

## CH JNEK's It Was Meant To Be

Congratulations to Jenny and Tobey won his Open Class and Jeremy Thill's new Champion: Ch. JNEK'S It Was Meant To Be (aka Tobey), by parents BIS BISS CH JNEK's King Ralph JH ROM & CH JNEK's Sweet Charity JH. Tobey finished in 9 shows almost never out of the ribbons. He was awarded Best Bred By twice and earned a Bred By Sporting Group 2. His last show was recently at the Chicago International Dog Show- Warming up on Friday with his second Best Bred By (his sister was the Bred By Bitch) and into the Group competition. Although this judge did not decide to use him, Channel 7 ABC news was there filming and picked Tobey and Kathy to show on their evening news and again on the early edition news Saturday. Starting Saturday off, well & seemed that for us, a

We were introduced to the breed by our veterinarian after we lost a black lab. We did our research, met a bunch of Vizslas at a local show and spoke with breeders. We were drawn by the affectionate nature of Vizslas, paired with their intelligence & hunting ability. We spoke with Jeff and Kathy Engelsman and felt it would be a good match-we felt comfortable with them and liked their hunting background. We were able to pick up our boy relatively soon...it worked out Saturday. Starting Saturday off, well & seemed that for us, a

Vizsla was "meant to be", hence Tobey's AKC name.

Though we were only interested in hunting initially, we grew interested in conformation. The Engelsman's introduced us to the ring, and Kathy, Jeff, and Christine all had a hand in earning Tobey's championship. Now that Tobey's championship is complete, look for him in both the field and agility ring. We were able to hunt him almost daily during pheasant season on our property-he is definitely a pheasant dog! We also recently enjoyed a fun hunt near Madison WI, where we went 4/6 pheasants.

Like many Vizslas owners, we decided that one was not enough. Besides a 9 year old female lab and Tobey, we are also owned by 6 month old Riley (JNEK's Life of Riley). He is learning quick and right on Tobey's heels in the field!

Overall, the most enjoyable part has been the people we have met in both the VCOI and Central WI clubs. We have volunteered & participated in activities for both clubs; we were some of the "newbies" on the committee last year for the VCOI fall hunt test & Jeremy has gunned for hunt tests. We enjoy taking part in hunting training days with the Engelsman clan and the clubs, as well as fun days and the other competitive events! Life is complete- Good people- Good dogs and a "Life Of Riley" in the horizon!!

*Submitted by Jenny Thill*

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July 2005  
~Frank

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~Open

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2005

5:20PM-6:15PM

Board Members Present: Cathy Gallagher, Michele Berner, Gina Ordonez, Kevin Berta, Pam Spurgeon, Greg Wegler, Rodney Albin, Mark Johnson

Board Members Absent: Victor Barger, Jeff Parise

Observers: Joe Serre, Anne Albin, Clint Albin

The meeting was called to order at 5:20PM.

### President's Welcome:

Cathy Gallagher announced that the Club won \$100 for the Best "Educate and Inform" booth within the Sporting Group at the IKC Show February 26-27, 2005! Thank you to Jodi Cieslak, Amy Bowden and Cheryl Lykowski for their hard work at the show, responding to the public questions and interests in the Breed, and their contribution to the design and set up of the booth! Amy painted a beautiful table cloth that we will use again at the Family Pet Show. Jodi helped to design the display board and contributed many great pictures. Cathy contributed the "star-shaped" ginger cookies to represent "Versatility" of the Vizsla breed - we used this star in the display. Cathy will do an article for the website and Newsletter.

There was a discussion that followed regarding our Club Mission. Board members were asked to think about what they believed our most important focus to be and to be prepared to discuss this at the next meeting. We will also revisit our priorities and what we should and should not be involved in doing as a Club. Gina reminded the group about our retreat a couple years ago when we did discuss this. She will bring this information along to the membership meeting. All Board members felt that it was critical for us to focus on both the versatility of the Breed and how we might engage and involved more of our new members in leadership roles and build our capacity to increase the level of involvement of more members in Chairing key activities.

### Double Bubble Discussion:

It was proposed that we research adding another Double Bubble type event, or Fun Day. Gina and Theresa Curtis will investigate. The Specialty was also discussed and Cathy with contact Kathy Harmer to get an update regarding the Specialty Show and the time conflict that became a problem last year.

### June Hunt Test Training Day:

We need to have someone Chair the June Hunt Test Training Day. Mark Smith is unable to do it this year. It was proposed that Mark Spurgeon Chair this activity and possible work with Rob Tomczak (and others) to deliver the Training Day. Cathy will contact Mark to get his commitment to this role.

### Job Descriptions:

There was lengthy review of the jobs and people currently committed to fill those roles. Suggestions were made of people that might be right for the committee and activities. A list will be created by Michel and Cathy to present at the membership meeting and gaps will be filled at that time.

It was proposed (Michel) and seconded (Gina) that we expand the role of the Membership Chair to include additional components such as a Database Coordinator, Directory Developer, New Member Strategy Committee (which would include a "welcome committee" at each event to greet new members), and a Volunteer Coordinator. Jodi Cieslak was recommended for this role. Linda Busch would like to give some of this role up, but would be willing to work with Jodi. Kevin will contact Jodi and share our ideas about this role.

It was also proposed (Michel) and seconded (Pam) that an "Education Committee" be formed to provide an umbrella for activities such as the Pet Show, Fun Days, the IKC Show and Education Sessions at membership meetings.

Mark Johnson proposed and Michel seconded that a Breeder Referral Committee be formed and chaired by Gina. This group would study several Club's policies and written contracts and come back with a proposal for our Club process.

The Web Strategy was discussed. Gina motions to move the web host to a new site to expand our capacity. Kevin seconds this motion, and it was approved to incur the additional expense. Mark Johnson recommends that we also investigate the 501 issue for future legal adherence.

Gina moves to form a Standing Field Trial Committee, and Michel seconds the motion. Board approves.

Mark Johnson proposes to form a Legislative Committee and Kevin seconds the motion. Board approves.

### Board of Directors meeting Schedule:

It was discussed that we would try to make as many meetings as possible this year connected to scheduled events. Second Quarter will be June 4<sup>th</sup>, connected to the Training Day and Hunt Test, and it will be held at Wanda's or at Eagle; Third Quarter will be September 14<sup>th</sup> before our regularly scheduled Membership Meeting. Fourth Quarter will be held just prior to the Holiday Membership Meeting in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM

## VCOI MEMBERSHIP MEETING

3/16/2005

Alexander's Restaurant

Members Present: Cathy Gallagher, Michel Berner, Joe Serre, Lisa Starbuck, Kevin Berta, Mark Spurgeon, Pam Spurgeon, Dennis Nowak, Greg Hedien, Jodi Cieslak, Dan Cieslak, Gina Ordonez, Tony Ordonez, Victor Barger, Jeff Parise, Jim Busch, Teresa Curtis

President Cathy Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. Newest member Ethan Cieslak was introduced to the gathered membership.

Approval of Minutes: Correction to January Minutes to read: Pocket calendars will be eliminated. Lisa Starbuck is not doing the layout." Gina Ordonez motioned to amend as corrected, Kevin Berta seconded.

Board of Directors Report: See "Board of Directors Meeting Minutes" reported on page 3 in this issue. Kevin Berta elaborated on the "welcoming committee" requirements. Cathy Gallagher will create a form for job descriptions.

Treasurer's Report: We must re-apply for Officer's Insurance. Jeff Parise motioned to close the Glen Ellyn bank account, Pam Spurgeon seconded. The new account is held at Charter One.

Website/Bulletin: Michel Berner reported that the VCOI has a new message board that is open to the public. A link to the board is found on the VCOI home page. Lisa Starbuck has volunteered to re-type some of the old articles so we can archive them online. Michel will investigate the possibility of an on-line newsletter.

Awards Banquet: Linda Busch motioned by proxy to investigate moving the banquet to Ritz's in Rolling Meadows (Algonquin Rd & Rte 53) Michel seconded. Jim Busch will talk to

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## MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Cheryl Lykowski about the possibility.

February Hunt Test: Dennis Nowak reported they ran 85 dogs. The AKC Rep complimented how well the event was run and the event will have an article in the AKC Gazette. The event was profitable.

Futurity: Tony Ordonez reported that the event winner was Diesel (Bill Elliott), 1RU was Haulin' (Julie LaRue & Medda Rahut) 2RU was Zetta (Robert Tomczak) and 3RU was Cooper (Marty Hull). 14 dogs ran out of the 18 nominated.

March Field Trial: Gina Ordonez reported that the event made a profit due to the donations of time and services by VCOI members. Jim Busch noted that approximately 30 handlers were at the event, 1/3 of that were new to the sport, and another 1/3 had less than 5 years in the sport. Had the Amateur Walking Puppy and Amateur Walking Derby not been run, there would have been a \$500 loss. Jim suggested that the standing field trial advisory committee investigate pricing options. Jim volunteered to chair the committee for one year, Michel Berner volunteered to serve on the committee.

Pet Fair: Cathy reported that they still needed some help with the Pet Fair.

FTCI: Michel stated that we need to check the IFOR [www.if-or.org](http://www.if-or.org) website for upcoming Illinois legislation. Illinois is experiencing a number of really bad dog law proposals.

Ottawa/WAFTCA: Michel pulled the permit for the use of Ottawa for all of 2005. We need to submit proof of insurance to WAFTCA before the end of the month.

VCOI Calendar: Lisa Starbuck will head up distribution. Gina Ordonez will run photo

contest. Need someone to do layout.

June Hunt Training Day: CWVC is hosting the training day on their fun day in July. We will hold prior to the June HT day again. Mark Spurgeon is chairing that event.

June Hunt Test: Jodi Cieslak will secretary the event, Mark Spurgeon will Chair. Cathy Gallagher will co-chair.

Specialty Show: Cathy Gallagher will contact Kathy Harmer. AKC still does not have the specialty listed.

Double Bubble: Teresa Curtis will chair the event. She is getting together with Jeff Parise to go over last year's details.

Labor Day Hunt Test: Kathy Engelsman will secretary, Jeff Engelsman will chair.

September Field Trial: Gina Ordonez will Secretary, Greg Wegler will chair.

December Field Trial: Michel Berner is secretary, Rodney Albin is chair.

Misc. Business:

Two Hunting Test seminars in the area this summer

~June 12 2005, Wilmington Illinois La Salle Brittany Club Theresa Richmond, 16151 Lasher Rd, Hinckley, IL 60520 [starlightbritt@aol.com](mailto:starlightbritt@aol.com) (815) 286-3644.

~June 26 2005, Kenosha Wisconsin Greater Milwaukee Brittany Club, Stan Harger 3539 Spring Lake Dr, Racine, WI 53405, [sharger@wi.rr.com](mailto:sharger@wi.rr.com) (262) 598-8422

Cheryl Peterson's book "Please, Oh Please Can We Get A Dog?" will be released in the next week.

Lisa Starbuck motioned to adjourn, Dennis Nowak seconded.

Respectfully Submitted, Michel Berner



## PLEASE, OH PLEASE CAN WE GET A DOG? By Cheryl Peterson

CHERYL PETERSON is an AKC judge, former President of the VCOI, and an active Vizsla trainer and handler. She owns The Finishing School where she works with people and dogs in preparation for conformation events.

"Please, Oh Please Can We Get a Dog?" helps you get off to a good start so you and your kids can experience the joys of dog ownership for years to come and reminds you that getting a dog is making a commitment, and that an adorable, little puppy can turn into a boisterous, big dog. It helps you take a realistic look at your family situation and the challenges and rewards of dog ownership.

The book is for sale at retail stores such as Borders and online at Amazon



## 2005 VCOI EVENTS

May 18	Membership Meeting
June 1 4 5	Bulletin Deadline Hunt Training Day Hunt Test
July 16 17	Membership Meeting Specialty Show Double bubble Fun Day
August 1	Bulletin Deadline
September 5 17-18 21	Hunt Test Field Trial Membership Meeting
October 1	Bulletin Deadline
November 16	Membership Meeting
December 1 3-4	Bulletin Deadline Field Trial

## EVANSTON 4TH OF JULY PARADE



Sign up to march in the Evanston 4th of July parade this year. We can have a wonderful fun time marching with our Vizslas. Theme of our group is yet to be determined so send me your ideas including a name for our group. This will be a great day to show off our dogs, have a fun time, and enjoy fireworks by the lakefront.

If you and anyone else you know wants to join us on the 4th, please contact Linda Busch at [lbusch@aeroinc.net](mailto:lbusch@aeroinc.net) before May 10th.

Evanston's parade was voted by North Shore Magazine readers as the #1 best parade (July '03). Also Country Home Magazine rated it as one of the top five best parades in the country (Aug. 01).

## PREZ SEZ

Happy Spring to all VCOI members and their Vizslas! We have had some beautiful weekends for hunting, showing, agility, tracking, obedience, walking/running, playing - doing all of the "versatile" activities that we enjoy with our dogs! Be sure to check your VCOI calendars and the website for all of the events this Spring and Summer. One correction... The Specialty Dog Show and Double Bubble is the weekend of July 16-17th, instead of the date that it is listed (July 9-10).

I am very happy and proud to serve the VCOI in the capacity of President beginning in 2005. It will be very difficult to follow in the footsteps of Wanda, Cheryl, and the many excellent leaders in our Club history! My goal is to continue to learn about the various sports and activities, and to particularly be on a "fast learning curve" with Field Trialing. My experience in this area is a bit limited, but I do have the desire and interest in learning!!! This Club is a wonderful group of people and Vizslas, committed to health and happiness! We have historically supported all members and their interests in a wide-range of events and activities. I am a people AND dog person!

### VCOI HAS NEW ONLINE MESSAGE BOARD

With the new web host, the VCOI has the ability to host its own internet forum.

<http://cybermessageboard.bizland.com/vcoiinc/index.php>

Create a user name and password, log in, post and read messages.

## EDITOR'S DESK

I have to apologize for yet another late issue of the Bulletin. It's one heck of a spring. Mom's cancer has spread to her spine, hip and pelvis. She's undergoing radiation daily to ease the pain a bit. Her spirits are fine, though, so any positive calls are welcome.

The Vizsla community has lost another member with the passing of Gary Jagoda on March 26, 2005. Gary was always willing to help out a "newbie" and would go to great lengths to support any Vizsla field event. He was a good trainer, a good source of breed information, and a good friend. Trials are not the same without that booming voice belting out "Oh what a beautiful morning" or breaking into the "Howl"-eluiuah Chorus with the dogs. See the pictures at right of Caesar (CH Diamond Lake Caesar MH) and Marley (Strider's Three Little Birds) giving their rendition at a recent field trial.

Speaking of howling dogs...thanks to Sharon Shea, we have a new member in the Berner household. Cookie Monster the Parson Russell Terrier. Also known as CH Sheas Uno Cookie Who. She is an absolute riot to live with, and at 16 pounds is the right size to be a lap dog for mom without having to worry about injury.

There's two great opportunities for all the folks who want help starting their dogs on birds. The VCOI is having a hunt training day in June, and the Central Wisconsin Vizsla Club is having one in July. Information on both events is elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Also, if any of you have finished a title (CH, FC, AFC, MACH, CT, OTCH) and would like the cover, contact me. Ask and ye shall receive. I do not monitor the new titles, and do not always remember to offer it when brags are sent in. You need to take the initiative.

Everyone have a safe spring. See you in the field.

At our last meeting, the Board discussed a goal of placing increased dedication and effort in supporting new members, as well as interest in ensuring and the Club is committed to communicating the "versatility" of the Vizsla Breed, through our activities and education. We have reorganized the committee structure a bit and have two expanded positions to support his effort: Membership Chair, who will coordinate a team of individuals, the Database Coordinator, the New Member Strategy Committee, the Directory Developer, and the Volunteer Coordinator; and the Education Committee Chair, who will work with the Committee Chairs for the Pet Show, the Fun Days/Double Bubble, the IKC Exhibit and other Exhibits, and the Membership Meeting Education. During each of our events, the individuals in these two new roles will link up to plan a strategy for engaging and involving new members and volunteers in meaningful ways.

Please do not hesitate to offer suggestions and ideas, and VOLUNTEER your expertise and time! A big THANK YOU to all of the Event Chairs and members for all of your hard work and interest in making this Club a great place for people and dogs!

Sincerely,  
Cathy Gallagher





*Winner Diesel  
Owner Bill Elliott*

# 2005 MIDWEST VIZSLA FIELD FUTURITY



*1st Runner Up Onpoint's Bravo Thunder Rolls  
Owners Medda Rauhut & Julie LaRue*

2005 marked the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Midwest Vizsla Field Futurity. Judges for this year's event were Dennis Sullivan and Scott Stasiewicz. Ten breeders nominated 19 different litters, from which eighteen dogs were re-nominated, and a competitive field of 14 was actually entered. A cash purse of \$1,000 was divided with 50% going to the Winner, 30% to the 1RU and 20% to the 2RU. Temperatures were in the high thirties with a moderate breeze. Overall scenting conditions were consistent throughout the event.

The entrants this year were Triple OTT Magnum, Blazin's Takin' Chances, Cool Runnings, Strider's Annika, Omega, Super Duper Copper Cooper, Wegler's Gypsy Garnet, Diesel, October Rust Shiloh's Zetta, Zoom-Zoom, The Dude, Heartland's Li'L Ms Scarlet, Onpoint's Bravo Thunder Rolls, and Onpoints Slick Traveler. The over-all quality in this event has increased exponentially in the last several years.

The Third Runner Up was Super Duper Copper Cooper. Owned by Marty Hull and bred by Jim Busch, Cooper was whelped on July 18, 2003 out of Avalon JH by FC AFC Raany SH.

Second Runner Up was October Rust Shiloh's Zetta owned by Rob Tomczak and bred by Greg & Lynne Konan. Zetta is out of October Rust Black Magic by FC Tommy Boy and was whelped May 12, 2003.

First Runner Up was the individually nominated Onpoint's Bravo Thunder

Rolls owned by Medda Rauhut & Julie LaRue. Whelped October 18, 2003, Haulin' was bred by John Reid and is out of Onpoint's Tempestuous Viper by NAFC FC AFC Kal-Cam's Red Thunder.

The 2005 Midwest Futurity Winner was Diesel owned by Bill Elliott. Breeder Hank Rozanek did not nominate the litter. Diesel is out of Rebel Rouser Rosey by Rebel Rouser Smokey. Whelped on April 10, 2003, Diesel was one of the oldest dogs in competition.



*2nd Runner Up October Rust Shiloh's Zetta  
Owner Rob Tomczak*



*3rd Runner Up Super Duper Copper Cooper  
Owner Marty Hull*

## AKC POINTING BREED AKC HUNTING TESTS JUDGES SEMINAR

One of the pre-requisites to judging AKC Hunting Tests is attending a seminar.

It is also hugely beneficial for people wanting to learn how Hunt Tests are run or what is expected from your dogs at the various levels to attend the judges seminar. You will gain a greater understanding of the performance requirements and what exactly

the judges are looking from when they're watching you and your dog.

It has been many years since the seminar has been offered locally. Think of the timing...you can attend the VCOI hunt training day on June 5th, the hunt test on June 6th, and then have even more of your questions answered on June 12th, and put what you've learned into practice on July 2nd at the next Hunt Training Day. By the time fall comes around, you will be unstoppable in the field!

JUNE 12, 2005  
DES PLAINES CONSERVATION AREA, 30550 S. BOATHOUSE ROAD (EAST GROUNDS), WILMINGTON, IL  
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The LaSalle Brittany Club is sponsoring an official pointing breed hunt test judges seminar on June 12, 2005. This will be a 1 day seminar presented by an AKC representative. All are welcome. This is required for judging hunt tests and can be very educational.

### PRE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY MAY 25, 2005 (ABSOLUTE DEADLINE!)

FEE -- \$30.00 per person - this includes lunch on site.  
TIME - to be announced (email confirmations will be sent to registrars)  
LOCATION - Des Plaines Conservation Area, Boathouse Rd, Wilmington IL  
Donuts and coffee in AM and lunch is included in fee.

Please contact Teresa Richmond with any questions at 815-286-3644 / starlightbritt@aol.com

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## TWO BIRD DOG FIELD TRAINING DAYS THIS SUMMER AT OTTAWA FIELD TRIAL GROUNDS

### VIZSLA CLUB OF ILLINOIS TRAINING DAY

Saturday June 5, 2005  
Ottawa Field Trial Grounds

There will be a morning and afternoon session, with different skill levels and demonstrations. The format will be similar to last year's demonstration done by Mark Smith.

Watch the VCOI website for more information.

Reserving a spot with Mark Spurgeon is required.  
(815) 232-7191

### CENTRAL WISCONSIN VIZSLA CLUB TRAINING DAY

Saturday July 2, 2005 Ottawa Field Trial Grounds

#### 8:00 Session:

This session is set aside for dogs that have had some bird experience and have been exposed to gunfire. It provides an opportunity to expand your knowledge of dog handling, bird work, shooting over a dog and retrieving.

#### 10:30 Demo:

This will be a short run through of training a dog. We will start with a pup and finish with a fully broke dog.

#### 1:00 Session:

This session is designed for dogs without bird experience. NO gunfire will be used at this session. It offers an introduction to birds and basic fieldwork.

Cost for quail will be \$5 with a limit of two per dog.  
Reservations should be made by calling Justin Vodin 262-679-8730 x117 414-407-7147 (cell)  
JustinV@gldmfg.com



## LEPTOSPIROSIS ON THE RISE

### *Profs Studying Re-emerging Canine Bacterium*

March 21, 2005

University of Guelph researchers are following the re-emergence of a canine bacterium that can have dire health consequences for dogs and their owners.

The bacterium, *Leptospira*, can cause the infectious - and potentially deadly - disease leptospirosis. *Leptospira* lives in its host's kidneys, and once infected, dogs may show a variety of symptoms that can range from lethargy to vomiting, kidney failure or even death.

The disease emerged widely in dogs across North America in the 1970s before being controlled by vaccination. But new cases of leptospirosis have been increasing in the past several years. Guelph pathobiology professor John Prescott has been working with colleagues Beverley McEwen in the Animal Health Laboratory and Guelph small-animal clinicians, including Prof. Paul Woods, to follow the re-emergence of this disease.

This resurgence isn't quite the same as past outbreaks, said Prescott. This time, the infection is caused by different strains and it's being transported in new ways. He believes climate change and the raccoon population are among the accomplices. "In the 1970s, the type of leptospirosis seen was transmitted from dogs to other dogs so it was easily controlled with vaccinations. But these new strains are being passed from raccoons to dogs. Vaccinating the entire raccoon population is impossible."

Raccoons are natural carriers of *Leptospira* - the bacterium is well-adapted to living in their kidneys - and dogs can be infected by exposure to raccoon urine. This could explain why

the disease is found mostly in urban areas, where there are high numbers of raccoons, he said.

Climate may also have played a role in the sudden increase. *Leptospira* bacteria thrive in wet, warm conditions such as those seen in the fall, and average fall temperatures have increased since 1990, Prescott said. "For example, the year 2000 had the greatest resurgence of canine leptospirosis, and it was by far the warmest fall, and the third wettest, in the last decade in Ontario."

Leptospirosis is sometimes hard to diagnose in dogs because they may only show a few, if any, symptoms. It also poses a threat to humans and can be transmitted from animals through their saliva. It's known as an occupational disease, meaning that people who are commonly in contact with animals - farmers, veterinarians - are more likely to be infected.

But because it's usually spread through urine, and raccoons often urinate in streams, creeks or rivers, people can be exposed through canoeing, swimming and fishing, Prescott said. Humans afflicted with leptospirosis can suffer a variety of symptoms similar to those of the flu. As in dogs, severe cases can cause kidney failure and other serious illness in humans. The disease can be easily treated with antibiotics if caught early.

Prescott and his team are speaking to veterinarians about protecting dogs from the new *Leptospira* strains with new vaccines designed to control the problem.



Seven pups (5 girls, 2 boys) were born to Seven and Pappy  
March 5, 2005

Rebel Rouser Hawk II OFA-G  
Sire: FC AFC Dry Creek Pappomatic VZ-6759G30M (dob 10/30/97)  
Rebel Rouser Tizzy Wisky One SH OFA-G

Berry's Holmebrewed Rock And Rye OFA-G  
Dam: Berry's Seven of Nine VZ-6759G30M (dob 9/25/00)  
Berry's Tara Terror OFA-G

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## CH RYKKER, MH

ELMHURST, ILLINOIS - CH Rykker, MH, 10, was laid to rest Friday February 18th, 2005, at Lombard Veterinary Hospital.

He was born in June of 1994, of Sire DC AFC NFC Hodag's Hunter UDX MH NA NAJ VC ROM and Dam. DC AFC Reckless Ballofire SH.

Riker finished his Bench Championship in the summer of 1996. Cheryl Peterson handled him to points. He completed his MH in 1999 while living with John Parliament and his brother Dante's Inferno Tsavorite MH

Riker loved people; he was demo dog for many a sport show, and companion dog to many. He enjoyed the outdoors, was a fan of weekend hunting on temperate fall afternoons and loved to retrieve. He had Puppy and Derby points, but limited his field trailing to afternoons, in dry weather. His talents included opening doorknobs, releasing childproof locks, and unlatching the gate.

Children of whom he is estranged survive him. His parents preceded him in death, as did his litter brother When Lightning Strikes and half brother CH Fox Fires Red Hot GTO

He is survived by the love of his life FC AFC Rightjess, and will be mourned by his half-brother DC AFC Outbound Ike SH (sire FC AFC Lifo Riley). Riker will be missed by his friends Gina and Tony Ordonez

## FEBRUARY HUNT TEST

The February hunt test was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2005. We ran 85 dogs and made a nice profit of \$1250.00 for the club. Thanks in part to Jim Couris who donated his horses and his time to judge both days. We finished both days by 3:00 p.m with a word of praise from the AKC Representative. He complimented the Vizsla Club for running a very efficient hunt test. Thanks also go to the other 3 judges Bill Padavano, Dennis Nowak and John Kirkpatrick who battled some ruff weather. Mike Dalby had great gunners Jeff Engelsman, Mark Vitkaukas, Mark Spurgeon, Dave Pace and Paul Howard. Special thanks to all the bird planters Dina Spero, Jeff Parise, Greg Hedien and Kevin Berta. Special thanks to Karen Bowden for doing a great job helping Patti with the paperwork. Our volunteers are what make a successful hunt test. Remember to volunteer for the upcoming June test!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dennis and Patti Nowak

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## BRAGS

Lisa & Tim Starbucks' girl Starbuck's Cuppa Annika earned her NA & NAJ

Cathy Gallagher's Sunnyside's Coffee At Dawn earned his NA title.

Kevin and Kim Berta's Blazin's Takin' Chances was #3 on the VCA Puppy/Derby Top Ten list thru 10-31

Wanda Berner and Michel Berner's Strider's Generator got his Derby points at the German Shorthair Club of Eastern Iowa on March 26th.



*Anna, owned by VCOI members Ryan Rice and Deb Hermann, gets a little "whoa training" after the conclusion of the spring field trial*

## VCOI MARCH FIELD TRIAL

Saturday, March 5, 2005 - Sunday, March 6, 2005  
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Number of Entries: 124 Vizslas

Number of Competitors: 116 Vizslas

### Amateur Walking Puppy Paul Howard Larry Bates (19 Starters)

1. Shiloh's Irish Tia Maria, Vizsla C Bock/B Bock (4 pts)
2. Shiloh's Seer, Vizsla R Tomczak (2 pts)
3. Rio Le Rouge, Vizsla J Peck
4. Crimson's Arrieta Lady Double, Vizsla M Spurgeon/P Spurgeon

### Open Puppy Dennis Sullivan Rodney Albin (17 Starters)

1. Shiloh's Seer, Vizsla R Tomczak (3 pts)
2. Strider's Generator, Vizsla W Berner
3. October Rust Distinction Maggie, Vizsla
4. Zoom-Zoom, Vizsla J Busch

### Amateur Walking Derby Scott Stasiewicz Dennis Sullivan (13 Starters)

1. Super Duper Copper Cooper, Vizsla M Hull (3 pts)
2. Rio Le Rouge, Vizsla J Peck (1 pts)
3. Heartland's Li'L Ms Scarlett, Vizsla R Hodges
4. Onpoint's Slick Traveler, Vizsla S Sherlock/H Wilkins

### Open Derby Dennis Sullivan Tony Ordonez (19 Starters)

1. October Rust Shiloh's Zetta, Vizsla R Tomczak (4 pts)
2. Fankell's Shiloh Taz JH, Vizsla T Fankel

3. Super Duper Copper Cooper, Vizsla M Hull
4. Rio Le Rouge, Vizsla J Peck

### Amateur Gun Dog Non-Ret Paul Howard Larry Bates (14 Starters)

1. Fankell's Shiloh Taz JH, Vizsla T Fankel (3 pts)
2. Shiloh Madach's Mishka JH, Vizsla R Tomczak (1 pts)
3. Rebel Rouser Kemberly, Vizsla G Wegler
4. Desert Storm's Billie, Vizsla B Peterson

### Amateur Limited Gun Dog Ret Scott Stasiewicz Dennis Sullivan (10 Starters)

1. FC AFC Upwind Shiloh Mark Of Zorro, Vizsla R Tomczak (2 pts)
2. DC AFC Outbound Ike SH, Vizsla T Ordonez/G Ordonez
3. FC AFC Homerun's Stunt Pilot, Vizsla S Russo
4. Onpoint Raany Daze JH, Vizsla L Busch

### Open Gun Dog Ret Paul Howard Larry Bates (15 Starters) CH Onpoint's Grand Finale JH, Vizsla M Rauhut/J Larue (3 pts)

1. Shiloh Madach's Mishka JH, Vizsla R Tomczak
2. Berry's Diamond LK Cleopatra SH, Vizsla G Hedien
3. Homerun's Line Drive, Vizsla S Russo

### Open Limited Gun Dog Scott Stasiewicz Dennis Sullivan (9 Starters)

1. FC AFC Homerun's Stunt Pilot, Vizsla S Russo (2 pts)
2. FC AFC Upwind Shiloh Mark Of Zorro, Vizsla R Tomczak
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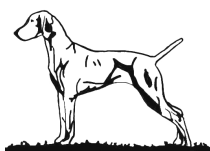
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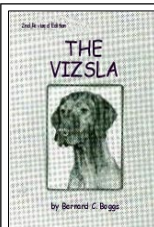
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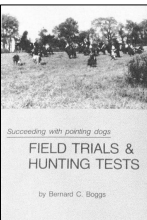


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