



A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI



### **Newman (Top)**

#### **FC CanCH Onpoint's Newman TT**

Sire: FC AFC RAANY FD SH Dam:CH Onpoint's Voo Doo Magic FD TT CGC

Owned, bred, handled & trained by John & Debbie Reid

### **Kansas (Right)**

#### **FC CH Onpoint's Fulluv Gust O FDjr**

Sire: 2 X NAFC FC AFC Semper Fi Gust O Wind Dam: Onpoint's X Rayted FDx

Owned, bred, handled & trained by John & Debbie Reid

Last year was a great year for FC Can CH Onpoint's Newman TT "Newman" and FC Can CH Onpoint's Fulluv Gust O FDjr "Kansas" as both dogs were able to finish their Field Championship. Newman and Kansas were latecomers to the field trial world, but have made a solid contribution in such a short period of time.

While displaying her strengths more often in the field, few realize that Kansas has done exceptionally well in the Canadian show ring. Before one year of age, Kansas had won 3 Best Puppy in Groups and a group 4<sup>th</sup>. Many of her offspring have also followed in her footsteps including littermates 3 X BPIG Can CH Onpoint's Wild "Thorn" (D. Reid & S. Cowan) and CH Onpoint's Grand Finale JH "Taren" (M. Ruhut & J. Larue) and Onpoint's BVR Shooter FDjr "Radar" (G. Way) all of which have displayed true versatility. Kansas was shown briefly in the US this summer but is now back to resume field trialing this fall. Plans are to return her to the ring in spring 2005.

Like Kansas, Newman has also been a busy dog. He finished

his Canadian show Championship before 1 year of age and his AKC Field Championship before 4 years old winning the VCNNJ "Kicsi" traveling trophy along the way. Although still young, Newman's kids are also showing the strength in both the ring and field that we have been able to count on from him. Onpoint's Hit Man "Sam" and Onpoint's Brutus Beefcake "Brutus" are making us proud by each winning the NVA Eastern Regional Derby stake and the VCA Walking Championship Puppy stake respectively. Newman has also sired 2 Canadian show titled dogs – Can CH Onpoint's Boss Man "Tyson" (D. Reid & S. Cowan) and Can CH Onpoint's Amazing Grace "Gracie" (S. Sherlock & H Wilkins) and himself will return to the US ring summer 2005.

Thank you to all who have helped and believed in us. Through our dogs, we have made some of the best friends and look forward to seeing everyone this fall.

John & Debbie Reid

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**Bulletin Covers**

November 2004  
~Tomczak

January 2005  
~VCA Nationals  
coverage

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## VCOI MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7/10/2004

**Attending:** Michel Berner, Gina Ordonez, Kim Barker, Rodney Albin, Sue Boggs, Laurie Wonnell, Mel Lloyd, Greg Hedien, Bill & Dawn Heintz, Barbara Ohata, Larry O'Rourke, Jennifer Mau, Sharon & Greg Wegler, Colomba & Victor Barger, Clyde & Nurene Davis, Dave Judy Rebekah & Paul Young, Heidi & Stewart Sherlock, Mark Johnson, Dan Cieslka, Jodi Hartman, Cathy Gallagher, Sue Barnes, Kathy Harmer, Amy Bowden, Jim & Linda Busch, Rhonda Grimm, Brian & Kim Hesgard, Jim & Carol Gingrich, Randy Boggs, Tim Dyer, Wanda Berner, Jan Wallace, Kevin Berta, Maxine Paluska, Chuck Boegel.

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm by President Wanda Berner

**New Member Introduction:** Jan Wallace, Kim Barker, Dawn & Bill Heintz, Heidi & Stu Sherlock, Amy Bowden

Tim Dyer motioned to approve the last minutes as published in the Bulletin, Jim Gingrich seconded. Motion carried

**Board of Directors Report:** Wanda reported that a Field Trial Committee meeting was held on July 1, 2004. The main purpose was to create a comprehensive Field Trial Checklist and outline the Field Trial Supernumerary responsibilities. Committee members Wanda Berner, Gina Ordonez, Linda Busch, Michel Berner & Greg Hedien spent the afternoon revising the checklist, and it is now available for download off of the VCOI website "Forms" page.

**President's Report:** Wanda accepted volunteers for the Nominating Committee for the 2005 elections. The committee is Linda Busch, Kim Barker, and Cathy Gallagher. Nominations are due by the November meeting.

**Secretary Report:** Vizslas have received press in the Chicago Sun Times (Kathy Engelsman with Ralph) and the Daily Herald (Cheryl Lykowski's Ziggy and Zayda).

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer not present

**Website/Bulletin:** The VCOI website has had over 20,000 hits since the end of January, the Forms page has everything needed to hold a field trial, and the site now has a "Shop" page.

**Awards Banquet:** No report from Cheryl Lykowski

**February Hunt Test:** Nowaks not present to give report

**Futurity:** Rodney Albin reported there are 18 litters nominated for the 2005 Futurity.

**March Field Trial:** Gina Ordonez and Mark Johnson are running the event.

**FTCI:** Mark Johnson reported the Awards Banquet is July 17<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. Rob Tomczak and Absolut were the Runner-Up for the Continental Dog of the Year award. Jim Busch made a motion for the VCOI to reimburse Mark Johnson for the FTCI ad, and to pay for all future ads in the FTCI annual banquet catalog. Tim Dyer seconded. Motion carried.

**Ottawa/WAFTC:** Wanda reported the work day is July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**VCOI Calendar:** Gina reported a colossal amount of quality entries this year. Winners announced elsewhere in this Bulletin.

**June Training Day:** Wanda reported the training day was a huge success. Next year will be hosted by the CWVC on the same date.

**June Hunt Test:** Cathy Gallagher reported an \$800 profit from the hunt test. The people attending the training day almost doubled the amount of entries.

**Specialty Show:** Results reported elsewhere in this Bulletin. Tina Church did a superb job on the trophies. Purina generously donated enough Chew-Eez and tennis balls for every entrant.

**Double Bubble:** Jeff Parise did an outstanding job planning the event. Thank you to Jim & Linda Busch for providing the venue. Greg Hedien & Rodney Albin judged the Lake Inferior Tyro Classic.

**Labor Day Hunt Test:** Nowak/Engelsman are running. Neither were present to give report

**September Field Trial:** Tomczak/Spurgeon running the event. Michel Berner reported the event was approved by AKC.

**December Field Trial:** M. Berner/ R. Albin running. Michel reported the event is approved by AKC. Judges are Larry Hause and Mike Kindler.

**Quote of the Month:** No correct guesses. Jim Busch states the quote is located in the main lobby of the Mayo Clinic by a Mr. Gonda.

**Legislative Alerts:** Remember to vote for hunting/sporting friendly legislators

**Misc./Other Business:** Laurie Wonnell reported the Show Me Vizsla Club is holding their first trial at the Hawkeye grounds on October 16-17, 2004. Judges are Randy Boggs, Mike Lundy, Gerry Dutemple and Kelly Donham.

VCA Elections: A discussion ensued about the upcoming VCA election ballot and which candidates support the sporting nature of the Vizsla. Tim Dyer announced that Northwest Obedience Club (NOCI) will hold a Rally Obedience Seminar at NOCI on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Fee is \$40 including lunch. NOCI will also hold a UKC obedience trial July 31-August 1, 2004

Tim Dyer motioned to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Jim Gingrich seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michel Berner, Secretary



## EDITOR'S DESK

1edit

1 a : to prepare (as literary material) for publication or public presentation b : to assemble by cutting and rearranging c : to alter, adapt, or refine especially to bring about conformity to a standard or to suit a particular purpose

2 : to direct the publication of <edits the daily newspaper>

I need everyone to help me out by contributing articles and event information on a timely basis. I also need the information period. In the past, I have written a majority of the event blurbs and articles. I really need you all to write your own press coverage for the events you're running. This includes both pre-/ post-event coverage with placements, etc. Asking me to extend deadlines and/or "just write up something quick" is not found in the definition of "edit."


The VCOI website has almost every form/program needed for Field Trials, including the premium packets. With very little work on the part of the event secretary, these generic forms can be customized to the specific event. I am willing to get together a similar system for Hunt Tests so each chair/secretary can get the blank forms from the website as needed, but I need someone to take the initiative to put the information into Microsoft Word or Excel and email it to me. Patti & Dennis Nowak would be more than happy to offer guidance to

anyone interested.

I have reserved the January 2005 Bulletin cover for VCA Nationals coverage. The VCOI has members with top Field, Show, and Agility dogs. I am counting on at least one of us to get a Nationals win or placement!

Joe and I are in the process of moving closer to my parents. My new contact information is:

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### 2004 VCOI EVENTS

September	
15	VCOI Meeting
18-19	VCOI Field Trial
October	
1	Bulletin Deadline
November	
17	VCOI Meeting
December	
1	Bulletin Deadline
4-5	VCOI Field Trial



## PREZ SEZ

The other night I was playing solitaire on the computer. Michel got me hooked on this version. It is simply solitaire. It doesn't keep track of wins or losses like some do, but I'm hooked. I asked myself "Why am I playing this stupid game? What keeps me motivated?" Then I hit on the genius of the creators. At the end of the game, if you win, there is applause. The idea gave me pause. I think that for the moment this is the meaning of life as we know it. Recognition. Applause. It is the driving force behind much of what we do. How many of you read this newsletter, not only for the articles, but to see if your name is mentioned? Be honest. It is nice to see your name in print. Nice to see an "atta boy" now and then. The VCA News is the same. Month after month they print all the standings of dogs around the country. Why? Because people like to see their name

mentioned. Recognition for a job well done, either by their dog or a dog they've bred.

So now I've told you the meaning of life...what does it all mean? When you are the chair of an event, thank the people that helped in person, but also in print. Write a small article about how you couldn't have done it without them (and you couldn't).

Send in your brags for your dogs. Your breeder will be thrilled. Take the cover when your dog finishes a championship. Inspire others with your success.

When you are at a dog show or a field trial try to remember to congratulate the winners.

Remember that a little applause goes a long way.

Wanda Berner

## WHY CAN'T A DOG BE MORE LIKE A DOG?

By Ian Dunbar Ph.D., BVetMed, MRCVS  
Submitted by Michel Berner

The wicked witch of Wycombe paused to howl at the full moon before ripping another mouthful of flesh from the freshly killed rabbit. Lycanthropy: The temporary transformation of witch into wolf? Or perhaps, a form of madness, wherein the patient imagines himself as a wolf and develops a growly voice and a depraved appetite for raw red meat. Unbelievable? A person becoming canine? Not necessarily. Many dog owners do the opposite and habitually imagine domestic dogs to be people, whereas many trainers imagine domestic dogs to be wolves. In fact, some trainers go the whole lycanthropic hog and imagine themselves as wolves inflicting wolfy-punishments to convince their doggy charges tow the line.

### Anthropomorphic Owners

Consider Moose The Magnificent (name changed to protect the innocent): The Mastiff puppy dog was just sooooo cute and cocked his head just like he was listening to every word that was said to him. The kids talked to him endlessly and told him numerous little stories about Mowgli in the jungle and green Italian ersatz turtles which thrived on pizza. Jane discussed more practical issues, such as household manners. She told Moose where she wanted him to eliminate, where she didn't want him to eliminate, what she wanted him to chew and what she didn't want him to chew. Even John would sit down and have lengthy discussions with Moose about soccer, tying flies, engine capacity, the finer aspects of aeronautical navigation and other male-bonding topics. John also informed Moose, he required absolute obedience at all times; he wanted Moose to always come when called, to sit instantaneously (with panache) and to remain obediently in down stays for the duration. Certainly, Moose listened to everything his owners said. Unfortunately, he barely understood a single word. Moose's owners were being anthropomorphic - attributing human characteristics to the dog. Family Moose viewed their pup as a person in a furry suit.

Now, before I am accused of being a killjoy, I hasten to add, not all anthropomorphism is bad. In fact, it is often fun to chat to a dog, asking it questions, sharing secrets, telling it about your day. I mean who else is going to listen to what you have to say? When ever I return from a trip, I always have quite lengthy conversations with my malamute Phoenix about the decline of the human condition and airline meals, about crushed baggage and imploding petrol tanks

on Alamo rentals. It's good to vent a few grievances and get things of your chest, but we also discuss other topics such as, the pros and cons of the pillory and pilliwinks for decimating delinquency in Medieval Europe and of course her favorite, should she get one welcome home cookie, or two? Well, no one else greets me at the front door in the early hours of the morning. But then I digress.

But... she does seem to hang on every single word and I feel certain, dogs also benefit greatly from the closeness and attention of human conversation and that they no doubt glean a lot of what is going on from context, body language and the tone of our voices. However, the dog will only precisely understand the meaning of words it has been taught, or learned by itself - words like 'walkies', 'dinner' and 'on the couch' and all the rest will be naught but Larsonian "Blah blah blah".

On occasions though, anthropomorphism backfires, causing both owner and dog to suffer unnecessarily. Even though people normally attribute good human qualities to their dogs, especially the powers of human understanding and reasoning, problems tend to occur when people assume dogs understand more than they do. Often, we expect more from dogs than they are able to give. We expect dogs to read our minds and understand household rules and regulations without us necessarily explaining them all that well. And we become annoyed when the poor dog breaks rules it did not even know existed. It is vital to explain rules in a manner the dog can understand. This means we must teach the dog the meaning of each word we use; we must teach it our language. This process is called training.

Unfortunately, human nature being what it is, when the dog-owner relationship starts to go awry, the owner's anthropomorphism tends to assume a nasty negative hue and now bad human characteristics are attributed to dogs, in fact particularly pernicious human characteristics. Dogs are frequently accused of being spiteful, vindictive and vicious. Rather than even considering our 'poor learner' might actually have a poor trainer who never effectively taught the dog what was expected, most owners insist the dog misbehaved on purpose. In fact, Jane thought Moose urinated in the house because he was jealous of her time spent with another dog, so Moose was confined to the kitchen, whereupon he exacted his revenge and chewed the kitchen chair legs So Moose was isolated to the great outdoors, where he vindictively dug up her flowers and barked out of spite.

Assuming dogs have an human appetite for spite and revenge is a convenient excuse for the dog's obvious lack of elementary education. A flagrant advertisement that the owner neglected to

teach the dog where to eliminate, what to chew, where to dig, when and for how long to bark, and when and upon whom to jump-up. It is conveniently simpler to blame the dog than train it. Personally I would never insult a dog by even suggesting it has fallen foul of these especially execrable and exclusively human foibles - spite, revenge and viciousness. Whoa! So, a lot of you disagree. But of course we disagree - this is a moot point: None of us will ever know for certain what a dog is thinking, what are its motives, or why it does what it does. What we do know however, is what the dog did. And if for example the dog soiled the house, let's just housetrain the dog and then the owner will no longer be annoyed, the dog will no longer be punished but instead, it can be happily reintegrated into household living and therefore, will no longer be chewing, digging and barking whilst in solitary confinement in the garden. (Or, if you prefer your interpretation, the dog will no longer have any reason to exact revenge.) And once owner and newly-housetrained dog are living in harmony, then, and only then, would it be profitable to engage in moot debate of the differential etiology of house-soiling. Even so, it is still unlikely we'll reach agreement. Luckily though, this is not important because few owners are interested in the etiology of problems which no longer exist.

### Lukomorphic Trainers

Moose was becoming a bit of a pain following his headlong collision with adolescence. He would no longer willingly go outside for hours of solitary confinement. John thought Moose was being stubborn and so off they went to training classes. Jane was happy to go along as well because she thought some manners would help control Moose and stop him from rambunctiously jumping-up and mouthing her whenever she would visit him in the yard. The trainer said Moose was a dominant aggressive dog, as evidenced by his urine marking in the house, his refusal to obey commands and his dominant paws-on posturing and mouthing. John and Jane were instructed how to reassume leadership via dominance-downs, stare-downs, scruff shakes, alpha-rollovers and hold-downs. Moose got fed up with the constant manhandling and physical abuse and eventually, both his tolerance and jaws snapped. And we can all write the rest of the story.

How on earth did this folly happen? Presumably, the lukomorphic reasoning assumes:

- ◆ Dogs are descended from wolves and should therefore be treated like wolves.
- ◆ Wolves are pack animals which have a linear dominance hierarchy

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with a pack leader (or alpha male) which calls all the shots, maintaining control via physical dominance - Ha! I'd like to see you explain that one to my butch malamute bitch.

- ◆ To learn its place, our best friend the domestic dog should similarly be physically dominated in a wolf-like manner, presumably because the 'naturalness' of wolfy-punishments makes it easier for the dog to comprehend.

When carried to this extreme, lukomorphic tendencies have bizarrely erupted into full-blown Lycanthropy - whereby trainers assume ersatz wolfiness to punish puppy dogs in wolf-like fashion by stares, scruff-shakes and alpha-rollovers - transformation of trainer into wolf. Or perhaps, a form of madness? Do these people eat raw rabbit? Before long trainers will be growling, jaw-wrestling, scruff-biting and urine-marking trees in a quest for the natural reprimand.

Oh No! No! Nononononono NO! NO!! NOOO!!! This is the Disney version. It is so simplistic it makes my twelve-year-old rescue dog laugh. Heavens! It makes chew toys chuckle. Now certainly... dogs are descended from wolves, but their behavior has numerous differences, especially in terms of interaction with people. Consequently, to extrapolate from a ludicrously simplified version of wolf-wolf interaction to dog-dog interaction is quite unfounded, but to further extrapolate from wolf-wolf interaction to dog-human

interaction is just plain silliness.

Like wolves, domestic dogs are social animals (and hence should not be socially isolated) and they have an hierarchical social system. However, the hierarchy is neither created by, nor necessarily maintained by physical domination, nor is it strictly linear. If anything, the hierarchy is created and enforced by psychological control, and the peace of the pack is maintained by active appeasement rituals of lower ranking individuals. In fact, the famous Cambridge and Berkeley zoologist, Dr. Thelma Rowell has suggested that the status quo of social groups is better termed a subordination hierarchy - a much more precise and descriptive term.

Yes, most groups of male dogs generally have a surprisingly stable linear hierarchy, but females tend to show significant day-to-day variation and male-female interactions can be extremely unpredictable, with rank-reversals being the norm rather than the exception. Indeed, bitches have virtually rewritten canine hierarchical law with the First Bitch Amendment which states, I have it and you don't. Moreover, individual members of a domestic dog pack have special friendships, alliances and bodyguards. And truly confident top dogs are more than willing to share and even allow underdogs and buddies prime access to bones and favored sleeping places. To say one alpha male rules the roost is an oversimplification to the point of ridicule. In fact, in most domestic canine social groups it is not a single male, but rather a group of females which decide what's what.

Like wolves, dogs do need a leader - but not a dictator who physical dominates, frightens and hurts. And certainly not a

human fool who tries to imitate wolves. To allow myself a soup can of anthropomorphic license, most dogs are probably howling with laughter at the pathetic wolf-impersonations by their owners. (Perhaps that's why dogs howl?) It would indeed be laughable, if the consequences were not so sad and serious. Yes, dogs must be taught to show compliance to all family members, but to suggest novice owners physically manhandle and frighten their dogs is both inane and inhumane. And how exactly are children meant to gain respect from the dog? By physically pushing and pulling it around? The very thought is as potentially dangerous as it is stupid. For goodness sake, let's wake up and smell the coffee! Or, wake up and smell the urine, if you're still bordering on virtual Lycanthropy

### Cynomorphic Commonsense

Dogs need a leader who will first teach and then, enforce the domestic rules. Perhaps 'educator' is a better term. Dogs are dogs; they are neither human nor lupine, so why don't we just treat them like dogs - to try to understand and respect their doggy ways at the same time as teaching them to understand and respect ours. Furthermore, we are human; we are neither lupine or canine, so why don't we act like the intelligent folk we are meant to be and teach dogs what is expected? If we want dogs to like people, let's socialize them. If we want dogs to have soft mouths, let's teach bite inhibition. If we don't want dogs to mouth or jump up, let's teach "Off" and "Sit". And if we want dogs to adhere to house rules, let's teach them.

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## WHEN IS A DOG CONSIDERED TO BE FAT?

Drs. Foster & Smith Educational Staff

Submitted by Michel Berner



Veterinarians often use a 9 point scoring system to evaluate the body condition of pets. A point value of 1 means the dog is extremely thin to the point of emaciation. A score of 9 means the pet is grossly overweight. And like Goldilocks and the three bears, a score of 5 is 'just right.' To deter-

mine body score, there are several specific areas of the dog we look at. Remember, these are guidelines. A Greyhound with a score of 5 is still going to be thinner than a Bulldog with the same score.

To perform the rating, we first feel the pet's ribs. We should be able to quite easily feel the ribs. There should be a slight amount of fat over them, but each rib should be distinct. If you can see the ribs, the pet is too thin. If you can not feel them at all, the pet is very overweight.

Second, check the area near the base of the tail. There should be a slight fat covering over this area and it should feel smooth. If the bones protrude, the pet is too thin; if you can not feel any bones

at all, the pet is very overweight.

Third, feel other bony prominences on the pet's body such as the spine, shoulders, and hips. Again, you should be able to feel a small amount of fat over these areas. If these bones are easily felt or visible, the dog is too thin. If you can not feel the bones beneath the layer of fat, the animal is obviously overweight.

Fourth, look at your pet from above. The animal should have a definite waist behind the ribs. If the waist is extreme, or again, bony prominences are visible, the animal is too thin. If there is no waist, or worse yet, the area between the ribs and hips is wider than the hips or ribs, the dog is grossly overweight.

Fifth, look at the pet from the side. Dogs and cats should have an abdominal tuck, i.e., the area behind the ribs should be smaller in diameter than the chest. This can vary a lot between breeds. Irish Setters and Greyhounds, for instance, appear to have a much more distinct abdominal tuck, since they are so deep-chested. An animal who is too thin will have a very severe abdominal tuck. Overweight animals will have no abdominal tuck.

If you feel your dog is overweight, consult your veterinarian to determine if there are any other medical problems before starting the animal on a weight reduction program. Your veterinarian can also suggest various diets, how fast your pet should lose weight, etc.

## CALENDAR CONTEST WINNERS

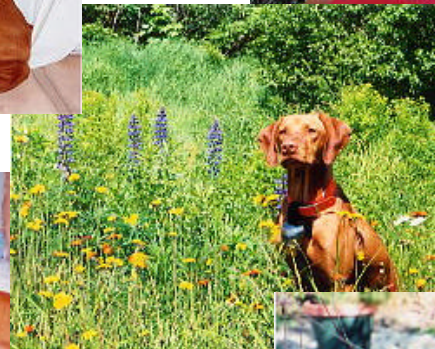
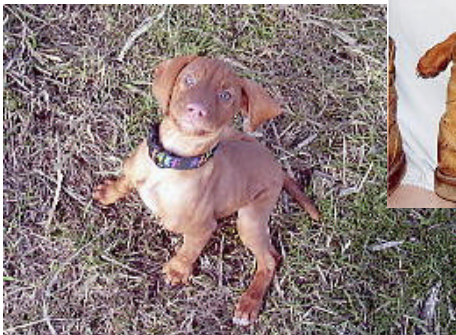
Submitted by Gina Ordonez

We had a successful photo contest at the double bubble. About 50 people voted for the best of the 60 pictures on display.

The pictures will be used in two calendars that will be for sale soon. The large calendar will have 13 full color photos of VCOI dogs at work and at play, and dates for up coming Vizsla events. The small calendar is a colorful pocket-sized calendar for your briefcase or wallet. Both make lovely gifts.

Use the upcoming year to compose next year's entry. Take pictures of your dog in the spring rain, with summer flowers, fall leaves, winter snow.

All pictures have to be submitted on 8x10 glossy photo paper. The winning photos had theme, contrast, and color.



## VCOI SPECIALTY AND SWEEPSTAKES

JULY 10, 2004

### SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mr. Kent Meyer

#### **6-9 Month Sweepstakes Puppy Dogs**

1. Red Oak Atticus Finch Brad Voehringer

#### **12-15 Month Sweepstakes Dogs**

1. Strider's Reddog Wanda Berner

#### **15-18 Month Sweepstakes Dogs**

1. CH Pirok-Paradigm Mr. Wings Mike & Meg Farmer

#### **9-12 Month Sweepstakes Puppy Bitches**

1. Kozette Of Tantamount Sky James & Patricia Davis
2. JNEK's Shooting The Breeze Christine, Kathy & Jeff Engelsman
3. Sienna Pointe's Jolie Lady Cathy Gallagher

#### **12-15 Month Sweepstakes Bitches**

1. Rebel Rouser Ramblin Rose JH Robert & Rae Ann Jones
2. Strider's Annika JH Wanda Berner

#### **15-18 Month Sweepstakes Bitches**

1. CH Renaissance Doncha Luv Rumors Sheila Stahr  
Hilldale Prnss Lxs Wendin Jan Svoboda & Robin & Wendy Kempfer

#### **BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES:**

Red Oak Atticus Finch ,  
Brad Voehringer  
(FC AFC Raany SH FD x Shiloh's Firecracker Jane)

#### **BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX IN SWEEPSTAKES:**

Kozette Of Tantamount Sky,  
James & Patricia Davis  
(CH New Dawn's Blue Sky CD JH & Brooke's Effervescent Chase)

### VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mr. Kent Meyer

#### **10-12 Years Veteran Dogs**

1. AFC CH Bouman's Against The Wind MH NA CD, Mark & Rebecca Smith
2. DC AFC Maximum Strider SH, Wanda Berner

#### **7-10 Years Veteran Bitches**

1. CH ReMark's Oakleaf Genesis JH NA NAJ, Mark & Rebecca Smith

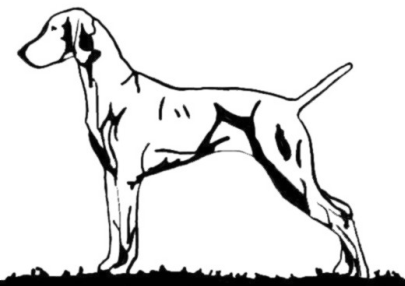
#### **BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPS:**

AFC CH Bouman's Against The Wind MH NA CD,

Mark & Rebecca Smith  
(DC AFC Oakleaf's Screamin' Demon & CH Boumans Oakleaf Rhiannon UDX SH)

#### **Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweeps:**

CH ReMark's Oakleaf Genesis JH NA NAJ,  
Mark & Rebecca Smith  
(DC AFC Semper Fi Montezuma & CH Oakleaf's Rebel Rouser Ruby JH)



### SPECIALTY SHOW

Judge: Mr. Terry Stacy

#### **Puppy Dogs**

1. Red Oak Atticus Finch, Brad Voehringer

#### **12-18 Month Dogs**

1. Strider's Reddog, Wanda Berner
2. Astounding Bounding Becker, Amy & Matthew Bowden

#### **Bred By Exhibitor Dogs**

1. Sienna Pointe's Kodiak Bear, Cathy Gallagher

#### **Open Dogs**

1. Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger JH, Mark & Pam Spurgeon

#### **WINNER'S DOG**

Sienna Pointe's Kodiak Bear, Cathy Gallagher  
(CH Sunnyside's Coffee At Dawn & CH Vizion's Kiva JH)

#### **RESERVE:**

Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger JH, Mark & Pam Spurgeon  
(FC AFC Raany & Madison III JH)

#### **Puppy Bitches**

1. Kozette Of Tantamount Sky, James & Patricia Davis
2. Triple S Living The Life, Sheri Hamilton
3. Sienna Pointe's Jolie Lady, Cathy Gallagher
4. Kick Em Up Midwest Dreamrose, Rhonda Grimm & Steve & Tracy Zobel

#### **12-18 Month Bitches**

1. Rebel Rouser Ramblin Rose JH, Bob & Rae Ann Jones
2. Hilldale Prnss Lxs Wendin, Jan Svoboda & Robin & Wendy Kempfer
3. Strider's Annika JH, Wanda Berner

#### **Open Bitches**

1. BK's Up My Allie, Gail Kubovchik & Sherry Klein
2. Priden Joy Lady Byrd NA NAJ, Joy Sonsalla & Bill Quandt
3. Rusticu Relentless Addie-Tude, Jill & Tom Demski & Penny Honetor
4. Red Oak Totem From Snow Ridge, Jan Wallace

#### **WINNER'S BITCH:**

BK's Up My Allie, Gail Kubovchik & Sherry Klein  
(CH Boshar's Kedves Vadasz CD JH OA OAJ & Kal-Kam's Ramblin Lucy CD)

#### **RESERVE:**

Priden Joy Lady Byrd NA NAJ, Joy Sonsalla & Bill Quandt  
(CH JNEK'S King Ralph & CH Priden Joy Lady Maresa OA AXJ)

#### **Veteran's Class Dogs**

1. DC AFC Maximum Strider SH, Wanda Berner

#### **Field Trial Class Dogs**

1. CH Snow Ridge Struttin Lil Man JH, Skip & Laurie Wonnell
2. Crimson's Twenty Gauge Ruger JH, Mark & Pam Spurgeon

#### **Field Trial Class Bitches**

1. Red Oak Totem From Snow Ridge, Jan Wallace

#### **BEST OF BREED:**

CH Elgin's Cariad Anastazia,  
Mike & Meg Farmer & Ed Foster  
(CH Koppertone's Cariad Baratom CDX & Elgin's Sarah Rhiannon) went on to a Group 2

#### **BEST OF WINNERS:**

Sienna Pointe's Kodiak Bear,  
Cathy Gallagher  
(CH Sunnyside's Coffee At Dawn & CH Vizion's Kiva JH)

#### **BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX:**

CH Hilldale's Faith In The Future,  
Dale & Wesley Hayes  
(CH JNEK's King Ralph JH & CH Hilldale Classic Ivy Jaymar)

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#### **HIGHEST SCORING VIZSLA IN TRIAL:**

Polar Kaps Perfect Vizion 186.5  
Sue Barnes & Kathy Harmer  
(CH Polar Kaps Four On The Floor & CH Vizions Scarlet OHara)

Submitted by Michel Berner



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**BRAGGING RIGHTS**

**UACHX CH Mehagian's Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah, CD, CGC, SH, OA, OAJ, AXP, OAJ, VC** took first place and finished her Agility Excellent Preferred title at Forest City Dog Training Club. Zippy is trained and owned by Cheryl Peterson.

**Ch. Nordic's Hot Dignity Dawg, JH, NA, NJP, UAG-1, UAG-11** earned his Novice Jumper with Weaves Preferred title with a first place finish. He is bred, owned and trained by Cheryl Peterson.

**Strider's Mace JH** got his second major out of the way at the Waukesha Kennel Club show. **Strider's Amber Weiss** earned two more points at Burlington, and **Strider's Reddog** got his first point at Burlington. Submitted by Wanda Berner

**Tru Love of Life** earned his CGC award! All of the credit goes to Dan who has worked with him since he came home with us. Look for Dan and Tru in the obedience ring in the future! submitted by Jodi Hartman

**UAGI Am/Can CH Sunnyside Rainey Day Blues JH NAJ** On April 25th at the DIGS agility trial in Homer Glen, IL (our first NADAC agility trial), Rainey picked up 2 Qs in the regular classes. On May 15th at the K9OTC agility trials, Rainey qualified for her 3rd NAJ leg for her title with a 2nd place. Submitted by Polly Poulos

**Red Oak Atticus Finch** ("Finn") is off to a good start in the show ring. His first weekend out, he went Best of Winners in DeKalb(out of the 69 puppy class). He followed that up the next weekend winning Best Puppy in Sweepstakes at the VCOI

Specialty in Belvidere. Finn is owned by Brad Voehringer and was bred by the Busch's. His sire is FC AFC Raany SH and his dam is Shiloh's Firecracker Jane JH. Submitted by Brad Voehringer

**UACHX CH. Mehagian's Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah, CD, SH, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, CGC VC** At the Cream Cities Agility trial July 17-18, Zippy earned two legs towards her Agility Excellent Preferred title. In addition, she took a 2nd place and 3rd place finish in her endeavor. Zippy is owned and trained by Cheryl Peterson

**UAGII Ch. Nordic's Hot Dignity Dawg, JH, NA, CGC** At the Cream Cities Agility Trials July 17-18, Dillon earned two legs each on his Novice Standard Preferred title and his Novice Jumpers Preferred title. His qualification legs came with 3 first place finishes and a third place finish. Dillon is owned, trained and bred by Cheryl Peterson

High In Trial  
**Polar Kaps Perfect Vizion** "Parker" won the Highest Scoring Vizsla at Kishwaukee Kennel Club July 10, 2004. Submitted by Kathy Harmer & Sue Barnes

**Ziggy and Zayda Lykowski** were featured in the Daily Herald (Chicago area) Neighbor section on July 9th. Cheryl had posed the dogs for her own photo during the Barrington parade, and the photographer asked if he could take a picture as well.

Raany puppies **Chevee, Ruger, Spirit** and **Ginger** are the VCA Top Ten Derby Dogs, and Absolute is the FTCI Runner-Up Continental Dog. Submitted by Jim Busch

**Stormy** finished her JH and Rose got a Puppy Group 2. Submitted by Rhonda Grimm

**Berry's Diamond LK Cleopatra SH** "Cleo" won the Open Gun Dog and 4th in the Amateur Gun Dog Saturday 5/22 at the Ft Detroit GWP Club trial at Highland, MI. Cleo also won the Open Gun Dog and 2d in the Amateur Gun Dog at the Vizsla Club of Michigan trial Sunday 5/23 at Highland, Michigan. Submitted by Greg Hedien

**CH. Nordic's Hot Dignity Dawg, JH, NA, CGC, UAG-1, UAG-2** "Dillon" earned his Novice Agility title at the Scott County Kennel Club Agility trial on May 9. Dillon scored a "100" and 1st Place. He earned his title with three 1st Place finishes. Submitted by Cheryl Peterson

**UACHX CH MEHAGIAN'S ZIP-A-DEE-DOO-DAH, SH, CD, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, VC, CGC** Zippy took second place in her class in Open Standard preferred at Northwest Obedience Club's agility trial over the weekend. Submitted by Cheryl Peterson.

**CH NORDIC'S HOT DIGITY DAWG, JH, CGC,UAG-1, UAG-2** Dillon earned his first leg in Novice Standard winning first place in his class on Saturday, May 1. On May 2, Dillon again won his class in Novice Standard agility and earned his second leg. Submitted by Cheryl Peterson.

**BISS CH Prairie Heartson** had 6 puppies on May 20, 4 boys, 2 girls. Sire was CH Valleyhunter Limited Edition, SH. It was a very nice litter, 4 have gone to show homes and hopefully all will give their new owners much joy and love. Submitted by Jan Cox

## STAKE SPONSORS NEEDED

Submitted by Michel Berner

Once again, the VCOI will ask for "stake sponsors" to help offset the costs of trophies, ribbons, and judges for the Walking Field Trial on December 45, 2004 at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds in Eagle, Wisconsin. Unlike the field trials held at Des Plaines, Ottawa only affords one course and December offers fewer daylight hours. Both of these situations factor into the December trial rarely breaking even on expenses.

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Submitted by Michel Berner

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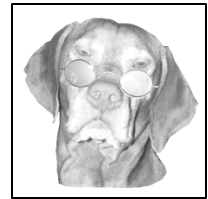
Submitted by Marley (with Michel Berner's help)

Marley's tip for the month is "Scrubbing Bubbles" for crate cleaning. The bathroom cleaner Scrubbing Bubbles is great for removing the oily build-up (around here we refer to it as "dog grunge") on the plastic/metal crates. It really does "work hard so you don't have to."

Spray a heavy coating of Scrubbing Bubbles on the crate, inside and out. Wait about 5 minutes, and rinse with a garden hose (use the "jet" setting on your sprayer.) The "grunge" just falls off, and you are left with a brand-new looking crate.



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH



"Without pre-trial preparation, dogs hauled from one region of the country to another to compete won't even 'look good' much less win a placement."

## NEW RULES!

If you can correctly identify who said the quote above, you may win a FREE TEN BIRD HUNT at Busch Farm.

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The winner will be drawn from the correct entries at the membership meeting. **Remember: You can't win if you don't try!**

WINNER OF THE JULY QUOTE: There were no correct guesses. Jim saw the quote, by Mr. Gonda, in the lobby at Mayo Clinic. (Nobody said he was going to make it easy!)



## In the Kitchen With Travis



## Dog-iolite (Electrolyte Replacement)

- 1 teaspoon baking soda
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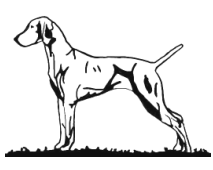
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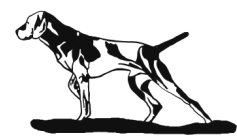
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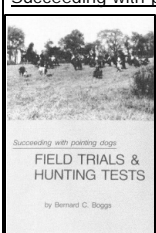


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