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The Vizsla Club of Illinois, Inc. endorses the efforts of organizations such as the Vizsla Club of America, Inc., the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) to eliminate hip dysplasia in dogs, and encourages all of its' members to use OMLY CERTIFIED NORMAL BREEDING STOCK AT ALL TIMES.

HIP DYSPLASIA X-RAYS; Send to O.F.A. Dysplasia Control Office, 817 Virginia Ave., Columbia, NO. 65201

CLUB MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY OTHER MONTH ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY AT THE HOME OF JOHN AND BEVERLY PECORA, 17 W 215 RODECK, BENSENVILLE, ILL. 8:30 PM

NEXT MEETING:

JANUARY 19TH, 1983 ANNUAL MEETING

The DesPlaines Wildlife Assoc. Mid-winter event -CALENDAR OF EVENTS: JAN. 9TH, 1983 The VCI February Fun Trial - DesPlaines FEB.20TH March 12, 13, 1983 The VCI Spring Field Trial - DesPlaines, March 26, 27, 1983 The Miami Valley V.C. F.T. - Ohio April 2, 3, 1983 The Greater Cleveland F.T. - Ohio April The Vizsla Club of E. Iowa -The Hawkeye V.C. April May The V.C. of Western Mich.

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JANESVILLE, WIS. - JANESVILLE K.C. - MAY 7, 1983



The following items are available by writing to the Corresponding Secretary of the Vizsla Club of America, Inc., Linda Kelly, 1997, DAKOTA A VE. PRIOR LAKE.

Flyers ("Presenting the Vizsla") ...\$1,50 Per dozen

Pedigree Forms ... 4.00 Per dozen

Small pin or tie tack

w/Vizsla head \$4.50 each

VCOI MINUTES 17 NOVEMBER 1982 MEETING ___ Roy Greffin, Secretary
The November meeting of the VCI began at 8:35PM at the home of John and Beverly
Pecora. Tony Lucas graciously took over the gavel for the meeting and asked for:

1. Minutes of the VCI Sept. meeting. They were read and accepted by the membership
present.

2. The Treasurer's report. Treasurer Iris Pechete gave the report and it was

accepted by the membership present.

3. Committee Reports:

a) 1983 March VCI Field Trial

Committee member Tony lucas reported that the March field trial will be held on Mar. 12-13. at the DesPlaines Conservation Area on the West grounds 4. Christmas party spanities If is Fechota reminded the the membership the annual VCI party will be held at Jerry Sharkos Dec. 3rd.

Old Business:

Tony Lucas reported to the membership about the DesPlaines field trial assoc. Invitational field trial, hosted by the VCI on Jan. 9, 1983.

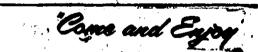
New Business:

Linda Busch reported the VCI Mimeograph mach, has expired and deserves a decent burial. She proposed that the machine be disposed of, membership agreed. Tony Lucas suggested the nomination committee be organized Bor the 1983 slate of VCI officers. No final resolution was made.

Doug Trevin volunteered to research area restaurants to find one that a VCI supper meeting might be held in. (Since then, the Peccras have said we are more than welcome to continue our meetings at their house). The question of a VCI Hall of Fame Nominee came up, discussion followed. At 9:25PM Tony Lucas proposed that the meeting adjourn and by a voice vote the membership so decided. Members enjoyed a champagne toast to CH. Polar Kaps Max Hazard handled by Kathy Harmer to Winners Dog and Best of Winners at the

CHRISTMAS PARTY 1982 - COVER-

32 Vizsla people joined together for a gala affair at the Jerry Sharkos' restaurant in Lizle, Ill. Dinner was family style. The cozy fireplace and christmas tree added to the atmosphere. Entertainment included telling your favorite joke with a prize awarded for the best joke told. This was close competition. Geno Woehrle took a first, telling a true story about hunting with Busch, Harmer, and Crago. There were other gift winning events, only for Iris to pick names out of a jar later for gift takeaway. This is rather dangerouse if people decide they like their gift. The party continued until the wee hours of morning with dancing in the lounge. What better way to see the holidays in.



FEBRUARY 20th. 1983

The Vizsla Club Ill. Inc. fun trial.

The fun trials are for the membership and is an excellant opportunity to start your new puppy or young dog on birds. You can learn how to plant a bird for your own personal training. There are experienced people there to assist in anyway possible. After hunting season your dog should be in better shape than ever for older dog competition.

VCA National Specialty Show, in Michigan Oct. 30th.

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Starr P (2) by Hye Radar X Magra's Shooting Star, B. Lively, 2-2-81

F.K. Riverdell Reaghan D (3) By DC/AFC Bratt's F.K. Gyzsen X Ch. Firebrands Witchy Woman, C. Smith, Vt. 2-4-81

The act of preparing these top ten field lists is a bit like watching time lapse photography. As you read through the placements in the Gazette and make the entries on each dogs record, the efforts of a whole month get squashed into a few hours. All the "might have beens" and "should haves" get trimmed away and "what I's" gets left behind. This November Gazette has the results of seven trials in which Vizsla's placed. If I had known what transpired at those seven trials when I made my predictions I might have included Tecumseh Fox and Yankee as part of my picks. I didn't though.

In the open Championship, of the five dogs I picked, two made the eight dog second series. Brooks Willie Whompum and Cody's Dark Star. Of those two, Cody's Dark Star went on to win the championship. That is not really great crystal ball work, considering that Dark Star has been at the top of the Top Ten for several years now. If Yankee had been one of my picks that would have been great picking. Assuming all goes well both of these dogs are shoo-in picks for next year.

Fox came back from a Spring of non-competition (at least non-placing) to leap into the national spot light with a second placement in the National Championship in a row. That is a very nice accomplishment. I wonder how successful the dog could be if the money were spent to give it a real shot at the top.

Timmy was one of my picks for the Amateur Championship. He came within 10 feet of grabbing a big piece of the Amateur i.e. Tim stopped 10 feet short of Paul with the bird in a call back for retrieve. As the only amateur handled (and trained) Vizslas to place in the open in the last two years. His placement is a terrific addition to his First Place in the 1981 National Amateur Championship.

In the Amateur Championship, I again picked five and again only one of my picks came through. In addition to Tim, others came close but close is not good enough. Ten year old Brooks Willie Whompum grabbed second place to save me from total failure. Willie at ten years of age made many of the youngsters in this stake look like they were on a slow boat to China. Anyone who watched the brace of Willie $(10\frac{1}{2} \text{ years})$ and Timmy (8 years) had to have been covered with Goose Bumps. What HEART!!

I picked one of Boggs' dogs to place in this one but I picked the wrong one. The older one (7 years) came through.

John Frayne also brought 2 entries to the Amateur Championship. The Father (8 years old) won the ribbon for him. John trains his own dogs, competes out East with Burjan, Seelye and Smith. He has to be good to stick and survive in that arena. He takes his share and more of the placements with plenty of homework and handling acumen. John brought all of these skills with him to Michigan and took home a piece of the Amateur.

You know how it is. When you're in a stake, the person you most want to win is yourself. However, if you yourself can't win there are some you'd like to see win and some you hope never win. Well, Gene Remmer and Rikki Knoh won the Amateur and the crowd went wild. Not one person there begrudged Gene that championship. Genes' wife was there as she always is. They exchanged hugs and kisses with each other. They had tears of happiness in their eyes as did many in the crowd. It was neat.

Usually a dog that is trained by a pro and handled by the pro, does not do well when turned over to the amateur owner to be run. The dog that is trained and handled by his amateur owner almost always will come out on top. Rikki is not your usual Vizsla and Gene is not your usual amateur owner. Four years ago I gunned the Amateur Championship Bird Field in Illinois. Gene and Rikki placed that year in spite of the fact that Gene did everything in his power to make the dog break. Rikki was 4 then-he is 8 now. Rikki is still a well broke almost flawless performer. Gene has become an excellent handler and fitting parter for his dog. The championship could not have happened to a nicer

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PUPPY TESTS These are mainly used in picking dogs for the handicapped.

- 1. Auditory The trainer stays about six feet away from the dog or puppy and makes a sound. These include a harmonica, a whistle, jingling keys, an alarm clock, a smoke alarm and a tape recorded siren. The other trainer watches and records the responses: excellent if it is alert to the sound and goes directly to the source, good if alert and faces the direction of the sound, fair if alert but fearful and poor if there is no response.
- 2. Temperament This consists of tolerance to pain, submission to trainer, suspension and reaction to a startling occurence. In the pain tolerance test, a hair is pulled from the rump of the dog. If the dog feels this but does not object, the verdict is excellent. If it shows timidity, good; no response, fair; snapping or biting, poor. Submission consists of the trainer putting an arm around the dog's neck and forcing it to lie down. If this is accomplished without a struggle, excellent; a slight struggle and then submission, good; continually struggling or snapping and biting, fair to poor. In the suspension test, the trainer places a hand, palm side up, and arm under the dog so it is straddling the arm with its head resting on the palm of the trainer's hand. If it does not fight this or struggles a few seconds and stops, the rating is ex-
- cellent to good. Continued struggle or biting is fair to poor. Reaction to a startling occurence is induced in grown dogs when the trainer suddenly opens an umbrellasas the dog walks by. With a puppy, the trainer makes a series of quick, jerky movements. If the dog is startled but recovers quickly and is curious, or if startled and recovers quickly, rating is excellent to good. Timidity or aggression scores fair to poor.
- 3. Willingness to work Natural retrieving ability is the criteria here. The trainer throws an object, a ball, stick, crumpled newspaper or a stuffed toy about six feet in front of a dog or three feet from a puppy. If the dog retrieves the object and returns it with or without encouragement, it is rated excellent. If it goes to the object and picks it up, good; fair, if it picks up the object and runs away from the trainer; poor his no interest is shown.
- 4. Curiosity/Intelligence A mirror is placed three feet in front of the dog. If it goes to the mirror and looks, excellent, if it sees the mirror but does not go to it, good. The rating is fair to poor if the dog is afraid or aggressive and poor if there is no response. Other tests in this category include a wind-up toy and a piece of paper or plastic which is pulled over the ground on a five-foot string. The ratings are the same here: excellent if the dog investigates the moving objects and follows them, good if it goes to them, fair to poor if aggressiveness, fear or no response are the reactions.

In the derby I picked 5 dogs plus 3 extra. Of the eight, two did not attend the Nationals. The judges gave four placements and one Honorable Mention. Four of these five placements went to my picks. First, Second, Third and the Honorable Mention. Rocket, a long range Vizsla, disappeared in the heavy cover and Kelly Donham who was handling him was unable to get him to the bird field. If Kelly & Don (Rocket's owner) had known the cover was so heavy, I doubt if they would have brought him. J.R. and Bill Boyd got braced with Chauncy Smith. They both use the same kind of whistle and their technique is very similar. I think it took J. R. too long to figure out who to listen to and then it was too late. Askim, Best Bet and Abbey came through as predicted. Sandman had some quail on the back course on the other side of a hill. Then a pheasant popped on him in the bird field before he could establish point. Time ran out before he could find another and that left him without a pointed bird. He got the H.M. for his efforts. Askim, my dog, was awesome in his eight find effort. Needless to say I thought the judges were brilliant in their decision.*

Take a peek, a careful peek at the open Top Ten list. Rebel Rousen Yankee is number 2. That is also where he placed in the Open Championship. The move to second place on the top ten is the result of placements in trials on four consecutive weekends (8-28 to 9-19). Yankee finished at the third of those trials. He was 2 years and 9½ months old. A month and a half later at 2 years and 11 months of age he takes second in a 2 series championship stake that has 35 of the best Vizslas in the country entered. In 1980 Yankee placed second in the puppy at the Nationals. In 1981 he placed second in the Derby. In 1982 he places second in the Open Championship. In addition to these successes in competition Yankee has been hunted all season in 1980 and 1981. He will again go hunting all season in 1982. It will be many years before any Vizsla tops Yankee's first three years.

Not too long ago Tom Harmer said "Jim, why don't we get the Nationals moved to the Spring." I told Tom that that sort of radical change would never be implemented by the VCA which has been ultraconservative as far as the Nationals are concerned. However, the Puppy Stake has been eliminated and a 2 series Amateur Championship is now in place. Perhaps, a switch to a Spring (LATE MAY) Nationals would be a good idea.

The fall Nationals is unfair to the people in the Southwest. Competitors in the Northern states are ending two months of trials when the October Nationals are held. Competitors in the South are just coming out of the hot months and are just beginning their season.

There would be 4 additional hours of daylight each day in May than there is in October. Considering that the Amateur Championship is going to be a two series event, the need for more running time becomes real and urgent.

The Fall season in the North spans September and October. The Spring season spans March, April, May and even June. The mid-week Nationals kills 2 much needed fall weekends and forces Vizsla clubs to hold trials on the same date thereby cutting their entries

The cover in the fall is so heavy that the gallery has trouble seeing the dogs. At the recently completed Nationals in Michigan, the dried golden rod kept the dogs from ranging and filled the air with cotton and seeds. It was so bad that it made little sense to ride and watch. You could see little or nothing. Horses that had been rented for the week stood unused. Horses that had been hauled many miles by their owners also were standing around unused.

Our October date does not guarantee cool weather. The last five Nationals have been run in shirt-sleeve 80 degree + weather. The dogs handle the heat well. It would be no warmer in May. Freezing, wet, snowy weather has missed us only by days on several occasions. The May date would eliminate that danger.

Let's play it smart and switch to Spring. If you agree, write to Al Lucas, Lynn Worth and Tony Lucas.

Jim Busch said all of that!

5. Obedience Performance on leash is he basis of this test. If the dog follows on loose leash or does so with a little en-couragement, it gets an excellent to good rating. If it is fearful or immobile, fair. Fighting the leash is poor. Sitting when asked either voluntarily or after being shown how rates excellent to good marks. Sitting only when pushed or refusal are fair to poor. Coming on a voice command or with encouragement or a slight tug on the leash is considered excellent to good. If the dog allows itself to be pulled to the trainer, fair; resistance, poor. A dog that goes down almost at once or which does so after being shown how rates excellent to good. One which allows itself to be placed in the down position, fair; and one which gives outright resistance, poor.

6. Response to treats This is the final test. It is two fold, given to see if the dog responds readily to both food and praise and to see if it likes the food offered. A soft-moist food is used, accompanied by praise and petting.

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VCM SPECIALTY SHOW SATURDAY OCTOBER 30, 1982 HOSTED BY THE V.C. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN ILLINOIS MEMBERS WINS:

Puppy Sweepstakes;

Puppy Dogs 9 mths. to 12 mths.

2nd pl. Polar Kaps Max Hazard 0/ Tom & Kathy Harmer

PUBDY Dogs 12 mths. to 18 mths.

4th pl. Lorindal DeCinnabar O/Gerald & Carol Larm

Puppy Bitches 12 mths. to 18 mths.

O/Ken Crago 3rd pl. Rippi's Sweet Brandy

BREED COMPETITION

4th pl. Rippies Pipernickel Bear O/Ken & Rose Crago

Junior Dogs 12 to 18 mths.

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2rd pl. Lorindal DeCinnabar 0/ Gerald & Carol Larm

Bred by Exhibitor Dogs 1st pl. Polar Kaps Max Hazard O/Tom & Kathy Harmer (WINNERS DOG & BEST OF.

Open Dogs

1st pl. Rebel's Windwalker O/Penny Parsons (RESERVE DOGS)

Junior Bitches

2nd pl. Rippi's Sweet Brandy O/Ken Crago

Field Trial Dogs

4th p. Ch. the Baron of Batavia CD O/George Peirce

Field Trial Bitch

1st pl. Ch. Boshar's Budapest Babe 0/ Sharon Schroeder

Pheasant Sauteed with Apples

Helen Malicek

2 young pheasants, flour, butter, 1/3 oup Calvado or Applejack, S/p, & cup white wine, 1 cup heavy cream, beaten with 3 egg yolks. 6 apples sliced thin, 2 teas. sugar.

Flour pheasant, saute gently in 6-8 TBL.s butter til ivory colored, Flame with Calvado or Applejack turning once or twice in the juides. S/P, add wine Simmer for 8-10 mins. or just tender. Remove Pheasant and add few drops of Cal. or Applejack to pan. Slowly stir in the cream and egg yolk until sauce is smooth. Garnish with apples, sauteed in butter. Sprinkle on sugar.

Sautéed Quail

Split the birds and dust lightly with flour. Saute in a mixture of butter & oil. Cook lightly on the skin side, turn and cook on the bone side, turn again. When nicelybrowned, reduce the heat, simmer til done, about 12-18 minutes. S/P to taste. Serve on fried toast with the finely chopped giblets which have been sauteed separately in butter.

PROTECT YOUR DOGS FEET from frozen ground, briars, or just keep your dog running with sore feet. Lewis moulded rubber dog boots -rubberpacked 4 in a carton sizes (s,m,l,xl,xxl) Australian dog boots - leatherpacked 4 in a carton sizes (s,1) Dunn's catalogue

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