

VCOI July
 Membership Meeting
 Will be held July 17th
 at the Busch Farm
 during the
 Double Bubble.
 Meeting will start
 about 6:30PM following
 the VCOI Steak Dinner.

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2010 Futurity Winner
Tiszabec's Josie of Vanguard JH
Owned by: Paul Primeaux
Bred & Handled by: Matt Rogers

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The Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc.

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BULLETIN

A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

FC/AFC RAMPAGE



Paige was bred by Jim and Linda Busch. Owing Paige has been a true gift and blessing for Sara and I. The real prize behind owning Paige has been meeting and working with great people who have given so much of themselves to help develop Paige. Jim Busch introduced me to field trialing. Without his encouragement and open door policy I wouldn't have started the sport. Mike Dalby is the reason Paige and I can make it through call backs. Greg Wegler has been a consistent training partner and friend. Mark Johnson has been a true mentor telling me what I need to hear rather than what I want to hear. Jim Gringrich has generously allowed me to use his horses, land and homing pigeons. A big thank you to Greg Hedien, Victor Barger, Mark Spurgeon, Marty Hull, Tim and Erica Zick and many others who have all been kind in allowing me to use their horses when training and competing with Paige. A final bit of gratitude goes out to Robert Tomczak. Robert has played a pivotal role in fine tuning my handling as well as Paige's performance. Robert has consistently scouted Paige and given us the support needed to continually improve. What is so special about Paige's accomplishments is that they are a true example of sportsmanship in field trialing.

Sincerely,
 Philip Rohs



It's that time of year again...
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!!
Due by July 31, 2010



Does your breeding have what it takes?
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Bulletin Covers!

If your dog has completed a prefix title (CH, FC, AFC, CT, MACH, OTCH, etc.) and you would like to reserve a cover, please contact Shelly Kliefoth at skliefoth@yahoo.com. Next available cover is March 2011. Obviously we have many very talented members!! As soon as your dog completes the title, please let me know if you would like a cover.

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To 05/11



AT STUD: CH. ARCHIEE, JH

Archiee will start his field trial career this fall and we expect good things from him considering our Hall of Fame dog DC/AFC Askim, MH, NSTRACH is on both sides of his pedigree. Archiee is OFA Excellent and produces beautiful dark rust puppies. Those who have been in the conformation ring already are doing extremely well. For more information about some of his pups, visit our web site at www.buschvizslas.com and for information about stud service, call Jim or Linda Busch at 815-335-7673.

To 09/10

Vizsla Embroidered Fashions

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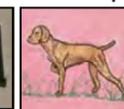
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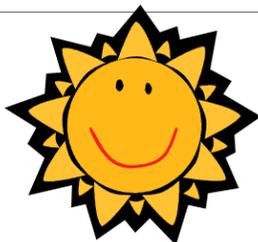
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From John Looby: Wedding Bells "Belle" of Sienna Pointe completed her Junior Hunter!

From Chad and Nancy Chadwell: "Pele" placed second in the Irish Setter Club of America's Open Puppy Field Trial. Wiki Wiki Tiki-man "Tiki" JH placed first at the same Field Trial in Open Derby.



From Eric and Shelly Kliefoth: Lakeview's Honey Wine "Mead" placed third in the Irish Setter Club of America's Open Derby Field Trial. "Mead" also placed second in the Wisconsin Weimaraner Club's Amateur Walking Derby Field Trial.



From Brian Gingrich: Burr Oak's Quarterback "Rex" competed in AKC's Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship in Fort Robinson, Nebraska. The Championship had 89 starters and "Rex" made it to the second series (the second series had 16 dogs). "Rex" was awarded Best of Breed for Vizsla's. There were 12 Vizsla starters.

From Mike Dalby: Gretta II "Gretta" finished her Field Championship. "Gretta" now has her Field Championship, Amateur Field Championship and her Master Hunter.

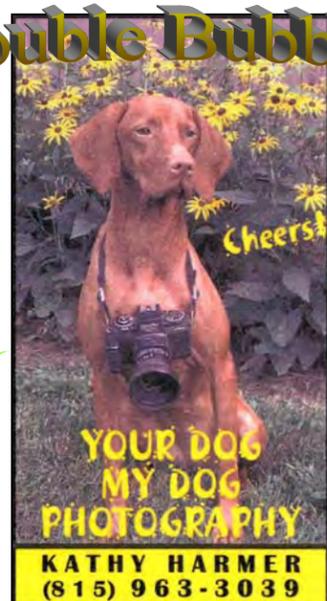
Mark and Pam Spurgeon's Crimson's Lord Rigby of Linden "Rigby" finished his Field Championship.

Mark Johnson's dog "Tex" placed first at the Irish Setter Club of America's in Open Puppy.

Zeeva, owned by Linda Busch, finished her conformation title at the Badger Kennel Club show in Wisconsin, May 7th. She is now officially Champion Zeeva, JH. On May 21 she was Best of Breed at the Packerland K.C. May 22 she was Best of Breed at the Oshkosh K. C. and then May 23 was Best of Opposite Sex at the Winnegamie K. C. also in Wisconsin. Zeeva will show on a limited basis in the future. Her next show will be the VCOI Specialty in July and then VCA National show in Oconomowoc in September. Zeeva was handled by Chris Hajek.



See you at the Double Bubble!



2011 Calendar Contest Rules

We're looking for the next Calendar Boy/Girl for our 2011 VCOI Calendar Contest

*****VCOI CALENDAR CONTEST RULES*****

All photos entered must be submitted with a \$10 entry fee per photo.

Checks should be made out to VCOI.

The photo receiving the most votes will win a cash prize based on the number of entries!

PLEASE insure that your photo meet these minimum requirements!!!



*Photo must be taken by a VCOI member – NO PROFESSIONAL OR COPYRIGHTED PHOTOS

*VIZSLAS ONLY – no other breeds please

*You may include humans in the photo – NO FACES!

*All entries must be made in 8x10 print copy

*Photo submissions must be labeled on the back to include:

- Photographer info – your name, phone number and email address
- Dog info – name(s), owner(s), and a caption describing your photo that we may choose to include

Photos submitted with a SASE will be returned. All others remain the property of VCOI.

Winning photographs will be notified and MUST be submitted in digital format to be included in the calendar.

Submit your 8x10 photos by mail to:

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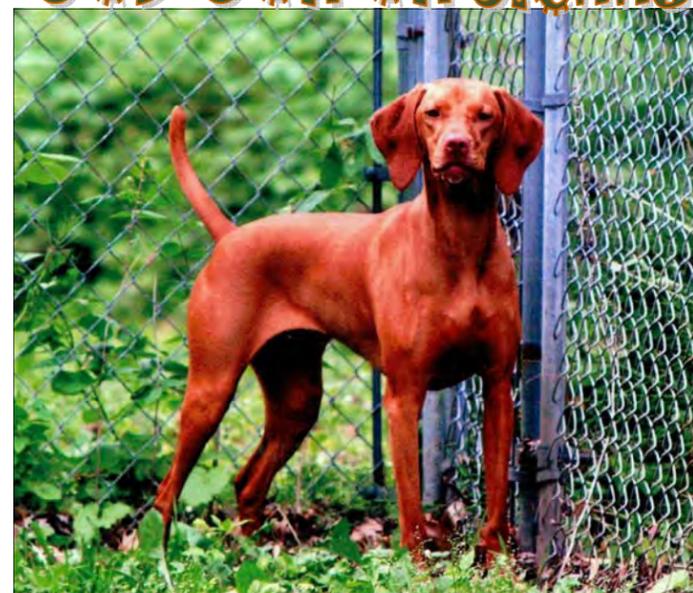
Mailed entries must be received by July 10th.

You may also submit your 8x10 print(s) in person at the Busch Farm Saturday July 17th.

and a digital copy may be submitted on July 17th as well for convenience in case you win a spot in the calendar

If you have any questions? shebbykay@hotmail.com

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Hannah once again is ranked in the United Kennel Club Top 10 Dogs. She is the #3 Vizsla in the country. Along with Group Placements she received a Reserve Best in Show!

Hannah is owned by Kathy Harmer & Sue Barnes and Cathy Gallagher.

Congratulations to these VCOI Members and their very nice girl, Hannah!!

Mark Your Calendars!

Ottawa Clean Up Days ~ July 10

Ottawa Field Trial Grounds, Eagle, WI

Be sure to wear work clothes & bring gloves! You are welcome to run your dogs after work is done!

Double Bubble ~ July 17 & 18

Busch Farm, Winnebago, IL

September Hunt Test ~ Sept. 6 (Labor Day)

Des Plaines Wildlife Area, Joliet, IL.

Contact Jeff & Kathy Englesman for more information.

September Field Trial ~ Sept. 18 & 19

Des Plaines Wildlife Area, Joliet, IL.

Contact Chad Chadwell or Jarret Bell for more information.

VCA 50th Anniversary Celebration ~ Sept. 28-31 2010

Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc, WI

Contact Linda Busch for more information.

October Field Trial ~ Oct. 30 & 31

Ottawa Field Trial Grounds, Eagle, WI

Contact Michele Berner or Shelly Kliefoth for more information.

2010 Awards Banquet & Holiday Party ~ Jan. 15, 2011

Gibson's Steakhouse, Rosemont, IL.

Contact Pam Spurgeon for more details.

President's Message

As you may know by now, I am the new President of the VCOI. Jeff Parise, due to demands of life and work had to step down, leaving me in charge. Many thanks to Jeff for his time as President, I know it is not an easy job and I hope to follow well in his footsteps.

As the weather is changing and competitions are rearing up, we all need to keep perspective on our dogs and lives. We need to remember that our club is a club of volunteers that all love our Vizslas. We need to treat each other and our dogs with respect. Please come join in our specialty, fun day, hunt tests, field trials, dog shows and agility trials! Our dogs love to compete and socialize as much as we do.

I wish all of you very good luck in your competitions!!! Let's make the VCOI proud!!!

Pam Spurgeon

VCOI President

MAY WALKING FIELD TRIAL

The unofficial start of the Gingrich-Busch Walking Trial began with a great work crew on Friday Evening May 21st. Chairs, tables, water troughs and other miscellaneous equipment were dusted and polished for our morning start time of 8:00 AM. When Saturday rolled around the trial was delayed an hour due to a thick blanket of heavy fog. At 9:00AM we were able to start with the first brace of Amateur Walking Derby. Congratulations to Joe Cronin with his dog Gabi on his first field trial placement. The next event was Open Gun Dog followed by Open Puppy. Farrah's Legacy handled by Mike Dalby earned a first place in her first field trial. We finished the day with Amateur Limited Gun Dog. Dinner was a catered affair of ribs and chicken followed by a club meeting which ended the day around 9:00 PM. The next day started on time but promised to be a hot one... Open Limited Gun Dog was the first stake followed by Amateur Walking Puppy. Phil Stout of Clinton, Louisiana handled his dog Nate to a first place finish. Amateur Gun Dog was run after lunch and it was in 90+ temperatures in the shade. There were 17 entries in this stake. Congratulations to Jim Gingrich and Rex for earning the final points needed to earn his Amateur Field Championship. The last stake of the day was Open Derby which was won by Annie handled by Ron Chenoweth. I would like to thank our hosts for the event Jim, Carol and Brian Gingrich and Jim and Linda Busch. Our judges for the trial were Paul and Phyllis Katzell, and Debbie Lynn... they did a fabulous job through the extremely hot temperatures and the dust. A special thank you to Mark Spurgeon for stepping in at the last minute to judge our final stake of Open Derby., John Leid for his wonderfully air conditioned truck that ran dogs and handlers back and forth on the courses. If anyone was lucky enough to win a first place at this event please say a special thank you to George Haines for his creative thoughtful trophies and Mary Haines for making sure every winning handler had a phone in their plaque. Good job to our first time handlers of JoAnne and Jeremy Weber with Juno, Rob Struthers with Angus, Janice Hemauer with Gemma, and Todd Brady with Moose. I hope you enjoyed your first event and look forward to competing with you in future events. Thanks to our Line Marshalls Brian Johnson, Joe FitzSimmons, Nancy Browne, Rob Struthers, and Joe Cronin. The last thank you goes to Jaden who with Eric Kliefoth was our bird planter extraordinaire.

Submitted by Michelle Princer, Field Trial Secretary



PLACEMENTS



Amateur Walking Derby

1. Bravo Haulin's Stage Winner (Brie); Jim Gingrich
2. Shawnee's Red Lioness (Sage); Joe Fitzsimmons
3. Midnight Run's Gabi (Gabi); Joe Cronin
4. Wiki Wiki Tiki Man JH (Tiki); Chad Chadwell

Open Gun Dog

1. Burr Oak's Quarterback (Rex); Brian Gingrich
2. Abby Rose Johnson JH (Abby); Brian Johnson
3. Wegler's Kember Kayla (Kayla); Greg Wegler

Open Puppy

1. Farrah's Legacy (Farrah); Mike Dalby
2. Winddance Natural Resource JH (Nate); Phil Stout
3. Crimson's Twenty Gauge Dakota (Dakota); Mark Spurgeon

Amateur Limited Gun Dog (retrieving)

1. Gretta II JH (Gretta); Mike Dalby
2. NGDC FC/AFC Rolling Rock MH, CGC (Rock); Mike Dalby
3. NGDC FC/AFC Burr Oaks Old Number Seven (Jack); Gingrich
4. FC/AFC Sir Rustis Ferrous Oxide MH (Rusty); Mike Dalby

Open Limited Gun Dog

1. FC/AFC Sir Rustis Ferrous Oxide MH (Rusty); Mike Dalby
2. NGCD FC/AFC Rolling Rock MH CGC (Rock); Mike Dalby
3. 2XNGDC DC AFC Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger SH (Ruger); Mark Spurgeon
4. NGDC FC/AFC Burr Oaks Old Number Seven (Jack); Gingrich

Amateur Walking Puppy

1. Winddance Natural Resource JH (Nate); Phil Stout
2. Crimson's Twenty Gauge Dakota (Dakota); Mark Spurgeon
3. Wegler's Kember Kayla (Kayla); Greg Wegler
4. CK Penny (Penny); Ron Chenoweth

Open Derby

1. CK Rugers Red Label Ann (Annie); Ron Chenoweth
2. Don Juan De Busz (Donner); Brian Gingrich
3. Winddance Natural Resource JH (Nate); Phil Stout
4. Pele's Wiki Wiki Hawaiian Punch (Pele); Chad Chadwell

Call to Order: Jeff Parise called the meeting to order at 8:28 pm.

President Report: Pam Spurgeon took over as President, Jeff Parise moved to the Board, and Kathy Engelsman moved to Vice President. Jeff said thank you to everyone and said that he needed to step down as President because of his busy work schedule. The VCOI gave Jeff a plaque as a thank you for serving as President. After all members were informed about the position changes, Pam Spurgeon gave a thank you to the Gingrich's and Busch's for the use of their grounds for this Field Trial.

Approval of Minutes: Pam Spurgeon motioned to approve the minutes from the prior meeting. Nancy Chadwell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasures Report: Linda Busch reported that she is a little behind with the checkbook but that the club has a favorable balance for our checking and savings accounts.

June Training Day: The Training Day is June 5th 2010 at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds in Eagle, WI. Mark Spurgeon reported that the Training Day is open to Vizsla's only. Training sessions (a group of four at a time) will begin at 8:00 am and the Training Demonstration will start at 11:00 am. Don't forget to sign up for the Hunt Test that is running the next day. Entries close on the grounds at 3:00pm (CST) on June 6th 2010.

Double Bubble: *Help Wanted:* Volunteers needed. The Double Bubble will be July 17th and 18th 2010. (the dates in the VCOI calendar are incorrect). Linda also said that she needs two Judges for the Powder Puff Derby. Greg Hedien and Jeff Parise volunteered to be the Judges for the Derby.

March Field Trial: Rodney Albin reported that roughly 126 dogs ran in the March Field Trial. Even though there were 150 entries that were refunded, the March Field Trial still made a profit.

Labor Day Hunt Test: The Labor Day Hunt Test should be on September 6th 2010 at the Des Plaines Wildlife Area in Wilmington, IL. Kathy Engelsman said she was going to ask AKC if they would allow a 5-day Hunt Test weekend. That would combine Hunt Tests with the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of Illinois, LaSalle Brittany Club, and the Vizsla Club of Illinois.

September Field Trial: *Help Wanted:* Volunteers needed for bird planting. Chad Chadwell reported that our Field Trial will be on September 18th and 19th 2010 at the Des Plaines Wildlife Area in Wilmington, IL. Chad Chadwell is Chair, Jarrett Bell is Secretary, Mike Dalby is Captain of the Guns, Chad Morsch is Captain of Marshals, and Tim May is Line Marshalling. The Committee for this Trial is Chad Chadwell, Jarrett Bell, Rodney Albin, Chad Morsch, Victor Barger, and Mike Dalby.

December Walking Field Trial: After club members had a discussion about giving up our December Field Trial dates, Pam Spurgeon announced that we will give up our December dates at Ottawa for new dates at Ottawa that would be on October 30th and 31st. Michel Berner is Secretary. Eric and Shelly Kliefoth volunteered to Chair this event.

Supported Entries / Specialty Show: This summer is a three-day show. The Specialty Show will be on July 17th 2010 at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere, IL (the dates in the VCOI calendar are incorrect). Kathy Engelsman said that we need three more donations for trophies. It was reported that George Haines made the trophies for this years Specialty.

VCOI Banner: Pam Spurgeon mentioned that the club is in the works of making a VCOI banner for club events. The banner will be used to advertise our club and be available for people to take pictures with.

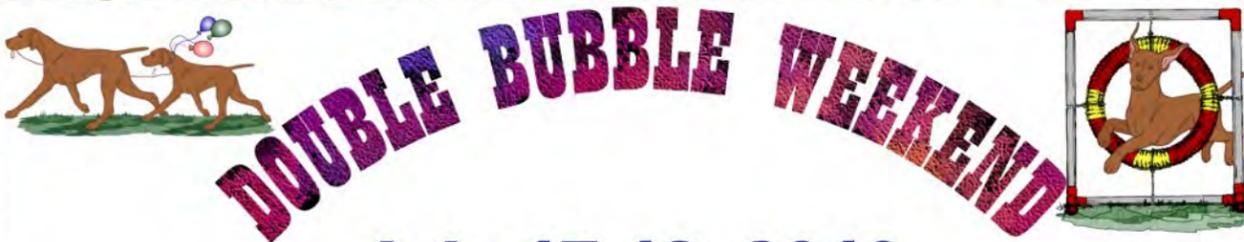
Ottawa Clean Up Day: The clean up date at Ottawa is July 10th 2010. The alternate date is July 18th 2010 but that is the same date as the Double Bubble. If you plan on coming out and helping, please contact Greg Hedien.

Newsletter: Shelly Kliefoth said that all newsletters will now be in full color. Keep sending in information and pictures. You can email the information to her.

Breeder Referral: Pam Spurgeon reminded everyone that the breeder referral renewal due date is June 1st 2010. This will be the last reminder. Membership renewals are due on July 31st 2010.

Holiday Party / Awards Banquet: Pam Spurgeon said she would like a committee for this year's party. Carol Gingrich, Nancy Chadwell and Jeff Parise volunteered to help out with the event.

Adjourned: Pam Spurgeon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Many people seconded the motion. Pam Spurgeon adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.



DOUBLE BUBBLE WEEKEND

July 17-18, 2010

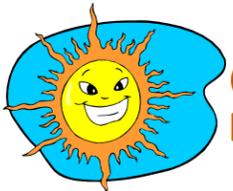
Most of the fun takes place at the Busch Farm, Winnebago, IL.

This is a good place to learn about some fo the things your dog can do in a fun and non-threatening environment with plenty of people to teach and help you.

Bring your vizsla(s), bring your kids, and head out to the farm for a fun filled weekend.

SATURDAY EVENTS	SUNDAY EVENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- VCOI Specialty show & Sweeps (held at the Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL (a.m. time TBD later) Luncheon on show grounds provided by VCOI ladies.- Lake Inferior Tyro Hunting Dog Classic Noon at Busch Farm. (a mock hunt test after training seminar)- Membership meeting and free steak dinner for members (non-members may attend-dinner \$10) 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Locate & Point (timed field event)*Wing & String for pups*Bird Planting contest for kids*2011 Calendar Photo Contest*Fun games for dogs*Powder Puff Derby for ladies only*Raffle*Pigeon Races*Rubber Ducky race*Rally Obedience Training and Contest*Obstacle Course (timed for trophy)*Mini Show Seminar*Puppy Training & Grooming*vizsla items for sale*Dog photographer*Hot Dog/Chips/Soda lunch and much, much more

For more information please check other info provided on club's web site. Maps also included or call Linda Busch at 815-335-7673 or e-mail LBUSCH@aeroinc.net



Signs of Overheating in Dogs

By Joy Butler

Preventing Heat Stroke When Dogs Exercise in Hot Temperatures

Dogs having fun in summer heat, just like dogs in parked cars, can become overheated, not realizing they are too hot until body temperature soars dangerously high.

Dogs love a good Frisbee throw at the park picnic, a fast game of fetch in the backyard, or a romp on the beach. They seem happy, dashing around with tongue lolling and slobber dripping and many dog owners figure the dog will know when to stop. But that's not the case. Dogs are so excitable and so playful. They just keep on going and often don't feel the effects of overheating until it's too late. Dog owners must take responsibility and know when enough is enough. Allow the dog to rest in a cool area and offer plenty of cool water.

Dogs also love to go along on car rides but should never be left inside a parked car. Even in weather that seems cool, a vehicle can quickly become a deadly 'green house.'

How Panting Cools a Dog

Dogs, because they do not sweat, are actually at higher risk of heat stroke than humans, who perspire over most of the body. Dogs cool themselves through panting, which quickly passes air through the moist tissues of the dog's mouth and cools it, much like a breeze on a sweaty face cools a human. This is a form of evaporative cooling and that's where most of the slobber comes from in a panting dog. Profuse panting is also a factor in dehydration.

A dog's normal breathing uses most of the lung capacity and is approximately 35 breaths per minute. If the dog begins to get too hot, the breathing increases to panting, using mostly the nose and mouth to quickly pass air through for cooling. When the dog's body heat climbs faster than the panting system's ability to cool itself, heat stroke becomes a threat.

Why is Heat Stroke Dangerous?

A dog's normal body temperature is about 101 F to 102 F. When the temperature climbs to 106, the dog's body begins to dehydrate and the blood thickens, putting strain on the heart and decreasing circulation to vital organs and tissues. Organ failure and death can occur quickly if measures are not taken immediately to bring the temperature down. Even in dogs that recover, sometimes organ damage is irreversible, causing lifelong health problems. Dogs who have overheated once are more susceptible to overheating again.

Signs of Overheating in Dogs

Dog owners need to know the signs of overheating in dogs so that cooling measures can be taken quickly. Symptoms to watch for include:

- *Profuse and rapid panting
- *Bright red tongue
- *Thick drooling saliva
- *Wide eyes with a glassy look
- *Lack of coordination
- *Vomiting
- *Diarrhea
- *Coma

How to Cool an Overheated Dog

Working quickly to get the temperature down is imperative. Any of the following measures can help to cool the dog.

- *Place the dog in cool, but not cold, water
- *Take the dog to air conditioning
- *Sponge his head, tummy and area between the legs with cool water
- *Wet his tongue
- *Turn a fan on him
- *Offer small amounts of cool water to drink every few minutes if he is conscious



Care must be taken not to cool the dog too much. In some cases, the temperature can drop too quickly. Once the temperature has reached 104 F or 103 F, cooling efforts should be stopped.

Dogs who have overheated should be seen by a veterinarian to determine if they need further treatment.

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June Training Day

I hope everyone enjoyed and learned a little about training at this years training day. I enjoyed working with you and your dogs. First I would like to thank the Trainers that came to help. Mike Dalby returned to help with individual training, the seminar and to demonstrate the whoa table. Dennis Nowak returned for individual training without using the electric collar. Brian Gingrich came for his first year and demonstrated the Perfection Kennels method as well as helping field questions with the demonstration. I would also like to thank Mary Haines for collecting money, taking pictures, cooking and serving lunch, Shelly and Eric Kliefoth for picking up the key and meeting the birds, Pam Spurgeon for cooking and taking pictures, Jan Casper for helping with lunch. Without volunteers an event like this can not take place. I also want to thank anyone that helped in small ways or were there to help if needed.

We had a good turnout with many dogs and trainers in need of help. We worked with dogs from their first birds all the way up to backing a standing dog. For me this was the most enjoyable year I have had running this event. We made a few changes this year and took groups into the field so people could learn to work with other issues than just their own. It worked great and the day ran very smooth. We were able to work in much more detail than in years past. From the input I received we will do the same format next year. The main point I hope everyone came away with was; It doesn't matter what training method you use as long as it makes sense to you and you spend the time training your dog. All 4 methods of training we used have had huge success; the common element is putting in the time.

Next year I hope to see you all back with a new pup, that young dog ready to break, or your broke dog just out for practice.

Until next year,
Mark Spurgeon
Crimson Sky Vizslas



the "back 40" from the large fields to the east. She returned to the course and entered the big field at 13. Tricky hunted the broken tree line initially and then made a big move to the far right edge, which she held to the end, hooking north just before Blodgett Road. She checked the lone trees, swooped past the island and then headed for the orchard. At 19, Tricky was found pointing at the beginning of the orchard, her head and tail high. The bird was flushed and Tricky was cast-off into the orchard. Tricky made a big move to the front, down the north tree line bordering the orchard. When she neared the west end of the orchard, Tricky swapped ends and point was called at 22. Before Peck could reach his charge, however, the bird popped and Tricky gave chase.

Tricky continued along the north edge of the orchard, punched through the tree line and made an errant turn to the left instead of going right with the course. Peck elected to try and handle her to the front, which proved unsuccessful. After an extended absence and with only a minute remaining in the brace, Tricky returned from behind with the scout. Although she finished going to the front along the edge in the last field, the unfortunate ending to her otherwise strong performance proved costly. Nevertheless, her excellent application, good range, and style on point made up for her indiscretion and she was named Second Runner-Up. Tricky's sire is Berry's Bad Boy ("Gus"), her dam is Rio Le Rouge ("Rio"), and she was whelped on March 13, 2008. Her grand-sire, Raany, was the MVF winner in 1997, and her great grand-sire, Lifo Riley, was the MVF winner in 1995.



The Third Runner-up was O Mega's Heartland Express ("Daisy"), owned and bred by Jim Busch of Winnebago, IL, and handled by professional trainer Brian Gingrich of Rockford, IL. Daisy ran in the seventh and final brace of the day. Daisy began her brace by hunting the first field hard at a medium range. She made several moves to the edges, but spent more time working the grassy objectives in the first field. Daisy made the cut to the "back 40," hunted the "mounds" and worked toward the west edge of the field. At 8, point was called for Daisy just before the "turnaround" along the far edge. Daisy exhibited pleasing style and excellent intensity on point. Gingrich produced two bobs and fired his gun. Daisy continued forward along the far edge of the "back 40," remaining forward and alternating between the tree line and the sections of grass adjacent to the line. Daisy entered the big field at 13 and continued to the broken tree line in the center of the field, netting her second find at 15. The bird flushed, but was weak and Daisy quickly snatched it. Gingrich lost several minutes attempting to recover the bird from his charge, but soon everything was back in order and Daisy continued hunting her way to the orchard.

Daisy entered the orchard at 19. She systematically quartered the orchard, hitting most of the objectives. Although this shortened her range, she remained forward and made good use of a wind that was to her back at times. Daisy exited the orchard at 22 and continued along the far tree line into the last field. At 24, she carded her third find along the north edge of the big field. She finished the thirty minutes forward, but at a slower pace than with which she started.

Although she worked at a closer range than those placing ahead of her, she hunted hard, remained forward and ran a mature course. Her strong effort was rewarded with Third Runner-up. Daisy's sire is O Mega ("Omega"), her dam is Zoom Zoom ("Zoom Zoom"), and she was whelped on February 8, 2008. Her grand-sire/great grand-sire Raany was the MVF winner in 1997, and her grand-sire Lifo Riley was the MVF winner in 1995. Daisy is yet another in a long line of dogs bred, owned and/or handled by Jim Busch, to place in the Midwest Vizsla Futurity.

Additional info about this year's event, an event photo gallery and synopses of past Futurities can be found at www.vizslafuturity.com. For more information about the Midwest Vizsla Futurity, event rules and/or litter nominations, please visit the MVF's website at www.vizslafuturity.com or contact MVF Secretary, Rodney Albin, 2445 Carter Road, Moscow Mills, MO 63362, (636) 366-9746, rodneyalbin@centurytel.net



DID U KNOW?



If you rub Absorbine Jr. on the rim of your hat it will deter knats!

This handy tip comes from Michelle Princer, it was tested at the May Field Trial and found to work great! From Absorbine Jr's website: Absorbine Jr. is a 100-year-old formula with a distinctive scent that is well-known to loyal users. It appears that the scent, derived from a unique blend of herbal ingredients, is something gnats don't like. It also helps relieve the itch from insect bites in general—including mosquito bites.



You can lead a horse to water but...

Having trouble getting your horse to drink while traveling? **FLAVOR THE WATER!**
A trick used by horse owners/trainers who haul frequently is using flavored water. When your horse drinks water at home flavored with Gatorade, apple juice or Kool-Aid—you can usually get them to drink any potable water. For double duty from the water bucket, add either apple or orange flavored electrolytes. This encourages your horse to drink more and keeps them balanced.

Attention:
We are adding this **Did U Know** segment to the Bulletin but we need your help! Please send in any useful tips, creative solutions, or old wives tales that you use and that may benefit other VCOI members. Anything to do with Vizslas and all the varied activities we participate in...
Conformation, Agility, Obedience, Hunting.
Send contributions to Shelly at skliefoth@yahoo.com.



A Special Thank You to Michelle Princer...

For donating the proceeds from water and breakfast sales at the May field trial. All money goes to help sponsor the Powder Puff Juniors event at the year's Double Bubble.

2010 Midwest Vizsla Field Futurity

Submitted by Jonathan Peck, MVF Scribe

The 28th running of the Midwest Vizsla Futurity ("MVF") was held on March 5, 2010, at the Des Plaines Wildlife Conservation Area near Joliet, IL. The MVF regularly attracts the best and brightest derby dogs that the Vizsla breed has to offer, and this year's renewal was no exception. Several of the top Vizsla derbies in the country were on hand to vie for top honors and take home the coveted "Double Lane" trophy. Nearly all of the dogs in this year's field had puppy and/or derby wins under their belt, several having placed and won at the National level. The MVF lived up to its name yet again this year, drawing entries from throughout the Midwest - participants hailed from five different states including Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois.

Breeders nominated a total of twelve litters for this year's Futurity, and subsequent owners of pups from those litters re-nominated sixteen hopefuls. Of the sixteen dogs eligible to be run, thirteen were drawn and brought to the line to compete for a total prize purse worth nearly \$2300. This year's Futurity also drew one of the largest galleries in recent history, rivaling that of 2006, when the MVF enjoyed its largest entry in history. Those who came just to watch were treated to clear, crisp weather and some great performances on the ground.



Judges for this year's renewal were Robert Richter of Harvard, IL, and Howard Burbach, of Pleasant Hill, MO. Robert, our returning judge from last year, is a successful Brittany trialer and has considerable judging experience. Howard, an accomplished GSP field trialer and also a well-respected judge, was a welcome addition to this year's judging slate. The MVF was honored to have such fine gentlemen sitting in the judging saddle for this year's event. They were both positive and complimentary of the dogs run that day, and their decisions were all well-received.



As with any other event, the MVF would not succeed without the hard work, dedication and gracious support of a number of volunteers and supporters. MVF Chairman, Mark Spurgeon, and MVF Secretary, Rodney Albin, must be commended for their dedication and tireless work to insure that the MVF is a success year in and year out. The MVF is run on a shoe-string budget, but one would never know due to their hard work. MVF Webmaster, Michel Berner, has also done a fantastic job redesigning the MVF's website and increasing the Futurity's online presence. The MVF would also like to thank Nestle-Purina, and specifically Pat Lamantia and Terry Trzcinski, for their generous support of this event. Pat and Terry worked quickly, on very short notice, to provide the Futurity with Pro Plan Performance Formula product to be awarded to the winners and hats for participants and spectators. Nestle-Purina is an ardent supporter of field trialing and the MVF appreciates their contribution to our event and looks forward to their continued support in the future.

The MVF was fortunate, for the second year in a row, to have great weather for running dogs. Although not nearly as warm as last year, this year's weather certainly did not disappoint. While the temps dipped down into the twenties for an overnight low, the bright sun quickly warmed the morning air. The ride around began at 8:30 a.m. and first brace cast off at 9:30 a.m. to 30-degree temps, clear skies and a gentle breeze from the east. The temperature continued to climb throughout the day, reaching an afternoon high of 45 degrees.



THE WINNERS



The winner of the 2010 Midwest Vizsla Futurity was Tiszabec's Josie of Vanguard ("Josie"), owned by Paul Primeaux of Livonia, New York, and breeder-handled by Matt Rogers of Canal Winchester, OH. Josie had considerable success as a puppy-derby and was a favorite coming into this event. She certainly did not disappoint. Josie, running in the second brace of the day, ran a powerful, forward race and carded several stylishly pointed finds. Her stamina and application separated her from the other top performers and netted her the win.

Josie cast off from the gravel lot, made a quick move to the north tree line and motored to the front.

Halfway down the line, she hooked left at the east edge of a section of prairie grass and shot to the south, checking the single tree and then angling forward to the north edge of the orchard, where she disappeared for a spell. Josie showed to the front, making the cut into the "back 40." She quickly took the edge to the right and disappeared again. At 9, Josie was found standing stylishly along the west edge, just north of the "turnaround." The bird was flushed and Josie was off again down the right edge. At 11, Josie was seen pointing in the south corner of the "back 40," just before the cut into the "big field," where the previous brace had a covey find. After several unsuccessful attempts to flush what appeared to be a single, running bob, Rogers relocated Josie just as the bird flushed wild ahead. Josie was quickly collected and cast-off.

Josie knifed through the cut into the "big field" and took the edge to the right, holding it well until reaching the point. She crossed to the broken tree line in the middle and continued moving east towards Blodgett Road at blazing speed. Josie made short order of the "big field," hooked left at the road and disappeared. She completed her big sweeping move to the north and was briefly

seen entering the orchard. Josie disappeared for several minutes in the orchard and was then spotted under a bird at 21. After a brief chase, Josie returned to the orchard, where she efficiently hunted the available cover, always remaining forward. At 25, her effort was rewarded with another stylishly pointed find at the far end of the orchard. Rogers flushed a single and Josie was then cast-off into the last field. She hunted to the north tree line and finished the half hour charging hard to the front.

Josie ran the widest race of the day, yet she handled kindly for Rogers and rarely was out of pocket. She displayed good application, excellent ground speed, covering more terrain than any of her competitors, and she maintained her pace for the full thirty minutes. The win was certainly well deserved. Josie is the product of Matt & Ruth Rogers' first bred litter and this is also Matt's first MVF win as a handler. Josie's sire is Shiloh's Matrix ("Neo"), her dam is Shiloh's Rock My World ("Roxie"), and she was whelped on April 8, 2008. Josie's grand-sire, Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger ("Ruger"), was the MVF's 2nd Runner-up in 2004 and the sire of Gunner, last year's 2nd Runner-up. Josie's grand-dam, October Rust Shiloh's Zetta ("Zetta") was the MVF's 2nd Runner-up in 2005. Josie's great grand-sire, Raany, was the MVF winner in 1997. Her sire, Neo, also sired this year's 1st Runner-up, Blue.



The First Runner-up was Shiloh's Red White & Blue ("Blue"), owned by Ryan and Deborah Rice of Winnecone, WI. Blue was breeder-handled by Robert Tomczak of Elk Mound, WI. Blue was the most celebrated of the young dogs running in this year's Futurity and was also a favorite to win going into the event. He previously won the National Walking Puppy Stake at the Vizsla Club of America's National Gun Dog Championship in the Spring of 2009, was the 1st Runner-up in the Derby Classic at the 2009 Vizsla Club of American's National Championship in the Fall of 2009, and won the Gary Jagoda Derby Classic at the Midwest Vizsla Shooting Dog Championship in the Fall of 2009. Although he did not quite have the range and groundspeed displayed by Josie, Blue ran a strong, forward race with two very stylishly pointed finds that he handled with good manners.

Blue ran in the first brace of the day. He began his bid by hunting the edges and grassy sections in the first field at a medium range. Before reaching the first cut, he made a sweeping move south to the orchard and returned heading north along the tree line a few minutes later. Blue made the cut into the "back 40" and took the wooded edge to right. He checked the "mounds" and continued forward to the far west edge of the "back 40," disappearing along the edge. Blue showed to the front, along the west wood line, where he cut to the center of the field to check the cluster of large trees. He returned to the west edge, just past the "turnaround," and held the edge nicely for the remainder of the field. Blue initially passed the cut to the "big field," getting out of pocket briefly, but was handled back and through the cut by Tomczak at 12. Blue opened up a bit, increasing his range as he moved to the broken tree line in the center of the big field. After 50 yards or so, he cut the field and made a brief move to the south edge of the field. He then spent the remainder of his time in the big field quartering sections of grass before turning toward the orchard, short of Blodgett Road.

As Blue approached the orchard from the east, he swapped ends at 18, pointing a single tree at a considerable distance. Blue exhibited beautiful style and intensity on point, and remained steady while Tomczak flushed a single and fired his gun. Blue proceeded to scour the orchard, shortening a bit, but hunting hard and remaining forward at all times. His intelligent application was rewarded with a find at 25, along the north tree line bordering the orchard. Blue displayed the same long nose, pleasing style and intensity as he did on his first find. Blue stood steady to the flush as Tomczak flushed another single, but moved on the shot and had to be cautioned. Blue finished going away along the north edge of the last field at thirty minutes.

Blue showed excellent ground speed and ran with an eye-catching gait, but his ground race was not quite as strong as Josie's. His mature application, good range and two quality finds were rewarded with First Runner-up honors. Blue's sire is Neo, his dam is Cherokee's Jazzmin of Shiloh ("Jazzmin"), and he was whelped on February 1, 2008.

The Second Runner-up was Midnight Run's It's Tricky ("Tricky"), owned, bred and handled by Jonathan Peck of Battle Creek, MI. Tricky was the only breeder-owner handled dog in this year's Futurity. Tricky ran in the fourth brace of the day. She began her bid with a forward cast down the north tree line to the large section of prairie grass, where she hooked south. Tricky hunted the grassy edge to the lone tree and then charged hard to the front through more prairie grass near the cut to the "back 40." She was seen briefly running the tree line and then disappeared through cut. Point was called by Peck at 6, after Tricky was found stylishly pointing a single along the wood line to the right, near the "mounds." Peck initially had difficulty locating and flushing the bird in the thicket, but it was eventually produced. Tricky hunted the "mounds" and then moved swiftly to the west edge of the "back 40." She held her edge well, occasionally veering off to check grassy sections that yielded finds in previous braces.



Tricky got out of pocket when she missed the cut to the big field and headed north down the heavy tree line dividing

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