

VCOI January
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The Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc.

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BULLETIN

A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

FC AFC Wegler Penny Lane "Penny"

Penny completed her AKC Field Championship title this spring in her first trial of the season with a 3 point major win in the VCOI Open Gun Dog stake at Des Plaines in Wilmington, IL. She completed her AKC Amateur Field Championship title this fall in her first trial the VCOI Amateur Limited Gun Dog stake ran at Pinckneyville, IL. Penny should finish 2011 on the VCA top ten lists in both the Open and Amateur categories. Penny had quite a year in 2011 winning 5 times with 4 runner up placements. She really was on a tear after placing 4th in the NFC out of 59 Vizslas in the 2010 VCA Nationals at Fort Robinson NE. placing in 7 straight limited stakes. She had a very nice run making it through clean in this year's 2011 NFC VCA Nationals but she was not called back. Penny's sire is Mike Lundy's 3X NVA NAFC, 2X NVA RU NFC, FC Tommy Boy and our own dam FC AFC Rebel Rouser Kemberly. Next for Penny is a litter of pups so we will be breeding her soon. Then she will compete in the VCA Nationals at Ionia, MI in the fall.



FC Wegler's Kember Kayla



Kayla finished her AKC Field Championship title this spring winning a 3 point major at the VCOI field trial at Paw Paw, IL. Kayla started her field trial career making it on the VCA Puppy/Derby top ten list. She culminated her juvenile career by winning the 2007 Midwest Vizsla Futurity. Kayla quickly made the transition to adult stakes winning her first 3 point major AGD at 3 years of age. One of Kayla's major accomplishments has been she is the dam of Wegler's Crown Royal "Roy" who won the 2011 VCA National Derby classic. Kayla's sire was Dean Nelson's Viesoo Little Red Oscar and her dam is our own FC AFC Rebel Rouser Kemberly. Next for Kayla is a repeat breeding that produced Roy with the sire Touchdown Kid. Then on to compete for her AFC title which she needs only 3 points. Kayla will also compete in the VCA nationals in the fall at Ionia, MI.

Submitted by Greg Wegler

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From Linda Busch: Jim's female Southern T rails Una Roja, JH became a conformation champion when she won a 3 point major win at the Illinois Capital Kennel Club in Springfield, IL on October 23rd.

Jim's female Lorrin, JH got her show career off to a booming start when she won a 3 point major at the same show on October 24th by going Winner's Bitch. Then Lorrin won another 3 point major at her next showing at the Lake Shore Kennel Club in Chicago Heights, IL on November 27th.

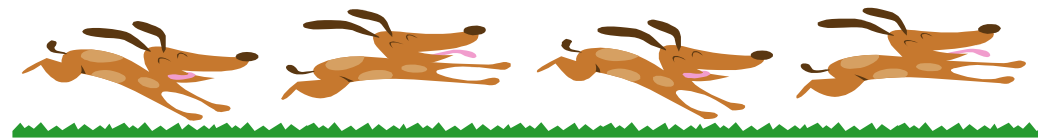
Linda's male Ch. Just Spike earned two Best of Breeds at the four day show in Springfield, IL in October and then also earned two Best of Breeds and a Sporting Group 4 at the Lake Shore Kennel Club shows November 26th and 27th.

Linda's female Chicquita who was one year old last May placed T hird in the Vizsla Club of America's National Derby Classic in Pinckneyville, IL out of a stake with 34 total dogs

From George and Mary Haines, Gracie is now a registered Therapy Dog. Participates in programs helping children read and visits senior care.

From Chad Chadwell: Pele got Ru @ NVA Classic at Pickneyville and RuCh at Hoosier.

From Kathy Engelsman: We had six dogs invited to the Eukeneuba on Dec. 16/17, 2011.



President's Message

Well, the time has come to say "goodbye". My presidential term has been very busy with great things happening. The VCOI got new plaques for the awards banquet, a fourth field trial and lots and lots of new Champions and National Champions!

I am very proud of the VCOI and am looking forward to what is to come! I will enjoy my time off the board with my beautiful daughter and my husband who are looking forward to Mommy not being so busy. :)

Good luck to the New Board, you will do great! Keep up the good work for our wonderful club.

Pam Spurgeon

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 Shelly Kliefoth at skliefoth@yahoo.com
Next available cover is September 2012. Obviously we have many very talented members!! As soon as your dog completes the title, please let me know if you would like a cover.

**Please let us know if your dog receives a National title as we would like to feature your accomplishments in the Bulletin.
Upcoming covers reserved for: Fitsimmons (3/12), Albin (5/12), Busch (7/12)

Opinions expressed in articles are those of the author and do not constitute endorsement by the editorial staff, the VCOI or it's Board of Directors.
The VCOI endorses the efforts of the VCA and the OFA to eliminate hip dysplasia in dogs, and encourages it's members to use only normal breeding stock.
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Cover stories are limited to one per family membership in a 12 month period. Color covers are available for a \$50 fee. All brags, articles, and submissions must be submitted in writing either through the minutes or directly to the Editor.
All 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.

How to Treat Canine Mange



Canine Mange is a skin disorder which is caused by the presence of mites which exist on the skin of the dog or in the hair follicles and may even burrow under the skin. Mites are always present on dogs but certain mites will cause reactions which create uncomfortable symptoms if left untreated. There are three common types of Canine Mange in dogs which are caused by different mites. These varieties include Cheyletiella Mange, Sarcoptic Mange and Demodectic Mange. Treatment of Canine Mange is usually fairly simple if the condition is detected early on before it spreads extensively.

The following steps are helpful in treating Canine Mange:

1. **Recognize the symptoms early.** The mites who cause Canine Mange are not visible to the eye but symptoms of the presence of these harmful mites can be detected by visual inspection. Symptoms of Sarcoptic Mange may include vigorous itching, sores on the body, hair loss around the ears, elbows and legs, and an unpleasant odor. Symptoms of Demodectic Mange may include loss of hair on the face, head and front legs and is most commonly seen in puppies. The mites are transferred from the mother to the puppy during nursing and the immune system of the puppy is typically not mature enough to resist the mites. Cheyletiella Mange includes symptoms of mild itching and the appearance of white flakes on the head, neck and back.
2. **Visit a veterinarian.** If Canine Mange is suspected, a veterinarian should be consulted for a proper diagnosis. The mite which causes Cheyletiella Mange may be visible with the use of a magnifying glass but this is an exception. Other forms of Canine Mange require a skin scraping and examination under a microscope to determine the type and amount of mites present. This information is necessary to determine an appropriate treatment strategy.
3. **Follow the veterinary approved treatment strategy.** Treatment for Canine Mange may include dips or medicated baths, topical ointments or oral drugs. Topical treatments are most commonly used for localized cases while dips and shampoos are necessary when the disease has spread extensively. The oral drug used in treating Canine Mange is ivermectin. When ivermectin is prescribed, care should be taken to follow the veterinarian's instructions carefully because it is a powerful drug which can have severe side effects, including death, if not used correctly. More severe cases of Canine Mange may require shaving the affected area and isolating the dog during treatment to prevent the transfer of the mites to other mammals.
4. **Prevent reinfection.** Once Canine Mange is treated, it is important to avoid allowing the mites to return. Some of these methods may include washing the dog's bed, avoiding contact with other dogs who appear symptomatic, feeding a high quality diet which includes adequate amounts of fat and scheduling regular checkups with your veterinarian to have your dog examined.



Recommended Read:

The Dog Cancer Survival Guide:

Full Spectrum Treatments to Optimize Your Dog's Life Quality and Longevity, 2nd edition. Written by DVMs Demian Dressler and Susan Ettnger. Dressler has the website Dog-CanderVet.com website and accompanying blog.

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Call to Order @ 7:25pm

Approval of Minutes - Motion to approve meeting minutes from September meeting; Motion mad by Linda Busch, 2nd by Jim Gingrich. PASSED.

Treasurers Report (Linda Busch) – Favorable balance in checking account. The gross earnings for fall field trials were: Sept field trial (\$7,125) and Oct field trial (\$3535).

General Announcements (Pam Spurgeon) – Thank you Michelle Princer for catering our meeting tonight. Only 14 people have sent in RSVPs for the Awards Banquet. Deadline for sending in RSVPs is December 1st. We have VCOI Logos for sale, \$3 each or 4 for \$10.

March Field Trial (Mark Spurgeon) – Midwest Vizsla Futurity has 17 litters nominated. Ken Hartinger and Jim West have agreed to judge. This event will be held Friday in Des Plaines before the March Field Trial. March Trial: Mark Spurgeon – Chair, Brain Gingrich- Secretary.: George Haines will Chair May Field Trial, we are looking for someone to secretary this event.

Calendars – There are 35 calendars left.

Field Trial Superanumery Position – Greg Hedien is looking for someone to take over this position. It involves coordinating event dates with AKC and state (IL, WI) field trial associations.

Field Events @ Des Plaines (Dennis Nowak) – Spring hunt test will be held the 3rd weekend in April with Weim Club. In July 2012 every IL state park will loose one person, due to state cutbacks. There will be a 1 month notification for mowing. There has been a suggestion that dog clubs that use Des Plaines should start an organization such as: Friends of Des Plaines to raise money for grounds care. Herbicide costs for spring application is \$4000. All applications for events must be done online with IL State starting in 2012. Chukar Shoot on East Grounds can be done. February field event Dennis is working on, more news to come. IL Habitate stickers are required for AKC hunt tests (all IL Residents). It is questionable whether state parking stickers will be required in the future.

Fall Field Trial – Discussion on about adding an extra day to this event, so more dogs could run. We had 70 entries this year, turn down 50 dogs. Greg Hedien will check to see if we can add a day to this event up at Eagle, WI.

Nominating Committee – Chair: Brian Johnson. Slate for Board & Officers for 2012 is:

President – Dennis Nowak, Vice-President – Jeff Parise, Secretary – Michele Princer, Treasurer – Linda Busch, New Board members; Chad Chadwell, Eric Kliefoth.

Motion to Approve slate made by Jim Busch, 2nd motion by Mary Haines.

Birthdays – Today is Jeff Engelman birthday and tomorrow is Chad Chadwell's birthday.

Brag – We have lots of them!

VCA National Field Championship results:

2nd place - Kinze (DC/AFC JB's Asker Bout Birds) Owner/handler: Jody Beckley

3rd place - Izzy (Crimson's Isidora Rizini) Handler: Mark Spurgeon Owners: Mark and Pam Spurgeon

VCA National Amateur Field Championship results:

1st place - Ruger (3X NGDC, NAFC DC/AFC Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger SH, CGC)

Owners: Mark and Pam Spurgeon Handler: Mark Spurgeon

2nd place - Jack (NGDC FC/AFC Burr Oak's Old Number Seven) Owner/Handler: Jim Gingrich

VCA Nationals Derby results:

1st place - Roy (Wegler's Crown Royal) Owner/handler: Greg Wegler

3rd place - Chicquittaa (Chicquittaa) Owner: Linda Busch Handler: Brian Gingrich

Motion to Adjourn(Pam Spurgeon). 2nd by Jim Busch. 8:30 pm. PASSED.

Mark Your Calendars!

2011 Awards Banquet & Holiday Party ~ Jan. 14, 2012

Gibson's Steak House, Rosemont IL.



VCOI Mock Hunt Test & Field Trial ~ Feb 25-26, 2012

DesPlaines Wildlife Area

Contact Dennis Nowak for more information.

2012 Midwest Vizsla Futurity ~ March 9, 2012

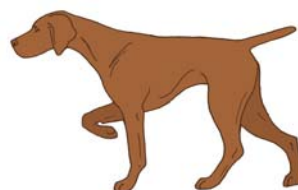
DesPlaines Wildlife Area

Contact Mark Spurgeon or Rodney Albin for more information.

VCOI March Field Trial ~ March 10 & 11, 2012

DesPlaines Wildlife Area

Contact Mark Spurgeon or Brian Gingrich for more information.



Double Bubble Weekend ~ May 26 & 27, 2012

Busch Farm

Contact Linda Busch or Michelle Princer for more information.

VCOI Mock Hunt Test and Field Trial February 25 & 26 2012

The VCOI will be having a mock hunt test and mock field trial at DesPlaines Wildlife Area in Wilmington. The event will be on the west grounds. This is your chance as a club member to come out and we will show you what it will take to pass a hunt test at each level jr, sr and master. Also we will have a mock field trial. With this we be able to show you what you and your dog would need to train for to have a chance at placing at a trial. This will be a good time to come out and get the pooch out and run. Birds will be available for \$5.00 each (quail). Please contact Dennis Nowak at 815-439-0720. I will need your bird order by Wednesday Feb 22nd. Please come out and use the grounds. The cost of running in the mock test or trial will be \$ 15.00 each dog which is a deal. Hunt tests and field trials usually start at \$45.00. We will have expert trainers and helpers on hand to help.

for VCOI Members!

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JB'S ASKER 'BOUT BIRDS "KINZIE"

the epitome of a dual dog.

Kinzie was on the cover of the Bulletin a little over a year ago for her success as a conformation champion in spite of the rattlesnake bite to her face that only slowed her down for a short time. Since then she has become a Field Champion and Amateur Field Champion handled by her owner Jody Beckley from Kansas who was a total novice to the sports of showing and field events.

This past September Kinzie continued her amazing successes by winning the Field Trial Bitch class for Vizsla Club of America non-field event nationals in Denver. She was also entered in the Best of Breed class with 100 other hopefuls and was one of ten dogs who garnered a prized Award of Merit given to 10% of the class. She also won the All Star Review which is becoming the highlight of non-field nationals. All Star Review entrants must have a show and field title and the winner is determined by the combined scores of three judges whose names are kept secret until the event starts. Then in November at the Vizsla Club of America field events in Pinckneyville, IL, Kinzie again rose to prominence as she earned 2nd in the National Field Championship handled by owner Jody Beckley. Beauty and brains all in one!!!!



NGDC FC AFC BURR OAK'S OLD NUMBER SEVEN

CAPTURES 2ND IN THE 2011 NAFC

For the 2nd time in his career, Jack captured 2nd in the NAFC. The first time was in Arizona in 2008. After a two year absence Jack placed second again this year in the NAFC in Pinckneyville, Illinois. Thirty seven dogs started the Amateur with 10 called back for the second series. Both Jack and Burr Oak's Kick Em Up Jake, call name Jake, made the second series. High winds and chukar that wanted to run made the second series very difficult resulting in only placements awarded. Burr Oak's Quarterback, call name Rex, placed second in the NAFC in 2009, giving the Gingrich string the runner up spot 3 out of the last 4 years. Blue is better, but I am very proud of our dogs.

My thanks to my son Brian for all the work he put into all of our dogs over the past year. I do think that the two months in North Dakota this summer made a big difference. The wide open spaces, the wild birds and one hour training sessions prepared them well for the fall, culminating with nationals.

All three of my gun dogs made the second series, Rex in the NFC and Jack and Jake in the NAFC. With 48 dogs starting for the NFC and 37 for the NAFC, just reaching the second series is big accomplishment.

Placing second in the NAFC was a great finish to a strong fall for Jack. He was also named R-U Champion at the Midwest Vizsla Shooting Dog Championship held at Ionia, Michigan.

We will keep working hard to make that one placement move which includes a title. In the Spring we will add two or three additional gun dogs to the string and based on their puppy/derby careers we have much to look forward to.

Have a great winter and we look forward to seeing our friends again in the Spring.



More National's Placements

CHICQUITAA

Chicquita placed third in the National Open Derby. Born May 1, 2010 out of Eldorado's Brian From the Busch and Ch. Archie, JH. Lynnette and Doug Engel from Manchester, Iowa, are the owners of "Briar" her mom. Owned by Linda Busch. Chicquita has been trained and handled in field events by Brian Gingrich. She can be described as a perky, fast running, big ranging, bird finding little female.



CRIMSON'S ISIDORA RIZZINI



Izzy, "she is just my little huntin' dog". That is what I have said from the time I started to train her. She started hunting wild pheasants at 5 months old. She was stylish, biddable, retrieved naturally and already had all the range I wanted for a "huntin' dog". She was not going to be a "Field Trial" dog. Izzy was my pup to hunt over and not worry about being "Broke". When I trained the other dogs she went along. I showed her what I wanted and she did it. At a 1 1/2 years she ran in the Midwest Futurity, handling multiple birds broke, and backing naturally. I decided if she can do that nice of work maybe I should let her range and run her in a few trials. To my surprise, she qualified for nationals several weeks before the closing date. Her range is still increasing as well as her maturity. In both the NFC and NAFC she was called back for the second series. At just over 2 her immaturity showed in the amateur as she broke on the retrieve. In the Open Izzy worked her birds flawlessly, handled easily and hunted hard. She was rewarded with a 3rd place. With Ruger as her uncle, and Rigby as her dad, I guess trialing is in her blood. she just had to tell me what she wanted to do. Is it still ok to call her "my little huntin' dog"?



DOUBLE BUBBLE WEEKEND

Note date change

May 26 & 27, 2012

(Memorial Day weekend)

All the fun takes place at the Gingrich and Busch farms in Winnebago, IL.

This is a good place to learn about some of the things your dog can do in a fun and non-threatening environment with plenty of people to teach and help you.

Bring your vizsla(s), bring your kids, and head out to the farm for a fun filled weekend.

SATURDAY EVENTS

There will be new activities on Saturday this year which will take place at the Gingrich Farm during the day such as Hunt Test basics (what they are, how to enter, the difference in stakes, how to get your dog involved, and how to train. A mock hunt test will follow instructions.

Membership meeting and steak dinner in the evening.

Other activities TBD later.

SUNDAY EVENTS

- * CGC official testing for title (this event open to all breeds)
- * Locate & Point (timed field event)
- * Wing & String for pups
- * Bird Planting contest for kids
- * 2013 Calendar Photo Contest
- * Fun games for dogs
- * Powder Puff Derby for ladies only
- * Raffle
- * Rubber Ducky race
- * Dog Show seminar for newbies
- * Obstacle Course
- * "Vizsla Idol" or "Vizslas Got Talent" dog trick contest
- * vizsla items for sale
- * Hot Dog/Chips/Soda lunch and much, much more
- Trophies/Prizes awarded for most events.
- New things planned too!!!!

VCOI Members win big at Nationals

3x NGDC 2x NAFC NVA NFC DC AFC MVSDCH
CRIMSON'S TWENTY GAUGE RUGER SH CGC

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Ruger has just earned his 6th National Championship title by winning the 2011 VCA National Amateur Championship held at Pinckneyville Illinois. He became the most Nationally titled Vizsla in history this spring with his 4th National win at the NVA (National Vizsla Association) National Field Championship. One week later he won the National Gun Dog Championship for the 3rd time. This was his 5th National win. The one word I have heard to best describe Ruger is "CONSISTENT". He has performed and won whether it was walking, horseback, desert, piney woods, open fields or tree lines. Pam and I have been fortunate to be owned by him. Ruger has been honored to be the subject for several paintings by Michael Steddum and Ross Young. A painting of Ruger is now on display at the National Bird dog Museum in Tennessee.



2011 Vizsla Club of America National Derby Classic Winner Wegler's Crown Royal "Roy"

The VCA National Derby Classic festivities started on Nov. 9th, Wednesday night at the Judges Dinner with the annual Derby Calcutta run this year by Julie Larue. The Derby Calcutta is kind of like an auction where each Vizsla run in the derby is bid on by the people in attendance with the highest bidder buying the contestant. The derby placements 1st through 3rd then get pay outs with the club keeping some of the proceeds. I bought Roy for \$45 which was cheap considering that some of the dogs went to \$300 plus. I got a generous payout for his win. The VCA National Derby Classic was run on Thursday Nov. 10th and concluded on Friday Nov. 11th around mid-day followed by the announcements of the placements. The stake had 35 Vizslas entered with 18 braces run over the two days. Roy ran in the second brace of the National Derby Classic. He had an excellent breakaway with very good range. Roy handled his points steady to wing & shot and also had a back/honor of his brace mate. He finished his brace strong with a big move at the end that resulted in a bird find. Roy ran a mature gun dog race getting through clean on his bird work. The stake had many excellent Vizslas that ran that did not receive placements so the competition was strong. Roy is sired by Mike Lundy's Touchdown Kid "Diamond" and the dam is our own FC Wegler's Kember Kayla "Kayla". Roy was 21 months old at the time of the VCA National Derby Classic. A special thanks goes to my scout Mark Spurgeon who did an excellent job. Thanks to the judges Doug Reisner and Mary Durham .

Also special thanks to my friend Jim Gingrich for allowing me to train on his farm which is a first class field trial training grounds. Most of Roy's training was completed at Jim's place. Thanks to the VCA, specifically Mark and Becky Smith, also all the volunteers for putting on a first class event very organized and run well. Thanks to Purina for the 225 pounds of dog food as a prize awarded to the winner of the VCA National Derby Classic. Next in store for Roy over the winter he will be force broke to retrieve. Then in the spring will be the Midwest Vizsla Futurity and broke gun dog stakes with the possibility of competing in VCA Nationals in the fall.

