statement and support it with the following beliefs: I believe, as a member of the VCOI, I am able to join together with other Vizsla owners, who wish to enjoy and improve our Breed.

I believe, a strong club as ours can only exist with the help of its members thru their combined experiences, and interests, along with suggestions in the right direction... to our Board of Directors. Recommendations are in the hands of our elected Board; rightly so; we have choosen so. Much time is wasted at monthly meetings with discussions of matters we have entrusted to our Board. I



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believe, our meetings, in addition to regular business, should be a place to welcome new members, listen to their problems (whether it be a troublesome pup or steadying a hunting dog, etc.) and turn this member into a proud active member. Only thru the advice and experiences of others can we accomplish this, and continue to operate the caliber club we have and should have. I have been an active member for the past three years; whether it be club typing, working at a field trial, fun trial, or being co-chairman of the 1973 Specialty Show. This past trial I was responsible along with another capable female for one of the most successful and profitable food concessions. I personally own a 10-month old Vizsla that I enjoy watching develop interest in the field as well as mature into a dog I intend to show. Success will come when he enjoys whatever he does. At last, please think first, then vote for the one who will bring your ideas and suggestions forth, and will DIRECT our club in the manner fitting a top notch club. I ask your support - Vote Maryann Ingraffia - MEMBER OF VCOI BOARD OF DIRECTORS"

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(by D. Rosenberg)

Book worth reading - -

"Dogs and How to Breed Them"
by Hilary Harmar
T. F. H. Publications, Inc.
211 West Sylvania Avenue
Neptune City, New Jersey 07753

Clear and simple language with excellent pictures. Will be read with interest by the novice and experienced dog fancier. Covers every subject of breeding.

Locating Dogs--The handler may ask permission to go and look for his dog at any time that he suspects the dog may be on point. Anyone in the gallery may call attention to a dog on point if neither handler nor judge sees the dog. This is courtesy that should be extended to any handler. The correct procedure is to call "the dog is stopped" or "your dog is standing". Neither gallery nor judge should say "here is your dog pointing." It is up to the handler to determine if the dog is pointing or is stopped because birds have gone or for some other reason. The handler approaches the dog and either calls "point" or raises his arm in the air or goes in front of the dog to try and flush. Any of these actions indicate that he is announcing that his dog is pointing. If he decides that birds have left prior to his arrival he will inform the judge "I think his birds have left and I am going to send him on."

Education of the Handler--The judge may, and should for the good of the sport, give helpful hints to obvious newcomers. If a handler is over-handling, whistling too much, riding on the heels of his dog instead of staying on the course, or seems at a loss as to where to look for the bird his dog is pointing--it is proper for the judge to give advice. This advice should be accepted graciously as the handler is spoiling the dog's chances by his actions.

The handler should not expect a judge of a large puppy stake to remember what his puppy did. He should not be offended if the judge can make no comments about his pup or tell him if he has a good prospect. Seeing a dog run for 20 minutes, perhaps in his first trial, a judge cannot tell if the dog is a field trial prospect. It is better to try the dog in several trials, then if he does his best every time and does not place look for professional advice from a trainer as to the dog's qualifications. If the judge does remember the dog he should be willing to tell the handler what he liked about the dog or what was wrong that hurt his chances. However, a field trial is not the place to expect to get a handling lesson, or a critique on a dog. Informal or fun trials are for that.

Negotiating the Backcourse--Dogs, especially in one course trials will line out for the birdfield, cutting the course short. In this case judges should not ride fast or ride ahead to observe. Neither should a judge ride far to the side to observe a dog as this may ride the dog further off the course. By riding fast for the birdfield the second dog is interfered with, and he is the dog who is doing the correct thing. The one who cuts to the birdfield should be penalized, the faster he gets there the more severe the penalty. Rapid riding to the birdfield by the judges encourages the handlers to push their dogs and to race for the birdfield.

The judges are in entire charge of the running of the braces. Their word is law. They can at anytime caution a handler for covering the course too rapidly. They may even have a dog picked up if their orders are ignored. They may refuse to ride after a too rapid handler if they wish. They are not required to ride off the beaten track unless a handler has called point. It is up to the handler to show his dog to the judge--not up to the judge to follow the dog.

If the trailing dog is interfering the judges may request that his handler bring him in to hand and cast him off in a different direction. If he continues to go out and chase his bracemate he may be ordered up. This is seldom done except when a dog is actually running into, shouldering or bumping his bracemate. The judge may do nothing about it. Then the handler may request that the other dog be picked up if he wishes. However, it may be an advantage to the dog who is being trailed. He may go wider with another dog pushing him. Consider this before requesting to have a bracemate picked up. Your request may be refused if the judges think that interference is not too great. Or the judges may wish to observe further to see which dog is at fault as a clever head trailer will sometimes be hard to detect.

Trailing is seldom seen in grown dog stakes, though a version of it is common where one dog continually hunts in the same general area as his bracemate--not following on his heels but keeping an eye on him to see where he is going to go next--and then working the same general territory.

A combination of dog and bitch may cause a trailing problem. In this case the judges may ask to examine the bitch for signs of being in heat--or the handler of the dog may request the bitch be examined. The opinion of the judge is final here and must be taken in good sportsmanship even though they may be very wrong.

Backing--Failure to back is a serious fault in an All-Age stake. Derbies should not be required to back. A dog should stop and honor his bracemate's point as soon as he sees him.

A judge should be sure that the dog sees his bracemate on point. A conscientious judge will have gotten down to dog level in many different circumstances so that he is familiar with the "dog's-eye" view. If there is any uncertainty that the dog has not seen his pointing bracemate he should be given the benefit of the doubt.

It should not be necessary for a dog to back in order to win except perhaps in championship stakes. If the opportunity should present itself however, the dog should honor his bracemate's stand. A back on command is acceptable but all things being equal a natural sight back is preferred.

Stop to Flush--A dog should stop at the flight of a bird. He should be given due credit for manners when this happens IF the flush is through no fault of his own. He may stop with credit on a bird that flushes downwind, one that is flushed by his bracemate or ridden up by the gallery. However, if he is working a bird and crowds it he should be penalized for bumping the bird. This is especially important in planted bird trials for planted birds stick tighter than the wild ones and a dog that bumps a planted bird is definitely getting too close, a lack of nose being suspected here or poor training.

Unproductives--If a dog is found after some time and the point proves unproductive no penalty should be given as it is possible that the birds left through no fault of the dog. This is a case of you can't judge what you didn't see. The dog is given the benefit of the doubt. Frequently dogs will place second in a good stake with one unproductive. If a dog has more than one the penalty becomes more severe.

However, if the entire action was under the judge's eye it throws a different light on the matter. If the bird runs the dog should be able to relocate. So here an unproductive is undesirable and carries some penalty. Dogs can place as high as second, however, in a good stake with an unproductive. But if a dog has more than one unproductive he is usually counted out. Possibly in a stake where there were multiple finds and many running pheasant a dog might be forgiven for more than one unproductive point though he would receive some penalty.

Shooting--The rules state that the shot should not be delayed. If the handler delays firing until the birds are out of range, the judge presumes that the dog is not fully broke and will break at shot. This may be disproved by the proper firing later in the stake. There are times when birds flush before the handler's arrival when the shot is held up by the circumstances. The handler has to approach the dog, dismount, and then fire. The dog is not penalized for this. The handler should not fire over a dog when he makes an error. A stop-to-flush does not require a shot.

Moving on Point--If a dog establishes point and the bird stays on the plant, then the dog moves a step or two, then another step, until he is finally pointing directly down at the bird he should receive a good deal of discredit. If this had been a wild bird (and trials are supposed to simulate wild bird hunting), it would have flushed at his first move and he would have been out of the stake! The only excuse for a dog moving after he once has established point is if the bird moves. A wise dog should move with the bird. If the wind is whipping around and he loses the scent, then he may move over to catch it again.

Roading Birds--If a dog establishes point and the bird moves, the dog should move as necessary to keep the bird located. However, if the handler is in front of the dog trying to flush, the dog should remain steadfast until told to move up. He may be directed to move up either by voice command or by touch on the head.

Moving at Flush--A dog may move when the bird is flushed if it is necessary for him to mark the flight. If a bird goes over his head he may turn and watch it with no penalty. He may turn but he must not advance, jump after the bird or jump up after the bird. A dog pointing in a ditch is allowed to come up to the edge of the ditch to mark the flight. Or he may rear up on his hind legs. "

The above article was reprinted from the December 1973 Vizsla Club of Southern California Bulletin, who in turn, reprinted it from the American Brittany in the Vizsla News in the fall of 1969.

COMING FUN MATCH.....

Park Shore Kennel Club, January 20, 1974
Buffalo Grove High School Field House (Dundee Road (Rt 68) and Arlington Heights Road)

Hours: 8 - 7 (c.s.t.) Entries close 30 minutes before judging of your breed
Advance - \$3.00, Gate - \$3.50, Additional - \$1.50 (payable to Park Shore K.C.
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Pups: 2-4, 4-6, 6-9, 9-12
Adults
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All sporting breeds - 10 a.m. Ring 3; Virginia Hardin judge; Group judge Denny Kodner. Group will follow completion of breed judging.

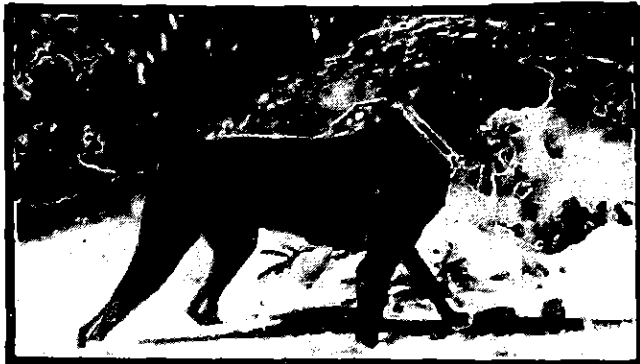
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I attended the fun match at Wheaton given by the Chicagoland Weimaraner Club of Illinois. This match was open to all breeds for obedience, sporting breeds only for conformation. Our Judge was Mr. Vern Price of "Crown Jewel Dalmation" fame. After having read his Showing to Win booklet, I was anxious to observe his work. Mr. Price is extremely patient and has the common courtesy, for match judging, to tell the exhibitors to take their time setting up each dog. Mickie, A German Shorthair Pointer, owned by Joyce Smith, went on to take a Group 4 under very heavy competition.

Gypsy's Beau Aristo of Hanover completed his bench Championship requirements at the International Kennel Club on November 3, 1973, with a five point major win. Big Boy is owned and bred by Diane Stoeke. With the exception of one point put on him by Mr. Bob Eldridge, Big Boy was owner handled. His majors were 4-4-5.

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By: Diane Stoeke

International Kennel Club, November 3, 1973

Judge: Mr. Donald Sandburg

Entries: 9-9-2

Puppy Dogs

1. T. J.'s Trajan of Dezso-Tsindee O/Penny & James Johnson, H/Penny
2. Nagy-Herceg Rothan O/Arnold Hartz

Open Dogs

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|---|---------|
| 1. Gypsy's Beau Aristo of Hanover O/H Diane Stoeke | WINNERS |
| 2. Prince Sella E O/H Russell O. Potter Jr. | RESERVE |
| 3. S. Lotki Corancha's Blaze O/William & Augusta Kruse H/Dennis Laturie | |
| 4. Edmar's Lil Roustabout O/Edward Mau H/Bunny Cuthbertson | |

Puppy Bitches

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| 1. Timarka's Tabu O/H Mark Wonser | RESERVE |
| 2. Pegasus Juba O/H Thomas A. Reiss | |

Open Bitches

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| 1. Sloane's Palinka O/Robert Sloane H/Carl Amweg | WINNERS |
| 2. Ginger of Brookshire O/H Russell O. Potter Jr. | |
| 3. Kay's Honey O/Kathryn Gohs | |
| 4. Davita O/Norene Campbell H/Bunny Cuthbertson | |

Best of Breed: Ch. Mormac's Guinevere of Amber O/Peter Morrison, M.D. H/Bunny Cuthbertson

Best of Winners & Best of Opposite: Big Boy

By: Diane Stoeke

Kankakee Kennel Club, December 8, 1973

Judge: Mr. Gerhardt Plaga

Entries: 2-3-1

Open Dogs

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| 1. Edmar's Lil Roustabout O/Ed Mau H/Bunny Cuthbertson | W. D., BOW & BOB |
| 2. Beautar's Nutzi Fagan O Hanovr O/H Diane Stoeke | RESERVE |

Open Bitches

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| 1. Davita O/Norene Campbell H/Bunny Cuthbertson | WINNERS |
| 2. Ridgeland's Brand X O/H Ed Mau | RESERVE |
| 3. Linden's Lollipop Kidd O/Dennis Cakora H/Bob Eldridge | |

BOS: Ch. Mormac's Guinevere of Amber O/Dr. Peter Morrison

I have seen Mr. Plaga judge Vizslas on five occasions and find him quite inconsistent. I've shown four entirely different Vizslas under him from the same amount of different breedings and I can't tell what he's looking for. He is very patient and has always asked to be shown the dog's bite. I wish more judges would follow this procedure. The site is a bit tricky to locate, the first thing because the directions are misleading on the premium (12 miles misleading to be exact). The parking is adequate, but the ring was so tiny, a mini-pin would have given up in despair.

Stone City Kennel Club, December 16, 1973

Judge: Mr. Theodore Wurmser

Entries: 2-1-1

Open Dogs

- 1. Edmar's Lil Roustabout O/Ed Mau H/Bunny Cuthbertson WINNERS, BOW, BOS
- 2. Beautar's Nutzi Fagan O Hanovr O/H Diane Stoeke RESERVE

Open Bitches

- 1. Davita O/Norene Campbell H/Bunny Cuthbertson

BOB: Ch. Mormac's Guinevere of Amber O/Dr. Peter Morrison, H/B. Cuthbertson

This is another easily found show. Mr. Wurmser was very patient and went little on stacking of the dogs. He worked us for a very long time and it's a welcome change to have a judge who wants to see our dogs really move. The ring was large enough to show the dogs to their best advantage. He had both the Open Dogs work side by side in the middle, which I've found rarely done, and when you're finished being judged, you have the feeling that he certainly was being fair. Parking is very bad, and the past two years it has snowed making driving and walking very difficult.

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The following is taken from a booklet titled "Training the Hunting Dog" which is printed by the Gaines Dog Research Center.

Training of any kind is largely a matter of understanding your dog and gaining his confidence. This is particularly important for the hunting dog. To be a good hunter, the dog must have the opportunity to use his own natural instinct, initiative and ability. Where training comes in is to develop these attributes and then control them so you dog is obedient to your wishes and always happy working for you. Joy in his work is very important. If he becomes confused, fearful or cowed by his training he will be inadequate, even useless, for the work you expect of him.

There are various proven methods of training but remember that all dogs are individuals with differing characteristics so there is no set rule that will apply in all cases. Some learn more quickly than others or instinctively seem to do what is desired. Others are slower in developing their potential. With all dogs, training takes time and great patience. Expecting immediate results, rushing a youngster and harsh treatment have spoiled more good prospects than made them. When a lesson isn't going well, take a break. Put the pup in his kennel and relax for awhile.

Starting the Puppy

It is taken for granted that you will get a puppy from hunting or field trial stock so he has a close-up heritage of hunting. Then make him a companion... around the house, rides with you in the car, play in the yard. Give him a name and use it. All this association is early training.

As soon as he is old enough to run about freely, take him for short walks in the field, choosing an open area or path at first. As the pup grows older and more self reliant, gradually go into denser cover. Let him learn the smells of the fields and woods, how to scramble through bushes, over rocks and under fences. He

may chase butterflies or a song bird flying overhead and show interest in some intriguing scent under a bramble.

Meanwhile your puppy has learned his name and responds to it. But whistle to him occasionally, too, when you want to get his attention or come in to you. Whistling softly by mouth is all a young pup needs. Later on, a whistle will be all important in the handling and control of your gun dog. Don't get into the habit of loud commands and constant talking to the pup. Just let him know where you are once in a while. Game never stays around long when there is shouting or loud talking.

Your pup may stay close to your side in his first outings, especially if he's accustomed to running with other pups. But be patient. Walk along and pay no attention other than an encouraging word occasionally. As he becomes bolder, walk through high cover yourself. Don't always take the easy footing and expect the puppy to go into the rough. If he can't figure out how to get under or through a fence, show him the way and compliment him.

Take these walks, when the puppy is fresh and eager. And don't keep him out long enough to get tired. About ten or fifteen minutes twice a day is enough.

If you have a place where game may be found your pup may smell out a rabbit or a game bird and thus learn early what his nose is for.

Never play tricks on your pup or fool him. At this earliest stage of development, learning to trust you in all you do or say builds the confidence he'll need when you begin training. You tower over the pup to begin with and a harsh, disapproving tone of voice can make a sensitive pup uncertain and uneasy.

Retrieving

As pups of eight weeks or younger they will pick up and carry anything they find. No matter what it happens to be, from a new sock to a long-dead mouse, don't scold, chase or pounce on the pup to grab it. Call him to you, take the object and praise him, for you want to encourage his natural instinct to retrieve.

There are two methods of teaching the retrieve, one the "force" method, the other the "natural" method, which is given here.

A puppy as young as three or four months will soon get into the habit of bringing things to you. When you go for a walk, take along an old leather glove or a small, lightweight dummy. As the pup runs about, toss the glove a short distance where the pup can see it fall. Use his name, followed by the word "fetch". When he picks it up, stoop down, call him to you and take it from him quickly but gently.

If he runs off with it and drops it, as many pups may do, don't keep urging. It's usually more effective to pick it up yourself and not throw it again right away. The idea is to show the pup that if he's going to enjoy this game he must deliver to you.

Always praise him when he does bring it in and don't overdo the retrieve. Two or three times during an outing is sufficient.

If the pup stops midway and begins to shake the glove or dummy or chew on it, go to him quickly and take it from him. You want to discourage any such habit at the start so it won't extend to mouthing or chewing game. For the same reason, no tug-of-war! If the pup clamps down hard refusing to let go (very often due to nervous excitement) slip a finger gently in the side of his mouth between his teeth to release his hold.

Sometimes a pup will begin to circle around you playfully, just out of reach, holding the object, instead of coming directly to you (a habit that may develop from repeated coaxing). It can be overcome by standing with your back against a wall when you throw the object or, indoors, using a narrow passageway.

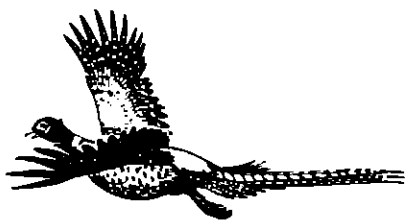
Reach from under his chin, not from over his head, to take the object to encourage him to keep his head up and deliver to your hand. And always praise!

As the pup progresses, substitute the wing of a game bird or a dummy wrapped with feathers for the glove. Again, don't overdo retrieving or the pup will become bored.

When he is about eight months or older and accustomed to gun noise you can try him on a flown bird, such as a pigeon. Have someone throw it into the air. Make sure the pup sees it, then shoot it at about 30 yards. If the pup hasn't seen where the bird fell, walk towards it so he can find it.

NEXT MONTH---"Introducing the Gun" and "Introduction to Water".

Honored ON THE COVER this month is Dual Champion and Amateur Field Champion Brook's Amber Mist. In addition to being a field and show champion in her own rights, Amber is the dam of two Dual Champions, the dam of a bench champion, and the dam of the highest ranked puppy/derby dogs in 1971 and 1973. In addition, she is the dam of all three field futurity winners of 1973. Amber is owned and handled by Tony Lucas, president of the Vizsla Club of America, and past president of the Vizsla Club of Illinois.



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