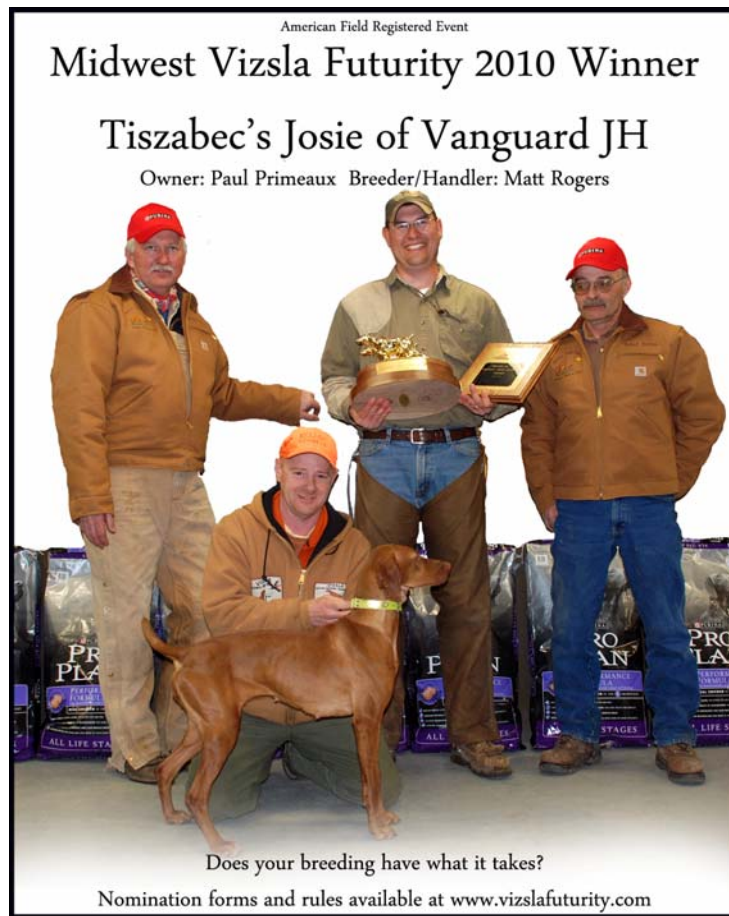


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at Cabela's in
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DC AFC BILLY RUEBEN

When I got Billy Rueben, I thought I had it all. I already had a collection of polyester sports coats with liver in the pockets, a couple of horses, a horse trailer and a dually diesel. But I was wrong; a Garmin Astro was in my future.

So who is DUCH/AFC Billy Rueben? He is the VCOI newest dual champion, and in addition to being fond of sitting on the couch watching football, shining in the show ring, and excelling in the field, he is just one nice guy, and a joy to own.

He is out of "Riley's" (FC AFC LIFO Riley) younger brother Rex and Ike's (DUCH AFC Outbound Ike, SH) sister "Rush". Who bred him? The famous Elliott Kennels, in Harvard, Illinois, (home of dual champions).

There are a number of people I need to thank for allowing me the privilege of owning this dog, my wife Gina, for her patience and understanding. The Elliotts, Linda for allowing Bill to come out and train and Bill for breeding this remarkable animal and Jim Couris for allowing me to have his stud dog pick,. Also, many thanks go to Cheryl Peterson for encouraging me to "just do it myself" when I questioned her about showing my dog, Stan Matsumoto for providing us with practice to be successful in the show ring. And finally Hobie Summers, MD, an orthopaedic traumatologist, who treated me after sustaining a compound femoral fracture, which required 15 months of rehab to fully recover.

Billy Rueben, owner handled in the ring and in the field by Tony Ordonez, the guy with the green polyester sport coat and the Garmin.

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AT STUD: CH. ARCHIEE, JH

Archiee will start his field trial career this fall and we expect good things from him considering our Hall of Fame dog DC/AFC Askim, MH, NSTRACH is on both sides of his pedigree. Archiee is OFA Excellent and produces beautiful dark rust puppies. Those who have been in the conformation ring already are doing extremely well. He is sire to 2010 National Open Derby Champion Don Juan de Bucz "Donner" owned by Debbie Reid/Canada and handled by Brian Gingrich/IL. For more information about more of his pups, visit our web site at www.buschvizslas.com and for information about stud service, call Jim or Linda Busch at 815-335-7673.

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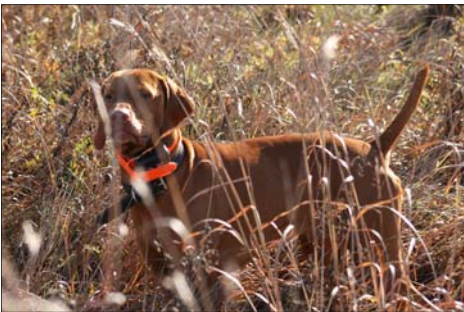
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Braggs Page

Don Juan de Busz "Donnor" was the WINNER of the 2010 VCA Derby Classic event in Ft. Robinson, NE the first week in October. He was first out of 31 of the best derby dogs in the nation. Donnor then followed up with winning Open Derby at the VCEI field trial a week later. Donnor is owned by Debbie Reid of Canada. His full sister ZEEVA took a 3rd in the Open Derby stake and then won the Amateur Walking Derby stake at VCEI also. Zeeva is owned by Linda Busch. Both dogs are sired by Ch. Archiee, JH.



The Lepoudre family is very proud to say that Chase (with the help of his faithful companion and hunting buddy, Brad) earned his final leg toward his Master Hunter title at the LaSalle Brittany Club hunt test over the Labor Day weekend. We have enjoyed this journey with our wonderful boy! What's next??

He is now, CH Chase Your Dreams at Sienna Pte MH



In Loving Memory
Charlie

May 15, 1999 - August 12, 2010

You provided us so much joy over the years.
You will be in our hearts forever.

Love,

Jason, Jennifer, Andrew,
Chandler, Chelsea and Franky

Did U Know?

Canine First Aid



While camping at a Field Trial I found that we were unprepared for a dog with Diarrhea. Our First Aid kit had everything we could possible need for external injuries but nothing for tummy issues so I asked around to find out what other people keep in their kits. I thought this may be helpful for others also so here is a list of recommended items:

- EMT Gel (1oz. tube)
- Dog Rehydration Drink Mix
- Pen Light
- Locking Hemostat (Surgical quality)
- Scissors
- Thumb Forceps
- Digital Thermometer w/case
- Styptic Pencil
- Instant Cold Pack
- Non-Latex Gloves (1 pair)
- Skin Stapler (Sterile, Disposable - 35 count)
- Pill Gun
- 10 c.c. Oral Applicator
- PVP Iodine (3 oz.)
- Hydrogen Peroxide (4 oz.)
- Alcohol Wipes
- PVP Iodine Wipes
- Hydrocortisone Cream
- Antibiotic Ointment
- Sterile Gauze Pads (4"x4")
- Sterile Gauze Pads (3"x3")
- Gauze Bandage (2")
- Tape (1"x1 yd)
- Cohesive Bandage (2")
- Towels

- Saline solution (to rinse foreign objects out of eyes)
- Nail Clippers
- Band-aids
- Neosporin
- Benedryl
- Gas-x
- Asprin
- Tweezers
- Non-Latex Tourniquet
- Cotton Balls
- Cotton Swabs
- Muzzle (injured dogs may bite)
- Canine First Aid Book



What's in your First Aid Kit?? If I've missed anything in this list please let me know and I will share the items in the next Bulletin...

Attention:

We are adding this **Did U Know** segment to the Bulletin but we need your help! Please send in any useful tips, creative solutions, or old wives tales that you use and that may benefit other VCOI members. Anything to do with Vizslas and all the varied activities we participate in...
Conformation, Agility, Obedience, Hunting.

Send contributions to Shelly at skliefoth@yahoo.com.

Mark Your Calendars!

November Membership Meeting ~ Wednesday Nov. 17

Cabela's in Hoffman Estates~6:00 PM Dinner

Dinner catered by Michelle Princer (\$10 per person for dinner)

Cabela's will be giving us coupons and gifts to be given away.

Please RSVP by Nov. 15th to Pam at csvizslas@yahoo.com.



2010 Awards Banquet & Holiday Party ~ Jan. 15, 2011

Gibson's Steakhouse, Rosemont, IL

Contact Pam Spurgeon for more details.

Be sure to see insert for details and to RSVP!!



President's Message

As I sit here and type the VCA just finished the Non Field Nationals and it was a huge success and the Field Nationals just started. I just want to say that I love seeing our club members competing and doing very well with their dogs. Congratulations to all who did well at the Non-Field Nationals and good luck to all who are in the Field Nationals right now. Let's show off how great the VCOI is!

I hope that everyone enjoys the fall with leaves changing colors, the weather starting to change and hunting season upon us. Please be safe!

Congratulations and Good Luck to all!

Pam Spurgeon

President

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Call to Order: Kathy Engelsman called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Kathy Engelsman motioned to approve the minutes from the prior meeting. Many members seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Report: Kathy Engelsman reported for Pam Spurgeon. A special thanks went out to all of those who helped out at the Cabela's table. Thanks went out to Brian and Amy Johnson, Joe and Danielle Fitzsimmons, Brian Gingrich, Brad LePoudre, Michelle Princer, George and Mary Haines, Pam and Hailey Spurgeon. Kathy also mentioned that our November Membership Meeting will be at Cabela's and if you plan on going, you need to RSVP to Pam Spurgeon with ten dollars (for dinner). Cabela's is offering free giveaways and discounts on purchases made in the store the day of the meeting.

Treasures Report: Nothing reported.

Supported Entries / Specialty Show: The Specialty Show was held this past July at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Belvidere, IL. Kathy Engelsman reported that Specialty went very well this year. Its loss was only \$61.00. That was much better than the past years.

Labor Day Hunt Test: The Labor Day Hunt Test was this past September at the Des Plaines Wildlife Area (east grounds) in Joliet, IL. Kathy Engelsman reported that the Hunt Test went very well and made a profit. Seventy-one dogs entered the Hunt Test and sixty-three dogs ran in the event. Twenty-four Master (six passed), eighteen Senior dogs (eight passed) and twenty-one Junior dogs (ten passed). Kathy thanked the committee and helpers.

September Field Trial: Chad Chadwell mentioned how he appreciated all of the help that people gave him with this Field Trial. Chad also gave special thanks this trial's Secretary Jarrett Bell.

October Field Trial: The October Field Trial will be on October 30th and 31st at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds in Eagle, WI.

Midwest Vizsla Futurity: Rodney Albin had nothing to report.

March Field Trial: Kathy Engelsman asked if anyone present is interested in running the March Field Trial for 2011. Jim Gingrich volunteered to Chair the event and Brian Gingrich volunteered to Secretary.

Membership Chair: Michelle Miklas is our new Membership Chair. A special thank you went out to Michel Berner for all of her time and hard work. It was mentioned that the new directory looks great.

Holiday Party / Awards Banquet: The Holiday Party / Awards Banquet will be on January 15, 2011 at Gibsons Steakhouse in Rosemont, Illinois.

Brags: Chad and Nancy Chadwell's dog Wiki Wiki Tiki-man "Tiki" JH won Best of Opposite (his first major) in Cedar Rapids Iowa. Ron and Denise Chenoweth's CK Ruger's Red Label Ann "Annie" won a four point major in Cedar Rapids Iowa. Kathy and Jeff Engelsman's CH JNEK's Pack'n Heat "Pistol" finished her Championship with a four point major win and Best of Winners at Waukesha Kennel Club. Pistol also earned Grand Champions Points as well. Bill Elliott's dog "Diesel" will now be FC AFC Diesel II after AKC's approval. Kathy Engelsman had a brag for Tammy Sparks dog "Lexi". Lexi is now CH MACH 2 JNEK's Royal Legacy RE JH XF "Lexi".

Adjourned: Rodney Albin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mary Haines seconded the motion. Kathy Engelsman adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm

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National Hunting and Fishing Days Pictures

Training for JH and Beyond--Some Preliminaries

Roy L. Sanford

If you have ever watched a polished hunting dog and its owner work birds, you have most likely seen a smooth working partnership. The owner would not need more than a few words to guide his dog. The two would seemingly have an unspoken connection. Such a level of performance requires an excellent relationship between owner and dog plus considerable training. It is not the result of one day, week or even month of work.

I've trained four of my own vizslas to earn AHC MH titles. I am not a professional trainer, and so along the way by trial and error I learned a number of important lessons:

Training needs to be broken down into small steps and worked for mastery at each stage. Patience is essential. The pace of training depends on the dog. Whenever I tried to rush the dog and take bigger steps I always ran into trouble.

I found a simple approach to work best. If the dog did it right, he got rewarded. If the dog did it wrong, he got corrected. Punishment was never part of the regimen. Repetition, consistency and a positive attitude are essential.

Short sessions ending on success work best. If the dog has fun he will want to do more in the future.

Drilling a dog on things he already does well is a waste of time. Just make the drills more difficult as the dog progresses.

I learned early on a dog is not a machine and training is not a linear process. It may be necessary to back up a step before progress can be made. It is not a race to some imaginary finish line. Each dog is an individual and must be treated as such. What works for one may not work for another.

I follow a particular sequence in training my own dogs. The first step is to awaken their interest in birds. This is done using a harnessed bird and fishing pole or flight limited birds in the field. I want the dog to have fun, learn on his own he cannot catch the birds, and ultimately start pointing. This is more play than anything else. The next step is to train the dog in the "whoa" command. This command is the foundation for advanced bird work in the field. The third step is to introduce birds into steadiness drills to prepare the dog for field work. I have my own way of evaluating if the dog is ready. I expect the dog to stand still with a bird on his back. If the dog will not do this, it is not going to be steady in the field in the presence of free flying birds. All my titled dogs can do this. Note the pictures of Tuurk!

In conclusion, if you are committed to training your dog for hunting or to achieve a title, I strongly encourage you to do the necessary preparatory work. You will never regret spending the time.



Title Plaques

Has your dog earned a title this year? If so, the VCOI would like to congratulate your hard work!

Dogs earning titles are eligible to receive a VCOI plaque and/or bars for the recognition of its accomplishments. Championship titles will be awarded a plaque and corresponding bar. Performance titles (those appearing after the name) will be awarded a bar. Appropriate backup for each award must be submitted with the attached form, along with payment, made out to the VCOI, if needed. Backup may consist of a copy of the AKC (registry agency such as UKC, etc.) title certificate, copy of the page in which the award appears such as a VCA listing of a title or a recognized publication from UKC, CKC, etc. Items appearing in newsletters are not acceptable. PLEASE SEND THE COPIES AND HIGHLIGHT THE DOG'S NAME. VCOI Board of Directors will decide disputed items.

If you are the proud owner of a dog that earned a performance title but not a championship title, you too can receive a plaque. The decision you have to make is "you either gotta pay for the plaque now" or wait to receive the plaque complimentary from the club when you get that championship title. You will automatically get a bar for the titles earned. When you do earn a championship on the dog, but have previously exercised your option to purchase the plaque, you will receive only the championship bar. This is a choice you need to make. If you don't apply for the award the year it is earned, then it falls under "catch-up" and you pay. If you already have the plaque and earned a performance title, then just order the bar for that title. Okay, for those of you who have already received a championship prior to this year, there's hope for you as well. We call this catch-up. Owners are required to pay for the plaque and bars (you have already received a picture frame) because it's not fair to double dip. Submit all the titles the dog has earned so the bars can be prepared. More decisions. VCOI offers two sizes of plaque. The standard size is an 8 x 10" \$25 plaque (approximate size and price). VCOI will contribute the price of the plaque, with the remaining balance paid by the owner. Please send your information to me no later than December 1. Titles earned after December 1 will be celebrated next year. Remember, this is open only to red dogs. All owners of a dog must be VCOI members to get awards gratis. The form you need to fill out can be found on the club website under the "Forms" section. Any questions, just give me a call :)

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National Hunting and Fishing Days

National Hunting and Fishing Days at Silver Springs State Park in Yorkville, Illinois, was on September 25th and 26th. The VCOI has participated for 11 years in this annual event. We share a tent with the German Shorthair Pointer Club of Illinois and do co-demonstrations with them and Bear's Birds & Hatchery of Big Rock, Illinois, as well. The demonstrations were held twice a day for the two days. Bob Davidson of Bear's Bids & Hatchery started by talking about pheasants and their reproductive attributes and continued with how pheasants instinctively have a sense of their own population control. He then told how man aids in helping the food chain and ended with a demo on how to put the pheasant to sleep. He did the whole presentation with a pheasant in his hands and at the end asked if anyone would like to pet the bird. There was a lot of interest from the younger children who wanted to touch the bird.

Later the microphone was handed over to Kathy of the GSPCI or Dennis Nowak of the VCOI. They started with the subject of teaching your dog to whoa when you want them to stop. The GSPCI brought a whoaing table for the demonstration. The table is basically 2 ramps and a connecting sheet of plywood on 2 sawhorses. The table is used to get the dog out of its natural environment so it will concentrate on you and not its surroundings. You tell your dog to go up the ramp, then after the dog is on top you say "whoa" and the dog should stop. At that point if you do not like the way it stopped, cup your hand, tap the table loudly, and with a gentle touch to the dog's paw, reposition it to where you would like it. This may take some time, but your dog will learn.

We later shifted to wing-and-string where Kathy or Dennis talked about the importance of acclimating your dog to the site of the bird and starting to point. Puppies are full of life and love this little game. They pounce after the wing and then it is jerked to another position and they pounce again. Hopefully, they get tired and stop and just stare at the wing. You have achieved success then.

Discussion moved to the main part of the demonstration where the actual pointing of birds takes place. Starting with Junior Hunters, a bird was planted in a small field for the dog to point. The handler released the dog into the field. The dog does its job by sniffing around the field and pointing the bird. Some of the Junior Hunters used for the demonstration from the VCOI were Juliet owned by Dennis & Patti Nowak, and Crystal owned by Jerry & Shelley Gabriel. The seniors were called out next to demonstrate how they should be able to stay on point for a longer period of time and not move until called to do so. The Senior Hunter dog used was Jake owned and handled by Ray O'Connell. Then the "show-offs" of the crowd were the Master Hunter dogs. Those dogs get the proverbial short end of the hunting stick. They are trained to do something called honoring or backing. Honoring or backing is when they come upon a dog that has already found a bird and is on point. As soon as they see the other dog on point they also go on point. But, the other dog finishes when the bird is flushed and they get to retrieve the bird. Master Hunter dogs from the VCOI used in the demonstrations were Buckshot owned by Dennis & Patti Nowak, Chase owned by Brad & Cindy Lepoudre, Hunter owned by Mike & Michelle Miklas, and Abby owned by Brian & Amy Johnson. When that part of the demonstration was completed, the audience was asked if they would like to put their dog on a bird. Later the audience was then asked to go by the lake and watch dogs retrieve training bumpers. The children were asked to throw the bumpers for the dogs.

Hunting and Fishing Days are more than just about bird hunting sports. It encompasses archery, bb-gun, bow-fishing, canoeing, climbing wall, fishing, fly fishing, and trap shooting for the children's participation also. There were over 80 vendors participating and a food court. The vendors ranged from crafters, sportsmen's clubs, retailers, and to vehicle sales.

Our very own Hunt Test Supernumerary, Brad Lepoudre, got his 15 minutes of fame doing a radio spot with Chris Bates from WKRS 1220 AM.

The end this article with a little bit of historical trivia, on May 2, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed the first proclamation for a National Hunting and Fishing Day. He wrote, "I urge all citizens to join with outdoor sportsmen in the wise use of our natural resources and in insuring their proper management for the benefit of future generations." Late that summer all 50 governors and over 600 mayors had joined in by proclaiming their own version of National Hunting and Fishing Day. Now we celebrate this event on the fourth Saturday of September every year.

Labor Day Hunt Test

Over the years we have built this one-day Hunt Test from meager entries into a profitable event- consistently running two courses. However, this year would be totally different. The whole weekend was filled with 5 possible passes during one weekend. Two other pointing dog clubs would come together to pull entries...and they did! Many pros came in to run multiple dogs in the Senior and Master level, which caused those clubs to hardly take any junior dogs. As a result our test started to fill up quickly as we accepted all the junior dogs and turned away no one including the Senior and Master entries.

At our drawing we had 71 dogs entered with 14 braces of Master, 10 Braces of Senior and 12 braces of Juniors. Then, the Sunday before the event we began to be notified of the dogs that qualified their titles, dogs that were moving up into the next level, and dogs that were not going to continue on that weekend. Thus, our original running order and set braces would inevitably change as we shifted and moved around braces. Thank you to Andriana who on Sunday night posted all the changes to the running order.

Of course you can't plan on everything to go smoothly as we found out on our first Master Brace that took 1 hour! The major glitch in the whole hunt test were the grounds in which the dogs had to run. We had been in contact with Des Plaines Conservation since early July reminding them to mow certain areas which are needed in order to have a viable set up for the dogs. They did mow a path along the fence line, and a few other paths, however they did not mow any bird fields for us. But alas, we had great weather.

On Monday our counts went down to 63 from the original 71 entered. We had 12 Braces of Master Dogs, 9 Braces of Senior Dogs, and 11 Braces of Junior Dogs of which the following qualified: 6 master dogs, 8 Senior dogs and 10 Junior dogs.

The judges were fantastic as were our line marshals. However, another hiccup occurred when one of judges, Joe Delaney fell off of his horse and was taken to the hospital. Thankfully, Joe is doing fine now and will be back on a horse soon. But we still needed a judge to finish the remaining braces. Sharon Fitzpatrick answered the call and we were back up and running again!

We finished around 4-4:30 with plenty of time for our out of state participants to get home after their long weekend.

I would like to send out special thanks to the following, as without your hard work and efforts we could not have pulled off this event:

Hunt Test Committee: Valerie Blaine-Lorie and John Connell-Susan Gervais-Aaron Whitfield-Kim and Doug Frank who allow us to use their ATV year after year, and to their daughters- Cameron and Tory for walking all the dogs and helping in the kitchen!

Gunners: Dennis Nowak- Brad Lepoudre- John Connell- Jeff Engelsman- Rick Foerner

Line Marshall: Lorie Connell kept the braces coming to the line

Food: Susan Gervais Served lunch with a warm smile

Judges Scores/Ribbons: Julie Callison and Valerie Blaine

Bird planting: Aaron Whifield-Doug Frank-Colin DePrez- John Connell

Hats off to our Judges: Adam DeLude - Joe Delaney - Charles Dosenbach - Paul Kosowski - Sharon Fitzpatrick

A huge thank you to Julie Callison who handled all that computer "stuff" prior and during our Hunt Test, we'd be lost without you.

Lastly, I wanted to send a "congratulations" to young Junior Handler Tyler Callison and his young dog JNEK Max and Ty's Emerald Girl "Chloe" who he ran for the first time in Juniors and earned a qualifying ribbon...that's what this is all about!

Submitted by Kathy Engelsman

