



The Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc.

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BULLETIN

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A quarterly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

VCOI SPECIALTY BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

In July 2021, the VCOI held their Annual Specialty Show in Belvidere, Illinois.

The results are:

Kishwaukee Kennel Club

VCOI Specialty

Belvidere, Illinois

Saturday July 17

Vizsla Best of Breed Competition

GCHG CH Solaris Playing Like Nobody's Business BN RN JH

Kishwaukee Kennel Club

VCOI Specialty

Sunday July 18

Vizsla Best of Breed Competition

GCHP CH Szizlin Rhapsody Never Say Never RN JH NAP NJP CA

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the Specialty.

New AKC Field Champion

By The Barger Family



Our female Vizsla, Jem, “Sparkling Jem,” has earned the title of AKC Field Champion. Jem possesses great style while on point along with intelligence and trainability. Jem is amateur owner trained, we were able to get Jem steady to wing and shot at the age of two with minimal effort. We attribute her qualities to her incredible pedigree that is filled with many field champions. Jem is out of Chad Chadwell and Nancy Browne’s NAFC FC AFC Cali’s Wiki Wiki Mai Tai at Sunset and DC Wiki Wiki Tiki-Man. Jem is a joy to handle, she is smart enough to adjust her range so I can handle on foot as well as horseback in Field Trials. We also hunt Jem on pheasants as a broke dog.

Around the house Jem is a joy, she is the typical female Vizsla. She will always sit by your side and if you forget to pet her or stop for any reason, she will gently move your arm with her nose into the correct position so you can begin petting her as required!

Achieving Jem’s FC title is an extra special blessing for us. At the age of 3 years old and 4 months after having a litter of eleven healthy pups, Jem was diagnosed with blastomycosis. Although the blasto antifungal treatments took 2 years with many ups and downs, Jem was eventually able to make a full recovery and achieve her FC title at the age of 6. We did keep one of those eleven pups, who we have named Aero, “Hi-Flying Aero,” and he is proving to carry on Jem’s winning pedigree with the same incredible style, intelligence and trainability!

We want to thank everyone in the VCOI who has helped us along the way with Jem.

April Hunt Test

By Brad Lapoudre

The April hunt test at Des Plaines went very well. This was the first time we were able to allow judging using golf carts. The carts were used to get to the bird field, and then the judges walked with the handlers and gunners. It made things a lot easier on the judges' "you know what"... :)

Because of COVID, we had to do everything outside, where the weather was accommodating on both days.

On Saturday we had six braces of JH (4 of which were Vizslas), four braces of SH, and six braces of MH.

On Sunday we had five braces of JH (3 of which were Vizslas), one brace of SH, and five braces of MH.

I would like to thank all our judges: Dennis Nowak, Lynne Ann Strelow, Paul Kosowski, and Perry Dlugie, the Line Marshall Ed McHale, Gunners Chad Morsch, Randy and Rick Gebka, Ray Ray, and Rob Ward.



VCOI Annual Awards Plaque Order Form

PLEASE NOTE: The VCOI Board of Directors previously voted on the following: a maximum of ten (10) engraved bars will be paid for by the VCOI per calendar year per dog.

In order to be eligible for an Annual Award, the VCOI member must be current on dues 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 Vizsla 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 now, before the championship title, you will have to pay for it. If you do not 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 your 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 the titles your dog 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. Additional bars may be purchased for \$8.00 each.

Please forward the Application, along with a copy of the title certificate(s) and any amount due, to me by December 1, 2021. Titles earned after December 15, 2021, will be celebrated at next year's Awards Banquet. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Cheryl Peterson
815/353-0302
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VCOI Annual Awards Application

Submit one form for each Vizsla

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2021

VCOI Member Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

AKC Registered Name: _____ Call Name: _____

Circle what applying for: **Small Plaque-8"x10" Large Plaque-12"x15" (with photo holder) Bars**

PLEASE NOTE: The VCOI Board of Directors previously voted on the following: a maximum of ten (10) engraved bars will be paid for by the VCOI per calendar year per dog.

AWARD BARS: Print the title and year the award was earned (example: Junior Hunter 2020). Provide backup documentation for each title requested. **Maximum twenty characters, including spaces, per bar. Please print**

Additional Bars (\$8.00 each – maximum twenty characters, including spaces, per bar) **Please print**

Small Plaque	\$50.00	<u>Checks payable to: VCOI</u>
Large Plaque	\$75.00	
Bar (each)	\$ 8.00	Members must provide their own photo
for large plaque		

Please mail this form, along with the backup documentation and your check to:
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Small



Large

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If you are interested in serving as part of the leadership for this club, please contact a Director.

President's Message

By Bill Elliott

Things are finally starting to get a little bit back normal.

The VCOI Specialty, headed by Michelle Princer, was well attended. Michelle was also chef extraordinaire serving up a buffet for members, participants, and attendees. The weather held up well and all in all a successful weekend.

On August 28, 2021, there was a Judge's Seminar on the East Grounds at the Des Plaines Conservation Area. Times were from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. As many of you are aware, finding judges has become a challenge, so if anyone is interested in participating in future seminars or has any questions, please contact me.

On October 9 and 10, 2021 there will be a Hunt Test held at the Des Plaines Conservation Area, and again September 17 and 18, 2021 at Jim Edgar Panther Creek.

These events are a great way for us all to reconnect and get out there and enjoy our dogs.

As always as we move forward in 2021 be well and safe.

ADVERTISE HERE!

Advertising rates per issue: half page \$10.00; quarter page \$5.00; business card \$2.50. Ads are limited to one half page per family per issue. Editor may limit advertising due to space limitations. Ads CANNOT be run until payment is received. All ads must be paid in full before printing and contain the full OFA rating of the sire and the dam. Copies of the OFA certificates must be sent with the ad.

Mark Your Calendars

- October 9 and 10, 2021 Hunt Test, Des Plaines Conservation Area
- September 17 and 18, 2021 Hunt Test, Jim Edgar Panther Creek.
- Virtual VCOI Meeting November 17, 2021, at 7:00 pm

If you have any events to announce please contact Connie Forner at 815-770-0584.

VIZSLA CLUB MEETING

MINUTES

Saturday, October 9, 2021

Present at the meeting were: Bill Elliott, Ed McHale, Kate Keenan, Joel Peterson, Brad Lepoudre, Rick Forner, Dennis & Patti Nowak, and George Notts.

Treasurer's Report – Dennis stated the bank balance is \$10,250.00. Discussion about PayPal being difficult, and Ed would investigate Zell or Venmo.

Membership Report – Ed/Bill reported we have five new members. Bill wants a paper Membership Directory and Ed will be sending out an email to members as Bill indicated he gets several calls from people asking questions.

New Business – Ed reported Meet the Breed is cancelled. Kate discussed looking into Bird Dog Stakes.com (app). Bill indicated they are working on a Walking Trial in February at Des Plaines, weather permitting.

A general meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 17th via video.

The VCOI donated \$100.00 to the Nationals.

Board Members. Rodney Albin has opted out, with Russ McKay was voted in as his replacement.

Meeting adjourned.

Taking Care of Business

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 Connie Forner.

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

Opinions expressed in articles are those of the author and do not constitute endorsement by the editorial staff, the VCOI or the 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.

Photos!

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. An exception to this is the cover photo, which will be returned at the VCOI's expense. Digital photos are preferred.

Membership!

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

If you are a current member and need to renew your membership, you can go online at <http://vizslaclubofillinois.org/wp/membership/pay-membership-dues/>. Check your membership expiration date located in the Membership Directory under your address.

If you are applying for a new membership, please complete the Membership Application located online at <http://vizslaclubofillinois.org/wp/membership/membership-application/>.

If mailing in your application and check, direct to:

Ed McHale
VCOI Membership Chairman
2080 Tracey Lane
Algonquin, IL 60102

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

If you know someone who would be interested in becoming a member of VCOI, please refer them to our VCOI website: www.vizslaclubofillinois.org.

Subscriptions!

To subscribe to the VCOI e-mail list: <http://vizslaclubofillinois.org/wp/membership/>

Brags and Wags!

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

If your dog has an outstanding achievement, please submit the information and photos to Connie Forner at connie_forner@yahoo.com. (Please submit all articles in Word format)

Welcome New Members!

Nick Basil

BRAGS AND WAGS

The Lepoudres are proud to announce that Zed (CH Thistledown Zedidiah the Red Wizard), at the grand old age of eleven, received his Junior Hunter title. Zed joined our family in 2018 after his owner passed away. When he arrived at our house, he was a Show Champion, and had never really been exposed to birds. In the Fall of 2019, we started to introduce him to birds, and he participated in his first Hunt Test in the Spring of 2020. Zed was able to get his title after six attempts. Thanks to everyone who helped us on this journey.

Regards,

Brad



NEWS ALERTS!!!

~ Cathy Gallagher had a great idea – how about a Breeding Corner for this Bulletin?

Whether you are a breeder, or not, much can be learned on this topic. If you have any tips or strategies for finding a good breeder, or what you look for in a breeder when you are adding to your pack, please let us know your thoughts.

~ The VCOI is looking for a new Treasurer. Dennis Nowak has given many, many years, and hours of his time to this organization and is well deserving of a reprieve.

If you are interested in the position, please contact Bill Elliott.

~ Fundraiser!!!



2021 VCA NFT Fundraising

2 Charter Arms Pro209 Starter Pistols and
1 Honda 2200i Companion Generator with Bluetooth.
Drawing to be held at the trial in Pinckneyville, IL



Starter Pistol Tickets: \$10 Each 2 Winners to be selected

Generator Tickets: \$20 Each or 6 tickets for \$100

Contact Nancy Browne: cnchadwell@gmail.com

Other Points of Contact:

Chad Chadwell, Elsa Gallagher, Jim Gingrich, Patty Hart,
Laura Miller, Michelle Princer, Melissa Thomas, Sean Van Kooten or
Sherwin Van Kooten

Tickets may be purchased through PayPal for either item.

Send money to vcafieldne@gmail.com

Write Charter Arms Pro Raffle or Honda Generator Raffle in
"Notes Box" under the amount.

Checks can be made payable to Vizsla Club of America and

mail to:

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Bulletin Schedule

(Highly impacted by COVID-19 at this time due to a reduction in events)

Winter (January/February/March)

Bulletin to be out first week of February
Last day to submit articles/photos is January 15, 2021

Spring (April/May/June)

Bulletin to be out first week of May
Last day to submit articles/photos is April 15, 2021

Summer (July/August/September)

Bulletin to be out first week of August
Last day to submit articles/photos is July 15, 2021

Fall (October/November/December)

Bulletin to be out first week in November
Last day to submit articles/photos is October 15, 2021