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SEPTEMBER, 1974



*Dual & AMA. Field Champion
"Rippie" Of Webster Woodlands*

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The Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc., indorses the efforts of organizations such as
the Vizsla Club of America, the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and
the University of Minnesota, to eliminate hip-dysplasia in dogs, and encourage
all of its members to use - ONLY CERTIFIED NORMAL BREEDING STOCK AT
ALL TIMES.

CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
AT THE HOME OF:

John Pecora
237 Judson Street
Bensenville, Ill. Ph: 595-0349

Time: 8:30 p. m.

Dress: Casual

Refreshments served

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By: Linda Busch

The August , 1974, meeting of the Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc., was called to order at 9:00 p. m. at the home of John and Beverly Pecora with 20 people present. Secretary's report and the treasurer's report were read and accepted. Linda Busch volunteered to bring the refreshments to the September meeting. Tony Lucas introduced guests Al and Sue Foster to the members.

Field Trial Committee - Dennis Cakora said that everything is running smoothly for the forthcoming field trial on November 2 and 3rd. A brief discussion ensued as to whether or not we should send \$25.00 to American Field Magazine to have our trial printed in their magazine.

Show - Diane Stoeke was not present to give a show report.

Membership Packets - Betty Solberg mentioned that she has sent a lot of packets out lately and if any members know of prospective members, please let her know.

Christmas Party - Iris Pechota said she has lots of activity and sur prizes in store for us at the Christmas party she is planning. It will be at Sharkos in Villa Park in December (3 blks west of Rte. 83).

Old Business: Reverting back to the subject of the American Field publication, it is in the field trial format already established that we have our information sent to American Field Magazine.

New Business: Ken Crago will give Jim Busch the bird crates to store. At the Battle Creek show, John Ewers finished his dog Evelyn's Red Pride, and recently Ed Mau finished his Edmar's Lil Roustabout. Congratulations were given to Ken Crago as his dog Rippl was runner up in the 1974 German Pointer Breeds of Illinois pointing dog of the year awards. A letter from Marlon Fischbach regarding the fall National Field trial in California was read by Tony Lucas (see more details elsewhere in this publication). The Specialty Show in California received \$950.00 for trophy donations. The chair entertained a motion to send a trophy donation for the fall National. Ken Crago made a motion to send \$15.00, which was seconded by John Pecora. Motion passed. Discussion followed regarding whether or not we should send something to advertise in the fall National running order. It was mentioned that unless we set a definite date for a fun trial, nothing will ever get done. At Bong we can get free birds for pop gun trials. It is generally felt that a fun trial is necessary for the new members. After suggestions for a Put - N - Take the second week before hunting season, volunteers will contact Erik Erickson and John Swanson regarding land. President, Tony Lucas, read a letter from the Washington County Humane Society All-Breed and Obedience Benefit Match scheduled for August 25th. Mr. Lucas also suggested that the bulletin should include an ad for membership in the National Club. Discussion followed regarding raising the club

dues to include national dues. Nothing was resolved. Linda Busch read a letter from Animal Kingdom regarding an employee of theirs, Mac Hoytt, who would be a possible guest speaker. She will contact Mr. Hoytt. It was suggested that Tony Lucas contact Libby Babbitt for a future lecture. A motion was made by Emil Szafran and seconded by Pat Biernat to adjourn the meeting. Time 11:10 p.m.

1974 Fall National Field Trial, Lake Success, California

Dates: October 25, 1974 - - Fall Field Futurity
October 26, 27, 1974 - - Fall National Field Trial
(October 19, 20, 1974 - - Vizsla Club of Southern California
Inc., fall Field Trial - same location)

Banquets: The Friday night kick-off dinner and the Saturday night banquet both will be held at the Paul Bunyon Lodge in Porterville. Both dinners will be under \$5.00

Motel: Paul Bunyon Lodge, 940 West Morton Ave., Porterville, Ca. 93257 phone 209-784-3150. Please be sure to state you are with the Vizsla Club of America.

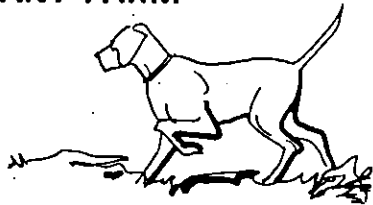
Trophy Fund: We are asking for the help of all Vizsla owners by donating to the trophy fund. We will appreciate any donation, no matter the size, and all donations will be listed in the field trial catalog. Please make checks payable to the Vizsla Club of America, Inc. and send to Mrs. Marian Fischbach, 5902 Grandview Ave., Yorba Linda, California 92686

Horses: Horse rental is \$15.00 per day and reservations must be made by October 12, 1974. Check must accompany reservation.

Camping: Camping will be at the lake adjacent to the field trial grounds.

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NEWS from the AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB. . . . AKC will be holding an educational symposium at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, November 9, 1974. Fill out the coupon on the preceding page and mail as soon as possible as it is on a first come first serve basis and only 2000 will be allowed.

On October 1, 1974, the revised provisions for determining a dog's eligibility as to height as specified in Chapter 19, Section 3, of the Dog Show Rules go into effect. The new provisions will have a three-fold impact: First, there will no longer be any measuring prior to judging. This means exhibitors will not be able to have their dogs measured before going into the ring. Second, there will be no measuring committees. The judge will make the height determination, while the dog is posed, at the judge's direction, by the handler of the dog. Third, height eligibility will be determined by means of a special "wicket." The wickets are much like oversized croquet wickets. The principle is that the legs of a wicket of known height will either touch or not touch the floor when placed on the highest point over a dog's shoulder blades, thus indicating whether the dog measures within the given height limit.

The Board of Directors of AKC have authorized the following fee increases effective October 1, 1974:

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| Registrations | from \$3.00 to \$4.00 |
| Litters | from \$5.00 to \$7.00 |
| Transfers/Dupli. | from \$2.00 to \$4.00 |

FIELD TRIAL PLACEMENTS (Ill. Vizslas only)

GSPC of Minn. Dual & Ama. Field Ch. Rippi of Webster Woodlands, O/H Ken Crago, placed 2nd in the Amateur Gun Dog and Open Gun Dog.

Hawkeye Vizsla Club. Dual & Ama. Field Ch. Amber's Windy Autumn, O/H Phil Rosenberf, placed 2nd in the Amateur Gun Dog. Dual & Ama. Field Ch. "Rippi" placed 2nd in Limited Gun Dog.

GWPC of Wisc. Dual & Ama. Field Ch. Amber's Windy Autumn, O/H Phil Rosenberf, placed 3rd in the Amateur Gun Dog. Ch. Jodi's Jump-N-Bing Bang Bucz, O/H James Busch, placed 4th in the Open Gun Dog.

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October

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- 05-06 Gateway GSP - Susan Michael, 2665 Sims, Overland, Mo. 63114
- 12-13 GSP of Ind. - Don Kidd, 103 Coning Dr., Richmond, In. 47374
- 12-13 Western Pointing Dog - R. Hannaway, 485 Downe's Dr., Lemont, Ill.
- 19-20 VCO So. Calif. - Marion Fischbach, 5902 Grandview, Yorba Linda, Fla.
- 28-27 VCOA National - Marion Fischbach, same as above

November

- 02-03 VCOI, Linda Busch, R.#1, Poplar Grove, Ill. 61065
- 09-10 Miami Valley V.C. - B.C. Boggs, 51 Cherry Lane, Springfield, Ohio
- 16-17 Northern New Jersey - Joan Worthington, Lee's Hill Rd. New Vernon, N.J.

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Sire: Dual & Ama. Field Ch. Rippi of Webster Woodlands

Dam: King's Megan

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IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE!!!!

To celebrate National Dog Week, the Car-Dun-Al Obedience Dog Training Club, Inc., invited our club to join them at the Meadowdale Shopping Center in Carpentersville last Saturday, September 21st, to promote pure-bred breeds and to fight the retailing and puppy-mill breeding of pure-bred dogs. Diane Stoeke, Jim and myself were the only ones interested enough to participate even though there were no field trials scheduled that weekend. There were cash prizes for the best display booths, however, we only managed to bring home an Honorable Mention ribbon. Apparently the judges did not feel that our booth depicted the purpose and/or origin of the breed although we did have articles from the newspaper on our booth walls about the Hungarian Pointer, and we had several pictures of dogs on point as well as live birds which we brought to show the kinds of birds our dogs hunt. Altogether though, we had a very enjoyable day talking with interested people who stopped to ask questions and inquire about puppies. The Golden Retriever club, the Car-Dun-Al Doberman Drill Squad, and the Hampshire Guard Dog school put on exhibitions in the parking lot which drew a large crowd and was impressive to everyone. One of the cutest booths was the Old English Sheepdog exhibit next to ours. The club members had dressed two children in sheepdog costumes and had brought along a real live sheep. Hopefully Car-Dun-Al will continue this program and eventually we will be able to work our way into a large shopping center such as the Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg. (Linda Busch)

TOP TEN ALL-AGE/GUN DOGS

Jan. thru May 1974

Points

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| 1. F. Ch. & Am. F. Ch. Randy Duke, Bart Boglioli, N. J. | 133 |
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| 1. Sir Amber Sam, Hank Schultz, Md. 5-11-72 | 199 |
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| 5. Beke, Dr. Kelly Donham, Iowa, 6-9-72 | 84 |
| 6. Amber Sunshine Cherie, Dr. Gerry Paluska, Iowa, 5-11-72 | 54 |
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| 8. Rennie The Pooh, Jerry Feder, Ohio, 9-3-72 | 44 |
| 9. Popple Dungeon Csikos, Len Halverson, 5-11-72 | 40 |
| 10. Villum, Mrs. H. Beling, 7-6-72 | 36 |

REBUTTAL - Erik Eticksen

In answer to recent CONTROVERSY CORNER articles printed in this publication.

Not being a writer of any kind, I have put off writing this for a long time, but finally I have gotten so upset that I decided to sit down and try to put a couple of my views down on paper.

There have been many discussions lately on the topics of closing stakes to Vizslas and also to eliminate the All Age Stakes. This to me are two of the biggest sins that any breed can do to itself. If some stakes are closed it becomes easier in the future to close a trial completely and start finishing dogs as field champions that lack the true characteristics that a breed needs for a good sound breeding program. For people who have done so much with a breed in the last 10 years to let a few people talk you into this is totally beyond me! Don't let history repeat itself with the Vizsla like the Irish Setter and the Weimaraner!

Another point I would like to make as far as All Age stakes are concerned is that it is a "FACT" that if a breeding program doesn't strive for All Age excellence, the quality of its gun dogs goes down!! I am going to end this article with a quote that every devout breeder or lover of this very nice dog should clip out and read every day or whenever someone comes up with the very stupid idea of closing stakes or eliminating the All Age and it goes like this: "History has disclosed the great gun dogs come from dynamic, aggressive, prepotent individuals. Without these brilliant, spectacular, hard driving, independent performers, consumed with a passion for finding birds, evincing unquestionable fire in the quest, needing "restraint" rather than encouragement, the splendid "shooting" dogs of the current era could not have been bred and developed."

Read this and believe it because it is a proven FACT! Don't let this fine breed go down the river because of some selfish people who desire a "Cheap" field champion!

A DECADE OF VIZSLAS - publication August 1974

Make checks payable to Decade of Vizslas (\$11.50 plus \$.75 postage and handling), and send orders to Barbara Berlenbach, 15 Middle Court, Mill Valley, Ca. 94941.

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Sire: Dual & Ama. Fld. Ch. Rippi of Webster Woodlands

Dam: Rose Katharine of Burchell

WHELPED July 29, 1974

6 males/3 females Both parents OFA approved.

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FALSE PREGNANCIES

by Ralph E. Werner, Jr., V.M.D.

Abnormal behavior following a heat cycle (estrus) in the non-pregnant dog is rather common. The condition which occurs is termed false pregnancy (pseudocyesis, hyperluteoidism, pseudo-pregnancy). It is a hormonal imbalance and may cause a wide range of clinical signs.

Let us review briefly the normal estrous cycle in the female in order to better visualize the abnormal. The onset of heat is characterized by swelling of the vulva and a bloody discharge which occurs for four to fourteen days. In most dogs the bloody discharge lasts about ten days. During this time the ovaries are preparing eggs for release. As the vaginal discharge changes from bloody to straw color, eggs are expelled from the ovaries. It is during this time fertilization will take place if she is bred and this period also lasts four to fourteen days. Again, for most dogs, eggs will be released from the ovaries for about ten days.

Following these stages the vulva will gradually return to normal size and the discharges will cease. The areas on the ovaries from which eggs erupted are termed follicles and they will undergo changes to become corpora lutea. These secrete the hormone progesterone which is necessary for maintaining a normal pregnancy. If no fertilization occurs, then the corpora lutea will regress in about one month and cease secretion of progesterone.

False pregnancy results when the corpora lutea persist and an excess of progesterone is secreted. This is admittedly an oversimplification of a complex process, but it serves to outline the basic hormonal cause.

Signs - Clinical signs vary considerably but almost always include increased size of the mammary glands and behavior changes. The onset of false pregnancy will usually fall between one and a half to three months after normal estrous cycle.

The mammary glands can enlarge slightly and produce a thick fluid or they may distend with actual milk up to the point of discomfort.

Behavior changes can range from aggressiveness and irritability to lethargy and shyness. Some dogs want to hide and avoid people while others seem to actively protect their phantom litter. Often a toy will be "adopted" and carried almost continually. Any type of behavior change following a heat cycle should make one suspect of this condition.

Other less common signs are slight fever, loss of appetite, and mild digestive disturbances such as diarrhea. The syndrome can appear from the first heat on and usually recurs with every cycle.

Treatment - Most mild cases do not require medication. In more severe cases, hormones, diuretics and tranquilizers may be used. No one drug seems extremely effective in treating this syndrome and each individual case should be left to the veterinarian. Due to the recurrent nature of

false pregnancy, serious consideration should be given to an ovariectomy (spay), since this is the only permanent correction. Fortunately, in the majority of cases, this condition is not serious and will abate spontaneously. Many feel that pyometra (infected uterus) is more common in dogs having false pregnancies, but there is some evidence to refute this.

Summary - The important things to remember about false pregnancy are:

- a) it occurs shortly after a heat
- b) it often requires no treatment
- c) it is rarely serious
- d) it can be entirely prevented by ovariectomy (spaying)

(this article has been taken from the September 1974 issue of Vizsla News)

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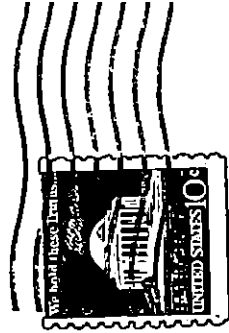
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HONORED ON THE COVER this month is Dual & Ama. Field Champion "Rippi" of Webster Woodlands. His latest accomplishment was becoming "Illinois Shooting Dog of the Year Runner-Up" for German Pointing Breeds for the 1973-74 season. This was Rippi's first full year of competition as a finished gun dog. Rippi is the only 3rd generation Field Champion Vizsla stud in the breed and earned the title "Dual and Amateur Field Champion" at an age younger than any other Vizsla. Currently, Rippi is the highest ranked amateur handled field Vizsla and competes in All-breed AKC and American Field competition throughout the nation. Rippi is owned and handled by Ken Crago.

This is the second time in the last 10 months that we have honored Rippi on the cover of our publication, and he certainly deserves it as he is an exciting dog to watch in the field.

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