



CH Strider's Seven of Nine JH

Sire: DC AFC Maximum Strider SH "Max"
(OFA VZ-2861E24M-T)

Dam: Melto-N-Futaki's Ramblin' Red Zoe
JH "Zoe"
(OFA VZ-5689E84F-T)

OFA: VZ-7658E24F-PI

Owner/Breeder: Wanda Berner

Seven is exactly what I hoped to achieve when I bred Max to Zoë. The seventh pup out of a litter of nine, she was destined to be named after the Star Trek character. She has grown into a lovely bitch with a wonderful personality with "good bone" and substance. Seven has proven herself in the show ring, as a personal hunting dog, and as a mother.

Many thanks go out to Margy Wilson, Sharon Shea, Cindi Chilbert and Mary Clark-Stegbauer who handled Seven in the ring.

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March 2005
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~Open

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VCOI NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

11/17/2004

Call to Order

Gina Ordonez called the VCOI November Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendance

Attendees were: Jeff Engelman, Kathy Engelman, Patti Nowak, Dennis Nowak, Gina Ordonez, Tony Ordonez, Larry O'Rourke.

Absent were: President Wanda Berner, Secretary Michel Berner, Board of Directors Cathy Gallagher, Mark Vitkauskas, Mark Johnson, Kevin Berta and Jeff Parise.

Action Item: Investigate a new location, perhaps near Randall Road and North Avenue. Dennis Nowak called Mike Dalby with suggestions. Group suggested that Cathy Gallagher investigate location.

President's Report

Per Wanda's request we will hold a board meeting on January 15th or 16th in Wisconsin to discuss business before the January Banquet. Wanda is investigating location. She is looking for a location near her home. One agenda item is treasury, another fun day supernumerary.

Secretary's Report

Dennis Nowak moved to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Patti Nowak seconded. Passed

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jeff Engelman presented an oral treasurers report. He will prepare and present written reports to the board before January meeting. An annual audit

should be conducted. Group suggested the Michel Berner ask Jim Gingrich.

2004/05 Nominating Committee Report

(Read into Record)
Committee Chairman: Linda Busch

Committee Members: Cathy Gallagher and Kim Barker

"The Nominating Committee presents the following slate to be presented at the November meeting. At the January meeting the slate will be announced again and an invitation will be given to members present to nominate from the floor any additional names to be considered.

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be elected Vice President, then a person will be chosen by the officers and directors to fill the vacancy left by him on the board.

*Thank you on behalf of the Nominating Committee.
Linda Busch"*

Quote of the Month

The "Quote of the (every other) Month" has two correct guesses: Gina Ordonez and Beth Burnson. Dean Wolz, M.D was quoted in an article in Field and Stream called "Dying With Your Boots" Why the hunt can be too much for your heart. The article was written by Jim Thornton". A coin was flipped to determine the winner, the coin landed on it's edge. Tony Ordonez moved that Gina and Beth each win a 5-bird hunt. Kathy Engelman seconded. Passed

VCA Trial

Michel reported receipt of a VCA check for \$458.14. The check was written by the VCA to cover half of the loss of the Midwest VCA trial held March 20-21, 2004. The club is grateful to the VCA for allowing us to hold the event, and for their support

Labor Day HT

Kathy Engelman reported that the Labor Day HT was successful.

Fall Field Trial

No Chairman Report. Gina had evidence that the AKC paperwork has been finalized. No expense paperwork has been submitted. No check reqs for expenses are being processed until an expense accounting has been submitted.

Website Bulletin

The group commended Michel on what a fine job

she was doing with the Website and Bulletin. They wanted to thank Larry Lykowski for coming out of retirement to be a guest columnist for the November Newsletter. The website domain registration is due in January. Kathy Engelman motioned to renew the license. Tony Ordonez seconded. Passed.

FTCI

No report.

VCOI Calendar

Cathy Gallagher was in Brazil and was unable to attend the meeting. Michel reported via e-mail that the sales of the large calendars at the VCA Nationals were less than projected. About 30 calendars were sold. The smaller calendars had better sales about 45 were sold.

December Field Trial

Trophies are Stained Glass panels. Cindi Chilbert is the food vendor. She makes the best chicken dumpling soup. Per the sick Field Trial Secretary via E-mail, the trial is full. Majors in Puppy and Derby.

Chicagoland Sport Show

The date of the Chicagoland Sports show was reported via e-mail to be January 12-16, other details pending.

Awards Banquet

This year, Wanda suggested that a board meeting be held prior to the meeting so that the majority of the club business can be handled at the board meeting. Cheryl and Larry Lykowski are hosting the event. A quarter page will be printed in the Bulletin, and the information will be on line. Kathy Engelman discussed her preference for

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EDITOR'S DESK

I hope everyone has had a good holiday season. Don't forget to RSVP for the Awards Banquet. Information is found elsewhere in the Bulletin and on the website.

Michel, Travis, Marley, and the Strider Gang

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2005 VCOI EVENTS



January
22 Awards Banquet

February
1 Bulletin Dealine
19-20 Hunt Test

March
4 MVFF
5-6 Spring Field
Trial
16 Membership
Meeting

April
1 Bulletin
Deadline

May
18 Membership
Meeting

June
1 Bulletin
Deadline
4 Hunt Training
Day
5 Hunt Test

July
16 Membership
Meeting
Specialty Show
Double bubble
Fun Day
17

August
1 Bulletin
Deadline

Spetmeber
5 Hunt Test
17-18 Field Trial
21 Membership
Meeting

October
1 Bulletin
Deadline

November
16 Membership
Meeting

December
1 Bulletin
Deadline
3-4 Field Trial

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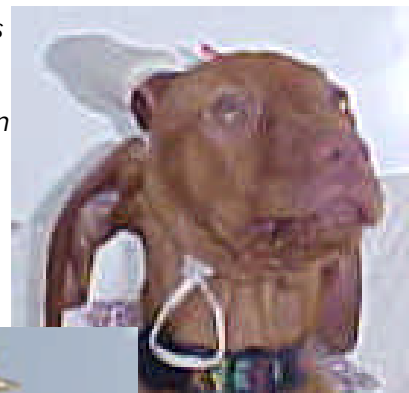
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*Last year's victims
Stridey (below)
and Marley (left)
model the latest in
dog decorations.
Marley was
especially thrilled
with the event*



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receiving the information via snail mail. Discussion tabled.

February Hunt Test

Patti Nowak Secretary, the committee needs a Chair. Judges Bill Patavano, Dennis Nowak have already agreed to judge the event.

MVFF

No report. MVFF Secretary Rodney Albin is at the Nationals.

March Field Trial

Mark Johnson is chairing the event. Gina Secretary. Mark is planning a

meeting to discuss details this month. a chair.

June Training Day/Hunt Test

Another club contacted Patti Nowak regarding the June Hunt Test date. The club wanted to use Ottawa for the days we have already scheduled in June. Since the Wisconsin club is going to host the June Training Day and have already been contacted for those dates, the change is impossible. Patti will return the call and tell them no. We need volunteers for that day.

Double Bubble

A discussion of the July meeting was tabled to the board. The event needs

Miscellaneous

Dennis Nowak reported that he had spoken to Roy and Lois and they were both fine. Tanner is 14.

Braggs

Lightning's Fore Art Thou Romeo SH
Owned by Dennis J Nowak & Patricia Nowak

Larry O'Rourke motioned to adjourn 8:15.
Tony Ordonez Seconded. Passed

Respectfully Submitted,
Gina Ordonez, Scribe

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Linda Busch

ODE TO A PONYTAIL

Michel Berner



The tail was grown from about '94
Until middle November of 2004
For a decade it hung
Around Busch's neck
Until a twig had up-sprung
And with his shoulder, played heck.

"For better, for worse
Through sick and through vim"
His lovely wife Linda had once promised him
But the vows don't address
That long curly tress.
For soon the ol' tail was a ratty old mess.

For his safety and health
Linda surely does care,
But concern didn't apply
To his flowing gray hair
She conspired with her father,
Whom we all know as Clyde,
To come and take Jim for a quick ride.

Into town they both went
It all seemed innocent
Until the barber came near
Waving his shears
"It's the end of an era"
Was uttered by Jim
For it's with that long tail
That we've always known him.

For whatever it's worth
We won't think any less
The renowned Vizsla Guru
Even though he's sans tress.

WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Michel Berner

The walking field trial was held on December 4-5, 2004 at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds near Eagle, WI. It was nearly a perfect weekend for Wisconsin in December. The only thing that could have made it better was a Packers win. Temps were about 40 degrees, light winds, and no precipitation... exactly what the Weather Chairman (yours truly) had ordered. It got a little blustery for a couple of braces, but for the most part, scenting conditions were pretty consistent from one day to the next.

The event had 62 entries, which were comprised of 38 different dogs owned by 20 different people. This is a lot of entries for a single-course venue and without the VCOI field trial volunteers, the smallest SNAFU could have prevented us from getting all of the dogs run. Even with the experienced judges, handlers, and helpers, we barely got everything done in available daylight hours.

Rodney Albin was the Chair and chief bird planter, course salter, and coffee maker. Mark Johnson was the captain of the guns and also planted birds and pitched in where needed. He also let us rent Thunder (one of the most bomb-proof horses I know) for one of the judges for the weekend. Jeff Parise, Victor Barger, and Mark Spurgeon also planted birds and helped with other field trial chores. Kim Barker sponsored the Amateur Gun Dog stake. Many thanks to Kim for helping the December trial turn a profit! If I've forgotten any volunteers, I apologize!

This year's trophies were 8x10 stained glass panels made by Cindi Chilbert of Seugenhof Stained Glass. Cindi

was also our "lunch lady" this year, and brought us hot chili, beef & barley soup, and really tasty oatmeal scotchie bars. Not having the VCOI be responsible for purchasing/making food was a tremendous help to our bottom line, not to mention this secretary's sanity.

Our judges had very favorable comments about the quality of the Vizslas

shown to them over the weekend. Mike Kindler, who is a GSP pro, and Larry Hause, a long-time Weimaraner handler, were very impressed by the improvement made in the breed over the last several years. The competitiveness in both the Open Puppy and the Open Derby were most encouraging, since this is where

"raw talent" is exhibited. They spent extra time deliberating over placements for the young dog stakes, as any of the entrants could have placed. It all came down to "splitting hairs."

The event turned a small profit this year, thanks to the many factors. The high amount of puppy entries, local judges who had no hotel expenses, no food expenses to speak of, and of course, Kim Barker stepping up to sponsor a trophy, all contributed to the favorable balance at the end of the event.

Congratulations to all of the placing dogs, and thanks again for all of the volunteers, and offers of help (even if I didn't have anything for you to do at the time!), and many thanks to the amateur handlers who helped out our members on the "injured reserve" list!

Michel Berner, Field Trial Secretary



Trophies were made by Cindi Chilbert of Seugenhof Stained Glass. The Amateur Gun Dog trophy was sponsored by Kim Barker

Amateur Gun Dog (Retrieving Stake) 12 starters Trophy sponsored by Kim Barker

1. FC AFC Upwind Shiloh Mark of Zorro "Neissa" Robert Tomczak
2. Shiloh Madach's Mishka "Mishka" Robert Tomczak
3. Strider's Ace JH "Ace" Victor Barger
4. Strider's Red Flash JH "Flash" Victor Barger

Open Puppy 17 starters

1. Strider's Generator "Briggs" Rodney Albin for Wanda Berner
2. Shiloh's Thunder "Thor" Robert Tomczak
3. Rio Le Rouge "Rio" Jonathan Peck
4. Zoom-Zoom "Zoom-Zoom" Mark Spurgeon for Jim Busch

Open Limited Gun Dog 10 starters

1. Cherokee's Jazzmin of Shiloh "Jazzmin" Robert Tomczak
2. FC AFC Saginaw Dandy Sue SH "Sue" Mark Johnson
3. Berry's Diamond LK Cleopatra "Cleo" Grag Hedien
4. Strider's Red Flash JH "Flash" Victor Barger

Open Derby 14 starters

1. Shiloh's Absolute "Neissa" Robert Tomczak
 2. Fankell's Shiloh Taz "Taz" Robert Tomczak
 3. October Rust Shiloh's Zetta "Zetta" Robert Tomczak
 4. Shiloh's Thunder "Thor" Robert Tomczak
- HM. Super Duper Copper Cooper "Cooper" Marty Hull

Amateur Limited Gun Dog 10 starters

1. FC AFC Upwind Shiloh Mark of Zorro "Zorro" Robert Tomczak
2. FC AFC Saginaw Dandy Sue SH "Sue" Mark Johnson
3. Strider's Red Flash JH "Flash" Victor Barger
4. Withheld



THE SUMMER IN REVIEW

Photos taken & submitted by Cheryl Lykowski



Wanda Berner launches the "pheasant eggs"



Above: Rick Mitchell & George Lekas time Jan Wallace & Dart and Dan Cieslak & Tru in the Locate & Point

Below: The pigeon race that almost wasn't...



Below: Pigeon-on-a-string was this pup's favorite event!



Left: "Conspiracy Theory": Jim Busch, Wanda Berner, Jeff Parise, and Marty Hull

Below: Jim Busch and Mark Spurgeon oversee the Bird Planting Contest



YOUR PUPPY'S FIRST HUNTING SEASON

by Gary Jagoda

Your puppy comes to you with a complete package of inherited traits and some early life experiences. It's doubtful that mankind will ever know the true depth of the influence of inheritance, but the fact that it does exist provides the first foundations upon which we can build. His parents provided him genes that make him recognize scent, enjoy hunting and want to be a partner with man. Genetically he is what he is at birth. Man's role is to build upon this foundation. His life experiences can enhance these inherited traits and turn him into your partner or turn him in other unwanted directions.

It is often said that experience is the best teacher. This is true for people. Things learned through experience are the things most remembered. However, as humans we have the capacity to learn by watching television, movies, and reading as well as listening to the words of others. This is not true for our canine partners. For them experience is their only teacher. Lectures and videos don't have any impact on their learning. When they are yelled at it is the tone and the command words (sounds) that they have learned which get response. "No" and "bad" are related to experiences and they react accordingly. Likewise, when they are praised they will respond according to what they have learned . . . through experience.

It is important to understand that the only way dogs learn is through experience and the fact that they will learn from every experience. Intended or unintentional, good or bad, every experience in his life adds to his knowledge. Therefore, if you can control his early experiences, his first impressions, you can develop a foundation for learning that is aimed toward having the partner you want.

During the first year of your dog's life he develops from infancy to young adulthood. At the end of his first year he has nearly reached his full adult size and things start to slow down, but he's still an impressionable child. At eighteen months old he would compare in human terms to a teenager looking for his driver's license. The key to long term success and developing your dog to it's maximum potential is to let him be a child and learn to enjoy himself. Don't expect him to know the rules before he's had a chance to experience the game. Cheer the things that he does properly and ignore his mistakes. Let him play T Ball before you try to turn him into a major leaguer. Your role during this time of his life should be that of the supportive parent, not the overbearing coach.

Before your pup goes on a "serious hunting trip" he needs to learn how to hunt, what to look for, what to expect. He also needs to learn that he enjoys what's he's doing. For all this to be true he has to have had learning experiences and these experiences should occur in a proper sequence.

1. Start his training by taking him for walks where he can

explore and his exploration can be encouraged. In doing this you are teaching him how to hunt.

2. Add to these walks opportunities to find desirable game and you begin teaching him what to hunt.
3. When he does find game his genes should tell him he enjoys finding the prey and you need to tell him that you're happy for him. This will encourage him, giving him confidence since it makes you happy for him to have this kind of fun and, it helps him to discover that he has power over the bird.

During this training his enthusiasm and confidence are building. When both are strongly evident the sound of the gun can be introduced. Eventually the gun should become part of the activity and the dog should have no negative response or possibly one of happy anticipation. This happens when he's learned that the noise can make birds fall and keep them from escaping.

The length of time and the number of training sessions to get from the first step to the last will vary with each dog. Still, they should all have occurred prior to the first "serious" outing. Even with all this preparation the hunting trips can be either enjoyable or disastrous for the pup. The most important thing is that these first outings to be fun for him. Recognize that your pup is still learning and he's going to make mistakes. You need to ignore the early errors and make the primary purpose of the outing his enjoyment and not necessarily yours. If they're not fun for him they could sour the whole experience. Only after he's learned to enjoy the hunting experience will he be able to learn how to make you enjoy it. Give him this first season to learn. In return he'll work so that you enjoy every other outing for the rest of his life.

The following are some suggestions to help assure that these first hunting trips are in fact for your pup:

1. The hunting party should consist of you, your pup and maybe one other person with a gun. Don't go with a group. You need to maintain the trip for the happiness of the dog and not the satisfaction of the hunters.
2. Take extra care with your shots. You don't want to shoot at a bird with a pup on it's tail.
3. Never load your shotgun with more than two shells and only shoot at game when the pup has played a role and is aware of it. Pass up shots at wild flushes the pup doesn't see. Your pup may be aware of the sound of guns, but not in this environment. Unexpected, rapidly repeated blasts from shotguns can scare anything.
4. Don't try to correct his mistakes and praise him for anything he does right. He hasn't truly learned the game. If he thinks he's making you mad he may not want to learn. You're better off simply ignoring the errors. He should quickly learn what does and doesn't make you happy.
5. Don't expect a successful trip.
6. If you do go with a friend explain all this before hand. It's important that he accept these conditions. Protect your dog and your friendship.

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2005 VCOI HOLIDAY PARTY & AWARDS BANQUET

Come Celebrate!

Begin the New Year with an evening of merriment on Saturday, January 15, 2005 as we come together to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of this past year with our fellow club members at the Milk Pail Restaurant, located ½ mile North of I-90 on Route 25 in East Dundee, Illinois.

The evening's festivities will commence at 6:00 p.m. in the Terrance Room (formerly the Hunt Room), Cash Bar Available, with Dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Our entrée choices are as follows:

- * Baked Orange Roughy stuffed with Crabmeat*
- * Chicken Breast Picata with Petite Beef Filet*
- * Roast Prime Rib of Beef w/au jus*

All entrees are served with Caesar Salad, Green Beans Almondine and Double Baked Potatoes. Dessert will include Apple Pie with Coffee or Tea.

The price of all entrees is \$32.00 per person

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Guest's Name:

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PUPPY'S FIRST HUNT FROM PAGE 8

Gun-shyness and the "blinking" of game (avoiding contact) are problems that result from bad or improper experiences. They are also problems that can be avoided. A person can be successful with his puppy not following these steps in control of training. There are also other programs that may move the dog's training at a faster pace. However, the risk is far greater.

"I took my young dog out with a group of friends to the hunt club. We were walking through the field and a bird came up and we shot it. The next thing I know Fido's back at the truck. Now he won't even come out with us. I think he might be gun-shy. Can you fix it or should I just get rid of him?" All too often I've heard statements like

this and I can fill in the details without asking. I get paid to correct these avoidable problems. When faced with them I don't make any guarantees. I may be able to overcome them. Sometimes easily and sometimes only after a great deal of time and effort. I can't erase the experiences.

Gary Jagoda has been involved with Vizslas for over 30 years and is now a professional field trainer. For more information and articles, see www.berrysbirddogs.com

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At the Vizsla Club of America National Events, Zippy earned her first leg on her MXP with a first place finish. This leg is title leg on her 25th title. Zippy is also the proud representative of the breed on the cover of the VCA News. Zippy is owned and trained by Cheryl Peterson, Nordic

Versatile Vizslas. Submitted by Cheryl Peterson.

Tru Love of Life JH CGC - "Tru" has earned his Junior Hunter title at nine months old in four consecutive passes. Thanks to all who have helped Dan and I get our feet wet in this sport! Tru was bred by Jim & Linda Busch (Shiloh's Firecracker Jane JH x FC/AFC Raany SH FD) Submitted by Jodi & Dan Cieslak.

Our sibling rivalry/spousal

rivalry continues. Rugby earned his open agility jumpers title in Sept at the K-9 agility trial in Menomonee Falls (1st place), handled by Joy. Just a few weeks later his sister Robyn earned her open agility standard title at the CarDu-nal agility trial in Belvedere (4th place), handled by Bill. Missy Raye also finished her open agility standard title with Bill leading the way in Menomonee Falls. That makes (pending AKC confirmation*): **Ch Priden Joy**

Lord of the Rings OAJ* Priden Joy Lady Byrd NAJ, OA* & Ch Priden Joy Raye of Daybreak NAJ, OA Submitted by very proud owner/handlers Joy Sonsalla & Bill Quandt

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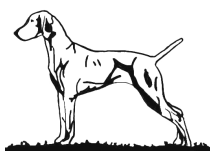
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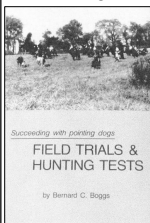


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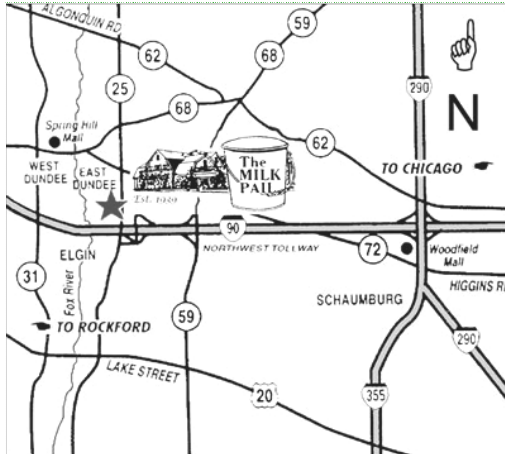
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