



BULLETIN

A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

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CH Sunnyside Dawn's Kaleidoscope, "Kalei"

AKC # SN920093/03

Birth date: March 27, 2002

Sire: CH Rivercity's Quenton Cassidy MH ROM

Dam: CH Vizion's Dawn at Sunnyside

Breeders: Sharon and Carl Misiak and Gwen Tomlinson

Owners: Cathy Gallagher and Sharon Misiak

CH Sunnyside Dawn's Kaleidoscope, the sweet, feminine "pink girl" the litter of three girls and two boys, was selected by owners Cathy Gallagher and Sharon Misiak, for her conformation and attitude at a very young age! At just six months and one day old, "Kalei went *Best of Breed* over several top ten specials in Freeport, Illinois, *Best Puppy* of the Vizsla breed (over a large puppy class that included all of her brothers and sisters), and then continued on that day to become the *Best in Show Puppy*!!! Her confidence, attitude, and show presence was amazing

for such a young little Vizsla Girl! At just under ten months of age, Kalei became a Champion. She has had five Best of Breeds and fifteen Best of Opposite wins and is not quite two years of age. Kalei also enjoys hunting and has three of four legs toward her Junior Hunter title. She just began to participate in agility classes at Northwest Obedience with her sister and littermate, Sunnyside Dawn's Charisma JH, "Kiira", also owned by Cathy Gallagher.

Kalei has an extremely sweet temperament and LOVES to play! She is excellent at retrieving toys and loves interacting with other dogs. She is particularly happy with our newest puppy, "Jolie", Sienna Pointe's Jolie Lady, who will run and wrestle with her for hours, as puppies do! Her next favorite playmate is her littermate "Kava", owned by Lorretta Liubinskas. Kava visits often to get his exercise by running with Kalei in the backyard.

Sweet Kalei, AKA "Kalei Copperfield", is also

quite "tricky" and is truly an escape artist! She takes after her "naughty but nice" mother "Dawn". We swear she has thumbs and pogo stick legs! She can jump into my arms in a single bound. She consistently jumps onto the island countertop in one leap landing on all fours. She jumps over any baby gates throughout the house, like they did not even exist. She is also quite talented at literally grabbing items with her front paws. This includes, but is not limited to: cat food bowls in a food stand (hidden and blockaded by a huge lams tin of dog food); loafs of bread two feet back on the counter; and sponges or nail brushes from behind the faucet in the kitchen sink. Being quite a stinker, she is the instigator and mostly hands off the "evidence" to the puppy! This year at the Vizsla Nationals, she opened my glove compartment and ate three packages of trail mix! I caught her in the act the second time and had to actually lock it because she is able to push the side button with her paw to open it up! Her newest trick has us quite stumped! Unless it is locked, she is now able to open the sliding glass door to our patio, to either go out or come in at HER will! Of course, she lets the whole Vizsla team in/out and the cat out, also! She has climbed out of X-pens and broken out of soft-sided and metal crates without tearing or ripping! We must be able to make money on this one!!!

Kalei is quite talented and despite her naughtiness, we love her and continue to care for her, keep her happy and engaged in learning, and keep her as safe as possible!



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~Lykowski

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MEETING MINUTES

VCOI Meeting Minutes January 17, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m. by club president, Wanda Berner, after dinner was served for our post Christmas/awards dinner party at the Milk Pail Restaurant in West Dundee, Illinois. Cheryl Peterson was asked to pass out the awards. Twenty-three dogs had been submitted and received award recognition. President asked for and received a motion from Tom Rowan to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Passed.

Board of Director's report: none given.

President's report: none given.

Secretary's report: none given.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer reported lots of money in and lots of money out. It was mentioned that Gina and Michel have put together forms for check requests, and expense/deposit forms which can be downloaded via the club's website.

Committee Reports

February Hunt Test: Patti and Dennis Nowak chairman noted they need bird planters and gunners for the event the weekend of Feb. 21-22 at Des Plaines Wildlife Area near Joliet, IL. Contact them if interested in helping..

Futurity Chairman: In Rodney Albin's absence, Gina reported there are 18 litters nominated with 11 dogs eligible and expects to see 9 dogs run. For 2005 there are already 13 litters nominated.

March 5-6-7 Field Trial: Tony Ordonez reported that judges have been approved. Entries will not be accepted before Feb. 2nd and entries close on Feb. 24th. The OLGD will be run on Friday. Entries already received will be returned. Also, the new AKC form must be used.

VCA Trial: Jim Busch reported that the VCOI is hosting a Vizsla Club of America field trial March 20-21 at Site M aka Governor Edgar Panther Creek State Wildlife Area which is 30 miles northwest of Springfield, Illinois. He will take phone entries, early entries, and the three stakes being run are Open Puppy, Open Derby, and Open Limited Gun Dog which is a retrieving stake, single course. Judges are Brian Hesgard and Dave Kayser. Workers are needed. Carl Wilbur is the Chairman. It may be called the VCA Midwest Regional Championship and will most likely expand beyond three stakes in the future. It will have Qualifying on the Line performed by an AKC judge and a VCA Board member will be in attendance per the VCA guidelines. Carl Wilbur reported there are no indoor facilities, but only bathrooms and parking lot.

June Hunt Test: Cathy Gallagher and Cheryl Lykowski are Chair and Secretary for event June 6th-7th at the Ottawa Field Trial

will be giving a Hunt Test Seminar on Saturday at the site and the actual Hunt Test will be on Sunday. Dennis Nowak is seeking permission from the AKC to have deadline for entries and drawing be Saturday night so new participants from seminar can enter.

Specialty Show: Kathy Harmer noted the specialty will be July 10th at the Belvidere Boone County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Kishwaukee Valley Kennel Club all-breed dog show once again. She will check on the time for showing as we have requested an early show time. Kent Meyer will be judging Sweepstakes. Trophy person is Tina Church and donations are needed for the trophy fund. A list for trophy donations was passed around the room.

Double Bubble Fun Weekend: Jeff Parise is Chairman. A hunt test match will be conducted in the afternoon at the Busch Farm, club meeting and free steak dinner for members conducted in the evening at the farm also. Sunday will be the fun day with a variety of activities.

Future activities include: Fall Hunt Test – Jeff Engelsman, Chairman. Fall Field Trial – Rob Tomczak, Chairman. Winter Walking Trial - Michel Berner, Secretary needs Chairman. Awards dinner 2005 – Cheryl Lykowski (dinner) and Cheryl Peterson (awards) will coordinate again. January 2005 Supported Entry for Wheaton Kennel Club dog show – Cheryl Peterson. Cheryl P. is also the national trophy chairman for the VCA nationals in the fall and is seeking trophy donations.

Field Trial Clubs of Illinois – Mark Johnson: Mark is on the Board of Directors for FTCI and gave a lengthy report on the January 4th meeting held in Springfield and the importance of belonging to the FTCI. The FTCI is an organization to which the VCOI belongs that is pointing breed oriented and responsible for keeping the sport of hunting dogs alive in Illinois. It assists with insurance programs, legislation, and maintaining and securing field trial sites within the state. Through their efforts, they have made possible the use of dogs and horses on state property, and squashed the leash law in Lake Zurich which would have prevented hunting in that area. FTCI sponsors the Continental Breed Winner's Classic at Site M (Gov. Edgar Panther Creek State Wildlife Area) Feb. 14th and 15th. Winners will appear in the American Field Magazine.

Ottawa Field Trial Association

Instructions are printed in every bulletin on how to do this. She also noted that the Ottawa Field Trial Association in Wisconsin had its meeting Wednesday night. The fence is up and should prevent dogs from running out to the highway. There is a meeting in Portage on Sunday, Jan. 18th

attend.

E-MAIL LIST Wanda mentioned that members should sign up to receive email on the club's website for notification of events, changes, notices, etc. Directions are in Virtual Vizsla on Page 2

Calendar Sales: Cathy Gallagher reported that we have sold over 200 wall calendars and she only has about 20 left. We sold 145 pocket calendars and have more remaining to be sold. Sales are coming in from all over the country and around the world.

Bulletin Editor: Michel Berner reported that we have a new printer and the quality of the pictures should improve greatly. She also said don't forget to visit the website for information (www.vizslaclubofillinois.org)

Sports Show: Jeff Engelsman reported he passed out VCOI club flyers and they had a pointing dog demonstration, but it was very difficult inside the building. The show lasts four days, and weekdays are slow.

Old Business: none

New Business: Cheryl Peterson heard the insurance for field trial clubs is going to double, and it was noted by Mark Johnson this is especially true for those that use live ammo. Cheryl Peterson stated she is also on the nominating committee for the VCA.

Club Election: Slated presented was – Wanda Berner, President; Gina Ordonez, Vice President; Jeff Engelsman, Treasurer; Michel Berner, Secretary; and three new Board members will consist of Jeff Parise, Mark Johnson, and Kevin Berta. Current Board members remaining will be Cathy Gallagher, Mark Vitkauskas, and Dennis Nowak. Gina O. moved to accept. Passed.

Quote of the Month: Jim Busch reported there were no winners (no submissions). The statement "You don't drop everything when you make a mistake. You do better next time" came from Caynen Wills age 13 from Money Magazine Feb. 2003 issue.

Adjourn: Motion was made to adjourn and then everyone was asked to remain seated for a special presentation. President Wanda Berner and Mark Johnson on behalf of the VCOI presented a plaque for Lifetime Membership to Jim and Linda Busch for their many years of work and dedication to the Vizsla breed and the club. After the presentation was accepted and acknowledged, guest speaker Larry Lykowski proceeded with a "roast" of the members for entertainment.

Respectfully Submitted
Linda Busch

PREZ SEZ

Our January meeting was a success again. It is good to see so many faces at the meeting. We'd love to see all of you are our regular meeting which will be back at the old Silver Stallion the third Wednesday of March. By the time you read this the February hunt test will be over and perhaps the first March trial. We are also doing a trial for the VCA in March and we will need all the help we can get. It is near Springfield so those of you in the southern part of the state can get to it easily and we will need your help. It is grounds we aren't familiar with, so we are doing fewer stakes the first time.

For those of you that missed the awards banquet we awarded Jim and Linda Busch a lifetime membership as a small token of thanks for all of the work they have done for the VCOI over the many years they have belonged. I know that I owe them for getting me started competing with Vizslas in 1994, even though I had owned them since 1969. Many people around the country have been helped by these two wonderful people and we feel honored to have them in the VCOI. They represent the kind of dedication that the VCOI is known for.

By now you have all seen the 2004 calendar that the VCOI has put out. Michel and I have been doing it for the last three years. Cathy Gallagher has been handling sales for 2 years and Gina Ordonez ran the contest the last year at the double bubble. Now that we

have the calendar established as a good venture for the club the time has come to pass it on to another group of people. What we need is someone to volunteer to do the layout and arrange for the printing. Any volunteers?

Wanda Berner, President



Lifetime Membership recipients Linda & Jim Busch and presenters Wanda Berner & Mark Johnson

DECEMBER FIELD TRIAL REPORT

Tom Rowan

I had heard the air temperature was cold, but the competition was heating up during the first day of the Vizsla Club of Illinois' December Field Trial, so I thought I'd take a ride out on Sunday and see for myself.

The next morning, I loaded up the pickup and headed North over the Illinois/Wisconsin border to Eagle and the field trial site at Ottawa in the Kettle Moraine State Park. I knew I was getting close when I saw the giant inflatable Homer Simpson Santa Claus on the front lawn of a house next to a giant inflatable Green Bay Packer. Ho, ho, ho!

I turned into the trial grounds just as the Saturday call backs were heading to the line. The prior day had been overcast but there was not a lot of wind so participants told me it was actually quite pleasant for an early December day.

Teresa Curtis was Chairman and Linda Busch was Secretary of the trial. Michel and Wanda Berner kept busy all day helping out any way they could. This was Teresa's first time as an event chair. The club is trying to get more new people to volunteer for event duties to both take some of the load off those who have been carrying it all these years, and also get more new people involved to help keep the club strong and vibrant.

The December trial is always one of our smaller events, which naturally makes it more difficult for the VCOI to turn a profit on it. Forty entries were slated to run on Saturday, December 6th, and thirty-seven actually went off.

Sunday slated twenty-seven in the Open Derby and Amateur Limited Gun Dog competitions. Eleven actually took to the field in the Open, while 12 participated in the Amateur. Judges were Jerry Jordan and John Houck.

Saturday was overcast but proved to be the warmer of the two days as the wind was much less of a factor. Sunday, despite being bright and sunny, was also quite windy so it didn't take much time standing around outside to really start feeling the chill. Speaking of which, if anyone has failed to thank the Berners for installing the heating system in the concession stand, don't forget to do so next time you see one of them. It provides a welcome respite.

Food was handled efficiently by Teresa Curtis and her husband, Brian. There were plenty of sweet rolls for the early birds (although I heard an unconfirmed rumor that the first day coffee was a little late in coming, a problem that was corrected by day two) and everyone seemed to enjoy the chili and Wanda Berner's famous Turkey Egg Drop Soup. In fact, several people asked for the recipe, which I believe began "Grab a turkey by the neck and wring, then. . ." I am sure you can get the rest from Wanda.

While all this was going on inside, outside the dogs were having their day. The course was run counterclockwise. There were not many braces, and several those that did run went birdless in the early going. Later in the day, the participants seemed to do better. The results were published in the last issue of the newsletter.

The judges' dinner on Saturday night was held in Mukwonago at The Fork In

"I'm judging a Vizsla trial...no, man, these dogs are tearing up the field...yeah, yeah, great dogs." A judge overheard saying to his friend after the first day's competition at the Vizsla Club of Illinois' December Field Trial.

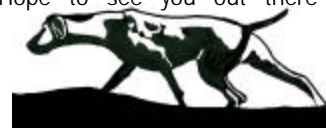
The Road, a restaurant that boasts "American, BBQ, Burgers, Fish Fry, Mexican, Seafood, Steakhouse and Vegetarian cuisine." Well, that sort of covers it.

It was good to see Rodney Albin up and about at the trial after his recent bout with illness. He supplied the club with his usual quiet good humor.

Because of the low number of entrants and high expenses, the chances of the club ending up with a positive balance for the event are slim. We will be able to carry over some of the non-perishable food items for the February event at Des Plaines Conservation Area by Wilmington, Illinois. And speaking of the February event, volunteers are needed, as usual, to help make it a success. If you are interested in helping, call or e-mail Patti or Dennis Nowak at either 815-439-0720 or pattinowak2003@yahoo.com.

If you are new to the club or new to Vizslas, helping out at an event is a great way to meet members and learn from their experience. And what else have you got to do on a February weekend, anyhow? Cut the lawn?

Hope to see you out there in February.



INTRODUCTION TO FIELD TRIAL ETIQUETTE

Submitted by Mark N Johnson

As promised in last issue of the bulletin this is the second installment on field trialing where we will talk about what to do before the trial and what to do once you drive onto the trial grounds for a fun filled weekend. Once again these articles will not deal with training dogs nor will they elaborate on the rules guiding judgment of dogs. We will deal with the etiquette and modus operandi of field trialing which can be as important as how good your dog is and more often as not reflects on how good you really are at being a respected competitor.

So let's get to it and begin by sitting at your desk or kitchen table at home thinking about entering the up and coming big trial to be run in your area next month. All AKC licensed trials require that all entries be accompanied by an official entry form, which is a part of the field trial premium. If you have not read a premium or two thoroughly or are not perfectly comfortable with a field trial premium please sit down and study a few. Study the one for the trial you are going to be entering. These premiums have a defined format which: identifies who is running the event, exactly when and where the trial will be, who the judges are, stakes and order of stakes to be run, special provisions including birds to be used, course set ups, retrieving elements, handler provisions, awards and prizes etc. 45% of the questions asked about a trial are published on the premium. Another 45% are published in the AKC field trial rules and standard procedures book (have you read the book yet?)

So you're now up on the premium and it's time to fill in the blanks on your entry. There are a lot of blanks and a place to sign your name. Fill in all of the blanks and sign the entry wherein you acknowledge limits of liability and agree to play by the rules. One entry per dog per stake. Include your check and send entry to the secretary. Make things legible, send them on time, don't play games with your entries (i.e., enter so you can hold a spot knowing full well that there is a high probability you will withdraw the entry right before the drawing), don't expect favors from the drawing and don't make the secretary track you down for payment, corrections to improperly completed entry forms etc. And don't call up the night of the drawing with nine yards of questions and changes... it's just inconsiderate to secretaries and trial committee people who are trying to complete the important task of fulfilling a quality drawing which will support the smooth running of the trial.

Now that you've got your dog entered and you're on your way to the trial remember one thing...**BE ON TIME** ... on the grounds and on the line with your dog when your brace is up. Very few things are more irritating to the people running a trial and to the judges than to have to needlessly wait for a handler who just couldn't seem to get his/her dog ready and on the line when their brace was up. It's inconsiderate to your brace mate and to the other contestants who all suffer from the time wasted by not being there on time. There is a "five minute" provision which applies to AKC trials and this basically expects handlers to be on the line ready to go within five minutes of being called. Failure to show means the next brace is pulled forward and should one handler have been ready on time her/she runs as a bye or is dropped down to the first bye brace. Having personally sat in the saddle on many cold and rainy days waiting for handlers who were busy expounding on whatever in the parking lot for the past two hours. I am an advocate of the five minute rule, but like many judges have traditionally overlooked the situation and let the steam coming from my ears dissipate into the mist.

It's your job to know where the trial is and it's your job to be where you're supposed to be when you're supposed to be there. 30 minutes before your brace is up is not the time to help a friend scout on another course or run down the street for a

sandwich. Five (5) minutes before your brace is up is not the time to fill water bottles, look for your whistle, saddle your horse or worse, show up at the wrangler's trailer to choose your mount and adjust tack. When you get to the line it's not time to figure out whether you are top (red or orange) or bottom (green or yellow) dog and to remember that you forgot both collars AND your blank pistol in your truck....which causes you to frantically wind sprint back to your truck and back again to the line where the judges and gallery are patiently watching your progress and your dog senses your lack of focus and frustration.

If this sounds funny, trust me it's real and all you need to do is stand at the breakaway line (single course trial) for a couple of hours on any given day and watch what goes on. It becomes clear real quick who values judge's time and the time of other trailers and who doesn't. For those of you who run multiple dogs there will be situations where you need to be on two different courses at the same time or sometimes are running back to back on the same course with different dogs. When it comes to course priority, check with the secretary or line marshal well ahead of the foreseen conflict and ask which course will have priority. Most trials prioritize the course where the most dogs are scheduled to

A horseback gallery at a field trial



run over the weekend.

If you have multiple dogs running back to back on the same course pull your rig over to the starting line, ask someone to help you get your second (third?) dog to the line or in proximity of the starting area, fill spare water bottles ahead of time, have a few extra blanks in your pocket, and generally do your best to plan ahead and minimize causing a wait. Realistically when a trial has time to spare judges will give handlers a break and allow them the time to get themselves and their dogs together between braces. But where the trial committee has accepted all the entries that can be humanly run in daylight hours all handlers must demonstrate respect for the need to keep the trial moving. If you have ever been in the last brace on Sunday afternoon when the breakaway was within 18 minutes of dusk with judges who have endured endless handler based delays over the weekend and with the prospect of a six (6) hour drive home in the building sleet storm, you quickly develop a respect for **BEING ON TIME**.

Now that you've arrived at the trial on time and are getting ready to run your dog on time what are a few points of etiquette on the lot? Don't park on top of your neighbor and respect the limited space most field trial grounds have for parking. Park safely and prudently whether you pulling that new 30 foot Featherlite dually big smoke rig or a '85 Chevy wagon. Remember a couple of things:

*Horses don't have real big brains, and while most are nice, they can hurt you, your car, and your dogs. Stake out horses safely in designated areas. Also tie your horses to your trailer with a good rope and a good knot always. No one, and I mean **NO ONE**, likes the runaway horse charging through the dog stake out lines.

*Likewise stake out your dogs safely and in appropriate places. Tying Bubba to the front bumper of your car with a 27 foot piece of logging cable, which is parked right in front of the horse drinking trough, is not real smart. Remember the old Hill Street Blues TV show..."Be careful out there people"...So please do.

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BRAGGING RIGHTS

Can CH Onpoint's Fulluv Gust O fdjr finished her Field Champion at the Greater NY trial in Dec. Owned and Handled by John Reid

CH. Nordic's Hot Dignity Dawg, JH, UAG-1 UAG-2, CGC

"Dillon" earned his UAG-2 title with the two first places and a second place showing this weekend. Dillon is owned, trained and loved by Cheryl Peterson, Nordic Vizslas.

Hounds for the Holidays agility trials Dec 11 & 12 brought early Christmas presents for Joy & Bill. **Robyn (U-Agility Priden Joy Lady Byrd)** earned her AKC NA title, shown by Bill. **Rugby, (Ch, U-Agility Priden Joy Lord of the Rings)** earned his NAJ title, handled by Joy. Both dogs completed their respective titles in 3 straight passes. Robyn is the climber in the family and Rugby is the jumper. Needless to say our household is a lot of fun...jumping, climbing, sibling rivalry and spousal competition! Who says keeping litter mates is insane! Submitted by breeder/owner/handlers Joy Sonsalla & Bill Quandt

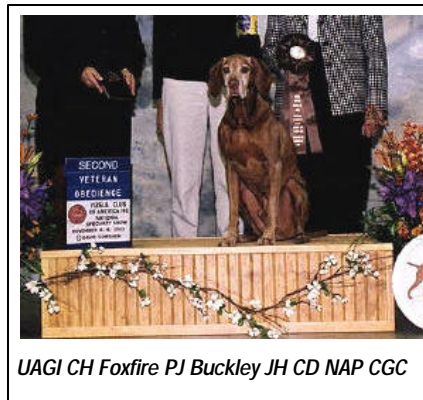
"Rainey/UAGI Am/Can CH Sunnyside's Rainey Day Blues JH 2nd NA Leg, Milwaukee DTC, 12/13/03 I never thought I could get her to touch a contact zone again after the previous day's performance of being perched atop the A-frame with a devilish grin on her face, looking at me straight in the eye and intentionally jumping off before hitting her contact. Submitted by Polly Poulos

"Buckley" UAGI CH Foxfire PJ Buckley JH CD NAP CGC NAP Title, Cream Cities Canines Agility Trial 12/12/03 2nd NJP Leg,

Milwaukee DTC 12/13/03 Yeah! Buckley earned his NAP and after a weekend of agility trials, I think I deserve one too! Submitted by Polly Poulos

CH. NORDIC'S HOT DIGITY DAWG, JH, UAG-1

Dillon earned his first leg towards his Novice Agility Jumpers title on Saturday December 13 with a third place finish with a score of 99. Go Dilly. Dillon is bred, owned, trained and handled by Cheryl Peterson, Nordic Vizslas.



UAGI CH Foxfire PJ Buckley JH CD NAP CGC

It is with great pleasure that I get to announce that the Vizslas now have a new Dual Champion in their ranks (of course pending AKC approval). **DC/ AFC Wildwood's Back With Zack SH, VC** has now completed his requirements for his Dual Championship. Congratulations to the Hawkins, Denny and Linda Keeton.

REBA'S SOUTHERN ETIQUETTE, SH Reba earned a 4 point major at VCOI's supported entry at Wheaton Kennel Club on January 17. On Sunday, at the Milwaukee Kennel Club, she took Winner's Bitch for a 3 point major. Proud Owners: Proud Handler: Eric & Pam Dillman Cheryl Peterson, Nordic Vizslas The Finishing School

VCOI AWARDS RECIPIENTS

The following dogs received plaques for titles achieved in 2003

Foxfire PJ Buckley - JH & UAG-1
Sunnyside's Rainey Day Blues - CDX
JNEK's Teacher's Pet - CH
Zigfrid's Got 'Em Seeing Red - CH
Rebel Rouser's Absolut Power - CH
Rebel Rouser T-Rex -FC
Sunnyside Dawns Charisma - JH
Havoc's Kola Nut -NA
Havoc's Royal Hellion - NAP, NJP, CGC, TDI
Havoc's Chaotic Riot - MX, MXJ, CGC



Havoc's Sweet Chaos - CGC & TDI
Sun Meadow's Carry-On Csillag - NA & NAJ
JNEK's Royal Flush - JH

JNEK's Commander In Chief - JH
JNEK's King Ralph - #3 ALL-BREED, #3 VIZSLAS DEFEATED
Nordic's Lickety Split - CH
Nordic's Hot Dignity Dawg - CH & UAG-1
Mehagian's Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah - NAP, OAP, NJP & OJP
JNEK's It Happened One Night - CH

JNEK's Chairman Of The Board - CH
Sunnyside Dawn's Kaleidoscope - CH
Reba's Southern Etiquette - SH
JNEK's Max'd On Madison - JH



WHAT SIDE OF THE LEASH ARE YOU ON?

Submitted by Tom Rowan

At the behest of Jerry Jordan of Kojack Kennels, I picked up a copy of "Leader of the Pack" by Nancy Baer and Steve Duno. It is not a large book, 137 pages, and while there is not a whole lot new anywhere you go in dogdom, I think it is worth a read for someone who is new to dog ownership in general and anyone who has "dominance issues" in particular.

Each chapter opens with a wolf pack tale to try and put your domesticated canine's behavior into some kind of historical perspective. Putting the "why" it is done into the "what" that is being done. After all, it has not been that long,

evolutionary speaking, that our four legged friends were out in the wild fending for themselves.

The book has a lot of tricks and suggestions, some of which I think you will find hard to do consistently due to the vicissitudes of life as they say, but some others are eye openers and I must admit I can see a positive change in our Zack already. Even though he is going on five.

It opens with a discussion of the fact that leaders always eat first and why this is so. It offers tips on how you can subtly show your dog who's on first simply by not letting pup eat until it sees you chow down. When you're working, this can sound easier than it is.

There is good advice on when to initiate contact and who should make the first move, as well as who should be the one to say game over. Speaking of games, the book is a big proponent of the "nothing in life is free" theory. No treats, no scratches, no nothing unless pup does something first (which could be as little as obeying the "sit"

command).

I found the part about "leaders go first" to be especially useful. This is where you go through every doorway first to again reinforce your leadership (at our house sometimes it's still a tie).

There is also good info on how your dogs do and should interact with other dogs in the family as well as when you should intervene and when you should stay out of it and let the pups determine who belongs where and what belongs to whom.

Two chapters are devoted to your job as leader to protect your pack from harm and to be calm, fair and confident in all your dealings with the members.

Other topics include: How to take charge, how treating your dog as an equal can get both of you in trouble, why hitting your dog is futile, the right and wrong ways to walk your dog, how to feed a food-aggressive dog, and lots more.

It's a quick read and for about \$11 in paperback it might make a good addition to your library.

ETIQUETTE CONTINUED

*If you do have a horse or happen to have a friend who lent you one be careful walking them through the lot. Gravel or asphalt it's slippery on parking lots and it's not just your safety it's the safety of everyone else's dogs, cars, rigs, horses and the like.

*When you pull up stakes at the end of the weekend make it look like you were never there. Sweep up, clean up and respect the space you're only borrowing.

So here I am at the trial I have my animals all attended to and I don't have a dog to run for three hours what do I do? Find the field trial secretary or chairman and ask if you can help: sack up birds, get coffee for the judges, line marshal for a while (great way to meet people), help clean up the grounds a little, help those handlers running back to back dogs, or best of all rent or borrow a horse from someone and watch a few braces (more on this later). Trials need lots of help to run smoothly and it's o.k. to help ... really!!!! Do you know how to fill out AKC paperwork (judges blue sheets etc.) if not, ask the secretary if he/she will explain the forms and paperwork to you which will teach you a lot about how trials are recorded and translated into things like championship points, VCA top ten standings, etc.

Well we've cleaned up, helped out, done lots of things around the camp site and have our dog ready to run in two hours. So how about riding a brace and watching CAPTAIN VIDEO the regionally renowned handler par excellence and his super dog SIZZLING SOCKS, so called for her blazing speed and two white front paws.

Since we're now in the gallery riding along for the look-see let's discuss gallery etiquette. First of all braces, as you know, are run in pairs so there are two dogs, two handlers, two judges, two scouts, a marshal maybe, a bird planter and yes the gallery. The gallery is spectators. Their opinions or observations don't count. They should be seen – but not heard, they should be together - not strung out and they should be contributors to the decorum of a class running. i.e., no horsing around. Kidding aside, riding in the gallery is a great way to learn the sport of field trialing, see some true professionals in action and watch aspiring contenders make an incredible booboo (or two).

But riding in the gallery is a privilege and riders should never interfere with the running of the dogs. For example, handlers often times get separated for various reasons. When this happens one handler will continue through the course while the other looks for his dog, works a bird or whatever. As the handler moves on one of the judges will move with him.

Generally the marshal will go with the "lead" dog /handler and judge. It is permissible for the owner of the dog (who may not be handling the dog) to also go along with their "lead" dog but that's generally all...even if you really wanted to watch CAPTAIN VIDEO AND SOCKS who are moving on, you must stay with the gallery and respect the handler and dogs who are now behind. This unwritten rule is designed to minimize gallery interference with the running of a brace because it (the gallery) is strung out all over the course, besides that it's just plain rude to ride off from a handler who may be working his dog on a bird or whatever.

Other gallery etiquette: don't crowd the judges or other gallery riders, keep your conversations and observations discreet and in good taste to all who may hear what you're saying, never separate from the gallery where you might interfere with the running of the dogs (i.e., return to the lot half way around a horse shoe shaped course), offer to be of assistance to say, catch and harness up a dog that might have been lost from a previous brace or help the judge with his horse if he needs to get a closer view of a handler working a bird, and the list goes on. Think of being in the gallery like visiting your neighbor's home for dinner. You'd probably want to be: courteous, polite, respectful, attentive, friendly, helpful, complementary where appropriate, observant of your surroundings and the setting, careful, and invited back some day. These may sound like no brainier things, however I regularly see gallery riders display behavior that belongs in rodeos, shipyards, and smoky pool halls. Not the kind of behavior that contributes to a class event.

This gallery business has a lot to it: things like speed of your horse, which will be set by the judge and the handler (and if the handler chooses to move too briskly the judge will generally set the appropriate pace.) You will always be to the rear of the judge, but should generally have a good view of the action. Watching the action and LEARNING are important opportunities to seize while gallery riding. I recommend watching dogs as if you were judging them. And the most important things to watch for are the good things that are done. Think of it as the half full glass of water perspective. And then think about segregating the dogs based upon who did best based upon their: hunt, style, stamina, manners, class, and application. Certain things generally call for a dog to be eliminated from placement such as: interfering with brace mate and/or fighting, stealing point in adult dog stakes; failing to back – adult dogs stakes; not finishing the brace, failure to find and point game – derby and adult dog stakes; failure to remain steady to wing and shot – adult

stakes; delayed chase – adult dog stakes; failure to stop-to-flush –adult dog stakes and sitting on point. Other than these elements (all else being equal) good judges tend to take a positive view and look for the dogs that excel and deliver a polished performance.

As a gallery rider you have the opportunity to see only a portion of a stake generally. Remember judges see it all. If you have questions about how a judge saw a dog, do so in a discreet fashion, which affords the judge a forum to inform and perhaps teach you something about placing dogs. Some judges will choose not to discuss the placement of dogs in which case it's advisable to just drop the subject. Talking about a dog's performance in the gallery, in the parking lot or where ever is perhaps best guided by the thought that if you don't have anything positive to say it's probably best not to say anything, at all least not in a public forum.

A final element of gallery etiquette comes where handlers may have picked up a dog mid-course for any of a number of reasons. Handlers should always have equipment suitable for leading (roading) their dog back to the lot and should generally plan to follow the gallery around the course at a distance which allows for the safe return of the dog to camp. Don't road your dog through the gallery and don't bring your dog up to practice backing when the remaining dog is working a bird. When a dog is picked up he's done for that brace-in that stake-on that day.

That's about it for part two on field trialing and this session's discussion of basic etiquette. In summary: sportsmanship, common sense, safe and thoughtful behavior will earn you respect of your peers. Helping out the trial committee is a great way to learn and contribute. The more participants who play to win with class the more people in general will have a good time at field trials.... and really there are very few participants who have a commercial interest in the weekend field trial, so field trials should therefore be about everyone HAVING FUN without exception. Next issue will deal with handler etiquette and some sources to explore for training your dog. If you have some things you'd like addressed in future articles please let me know.



Jeff Engelsman & Tony Ordonez help out planting birds and Marshalling

Agility for Dummies

By Larry Lykowski

I've been hearing great things lately about Club members who do Agility with their Vizslas, and since I've done columns about conformation, field, and tracking, I figure it's high time I wrote a column about the high energy, high-octane, high-stakes, high-anxiety sport of Agility! (Whew!)

As with my other efforts to write about a Vizsla "extra-curricular" activity, my first problem is that I don't know the first darn thing about Agility, except what I've seen of it on Jim and Linda's lawn at the Double-Bubble weekend. Isn't it kind of like the circus, with brightly colored teeter-totters, flags, rings, tunnels, trained animals and clowns?

It would appear that this effort will require some research. Preliminarily, I have learned that the sport originated in Australia (accounting for the relative dominance of the sport by herding dogs) where Aborigines encouraged native dingoes to chase wallabies, kangaroos, and wombats through a maze of fallen tree trunks and other obstacles in the outback, betting boomerangs on the outcome. Repatriated Australian convicts brought the sport to the civilized world during the Crocodile Dundee renaissance, where agility competitions have been popularized by being shown to mind-numbed viewers immediately after Crocodile Hunter marathons on the Animal Planet channel.

A cooperative Club member has suggested that I begin with some fundamental terms, and has pointed me to a glossary found at www.cleanrun.com (The Agility Information Center). I found it very illuminating, and have decided to pass some of the terms along to you. As with any lexicon, many of the terms may have more than one meaning.

Agility Definitions

Walk Through – A time prior to running the course for handlers to memorize the course and plan their handling strategy.

Lead Hand Cue – A signal given to the dog with the hand closest to the dog.

Lead out – Dog is placed on a wait at the start line, or at the table. Handler moves to a strategic position on the course. (Wait a minute – what table? Is this anything like showing toy dogs?)

Off – arm signal -1) Signal performed by handler, pointing the dog to an obstacle with the arm opposite the dog (This signal bends the dog path away from the handler). 2) Signal given by agility judges to "on-deck"

Rottweiler mix is about to be released on the course.

Front Cross – 1) Any maneuver where the handler changes sides in front of the dog's direction of motion (handler always faces the dog). 2) pre-competition gesture performed with right arm by novice agility handlers, Latin baseball players, and French-Canadian National Hockey League enforcers.

Rear Cross – 1) Handler changes sides behind the dog's direction of motion.

2) Gesture performed by priest giving last rights to "on-deck" handler who was distracted and did not see judge perform off-arm signal.

Get out – 1) A relative directional instructing the dog to move away from the handler laterally. 2) An instruction directing relatives to move away from the handler's home immediately after holiday dinner.

Go on – 1) Dog to go straight away from the handler. 2) Relatives to go straight away from handler's home any time they appear at the front door.

Weave poles – Upright poles set apart at fixed intervals that the dog must pass through in alternating order.

Off-side weave – Situation where the handler is on the left side of the weave poles.

Slanted poles (Leaning poles) – 1) A weave pole training method in which the poles are slanted alternately left and right from the 90° angle. 2) Relatives encountered at the author's home on holidays, alternately leaning left and right after too many vodka toasts. (Immediately followed by the "get out" command).

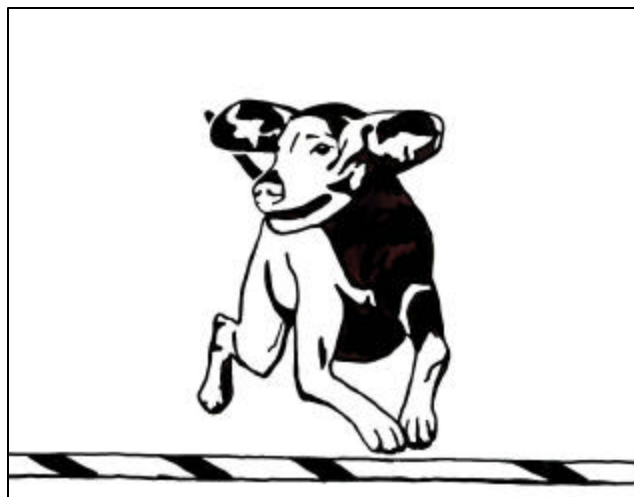
Reverse flow pivot – 1) A handling maneuver used to shorten the dog's stride and pull the dog quickly into the handler as an aid in making a turn or grabbing the dog's attention. 2) An emergency turning maneuver performed in the author's bathroom, after flushing when the toilet suddenly backs up.

Zoomies – 1) Any dog that loses concentration and runs around the course in an uncontrolled manner. 2) Any handler that experiences loss of control and runs off the course toward the nearest port-a-potty in out-of-town competitions, after having eaten at an unfamiliar restaurant the night before.

Flaming Zoomies – variation of above, after having eaten at an unfamiliar Mexican restaurant.

Pivot turn – Turning with the dog.

Pivot turn Zoomie – Turning with the dog



and dragging him toward the nearest port-a-potty.

Counter Rotation – Turning toward the dog rather than turning with the dog.

Counter Rotation Flaming Zoomie – Turning toward the dog and running back to the port-a-potty at full speed with or without the damn dog.

Mini dog class – Dogs that jump 16" or less.

Refusal – Dog will not approach obstacle.

On-side kick – Unorthodox handling maneuver used to assist refusing mini-dogs.

Run by – 1) A specific type of refusal where a dog runs by the intended obstacle. 2) A specific type of refusal where a spouse runs by an intended household chore as in "Honey, could you take the garbage out?" "Sorry, Honey, got to get to the office."

Run by Zoomie – A specific type of handler maneuver performed at occupied port-a-potty.

This sampling is by no means comprehensive, but it is certainly a starting point toward understanding the finer points of the sport. I hope my having addressed a column to the agility people has satisfied them that the rest of us do take the sport seriously. And oh, yes; send in the clowns – there should be clowns.

Author's note: To quote the accomplished lyricist, Britney Spears, "Oops, I did it again". The author's wife and daughter are currently spending one night a week and uncounted sums of the author's money (but it's still cheaper than the sum of our cumulative entry fees for dog shows!) training our two Vizslas in agility, and it is my fervent hope that after they read this article I will not return home to find that the locks have been changed at our house (again).



Educational Seminar - OFA & PennHIP

By Penny Honetor, Editor – Central Wisconsin Vizsla Club's "The Paw's Print"



The presenter, **Dr. Denis J. Marcellin-Little DVM**, is a veterinary orthopedic surgeon, veterinary physical therapist and NCSU University Vet school professor – an abundance of credentials and experience. He gave an overview regarding hips in general. Hip dysplasia is not the only cause of orthopedic hip problems, but is the most prevalent one. Fortunately for dogs with hip problems, the front legs bear more weight and impact than the rear due to the location of the head and they way dogs run. Factors that cause hip dysplasia to be expressed in dogs that have a genetic disposition towards the disease are activity/impact levels, weight, nutrition, and amount of joint fluid. A dog with abnormal genes can develop hip dysplasia at any age. All hip dysplasia is degenerative at a linear rate, but no dog will ever die from it. 50-90% of dogs with hip dysplasia will have signs on radiographs at 2 years of age.

OFA Overview. OFA is a semi-open registry maintained by the not-for-profit **Orthopedic Foundation for Animals** (see www.offa.org) where results of 2-year-old and up dogs' hip and elbow Xrays are sent to be rated Excellent, Good, Fair, Mild, Moderate, Severe. See the OFA website for complete descriptions. Your local vet takes an X-ray of your dog in a single position (on back, legs extended & parallel) while the dog is either anesthetized or conscious and may give you a preliminary reading after which you can decide to send them in (or not) or retake them. New X-rays can be sent in for re-evaluation as many times as the owner wants. X-rays are read by three vets employed by the OFA and the final rating is based on the majority/average rating of the three. Only non-dysplastic results are publicly reported unless the owner gives permission to disclose dysplastic results. 1 in 5 dogs with hip dysplasia will likely be missed with X-rays taken at age 2. No truly representative profile can accurately be made for Vizslas based on OFA ratings.

PennHIP Overview. PennHIP is a patented process with a closed registry administered by the for-profit **University of Pennsylvania-Hip Improvement Program** (see www.vet.upenn.edu/research/centers/pennhip). Vets must take a hands-on PennHIP course and pass a certification test first to ensure accuracy and consistency. The PennHIP website has a listing of certified PennHIP vets. X-rays are taken in three separate positions. Most dogs are given a mild sedative but remain conscious. Once the X-rays are taken, they are **REQUIRED** to be sent in and a single PennHIP vet reads all X-rays submitted. One of the results of the reading is a calculation called the Distraction Index (DI) with measures laxity of the joint. $DI = d/r$, where **d** = the distance from the center of the concave hip socket in which the femoral head is nested to the center of the femoral head and **r** = the radius of the femoral head. By dividing the two numbers, a normalized result is produced that can be compared amongst all breeds, regardless of the size of the dog. A tighter fit where the femoral head is most deeply, snugly nested in the socket is desirable; therefore, the **smaller** the result, the tighter the fit and therefore the **better** the rating. Again, **smaller = better**. Following are collective Vizsla statistics as of November 2003:

Total Vizslas PennHIP'd: 184

Minimum: 0.17 Upper 25%: 0.32
Maximum: 0.90 Upper 50%: 0.39
Mean: 0.43 (2001-2) Upper 75%: 0.50

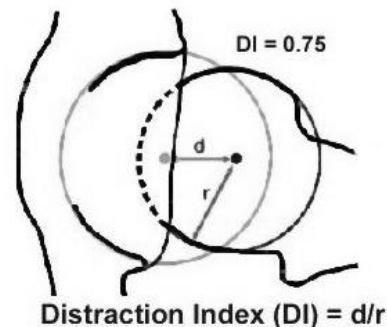
The Analysis. The following is based on his research and experience with OFA. The OFA rating system is somewhat misleading because a dog either has hip dysplasia or it does not. A

dog can get hip dysplasia at any age, so a clear OFA rating at two can be misleading. OFA is a more subjective rating; the same X-ray can be given a different rating by the same or different vets on the same day. As a result, most breeds' overall hip profiles have not improved when OFA ratings are solely used to make breeding decisions.

Regarding PennHIP, a reading taken at age 4 months and up will not change significantly throughout the life of the dog. The reading is more objective and is more accurate than OFA. The different positions allow for a more thorough analysis of the dog's hips. Since all Xrays must be sent in, it is possible to get an overall profile for breeds as a whole. In some breeds plagued with bad hips, the best PennHIP rating of that breed may be worse than another breed's worst rating. Therefore, no single "ideal" range can be established for all breeds, but in general, a reading of .70 can be interpreted as a dog very likely to show signs hip dysplasia. For a given breed, an upper percentile can be established then applied to that breed's range of results to establish a desired minimum for breeding stock decisions. For example, if the top 50% of Vizslas PennHIP'd have ratings of up to 0.39, this could be used as an acceptable maximum rating FOR VIZSLAS. Another breed with overall worse hips may have a top 50% range of up to 0.60. When PennHIP index thresholds are defined for a given breed and only dogs meeting that defined minimum are bred, it has been proven that the breed's hips are collectively improved.

Advantages of OFA: More widely known and accepted, can be done by almost any vet, costs less than PennHIP. **Advantages of PennHIP:** More accurate & thorough, changes minimally throughout the life of the dog, can be done at an earlier age, allows for a more true overall breed profile. **Note:** One of the PennHIP positions is the same as the OFA position, so your vet can use two films for that position and send the extra to OFA to reduce the cost of doing both.

Hip Hip Hooray. Of course the hip rating of any individual Vizsla is only a one of the many criteria a breeder should base breeding decisions on. Hip ratings of a Vizsla's ancestral pedigree (horizontal) as well as siblings, aunts and uncles (vertical) should be considered along with many other factors (temperament, conformation, other health issues, etc.) Unfortunately, because neither registry is fully open, research must be done by the breeder to get a complete profile. Recognizing the ability of PennHIP to improve the breed, the VCA is taking steps to educate their membership on PennHIP. This should result in more Vizsla breeders having their dogs PennHIP'd. In your search for a mate or puppy, ask the breeder for the PennHIP rating; if none, request this be done.



VCOI Supported Entry

Submitted by Greg Wegler
Wheaton Kennel Club
January 17, 2004
Judge: Dr. Theo Kjellstrom

Puppy Dogs

1. Tokaj Vadasz of Hilldale

Open Dogs

1. Brazenrock Pal of Mine
2. Linden's Red Ducati

3. Legacy's Olympic Gold
4. JNEK's Big Sir Remington
Winner's Dog: Brazenrock Pal of Mine

Reserve: Linden's Red Ducati

Puppy Bitches

1. Haley Koch
2. Rebel Rouser Ramblin Rose

12-18 Month Bitches

1. Strider's Maya Queen Of

Hears
2. JNEK's Max'd On Madison

Bred By Exhibitor Bitches

1. Priden Joy Lady Bird

Open Bitches

1. Reba's Southern Etiquette SH
2. Jazzberry's Perpetual Motion JH
3. JNEK's Sport'n Spitfire
4. Priden Joy Twilight Victoria CD

Winner's Bitch: Reba's Southern Etiquette SH

Reserve: Jazzberry's Perpetual Motion JH

Best of Breed: CH JNEK's King

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Best of Winners: Reba's Southern Etiquette SH

Best of Opposite Sex: CH Sunnyside Dawn's Kaleidiscopes

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MIDWEST VIZSLA FIELD FUTURITY AND SPRING TRIAL

The Midwest Vizsla Field Futurity will be held on March 5th at the DesPlaines Wildlife Area south of Joliet. The VCOI Spring Field Trial will commence after the conclusion of the MVFF on Friday and continue through Sunday.

As usual, the VCOI will rely on the help from its members to make these events a success. Come on out to watch some dogs hunt & help the club in one of its largest events of the year.

CHICAGOLAND FAMILY PET FAIR

Submitted by Tim Dyer

The Chicagoland Family Pet Show is going to be March 19-21, 2004 at Arlington Park Race Track in Arlington Heights, IL. I am looking for volunteers for all three days to come and help out by spending time in the booth. Your duties will include answering questions, answering the same questions again and answering the same questions many times after that. You may bring your dog (sorry, no pups under four months please) as long as the dog is comfortable in crowded situations.

As volunteers you will receive free parking passes and be admitted to the show for free which will allow you some time to browse and shop the hundreds of vendors that will be there. If you are interested in helping out, please email me at havocvizlsas@tbcnet.com or call me at (815)784-2816 and I will be happy to set you up a date and time. Thank You.

WINTER WALKING FIELD TRIAL REPORT DECEMBER 6-7, 2003

Submitted by Linda Busch

I wish to thank all those that volunteered to help with the walking trial this past December at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds in Eagle, Wisconsin – including Mark Spurgeon, Greg Wegler, Kevin Berta, Jeff Parise, Tony Lucas, Mark Johnson, Colomba Barger, Tony Ordonez, Wanda Berner, Michel Berner, Jeff Engelsman, Jim Busch, and especially Rodney Albin for doing it all! Oh, and we can't forget the warm bathroom facilities in Rodney's camper. If I've forgotten anyone, I sincerely apologize as it is certainly not intended.

With horses provided by club members, it was possible to get several new people involved helping with marshaling and bird planting activities. Kudos to Teresa and Brian Curtis who manned the food concession both days from morning 'til afternoon. Since placements have been given already, I will not duplicate the report. However, I would like to congratulate Rob Tomczak on an amazing weekend. He was seen taking home several trophies and ribbons. As far as financially, it was a disaster. Unfortunately half of our income went to judges' expenses – and we always treat our judges very well. We had two of the finest judges, so that is not the issue. The final numbers are not all in yet, but it looks like we will be in the red the amounts of the trophies and ribbons. Since this is a small trial, there are several areas that need to be handled differently from the two course trials. I will be happy to assist the future chairman & secretary with input to help them succeed where we failed.

ANOTHER MARCH TRIAL !!

Submitted by Jim Busch

The VCOI has snagged one of the few trial dates at Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area (Site M) for a Vizsla Club of America trial. Our request for the use of the grounds arrived at the proper desk literally hours before a pointer club's request. We either use the date or it will be gone forever. Mark your calendar MARCH 20th and 21st. We are starting small, i.e., Open Puppy, Open Derby, and Open Limited Gun Dog. The VCA and VCOI is calling the OLGD the Midwest Regional Championship. This is a Vizsla Club of America title and is not an AKC title. The winner of the OLGD will receive AKC championship points. The number of which is determined by AKC rules depending on the number of dogs that run. The dogs that place will earn top ten points to add to their total that determines their ranking on the VCA TOP TEN FIELD list.

We plan on running this trial each year. In the future, we will try to add additional stakes to round out the program.

The VCA requires that we do an examination of all dogs entered to see if they have any of the four disqualifying features that would disqualify them at a dog show. They are:

1. too big or too small
2. totally black nose
3. distinctly long hair
4. solid white in the wrong place

If you plan on going to Texas for the National Championships in the fall, this would be a good place to get the QOL exam out of the way.

I, Jim Busch, am the secretary, and I will take phone entries. If you want an entry form (premium) or more information, call me. I will answer all questions. My phone # is 815-335-7673. Entries close 8:00 p.m. March 15th. The drawing will be at a motel near the grounds on Friday, March 19th at 5:00 p.m.

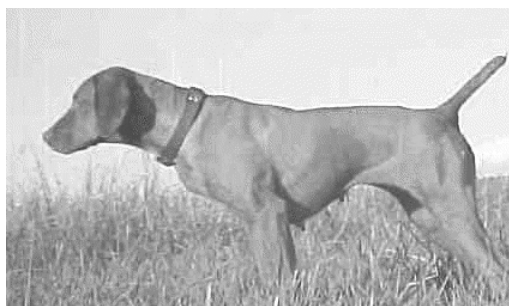
Oh yes, this would be a great warm-up for the NVA championships which begin on Monday, March 22nd a little farther west in Missouri.

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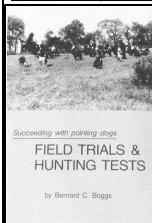
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7:00 pm

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