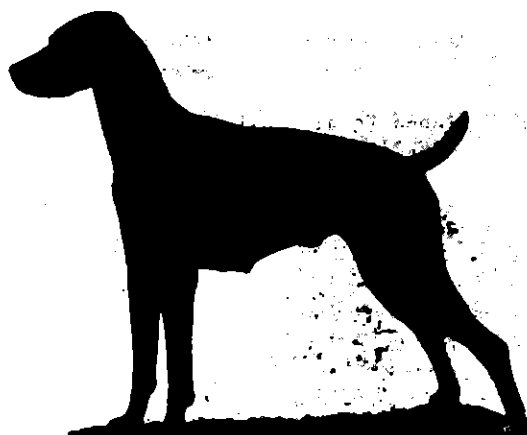




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CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH  
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John Pecora  
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Dress: Casual

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ken Crago

Because this months bulletin is being passed out at our June 2nd Specialty, perhaps many of you readers are hearing about our club for the very first time. Please accept an invitation to join in the activities of the Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc., and become a member yourself. Our club sponsors all kinds of dog-related activities and would be happy to have you join us. Become a member - get involved!

The big announcement this month is the forthcoming marriage of our bulletin editor and publisher (Linda Tovar and Jim Busch). I am sure all the club members will join with me in wishing them the very best for the future.

At our May Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to sponsor a series of training sessions for members and prospective members interested in learning fundamentals of handling their dogs in the field. None of the sessions have been scheduled yet, but at the June 20th meeting we will try to structure a few training sessions based upon the interest shown. All of us can benefit from having our more experienced dog handlers observe our field performances and suggest, when necessary, improved ways to bring out the best in our dogs. These sessions will probably be held at the Bong dog training area on weekends. If you are interested, please so indicate at the June meeting.

Remember, heat is a killer of dogs. With the warm months coming, avoid closing your dogs in places where they are susceptible to becoming overheated.

Elsewhere in the bulletin you will find the April 1973 OFA Newsrelease which answers many of the more common questions regarding hip-dysplasia. Should any members have any other questions on this subject, please feel free to forward to me and I will in turn forward to the OFA to see that you are given a reply.



THE  
VIZSLA CLUB OF ILLINOIS, INC.

*Invites You All To Our*

**1973 SPECIALTY SHOW**

*June 2, 1973*

*To Be Held In Conjunction With The*

**FOX RIVER VALLEY KENNEL CLUB, INC.**

*All-Breed Dog Show & Obedience Trial*

*At The*

*Kane County Fair Grounds*

*St. Charles, Illinois*



Trophies will be awarded in all classes. We would like to have entries from everywhere at our Specialty Show, and would especially like to see Show Champions from all parts of the United States and Canada entered. Lets all enter and have as many entries in all of the classes as we can.

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We have received the following comments from Pat Kepler of the Conestoga Vizsla Club and would like to pass along to you...

"Dear Linda,

Having just started with the Conestoga NEWSLETTER a little less than a year ago, I know the work you are putting into your VCOI publication. I just had to write to tell you that I think it is one of the BEST publications I have seen-- particularly loved the last issue cover in two-tones!! Keep up the good work.

I would also like to copy that article on how to train your dog--those 17 steps or so. Thought that was hilarious and so true too! If you care to copy anything from our NEWSLETTER, please feel free to do so.

Again, you're doing a TERRIFIC job, look forward to next month's issue already. Hope to see you again in Oct. at the National Field Trial if not before. We'll be at two of the three Specialties anyway.

Regards,

Pat"

(Next time you have to write that article for the Newsletter, or send in a cartoon or two, remember, there are people like Pat Kepler out there who enjoy what we are doing and appreciate every ounce that you and I put into it.)

SECRETARY'S CIRCLE

Sharon Simon



The regular monthly meeting of the Vizsla Club of Illinois was held on Wednesday, May 16, 1973, at the home of the Pecoras' with 23 members present.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Ann Lucas offered to obtain refreshments for the June meeting.

Under committee reports - Tony Lucas said that our fall field trial is scheduled for Nov. 3 & 4 at Des Plaines Wildlife Area, Joliet, Ill. John Pecora reported that our specialty plans are going well but he has had no offers from helpers.

Our Illinois club will be the host club for the Spring '74 National. Plans are being made now by its committee headed by Jim Busch.

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INFORMATION.

The membership dues will be raised from \$5 and \$7.50 to \$7.50 for single memberships, and \$10.00 for family memberships. The Bulletin will be \$5.00 alone without membership. This vote was made unanimous by the attending members.

A motion was made that we join the Field Trial Clubs of Wisconsin. It is a must that we belong if we should ever want to hold trials at Bong.

At the conclusion of the meeting a movie was shown.

Sharon's thought for the month:

People often say that, in a democracy, decisions are made by a majority of the people. Of course, that is not true. Decisions are made by a majority of those who make themselves heard and who vote---A VERY DIFFERENT THING!



"You're some retriever!"

Question and Answer series from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Inc.

"The following questions have been submitted to us by breeders through their breed club representatives to the OFA Breed Club Committee.

Question: Many breeders have expressed concern about having their valuable dogs anesthetized for a pelvic radiograph. What is the safest method?

Answer: A number of satisfactory tranquilizers are now available for use in restraining dogs while they are positioned for pelvic radiographs. It is not OFA policy to recommend a specific product for this use. This should be left to the choice of the Vet consulted.

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Question: There seems to be a difference of opinion about many points about hip dysplasia control. What is the best way of obtaining accurate information?

Answer: In a survey of our breed representatives last fall, many of them pointed out the lack of communications between them and OFA and their need for continued knowledge about the disease. It is suggested that each club have a program a year on hip dysplasia. Your local Vet should be pleased to talk to you club. Secondly, questions and answers will help. Send in your questions to Mrs. Bower, and the staff veterinarians will be pleased to answer them and then you can print the answers in the club newsletter.

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Question: Are there lists of veterinarians that send in quality radiographs? Our club members want to use the best?

Answer: Such lists have not been prepared. However, over the past years X-ray equipment and techniques have improved remarkably and today you should not have difficulty finding someone who does excellent work. We offer assistance to any veterinarian who has a question. Ask your vet to write us.

Question: The OFA now uses three categories of normal hips. Explain the three categories. Isn't a normal hip always normal?

Answer: The three categories are excellent conformation; normal conformation for age and breed; and less than ideal but within normal radiographic limits. Since hip dysplasia is an inherited disease and "like produces like", dogs with the better hip conformation in general, pass these characteristics on to their progeny. This is an added aid in selecting breeding stock. For example, a dog that scores high in conformation, temperament and trainability and has excellent hip conformation is an exception and has a chance to improve the breed remarkably. Use the dogs with the best possible hips.

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Question: Why not provide a list of veterinarians who will speak on hip dysplasia?

Answer: Most vets are interested in improving the quality of breeding dogs. Usually the vet who serve each of you are pleased to talk when asked. Ask your vet if he will come. The vets who donate their time as Directors and officers of OFA regularly talk to kennel and breed club groups. Invite your vet; he will be pleased to help.

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Question: I bred my OFA certified male to an OFA certified female. Eight of ten pups were radiographed and all eight pups were dysplastic. How can this be?

Answer: This is considered unusual but certainly possible. In polygenic transmitted traits, of which hip dysplasia is one example, the animals with the best qualities pass on these good traits and those with poor traits pass on these. Occasionally, for reasons not understood, an animal will fail to pass on his good traits and will pass undesired ones. The problem now is to determine whether the dam or sire or both has a high transmissibility of hip dysplasia. When this is determined, the animal or animals with poor breeding potential should be retired. This example points out the necessity for progeny testing in addition to OFA certification. Dogs vary greatly in their ability to transmit certain traits. When an animal given a fair trial demonstrates that it is not capable of transmitting a high percentage of normal hips to its offspring that animal should be retired from breeding.

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Question: How can OFA have a true picture of hip dysplasia when radiographs from dogs with hips obviously dysplastic are not sent in for reading?

Answer: It is true that the more obviously dysplastic radiographs are not sent in. This means that the percentage of hip dysplasia is greater than that recorded with the OFA. However, the selection must be considered the same for all breeds since this is mass selection and the percentage of prevalence in each breed would be subject to the same proportion of selection.

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Question: Wouldn't it be helpful to know the number of clear dogs in each pedigree?

Answer: This information is known as pedigree depth. It would be especially helpful to know how many dogs with normal hips a sire had produced. Breeds with valuable sires would do well to have documented evidence of the sire's progeny. This is known as progeny testing and this procedure is to be encouraged. Encourage your club members to keep records and use the dogs with the best records.

## TRAINING YOUR DOG FOR A SHOW

Two things are required of a dog at a dog show. He must trot on a leash without breaking stride, and he must stand quietly and in proper position for the judge to examine him. For these things he needs some training and some experience.

If you gave your dog obedience training, then he already knows how to walk at your side. Now you must teach him to walk or trot while holding his head up. The reason for this is that the judge must check him for soundness of movement. If the dog's head is nosing along the ground, soundness of movement cannot be checked because the dog will be spreading his legs slightly as he moves and his head will block the judge's view.

Most people show a dog using a "show leash". This is a leash which serves as both collar and leash. You put the leash on the dog and tighten it so that it is firm about the throat but does not choke. The position of the collar part should be at the end of the neck so that, when the dog's head is raised, the leash is just back of the ears.

Moving along in this position you can give the dog light jerks to bring his head up. You can teach this in the house or along the sidewalk. Eventually you should practice in the presence of other dogs so that your pupil learns not to be distracted by them. At dog shows it is required that the judge check gait when the dog is coming directly toward him. Some handlers make a right or left turn at the end of the ring and thus give the judge a side view of the dog in motion. The judge may want this in breeds such as Dachshunds and Bassets, where there may be a tendency to sway-back when in motion. Always keep the dog between yourself and the judge. The judge already will have seen all the dogs in motion together when they went around the ring so he may feel that the extra side view is merely wasting his time. This will be particularly true when the judge is behind schedule. It is good to ask him: "Straight out and back?" Then he'll tell you what he wants.

Check dog book and magazines for pictures of champions of your breed. They will be posed as you will want to pose your dog in the show ring. At first your dog may refuse and you may have to slap him upward under the chin to remind him that he must obey you. First, he must hold his head up. Second, he must allow you to place his front legs in proper position. Third, he must let you place his behind legs and stand as you've posed him.

Take the front leg by one elbow, lift and place the foot so that the leg is perpendicular to the ground and solidly under him. Then take the other leg by the elbow and set it in the same way. Be sure that one foot is not ahead or behind the other and that the toes point straight ahead rather than out toward the side.

When you have taught him to stand while you do this you are ready to set his hind legs. The hind legs should be placed so that the back pasterns, often called the hocks, are perpendicular to the ground. Lean over the dog, take the stifle joint in your hand, lift one leg and place it. Then do the same with the other. The feet should be set far enough back so that stifle-joint angulation shows. Again, the hind feet should point straight ahead, turning neither in nor out. In general, the above instructions are correct for most breeds.



There are exceptions. With German Shepherds, one hind leg is brought forward and the tail is laid across the other, which is drawn far back. Several breeds permit cow hocks (in which the hind feet point out at an angle rather than straight ahead). Chows are straight in stifles and you would not want to draw the hind legs back. ' '

When you are teaching your dog to pose he may slump in the middle. In that case, slap him upward in the belly while commanding him to "Pose." Others will arch or roach their backs. They should get over this with practice. Gentle stroking pressure will help to level the back to the correct topline. Your dog must permit examination of his teeth. Usually judges examine the front teeth only in order to see that the jaws are neither overshot (top jaw extends or protrudes beyond the lower) or undershot (the lower jaw extends beyond the upper). Either condition means that a "level" or scissors bite does not exist. However, with dogs such as German Shepherds and Doberman Pinschers, premolars may be missing and the judge must check for this, too.

In Canada, judges are not permitted to put their fingers in dogs' mouths. Some American judges ask the owners to handlers to show the teeth. You will be extending a courtesy to the judge if you show him your dog's teeth and you may be helping to prevent spreading of disease. If you do show the teeth, it is only necessary to lift the lips. Do this honestly. If the dog is missing some teeth, don't try to hide the fact.

It is required of all judges that they check each male dog to see that he has two normal testicles, normally descended into the scrotum. Sometimes dogs do not like this examination. So you must practice with yours so that, in the show ring, he won't try to jerk away or sit down.

Finally, you must practice posing the dog and having other people examine him. When you can pose him and have others examine him in the presence of other dogs, then you can be sure your dog will act properly in the show ring.

SUMMARY: The show dog has to trot on leash and to stand for examination. Special leashes called "Show leads" usually are used. Show dogs should trot, with their heads up so that the soundness of their front movement can be seen. Dogs are taught to pose when standing for examination. You should try to pose your dog in the position seen in pictures of famous winners. Pose him in front of a mirror to check your ability. Before going to a show, display your dog to strangers and have them examine him so he will get used to the procedure.

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ARE YOU AN OWNER OF A VIZSLA BITCH? IF SO, THIS CONCERNS YOU!

The National Show and Field Futurities are breeders stakes. Do you know that cash prizes are offered to the breeders and owners of winning pups in Futurity competition?

If you are an owner of a bitch you should know about Futurities!

Information regarding both Show and Field Futurities can be obtained by writing to: Futurity Chairman

Mr. Christopher Hatch  
1511 Lupine Drive  
Santa Rosa, California 95401

write for information NOW!!!! 6.

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(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

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Long Lake, Minn. 55356

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## HOW TO UNDERSTAND A DOG SHOW

A dog show is, in one sense, a beauty contest of canines. Each breed has certain physical characteristics that make it different from other breeds. Each breed has an ideal for type and soundness. So a dog show is designed to prove the quality, or lack of it, of each dog.

In another sense, a dog show is an elimination contest, much as a tennis tournament would be. A show may start with 2,500 dogs and gradually eliminate them until a single dog is selected as the best-in-show winner.

There are regular classes for each breed: Puppy, Novice, America-Bred, Bred-by-Exhibitor, and Open. The Puppy class may be divided into classes for those six months but under nine, and those nine months but under 12. A dog over a year old on the day of the show cannot be shown in a puppy class.

The Novice class is for dogs over 6 months old that have not won a first prize in any class other than Puppy. After 3 first place wins in the Novice class a dog must be entered in Bred-by-Exhibitor, American-Bred or the Open class.

The Bred-by-Exhibitor class is for A.K.C. registered dogs, except champions, owned by the breeder and shown by him or a member of his family.

The American-Bred class is for all dogs, except champions, born in the United States by reason of a mating that took place in this country.

The Open class is for all dogs. Champions may be entered, but seldom are. This is the only class in which foreign-bred dogs can compete, except that Canadian-bred puppies can compete in the puppy class.

The winner of each of these classes gets a blue ribbon; second, a red one; third, a yellow; and fourth, a white.

There then is a winners' class. Each winner of a blue ribbon competes in this, unless he has been beaten in some other class. Since all of the classes, except in rare occasions, are divided by sex, there are two winners' classes. The winners of these get a purple ribbon while the second, or reserve winners, get a purple and white. The two winners are called "winners' dog" and "winners' bitch". They compete for best of winners, with the winner getting a blue and white ribbon.

It often happens that there will be champions entered who are competing for best of breed or higher honors. They now enter the ring and compete with the best of winners for best of breed. Best of breed is awarded a purple and gold ribbon. The best of opposite sex to the dog awarded "best of breed" is given a red and white ribbon.

Sometimes no best of breed is given. This is when a breed is divided into varieties as in Cocker Spaniels, Beagles, Bachshunds, and Poodles. Then a best-of-variety ribbon is awarded instead.

You will remember that all breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club are classified into groups, such as Sporting, Hound, etc. When all of the best-of-breed and best-of-variety winners in each group have been selected, these are brought back into the ring to compete for best in the group in which they belong.

The six group winners then compete for best in show. In that way, a show which might have started with 2,500 dogs ends up with one final grand victor.

There are a number of types of dog shows. Match or sanctioned shows operate under American Kennel Club sanction, but no championship points are allowed. Championship shows are called "licensed shows" since they operate under a license from the American Kennel Club. Another type of show is the "specialty". It is for one breed only, and can be sanctioned or licensed.

Championship points are awarded on a complicated bit of mathematics. This is worked out for various areas of the country, depending upon the general popularity of the breed, the numbers usually shown, and the popularity of the breed in that area. Only dogs getting purple winners' ribbon are eligible for championship points.

Dog show catalogs are required to carry the schedule of championship points for the area in which a given show is held. The following will give you an idea of how this works.

In the East and North division, a Dachshund of the smooth variety would get a championship point if three of his sex competed. He would get two points if six competed; three, if 11 competed; four, if there were 18; and five, if there were 31. The schedule for females often differs from that for males.

Dachshunds are very popular, both in numbers and in numbers shown. Among rarer breeds, six of one sex competing would mean five championship points for the winner. It is hardest for German Shepherds to win championships, since 62 males must compete to gain five points. For females, 64 must compete.

Although a dog must win 15 points to become a champion, he must win at least twice under different judges when there is a "three points or better" entry. Thus, a male German Shepherd competing in the New York area would have to defeat entries of 29 or more of its sex at least twice.

Scale of points for Vizslas are usually: (Midwest area)

	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{4}{6}$	$\frac{5}{9}$
Bitches					
Dogs	2	3	4	6	9

More than half of the American dog shows now have obedience trials in conjunction with them. Obedience classes are Novice A and B, Open A and B, and Utility. Novice A and Open A are for people who are working their own dogs. If they have a second entry in the Novice division, it would have to be shown in Novice B. Professional trainers or a person handling someone else's dog can only enter in Novice B and Open B.

Utility is open to both professional and amateur trainers. A trainer can enter his dog in Open B and Utility, provided it has won its open title. The Novice title is Companion Dog, or CD. The Open title is Companion Dog Excellent, or CDX. The Utility title is Utility Dog (UD), or Utility Dog Tracking (UTD) if the dog has passed its tracking test also.

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