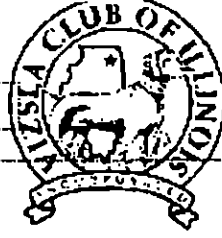


# THE BULLETIN

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## Just A Bird Dog

by Dennis Durko

**I**t was the Spring of 1989. I was just looking for a good puppy that would grow up and find birds for my son and I to hunt. I didn't know anything about hunting tests or field trials. I didn't even know how to train a bird dog. That all changed the day I called Jim Busch and asked him whether that last puppy being sold by Vern Fosse would find those birds. I had no idea what else Jim and all the rest of my new friends had in store for a guy who just wanted to buy a bird dog.

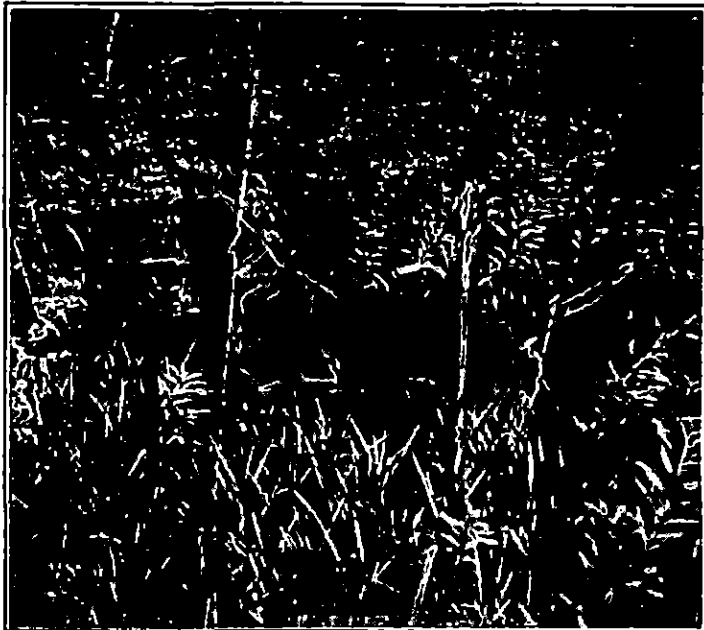
It all started when Jim encouraged me to attend the Double Bubble Weekend that July. It was there that Jake won his first ribbon—second place in the "Wing and String". Needless to say I was hooked into the competitive sport of field trials and hunting tests. Unfortunately, I still had no idea of how to train a bird dog, but, with a lot of help (and friendly criticism) Jake has managed to survive all my mistakes as a trainer and handler.

Jake's successes include four straight qualifying scores to become a Junior Hunter in February, 1991. He earned enough placements as a puppy/derby dog to find his name among the top 10 for several months. As a broke dog, Jake finished as a Senior Hunter this past June at a hunting test in Michigan. Jake's consistency has enabled him to place at many of the field trials we have entered.

Finally, as the 1994 Fall Field Trial season approached, all Jake needed was a major to finish as an amateur. Although any trial would have been good, I always hoped Jake would finish

at an Illinois Vizsla Trial. As you might expect, I was elated when Jake won the AGD Stake at that trial. All the hard work had paid off. Now, with a special thanks to everyone who helped us along the way, Jake is not just a dog to find birds for my son and I. He's (pending AKC approval) Amateur Field Champion, Just Jake II, Senior Hunter.

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President Jim Busch called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM at the Silver Stallion Restaurant, Des Plaines, IL. Jim thanked those who attended and related the next meeting would be here on November 16, 1994. We will have a program.

A lot of members have not renewed. Discussion followed as to how a reminder would be presented.

Fall Field Trial - Mark Johnson, Chair, Gina Ordonez, Secretary. The trial was very successful. The entry was over 100.

Spring Field Trial - March 11 & 12 1995. Mark Vitkauskas is Chair. Mark Davis is Secretary. The futurity will be March 10, 1995. Jim predicted it will be a big one.

Nominating Committee - Gwen Tomlinson, Deb Schwartz and Kathy Engelsman presented their slate for 1995. Jim Busch, President; Tony Ordonez, Vice President; Jim Gingrich, Treasurer; Cheryl Peterson, Secretary. Board nominees are Greg Hedien, Julie Sjullie and Mark Vitkauskas. Going off the board is Tony Lucas, Deb Lee and Cheryl Peterson. Staying on the board is Kathy Harmer, Teresa Gimbut and Roy Greffin. The vote is in November. Mark Johnson motioned to accept the slate and publish it in the Bulletin.

Fall Fun Trial - Teresa Gimbut and Julie Sjullie, Co-Chairs. Very successful. A lot of new people participated.

Walking Field Trial - December 3 & 4 1994 at the Busch Farm. Jim Busch Secretary. Lane dog trophies.

Spring Hunt Test - February 25, 1995.

Spring Fun Trial - February 26, 1995. Geno Woehrle and Mike Dalby will be the judges for this years Des Plaines Valley Hunting Dog Championship.

Post Xmas Party will be Saturday evening, January 21, 1995. We need an awards Chairman.

Teresa Gimbut wants to give up Membership Chairman. Linda Busch will take it in December.

Mark Johnson reported on the progress of the proposed improvements to the Des Plaines Wildlife Area (see report in last newsletter.) A lot of volunteers are needed. There are great long term benefits to us. Mark then continued with a very informative and well researched talk on field trials.

Mark Johnson motioned, seconded by Mark Vitkauskas, to adjourn at 10:30 PM.

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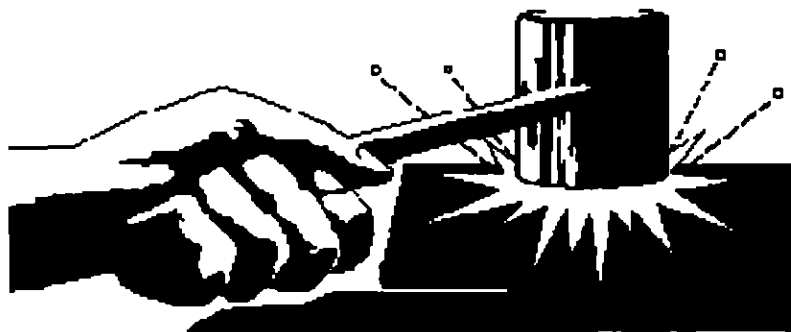
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## The VCOI Advertising Policy

All puppy ads must be accompanied by a photocopy of OFA Certificate of the sire and dam and have the entire OFA number of the sire and dam certificate printed with the ad. Ads without OFA proof will not be printed. Ads not paid in full will not be printed. Space limited to one half page per member per issue.

Deadline for the January-February 1995 issue is December 1st.

# From the President



**D**ennis Durko put an Amateur Field Championship on his dog Just Jake II. Dennis is from Valparaiso, Indiana. There are no other Vizsla field people in Valpo. Dennis has a family (wife and two kids) and a demanding job in management at one of the steel mills. That means longer than 40 hours and irregular work week. Dennis got Jake five years ago. He competed in Puppy and Derby, training and handling himself. Jake placed regularly, but had no blue ribbons (no field championship points). When Jake made the transition to Gun Dog, Dennis sent him to Lee Sienkowski to be trained steady to wing and shot, kill and retrieve. The dog learned and so did Dennis. Many of the lessons that Dennis learned came from the book of Field Trials (ask Jim Gingrich about it), but most of the lessons were \$30 lessons. Dennis learned his craft well and finished his dog. Dennis is an example and inspiration to all of us. If you know in your heart and mind that your Vizsla has the ability, there is no excuse for not putting that Field CHAMPIONSHIP on your Vizsla.

If you are reading this, you are, of course, the wrong person to be receiving the message. Linda and I fight over who gets to read the VCOI Bulletin first. I find it hard to believe that we are the only couple that is interested enough in VCOI and Vizsla stuff to do this. If my belief is correct, then many VCOI members are aware that we hold club meeting six times a year. I ask myself, why are so few VCOI members interested enough to attend those meetings? If we have ten officers and directors and if each attends the meeting with their spouse, we would have 20 people at a meeting. If each director/officer brought at least one other couple, we would have 40 members at our meeting. We don't get 40 members at our meeting. We didn't get 40 at the meeting held in July in conjunction with the Double Bubble where the VCOI pays for dinner.

In the last two years, I have tried to schedule some sort of educational or entertainment activity. Admittedly the information disseminated during these programs is basic stuff. It is the basic stuff I wished I had access to when I was starting in Vizsla activities. If first year members do not attend the meetings for whatever reason, then the program is too basic for the experienced members.

Director and Membership Chairman Teresa Gimbut compiled the list of unrenewed VCOI members that is elsewhere in this bulletin. I was appalled that so many dropped out of our great organization. I read the list with great sadness until I realized that most of the names were VCOI members that attend NO meetings, WORKED on NO committees and contributed nothing to the club other than their name on our mailing list. It costs us a lot of work and money to service each member (more money than is paid in membership). In the long run, many of the names on the list will realize that they no longer receive the valuable benefits that the club bestows. Hopefully they will rejoin with a greater commitment to the club and breed. If you see a friend's name on the list, give them a small bump to renew their association with us. Like the prodigal son, they will be welcomed back

with open arms.

The summer issue of the Bulletin had a FULL PAGE reminder to renew your membership. Those of us who read the Bulletin got the message and renewed. If you don't read the Bulletin, you won't know what we did, what we are going to do and what you must do to partake fully.

The slate is set for the next year of the VCOI. Unless challenged, I will remain as president and Tony Ordonez will remain as Vice President. This is my last year as president. Our By-laws prohibit succeeding yourself as president more than two times. I am thrilled that Tony O is serving again as Vice President. He is a great pal, training buddy and hard worker. After three years as Vice President he is the logical next VCOI president. He will be great at the job. He has outstanding organizational skills and enough time to prepare. He is one of the smartest people I have ever known and has an imagination that will take the club in new and interesting directions. Periodically during the year I am going to turn over the gavel to him so that he has time behind the desk as sort of presidential boot camp.

Please be at our next meeting Nov. 19th, at Su Casa Restaurant on Lee Street in Des Plaines (town of Des Plaines) between Oakton and Algonquin Roads. We start at 7:30 p.m. The restaurant sets about 30 places for us to have dinner if we wish. It is a good deal. The food is good and reasonably priced. Education/entertainment Chairman Cheryl Ebert has arranged a distinguished panel to conduct a field seminar in a question and answer format. Past president Mark Johnson who gave an outstanding presentation on introductory field work/competition at the last meeting, will chair this seminar. If you have ever wondered HOW, WHY, WHERE, WHEN, or any other field related questions, now is the time to get answers. The panel will have well over 100 years of experience to draw from in answering your most simple or most complicated questions. If you can ask a field related question that the panel is unable to answer, you will win a free VCOI membership for the next year. The person who asks the best ANSWERABLE QUESTION will receive a VCOI sweatshirt. The panelist will select the winner that evening and the prize will be awarded ASAP.

Oh yes, the field trial premiums are out for our winter ALL WALKING trial. If you plan on attending and did not receive a premium (entry form) contact me at my new phone number (815) 335-ROSE (7673). I will take your entry by phone and send you a premium.

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# ZOYA'S PAW PRINTS

by Ch. Askim's Golden Sunset Zoya, JH (Ebert)

I'd like to share an article I found in the local newspaper, *The Times*, written by Times Outdoors Writer, Marty Jaranowski, on Saturday, November 20, 1993. I believe you will find it most useful and informative.

## DOG CARE IN THE FIELD

Thousands of upland game hunters take to the field every year, and they are accompanied by their faithful four-legged companions, providing both with many hours of enjoyment.

"Today many dogs lead a double life," says John Seyman, outdoor writer specializing in dog training for *Country Post Magazine*. "For most of the year they are regarded as house pets. Then as hunting season rolls around they are our hunting companion. Though most dog owners know the importance of preseason conditioning, many haven't kept up with the latest in-season care techniques."

Recent studies by Ralston Purina found that the traditional method of feeding a dog once a day caused the animal to work well in the morning but tire toward mid-day.

By feeding your dog twice daily, he will not only use the food better but also will be less susceptible to "bloat". Bloat is a condition that swells and twists the stomach, caused by a large intake of food before exercise, and can be fatal.

If your dog requires two cups of food a day, give him one in the morning and the other in the evening.

"Always feed your dog at least an hour before you work him and wait at least an hour after you work him," said Seyman.

"This not only will cut down the chances of 'bloat' but also it is much easier for them to consume and utilize the energy throughout the day."

Another major requirement is water. Always carry a large squeeze bottle containing water, especially during the early season when the weather still gets into the 50s or 60s by mid-day. Offer the animal a drink at least every couple of hours.

Never allow them to drink from a standing pool. It may contain bacteria that may be harmful; or snow, which requires more energy to utilize its nutrients.

Burrs are a problem for many long-hair breeds. By spraying your dog with vegetable cooking oil, burrs and other stick-ums slide right off.

Check your dog's eyes periodically during the hunt, or at least at the end of each day. Weeds and debris can become lodged under the lids and cause irritation or even corneal ulcers.

By carefully spreading the upper and lower lids, you can see the entire eye.

"Pay close attention to the 'third eyelid'," said Bob West, dog trainer and consultant to Purina HiPro dog food. "It's actually a second lower lid, and the inside corners are likely places for trapped debris."

Flush it free with a stream of sterile isotonic saline. If that doesn't work, try to blot it out with a cotton ball soaked in sterile isotonic saline. **BLOT, DON'T WIPE.** Wiping can scratch the eye, causing more damage.

After clearing the eye, or if the debris is lodged behind the third eyelid, take the animal to the veterinarian.

It's always a good idea to check your dog when switching fields or at any rest/coffee break and at the end of the day.

Look for scratches and small cuts, clean them with an antiseptic soap, then apply a topical antibiotic ointment.

Open wounds are often more serious because substantial blood loss can be life-threatening. Muscles, tendons, blood vessels or nerves could be severed. For those wounds, first control the bleeding.

Apply a pressure bandage to the wounded area, use enough pressure to stop the bleeding but not circulation. Transport the dog

to a veterinarian.

Dogs should be vaccinated against Lyme disease—two shots the first year given two weeks apart and then a booster every year thereafter.

A dog properly cared for will provide many years of enjoyment both in the field and at home. Remember that all other hunters are judged by your actions. Represent us well.

## FIRST AID KIT FOR DOGS:

Here are some suggestions from Ralston Purina on what you might want to have ready in the First Aid Kit you take hunting. Your veterinarian or pharmacy should have these items. To keep them organized, use a small tackle box.

\*Roll of gauze. \*Gauze pads. \*Roll of adhesive tape. \*Betadine scrub. \*Betadine ointment. \*Scissors. \*Toenail clipper (both human and dog). \*Forceps. \*Sterile Isotonic Saline and dispenser. \*Cotton balls. \*Rectal thermometer. \*Steroid-free ophthalmic antibiotic ointment.

## AN ANNUAL REMINDER:

Dogs—Total physical examination: Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, Parvo and Bordetella vaccination, stool and Heartworm check, Rabies vaccinations, Lymes vaccine and Dental checks.

## DOGS AND LOUD NOISES

If your dog is afraid of loud noises, such as thunderstorms or firecrackers, you need to do some advanced training to help him overcome his fears. This training can also be used for dogs who are afraid of doorbells, sirens, motorcycles, etc.

If your dog is afraid of more than one noise, start by determining which scares him the most, and work on this first.

Record the sound that scares your dog. Then, expose him to the sound gradually by playing the recording at a volume low enough so as not to frighten him. While he hears the unpleasant sound, create a pleasant environment by using food, a toy, a gentle touch or lavish praise. Each time your dog calms down and stops paying attention to the sound, increase the volume slightly.

If your dog does not relax and you have waited a few minutes, turn the volume down. When he is relaxed, give him a treat and keep the recording at that volume for at least 5 minutes before increasing the volume again.

Begin with short sessions, but increase the volume of the recording at each new session. Over a period of time, lengthen the sessions until your dog is capable of facing the recorded noise at a level similar to the real thing.

If possible, expose your dog to the real stimulus gradually. For example, if your dog is afraid of firecrackers or lawn mowers, create that sound 100 yards away. Calm him and get him accustomed to the sound. Gradually decrease the distance of the sounds until he doesn't respond to the sound occurring in front of his home. Remember to keep your dog in the house or on a leash while doing these practice sessions. If you do not have control of your dog and he is scared, he could run off.

Your dog can overcome his fears if you gradually expose him to the stimulus that scares him. If you need further help, contact a local AKC dog training club. With time and patience, these fears are treatable.

Dogs And Loud Noises was written by the American Kennel Club, Incorporated.

## DOG SAFETY IN THE HOME

It's best to be prepared for an accident or emergency before it happens. Have you ever considered: Who would take care of your dog if you were hurt and unable to do so? What would your family do if your dog was hurt? What will happen to your dog should you have a fatal accident? A little work in advance will provide your dog with the proper care no matter what happens.

Basic Dog First Aid Kit:

\*Muzzle \*Scissor \*Gauze Pads \*Cotton Batting \*Adhesive Tape \*Bottled Water \*Tweezers \*Soap \*Ice Pack

Keep a dog first aid kit in your home and car. Learn how to apply

a muzzle before a crisis arises. Hurt dogs, even your own dog, may bite if you try to administer first aid. Also, it is much easier to administer first aid to a well-trained dog who is accustomed to being examined either by a veterinarian or groomer.

#### Deadly Plants:

These common plants are poisonous. Your dog will need to see a veterinarian immediately if any of these plants or flowers are eaten.

**NOTE:** These are only common household plants that are poisonous. Always ask a garden expert if a plant is poisonous when ingested.

Autumn crocus, azaleas, bleeding heart, buttercups, castor bean, daffodil, Dutchman's Breeches, elderberry, foxglove, golden chain, hyacinth, iris, Jack-in-the-pulpit, larkspur, lily of the valley, mistletoe, narcissus, oleander, poinsettia, rhubarb, and yew.

#### Poisonous Products:

There are many household products that are dangerous to dogs. If your dog ingests harmful chemicals, contact a poison control center or veterinarian immediately.

To prevent accidents: \*Keep items with warning labels away from your dog. \*Check your cabinet doors. Fix loose doors or doors that are easily opened by your dog. \*Lock up prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, anti-freeze, bleach, cleaners, polish, wax, detergents, rat poison, insecticides. \*Teach children that these items are poisonous to themselves and their pets. Household products should not be played with or used on dogs.

#### Important Information For Parents:

Teach children not to: \*Tease a dog. \*Bother a dog who is sleeping or eating. \*Pull on a dog's fur, tail or ears.

Parents should not leave young children alone with dogs. Dogs do not understand the squeals or cries of children and could get frightened. Also, smaller, more fragile breeds may be unintentionally hurt by over eager toddlers who think the dogs are toys.

#### Outside Your Home:

Leash your dog. It's hard to control a distracted or scared dog without a leash.

Fence your yard, and make sure your gate is closed before you and your dog go outside.

Go outside with your dog if your dog is in the yard. Something dangerous such as glass, nails or another animal could injure your dog.

Make sure your dog doesn't eat food laying on the ground. It could be poisoned or infected with bacteria.

#### Emergency Information:

To make sure all vital information regarding your dog is easily accessible to others, take a few moments to make an emergency information card. The card should include:

Pet's name, sex, date of birth, license number, veterinarian, vet's address, vet's phone, diet, allergies and special instructions.

You may also want to include the locations of various dog items such as food and water dishes, biscuits, medications, etc. Also include two or three people who can be contacted in case of emergency. Include the contacts' name, address, and telephone number. Make sure at least one of the contacts has a set of your house keys.

Put this card on your refrigerator or another prominent spot in your house. You may also want to keep similar information in your wallet. If you are unable to care for your dog due to an accident or emergency, someone will be able to follow the instructions on the card to provide necessary care.

You may also want your attorney to draft a written statement which gives immediate custody of your dog to a designated individual. Notify that individual of his/her responsibility and put his/her name, address, and phone number on your emergency information list.

Dog Safety In The Home was written by the American Kennel Club, Incorporated.

## IN MEMORY OF

Ch. Charlotte's Southern Comfort, JH "Zak"  
March 8, 1989 - June 16, 1994



### HIS JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN

Don't think of him as gone away—  
his journey's just begun;  
life holds so many facets—  
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.  
Think how he must be wishing  
that we could know, today,  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.

And think of him as living  
in the hearts of those he touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost—  
and he was loved so much.

Ellen Brenneman

We can't know why some things happen...but we can know that love and beautiful memories outlast the pain of grief. And we know that there's a place inside the heart where love lives always...and where nothing beautiful can ever be forgotten. "Zak" brought great joy to our home. Last Thanksgiving, at nursery school, Eric (now 6), did a drawing of "Zak" and thanked the Lord for him. The above photo shows "Zak" at the 1993 VCA Nationals with me, Cheryl Ebert. "Zak" made first cut in Best of Breed competition out of 102 specials. That was our last time in the show ring together. Zak's two daughters, Trouble and Roseann, both from Florida, recently made "Zak" a grandpa. He would have been so proud. Thank you all for your cards and phone calls. It meant a lot to Eric, Adam, and myself. Many thanks to Joy Sonsalla and Bill Quandt for taking the photo. Cheryl Ebert and Sons, Eric and Adam and, of course, Pointe Blanc Vizslas

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING



## BRAGS

Fall 1994 placements for DCH/AFC

Morning Sky Mista Bone, JH

O/H Jerry Dutemple

Vizsla Club of Illinois—2nd Amateur Limited Gun Dog, 14 starters

Vizsla Club of Eastern Iowa—1st Open Limited Gun Dog, 7 starters

Hawkeye Vizsla Club—1st Amateur Gun Dog, 9 starters

Nebraska Vizsla Club—Open Gun Dog, 14 starters

"Bone" was run only six times this fall!

Sept 10, Central Iowa K.C.

BOB - Ch Mad's Nyircsaszari Csatar

BOW - Quantum's Touch of Class

BOS - Ch Rebel Rouser Shannon

Sept 11, Des Moines K.C.

BOB - Ch Rebel Rouser Shannon

BOW - Nimrod III

BOS - Ch Mad's Nyircsaszari Cstats

### Best Friends

What did the man say to his best friend, when he discovered him in bed with his wife? "Bad Dog."

John Seck

When a man's best friend is his dog, that dog has a problem.

Edward Abbey

No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as a dog does

Christopher Morley

## Hunting and Fishing Show

By Gina Ordonez

Mark Johnson, DC AFC Phoenix Fridge, Riker, and I manned (dogged) the VCOI booth at the Hunting and Fishing Show. We watched an excellent demo by NAVDA where all the dogs performed as expected. And then watched a retriever who didn't make the retrieve. He was followed by a German Shorthair who failed to back. And a Brittany that broke when asked to relocate. Vizslas were last.

Fridge is the ultimate demo dog. He found the bird, pointed and retrieved as expected. Yeah for Vizslas. Riker (11 weeks old) pointed a wing on a string and looked cute. Sporting Life Magazine was filming the event.

The day was a great experience. My puppy met 500 people. He was exposed to gunfire and other dogs. It was outdoors, and a lot of fun.

If it sounds like something you would like to do next year, Mark Johnson is getting a committee together.

## Obedience?

By Gina Ordonez

In a library search of reading material for new owners, I found a great book, "THE ART OF RAISING A PUPPY" by the Monks of New Skete. One section on socialization describes beginning obedience training for pups. It describes three techniques that Tony and I do instinctively. We are "Field/Show People", I didn't know I was teaching obedience.



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## Exercise One:

### MONKS

Restraint: Hold a puppy in the sitting position, praise him when calm, reprimand him with a "no stay" when squirming.

### O's

Death Grip: Hold a puppy still laying on his side, praise him when calm, reprimand him with a "no" when squirming. (Field/Show people don't teach dogs to sit, lest they sit on point/while baiting. (Stay means "four feet on the ground don't move.")

The monks do this first exercise as the basis for sit and stay. We teach the puppy to be still to make grooming etc. easier.

## Exercise Two:

### MONKS

Examining Mouth and Ears: Calm puppy as above. In a sitting position slowly teach puppy to allow you to check his teeth and ears. Reprimand with "no" when squirming.

### O's

Tooth Check/Ear Check: Calm puppy as above. While the puppy is lying on his side teach puppy to allow you to check his teeth (rub a finger along gum) and ears. Use the words "tooth check" and "ear check" while checking. Reprimand with "no" when squirming.

The monk use this exercise to make grooming easier. We concur. Dogs that are going to be shown need to allow people to handle their mouth and ears.

## Exercise Three:

### MONKS

Full Body Massage: Take the puppy from sitting to laying down, turn him so he is lying on his side. Talk in a calm reassuring manner. Say "no stay" when squirming. Run your hands over the dog and reposition him.

### O's

Move over: Once the puppy is calmed, and already lying on his side run hands over him, especially getting them accustomed to having their feet handled. In the middle of the night, when the dog is taking up too much space in the bed, push dog and the blankets under the dog, to reposition.

The monks say that this exercise is done so that the dog trusts the master, and allows his master to reposition him in case of an injury. We use this position for cutting nails. I think that it important for the master to reposition a dog when they are cutting off your circulation to your feet.

## Dog Training

A dog likes to obey. It gives them security. James Herriot

Intelligent dogs rarely want to please people whom they do not respect. W. R. Koehler, *The Koehler Method of Dog Training*

Don't make the mistake of treating your dogs like humans, or they'll treat you like dogs. Martha Scott

When you point out something to a dog, he looks at your finger. Jerome B. Robinson

If a dog will not come to you after he has looked you in the face, you ought to go home and examine your conscience. Woodrow Wilson

## Canine Smiles

Dogs laugh, but they laugh with their tails. Max Eastman

A dog wags its tail only at living things. A tail wag, the equivalent of a human smile, is bestowed upon people, dogs, cats, squirrels, even mice and butterflies-but no lifeless things. A dog won't wag it's tail to its dinner or to a bed, car, stick, or even a bone. Jean Craighead George.

## FUN FOR ALL

The VCOI annual Labor Day Fun Day was a complete success.

There was a great turn out with a day full of learning experiences.

We held an Obedience Clinic, a Conformation Clinic, an Agility Course, a Hunt Test Clinic and of course our Locate & Point to work the Dogs on Live Game.

Thank you to Gwen Tomlinson, Betsy Harder, Julie Sjuillie and Roy Greffin for the Outstanding job done on all the clinics. It could not have been done with out you.

Thanks to all who helped with Judging and bird planting:

Geno Woehrie, Mark Johnson, Gina and Tony Ordonez, Kathy and Jeff Engelsman, Larry Tomlinson, Marc Davis, Jim Busch and Mark Vitkuskas.

Thanks Lois Greffin for helping with sign up tables.

Special Thanks to ALL the VCOI members who came out to support your club. See you at the next Fun Day in Feb. Teresa Gimbut

### BROKE DOG:

- 1 Flame
- 2 Buster
- 3 Abbey
- 4 Ascur
- HM Ora

### FIELD TRIAL YOUNG DOG:

- 1 Riley
- 2 Lucy (from Michigan)
- 3 Copper
- 4 Bella
- HM Hersey
- Tucker
- Oskee
- Lissa
- Lucy (Reno's)

### TYRO YOUNG DOG:

- 1 Russlure
- 2 LuLu
- 3 Hersey
- 4 Copper
- HM Duncan
- Einstein
- Lucy

### FIELD TRIAL HUNTERS:

- 1 Buster
- 2 Ora
- 3 Codi
- 4 Jake

### TYRO HUNTER:

- 1 Sara
- 2 Hersey
- 3 Crockett
- 4 Hanna

### WING N STRING:

- 1 JR
- 2 Champ
- 3 Penny
- 4 Dante

# Fall Field Trial

By Gina Ordonez FTS

The VCOI Fall Field Trial was a mild success. We shared the weekend with the Cleveland Club, and 15 of the 115 entries we typically run, probably went to Ohio. Thanks to the out-of-towners who attended and supported our closed trial.

Roy Greffin was in charge of providing weather for the event. He did a superb job. The fog rolled out at sunup. Saturday was an Indian Summer day, perfect for people and just a little too hot for dogs. Handlers stopped their dogs to water them on course. On Sunday we saw handlers in the walking stakes without shirts.

Thanks to our judges for the weekend. Thank you Gerald and Roger Obrecht, Joe Vicari and Tony Lucas for giving up their weekend for our sport. A special thank you to Bob Hodges for agreeing to come after Tom Hagen cancelled last minute.

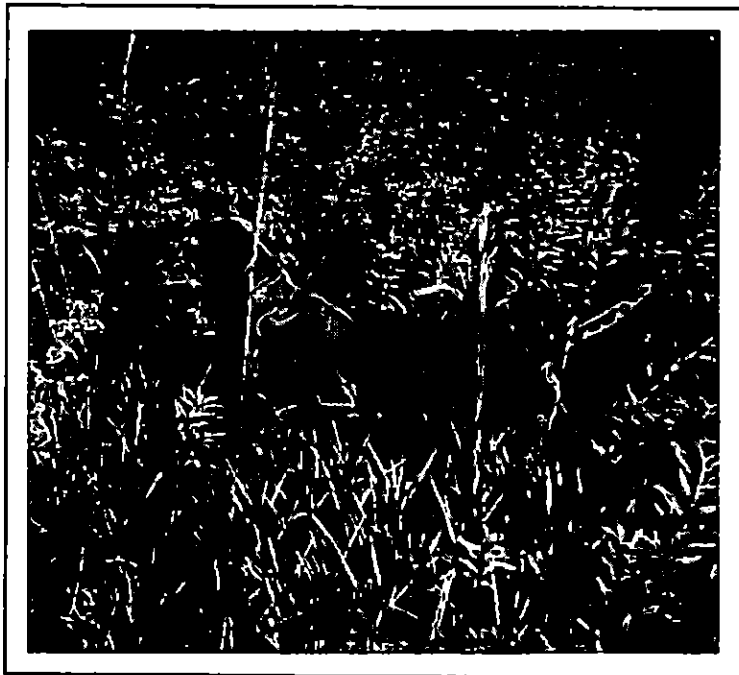
Running one hundred dogs in a weekend is a cake walk to the VCOI machine. Rhonda Johnson acted as line marshall. She did a superb job in keeping contestants on the line on two courses. Thanks to the other workers who kept the birds planted and the courses marshalled.

Thanks to Steve & Teresa Gimbut for catering our judges dinner.

The placements are as follows:

## Amateur Gun Dog

Judges: Roger Obrecht, Joe Vicari  
17 Starters



1st Just (Jake) II  
Owner/Handler: Dennis Durco  
2nd Camarily Royal Flush CDX SH (Colby)  
O: Cleo Gilley H: Gary Jagoda  
3rd Ascur's Amber Girl {Ascur}  
Owner/Handler: Jim Busch  
4th Redwing's (King) Conan  
Owner/Handler: Roy Greffin

## Amateur Limited Gun Dog

Judges: Tony Lucas, Joe Vacari  
13 Starters

1st FC AFC Shot Gun (Danny) Dude  
Owner/Handler: Gary Jagoda  
2nd DCH/AFC Morning Sky Mista, JH (Bone)  
Owner/Handler: Jerry Dutemple  
3rd (Bo) Know Birds  
Owner/Handler: Jim Gingrich  
4th Rebel Rouser (Ice)  
Owner/Handler: Bill Elliott

## Open Limited Gun Dog

Judges: Tony Lucas, Gerald Obrecht  
13 starters



1st DC AFC Mehagian KRC's Phoenix (Fridge)  
Owner/Handler: Mark Johnson  
2nd Dodge City's (Doc) Adam  
O: C&C Conner H: J. Dutemple  
3rd (Buster) Keeton  
Owner/Handler: Jim Busch  
4th Rebel Rouser (Ice)  
Owner/Handler: Bill Elliott

## Open Gun Dog

Judges: Roger Obrecht, Gerald Obrecht  
13 Starters

1st Dodge City's (Doc) Adam  
O: C&C Conner H: J. Dutemple  
2nd Desert Storm (Brandi) Roselle  
Owner/Handler: Barry Peterson  
3rd (Bo) Know Birds  
Owner/Handler: Jim Gingrich  
4th Golden Empire Oakridge Top Gun {Gunner}  
Owner/Handler: John Seyer

## Open Puppy

Judges: Bob Hodges, Gerald Obrecht  
10 starters

1st Askim Again {Oskee}  
Owner/Handler: James Busch

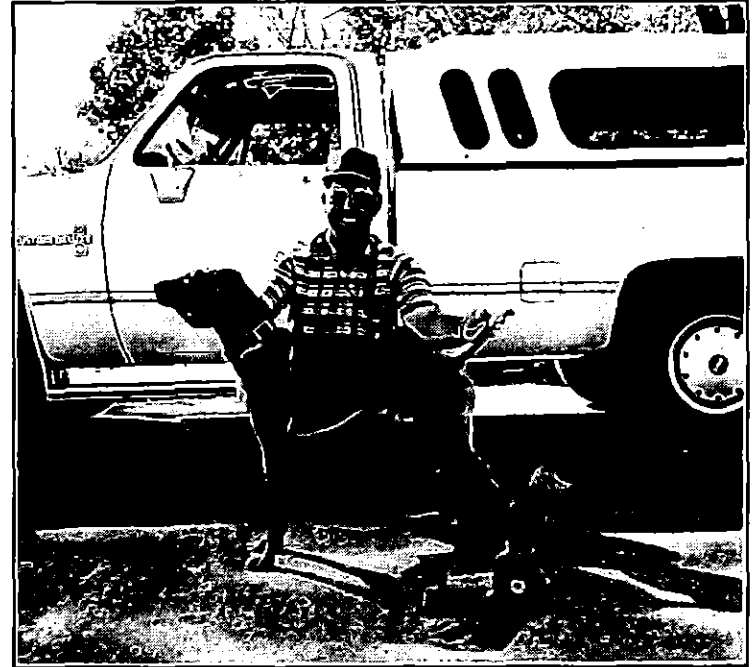


2nd Rellioc's Everedi Blazin Star  
 Owner: Lin J Kozlowski & Linda Collier  
 3th Keystone's Upwind Indulgence  
 Owner/Handler: Deborah Fridlund  
 4th Rebel Rouser Coppertone {Tanner}  
 Owner/Handler: Bonnie Bergmeyer

Owner/Handler: Mark Davis  
 4th Keystone's Upwind Indulgence  
 Owner/Handler: Deborah Fridlund

**Amateur Walking Puppy**

Judges: Roger Obrecht, Gerald Obrecht  
 11 Starters



Lifo (Riley) O/H Tony Ordonez

1st Bluechip (Bella)  
 Owner/Handler: Pete Scharfenberg  
 2nd Rebel Rouser Coppertone {Tanner}  
 Owner/Handler: Bonnie Bergmeyer  
 3rd Askim Again {Oskee}  
 Owner/Handler: Jim Busch  
 4th Keystone's Upwind Indulgence {Annie}  
 Owner/Handler: Deborah Fridlund

**Open Derby**

Judges: Roger Obrecht, Joe Vicari  
 9 Starters

1st Richie's Rebel Rouser (Roxy)  
 Owner/Handler: Jim Couris  
 2nd Keystone's Upwind Indulgence {Annie}  
 Owner/Handler: Deborah Fridlund  
 3rd Zachary Eliah Tucker {Zach}  
 Owner/Handler: Mark A. Gartel  
 4th Marc's Sir Jacob {Jake}  
 Owner/Handler: Mark Davis

**Amateur Walking Derby**

Judges: Tony Lucas, Bob Hodges  
 8 Starters

1st Lifo (Riley)  
 Owner/Handler: Tony Ordonez  
 2nd Richie's Rebel Rouser (Roxy)  
 Owner/Handler: Jim Couris  
 3rd Marc's Sir Jacob {Jake}

**IT'S HERE**

YOU HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOU'RE  
 FIRST ISSUE OF THE 94/95 NEW YEAR.

**GOOD FOR YOU**

DOES A VCOI BUDDY WANT TO READ YOUR  
 NEWS LETTER?

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# LOST ~~AND FOUND~~ MEMBERS

HAS ANYONE SEEN THESE PEOPLE WHO  
HAVE NOT RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP  
AS OF THIS ISSUE?????

RODNEY ALBIN  
NATHALIE AMES  
DREW BABCOCK  
ROBERT BALDWIN  
EMILIE & BELA BARTHA  
JAMES BATTYE  
JERRY BICAN  
BENITA BOUCON  
LARRY BROOKS  
ARLEN BUCK  
JAMES CARR  
ROBERT CARTER  
KRIS & KEVIN CHAVEZ  
KERRY CUSHING  
ADAM CYGAN  
CHRIS CYGAN  
GREG DARLINGTON  
GIUSEPPE DEMMA  
BILL ELLIOTT  
VERN FASSE  
DUKE FICEK  
IVA FISHER  
NICK FITSALOS  
BILL FREIMUTH  
DEB FRIDLUND  
ALBERT GALLUCCI  
TOM GAULKE  
RICHARD GERTZ  
GEORGE GRABENSTEIN  
BOB GREER  
HERBERT GROSSICH  
GAIL HASKINS  
STEPHEN HENLEY  
MARK HERMAN  
RICHARD HILES  
BOB HODGES  
FRANK HOLTHOUSE  
THERESE LE BLANC-HOTH  
ROBERT JAUCH  
TERRY JOHNSON  
TOM JOZSI  
ED KENNEDY  
JOHN KENNEDY  
ROBERT KETCHUM  
SHERRY KLEIN  
JEFF KOHUT

ED KOTTMEIER  
KEVIN KOWALSKI  
JILL LATZKE  
T LAYTON & A NORDBROCK  
JANICE LUMPP  
LARRY LYKOWSKI  
BILL LYMAN  
ADAM LYONS  
WILLIAM MADDEN  
MIKE MALONEY  
LESLIE MANGE  
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CLARE MC KITTRICH  
MARIAN MC SWAIN  
ARPAD MIHALY  
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A WALKER  
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SANDRA WEIBKING  
JOHN WERNER  
M JUPINA & J WHITEHURST  
WILLIAM YOUNG  
PAUL ZIENTY

# ILLINI GDC PRESENTS A CANINE HEALTH SEMINAR

Saturday, November 19, 1994  
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lombard Bible Church  
111 South Park Avenue  
Lombard, IL 60148

## THOMAS J. CHURAN, DVM

Dr. Churan will be speaking on the topic of Gastric Torsion (bloat) from the client's perspective, with emphasis on the early recognition of symptoms, preliminary care, and the treatment that can be expected when the dog arrives at the veterinary clinic. Following his presentation, there will be an open questions and answer period, and, if time permits, questions not limited to bloat will be fielded.

Dr. Churan graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois (Urbana) in 1977. He was employed from 1977 to 1979 at the Keystone Square Animal Hospital in Carmel, Indiana and at the Castleton Emergency Clinic in Castleton, Indiana. From 1979 to 1992, Dr. Churan worked at the Emergency Veterinary Service in Lisle, Illinois and is currently managing the Emergency Animal Service in Oswego, Illinois.

## PENELOPE GILBERT - BEHAVIORIST

The topic is raising a mentally healthy-well behaved dog.

Learn:

- How to think, read and speak dog.
- How to create the essential element of trust in your relationship with your canine companion.
- Step-by-step effective methods of correcting unwanted behavior, i.e., jumping up, garbage raiding, play biting and many more.

The presentation will be followed by a question and answer period during which any behavioral topic will be "fair game."

Ms. Gilbert is an animal behaviorist and dog obedience instructor. She has extensive experience with all breeds of dogs. Penny is director of dog training for the Hinsdale Humane Society and the Clarendon Hills Park District and Public Education Coordinator of the Illini Great Dane Club.

She has done presentations on temperament testing puppies, ages and stages of dog's development, responsible dog ownership, and effective dog training and behavior modification techniques.

## DR. NEIL O'SULLIVAN, GENETICIST

Genetics for the Dog Breeder. The challenge of the 90's.

Topics will include the following:

- Genetics of the Eye. A discussion on eye color (iris) genetics and topical issues such as Cataracts, Entropion, Ectropion and Ectopic cilia (eyelashes), Hemeratomia (day blindness), Lens Luxation and the merle gene and its eye-related defects.

-Hypothyroidism-Tests and their interpretation and the possibility of a link with autoimmune disease.

-Canine von Willebrand's Disease - The test for Factor VIII function.

-Wobbler's (Only juvenile onset)-Cervical Spondylolopathy in the light of genetic understanding.

-Cardiomyopathy-And the Taurine deficiency theory.

At the conclusion of Neil's topics there will be a question and answer period.

Dr. O'Sullivan is a geneticist with a leading International Layer (poultry) genetics company based in Des Moines, Iowa. Neil received a Ph.D. in genetics from Virginia Tech and has published over a dozen papers on genetics including one on the inheritance of harlequin color in Great Danes. Neil is an active breeder/exhibitor of Great Danes in partnership with his sister Margaret and has shown in the U.S., Canada, Ireland and England for 15 years.

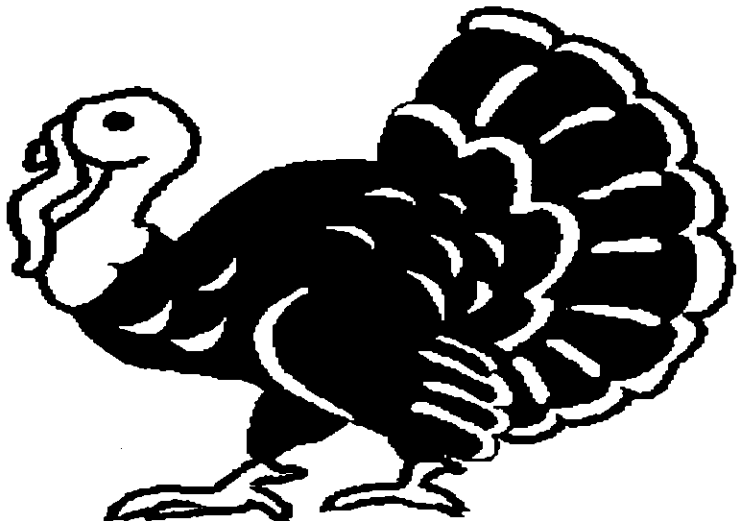
## SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00	Coffee/Rolls/Check-In
9:00-9:30	Dr. Thomas J. Churan
9:30-10:15	Q&A
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:30	Penelope Gilbert
11:30-12:00	Q&A
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:30	Dr. Neil O'Sullivan
2:30-2:45	Break
2:45-4:00	Q&A

Registration costs \$20 per presentation, or \$50 for the complete seminar. If you do not wish to attend the complete day and wish to have lunch, include an additional \$3.00 per person. Send registration to:

Barbara Renkosiewicz  
28W621 Bolles  
West Chicago, IL 60185  
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Remember to include your name, address and phone number when you send your remittance to Ms. Renkosiewicz, together with a note of what you are registering for. Call Ms. Renkosiewicz for more information.



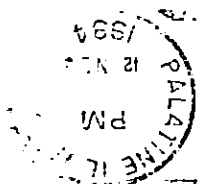
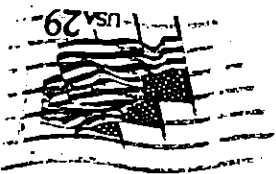


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## HAVE I GOT A NIGHT PLANNED FOR YOU

Well, this is not exactly what I had in mind, but...mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 16, our next meeting will again be a dinner meeting held at Su Casa Restaurant previously called The Silver Stallion on Lee Street in the town of Des Plaines. The restaurant is located on Lee Street just north of Oakton and south of Algonquin (Mannheim Road becomes Lee Street in Des Plaines). Starting time: 7:30 p.m. Boy, have I got a night lined up for you. VCOI members, Mark Johnson, Jim Busch, Tony Ordonez, Tony Lucas, Bill Elliott, Roy Greffin and lovely lady, Teresa Gimbut, will be answering all your questions about hunt tests and field trials, handling your dog in the field for such events, and hunting your dog during hunting seasons—all the ifs, ands or buts, you name it, will be answered by these pros. Prepare your questions NOW. What more could you ask for. Years of experience for FREE. Be there. There will be a drawing for a first aid kit donated by Pointe Blanc Vizslas (Ebert), which includes well-known canine columnist, Ch. Askim's Golden Sunset Zoya, JH, for all those who attend.

Cheryl Ebert, AKC PEC for VCOI

P.S. I am extending my apologies to fellow members of VCOI. I have been going through some extremely difficult times during the last two years of my life and have not attended our membership meetings which are of vital importance to the survival and

support of our club. I am searching for a new identity (no I'm not looking to marry anyone) since Mike's death (November 1992) and am doing my best to be a devoted Mom to our two young sons, Eric and Adam. If I am not at a membership meeting to present a guest speaker, please understand that it's not because I don't want to be there. My #1 priority is my sons, #2 being my Vizslas. It is very important to me to have them by my side as much as possible and for me to put them to bed each and every night, if possible. They, too, have been going through some hardships as well. They live in fear that Mom is going to join Dad. Please understand that I am not failing any of you. If I can be of any help to any of you at any time, please feel free to contact me at home by calling (708 868-2567).

I read a book—Don't Ever Give Up Your Dreams, a collection of poems, edited by Susan Polis Schutz, which has given me insight, encouragement and inspiration. There is one poem I read a lot which I'd like to share with you:

Don't ever give up your dreams

I know you're going to make it... It may take time and hard work You may become frustrated and at times you'll feel like giving up Sometimes you may even wonder if it's really worth it But I have confidence in you, and I know you'll make it, if you try.

Amanda Pierce

Keep this in minds at all times no matter which roads or avenues you may travel. It works for everyone.

Cheryl