



BULLETIN

A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

Wanda Sue Berner

The Vizsla world mourns the loss of one of its finest, Wanda Berner.

As all of you know, Wanda was diagnosed with metastasized carcinoid cancer in the liver. last July. She fought the battle hard and outlived the expectations of her doctors.

Wanda was involved in the Vizsla world since the late 60's. Her dogs were both family pets and hunting companions. She and her husband Tom raised Michel and TJ along with their Vizslas.

In the mid 90's, Wanda bred her bitch Thedora Ruby Gem Strider CGC JH to FC AFC Buster Keeton MH. From this breeding Wanda kept a puppy who is known as DC AFC Maximum Strider SH, her first competition dog and her foundation stud.

As a novice handler at the urging of Jim Busch, Wanda tried her hand at field trialing. It combined her love of the outdoors, hunting, horses and of course her Vizslas. Wanda caught the bug and soon found herself the proud owner of a horse, a horse trailer, a motor home and eventually moved to a house with acreage to accommodate the dogs and of the toys.

Wanda bred Max's sister, Strider's Get A Job SH to FC AFC LIFO RILEY and out of that breeding Wanda kept a little bitch and named her Gennie. Her full name; FC AFC Strider's TNG JH. Wanda competed Gennie at the national level. TNG stands for The Next Generation - Wanda was a Star Trek fan and this name was quite appropriate.

Wanda was a tough ball of fire. She excelled in many different areas with her dogs. She did all of her own training and handling for both the field and the show ring



herself, until a couple of years ago. Wanda competed very successfully in a male dominated sport.

Some of us remember Wanda as the woman driving the tiny motor home. As she was speeding by the gas stations, we were stopping to fill up. She would drive all over the country, most times by herself to run her dogs.

Wanda met her future husband Tom in the third grade. Tom and Wanda have been inseparable ever since. Tom is the self proclaimed President of the Field Trial Wives Club. Wanda was a woman who competed in a mostly male sport who had to strap on a holster, talk the part and smell like a horse to play the game well. Tom handled the wifely duties like packing the cooler and remembering the herring. He fixed her toys and kept the home fires burning while she traveled from coast to coast to run her dogs. It was death do us part for both of them.

Wanda served on the board of the VCOI, was past President, she served on the board of the VCA and was a member of the Central Wisconsin Vizsla Club and the Dog Federation of Wisconsin.

In her life away from the red dogs, Wanda enjoyed many things. She was into astrology and went on a cruise by herself to South America to view the solar eclipse. She has a huge telescope that she often used. Wanda loved to garden. This past year Tom built her a pond with a waterfall where she could sit and relax.

Wanda Berner will be missed by many - she touched many lives and will not be forgotten.

A celebration of Wanda's life was held after the fall Hunt Test hosted by the Central Wisconsin Vizsla Club.



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Deadline for submission to the Bulletin is on the first of each even numbered month. Deadlines are non-negotiable!

Cover stories are limited to one per family membership in a 12 month period. Color covers are available for \$350 to cover additional printing costs.

All brags, articles, and submissions must be submitted in writing either through the minutes or directly to the Editor.

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Bulletin Covers

November 2005
~ Cathy Gallagher

January 2006
~Open

March 2006
~Open

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Membership Meeting

July 16, 2005 — Busch Farm

President Cathy Gallagher called the meeting to order at 19:55.

Double Bubble Report: Renaissance Lord of The Dance won the Specialty Show. Results listed elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Jodi Cieslak motioned to approve the minutes as published in the last Bulletin, Gina Ordonez seconded.

Board of Directors Report: The Breeder Referral Committee is revamping the requirements for inclusion on the list. Also articles and list will be available through the website once the committee has presented the final drafts to the Directors.

Website: Michel Berner reports that the host server is upgrading their system, causing some strange things to happen to the website which require frequent republishing of the entire site.

Bulletin: Jodi Cieslak has volunteered to

take over as Bulletin Editor effective immediately.

Treasurer's Report: We have a positive balance. A detailed report is available from Treasurer Gina Ordonez. A motion was made by Jim Busch that the VCOI purchase a pair of break action shotguns for gunners to use at VCOI events. Patti Nowak seconded. Cathy Gallagher stated that the Board will take the motion under advisement.

September Hunt Test: Jeff Engelsman reported that the event is approved on the east grounds at Des Plaines.

September Field Trial: Greg Wegler stated there was significant progress made, but needs one judge.

December Field Trial: Michel Berner reported that she is looking for a pair of judges.

Calendar Committee: The calendar will use the top 20 winners in the photo contest.

Awards Banquet: January 21st, 2006 at

Marlo's in Palatine on Quentin and Euclid.

Nominating Committee: Linda Busch is chairing the committee, if there are suggestions or volunteers for Board or Officer positions, let Linda know.

New Business: Dennis Nowak reported that there is an outdoor sport show at Silver Spring in Yorkville. The VCOI has been invited to give a total of four 45 minute demonstrations with the dogs on Saturday and Sunday, the 24-25 of September. Get with Dennis if you are interested.

Mel Lloyd reported he and Becka have earned her VCD title, which is awarded to dogs with titles in Agility, Obedience, and Tracking.

Lisa Starbuck motioned to adjourn, Patti Nowak seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michel Berner, Secretary

WEGLER'S VIZSLAS

is proud to announce the breeding of:

Rebel Rouser Kemberly "Kember" (OFA-Good VZ8048G24F-PI)

to

Viesoo's Little Red Oscar "Oscar" (OFA-Good VZ-9263G47M-PI)



Kember

- 10 Points toward Field Champion Title only needs 1 retrieving point

- 7 Points toward Amateur Field

Champion Title

- Winner of 2003 Midwest Vizsla Field Futurity
- Multiple Derby & Puppy Wins



Oscar

- Winner VCOI 2003 Open Derby

- Multiple Derby Wins

- 3 National Champion Grandparents with the 4th being Rebel Rouser ET

FC Viesoo's Little Red Truck (OFA-G)

Viesoo's Little Red Oscar (OFA-G)

BK's Tinkerbelle (OFA-E)

Your New Puppy

Rebel Rouser Smokey (OFA-G)

Rebel Rouser Kemberly (OFA-G)

Rebel Rouser Lionest (OFA-G)

Looking for a top notch field trial prospect? Look no further here is a breeding that has the best of the Rebel Rouser line. The sire has 3 national champions as grandparents with the 4th being Rebel Rouser ET a Hall of Fame dog who have sired multiple national champions themselves. We feel this breeding will pass on these outstanding traits to these pups. The dam Kember was the winner of the 2003 Midwest Vizsla Field Futurity. She has lots of style on point with a 12 o'clock tail, backs naturally, outstanding range, great application, fantastic nose will point from 20 feet away. Preference will be given to field trial homes.

From the Editor's Desk...

This issue has been dedicated to Wanda Berner—She was a special lady who touched the lives of everyone she met. She will be greatly missed!

I want to thank those of you that helped contribute information to the cover this month; Michel, Gina, Linda, Cathy, Sharon (I hope I did not forget anyone) THANKS!

I would like to thank Michel for giving to the VCOI, almost four years of great newsletters. We should all take our hats off to her. Thanks Michel!

The deadline for the newsletter will continue to be the 1st of every month. This newsletter is for you, the members of the VCOI, I am open to all submissions and suggestions. There are many ways to reach me, the best is by email jodicieslak@hotmail.com or a call to my home 773.529.6491. My cell number is 773.818.6070 but lately has been missing!

Just a heads up, all of my contact info will be changing. Dan and I have decided to sell our condo in the city and we are building a house in Geneva Illinois. The big move will happen sometime in October. This will be a huge change for all of us. Dan and I have been in the city for several years and it is taking a lot for us to leave. We will miss it!

On the up side, the vizslas will be thrilled to have their own yard to run around in and we will be building agility world in our unfinished basement. What more could two red dogs want? Maybe a quail pen in the yard? We do have some limitations. ;)

We have a new season of Hunt Tests and Field Trials starting. I hope to see you out there running your dogs and supporting your club. Good Luck and may the best red dog win!

♦ jodi & baby ethan (along with our crazy Vizslas: Tru the skinny boy and Desi the Diva!)

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The VCOI and all of its members express our love and support of Wanda and her wonderful family! Our Club has donated \$1000 to the Wanda Berner Cancer Fund and will also compliment this monetary donation with the proceeds of the Fall Field Trial in September. Wanda was a superb leader of our organization, a dear friend, and a model and mentor for all of us in the way that she loved, trained, bred and cared for her Vizsla dogs. We will miss her, and, too, are very glad that she is not suffering. Personally, her sweet smile and laugh will be something that I can see in my mind's eye at all events in the future.

Thank you, Michel and family for sharing her with us for these years.

♦ Cathy Gallagher

If you would like to donate to the fund, please send your contributions directly to:

Wanda Berner Cancer Fund
Waukesha State Bank
Attn: New Accounts
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Waukesha, Wisconsin 53187

2005 / 2006 VCOI EVENTS

September

5 Hunt Test
17-18 Field Trial
21 Membership Meeting
24-25 Yorkville Sport Show (see
Dennis Nowak)

October

1 Bulletin Deadline

November

16 Membership Meeting

December

1 Bulletin Deadline
3-4 Field Trial

January

21 Awards Banquet/Membership Meeting

February

1 Bulletin Deadline
18-19 Hunt Test

March

3 MVFF
4-5 Field Trial
15 Membership Meeting

2005 VCOI Specialty Results

Judge: Mrs. Jean Fournier

Puppy Dogs:

1. Derby's Tag You're It
2. JNEK's Life of Riley
3. Remek's Red Storm Rising
4. Cruiser's AllStar Red Dirt Road

12-18 Dogs

1. Ramblin Piper Rawley Walz
2. Triple S Boshar Wizard of Chase
3. Justus James Ayres
4. Bowcot Dasa Curious Kick

BBE Dogs

Sizzlelilles Buckshot

Open Dogs

1. JNEK's King of Swing
2. Strider's Reddog
3. Crimson's Twenty Guage Ruger JH
4. FC Rimfire's Double Jeopardy

Winner's Dog: JNEK's King of Swing

Reserve: Ramblin Piper Rawley Walz

Puppy Bitches

1. Remek's Daughter of the Moon
2. ReMark's RU Gonna Go My Way
3. Tru Wild Desire
4. Rebel Rouser Shur Shot

12-18 Bitches

1. JNEK-Kitome I Jes Own Ya Now
2. Priden Joy Lady Majestic Gem
3. Priden Joy Lady Foxworth
4. -NA-

BBE Bitches

Derby's Destination Moon

Open Bitches

1. Strider's Amber Weiss
2. Prairie's Azure Blue
3. Strider's Annika JH
4. Rebel Rouser Ramblin Rose JH

Winners Bitch: Derby's Destination Moon

Reserve: Strider's Amber Weiss

Veteran Bitch

1. CH Vizion's Dawn At Sunnyside
2. CH JNEK's Little Miss Swing Kat JH

FT Dogs

CH JNEK's Commander In Chief JH

BEST OF BREED: CH Renaissance Lord Of Th'Dance

BEST OPPOSITE SEX: CH Vizion's Dawn At Sunnyside

BEST OF WINNERS: Derby's Destination Moon

2005 VCOI Sweepstakes Results

Judge: Stanley Matsumoto

6-9 Mos Sweeps Puppy Dogs:

1. Sienna Pointe's Copperfields

9-12 Mos Sweeps Puppy Dogs

1. Derby's Tag You're It
2. JNEK's Life of Riley
3. Cruiser's AllStar Red Dirt Road

12-15 Mos Sweepstakes Dogs

1. JNEK's King of Swing

15-18 Mos Sweepstakes Dogs

1. Ramblin Piper Rawley Walz

9-12 Mos Sweeps Puppy Bitches

1. ReMark's RU Gonna Go My Way
2. Derby's Destination Moon
3. Remek's Daughter of the Moon
4. Tru Wild Desire

12-15 Mos Sweepstakes Bitches

1. JNEK-Kitome I Jes Own Ya Now
2. Priden Joy Lady Foxworth
3. CMF AC Northern Leitz
4. -Priden Joy Lady Majestic Gem

BEST OF SWEEPS PUPPY: Ramblin Piper Rawley Walz

BEST OF OPPOSITE SWEEPS PUPPY: ReMark's RU Gonna Go My Way

7-10 Yrs Vetern Sweepstakes Dogs

1. CH Merlot's Butler Blue

10-12 Yrs Vetern Sweepstakes Dogs

1. CH Polar Kaps Lyons King

7-10 Yrs Vetern Sweepstakes Bitches

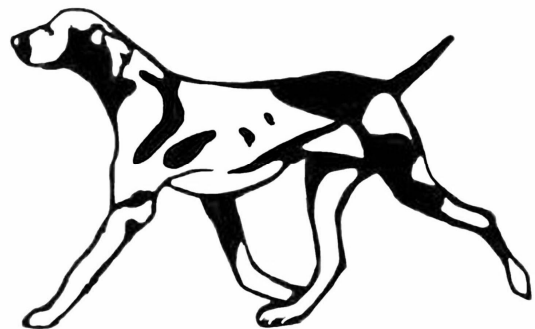
1. CH Vizion's Dawn At Sunnyside
2. CH JNEK's Little Miss Swing Kat JH

10-12 Yrs Vetern Sweepstakes Bitches

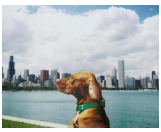
1. CH Hell's Angel of Jazzberry CDK JH
2. Quantum's Che Bella Luna
3. CH Shawnric's Devil in Disguise JH

BEST OF SWEEPS Veteran: CH Vizion's Dawn At Sunnyside

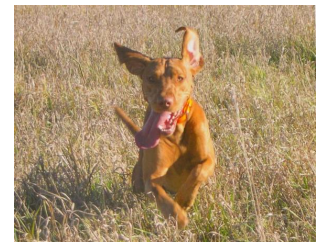
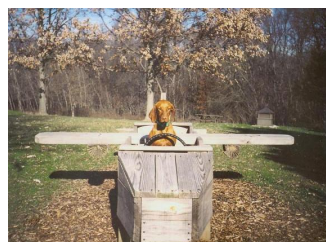
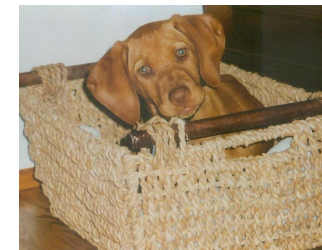
BEST OF OPPOSITE SWEEPS Veteran: CH Merlot's Butler Blue



"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion." -- unknown



vcOI calendar contest winners!



Congratulations!

Hunt Test Training Day 2005

Our June training day and Hunt Test for 2005 was a huge success. We had a lot of new faces present, as well as new and old members. Our trainers were Rodney Albin, Dennis Nowak and Mark Spurgeon. They were assisted by Tom Greckowicz, Dan Cieslak and Brad and Cindy LaPoudre. Our captain-of-the-guns was Mike Dalby and our main food donation was from Rick Mitchell. Up on the hill we had Jodi Cieslak and Cathy Gallagher as our co-secretaries who were also handling food sales and other odds and ends. I would personally like to thank everyone who helped throughout the day. I apologize if I left anyone out.

On Saturday for the training demo we had approximately 40 spectators. We started

with a 7 week old puppy and moved through junior and senior levels and then finished off with two broke dogs for master. After the demo was completed, we had a short question and answer session, then it was back to the field for more training.

This weekend was a great opportunity to see how others train, to have your dog evaluated and to learn a trick or two.

I want to congratulate those who completed titles, or gained a leg towards one. I hope to see you all next year and hopefully you can bring a friend!

- Mark Spurgeon



How To Make Puppy Pie

Take one puppy, roll and play until lightly pampered, then add the following ingredients.....

- 1 cup patience....
- 1 cup understanding....
- 1 pinch correction....
- 1 cup hard work....
- 2 cups praise and 1 1/2 cups fun...



Blend well.

Heat with warmth of your heart until raised or until puppy has doubled in size.

Mix with owner until consistency is such that owner and puppy are one.

Enjoy!



HERE'S YOUR NEW PUP!

FC AFC LIFO RILEY (OFA#VZ-4622G25M)

FC AFC RAANY SH FD(CAN) (OFA#VZ-5674G24M)

MY-T-HI NORTH STAR (OFA#VZ-4743G75F)

CH ZIGFRID'S GOT'EM SEEING RED TD JH (OFA#VZ-7816G37M-PT)

FC AFC BUSTER KEETON MH (OFA#VZ-3233G24M)

FALEEN JH (OFA#VZ-6171G24F)

ASKIMS' HIGH SPIRITED ABBY (OFA#VZ-5319G104F)



YOUR PUPPY

FC AFC GRAND SLAM SAM (OFA#VZ-4742G24M)

BERNIE GOLDEN REBEL

REBEL GOLDEN TY

LADYBIRD (OFA#VZ-9065E26F)

SNOOPY II (OFA#VZ-5937E27M-T)

ANNABELLE LEE (OFA#VZ-7656E26F)

PEGGY LEE (OFA#VZ-5700F30F-T)



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Wanda Remembered...

It's easy to say nice things about someone after they've passed, but here, I'm just sharing an experience that I had with Wanda so that others might know how she treated people. It's always nice to remember and share when we've lost someone.

At 2002 nationals, John Reid asked me if I would handle two dogs for him in the NAFC. When I got over my shock (I had *never before* handled a broke dog), I told him of course I would, if he was willing. Then I found out one of the dogs wasn't even his! It was Gennie, which of course, belonged to Wanda Berner. It was one thing for John to ask me, but for John to ask me on behalf of Wanda, well...I felt pretty pressured to do a spectacular job of handling to live up to Gennie, as well as Wanda's expectations.

I made it to the second series with her...a testament to how well she'd handle for anyone. Then, in the second series, I made an inexperienced handler bobble after a suspicious bird work call by the judge. I folded under pressure, and my mistake cost Gennie her chance at winning the NAFC. Of course I felt terrible, and obligated to discuss the situation with

Wanda. I thought for sure she would be (rightfully) disappointed and upset that I had screwed up.

I called her anyway, and boy, did she prove my fears unfounded!! Wanda not only thanked me for handling Gennie, but soothed my guilt by saying that Gennie would have probably screwed up after having her point stolen anyway. She and I spoke several times of the incident, and each time she was complimentary and grateful for my assistance, saying she wouldn't have had it any other way. If I could only get another chance...

I know that Gennie is capable of a national field title and it would be my ultimate gift to Wanda if I could handle Gennie in California this year (especially if I don't screw up on my second chance!!). So, what do you say Michel??? We will ALL miss your mom and her contributions to the vizsla world, field trials and VCOI.

- Sharon Simpson August 2005



Storm Wind Vizslas

Anxiously awaits the birth of Cayenne and Bismark's litter due September 7, 2005



CH Strider's Cayenne Here She Is
"Cayenne"
AKC# SR09913601
OFA Good VZ-9300G24F-PI



14x BIS Multiple BISS CH Russet
Leather Warrior's Mark JH "Bismark"
AKC# SN29554603
OFA Good VZ-5676G26M-T

Your Puppy

CH RotKopf Russet Leather Rival (OFA)
CH Russet Leather Peace Pipe (OFA-Good)
CH Russet Leather Indian Giver HOF (OFA)
CH Russet Leather Warrior's Mark JH (OFA-Good)
CH Russet Leather Rawhide JH (OFA)
CH Russet Leather Yana (OFA-Excellent)
CH Caveat Russet Leather Creel (OFA)
CH Russet Leather Son of Sutiao ROM(OFA)
CH Merlot's Butler Blue (OFA-Good)
CH Toshea's Go For The Gold (OFA)
CH Strider's Cayenne Here She Is (OFA-Good)
DC AFC Maximum Strider SH (OFA)
CH Strider's Seven of Nine JH (OFA-Excellent)
Melto-N-Futaki's Ramblin Red Zoe JH (OFA)

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"BREED THE BEST TO THE BEST AND EXPECT THE BEST"

VCOI President's Message

Sitting quietly at my desk, late at night, with one of my precious Vizslas, "Kalei", at my feet and her eight beautiful two-week-old puppies sleeping in the whelping box, I thank God for my discovery of the Vizsla Breed just about eight years ago! Not only do I have my wonderful family of now seven adult Vizslas, I have gained some of the best friends in my life through the becoming of a Vizsla owner and breeder. I have also felt a great deal of support and encouragement to try things that I never thought I would get involved in doing! Showing, agility, hunting, to name a few, and, of course, taking on the role of President of this Club! It was just a bit more than a year ago that Wanda Berner and Linda Busch approached me to consider a nomination for the position. Wanda was very honest and straight-forward, saying that a positive outlook, patience, listening, negotiating and good communication skills would be the most critical things for me to possess! I knew that I could not come close to filling her shoes. When it came to experience and knowledge about the various performance events and the Breed, I would be on a very steep learning curve! Wanda agreed to be a mentor and a coach, along with Michel and the other Board members. Wanda's leadership, support, gentle manner, and thoughtful presence continue to keep us all focused on the important things in life – family, friends, and, of course, our DOGS! She continues to be a voice in our heads and our hearts, helping us work together to keep these priorities in mind at all times.

Membership and participation in the VCOI has also encouraged me to really take advantage of a variety of training opportunities and to learn the versatility of the breed! I can honestly say that I learn more about our dogs and their talents every day through the Club, members, and dogs! As a Club, we offer a variety of events and great learning opportunities for our members and their dogs! A great example of this variety is available each year at the Double Bubble where members volunteer to share their learnings in a diversity of activities out at the Busch Farm! This year was no exception!!! Thank you to all involved, and especially Kathy Harmer for her leadership in the Specialty Show, Teresa Curtis for her leadership in the Double Bubble, and the Busch's for their hospitality! It was an awesome weekend!

We continue to gain many new members and new leaders! The nominating committee will be forming shortly for the 2006 Slate of Officers, and there are also several important positions to fill in committees and in chairing events. If you are interested in helping the Club by taking on a leadership role or assisting as an event apprentice or co-chair to learn the job, please send me an e-mail at siennapointe@dls.net, indicating your interests and experience. This is a great way to learn and also to meet members and their Vizslas!

Our next membership meeting is Wednesday, September 21st at Marlowe's Restaurant in Palatine, Illinois, at Quentin and Euclid Roads. This is also where we will be holding our Winter Awards Banquet this January. I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely, Cathy Gallagher

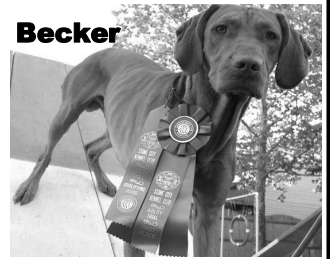
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VCOI BRAGS ON THE DOGS WE LOVE!



Astounding Bounding Becker CGC, owned by Amy & Matt Bowden, earned the following agility titles in June and July: He earned his NGC (NADAC Gambler's) title on July 23 at the In Zone trial in Manhattan Illinois. He earned his NJP (AKC Jumpers) title on July 10th at the Stone City trial in New Lenox, Illinois. He earned both his NJC (NADAC Jumpers) and his NAC (NADAC Standard) titles on June 5 at the DIGS trial in Joliet, Illinois. Submitted by Amy Bowden.



One of the last of Raany's boys Fallout, made JH in four attempts at nine months of age. Thanks to the Busch's and Point Pollack for the birds. Owned by Bill & Diane Kolf from Cleveland, WI.

Our feisty little Diva Desi, earned her CGC certificate at our Double Bubble. Desi is loved by Jodi, Dan and Ethan Cieslak.

Justus James Ayres earned his CGC title at the Double Bubble, 7/17/05. He is owned by Steven & Danyelle Ayres.

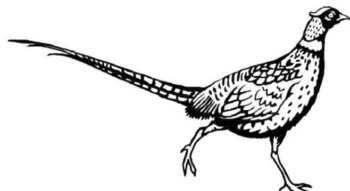
Storm Wind Vizslas presents our new Show Champion!! - CH STRIDER'S CAYENNE HERE SHE IS "Cayenne" finished her Show Championship with style by going Winners Bitch and BOS over bitch Specials in California on June 26, 2005. YEAH CAYENNE.....SIRE: BISS CH Merlot's Butler Blue DAM: CH Strider's Seven Of Nine, JH. Submitted by Kirsten Davis

Travels With Becka: A little over a year ago our Rockford Dog Club began a new area of training- Agility. We entered a beginner class and found it a nice change from some other training we have done. Plenty of challenges, activity, and happy dogs, who can run, bark and generally have a pretty good time. Because "Becka" is an exceptional dog (aren't all Vizslas?) our efforts went well. We entered seven events, qualifying in six, with five placements. In the process she has earned three AKC titles. Becka is now: CH JNEK'S Teachers Pet VCD1,JH,TDX,UD A VCD is "Versatile Companion Dog" which means the dog is titled in Obedience, Tracking, and Agility. There are 4 levels, 1-4, as the titles increase in difficulty. We are working on becoming a VCD2 and will earn it, but try to enjoy the journey. When accepting compliments for Becka. I always mention that everything starts with knowledgeable and caring breeders like Kathy and Jeff Engelsman, JNEK Vizslas. My continuing thanks to both of you. My dog is not my whole life, but it makes my life whole! Written By Mel Lloyd, Submitted by Jeff Engelsman

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Kathy Engelsman
630.858.9043
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The social event of the season is coming up!

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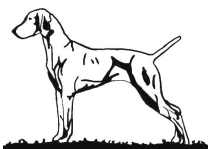
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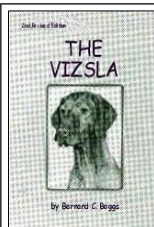
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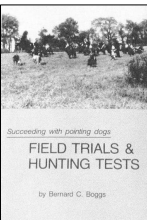


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