



BULLETIN

A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

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BUSCH FARM HAS TWO NEW CHAMPIONS!

CHAMPION LORRIN, J.H.



Lorrin is now CHAMPION Lorrin, Junior Hunter. Lorrin completed the required points to earn her Conformation title in June 2012 and was handled by Chris Jones of Maple Park.

Lorrin is a product of our retired Legolass, JH (Lassie) and our stud dog Ch. Archiee, JH. She has always been a very sweet female and competed in hunt tests as a young dog. Lorrin is now retired from competition and will be a stay-at-home mom as she gets bred from time to time to our stud dog Grand Ch., Ch. Just Spike JH.

Our latest breaking news is Chicquittaa, JH also just finished her Conformation title at the DeKalb shows on April 6th, 2013. She was handled by Chris Jones to all her wins.

Chicquittaa is out of Eldorado's Briar From The Busch and our own male Ch. Archiee, JH.

Chicquittaa had an early successful career in field trials by earning a first place in Amateur Derby and first place in Open Derby stakes and multiple placements in a variety of field trials from Illinois to Florida and Georgia. Her most prestigious placement came at the Vizsla Club of America's NGDC by earning 3rd place in the Open Puppy championship stake in 2011. She is also retired from competition and will be a stay-at-home mom on the Busch Farm.



CHAMPION CHICQUITAA, J. H.

We were delighted and surprised to receive a large envelope from AKC this past week. Inside was an official AKC certificate proclaiming our Grand Ch., Ch. Just Spike, JH as now at the Bronze level of Grand Championship.

Jim and Linda Busch of Winnebago, Illinois, are the very proud owners of Ch, Lorrin, JH, Ch. Chicquittaa, JH, and Grand Ch., Ch. Just Spike, JH.

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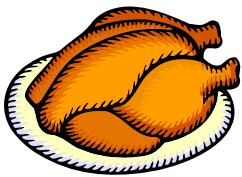
If your dog has completed a prefix title (CH, FC, AFC, CT, MACH, OTCH, etc.) and you would like to reserve a cover, please contact Shelly Kliefoth at skliefoth@yahoo.com
Next available cover is May 2013. Obviously we have many very talented members!! As soon as your dog completes the title, please let me know if you would like a cover.
**Please let us know if your dog receives a National title as we would like to feature your accomplishments in the Bulletin.
Upcoming covers reserved for: HAINES (7/13)

Opinions expressed in articles are those of the author and do not constitute endorsement by the editorial staff, the VCOI or it's Board of Directors.
The VCOI endorses the efforts of the VCA and the OFA to eliminate hip dysplasia in dogs, and encourages it's members to use only normal breeding stock.
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Deadline for submission to the Bulletin is on the first of each even numbered month. Deadlines are non-negotiable!
Cover stories are limited to one per family membership in a 12 month period. All brags, articles, and submissions must be submitted in writing either through the minutes or directly to the Editor and are due on the first day of even numbered months for inclusion in the Bulletin.
All photos submitted to the Bulletin must include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope. Photos without return postage will remain the property of the VCOI.
Exception to the cover photo, which will be returned at the VCOI's expense. Digital photos are preferred.

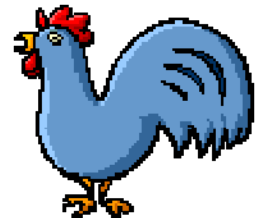
President's Message

May will be a busy month for the VCOI. Our biggest event, the Double Bubble, will be held. We have more members show up for this event than any other VCOI event. The VCOI needs your help. We are looking for help on some committees and need a Secretary and a Chairperson for the September Field Trial at Des Plaines SFWA in Wilmington on Sept 21st and 22nd 2013. The committee members needed are for the January awards banquet (2 people) Job description: getting the banquet date set, we are having it again at Pheasant run so that part is done. Setting up the banquet that afternoon and making the centerpieces for the tables. Committee members needed for the nominating committee with Cindy Lepoudre and Jeff Parise. This committee helps find people in the club to join the Board and fill officer's positions as they open up. I am posting these now to see if anyone is interested in helping. We have almost 200 people in the club and I would hope to see some new faces come forward to help out. We are a volunteer club and we are in need of help during the year to make our events run smoothly. Most of these positions are simple tasks. We will also need a committee started for the VCOI 50th Anniversary in 2014.

As I have stated we are a volunteer club so if there is something that you feel that you are good at please come forward and help out. 2014 is going to be a big year for the VCOI with the 50th Anniversary. Any help will be greatly appreciated. If interested in any of these please let me know at 815-690-3282 or dnowak1@comcast.net.



Smoked Lemon Chicken

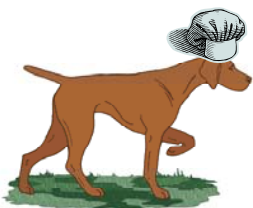


Whole fryer chicken, Inject lemon juice into breasts , thighs and legs. Use fingers to pull up skin on breast and legs. squeeze juice of one lemon under skin, put 2 pads of butter on each breast under skin and put a few sprigs of fresh thyme under skin as well.

The rest of the two pieces of lemon go into cavity with a couple more sprigs of thyme in cavity too. Smoke at 250degrees 2 and half hours and check with knife at a bone joint, if no blood the chicken is done.

Submitted by Dennis Nowak

Recipe



Corner



****We want your recipes!! If you have a great recipe to share please submit to Shelly at skliefoth@yahoo.com for inclusion in future Bulletins.**

Mark Your Calendars!



Double Bubble ~ May 25 & 26, 2013

Busch Farm Winnebago, IL

Chair: Michelle Princer (dariettespice@aol.com)

Judging Seminar ~ June 1 & 2, 2013

Gander Mountain, 2371 Chuckwagon Drive, Springfield, IL

Contact Charles Chadwell (cnchadwell@gmail.com) for more information

VCOI Training Day ~ June 8 2013

Ottawa Field Trail Grounds, Eagle, WI

Contact Brad Lepoudre (lepoudre@comcast.net) for more information

VCOI Hunt Test ~ June 9 2013

Ottawa Field Trail Grounds, Eagle, WI

Contact Brad Lepoudre (lepoudre@comcast.net) for more information

VCOI Specialty ~ July 12, 13 & 14 2013

Boone County Fair Grounds Belvidere, IL

Contact Kathy Engelsman (jnekvizslas@gmail.com) for more information

VCOI Fall Field Trial ~ September 21-22, 2013

Des Plaines Fishing & Wildlife Area Wilmington, IL

Looking for Chair, Secretary & Committee

VCOI Fall Field Trial ~ November 1-3, 2013

Ottawa Field Trial Grounds, Eagle, WI

Chair: Bill Stapleton (wcstapleton@sbcglobal.net)

Secretary: Missie Stapleton (mstapleton85@yahoo.com)



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MARY HAINES' PHONE NUMBER: 815-482-6733

ERIC AND SHELLY KLIEFOTH: CELL PHONES ARE SWITCHED.



Vizsla Club of Illinois
 Hosts
 AKC Judging Seminar
 Pointing Breed Hunt Tests and Field Trials
June 1 & 2, 2013
 9:00am – 5:30pm

Location: Gander Mountain, 2371 Chuckwagon Drive,
 Springfield, Illinois 672711-7105 (217)726-8219

Seminar Open to all interested persons –

- *Seminars will update everyone on the new rules for these events
- *A Seminar is one step that is necessary to become a judge
- *Existing Judges need a Seminar for re-certification
- *Seminars are a great source of information for what judges are looking for in these events.

For further information contact:
 Chad Chadwell (917)520-1581or cncadwell@gmail.com

2013 VIZSLA CLUB OF ILLINOIS TRAINING DAY

Ottawa field trial grounds (on 67, 5 mi. North of Eagle WI)

JUNE 8, 2013

The VCOI would like to invite you, your family and your dog(s) to the 2013 training day on June 8th at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds.

Experienced club members will be available to work with you and your dog(s) to help in your hunt training process.

All pointing breeds are welcome.

Breeders, please take advantage of this opportunity to get your puppy buyers started in this fun sport!

Handlers may present demonstrations, based on participants' interest, showing the progression in training a puppy to a broke dog.

Individual training sessions will begin at approximately 8:00am.

\$15.00 TRAINING WITH 2 QUAIL for VCOI Member (Includes Ottawa Field Trial Club dog fees and one meal)

\$20.00 TRAINING WITH 2 QUAIL for NON VCOI Member (Includes Ottawa Field Trial Club dog fees and one meal)

Contact Brad Lepoudre to reserve Birds.

Our one day hunt test will take place on Sunday June 9th. We will accept hunt test premiums on the grounds until 3:00 pm Saturday. Work with your dog on Saturday and then sign up. See VCOI website for more info.

NO DOGS STAKED OUT BEFORE 8:00am

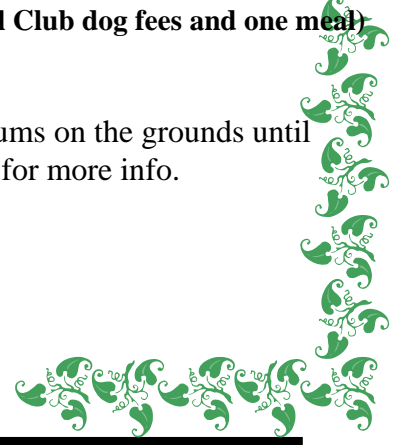
Additional quail, if available, for sale at market price.

Thank You,

Brad Lepoudre

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VCOI – Walking Field Trial

On April 6th & 7th the VCOI hosted its annual Walking Field Trial at the Busch farm in Winnebago, IL. Like most walking trials, this year's entries yielded a lot of new exciting young dogs.

As mentioned before, this trial is an excellent way for beginners to understand and learn the sport of field trailing. This was very evident again this year as seasoned members like Jim Busch, Mike Dalby, Shelly Kliefoth, and Michelle Princer discussed handling, objectives, and rules to new handlers. As you'll notice in the placements below, all the names with an asterisk (*) denote this was their first field trail. Congrats new handlers and a very special thank you to all of our members and mentors!

When an event like this takes place, one of the most critical and often taken for granted are the men on horseback. Yes, the judges and they were outstanding. They spoke with every handler giving advice, discussing different approaches, and really ensuring everyone had an enjoyable experience. The level of professionalism and patience was appreciated by all. Huge thank you to Mike Booker, Marty Hull, Paul Howard, and Victor Barger!

As Saturday's braces came to a close, the smells of dinner were in the air. Dennis Nowak smoked whole chickens all day which became the main course for the Awards Dinner. Michelle Princer catered the rest and hosted the dinner at her local banquet hall. The facility provided a lot of space for kids to play and members to socialize. The food was excellent as always!

Like any successful business or event, it all starts from the top. Dennis Nowak and Michelle Princer did an excellent job co-chairing this trial. Their dedication and attention to detail was unsurpassed. In addition to them, our volunteers Ray O'Donnell, Jaden Johnson, Chad Morsch, Eric and Shelly Kliefoth, Jim and Linda Busch, and Patty Nowak helped keep everything running smoothly. Thank you to all of our volunteers.

Last but not least, a very special thank you to Jim and Linda Busch. They generously donated the use of their farm and overnight accommodations for people who camped. As always, thank you for your relentless support of the club.

Best Regards,
Brian Johnson
Event Secretary



Open Gun Dog

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| 1) <i>Abby</i> - Abby Rose Johnson | (H) Brian Johnson |
| 2) <i>Kramer</i> - Diamond Lake Kramer | (H) Greg Heiden |
| 3) <i>Dakota</i> - Crimson's Twenty Gauge Dakota | (H) Pam Spurgeon |
| 4) <i>Withheld</i> | |

Amateur Gun Dog-Retrieving

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| 1-4) <i>Withheld</i> | |
| AOM) <i>Shandy</i> - Lakeview's Shandy Bass | (H) Jaden Johnson* |

Amateur Walking Puppy

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| 1) <i>Gabriel</i> - JNEK Son of a Preacher Man | (H) Samantha Dumm* |
| 2) <i>Dolce</i> - Dolce | (H) Mathew Saxon* |
| 3) <i>Red</i> - Sizzleville's Lil Red Gone with the Wind | (H) RaeAnn Jones* |
| 4) <i>Rockelle</i> - Rockelle | (H) Mike Dalby |
| AOM) <i>Perry</i> - Tru Perry | (H) Tim Souchlos* |
| AOM) <i>Driver</i> - Donaldus Magnus Driver | (H) Russel Kumbier* |

Amateur Limited Gun Dog

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| 1) <i>Mead</i> - Lakeview's Honey Wine | (H) Eric Kliefoth |
| 2) <i>Abby</i> - Abby Rose Johnson | (H) Brian Johnson |
| 3-4) <i>Withheld</i> | |

Amateur Walking Derby

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| 1) <i>Rogue</i> - Saint Rogue Red handled | (H) Shelly Kliefoth |
| 2) <i>Stetson</i> - Lucky Number Stetson | (H) Christopher McGarve* |
| 3) <i>Dolce</i> - Dolce | (H) Matthew Saxon* |
| 4) <i>Casey</i> - Bandc's Copper Cousin Casey | (H) Marty Hull |
| AOM) <i>Piper</i> - Copper Cub Piper | (H) Steven Elliot |
| AOM) <i>Ripley</i> - Hunt M Up on a Wing and a Prayer | (H) Beth Burnson |



Pictures from the Trial...



PHOTOS BY LINDA BUSCH

DOUBLE BUBBLE WEEKEND

*VIZSLAS*FRIENDS*FOOD*GAMES*RAFFLES*AUCTION*CAMPING*

Location: Busch Farm

2643 Keith Rd.

Winnebago, IL

Date: May 25 & 26 2013



SATURDAY EVENTS

10:00 AM Field Trial & Hunt Test Training

4:00 PM Raffle Starts

5:30 PM Steak Dinner & Meeting

*Bring Dish to Pass

*Outdoor Movies for the kids

6:00 PM Calendar Photo entries due



All Weekend Collect Red Dog Green Backs:

- *Bring a raffle item
- *Buy raffle tickets
- *Bring a basket for the Holiday Banquet
- *Enter an Event
- *Win/Place in Events
- *Help with Setup
- *Help with Double Bubble
- *Bring in Coupon for a 50,000 Green Back

Sunday at 2:00PM we will have a special auction using the Green Backs.

SUNDAY EVENTS

*Agility/Obstacle Course Training

*Locate & Point

*Wing & String

*Pigeon Plop

*Doggie Cake Walk

*Kids Bird Planting Contest

*Photo Contest Voting

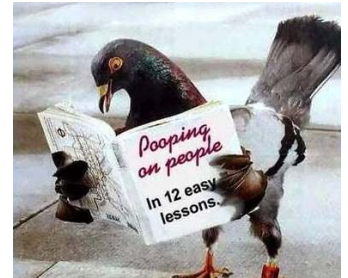
*Jr Derby

*Raffle

*Red Dog Green Backs Auction

*Rubber Duck Race

**Complete Schedule & map will be available on Sunday.



TURN IN THIS COUPON AT THE DOUBLE BUBBLE FOR YOUR FIFTY THOUSAND RED DOG GREEN BACK!





2014 Calendar Contest Rules

We're looking for the next Calendar Boy/Girl for our 2014 VCOI Calendar Contest

*****VCOI CALENDAR CONTEST RULES*****

All photos entered must be submitted with a \$10 entry fee per photo.

Checks should be made out to VCOI.

The photo receiving the most votes will win a cash prize based on the number of entries!

PLEASE insure that your photo meet these minimum requirements!!!

- * Photo must be taken by a VCOI member – NO PROFESSIONAL OR COPYRIGHTED PHOTOS
- * **VIZSLAS ONLY** – no other breeds please
- * You may include humans in the photo – **NO FACES!**
- * No photos can be shopped changed or have anything added to them.
- * All entries must be made in 8x10 print copy
- * Photo submissions must be labeled on the back to include:
 - * Photographer info – your name, phone number and email address
 - * Dog info – name(s), owner(s), and a caption describing your photo that we may choose to include in the calendar

Photos submitted with a SASE will be returned. All others remain the property of VCOI.

Winning photographs will be notified and MUST be submitted in digital format to be included in the calendar.

Submit your 8x10 photos by mail to:

Shelley Gabriel
106 Coghill St
Joliet, IL 60435

Mailed entries must be received by May 20th.

You may also submit your 8x10 print(s) in person at the Busch Farm Saturday May 25th, and a digital copy may be submitted at that time as well for convenience in case you win a spot in the calendar

If you have any questions? shebbykay@hotmail.com



2013 Calendar Cover
Cheyenne

Meet the Members...

Rick and Connie Forner



Algonquin, Illinois

My wife Connie and our six children have our home base in Algonquin, Illinois. Four of our children have completed their secondary education, started their own families and/or entered their field of study leaving our home a little less active, temporarily. Therefore, we started to replace them with, you guessed it, Vizslas. Seemed like whenever one of the children move out a new puppy arrived. Today we have four Vizslas ranging in age from 7 years to 5 months. And I don't want to forget the 13 year old Jack Russell, 4 cats, 6 chickens and numerous fish tanks the departing children somehow forgot to put in their cars.

Connie, an Administrative Assistant for a civil engineering firm, has always enjoyed being surrounded by animals and I, an Assistant Manager for a Water Pollution Control Facility, enjoy the world of hunting. What better way to combine our interests than to acquire an animal that would satisfy us both our Vizslas.

I was introduced to a Vizslas 30+ years ago when I hunted with an uncle that purchased his from Jim Busch. After hunting numerous times with this dog I was impressed by its abilities and its calm (perhaps an exception to the "rule") and loving demeanor. I always told myself "when I get a hunting dog it will be a Vizsla." It started with Kate, followed closely by Gauge, somehow I had to have Bo and my wife says it must end with Stella, for now.....

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held at Des Plaines Field Trial Grounds on March 9, 2013

Call to order by Dennis Nowak at 7:18 PM.

Treasurers Report: Linda Busch reported that the club has a balance of \$17,247.89 which includes futurity money.

Thank you cards were received from the VCA/Linda Kelly for National Events and Friends of Des Plaines.

Friends of Des Plaines: Dennis reported that they plan on fixing the bathrooms. There are burning plans in place as well as plans to spray darlon/darlon 4. Please contact Jeff at Des Plaines six weeks ahead for mowing requests.

Secretarys Report: Nothing to report.

Approval of Minutes: Mary Haines made the motion, Shelly Kliefoth second. Minutes approved.

Old Business: Dennis reported that the 50th anniversary of the VCOI will be in 2014. Looking for a committee to put together plans for recognizing a 50th anniversary.

QuarterMaster: Jim Busch suggested a new position to keep track and inventory club equipment.

Walking Field Trial: Judges will be Paul Howard, Mike Booker, Marty Hull and Victor Barger. There is room to camp and plenty of water. Jim will be donation pheasants. This trial is expecting low entries as it shares dates with the NGDC.

April Hunt Test: April 20-21 on the West Grounds of Des Plaines. You can possibly get 4 passes in one weekend as the event is shared with the Weimaraner Club.

New Business:

Judges Seminar: June 1-2 in Springfield at Gander Mountain. This is a seminar on Hunt test/Field Trial judging. Bonnie Hildago will be the AKC rep present at this training. Please contact Chad Chadwell for further details and cost.

Wingshooting Clinic: We have donated \$100.00 to this event in the past. Motion was made by Greg Heiden to continue to donate to this clinic. Patti Nowak second. Motion approved.

Double Bubble: Double Bubble will be held on Memorial Day Weekend which is May 25-26 at Busch Farms. Michelle Princer will be chairing this event. Discussion was had to possibly move the event from Memorial Day Weekend to another weekend.

Brags:

Rooster 3 point major at Chain of Lakes Show. Rooster is owned by George and Mary Haines

Bill Stapleton made motion to adjourn meeting. Missy Stapleton second. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM

Vizsla Club of Illinois

March Field Trial: March 9-10, 2013

The VCOI's regular spring field trial event was held at the Desplaines Wildlife Area just north of Joliet, IL the weekend of March 9 & 10, 2013. This year's event was run in cold, snowy and wet conditions. Daytime temperatures each day rose into the low 30s with overcast skies with the sun making an occasional guest appearance.

Many thanks to our attentive judges who make these events possible; Victor Barger, Harold Heather, Paul Howard, Paul Katzel, Kevin Kuiper, Tony Ordonez and Steve Whitney. As a thank you, each of our judges received leather horse saddle pouches from Heskett Saddlery, Salem, IL.

The Saturday evening judges dinner was a Pig Roast with all the fixings from Big Fish Bar & Grill. Thank you to Bill & Melissa Stapleton for the great idea and for making the arrangements.

Many of our competitors braved the cold weather and traveled through snow to attend this years event. Most of our competitors served in as much needed and willing volunteers, to seed the course, load bird bags, plant birds, get people to the line and as gunners during the busy two day trial. Thank you to everyone who graciously helped to make the event a success.

THE WINNERS

Open Limited Gun Dog – 11 starters

- 1st Wiki Wiki Tiki-Man, Chad Chadwell O/H
- 2nd NAFC DC NGDC AFC Crimson's Twenty Guage Ruger SH – Mark Spurgeon O/H
- 3rd AFC Crimson's Isidora Rizzini – Mark Spurgeon O/H
- 4th FC AFC Wegler Penny Lane – Greg Wegler O/H

Open Derby – 11 starters

- 1st Ruben's Rogue – Tony Ordonez O/H
- 2nd Saint Rogue Red – Shelly Kliefoth O/H
- 3rd On-Point Vizsla's Zoey – Dan Olson O / Bill Stapleton H
- 4th Crimson's Rowdy Rudy – Steve Merbach O/H

Open Gun Dog (R) – 13 Starters

- 1st Ramblin River Crimson Reed – Craig Donze O/H
- 2nd Daimond Lake Kramer – Greg Heiden O / Jerry Jordan H
- 3rd Withheld
- 4th Withheld

Amateur Walking Derby – 8 starters

- 1st Ruben's Rogue – Tony Ordonez O/H
- 2nd Crimson's Double Twenty Guage – Mark Spurgeon O/H
- 3rd Saint Rogue Red – Shelly Kliefoth O/H
- 4th Crimson's Rowdy Rudy – Steve Merbach O/H

Amateur Limited Gun Dog – 10 starters

- 1st Withheld
- 2nd FC AFC MVSDC Crimson's Lord Rigby of Linden – Mark Spurgeon O/H
- 3rd FC AFC Wegler Penny Lane – Greg Wegler O/H
- 4th Tru Miss Grace – George Haines O/H

Open Puppy – 11 starters

- 1st Crimson's Rowdy Rudy – Steve Merbach O/H
- 2nd Crimson's Double Twenty Guage – Mark Spurgeon O/H
- 3rd Hi-Weyer Gentleman Jack – Andy Weyer O / Jerry Jordan H
- 4th Rumor Has It – JoAnne Weber O/H

Amateur Gun Dog (R) – 10 starters

- 1st Hey Soul Sister JH – Vizsla, Joel Peterson O/ Bill Stapleton H
- 2nd Juno of Busch Farm JH – Vizsla, Jeremy Weber O/H
- 3rd Withheld
- 4th Withheld

Amateur Walking Puppy – 8 starters

- 1st Crimson's Double Twenty Guage – Vizsla, Mark Spurgeon O/H
- 2nd Ramblin Rivers Ramblin Man – Bill Stapleton O/H
- 3rd Hi-Weyer Gentleman Jack – Andy Weyer O / Jerry Jordan H
- 4th Crimson's Rowdy Rudy – Steve Merbach O/H



Chocolate Toxicity in Dogs

Drs. Foster & Smith Educational Staff



Why is chocolate dangerous for your dog?

Both milk chocolate and dark chocolate contain toxins called methylxanthines in the form of caffeine and theobromine. Caffeine is a well-known stimulant. Theobromine, a bitter, colorless chemical, increases urine production, relaxes blood vessels, and stimulates the heart. Methylxanthines are also found in coffee, tea, cola, and cocoa bean hulls (landscape bedding).

Just how much chocolate is too much?

Ideally, your dog should never consume chocolate. Mild symptoms occur with the ingestion of 9 mg per pound of body weight of either caffeine or theobromine. Severe signs occur around 20 mg/lb. Seizures and possible death can occur after ingestion of 27 mg of theobromine or caffeine per pound of body weight. Since milk chocolate contains 58 mg/oz of theobromine, a dose of less than 1 oz of milk chocolate per pound of body weight could potentially cause death. Less than 0.1 oz of baking chocolate per pound of body weight could be lethal, and less than 0.075 oz per pound of cocoa could be toxic. Usually the more bitter the chocolate, the higher the level of theobromine.

What should you do if your dog ingests chocolate?

First, call your veterinarian, who will evaluate the situation and likely provide instructions on how to make your dog vomit. If possible, note the type of chocolate and estimate the amount eaten. If your regular veterinarian is unavailable, seek emergency care.

How will your veterinarian treat excessive chocolate ingestion?

If a trip to the veterinarian is required, he or she may induce more vomiting in your dog to continue expelling the chocolate from his system. Your veterinarian may also flush out your dog's stomach and administer activated charcoal to absorb remaining toxins. Your dog may receive IV fluids to prevent dehydration and increase urine production, since some toxins may be reabsorbed from the urinary bladder. A urinary catheter may also be required. If your dog has a fever or seizures, your veterinarian will also take steps to treat those conditions. Throughout treatment, your veterinarian will closely monitor your dog's heart rate and rhythm, and give heart-stabilizing medications if indicated.

What is the prognosis for dogs who've ingested too much chocolate?

Dogs treated within 6-12 hours of ingestion usually recover with hospitalization and aggressive therapy. However, if enough methylxanthines are absorbed, chocolate ingestion may lead to coma, cardiac failure, or death.

If you think your pet has been poisoned...

Contact your veterinarian or one of the following Animal Poison Hotlines:

ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center

1-888-4ANI-HELP - (1-888-426-4435) \$65 per case*, billed to your credit card only.

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What symptoms will your dog exhibit after eating too much chocolate?

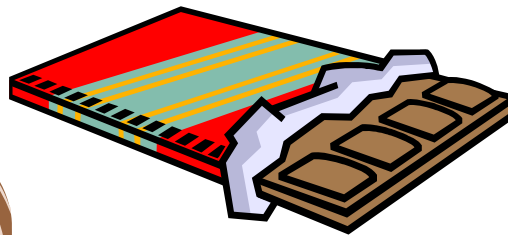
Methylxanthines cause many problems - usually within 6-12 hours after ingestion.

Common symptoms include:

- Accelerated breathing or panting
- Increased thirst and drinking
- Increased or decreased heart rate
- Loss of muscle coordination
- Irregular heart beat
- Muscle tremors
- Restlessness
- Increased body temperature
- Hyperactivity
- Seizures
- Vomiting
- Coma
- Diarrhea
- Bloating

Less common symptoms may include:

- Abdominal pain
- Blood in the urine



Dog Safety for Kids

The First Step In Bite Prevention

From [Krista Mifflin](#), former About.com Guide

All children should be taught to respect other living beings, be they animal or human. From birth, children need to learn that some things are just not allowed, and "be gentle" should be a common household command. Even if your household does not contain animals, your children should still be taught the basics. One day they will encounter an animal, whether it is somebody else's pet in a controlled environment, or a meeting on the street with a strange dog.

The Basics in Dog Safety

Be Gentle

This is so important, but so many parents don't notice how rough their children are. A gentle hand will carry them through so many different situations in life, not just meeting animals. When your child approaches a dog, show them how to pet "gently". Don't let them pull on ears or fur, but a gentle rubbing of the fur, or feeling of the ears is okay. Don't let them squeeze handfuls of fur, and make sure they know that a tail is not a handhold. If your child has a normally heavy hand, don't use a real dog for the first time, use a stuffed animal. A dog might not be as patient with grabbing hands as you would think.

The Right Approach

This is very important! From the time they first understand, you must teach your children how to approach a dog properly! What is the right way to approach a dog? Approach his owner first and ask permission! Saying "Hello" After Permission is Given Approach slowly, do not run up to a dog, ever. Hold your hand out, palm down, and let the dog sniff you. Let him decide how close he wants to get. Many dogs love attention, but the first few moments of every new meeting is critical. A correct approach will likely have the new dog sidling in closer for hugs and kisses.

Fear Factor

Please don't bring your children up to fear all dogs, even if you do. A child who was taught fear will react to a strange dog in a way that may make the situation even worse. Teach them to respect dogs and all other animals instead. Respect their boundaries, not run from them.

Meeting A Strange Dog With No Owners Present

It is very important to keep a cool head during these moments. Do not do what your instincts may tell you to do. The first instinct is often "scream and run", please do not do this. Instead, using a loud, firm voice, tell the dog to "go home". If he doesn't leave, don't panic. What is he doing? Is he just watching you, curiosity in his posture (ears perked, tail wagging, relaxed stance)? If this is how he looks, just walk away calmly. Again, do not run. Is he standing in a threatening manner? Ears laid back along his head, his body tense, his tail up (may or may not be wagging slowly, don't be fooled): this a threatening posture. Tell him to "Go lay down" in a firm voice, do not yell, do not scream. Any sudden move on your part may trigger an attack. Start to walk away slowly. Do not make any sudden moves. If he starts to advance on you, and lunges, drop into a "turtle" position, and yell for help. Parents, if you come across your child in this position, do whatever you have to do to get the dog away.

Never Run Away From A Dog

Running will only trigger a "prey" response, and a dog that may have been content to sit and watch will suddenly chase. Even a dog whose only intent is to "play" may cause devastating results when the "prey" is caught.

Never Approach a Dog When He is Eating

Parents, this should be common sense, every child should know this, whether you have pets in the home or not. Dog Owners, if your dog is food protective, please take the time to [train him out of it](#)¹.

Parents! Never Leave Your Child With a Dog Unattended!

Accidents happen in the blink of an eye, and even the gentlest family dog will bite if he is in pain, or if he has just "had enough". Parents, please don't hesitate to call animal control if a loose dog ever threatens you or your child. Loose dogs are a menace, and irresponsible owners should be held accountable. Dog owners that do not care where their dog goes and what he does should not be dog owners, period.

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From Rick Forner: Introducing new Junior Hunter and Canine Good Citizen: Hunt'm Up Vizsla's, Freedom to Hunt'm Up Csabos JH, CGC "Bo" earned her Junior Hunt title on March 24, 2013 and was awarded her title of Canine Good Citizen when AKC made it an official title in January 2013. Bo is owned by Rick and Connie Forner and is out of CH Sizzlevilles Freedom's Choice JH and CH Sizzlevilles Tornatious Lilady JH.

From Megan Looby: Wedding Bells of Sienna Pointe (Belle) earned her Agility Standard Excellent (AX) title at the WAG Agility Trial in March.

From Eric & Shelly Kliefoth:

We've had a great spring trial season so far! Rogue & Shelly placed 3rd in Am Walking Derby at the VCOI March trial, 2nd in the Open Derby at the same trial and won the AWD stake at the VCOI April trial. We also took a fourth place at CWVC April trial in OD. Mead & Eric won the Am Limited Gun Dog stake at the VCOI Walking trial. Our grandson, Jaden Johnson, received an Award of Merit ribbon at the trial for his handling skills with

Shandy in the Open Gun Dog stake!! Jaden also

handled Rogue to 3 Junior Hunter legs at the VCOI Hunt Test.



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