



### BULLETIN

A quarterly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

### MACH Hellion's Glass of Ale JH MXB MJS XF CGC TKN

By Anne Albin

It's been a long & exciting agility journey filled with fun. The journey began long before our first agility class. We had sold a puppy to Jim Reno and he asked if our breeding program would make a good agility dog. We said yes given what is good for the field is good for the agility ring. Jim and Newt came to St. Louis to trial so, of course, we had to see Team Newt play. I was hooked from the get go! Newt went on to earn MACH 10 before retiring.

Our Maggie and JR had a litter of pups the following year. Ginger stole my heart early on and knew we would be a good team together. I always knew I wasn't full of grace as it was proven on our debut with AKC. Ginger knocked me over and I ended up breaking my wrist that required surgery. I knew at that point it was going to be all up hill filled with fun! We still aren't the most graceful team, but we're a team that loves playing together.





We have our trials and tribulations, but we have fun with every course we run! There is always good within each run! Ginger has earned her MACH championship in AKC and her C-ATCH championship in CPE (Canine Performance Events) this spring. Team Ginger has also been in the VCA Top 10 several times.

Thank you everyone for all the support through this journey. A special thank you to Jim Reno and Joy Sonsalla for introducing us to the sport. Of course, to Jim and Linda for introducing us to the Vizsla world and our first puppy!

#### Placement meanings:

MACH = Master Agility Champion

JH = Junior Hunter

MXB = Master Bronze Agility

MJS = Master Silver Jumpers with Weaves

XF = Excellent FAST

CGC = Canine Good Citizen

TKN = Novice Trick Dog

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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 Michelle Princer.

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

**Upcoming covers are available!** 

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Deadline for submission to the Bulletin is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, April, July, and October. Deadlines are non-negotiable!

Cover stories are limited to one per family membership in a 12 month period. All brags, articles, and submissions must be submitted in writing directly to the Editor and are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, April, July, and October for inclusion in the Bulletin.

All original printed photos submitted to the Bulletin must include a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope. Photos without return postage will remain the property of the VCOI. Exception to the cover photo, which will be returned at the VCOI's expense. Digital photos are preferred.

### Meeting Minutes

Report submitted by Susan Gervais

VCOI Member Meeting - September 26, 2018

21 Attendees

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Treasurer Report: \$8500 plus

**Constant Contact:** Michelle Princer update members on the adoption of Constant Contact as a way for the club to keep the members informed of club news.

**Double Bubble:** Double Bubble will be a one-day event to be held on Saturday with dinner and member meeting to be held after events. The Bushes welcome members who may want to camp overnight and train their dogs.

**Rewards Dinner:** Instead of the Rewards Dinner being held in a hotel/restaurant locale, we are looking to find an alternative location, such as a VFW Hall or similar environment.

**Field Trial:** Samantha Dumm updated us on the field trial. There were 39 entries. She is still working on completing the profit/loss statement. The dinner was held on the grounds. At the last minute, a Propulled 20 entries.

**Fall Hunt Test:** Brad Lepoudre updated the members on the Fall Hunt Test. The Hunt Test is being held in conjunction with the Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois. It will be held the weekend of Oct. 13-14, 2018, at Des Plaines. WE have received three entries so far. Currently the grounds at Des Plaines is a little rough.

Field Trial Club of Des Plaines completed fencing to help keep dogs off the road and completed new corrals for the horses.

Friends of Des Plaines is looking to purchase a golf cart or similar type of vehicle.

**Specialty Report:** The club is looking for members to help with the Specialty committee. We are looking into new trophies and expanding ribbons to be awarded to new champions at the event, and recognizing Juniors. We will also be having a raffle this year.

Next member meeting to be held at Cabela's in Hoffman Estates on November 28 at 6:00 p.m.

# Mark Your Calendars

#### Awards Banquet \*

January 12, 2019

Gilbert's Eagles Club at 6:00 p.m. 325 Raymond Rive, Gilberts, IL 60136

\*Email with details & invite coming soon!

- Bring a dish to pass
- Bring a White Elephant gift

See Karen Lambeth - Cindy Lepoudre - Michelle Princer for details

#### 2019 Pheasant Fest

February 22 - 24, 2019

Schaumburg Convention Center 1551 N. Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL 60173 (limited amount of dogs and participants each day)

See Dennis Nowak for details at dnowak1@comcast.net

#### Arlington Pet Expo

March 15 - 17, 2019

Arlington International Race Course 2200 West Euclid Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL 60005

See Cathy Gallegher for details at siennapointe@dis.net

#### Midwest Vizsla Futurity

March 2019

See Rodney Albin for details at rodneyalbin@centurytel.net

#### Spring Field Trial

March 2019

Needs a Secretary and Chair

Hunt Test April 2019

See Brad Lepopudre for details at csvizslas@yahoo.com

#### 2019 VCA National Events

April 29 - May 4, 2019

Non-field Specialty, West Bend, WI

Washington County Fair & Park Conference Center

We have several events that are local to us.

Please visit www.VCAweb.org for all upcoming events & details.

### **Tater Talks**



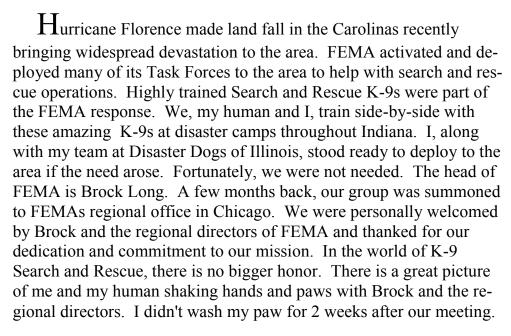












A few weeks ago, I and my team were deployed to Kankakee to join the Illinois State Police in a search for a missing 62-year old retired school teacher. His vehicle was found near a state park. We worked a wooded area along the river and adjacent corn fields. To date he has not been found. My human and I were interviewed by Channel 7 news during the search. If called upon by law enforcement, we will return to Kankakee and try to bring closure for this family.

Just a few days ago, I attended an advanced disaster training weekend hosted by The Department of Homeland Security at Camp Atterbury in Indiana. I was challenged to complicated search problems in a collapsed building scenario (like a 9/11 event). My skills were sharpened thanks to the guidance of world class K-9 trainers. In October, I head out for 4 days of intense training with FEMA teams from all over the country. I am looking forward the challenges that lie ahead!!!

To find out more about me or my upcoming appearances, look for me on Facebook at Tater Sar Canine or at <u>Disasterdogsofillinois.com</u>.



### Meet Erica Boling of Northeast K9 Conditioning! Great Tips for Pulling Dog off the Couch to Hunt

*Erica C. Boling, PhD*, is an Associate Professor of Education at Rutgers University and the owner and founder of Northeast K9 Conditioning, LLC and Northeast K9 Conditioning Academy. Erica helps sport and working dog handlers create peak performance, canine athletes by teaching them how to integrate canine fitness into their training programs. Erica is a Certified Canine Fitness Trainer (CCFT), Certified Canine Massage Provider, member of the United States Federation of Sleddog Sports (USFSS) and a member of their USA National Team. She is also one of the founding members of North Pocono Search, Rescue and Recovery. Currently, Erica teaches canine fitness to officers at the Atlantic County "John Sonny Burke" K-9 Academy. She also does narcotics detection with her Belgian Malinois and trains and competes in French Ring.

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Want to know your K9 Fitness IQ? Take the K9 Fitness Quiz to find out at <a href="http://k9fitnessquiz.com">http://k9fitnessquiz.com</a>!



#### 10 Tips for Returning to Training

Now that summer is over for those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, many of us are excited about finally having some cooler weather and being able to increase our training. I thought this would be the perfect time to send out a reminder and reflect upon what it takes to get our dogs back into shape for autumn events, competitions and races. These tips could also apply if you have a dog that's recovering from an injury and has been approved by your veterinarian to return to training and work.

Regardless of what brought you here, these are some tips for getting back into a regular training routine for your healthy and injury-free dog...

- 1. **Start Slowly.** Recognize that even though you might have been active and cross training over the summer, your dog's body is not necessarily conditioned to handle the demands of an increased workload if you have taken significant time off. Remember that different jobs and sports work the body in different ways, and being conditioned in one activity doesn't necessarily mean that your dog will transfer this conditioning to another activity. Cross-training and sport or work specific training are both essential if you want to reach peak performance.
- 2. **Give it Time.** Your dog's body needs time to adapt to the demands of increased exercise. If you only do sport specific training once or twice a week, you're not giving your dog's body much time to adapt to exercise. If your goal is to build strength and endurance, I recommend building up to at least 3 days of sport-specific exercise per week. Be patient. Your dog will need a number of weeks to get back into condition.
- 3. **Beware of the Temperature.** At this time of year, we can still have big jumps in temperature. No matter the temperature, always be aware that a dog can die of heat stroke even in cooler weather. Make sure you're familiar with the signs of heat stroke and always keep your dog well hydrated. Even the slightest bit of dehydration can put your dog at a much greater risk of heat stroke. Don't take your dog out for a training session if you think it might be even slightly dehydrated, and take precautions if there is a big jump in temperature and your dog is working in an environment in which it has not had time to adapt.

- 4. **Keep it Short.** Gradually return to sport or work specific training and begin with shorter sessions and more rest periods. Intensity level and length of time working/training should be less than what you do mid-season if you are just now starting to increase your dog's training workload. If your goal is to increase your dog's aerobic capacity, for example, build your foundation first and build up your miles before adding hills and interval training.
- 5. **Warm Up Your Dog.** One of the quickest and easiest ways to help prevent injury is to ensure that your dog is properly warmed up before engaging in exercise. A warm up can be quick and easy such as having your dog trot around you in circles while on a leash and playing a game of tug.
- 6. **Don't Forget to Cool Down.** A dog that is out of shape or not in peak condition will take longer to cool down. A proper cool down aids in exercise recovery. Make sure your dog's body temperature has returned to normal before crating and confining him. Research studies have shown that core body temperature can continue to rise for 8 minutes (or more!) after exercise has stopped. Watch your dog closely for signs of heat distress and do not crate your dog immediately after exercising. A simple cool down can save lives!
- 7. **Keep Hydrated.** I'm stating this again because it's so important. Even the slightest bit of dehydration will be detrimental to your dog's ability to regulate body temperature. Dehydration puts your dog at a higher risk for heat stroke. Be aware of how much your dog typically drinks throughout the day so that you can recognize when there are changes.
- 8. **Don't Forget Rest Days.** Your dog's body needs time to adapt to the increased demands of work. Time for rest and recovery is essential!
- 9. **Have Realistic Expectations.** Don't expect a perfect performance and have realistic expectations if you've had a break from training. Treat your dog like a beginner. (Don't worry! You will progress much faster than a "real" beginner as you get back into your regular training routine!)
- 10. **Measure Your Progress.** Document and keep track of your training so that you can monitor your progress (or lack of progress). Keeping written documentation of how things go will help you recognize when changes need to be made to your dog's training and fitness program.

Finally, don't forget about your own fitness! Now is a great time to get outdoors and get fit and active with your dog!

Happy Training!!

-Erica

P.S. Are you preparing for any upcoming competitions? Are you trying to condition your dog for a particular type of work? If yes, please message me and let me know what your up to! I'd love to learn more about you and your dog!!!



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### **News from the Field Trial**

On September 22 & 23, the VCOI hosted its annual Fall Field Trial at Middle Fork State Fish and Wildlife Area in Danville, Illinois. It was a great weekend for running dogs! The temperatures remained cool most of the weekend. The grounds were thick, but most dogs had multiple birds.

I would like to especially thank our judges for this trial. We all appreciated you sitting in the saddle and watching our dogs run.

Saturday ended with enough time for everyone to get chores done and sit around chatting about dogs and life. Dennis Nowak grilled some pork chops for dinner and Michelle Princer provided the sides. The food was excellent as always!

Behind every successful event, you have the people running it. I would like to thank my committee Mary & George Haines, Michelle Princer, Dennis Nowak, and Aaron Szczesny. They helped keep everything on track and running smoothly.

I would also like to thank everyone that helped throughout the weekend with bird planting, running the dog wagon, gunning, and all the other little things that need to happen. It takes a village to put on a field trial and it is always appreciated when people volunteer to help.

Best Regards,

Samantha Dumm Event Chair



Mary Haines

Samantha Dumm

#### Placements are as follows:

#### **Open Limited Gun Dog**

Judges: Tania Campbell & Rodney Albin	
1 <sup>st</sup> Swagger - Huntin with a Lil Swagger	Jarrett Bell
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bullet - Kick Em Up Bullet	Jarrett Bell
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sheldon - Pepper Jack's Sheldon	Randy Caldwell
4 <sup>th</sup> Henry - BGK's Long Range Rifle	Jarret Bell

#### **Open Derby**

Judges: Rodney Albin & Bill Elliot	
1st Jane - BGK's Calamity Jane	Jarrett Bell
2 <sup>nd</sup> Boom - BGK's Big Surprise	Jarrett Bell
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sako - BGK's Sako Finnfire	Jarrett Bell
4 <sup>th</sup> Gerti - Mythic's Gersemi	Tania Campbell

#### **Amateur Gun Dog**

Judges: Tania Campbell & Randy Caldwell

1<sup>st</sup> Henry – BGK's Long Range Rifle Jarrett Bell

2<sup>nd</sup> Withheld

3<sup>rd</sup> Withheld

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#### Open Gun Dog

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Judges: Tania Campbell & Rodney Albin	
1st Sig - BGK Red Hot Lead	Justin Hess
2 <sup>nd</sup> Withheld	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Withheld	
4 <sup>th</sup> Withheld	

#### **Amateur Walking Derby**

Judges: Randy Caldwell & Rodney Albin	
1 <sup>st</sup> Hoss - Not Just Another Cartwright	Dennis Nowak
2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Macee</i> - Redheaded hellion On Heels	Samantha Dumm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Gerti - Mythic's Gersemi	Tania Campbell
4 <sup>th</sup> <i>Pinkie</i> - Henrrietta Pink	Michelle Princer

# What Dog Owners Need to Know About the FDA's Grain-Free Diet Alert

by Anna Burke, AKC.org, Oct. 22, 2018



The FDA launched an investigation into potential links between canine heart disease and diet — specifically grainfree diets. We've compiled the information you need to know to understand this recent development.

#### What is the FDA Investigating?

It is easy to jump to conclusions anytime we see an FDA headline about pet food. After all, our dog's health is important to us, and we know that diet can make a big difference in a dog's wellbeing. We reached out to Dr. Jerry Klein, the Chief Veterinary Officer of the AKC, to hear his thoughts on the investigation.

"The FDA is investigating a potential dietary link between canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) and dogs eating certain grain-free pet foods. The foods of concern are those containing legumes such as peas or lentils, other legume seeds, or potatoes listed as primary ingredients. The FDA began investigating this matter after it received a number of reports of DCM in dogs that had been eating these diets for a period of months to years. DCM itself is not considered rare in dogs, but these reports are unusual because the disease occurred in breeds of dogs not typically prone to the disease."

#### What is Dilated Cardiomyopathy?

Dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) is a type of canine heart disease that affects the heart muscle. The hearts of dogs with DCM have a decreased ability to pump blood, which often results in congestive heart failure.

Some breeds, especially large and giant breeds, have a predisposition to DCM. These breeds include Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes, Newfoundlands, Irish Wolfhounds, and Saint Bernards. While DCM is less common in medium and small breeds, English and American Cocker Spaniels are also predisposed to this condition.

When early reports from the veterinary cardiology community indicated that recent, atypical cases in breeds like Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Whippets, Bulldogs, and Shih Tzus all consistently ate grain alternatives in their diets, the FDA took notice.

#### **Should you be Concerned About Grain-Free Diets?**

According to Dr. Klein, "At this time, there is no proof that these ingredients are the cause of DCM in a broader range of dogs, but dog owners should be aware of this alert from the FDA. The FDA continues to work with veterinary cardiologists and veterinary nutritionists to better understand the effect, if any, of grain-free diets on dogs."

As a general rule of thumb, the best thing you can do for your dog's dietary health is to consult your veterinarian, not the internet. Together you can weigh the pros and cons of your dog's diet and if necessary monitor your dog for signs of DCM

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Please mark if you will be picking up your calendar(s) at events listed below or if you would like them shipped:

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Pre-paid calendars may be picked up at the Bi-monthly Membership Meetings, Field Trials, and January Awards Banquet or may be mailed to you.

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#### **BULLETIN SCHEDULE**

VCOI wants to hear from you! We highly encourage everyone to submit any articles, photos, Brags, etc.

\*\* Please submit all articles in Word format. \*\*

WINTER (Jan/Feb/Mar) Awards Banquet Upcoming Events (March FT - Pheasant Fest - Pet Expo) Wrap-up of events held in the Fall Information for National Walking Trial - VCA; and March Field Trial **Meeting in January** Meeting at FT in March	Bulletin to be out 1st week of February.  Last day to submit articles/photos is Jan. 15.
SPRING (Apr/May/Jun) March Trial Photos & Wrap-up Double Bubble Events List (One day) Specialty Show advertising Information for Training Days Meeting at Double Bubble / One day events followed by steak dinner	Bulletin to be out 1st week of May.  Last day to submit articles/photos is April 15.
SUMMER (Jul/Aug/Sept) Wrap-up of Specialty Show Information for Sept Trial	Bulletin to be out 1st week of August.  Last day to submit articles/photos is July 15.
FALL (Oct/Nov/Dec) Sept. Trial wrap-up Fall Trial at Eagle Information for Awards Banquet	Bulletin to be out 1st week of Nov.  Last day to submit articles/photos is Oct. 15.

We are considering using e-mail to send out bulletins. Please let Michelle know if an e-mailed bulletin is desirable to you.

#### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

#### Hey Folks!

An important component of our Club is to grow and maintain a healthy & up-to-date membership.

If you are a current member and need to renew your membership, you can go online at <a href="http://vizslaclubofillinois.org/wp/membership/pay-membership-dues/">http://vizslaclubofillinois.org/wp/membership/pay-membership-dues/</a>. Check your membership expiration date located in the Membership Directory under your address. Please be sure to fill out the form so we have your current mailing address and best e-mail address.

If you are applying for a New membership, please complete the Membership Application located within this bulletin or go online to print one (<a href="http://vizslaclubofillinois.org/wp/membership/membership-application/">http://vizslaclubofillinois.org/wp/membership/membership-application/</a>). Upon completion, please mail the application and your check to:

Anne Albin VCOI Membership Chairman 2445 Carter Road Moscow Mills, MO 63362

NOTE: All applicants must be endorsed by two unrelated members in good standing not of the same household. This endorsement should be signified by obtaining the signatures of these members on the sponsorship lines on the application.

### Fall Hunt Test at Des Plaines Conservation Area October 13-14, 2018

From the desk of Brad Lepoudre, Hunt Test Secretary:

The October Hunt Test at Des Plaines was a success. We had 37 dogs on Saturday and 30 on Sunday. The weather was perfect... mid 50's and a nice breeze. The bird field had good cover to hold the quail. It was a double event with the Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois. Friday night, the parking lot was full of camping trailers. Saturday night, many thanks to Chuck and Alice Graak, who smoked 4 pork butts, we had a bountiful dinner with everyone else bringing sides to share. Over 30 people stayed for dinner. It was nice to see several new Vizsla owners running their dogs. Even better, Jill Hofbeck traveled from as far as Minneapolis to run at our event. I want to thank the judges: Tim May, John Kirtpatrick, Lark Federicksen and Dennis Nowak. The gunners where John Carr, Steve Scruggs, Dennis Nowak, Nick Scruggs and Ray Ray. Also kudos to our new helper in bird planting, Ed McHale, and line marshal extraordinaire, Rick Forner.

Mark your calendar - the next Hunt Test will be with the Weim's again in April 2019.



Oh my gosh! Dennis Nowak on a horse!



Brad Lepoudre

### AKC Headquarters Tour Raleigh, NC Aug. 26 - Sept. 1, 2018

From the desk of Michelle Princer:

I took advantage of being in Raleigh, North Carolina, to tour the home of the AKC. While I had my own dusty, paper strewn thoughts of what the AKC headquarters would look like, I was totally in awe! It was a surprise to me the amount of advocacy work and legislation the AKC is involved in to protect our dogs.

The AKC operations in North Carolina take up three floors in an office park. Visitors are greeted by a bronze statue of DOGNY, a tribute to the search & rescue dogs who served on Sept. 11, 2001.





We were led through the floors to see the sheer amount of paper work the AKC handles - and handles well! There is a huge printer that prints the certificates as well as a collating room for putting together the many breeder registration packets, awards, and event planning.

Each floor is dedicated to specific tasks, such as event planning and registration, mail room and certificates, and DNA management.

The conference rooms have interesting names like "Best in Show" and "Toy Training Room". The employees can bring their dogs with them to work and have the dogs name and breed on their office plaques. I even got to meet Lisa King of Performance Events with whom I have spoken many times.





Lisa King

I met a lot of nice people who love dogs and especially like working in such a great environment.

I have included a "Statistics List" for your interest. (see next page)

#### **AKC Statistics List**

There are now over 300,000 mixed breeds, rare breeds and non-AKC Purebreds listed as AKC Canine Partners and competing in AKC sports like Agility and Obedience.

Over 419,000 pieces of inbound mail annually in 2017 - scanned 600K images.

Filled 102,879 orders for materials in 2017 with 1.85 million pieces of inventoried material.

Approximately 1.3 million pieces of mail sent out annually.

#### **DNA Operations**

- Maintains the AKC SNA database for purebred dogs
- Processed over 32,500 DNA samples, opening over 250 inquiries into potentially incorrectly registered litters in 2017.

#### **Customer Registration Support**

- Responded to over 9,000 inquiries in 2017.
- Handling almost 59,000 calls and writing over 23,000 letters in 2017. Serves as a back-up for Customer Service during high volume call periods.
- Examples of issues include assisting customers with registration including but no limited to: failure to receive paperwork, co-ownership disputes, cruelty, limited registration disputes, forgeries, litter corrections, and miscellaneous correspondence.

#### Call Center

- Extended its hours in August of 2017, Customer Service is now available to assist customers from 8:30 AM-8:30 PM EST Monday-Friday.
- Handles almost 35,000 calls a month and answers over 5,400 emails a month
- Assist customers with general questions that deal primarily with litter/dog registration, policies and requirements and process orders.
- In the second quarter of 2018, the agents will be able to use live chat as a way of helping the customers as well as co-browse when they are entering their application online.

#### **Event Operations**

- Processes Event Applications, Judges Panels, and Results for Conformation and Obedience Events.
- Event Applications and Judges Panels are usually initially processed within 10 calendar days from the date of receipt.
- Results are usually processed within 10 calendar days from the date of receipt
- In 2017, sanctioned and regulated:
  - ♦ 1,652 All-Breed shows with nearly 1.286 million entries
  - ♦ 2,709 Specialty dog shows with 138,897 entries
  - ♦ 2,567 Obedience events with 121,980 entries

### **AKC Bomb Conference**

#### By Michelle Princer

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, I traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina, to take part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual US Detection Dog Conference put on by the AKC. It was a three day event that featured police, government officials, politicians, and training scenarios. The first night began with guest speaker, Brian Hare. Mr. Hare is the author of "*The Genius of Dogs*" - how dogs are smarter then you think. Look up the website "Dognition" for interactive games you can play with your dog. I enjoyed witting next to Lynn Worth Smith and hearing the Vizsla stories of yesteryear.

The conference was focused on the shortage of domestic dogs for explosives detection in the US and seeks to improve this growing national threat.

I found myself learning new things about training our canine athletes to limit their injury instances. I was fascinated by scent work dogs working with their handlers in multiple environments and working conditions. Did you k now there are even dogs trained for bed bug detection?! It was interesting learning from security officials on what goes into opening a stadium for a sporting event.

We heard from US Congressman Mike Rodgers (R-AL) about Bill #4577\* that is going through the Congress in order to make procuring dogs from breeders an easier process.

I enjoyed North Carolina hospitality and networking with like-minded individuals doing great things with and for dogs. I hope to attend this conference again next year. I came away with a greater appreciation of working dogs and the many ways they make our world a safer place. I also learned from this conference the very REAL need for smart, purpose bred healthy dogs that can work with a handler as a team.

\*Note: Bill #4577 passed the House of Representatives; and is currently in the Senate awaiting action.

"It's a dog-eat-dog world out there, and I'm wearing dog bone underwear!" ~ Norm from *Cheers* 

"If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give them two." 
~Phil Pastoret (author of *Our Boarding House*)

"My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3.00 a can.

That's almost \$21.00 in dog money."

~Joe Weinstein (comedian)



# Brags & Wags

### If your dog has any outstanding achievements, please submit information & photos to Michelle Princer at dariettespice@aol.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!

#### Mark Spurgeon:

Gauge 1ts 12 to be invited to National American Bird Hunter Invitational

Gauge got his first Senior Hunter pass with a perfect all 10's score!



#### **Sharon Jonas:**



Sam was the first Vizsla to obtain the AKC Scent Work titles of SWN, SWA, SWE and Handler Discrimination Novice and Handler Discrimination Advanced.

She also won HIT at the first Scent Work Trial at Eukanuba.

#### Rae Ann Jones:

On 8/25/18: Sizzlevilles Lock Em UP Wyatt at 5 months old won Best in Show Puppy with UKC.

On 10/21/18: Sizzlevilles Lock Em UP Wyatt at 7 months and 2 days old is a NEW UKC CHAMPION!

On 8/26/18: Sizzlevilles Gun Dog Gretta won her UKC Championship.

On 8/27/18: Sizzlevilles Lil Red's Heidi Hood at 5 months old won 2 Best in Shows with UKC.

#### Dennis Nowak:

Not Just Another Cartwright JH won is 1<sup>st</sup> in the trial he was entered at the VCOI Fall Trial at Middlefork in Collison, IL.

Hoss won the AM Walking Derby.

Thank you to all who helped out!



#### Chad Chadwell/Nancy Browne:

2018 National Amateur Field Champion - Vizsla Club of America.

NFC NAFC FC AFC 2xRUCH 4xRUCH Penny's Wiki Wiki Another Mai Tai Please



#### Victor Barger:

Hi-Flying Aero: 4th place at the National Gun Dog Championship - Vizsla Club of America.

Hi-Flying Aero: 2018 National Field Trial, Derby

4th Place.

#### Michelle Princer:



Fraido was awarded 2nd place in the Amateur Gun Dog Retrieving Stake at the Fort Dearborn German Shorthaired Pointer Club Field Trial on Sept. 29-30, 2018.

#### Becky Haberbush:

Aug. 31: Tank earned Rally Intermediate title.

Oct. 19: Tank was awarded BOB at the Miami Valley Vizsla Club Specialty Show giving him enough points to earn his Gold Grand Champion.

Tank is now GCHG CH BISS MOHBIS Fawawr Cantankerous cmf BN RI RATN CGCU TKN.

### **Vizslas Doing Great Things**

### OSF St. Anthony's Hospital - Rockford, IL 10 year Celebration

Budapest - DOB 5/11/2008 Barb Carstens & Dale Wishop (Owner) - Trainer Extraordinaire

Call name: BooBoo or Buda

How many years have you and Buda been doing therapy dog work?

In February, it will be eight years.



The dog has to be yours for one year. They have their CPC and CGC titles. You have to pass temperament training: part of the St. Anthony's training is putting food/treats in from of dog and saying, "Leave it!" only once for a specific length of time. Another part of training is to pinch the Achilles heel part of the dog and elicit no response. Therapy dogs at St. Anthony's go through a 2 ½ day special training.



The joy on their faces! They may be missing their own dog or may not even have a dog.

#### Any funny or heartwarming story to share?

I was asked to visit a young boy outside of intensive care who was severely burned. He was unresponsive to everyone, even Buda - until Buda stuck his wet nose on the boy's toe. The boy stuck his tow back out to have Buda do it again. The nurses were astonished as the boy finally responded to stimulation. He did finally stick his fingers out to pet Buda.

Cooper - DOB 7/8/2006

Jodi Kast (Owner) - Trainer Extraordinaire

Jagger - DOB 10/16/2012

How many years have you and Buda been doing therapy dog work? I have been doing therapy dogs for 20 years now!

#### How long did it take for the training?

The dogs need to complete Advanced Obedience Training and have their CPC and CGC titles. Jagger is nosy, so you have to have great training. Sometimes there will be a pill or medical supplies you don't want your dog getting into. Being aware and a good "Leave it!" when people talk about different levels of therapy dogs. You have to be aware of cross contamination You have to be certified

#### What is the best part of greeting patients?

Oh, just the look on their faces! If I walk into a patient's room, they look at me like "Oh what are you doing here?"; but they love to see the dogs! Some rooms even have signs on the door stating "No Visitors Except the Therapy Dog".

#### Any funny or heartwarming story to share?

St. Anthony's use to do parades on Halloween and on the anniversary; and we would do a parade through the hospital corridors. One year, Cooper was a patient and rode in a wheelchair with his own therapy dog (an inflatable Scooby Doo). It was an absolute howl! It's also great for the hospital employees to have therapy dogs around. Every once in a while they need a hug from the dogs too. Besides helping at the hospital, therapy dogs also have attended visitations and funerals of patients they've helped.





#### **VCOI Annual Awards Plaque Order Form**

In order to be eligible for an Annual Award, the VCOI member must be current on dies at the time the application for Annual Awards is submitted. Only Vizslas owned or co-owned by VCOI members as of December 31 of the award year are eligible for awards. Only one plaque will be given per Vizsla. In cases where Vizslas are co-owned and handled to different titles by more than one eligible member, only one plaque will be given. Annual awards will be presented at an Annual Awards Ceremony held in January. Members need not be present to receive their awards, but only the engraved plates will be mailed at the VCOI's expense. Plaques will not be mailed, and members are responsible for arranging pickup.

Championship titles (those appearing in front of the dog's name) will be awarded a complimentary small plaque (paid for by the VCOI) (one per dog) with one engraved bar in the year the first title is earned. Titles earned in subsequent years will be awarded a complimentary engraved bar to add to the original plaque stating the year and new title earned on the bar. Performance titles (those appearing after the dog's name) will be awarded a complimentary bar.

A copy of the title certificate for each award must be submitted with the attached Application, along with any amount due. Proof of a new title may consist of a copy of the registry agency's title certificate (AKC, CKC, UKC, etc.), a copy of the page in which the award appears (such as a VCA listing of a title) or a recognized publication from UKC, CKC, etc. Please highlight the dog's name on the copies.

Titles include: Field, Hunting, Conformation, Obedience, Tracking, Agility, etc. VCA titles and honors including Versatility, Registry of Merit, Top Producer, Hall of Fame and Midwest Futurity also qualify for an award. Note: Top 10, from VCA records only, will be presented one year later since the final standings will not be available.

#### The VCOI Board of Directors will decide disputed items.

If your Vizsla earned a performance title, but not a championship title, you can also receive an awards plaque. If you wait for a performance championship title, then the plaque will be complimentary from the VCOI. However, if you would like your plaque n ow, before the championship title, you will have to pay for it. If you don't apply for an award the year it is earned, it then falls under "catch-up" and you will have to pay for it. If you already have a plaque and earned a performance title, you may order the bar for that title.

If you Vizsla received a championship prior to this year, but you did not request an awards plaque prior to this year, you can still order one, but you will be required to pay for the plaque and the bars. Please submit all of the titles your doge has earned so the bars can be accurate.

The VCOI offers two sizes of solid walnut awards plaques. The small plaque is 8"x10" and costs \$50 (unless it is complimentary and paid for by the VCOI). The large plaque is 12"x15", has a holder for a photograph, and costs \$75. If you are eligible to receive a small complimentary plaque, but want the large plaque, the VCOI will contribute the price of the small plaque to the large plaque and you will pay the difference, which is \$25. Once again, a mantel/ shelf stand may be ordered which fits both plaques for \$7.50.

Please forward the Application, along with a copy of the title certificate(s) and any amount due, to George Haines by December 1, 2018. Titles earned after December 1 will be celebrated at next year's Awards Banquet. If you have any questions, please contact:

George C. Haines

3705 Anne Street McHenry, IL 60050 haines3705@bscglobal.net (815) 482-6556

VCOI Annual Awards Application
Submit one form for each Vizsla
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: December 1

VCOI Member Name(s):			_
Address:			<u> </u>
City, State, Zip:			_
Phone:	Email:		-
AKC Registered Name:			
Call Name:			-0
Circle what applying for: Small Plaq	ue - 8"x10" Lar	ge Plaque - 12"x15" (with photo holder)	Bars
Provide backup documentation for ea	ich title requested. er 30, 2017 through <u>Pleas</u>	earned (example: Junior Hunter 2018).  Maximum 20 characters, including sp December 1, 2018, not previously awarded) e Print	aces, per ba
Additional Bars (\$6.00 each – maximi (Example: JH 17, UKC CH 2016)	um 20 characters,	including spaces, per bar) Please Pr	<u>int</u>
Small Plaque Large Plaque (with photo holder) Bar Mantel Stand	\$50.00 \$75.00 \$ 6.00 \$ 8.50	Checks payable to: VCOI  Members must provide their own photo for	or large plaque

Please mail this form, along with the backup documentation and your check to: George C. Haines, 3705 Anne Street, McHenry, IL 60050



Small Plaque



Large Plaque

## **Dedication in Memory**

of

#### JoAnn Lindblom

(Feb. 28, 1934 - Nov. 8, 2017)

Jo, a life-long dog person, was seen supporting her daughter, Carri, at dog shows over the past 50 years. She was good at making friends, usually getting them to tell her their life stories, while sitting beside the show rings. She was proud of her Vizslas' in the show rings, especially Penni, GCH Kirches Csinos Penni and her home-bred champion Zed. CH Thistledown Zedidiah The Red Wizard.





Jo's true passion, however, was spending time in the park with her beloved Vizslas. The perfect Vizsla owner, she had as much energy as any of her red-dogs! We are sure she's walking through wild flower filled fields with Penni and her other dogs over the Rainbow Bridge.

### **Special Thanks**

We'd like to give an extra Special Thanks to Officer Adam Marak & K9 Dozer of the Hoffman Estates Police Department K9 Unit for coming to the VCOI Members Meeting on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> to talk about the training and care of the canine members of this unit.

K9 Dozer is a 3 year old German Shepherd, is certified in Patrol and Narcotics work and is assigned to Officer Adam Marak. K9 Dozer was born in Hungary and was purchased from Northern Michigan K9, located in Claire MI. Officer Marak has been a K9 handler with the Hoffman Estates Police Department since May of 2014, where he was paired up with K9 Dozer and graduated from Northern Michigan K9. Officer Marak and K9 Dozer are assigned to Patrol, where K9 Dozer has already assisted in seizing nearly \$1,000,000.00 in drug related United States Currency and has located over 250 lbs of narcotics. K9 Dozer loves to play with his tug toys and tennis balls, but enjoys keeping the streets of Hoffman Estates safe by hunting down drugs and bad guys even more.







3X UBIS 3X-UBIS Res, MACH PACH ALCH Mehagian's Winner Take All "Styx" PAX CS MXS MJS MJPB MXP MJP3

I remember walking into the home of the stud owner of our first dog, Liebchen. I stood in awe at the various trophies, ribbons and pictures showcasing their successes over the decades. That moment helped shaped my family's successes with our dogs. It's a journey that began in 1971 and continues today because we found mentors in different areas of competition who took us under their wings.

#### Mentors

You need mentors to help guide you through the good and rough times – that is, if, you want to be successful. They teach you the rules, handling tricks, advise and coach you before that break away and correct you when you've strayed from their teachings. VCOI is full of mentors – Busches, Nowaks, Engelsmans, Gallagher, Elliott, and one very special one, the late Roy Griffin and his wife Lois, who mentored most of the VCOI membership learning to do field work. There are many more out there.

#### **How Do You Find A Mentor?**

First, try starting with your breeder. Your breeder will be able to guide you to experts in areas they are not. My current puppy is from a local breeder and is a wonderful source of information. As with other breeders, she has studied the breed, pedigrees and health issues and has been deeply engaged in her puppy owners and their endeavors. Some have fun days with their puppy buyers and others provide other types of support. What these breeders have in common is that they mentor their puppy people to help them to soar while providing encouragement.

#### **Placement meanings:**

MACH = Master Agility Champion MXP = Master Agility Excellent Preferred

PACH = Preferred Agility Champion MJP3 = Master Jumper with Weaves Preferred 3 times

ALCH = MXS = Master Silver Agility

PAX= Preferred Agility Excellent MJS = Master Silver Jumpers with Weaves

CS = MJPB = Master Bronze Jumper with Weaves Preferred

#### Mentors Come with Expertise and Challenge You

But don't be mistaken, mentors don't have to be in your breed to teach you. Mentors challenge you to learn. One challenged me to watch handlers as to how smoothly some handled and how awkwardly others handled their dogs and then grilled me on what I saw. Another was strict on me in class to handle the dog correctly, so I would know what and why I was doing what I was doing, which helps you figure out and correct issues with your dog. Yet others had me do drills in agility over and over and still others showed me how to correctly handle a dog on point. Mentoring can be a long-term endeavor or just a moment in time. Either way, mentoring leaves a lasting impression on you. A pro-handler was handling our puppy's sire in the ring when our puppy beat him. Fearing the handler would be upset, we apologized to him. His comment was, "isn't that what it's all about? Don't you want the next generation to be better than the prior?" Ding, ding - a mentoring moment. That comment was said in 1978, but it is still engrained in my memory and it is still true. A few years later I attended a show when a breeder was so upset that a puppy from their breeding beat its sire that day. I also used the line given to me years earlier adding, "if your breeding wins, so do you. You're the breeder."

#### **Giving Back**

Being a mentor can take years or only a few minutes of time—it's the message given to encourage and teach another person. I have mentored others via handling, teaching, judging and seminars. I instill what I feel is important such as ethics into my students when I teach. It's not just that day's show that is the reason you're there, but what you give back to the community that keeps the sport moving forward, the imprint you have on the breed's future and how you inspire others that is the real meaning. It is a big deal.

#### Lack of Mentors

A competitor myself since 1971, I've seen a lack in mentors and this is dangerous to our sport. Today's breeders dictate what our breeds will be in the coming years. We have seen over the last few years how the structure in dogs have changed - for example, look at the straight shoulders throughout all the breeds. This changes the proper movement the dog should possess and thus, leads to more structural issues. The lack of mentoring, I believe, is a critical reason for this as experienced breeders need to mentor inexperienced breeders about correct structure and choosing appropriate pairings of sires and dams that are compatible to help resolve these issues. Becoming an expert in dogs isn't done overnight but in years of studying pedigrees, health and structure. It seems today that if someone doesn't win, they pick up their ball, take it home and pout. People need to learn that instant gratification doesn't happen in this sport very often; it's a sport that has many areas to learn, takes years to perfect the skills and gain knowledge – knowledge that is provided through mentoring.

Statistics a few years back showed a new person in the sport is only around for 3-4 years before dropping out due to repeated failures and, I bet, it is less time now, looking at the way entries have declined. With these dwindling entries, AKC has invented various ways in which to earn titles and to encourage people to keep showing and competing. They've also revamped the rules in some competition areas like obedience, which competitors have expressed is the dumbing down of the sport and work required to title. Thus, mentors are more vital to our sport than ever before to teach and assist people to be successful and so they continue in the sport otherwise, I fear, dog sports will cease to exist in 15 years due to the death of older competitors and lack of enthusiasm of new competitors.

Mentoring. It played a big role in my life. It helped me attain goals that were just glimpses on the radar back in 1971. Now when I walk into my own home and look at the trophies, ribbons and pictures of the decades that I have been involved in the sport, I'm in awe of what I have accomplished having top 10 dogs in field, agility and conformation; futurity winners and placers and breed record holders; my dream of handling dogs and then the ultimate goal of judging - conformation, field trials, hunt tests and junior showmanship. This wouldn't have happened for me without those who mentored me. Mentoring is a legacy as it helps to combine the past with the future. Try it, it works!

#### **About Cheryl Peterson**

Cheryl Peterson has been involved in training and exhibiting dogs since 1971. She has taught, handled professionally and is a retired American Kennel Club (AKC) judge, where she judged dogs in conformation, junior showmanship, hunt tests and field trials for pointing breeds. She currently judges conformation for the United Kennel Club (UKC). In addition, she gives seminars through her seminar company, Seminars Unleashed, as well as teaches conformation at local clubs.

#### American Field Registered Event

The Winter

Membership Meeting

will be held:

November 28, 2018 6:00 p.m. at Cabela's

> 5225 Prairie Stone Parkway Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

# Midwest Vizsla Futurity Winner Charlie "CV's Kentucky Boy" Owner/Handler: Paul Howard



Breeder: Vincent Tuttle

Does your breeding have what it takes? Nomination forms and rules available at www.vizslafuturity.com