



*The Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc.*

*Spring 2017*

# BULLETIN

*A quarterly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI*



*“Driver”  
NFC FC Mira’s MR Playmaker*

*Owner: Michel Berner, Mira Vizslas*

Driver is a hard-charging three-year-old male. Born May 8, 2012, he didn’t begin trialing until fall of 2013. His very first trial entry resulted in a placement and nationals qualification! Exactly two years after bringing home a 4<sup>th</sup> of 33 in the 2013 VCA National Derby Classic, he finished his FC in grand style by winning the 2015 VCA NFC from a field of 40 starters.

Winning and placing in all-breed gun dog and all age majors in California, Nevada, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, New Jersey, and Wyoming in 2015, Driver has proven his ability to adapt to terrain and attack the course intelligently and cooperatively. Making moves to reach objectives typically left untouched by the competition, he is exciting to watch perform in the field, and is still improving every time he’s on the ground. Out of the 14 placements in 2015, only one stakes was not a major. He finished out the 2015 field trial season ranked as #1 in Dogs Defeated (287) , #3 VCA Top Ten Open Gun Dogs, #1 in AKC All Age Vizsla, #8 in AKC All Age All-Breeds.

Driver has been exclusively trained and handled in the field by Brian Gingrich of B.G. Gun Dogs. From the first 6-week puppy camp at 5-months of age, Brian has been the sole trainer developing Driver’s talents in the field. Driver is taking a break this spring but will be back out with Brian for the fall 2017 season.

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## **President's Message**

Greetings and Happy Spring!

It looks like Spring is right around the corner and I am so looking forward to being outside with short sleeves and training my crew. It seems to me that toys last a little longer in my house when I can consistently get outside and run those V's.

The Vizsla Club of Illinois has a lot of fun activities planned for this spring and fall already on the calendar. Some of them include new field trial sites and others include a return to the Arlington Heights Pet Expo. I am grateful to the members that have stepped up to get these events off the ground. We are always looking for volunteers to work as well as ideas for future events. Volunteers can do a variety of things from serving lunch to driving a truck to help an event run smoothly. Special note to our new members...this is an excellent way to meet people and dogs and take an active role in our club. Please consider this when you are planning your year ahead.

I talked a little bit about "Joy Stealing" at our awards banquet. Joy stealing is when you say something like..."Congratulations on your win, too bad it was a small entry" or "That junior handler did a nice job out there...judges always go for a junior handler which is probably why my dog didn't win." You can even steal your own joy by saying... "My dog got 1st place...but it was a small entry." My biggest pet peeve is when someone makes excuses for themselves and their dog by saying something like..."its politics, that is why I did or did not win" or "you cannot win against a pro handler."

I was at a specialty show in Wisconsin and judging the sweeps with someone that was new to judging but definitely not new to vizslas. I asked her after the show if she found it difficult to judge what basically amounted to her peers and she replied to me, "it is a whole different ballgame when you put your hands on the dog." I think in every event it is a whole different view when you are right in the "thick" of it. A judge on horseback always will have a differing view of what takes place in front of him then the gallery behind the judge. We can all use a "filter" on what comes out of our mouths and what gets typed into a computer, please consider filtering when stating your views. Joy stealing can really hurt a person's feelings and undermine their determinations. In my few years in this crazy dog world, I have heard many times in our sport of purebred dogs, that it is losing competitors, be it showing, trialing or just plain competing....perhaps in our own individual pursuits we forget to be supportive in a non "joy stealing" way.

Please as we go forward into 2017, try to make a difference in the sport we all love. Think about your verbal and written choices before you share them with others. Consider making choices that promote peacefulness and inclusiveness when participating in dog activities whether you are judging or competing. Have fun!

See you at the next event!

Michelle Princer  
President  
Vizsla Club of Illinois

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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 Samantha Dumm at [samantha.dumm@att.net](mailto:samantha.dumm@att.net)

Please let us know if your dog receives a National title as we would like to feature your accomplishments in the Bulletin.

The opinions expressed in articles are those of the author and do not constitute endorsement by the editorial staff, the VCOI, or its Board of Directors. The VCOI endorses the efforts of the VCA and the OFA to eliminate hip dysplasia in dogs and encourages its members to use only normal breeding stock.

Deadline for submission to the Bulletin is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, May, August, and November. Deadlines are non-negotiable.

Cover stories are limited to one per family membership in a 12 month periods. All blogs, articles, and submissions must be submitted in writing either through the minutes or directly to the editor and are due the 15th of February, May, August, and November for inclusion in the Bulletin.

All photos mailed to the Bulletin must include a self addressed stamped envelope. Phones without a return postage will remain the property of the VCOI. Exception to this is the cover photo which will be returned at the VCOI's expense. Digital photos are preferred.

## Front Cover Continued...

Bred by Jonathan Peck of Midnight Run Vizslas, his dam Nena, a highly competitive derby dog herself, has also produced an NVA National Champion by a different stud. Driver's sire Rex, owned by Jim Gingrich, is the son of Michel's winning derby dog Briggs (Strider's Generator) and Brian Gingrich's bitch Lucy, a daughter of Wanda Berner's DC AFC Maximum Strider SH.

He is the first NFC for owner Michel Berner/Mira Vizslas the first NFC from Wisconsin.



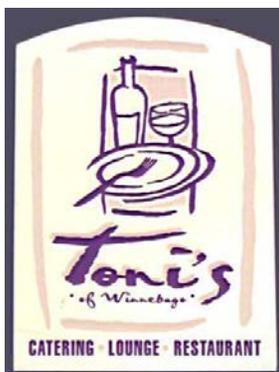
Owner: Michel Berner, Mira Vizslas  
[www.miravizslas.com](http://www.miravizslas.com)  
 AKC: SR72835003 CHIC: 110018  
 Hips: Excellent Elbows/ Eyes/  
 Thyroid/ Cardiac: Normal (results on  
 OFA website)  
 Sire: NCH 2xRU-CH MVSDC FC AFC  
 Burr Oak's Quarterback "Rex"  
 Dam: Shiloh's Midnight Run "Nena"

## Points of Interest

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-  Welcome New Members
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## Special Thank You to the 2016 VCOI Awards Banquet Raffle Donors!

Jim and Linda Busch, Chad and Nancy Chadwell, Mary & George Haines, Kathy Harmer, Sue Barnes, Chad Morsch, Diane Daly, Gun Dog Supply, Dogs Unlimited, Purina, Garmin, Doctors Foster and Smith, Toni's of Winnebago, Pheasant Run Resort and Bowers



## 2016 VCOI Awards Banquet



*Oh, this is the night, it's a beautiful night  
And we call it bella notte  
Look at the skies, they have stars in their eyes  
On this lovely bella notte*

*Side by side with your loved one  
You'll find enchantment here  
The night will weave its magic spell  
When the one you love is near*

*For this is the night  
And the heavens are right  
On this lovely bella notte*

We gathered for the annual Awards Banquet at Pheasant Run Resort. The venue was a perfect backdrop for the “Lady and the Tramp” theme this year.

The raffle items were *magnifico!* A special thank you to the donors mentioned on the previous page. Congratulations to all the raffle winners!

A special thank you to the members who helped organize the banquet: Michelle Princer, Karen Lambeth, Shelley Gabriel, and Patti Nowak! They organized everything from the theme and location to contacting vendors and club members for raffle times and creating raffle baskets. Another thank you to George Haines for the beautiful plaques!

It was a beautiful night to get together with old friends as well as some new friends and celebrate our exciting achievements we’ve made over the past year with our dogs. Best of luck in the coming year!

Volunteers are needed to plan next year’s awards banquet. If you are interested, please send an email to Michelle Princer.



## VCOI 2016 Awards Earned and Awarded at January 2017 Awards Banquet

Rodney & Anne Albin	<b>Ruby</b> - Junior Hunter 2016  <b>Ginger</b> - Master Agility, Master Agility Jumper, Open Fast, Level 3 Fun CL3-F, Level 3 Handler CL3-H, & Level 4 Standard CL4-R	
Nancy Browne & Chad Chadwell	<b>Ty</b> - National Field Champion 2016 & Field Champion 2016  <b>Mia</b> - National Amateur Field Champion 2016 & Amateur Field Champion 2016	
Stevie Duffek	<b>Kozi</b> - Rally Advanced – RA 2016, Beginner Novice Obedience – BN 2016, Barn Hunt Senior – RATS 2016, Therapy Dog – THD 2016, Barn Hunt Master – RATM 2016, Barn Hunt Champion – RATCH 2016, Therapy Dog Advanced – THDA 2016, Barn Hunt Master Champion – RATCHX 2016, Companion Dog Obedience – CD 2016, Fast CAT 150 – BCAT 2016, Barn Hunt Crazy 8s Bronze – CZ8B 2016, Rally Excellent – RE 2016, Therapy Dog Excellent – THDX 2016, Most Titled Vizsla Under Two Years Old in History 2016, Awards for Canine Excellence Therapy Dog Award Nominee 2016, Canine Good Citizen – CGC 2015, Rally Novice – RN 2015, Coursing Ability – CA 2015, Junior Hunter – JH 2015, Community Canine – CGCA 2015, Barn Hunt Novice – RATN 2015, Barn Hunt Open – RATO 2015, Therapy Dog Novice – THDN 2015, & Urban CGC – CGCU 2015	
Kathy Engelsman	<b>Bruno</b> - Champion 2015  <b>Birdee</b> - Champion 2015  <b>Stevie</b> - VCA 2016 Top Producer Dam  <b>Simba</b> - Champion 2016, VCOI 2016 Specialty Sunday-Winners Dog, & Sporting Puppy Group 4 2016  <b>Palmer</b> - Champion 2016, VCA Nationals 2016 2nd in Sweeps, VCOI 2016 Supported Winners Dog and Best of Winners, & VCA Nationals 2016 2nd in 6-9 Puppy Class	
Rick & Connie Forner	<b>Ivy</b> - Junior Hunter 2016	
Becky Haberbush	<b>Buzz</b> - Companion Dog 2016, Novice Agility Preferred 2016, Novice Jumpers Preferred 2016, UKC Champion 2016, & UKC #7 Vizsla 2015  <b>Ash</b> - Beginner Novice 2016, Novice Agility Jumpers 2016, Novice Agility 2016, Agility Fast Novice 2016, & UKC Champion 2016  <b>Tank</b> - Grand Champion Bronze 2016, Owner Handler Best in Show 2016, Owner Handler Reserve Best in Show 2016, #1 Owner Handled Vizsla 2016, UKC Champion 2016, & UKC #6 Vizsla 2015	
George & Mary Haines	<b>Daisy</b> - UKC Champion August 2016, UKC Gun Dog Group 1 2016, & UKC Gun Dog Group 2 2016	
Cheryl Peterson	<b>Styx</b> - AKC #7 Master Agility Excellent Preferred – 2015, MXP – 2015, MXJP – 2016, MXJP2 – 2016, MXP2 – 2016, MJPB – 2016, MXPB – 2016, MXJP3 – 2016, MXP3 – 2016, PACH – 2016, PAX – 2016, & MXP4 – 2016	
Christine Schaberg	<b>Riley</b> - Best in Sweepstakes VCOI Specialty 2016, Winners Dog Regional National Specialty 2016, Owner Handler Group 1 2016, Bred by Exhibitor Group 1 2016, Best Puppy Sporting Group 2 2016, Finished 4 Majors and Best of Breed over Specials 2016, & Champion 2016  <b>Madison</b> - VCOI Specialty Best of Opposite Sex 2016, Owner Handler Group 1 2016, Bred By Exhibitor Group 1 2016, & Grand Champion 2016	
Mark & Pam Spurgeon	<b>Gauge</b> - Amateur Field Champion 2016, Field Champion 2016, & 4th Place NAFC 2016  <b>Dakota</b> - Field Champion 2016 & Amateur Field Champion 2016	

*“Look, there's a great big hunk of world down there, with no fence around it. Where two dogs can find adventure and excitement. And beyond those distant hills, who knows what wonderful experiences? And it's all ours for the taking, Pige. It's all ours. “*

*-Lady and the Tramp*

## **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicagoland Family Pet Expo**

Looking for VCOI Member Volunteers to help with Public Education and Team with your Vizsla!

BACK AGAIN BY POPULAR DEMAND! The VCOI is going to have an exhibit booth at this year's Chicagoland Family Pet Expo, March 17—19, 2017! The Pet Expo will be held in Arlington Heights at the Arlington Int'l Racecourse! AND... we have an awesome corner booth on the 1st floor – Booth 302!

This is America's Largest Pet Expo, with more than 250 Exhibits of Pet Products, Services, Breed Clubs and Rescue Organizations, and WORLD CLASS ENTERTAINMENT! There are many fun-filled attractions such as the Ultimate Air Dogs jumping competition, Dancing with Dogs competitions, demonstrations, Frisbee Dog performances, a Purebred Cat Show, Bird Show, Cutest Pet Photo Contest, Parade of Breeds (Dogs), and much more!!! There is lots of great shopping, training information, and fun interaction at our booth with fellow VCOI members!

If you volunteer to work at the VCOI Booth, you can bring your dog, too! It is a very good socialization opportunity for younger dogs. We set up several crates in the booth, and you are allowed to walk your dog on leash at the

show. If you are interested in volunteering to work a two-hour shift, half day, or all day, one of the days, please e-mail Cathy Gallagher at [siennapointe@dls.net](mailto:siennapointe@dls.net) and let her know what days and times might work for you. We would like 2-3 people/Vizsla teams for every shift. Your primary role will be to answer questions that the public has about the Vizsla Breed and to provide handouts and information. This event is not an opportunity to showcase your personal breeding program. It is truly about Vizsla Education and Public information. We will have nice big poster boards with pictures of our Club members' dogs doing a variety of "jobs"! We emphasize the Versatility of the Vizsla Dog!

The Pet Expo is open Friday, March 17th from 1p.m. to 9p.m., on Saturday, the 18th from 9a.m. to 6p.m., and Sunday, the 19th from 10a.m. to 5p.m. You can also attend the event without working! We have coupons for \$1 off adult admission (Regular adult admission is \$10). For every coupon used with VCOI's name on it, the Expo will donate \$1 back to the Club!

Send an e-mail to Cathy Gallagher at [siennapointe@dls.net](mailto:siennapointe@dls.net) if you would like an electronic copy of the coupons! You may also distribute the coupon to others – perhaps in your dog classes or relatives and friends!

## **Dog-Gone Good Treats**

### **Sweet Potato Chews**

- Large sweet potatoes or yams
- Mandoline or sharp knife
- Cutting board
- Baking sheets

Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Meanwhile, carefully slice the sweet potatoes lengthwise or crosswise using the mandoline or knife. About 1/3 inch thick for larger chews. (When dehydrating, the slices are going to lose the majority of their thickness.) Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or foil. Place the sweet potato slices on the baking sheet and bake for 3 hours, turning half way through. Let them cool completely on a wire rack.

Chewiness—Baking for 3 hours results in a soft, but chewy dog treat. If your dog prefers more of a crunch, then bake for an additional 20-30 minutes. When you take the sweet potatoes out of the oven, they may at first appear to be too soft. Let them cool completely on a wire rack before you decide weather or not to make them longer. This is because they will continue to dry or harden while cooling.

Storage—Although these treats are dried, you will want to keep them in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks. You can freeze them for up to 4 months.



## Vizslas – Built to Run or to Trot?

by: Jayne Coneybeare

Have you sat at the Sporting Group ring and watched pointing breeds on the judge's request to "take them around"? Did they "wow" you with their tremendous reach and drive at a trot? Were some dogs even moving out ahead of their handlers creating a picture that is more commonly seen in the German Shepherd ring?

Though this movement is eye-catching and "showy" in the ring, is it typical or correct for an upland bird dog? Do the physical characteristics that enable a dog to work for many hours at a gallop influence the way a dog moves at a trot?

In his book *Dog Locomotion and Gait Analysis*, Curtis M. Brown emphasizes:

"A breed should first be built with the best structure possible as needed for the performance of its special function. Second, after an exhibit has a structurally correct build as needed for its function, then it should trot as smoothly as possible within those limitations imposed by its structure."

### **The "Special Function" of Vizslas**

When the Smooth Vizsla breed was officially recognized by the CKC in 1958, the accepted breed standard was a translation from the Hungarian standard at that time. Published in the first edition of *The Book of Breed Standards* (the official publication of the Canadian Kennel Club) it did not even mention the purpose or function of the breed. Since then, CKC standards have variously described the Vizsla as "an all-purpose gun dog", a "sporting dog" and an "upland bird dog".

But what does that mean? How should a Vizsla work in the field? The CKC, AKC and FCI\* standards have no description of the breed's working gait, but the UK standard describes a "ground covering gallop."

At the International Magyar Vizsla Conference held in Hungary in 1999, a presentation on "Structural characteristics and typical proportions of Magyar Vizsla" gives more detail:

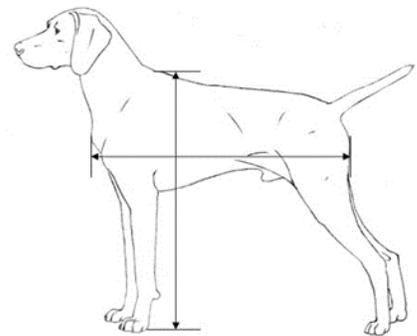
"Preferably, the dog should move fast, but since it is not searching for the game by sight, but by air scent, and catching prey is not among its tasks, persistence is more important than speed. While hunting, a fast

(depending on the circumstances), but endurance gallop is a criteria. At the same time, in the general performance of the breed, retrieving the game and carrying it a long distance carries equal importance as hunting. Therefore, a persistent, efficient trot is necessary for an overall good work."

Therefore, a Vizsla should be built to excel at an endurance gallop as well as trot "efficiently" when this gait is needed. Among many aspects of body structure that combine to make a Vizsla, the first impression for the show judge is overall body proportions. Two ratios are of particular significance in recognizing an endurance galloping dog.

### **1. Body length compared to height**

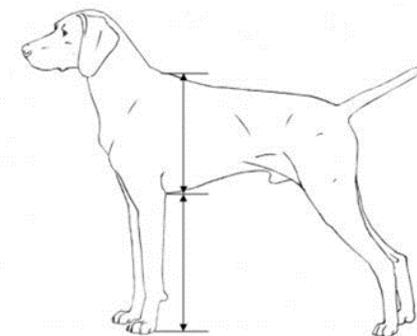
Body length is measured from the forechest to the point of the pelvis



Height is measured at the highest point of the withers

### **2. Legginess ratio**

Length of leg below the chest compared to Depth of Chest



### **Vizsla Body Length vs Height**

For endurance galloping, a square body is an advantage. At a gallop, the rear legs must lift the front and having a relatively short body makes this easier – thus contributing to endurance. At a trot, a square body is a disadvantage since there is more potential for interference between the front and rear feet. The best endurance trotting breeds (Dalmatians, for example) have a body length 10-20% longer than their height.

The CKC standard says Vizslas should have a "length to height ratio of approximately 1:1." This proportion definitely puts the Vizsla into the endurance galloping

category. Both the AKC and FCI standards require the breed to be slightly longer than tall. Since Vizslas do perform some work at a trot, this would improve trotting efficiency but would sacrifice some endurance at a gallop.

should equal distance from the chest to the ground – the proportions of an endurance trotting dog!

### Vizsla Angulation – What is Balanced?

### Vizsla Legginess Ratio

Up to a point, longer legs allow longer strides, hence greater speed. For the fastest dogs, racing greyhounds, the optimum leg length is about 30% longer than chest depth. When leg length equals depth of chest (as in trotting dogs), galloping speed is slower. Leg length that is about 20% longer than chest depth allows a combination of speed while still maintaining endurance at a gallop. Though the CKC standard does not refer to this proportion, it would seem to be the most efficient for a Vizsla. This is supported by the FCI Vizsla standard: “depth of brisket slightly less than half the height at the withers”. Interestingly, the UK standard specifies that the distance from the withers to lowest part of the chest

The description of angulation in Vizsla breed standards is riddled with measures of angles and bones without giving reference points for how these are to be determined. The development of technology to x-ray dogs stacked and moving has revealed that some features described in breed standards are physical impossibilities. Other descriptions use wording such as “moderate” but give no guidelines, leaving their true meaning open to interpretation.

Without getting into detailed measurements, what is important is how the front and rear assemblies work together to allow a dog to perform its function. Brown

FEATURES	Endurance Trotting Dog	Endurance Galloping Dog	Fast Galloping Dog
<b>Typical breeds</b>	Dalmatian; Shetland Sheepdog; Collie	Dogs that require endurance rather than speed when performing their function – such as Pointers quartering; Sled dogs like Siberian Husky	Afghan, Greyhound, Borzoi
<b>Working Gait</b>	Trot – 2-beats per stride	Endurance Gallop – 3-beats per stride Hunting dogs designed for galloping must cover many miles at the trot and efficiency at this gait is fairly important. However, the trot is not of supreme importance and the structure desirable for trotting should never be developed at the expense of efficiency at the gallop.	Gallop – 4-beats per stride  Flexible back, double suspension rotary gallop
<b>BODY LENGTH compared to HEIGHT</b>	Body ~10–20% longer than tall	Square body.	Body slightly longer than tall. With a longer body and flexible back these dogs can take long strides and achieve high speeds at a gallop.
<b>Legginess Ratio</b>	Leg length below chest approximately equals depth of chest. Ratio: Leg is 1 to 1.1 X depth of chest	Leg length below chest is about 1.2 X depth of chest.	Leg length about 1.3 X depth of chest, for racing greyhounds.
<b>Balanced Angulation</b>	The angle at the point of shoulder should be approximately equal to the angle at stifle; and the angle at elbow about equal to the angle at hock joint.	Front angulation straighter than rear; BUT too much rear angulation decreases endurance at a gallop.	Front angulation straighter than rear. Greater angulation in the rear than in the front contributes reduces endurance but increases speed at the gallop.

defines this balanced angulation, as “Whatever angulation is needed for the function of the breed during locomotion.” But, he adds, “balanced” does not mean equal!

For endurance trotting dogs, front and rear angulation are “balanced” when the angle at the point of the shoulder is similar to the angle at the stifle, and the angle at the elbow is close to the angle at the hock joint. Breeds whose function requires them to gallop are “balanced” when they have more angulation in the rear than in front. However, this can be carried to extremes in Vizslas when too much rear angulation decreases endurance.

The following table summarizes the features of dogs whose function requires them to excel at various gaits and some of the ways that trotting style is affected. To keep the working abilities of our Vizslas, the qualities of an endurance galloping dog should be maintained along with physical fitness, health and the desire to hunt. While some of these qualities cannot be assessed in the show ring, it is possible to choose to promote Vizslas as endurance galloping dogs rather than allow our breed to become flashy trotters that win because they are competing in a venue called the “show” ring.

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## **Roasted Lemon Rosemary Pheasant**

- 2 whole pheasants
- 2 lemons, quartered
- 3-4 fresh rosemary stalks
- Sea salt and crushed black pepper
- 12-15 garlic cloves
- 100ml (3½ fl oz) extra virgin olive oil
- 125ml (4½ fl oz) white wine

### **Instructions**

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Using a heavy, sharp knife or pair of poultry/kitchen shears, cut the pheasant in half down the back, removing the backbone. Discard the backbone, then chop the pheasants in half down the middle. Trim off any fat or bruised bits.
2. Place the pheasants in a large bowl. Squeeze over the lemon juice and add the lemon quarters to the bowl. Bruise the rosemary stalks with your hands and add them to the bowl. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
3. Lightly crush the garlic cloves with the flat side of a knife or with your hands, but don't peel them. Add them to the bowl. Pour over the olive oil and the white wine. Mix well and leave the pheasant to marinate for about 20 minutes.
4. Heat a heavy-based frying pan (don't add oil).
5. When the pan is hot, remove the pheasant pieces from the marinade and sear them, skin-side down, to color. Turn the pieces and brown the other side. Do this in batches so that you don't crowd the pan.
6. When the pieces are browned, place them in a roasting dish. Pour over the white wine and the marinade from the bowl.
7. Place the pheasant in the oven and roast for 20-30 minutes, until tender and cooked through (the juices will run clear when the thigh is pierced with a skewer). Remove from the oven and rest for 10-15 minutes.
8. When rested, cut the pheasant into serving pieces and pile onto a large plate. Pour the pan juices over the top and spoon over the lemon, rosemary and garlic.
9. Serve with boiled potatoes, a green salad, and good bread.



## VCOI General Meeting - November 16, 2016

Meeting called to order 6:32pm

Number of Attendees: 15

### New Business:

- Michelle created a list of jobs that are open and we need members to fill.
- Samantha Dumm is taking over the Bulletin.
- Dennis Nowak was given authorization to purchase a new laptop to be used for field trials.
  - Mary Haines 1<sup>st</sup>, Samantha Dumm 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Changes to the board for 2017, Rob Struthers will resign his position as a board member, Samantha Dumm will be added to the board, Dennis Nowak taking over as treasurer. All other positions remain the same.

Treasurer report - there is approximately \$10,000 in the account.

Secretary Report - no new business, the minutes were read for the record.

- Mary Haines 1<sup>st</sup>, Aline Schamberger 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Old Business:

- March Field Trial - When the field trial was held at Des Plaines there was more member participation. Now that it is being held at Panther Creek it is more difficult for members to get there to attend meetings.
- There was a discussion held on whether to have another trail in early March to kick the season off, get dogs ready for futurity. We could possibly have a walking field trial one day and a hunt test the next day.
- Jim Busch suggested that his farm is available for a field trial or hunt test.
- The early March Field Trial needs a secretary and chairperson
- Secretary and chairperson needed for Ottawa Field Trial.
- It was felt that sending out meeting reminder cards was successful.
- Mary Haines has blank forms for the awards banquet the for plaques and bars. The forms need to returned to Mary Haines by December 1, 2016
- Mary Haines also suggested that the bulletin should be sent to club members electronically to members to save the club money and time
- A discussion was held as to the clubs policy on awarding free plaques or bars based on the titled earned. It was decided that the board would discuss this issue further.
- Michelle thanked Chad Chadwell for his work on the field trial.

### Braggs:

- Mary and George Haines - Daisy finished her UKC Championship
- Rick Forner - Ivy was awarded her Junior Hunter title.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm

- Raeann Jones 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary Haines 2<sup>nd</sup>



## VCOI General Meeting - January 14, 2017

Meeting Called to Order 7:30pm

Number of Attendees: 40

Michelle Princer thanked the committee for an outstanding job in preparing for the banquet and spoke about "joy stealing", in other words, to be a good sport and encourage those that are starting out in the sport.

Treasurer Report - Dennis Nowak said there was \$11,000 in the bank account.

Secretary Report - Susan Gervais read the meetings from the last general meeting. Minutes approved.

March Field Trail - Chad Chadwell gave an update.

- The trail will be held the held 3/3/2017 at Panther Creek. It will be combination of walking and horseback trial. There will be eight stakes and three courses.

April Hunt Test - Brad LaPudre gave update.

- The hunt test will be held on April 22nd and 23rd. He needs volunteers.

Specialty - Kathy Engelsman was not present but plans for the Specialty are coming along.

- The Specialty is held at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere, IL, the weekend of July 14th-17th, 2017.

New Business:

- Friends of Des Plaines - Dennis Nowak gave an update on the grounds at the Des Plaines. They are always looking for donations. The grounds are improving and are excellent for walking field trails and hunt tests.
- Dog Spot - Dennis Nowak spoke about Dog Spot in Downers Grove, IL which is a place to bring your dogs to go swimming. The club is considering having a meeting there.
- Michelle Princer spoke about all meetings will be held at Cabela's in Hoffman Estates except those that are held at Double Bubble or the Specialty. We also need suggested topics or speakers for to be discussed at the meetings.
- Field Trail Clubs of Illinois - Chad Chadwell is the new President of the Field Trail Clubs of Illinois. Chad also suggested that Middle Fork is a potential place to

hold the fall field trial. September 25th possible date.

- Bulletin update - Michelle Princer introduced Samantha Dumm as the new editor of the bulletin. Content is always needed for the bulletin i.e. articles, recipes, brags, etc. Discussion was held on whether the bulletin should remain a print version or whether it should be distributed in electronic format and that it will come out four times a year.
- A motion was approved to donate to VCA for the Walking Gun Dog Championship, Specialty non-field events and Gun Dog Championship.
- In 2018, the National Specialty will be hosted by the Central Wisconsin Vizsla Club. They will need workers and volunteers.

New members were introduced: Chuck & Alice Graack and Monica & Paul Hoogervorst .

The Slate of Board Members and Officers were voted on and approved.

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- President - Michelle Princer
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- Rodney Albin
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- Samantha Dumm
- Kathy Engelsman
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- John Looby
- Rick Mitchell

Calendars are for sale.

Braggs:

- Chad Chadwell - Ty was the National Field Champion and Field Champion for 2016 and Mia won National Amateur Field Champion and Field Champion 2016.

Meeting Adjourned 8:08pm

## Training Day & Hunt Test

June 10 & 11

Ottawa Field Trial Grounds  
(on 67, 5 mi. North of Eagle WI)

### Training Day - June 10

The VCOI would like to invite you, your family and your dog(s) to the training day.

- Experienced club members will be available to work with you and your dog(s) to help in your hunt training process.
- All pointing breeds are welcome.
- Handlers may present demonstrations, based on participants' interest, showing the progression in training a puppy to a broke dog.
- Individual training sessions will begin at approximately 8:00am.
- \$20.00 training with 2 quail, Seminar and lunch for 1 person.
  - Contact Brad Lepoudre to reserve Birds.
  - If you want extra birds they are \$6.00ea

### Hunt Test - June 11

We will accept hunt test premiums on the grounds until 3:00 pm Saturday. Work with your dog on Saturday and then sign up. See VCOI website for more info.

Contact: Brad Lepoudre  
lepoudre@comcast.net  
(847) 888-1176



Breeders, please take advantage of this opportunity to get your puppy buyers started in this fun sport!

## Wags & Brags



Nikko finished his Championship with three majors at the Winnegamie Kennel Club shows in Oshkosh in January under judge Mary Ann Alston. He is officially CH Riverside Mira's Irish Storm, owned by Michel Berner.



Morning Call Miss Daisy (Daisy), owned by George and Mary Haines, earned her UKC Championship title in April 2016 at the Wisconsin Toy Fox Terrier Association show. She also earned a Group 1 Gundog placement at Show 2 on the same day. Daisy had just turned one, and was handled to her CH title by Mary.





## New drug increases survival in dogs with hemangiosarcoma

A breakthrough trial at the University of Minnesota, testing a new drug, resulted in improved survival rates for dogs diagnosed with a cancer called hemangiosarcoma (HSA). Canine HSA is a common, aggressive, incurable sarcoma. The cancer typically spreads before diagnosis and the survival time is extremely short: less than 50% will survive 4-6 months and only about 10% will be alive one-year after their diagnosis.

“This is likely the most significant advance in the treatment of canine HSA in the last three decades,” said study co-author Jamie Modiano, N.M.D., Ph.D. professor in the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine and member of the Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota.

The study tested a drug called eBAT, invented by Daniel Ballera, Ph.D., professor at the University of Minnesota Medical School and Masonic Cancer Center. “eBAT was created to specifically target tumors while causing minimal damage to the immune system. HSA is a vascular cancer, meaning it forms from blood vessels. eBAT was selected for this trial because it can simultaneously target the tumor and its vascular system”, said Valleria.

Traditional cancer treatments have side effects that can be very hard on patients. “In this trial we aimed for a sweet spot by identifying a dose of eBAT that was effective to treat the cancer, but caused no appreciable harm to the patient. Essentially we’re treating the cancer in a safer and more effective way, improving quality of life and providing a better chance at survival,” lead study author Antonella Borgatti, D.V.M, M.S., associate professor with the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine said.

The drug improved the 6-month survival rate to approximately 70% and five of the dogs that received eBAT treatment lived over a year. The positive results for canine patients, the similarities between this cancer and angiosarcoma in humans, and the fact that many other tumor types can be targeted by eBAT, make a strong case for translating this drug into clinical trials for human cancer patients. The researchers want these results to bring hope to those touched by this disease.

“University of Minnesota Develops Cancer Drug That Helps Dogs With Hemangiosarcoma” *Veterinary Practice News*. 2017 Lumina Media, 14 Feb. 2017. Web. 22 Feb. 2017

**Dr. Jamie Modiano, DVM, PhD will be discussing the latest advances in Hemangiosarcoma research at the VCA National Events in Del Mar, California Thursday, May 4 in the afternoon following the regular classes.**

### New VCOI Members:

- Monica and Paul Hoogervorst
- Chuck and Alice Graack
- James and Joanna Kendall
- Laura and John Novotny
- Michelle and Mark Selby
- Partiece and Farmy Walker
- Lawrence and Katie Zwart

# HELLO & WELCOME!



## Upcoming Events

March 11-12	VCOI Training Day Last Day to order birds March 8 at 5 p.m.	Des Plaines SFWA west grounds; Wilmington, IL Contact: Dennis Nowak
March 17-19	25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Chicagoland Family Pet Expo - VCOI Booth 302	Arlington Int'l Racecourse; Arlington Heights, IL
March 22	Membership Meeting Speaker: TBD, Dinner \$10/person	Cabela's at 6 p.m. ; Hoffman Estates , IL
March 31	Midwest Vizsla Futurity	Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA; Chandlerville, IL
April 1-2	VCOI Field Trial (entries close March 27 at 6 p.m.) Volunteers needed to help run the event.	Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA ; Chandlerville, IL Contacts: Chad Chadwell, Mark Spurgeon and Rodney Albin
April 22-23	VCOI Hunt Test Get a title in one weekend, the Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois is also holding HT	Des Plaines SFWA west grounds; Wilmington, IL Contact: Brad Lepoudre
May 20-21	Double Bubble Weekend May 20 <sup>th</sup> : This is our annual steak fry and bring a dish to pass. May 21 <sup>st</sup> : Fun Day	Busch Farms; 2643 N. Keith Rd, Winnebago, IL More information on speakers coming soon!
June 10	VCOI Training Day	Ottawa Field Trial Grounds; Eagle, WI Contact: Brad Lepoudre
June 11	VCOI Hunt Test	Ottawa Field Trial Grounds; Eagle, WI Contact: Brad Lepoudre
July 13-16	VCOI Specialty and Supported Show (entries close June 28; Roy Jones)	Boone County Fairgrounds; Belvidere, IL Contact: Kathy Engelsman
July 15	VCOI Membership Meeting Lunch will be provided.	Boone County Fairgrounds; Belvidere, IL Meeting will start when Vizslas are done showing.
September 20	VCOI Membership Meeting Speaker: TBD, Dinner \$10/person	Cabela's at 6 p.m. ; Hoffman Estates , IL
September 23-24	VCOI Field Trial Volunteers needed to help run the event.	Middle Ford SFWA; Danville, IL Contact: Paul Howard
November 22	VCOI Membership Meeting Speaker: TBD, Dinner \$10/person	Cabela's at 6 p.m. ; Hoffman Estates , IL

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*Mark your calendars:*

March 12: VCOI Training Day

March 17-19: 25th Annual Chicagoland  
Family Pet Expo

March 22: Membership Meeting



*Hope to see you there!*

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