



The Bulletin

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A bimonthly publication for members and friends of the VCOI

Retired But not Over

By DC/AFC Greffin's Ha' Penny SH



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Hi! My name is Penny. I've been around for a while; going on twelve they say. Gina & Debi asked my Roy to write a biography of me so big hearted guy he is, he says "Penny come, Penny stay, now write." so here I am.

It all started when my Lois and Roy brought me home from Chris and Tom Gaulkes when I was eight weeks old. My purpose in life was to be Roy's hunting buddy (meat dog) and be pampered and spoiled beyond any Vizsla's right to dream of. Oh those were fulfilled and carefree years. Almost 4 years of hunting. hunting, and hunting and that delicious couch anytime I wanted it. Oh, I forgot. It wasn't all that carefree. My Lois got it in her head to show me. Me, a meat dog in the show ring? Well I finally gave in when I realized that the longer I fought being a "pretty girl" the less time I got out in the field where I belonged. Oh, I forgot. (At my

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AKA "The Fridge"

By Mark N. Johnson

In just four short years Mehagian KRC's Phoenix Fridge has accomplished a great deal. "The Fridge" is a Field Champion that just completed his Amateur Field Championship this season (pending AKC conformation). He is half way to his show championship, with 8 points including a 4 point major. Fridge is owner handled, (with a little help from friends i.e. Tony Lucas, and Ken Crago).



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Meeting Minutes

September 19, 1990

-The regular meeting of the VCOI was called to order at 8:45 P.M. by President Mark Johnson. Tony Lucas motioned, seconded by Penny Parsons, to accept the minutes as published in the Bulletin.

-Iris Pechota gave a favorable treasurer's report. Gina Ordonez motioned, seconded by Debra Sauriol, to accept the treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

-Mark Johnson sent a letter to AKC concerning regulations for Hunting Test judges and received a reply.

-Tony Dewar and Bill Lyman reported on the Field Trial. There are 66 entries and everything is a go.

-The plaque committee is still working on it.

-Mark Johnson reported on the Fun Trial for Jim and Linda Busch. It was very successful.

-Roy and Lois Greffin reported on the Hunting Test. There were 36 entries, 23 qualifiers. We made a profit. One guest at our weekend event was the Gun Dog Editor from Midwest Outdoor Magazine.

-The fun trial on Labor Day was well attended. We had some new people turn out and we broke even.

NEW BUSINESS

-Our Spring Trial is March 9 & 10, 1991. Tony Lucas is Chairman, Tony Ordonez is Secretary.

-Spring Hunting Test is February 23, 1991. Roy Greffin will be Chairman, Gwen Tomlinson will be Secretary. The next day, February 24, will be the fun trial.

-Question? Shall we contribute to the National's trophy fund? Roy Greffin motioned, seconded by Ann Lucas, to send \$50.00 to the general trophy fund.

-Awards Banquet. Gina Ordonez motioned, seconded by Lois Greffin, to use the calendar year as the time frame for earning awards for AKC titles. Geno Woehrle motioned, seconded by Roy Greffin, that the party be Saturday, January 19, 1991.

-Due to the start of the hunting season our November meeting will be Monday, November 12, 1990 at Cheryl and Geno Woehrle's.

-Braggs. DC AFC Greffin's Ha' Penny is now a Master Hunter. Mark and Rhonda Johnson's FCH Mehagian's KRC Phoenix Fridge is now an AFC and major pointed in breed.

- Tony Lucas motioned, seconded by Tony Ordonez, to adjourn 9:50 p.m. ■

The Fur Flies

I have received a fair amount of flack from the Editorial in last month's issue. Clif Boggs said one thing worth repeating "It's easier to write a controversial newsletter, ...other people will reply and fill up the space." (Lynn Worth's letter reprinted on page 12-13.) But aside from a few opposing opinions the majority of people I spoke to, agreed with me.

Most people noted the trends that have occurred in Illinois, since the Magyar Society was founded:

- The VCOI is losing membership. The club had 19 members not renew their membership. (15 % seems greater than normal attrition.)

- Puppies aren't selling. One weekend this month there were 7 ad's in the Tribune for Vizsla puppies (I don't remember ever seeing more than 2 or three.)

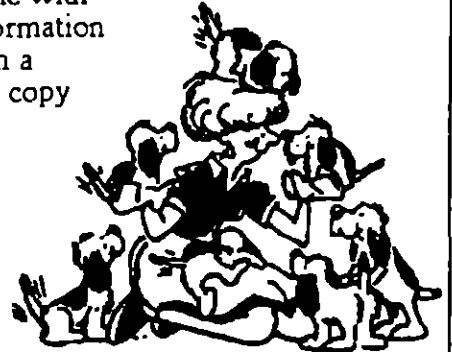
Could these events be related to the national mailing of Chauncey Smith's letter?

Draw your own conclusion. GGO ■

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Have you sold a puppy?

If you supply me with new owner information I will send them a complementary copy of the bulletin.



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VCOI Membership Application

\$7.50 Single _____ \$10.00 Family _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Phone () _____ - _____

With this application and the enclosed membership dues I agree to abide with the constitution and by-laws of the Vizsla Club Of Illinois.

Keep Fido's Feet Dry

And other cold weather tips.



Cold weather creates special hazards for dogs. What follows is a compilation of hints from the Humane Society and Purina Pet Care Center.

Breakfast and Supper or Lunch and Dinner

Feeding nutritionally complete dog food is even more essential over the cold weather months. A balanced diet will insure that the dog has enough calories to maintain muscle tone and coat, and to provide energy for heat. On the average a dog requires 7.5% more food for each 10 ° drop in temperature. Feeding the dogs twice a day will enable them to consume more calories. Gradually increase the amount as the temperature gets colder, some dogs develop digestive problems as food is increased or diet is changed. Some fleshiness is desirable during cold weather, layers of fat insulation reduce the radiation of heat from the dog's body surface.

Perrier?

Dogs should have water available at all times. In our outdoor kennels we use bucket heaters to keep the water from freezing. Also available are non-freeze waterers. At the very least change the water twice a day so water is available for a time before it freezes. Adding water to dry food will increase water intake. Some experts suggest adding canned food to water to make it more palatable in the cold weather months.

No security blanket for Fifi

Most breeds who have been acclimated to living outdoors may be kept outdoors over the winter months if they are given adequate shelter. Geriatric dogs (over 8 years) need special attention and should be brought indoors. The shelter should keep the dog dry

and protected from winter winds. To prevent chilling, the floor of the dog house should be four inches off the ground and the opening should face away from prevailing winds, be certain that the doorway is covered. The commercially sold rubber doors are a similar material to nylabones and puppies don't appreciate the difference. A breeder friend who has inside/outside dogs uses carpeting samples as door flaps and his dogs respect them. Our dogs don't respect drywall, our doors are aluminum. Don't put blankets on the floor; they'll freeze when damp. Cedar chips or hay should be supplied for shorthaired breeds.

My name is "Muffy"

Be extra certain that your pet wears an identification tag. Winter snow drifts can provide an easy "over the fence" escape route and once they get out of the yard can become easily disoriented because ice and snow don't retain odors.

Shoot them up in the fall

Although health care is important year round, it is important that dogs are vaccinated and wormed before the winter months. The stress of the cold is greater on a dog with parasites or poor health problems.

Check pads

Constant exposure to rain, snow or mud can irritate a dog's feet and cause skin damage or infection. Providing a dry place to walk should solve this problem. Kennel runs should be kept free of snow, ice can cut pads like glass. A walk area around doghouse should be made of gravel or concrete to facilitate clearing. GGO ■

VCOI Fall Field Trial Placements



Open Gun Dog

Amateur
Limited
Gun Dog



Open Puppy
Open Derby



Amateur Gun
Dog



VCOI Fall Field Trial

Vypor & Buddy New Field Champions



September 22-23, 1990

Amateur Limited Gun Dog

(9 Entries)

- 1.) King/Greffin
- 2.) Corkey/Lee
- 3.) Solo/Lee
- 4.) Withheld

Open Derby

(15 Entries)

- 1.) Flame/Ordonez
- 2.) Jake/Durko
- 3.) Rex/Boegel
- 4.) Stach/Reiche

Open Gun Dog

(13 Entries)

- 1.) Buddy/Lucas
- 2.) Penny/Greffin
- 3.) Solo/Lee
- 4.) Dian/Fales

Open Limited Gun Dog

(7 entries)

- 1.) Withheld
- 2.) Buddy/Lucas
- 3.) Corkey/Lee
- 4.) Durango/Keeton

Open Puppy

(8 Entries)

- 1.) Flame/Ordonez
- 2.) Smitty/Pederson
- 3.) Squirt/Busch/Ordonez
- 4.) Piper/Jagoda/Boehmer

Amateur Gun Dog

(13 Entries)

- 1.) Vypor/Lundin
- 2.) Corkey/Lee
- 3.) Dian/Fales
- 4.) Solo/Lee

VCGC Fall Field Trial

No Vizsla Blue Ribbons in Open Stakes

September 15-16, 1990

Amateur Limited Gun Dog

(6 Entries)

All Withheld

Open Gun Dog

(31 Entries)

- 1.) GSP
- 2.) EP
- 3.) Ch/AFC Paradox
Remarqueable Jake
H/David Heinhold
- 4.) GWP

Open Puppy

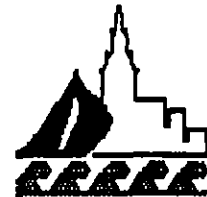
(18 Entries)

- 1.) GSP
- 2.) Reckless Ballofire
(Flame)
H/Tony Ordonez
- 3.) GSP
- 4.) Berry's Rebel Rouser
Smitty
H/Ron Pederson

Amateur Gun Dog

(13 Entries)

- 1.) Ch. Mudsville Lorac
Makk
H/ Clif Boggs
- 2.) J/K Macintosh PC
H/Ken or Judy Fales
- 3.) Ch J/K Genuine Risk
H/Ken or Judy Fales
- 4.) Withheld



Open Derby

(20 Entries)

- 1.) Just Jake II
H/Denny Durko
- 2.) Melto's Ripstop Rose
H/Chauncey Smith or
Lynn Worth
- 3.) Fieldstone Camarily
Carri On
H/Paul or Shirley Rothan
- 4.) Berry's Rebel Rouser
Smitty
H/Ron Pederson

Open Limited Gun Dog

(16 Entries)

- 1.) GWP
- 2.) Fieldway's Killroy
H/ Joe Manning
- 3.) GSP
- 4.) GWP

Amateur Walking Puppy

(2 Entries)

- 1.) Berry's Rebel Rouser
Smitty
H/Ron Pederson
- 2.) Starr's Kedves Vedaz
Daisy Mae H/ Charles
Schultheis

Retired

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age it happens once in a while.) I was the "Dog of the Day" at the "Busch July Spectacular".

Going into my fourth year my Roy decided to give field trialing a try. He and my Lois began to break me. We worked at it pretty much by ourselves, took our lumps and trained some more. During those years there were people who smiled at our efforts, but you know if you want something bad enough, and you work hard at it, it really does come true. Those years were the hard ones.

About the time I reached six, the fertility specialists at the University of Illinois pushed the right button and Willie's Russet Duke and I had four gorgeous babies which included that handsome rascal King Conan.

About the age of eight something happened. I started to win gun dog stakes. The dream of finishing as a Dual Champion shifted from the "wouldn't it be great" to "when Penny finishes". Oh how sweet those days were. Just when things were going great, I got sick. Really sick. In fact I almost bought the Big Milkbone. Between my Dr. Ron Mraz and the University of Wisconsin I was able to bounce back and my dream came true. Sliding into my 10th year I finished as a Dual Champion at Ionia, Michigan. That delighted me because I won my first gun dog stake at Ionia. Four weeks later I finished as an Amateur Field Champion at Hawkeye.

There I was at ten not ready to retire. I batted my long eyelashes at my Roy and nuzzled him until he agreed to seriously campaign me in the AKC Master Hunting Tests. Would you believe that this white faced biddy earned her 6th qualifying Master Score at the Weimarer Club of Illinois Hunting Test this September and earned the title of Master Hunter. Here I am at twelve and have earned all the AKC field titles, but you know what? I wished I could turn the clock back and do it all over again. Damn it was fun. ■

Roy Greffin contributing

Fridge

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He had a nice career as a Derby dog... finished #3 ranked Derby Dog nationally, placed 4th in the 1987 National Derby Classic and won the ...Midwest...field Futurity.

Fridge is a family dog first and happens to have the drive, ambition, and smarts to be a true contender in any gun dog stake... He's just a great fellow.

Beyond all of the performance accolades Fridge has been the catalyst for me to become associated with a great group of people (VCOI, VCA Members and Field Trialers from other breed clubs)... No trophy, ribbon, award or certificate outweighs the value I place on good-clean competition and the quality friendships which precipitate from these activities. ■



Veterinary Clinic

by Tom Holcomb, D.V.M.

QUESTION: *What's the story on Ivermectin for cattle as a heartworm treatment for dogs? It is being touted in the dog world as a once-a-month liquid on the tongue. 1 cc/40 lbs. treats and controls heartworms, round worms, mites, and, I have heard fleas. Is it safe and effective?*

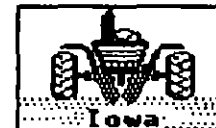
ANSWER: No, it is not safe. And I quote from the Ivomec insert "Caution: Ivomec injection for cattle has been developed for use in cattle and reindeer ONLY. This product should not be used in other animal species as severe adverse reactions including fatalities in dogs, may result." The FDA did not require this statement out of the blue. The misuse of Ivermectin had led to more adverse drug reactions reports to the FDA than any other drug.

The dose of Heartguard 30, the approved ivermectin prevention in dogs, is 136 micrograms per 40 pounds. your 1cc/40 lbs. equals 10,000 micrograms. You've overdosed the dog some 70+ times. ■

Gun Dog October/November Page 34

Vizsla Club of Eastern Iowa

Bare bones event nets 9 VCOI ribbons



October 6-7, 1990

Amateur Limited Gun Dog

(13 Entries)

- 1.) Oakleaf's Rebel Rouser Fantom
O/H Tom Hagen
- 2.) GSP
- 3.) GSP
- 4.) Corky O/H Dave Lee

Open Gun Dog

(7 Entries)

- 1.) Corky O/H Dave Lee
- 2.) Penny Copper Gizlla
O/H Bonnie Bergmeyer
- 3.) Nicoles's Diamond Repete
O/H Paula Abbott
- 4.) Solo O/H Dave Lee

Open Puppy

(2 Entries)

- 1.) Morning Sky Mista Bone
O/H Jerry Dutemple
- 2.) Reckless Ballofire (Flame)
O/H Tony Ordonez

Amateur Gun Dog

(4 Entries)

- 1.) Corky O/H Dave Lee
- 2.) Redwing's King Conan
O/H Roy Greffin
- 3.) Nicoles Diamond Repete
O/H Paula Abbott
- 4.) Withheld

Open Derby

(9 Entries)

- 1.) Reckless Ballofire (Flame)
O/H Tony Ordonez
- 2.) GSP
- 3.) Rebel Rouser Gator
O/H Tom Hagen
- 4.) Morning Sky Mista Bone
O/H Jerry Dutemple

Open Limited Gun Dog

(11 Entries)

- 1.) GWP
- 2.) Nicks Golden Bear
O/Cooper & Cassino
H/H Rosanek
- 3.) GSP
- 4.) GSP

Twin Cities Vizsla Club Fridge & Corky earn firsts

Amateur Gun Dog (9 starters)

- 1st-FC Mehagian KRC's Phoenix Fridge
o/h Mark Johnson
- 2nd-Corky, o/Dave & Deb Lee
- 3rd-DC/AFC Askim, o/h Dave Busch
- 4th-FC Vypor, o/h Joel Lundin

Open Puppy (4 starters)

- 1st-Morning Sky Mista Bone JH
o/Jerry & DeLoie Dutemple
- 2nd-JB'N Squirt, o/h Jim Busch
- 3rd-Squaw, o/John Hargis
- 4th-Fourwinds Oakleaf Legacy
o/Linda Kelly

Open Gun Dog (13 starters)

- 1st-FC/AFC Oakleafs Rebel Rouser Fantom
o/Tom & Debbie Hagen
- 2nd-Solo, o/Dave & Deb Lee
- 3rd-FC Mehagian KRC's Phoenix Fridge
o/h Mark Johnson
- 4th with held

Amateur Limited Gun Dog (8 starters)

- 1st-AFC Penny Copper Gizlla
o/h Bonnie Bergmeyer
- 2nd-DC/AFC Askim's Diamond Reo SH
- 3rd-o/h Paula Abbott
- 4th-FC Mehagian KRC's Phoenix Fridge
o/h Mark Johnson

Open Derby (6 starters)

- 1st-Fourwinds Rebel Rouser Gator
o/Tom & Debbie Hagen
- 2nd-Morning Sky Mista Bone
o/Jerry Dutemple
- 3rd-Oakleafs Wirlwind Jessie
o/h Gary Klatt
- 4th-JB'N Squirt, o/h Jim Busch

Open Limited Gun Dog (9 starters)

- 1st-Corky, o/Dave & Deb Lee
- 2nd-FC/AFC Oakleafs Rebel Rouser Fantom
o/Tom & Deb Hagen
- 3rd-AFC Brooks Budman, o/Tony & Ann Lucas
- 4th-Nicks Golden Bear, o/Ray Cooper &
Gary Cassino

Labor Day Fun Trial

No contest just intense competition

September 3, 1990

The only resemblance between this years VCOI Summer Fun Trial and the Labor Day "Fall" Fun Trial was the weather. Both days were in the 90's. The Labor Day event lacked the carnival atmosphere: there were no Pigeon Races, no Obstacle Course, no TYRO events. Even without stakes, prizes or placements, the competition was stiff. Thirty-five to forty people were on hand to work their dogs on pheasant, scope out the Field Trial competition, and to ask THE QUESTION. The question of the day was; **"Worked your dog much over the summer."**

THE ANSWER to the question, even if not based in truth is; **"Nope, haven't had her (him) off the couch since Busch's Fun Trial."**

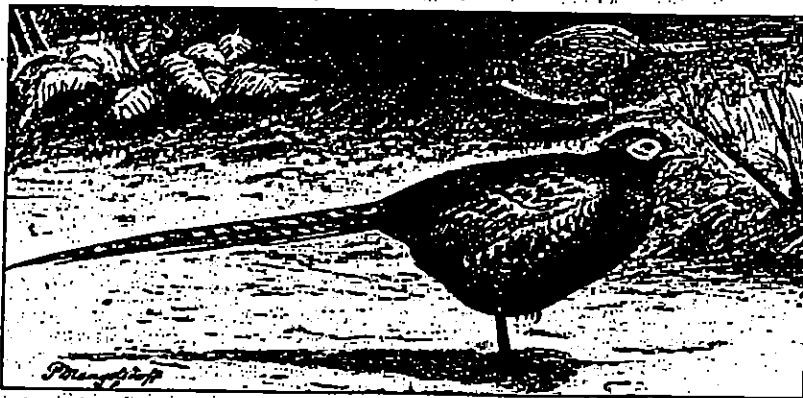
Mark Johnson ran the event with his usual ease. No detail went overlooked. His wife Rhonda collected money to pay for the grounds.

We had members come to compete from as far as St. Louis and as close as Bolingbrook.

Other news of the day ..Patty & Chris Cygon reluctantly sold

their last puppy.... Ray Bican took him home... Ann & Tony Lucas showed off their 8 week old male out of Buddy.... Roy & Lois Greffin tried to beat the heat in the shade of their new motor home.... Jim Busch & Bill Elloit brought out horses to train off horseback ...Chuck Boegel gave away tomatos from his garden.

The day ended uneventfully. All participants left The Des Plaines Wildlife Area with a little sunburn, a lot of local flies, plus the added enjoyment of driving home in the holiday traffic. ■ GGO



How To Flush A Pheasant

There are at least six ways to flush a pheasant:

1. Reach through a fence and lay your gun on the other side before traveling through.
2. Step behind some high, thick brush for privacy while answering nature's call.
3. Stop to light a cigarette.
4. Loosen your boot to adjust your wrinkled sock.

5. Forget to load your gun.
6. When you decide to quit for the day, unload your gun even if you are only 200 yards from your car.

Note: If none of these works, there remains but one never-fail method: Simply walk through the same field the day *after* the season closes.—Herm Albright.

Agency feels the bite

A Swedish court has ruled that a man's best friend is his dog, and must be attended to while the owner is in jail.

Alysborg court in western Sweden overruled a welfare order that said it would pay for the destruction, not the upkeep of the convicted man's dogs while he served his 3 month sentence. The owner, convicted of theft and driving violations, maintains that the dogs are his companions and are necessary for his rehabilitation. The higher court agreed. The court will pay \$500 in kennel fees for the 2 dogs for three months. ■

Braggs



Debby & Dave Lee with Corky at The VCOI Speciality



Show Results

Kenosha KC 9/9/90

1st OB & WB Askim's Golden
Sunset Zoya, JH
BOS Cutter's Star Attraction

Rock River Valley KC 9/30/90

BOB Cutter's Star Attraction
WB Askim's Golden Sunset
Zoya, JH

International KC 10/14/90

BOB Ch Russet Leather Satio
Dawn

New Champions

CH Kedves Vadasz Solo Edition
CH Ratkopf's Super Charger CD JH X
CH Boshar ZSA ZSA of Glen Hill
Breeder: Sherry Klein
Owner: Carol Carozza

CH Semper Fi Montesuma
DC/AFC Semper Fi Chesty Puller MH X
FC AFC Cas See's Charla
Breeder: Terry Lucas
Owner: Al Lucas



Obedience Wins

Belle Clair KC 9/7/90

Wampum Wings
O/H Greg Darlington
Novice B 194 1/2

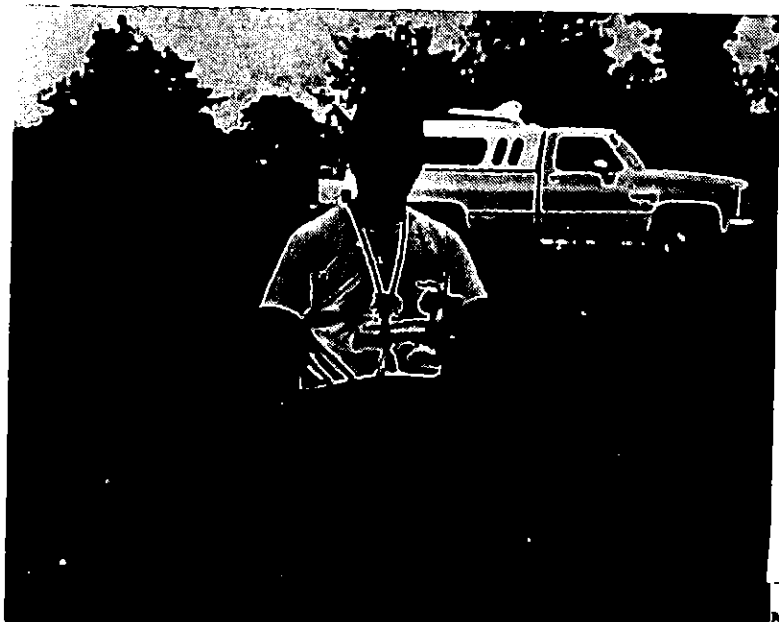
2nd Place



Gwen Tomlinson in the obedience ring with Cody at the Kiwaukee KC

Field Braggs

FCH/AFC Brook's Budman with breeder/owner/handler Tony Lucas



BUZZWORDS

Here's the vernacular that your neighborhood boarding kennel:

Beasts or horses: Big dogs such as Dobermans

Fingerpainters: Dogs who defecate and then run through the defecation, splattering it all over the place.

Floppers: Dogs given to seizures.

Red-dotter: A pet owner so difficult a red dot is placed on the file to warn attendants in the future. A.k.a. biscuits, because the customer is hard to swallow.

Brain surgery: A male animal is said to have undergone brain surgery when it's been castrated.

VIZZWORDS

Ordonez slang for breed words.

Furfegnugen: The phenomenon in that a dog owner's automobile always contains fur, even if the dog has never ridden in it.

VMS (Vizsla Menstrual Syndrome): The pattern of winter summer heat cycles, characterized by a bitch who always goes into heat the first day of hunting season.

Viztibule: One of the two rooms in a dog house.

VTU (Vizsla Thermal Unit): A unit of measure, the amount of heat generated by the dog, on your side of the bed, in July.

Vizcosity Index: A not so arbitrary number assigned by the female member of the household as the maximum numbers of dogs per family..

Vizscout: Actual number of dogs, Usually one more than the Viscosity Index. ■ GGO

Newsweek October 8, 1990

Vizsla Club of Michigan

Fall Field Trial
(VCOI placements only)
September 29-30, 1990

Open Puppy (6 entries)

- 1.) Reckless Balofire
O/H Tony Ordonez
- 4.) JB N' Squirt
O/H Jim Busch

Amateur Gun Dog (9 entries)

- 1.) Mehagian KRC's Phoenix Fridge
O/H Mark Johnson
- 3.) Redwings King Conan
O/H Roy Greffin

Open Gun (14 entries)

- 4.) Redwings King Conan
O/H Roy Greffin

Open Derby (11 entries)

- 1.) Just Jake II
O/H Denny Durko
- 4.) Reckless Ballofire
O/H Tony Ordonez

New Junior Hunter Title Awarded to

Danube Sandra
Owner: Mark N Johnson

(From Hunters Whistle October 1990)

Hawkeye Vizsla Club

Fall Field Trial
(VCOI placements only)
October 13-14, 1990

Open Derby

- 2.) Reckless Ballofire
O/H Tony Ordonez
- 3.) J B 'n Squirt
O/H Jim Busch

Amateur Limited Gun Dog

- 3.) Askim
O/H Jim Busch

Amateur Gun Dog

- 1.) Askim
O/H Jim Busch

THE VCOI IS
PROUD TO
ANNOUNCE ANOTHER
FAMILY MEMBER,
**ANDREW
JOSEPH**
WAS BORN TO
ALISON AND KEITH
KUJAKA ON AUGUST
20TH.

Editors note:

Lynn Worth letter was reprinted in it's entirety. Her rebuttal clouds the issue of "Scientific Study" and my lack of expertise on the subject. I want to clarify a couple of things. GGO ■

Dear Lynn,

I don't know you. I wasn't aware of your "relationship" with Chauncey Smith. You spoke to me as an authority on the Magyar Society and I viewed you as such. When we spoke, we discussed the cost of the national mailing, someone uninvolved with the national mailing would not have known what it cost.

The September / October Vizsla News contains a letter from the OFA concerning their latest genetic research on HD. A human geneticist leads the 5 year \$750,000 program. "Experts" on the subject tell me that genetic mapping won't be feasible for the next 5 years. Yet Cliff Boggs talks of the research as if it had no time dimension. Who is correct?

I don't claim to be a geneticist. I am a Financial Analyst who in my course of study has taken Statistics courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

While I compare topics such as, health acuity and fringe benefits, not genetic traits, the concept of statistic sampling remains the same. In order to infer a relationship between a sample and the population the sample space must be randomly chosen to avoid sampling bias. With a large enough sample the low and high ends of the scale will be eliminated by averag-

AN OPEN LETTER TO GINA ORDONEZ

It would not have been my choice to respond to your articles in the Vizsla Club of Illinois newsletter in an open forum such as this, but, words, once in print, have a habit of being re-printed.

I never received the copy of the Illinois newsletter which you said you would send me, so my first introduction to your journalistic efforts were in the publication of "Vizsla Now".

Listening well is a special skill. Just how special it is is never so clear to us as when we see ourselves misquoted in print. No matter -- perhaps it is just as well because it gives us the opportunity to have a dialogue on a controversial subject in the glare of public scrutiny.

Let me make it perfectly clear that I do not speak for the Magyar Vizsla Society. It has been assumed I do because of my relationship with Chauncey Smith. My attempts to answer questions have been in the spirit and interests of promoting cooperation and communication.

(1) The square in which you have placed in large quotation marks "No field dogs would be included in the map" and paragraph 4 . . . "The dogs that would be included in the breed map would be chosen by the committee itself and no field dogs (undefined) would be included in the map. When I asked Lynn Worth why field dogs would be excluded, she explained that the field lines are thought to be adulterated."

I'm unsure who "the committee" is. I recall when being asked how -- by a group of people -- dogs would be selected, I said "Who knows? Maybe a committee" . . . What dogs? . . . I recall saying maybe only show lines could be used -- those that were felt to be generationally clean. Of course, several people objected to this idea and I recall saying that how could any of us know what would be done since we were non-professionals. This was all purely speculative!

(2) You write "Once again the 'West Coast Breeders' choose to propagate the myth that they have a lock on the breed's genes." I never in all my 20 years in Vizslas though that West Coast breeders were in the business of "propagating" such a "myth" -- any more than East Coast breeders. It is, in my opinion, the volume breeders (wherever they are and whatever they do) that, indeed, hold the key to the Vizsla's future.

Why, Gina, in your experience -- however short or long -- with our breed, do you feel you can make such a statement?

(3) In re the sentence "I was not at all concerned about the conscientious breeders in the listed states who could be financially harmed by his libelous statements (it's a hobby)." What I said was that in the long run the conscientious breeders (anywhere) would not be hurt -- and that no one I was aware of could be financially harmed because I didn't know anyone who made a living breeding dogs. Unless you are a breeder yourself, you could not possibly understand how little the price of a pup means in the entire framework of "the game." It is, in fact, what that pup will do that is important to the breeder.

(4) I'm not sure what you mean by "pet breeders". Those breeders who influence the direction of any breed are not your occasional "think I'll breed by little bitch" type of person. (See preceding paragraph). Breeders are, by and large, in "the game" to produce dogs to win -- whether it is in the field or the show ring. And if the volume breeders are in the show ring -- the natural ability genes (oops, there's that word again) will suffer -- and vice-versa.

Now I am going to make a statement here that may cause a flap -- and this I believe and have said -- in the main, the Vizslas I have seen that have been bred in the mid-section of the country tend to have more versatility than those elsewhere. (The demise of the Irish Setter and other sporting and herding breeds have nothing to do with "pet breeders" shying away from "Dual potential sires.")

(5) I'm not going to deal with your "garbage in, garbage out" paragraph because it is seriously flawed on many levels and neither you nor I should be wading around in scientific areas where we have no expertise.

Corrections and Clarifications

The reported results of the Powder Puff Stake at the Summer Fun Trial were inaccurate. The names of the handlers were correct but in two cases the dogs listed were not handled in the stake. (I can guess what Fun Trial reporter Jim Busch was looking at.) To set the record straight.

- 2.) Alison Kujawa/Babe
- 3.) Gwen Tomlinson/Ali. ■

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ing. ***The larger the degree of variation in a population the larger the sample size needs to be.*** A "pro-society" letter in the VCGC September issue estimates a minimum of 150 dogs need to be tested.

If a DNA test for one dog costs \$800+, and the level of funding that the society seeks is \$10,000. Will the sample space be 12.5 dogs? ***The incidence of crossbreeding must be very small indeed, if a sample of twelve and a half dogs will establish the norm.***

Because you feel that last issue's article from Business Week was not beneficial to my newsletter, please ignore the Newsweek column on page 11.

Sincerely,

AMO

Gina G. Ordonez

(6) "In the past the society has asked the Board to ask AKC to disallow Vizslak that do not conform to the standard not be allowed to compete in field trials. The board denied this proposal."

Before July 1990 there was no "society" (except in the early days before the formation of the VCA). So -- the society could never have asked the VCA Board anything. In the past: in 1980 the AKC and the VCA were sued by a VCA member who wanted non-conforming Vizslas -- in that instance, those with too much white -- to be ordered up at field trials. This came to naught although the VCA responded to this event by asking AKC to allow them to pick up non-conforming dogs (too much white) -- and were turned down because AKC said they were not in the business of policing this sort of thing. In 1989, a VCA Board member posed an agenda item that was meant to deal with "cross-breeding". The result was that the VCA Board passed around a petition to be signed by VCA members asking AKC to allow us to pick up non-conforming dogs at trials -- and that they officially respond to our past requests on this subject. A covering letter along with the petitions was to be sent to AKC by the VCA president explaining the petitions, etc. The VCA Board has never denied on this issue. (Please note: there will be an item on the 1990 VCA Board agenda that will hopefully resolve this problem to the satisfaction of AKC.)

(7) The Magyar Vizsla Society has, to the best of my knowledge, never pointed fingers at "reportedly tainted lines". They have pointed fingers at specific geographic areas and at the collusion of some members of the VCA Board of Directors -- unnamed.

It is, of course, an impossibility for the VCA to "monitor" breeders. Even such a suggestion is ludicrous in a non-fascistic society. The VCA doesn't even have a "Breeder's Code of Ethics". The true answer to this problem rests on a little understood word in today's world called Integrity.

It is my conviction that had the VCA Board of Directors been exercising leadership in the protection of the purebred Vizsla (as designated in the club's by-laws), the Magyar Vizsla Society would never have come into existence.

"On The Fur Front" -- Column 1 - Magyar Vizsla Society - it would have been to your advantage, Gina, if you, as a reporter, had spoken directly to Chauncey Smith rather than have selected an already edited piece from the Miami Valley Vizsla Club newsletter. You would have received much more accurate information. (All of this will be addressed in the first newsletter of the Magyar Vizsla Society which will be out in October).

Column 2 - it would have been more beneficial to your readers to have, perhaps, quoted DNA information from those scientists working in the field of Animal Species Comparison rather than an article in Business Week.

And, last, but not necessarily least -- "White vs. Bright White". I think that you will hear discussed at the VCA Board meeting in 1990 the technical amount of white that should be allowable under our breed standard. Some feel a 3 x 5 card size would be permissible, others feel that anything that would extend beyond the size of the VCA Medallion should be disqualifying. Hopefully, we will be able -- this time -- to clarify this problem once and for all. It is important!

There are many types of "white" -- including "whitewash" -- mottled, treckled, ticked, solid, etc. I never used the term "bad white" -- and I never said white of any kind was a "proof of mix breeding". The Vizsla, as most of us know, has carried white for as long as we can recall. It transverses all blood lines -- show or field. I also never stated there were bloodlines that were "beyond reproach". Any breeder, anyway, would know that is a standard "cruck". I probably mentioned certain breeders whose lines were closely bred and rarely outcrossed as being the least suspect -- or maybe -- the most easily identifiable as being "purebred". I did say say, however, that Vizslas with ticked bellies and paws were highly suspect. Right or wrong, I did say that. And, that, while not being a fact, is my opinion.

In summation, Gina, your feelings of affrontery are justified. Your freedom to write what you feel is guaranteed. And you do represent a point of view.

At least we are all now, hopefully, going to face and deal with the crisis of protecting our precious breed above and beyond the thrust of winning at all costs.

Sincerely,

Lynn

Lynn Worth

1990-1991 Upcoming Events

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- 7 Wednesday, Green River opens
- 12 Monday, VCOI Meeting at Cheryl & Geno Woehrle's
- 22 Thanksgiving Day

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January

- 1 New Years Day
- 19 Saturday, VCOI Awards Banquet

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February

- 23 Saturday, VCOI Hunting Test
- 24 Sunday, VCOI Spring Fun Trial

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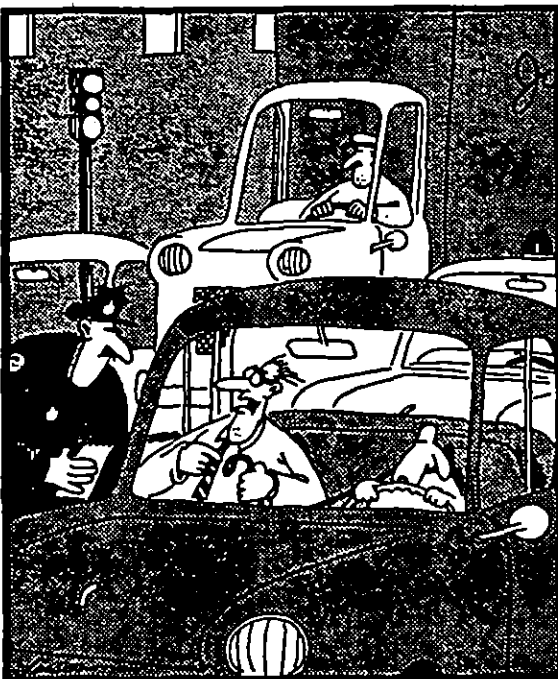
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- 10 Sunday, VCOI Spring Field Trial
- 20 Wednesday, VCOI Meeting at Cheryl & Geno Woehrle's

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"Hey, I'm not crazy...sure, I let him drive once in a while, but he's never, never off this leash for even a second."

NOTICE

The day of the regular bimonthly meetings of the VCOI have changed for the next two meetings.

The regular meetings will again be held on the third Wednesday of every other month starting in March.

The next meeting will be on Monday November 12, 1990. At the home of Cheryl & Geno Woehrle.

The January meeting will be replaced with an Awards Banquet on Saturday January 19, 1991.

Mark your calendar. ■

You Read it Here Last

Things reported somewhere else first

Home James and don't spare the horses

One raw winter day last winter a dog from the San Francisco SPCA shelter got a royal send-off. After adopting a terrier from the shelter the new owner realized that he couldn't transport the pet home. He had driven his motor cycle to the adoption center. Instead he called a taxi, placed the pup on the back seat and closed the door. The animal seemed to know exactly what to do. Complete with motorbike escort, he rode home like any other VIP on parade. ■



Help is just a toll call away

The Chicago Tree House Animal Foundation receives more than 25,000 calls a year from pet owners in need of assistance.

They suggest the services of a crate for an insecure canine who expresses separation anxiety by chewing when he is left alone.

The tree house has been providing professional advice to people about their pets for 20 years. Besides counselling, the foundation provides pet adoption, low cost neutering and emergency pet food.

For help or information call the Pet Behavior Hotline (312) 784-5488. Counselors stand by Seven days a week from noon to 5 p.m. ■

A Vizsla a day keeps the doctor away

The June issue of Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, published results of a study that showed that older people who own dogs are less likely to visit physicians than non pet owners. Other studies have suggested the link between pet ownership and better health. This study provided statistical evidence to support the theory. A study at UCLA followed 1,000 medicare enrollees for one year. In general, people when stressed were likely to visit their physician. Pet owners who experienced stress had a record of visiting physicians 21 percent lower than other elderly persons who did not own pets. "Pets seem to help their owners in times of stress," said Dr. Judith Siegel, author of the study. "All together, these data indicate that owning a pet, particularly a dog, may reduce the demand for physician services among the elderly." ■

MEMO: *The night of the regular meeting has been changed due to the start of hunting season.*

The November meeting will be held
Monday, November 12, 1990 8 P.M.
At the home of Cheryl & Geno Woehrle
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