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Crimson Sky Vizslas



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Izzy has exceeded our expectations in every way. She has always had a high work ethic. Izzy has a great nose, fantastic style, and wants to please. As a young dog she ran a few trials in Puppy and Derby but I was more interested in a new hunting dog than another trial dog. I decided to make her my hunting companion or “meat dog”. Our Holly was getting older and I needed another dog just to hunt with, but Izzy had other plans. I entered her in the Midwest Vizsla Futurity as a fill dog. She was a young dog at 15 months and didn't have that wild, independent and loose style, but looked great on her birds. She didn't place or really even get a serious look from the judges, but handled 5 birds broke and backed her brace mate. I decided then and there I would run her in a few trials. She has become the most honest dog I own. At just over 3 Years old Izzy has placed in 2 National Field Trials and earned her AFC easily. Currently she is a couple points short of her Field Championship. Hopefully we can earn her FC this fall. Izzy is the mother of our newest male Gauge. We expect great things from her and her puppies.

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President's Message

We have a big month in September for the club. We start off with a hunt test; the following week is the membership meeting at Ritzy's in Rolling Meadows {See back page}. Then we have the fall field trial on the 21st and the 22nd. Then we finish up with National fishing and hunting days in Yorkville. There is an article on that in this issue also.

We all share a common thread in our love of Vizsla's. Is that the only thing in that we share? We are all members of the VCOI and that is common amongst us. I'm the type of person who if no one volunteers then I just do it. With a group as large as ours it still seems that we have people step up when they are needed. We do everything on a volunteer basis. We don't give a box of candy out to a member and say please sell this for us. What I am getting at is stepping up. The VCOI is turning 50 soon and we will be having bigger and better things to offer. However to get the bigger and better picture for the club we need the help of our members. So if you could offer a helping hand please do so. Coming from one that is involved in everything I know that I would appreciate your help tremendously.

Dutch Oven Caramel Apple Pie

Pie Ingredients:

Submitted by: Shelly Kliefoth *will make a wonderful trial desert!!

18 Rhodes AnyTime! Cinnamon Rolls, thawed but still cold (find in the freezer section)

2 Granny Smith apples, peeled and diced

1/2 Cup brown sugar

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/ cup graham cracker crumbs

1/4 cup chopped pecans (optional)

Caramel Icing Ingredients:

2 packets cream cheese frosting (included with rolls)

1/3 cup caramel ice cream topping (I like Mrs. Richardson's butterscotch caramel)

Instructions: Cut each roll into 4 pieces and arrange in the bottom of a 14-inch Dutch oven lined with aluminum foil or sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. In a bowl combine apples, brown sugar, cinnamon, cracker crumbs and pecans. Sprinkle evenly over cut rolls. Cover with lid and bake at 350 25-30 minutes.

For icing combine cream cheese frosting with caramel topping. Drizzle over pie while still warm.

Dutch Oven Temperature Control using Briquettes: 350 in a 14-inch Dutch oven, oven top 18, oven bottom 10



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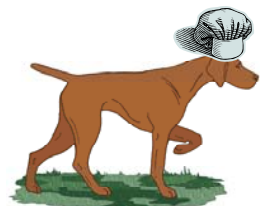
Ingredients: **Turkey** (can use whole turkey or just the breast—easier if you get boneless),

Stuffing (I use Brownberry Sage & Onion), **Chicken Broth** (quantity depends on how big the turkey is)


Put the turkey in a crock pot, cover with stuffing (about 1/2 bag per turkey), fill with broth. Cook for 3-8 hours (depending on temperature). When turkey is cooked shred and mix well with stuffing.

Serve on buns.

Submitted by: Shelly Kliefoth *This is a really easy recipe that is always a big hit!!



Mark Your Calendars!



VCOI September Meeting ~ September 7, 2013
Ritzzy's Restaurant; Rolling Meadows, IL
Please RSVP with Dennis Nowak

VCOI Fall Field Trial ~ September 21-22, 2013
Des Plaines Fishing & Wildlife Area Wilmington, IL
Secretary: Kim Barker valpo1281@aol.com

National Hunting & Fishing Days ~ September 28-29, 2013
Silver Springs State Park in Yorkville, IL
Contact Dennis Nowak if you'd like to come out and help in a very relaxed atmosphere 815-690-3282 or dnowak1@comcast.net

VCOI Fall Field Trial ~ November 1-3, 2013
Ottawa Field Trial Grounds, Eagle, WI
Chair: Bill Stapleton (wcstapleton@sbcglobal.net)
Secretary: Missie Stapleton (mstapleton85@yahoo.com)

2014 Awards Banquet and Holiday Dinner ~ January 11 2014
Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL
Contact: Karen Lambeth 630-260-1794 For more information

National Gun Dog Championship ~ March 23, 2014
Jim Edgar Panther Creek recreation area
Chair: Bill Stapleton (wcstapleton@sbcglobal.net)

Mock Hunt Test

On August the 4th 2013 we had a mock hunt test with the GSPCI at Desplaines. We ran a total of 25 dogs consisting of 4 masters, 10 seniors and 11 juniors. The weather was great for August. Both clubs had a great time and will be having a mock test again in the future. Thanks to Tina, Steve and Nick Scruggs. I would also like to thank Ray jr who gunned with Nick. These 2 kids are growing up and have become very good gunners. Last but not least thanks to Patti Nowak for helping. Submitted by Dennis Nowak

2013 National Hunting & fishing Days

The VCOI will be conducting pointing dog Demonstrations at the National Hunting and Fishing Days. This will take place at Silver Springs State Park in Yorkville, Illinois, September 28th and 29th 2013. We will be sharing the demos with the GSPCI. We will be having 2-3 demos each day. They will consist of puppies all the way up to broke gun dogs. The event is well attended with over 50,000 over the two days. Last year we had a gallery of 100-150 people. This is a great place to socialize your dog. The pheasants are free. The event is also free (admission and parking). There are all kinds of events for kids to do. Here is the website (www.huntingandfishingdays.com). The event is rain or shine. The hours are 9am to 5pm both days. If you would like to come out and help on either day and put your dog on free birds please contact Dennis at 815-690-3282.

Breaking News, Ottawa Field Trial Grounds just doubled it's size!!!

Great news for performance events, the Ottawa grounds in Eagle, WI just doubled it's capacity by fencing the west side of the grounds on highway 67. The fence is scheduled to be installed around August 15th. It will run all the way from the Kennel to County highway C/CI and then West along C/CI all the way into the woods on the west end. This project has been in the works with the WDNR for many years and the Ottawa association stepped up to spend a whopping \$13,000 to give dog enthusiasts another venue to run their dogs. This is a class 1 grounds so horses and training are allowed year round. The VCOI was the 1st club to step up making a sizable donation!

The FT committee for the November trial has decided to utilize the west grounds for 3 juvenile stakes, awp, awd, and op. This will make the trial a full 8 stake trial over 3 days. The goal is to have 2 gun dog courses within the next 5 years. Bathrooms are already in the works through the DNR and a building, water, and electric should be in place with in the foreseeable future and funds are generated. The grounds will be ready to accommodate double hunt tests and open up a full schedule of dates for HT on the west grounds starting in 2014.

Private donations are still needed to complete the expansion, hopes are to get the building project moving as fast as possible so if you can donate \$5 or \$500 PLEASE help us expand this wonderful venue.

Checks payable to: Ottawa Field Trial Association
Mail to: Bill Stapleton 4234 S Pennsylvania Ave St Francis, WI 53235

Obedience Fun Match

So you finished that "intermediate level" obedience class? Want to see if you can have the skills for a AKC Beginner Novice obedience title?

On Saturday, November 16, 2013 NOCI will host TWO AKC Sanctioned "OB" Matches for Novice and Beginner Novice only in Cary, IL.

Classes offered will be NOVICE A, NOVICE B, BEGINNER NOVICE A and BEGINNER NOVICE B.

The first Match will begin at 9am and 2nd Match at 12 noon.

These Matches will be run like a Trial and Ribbons will be awarded for all placements

The flyer/premium list will be at <http://northwestobediencelub.org/>

If you are interested and want to practice before November 16th, contact Kim Barker at valpo1281@aol.com

P.S. Dillon (Miakoda's Marshall Dillon BN RN) and Jane (Remek's Daughter of the Moon RN JH) my Vizslas will be going and we look forward to seeing vizslas at the match! :>)

Submitted by: Kim Barker

Meet the

Meet the Chadwells

Nancy and Chad have owned Vizslas for over six years and joined the VCOI in 2008. They decided on the Vizsla as the perfect breed for them when Nancy noticed these beautiful dogs in NY City where she works. Chad liked that they were highly intelligent & athletic bird dogs, which reminded him of the dogs he and his father used to hunt with back in NE Missouri where he grew up. After Chad transferred from the DC office of the USDA to an Farm Service Agency position in Springfield, Illinois, they felt settled enough get a puppy, even though Nancy's job kept her in New York. One quick internet search later, and they discovered Busch Vizslas had a litter on the ground. Now that Chad is retired, he has more time to train his four Vizslas at home. Chad also handles them at field trials & hunt tests, where Nancy meets up with them as often as possible during the field trial season. When he can, Chad likes to squeeze in some time for recreational hunting, or training on wild birds. When they are not having fun with dogs, they also enjoy traveling. Chad & Nancy have recently been to China, Mexico, and skiing in Utah with Chad's kids and grand kids. But for them, the best part of going away is coming back home to four wet noses and wagging tails.

Chad & Nancy



Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2013 at the Boone County Fairgrounds during our Specialty Show

Meeting called to order at 1:28PM with approximately 60 in attendance.

Dennis Nowak opened the meeting with thanks to Kathy Engelsman and crew for putting on another classy Specialty Show.

Treasurers report: Linda Busch reported that the club had approximately 18,630.00 balance in accounts.

Secretaries Report: Michelle Princer had nothing to report.

Gas Cards were awarded to Cristine Quaid and Shelly Kliefoth

August 4 is a mock hunt test shared with the GSP club information is on their website. Junior, Senior and Masters are all welcome to attend. Cost is 20.00.

Labor Day Hunt Test held on the East Grounds at Des Plaines. Kathy Engelsman reported that there will be a junior handled entree fee is only 10.00.

September 7th will be the next membership meeting with the location to be determined. Iris Pecoda will be in attendance at this meeting. Iris was at the original meeting in 1962.

September Field Trial: Held at Des Plaines on September 20-21. Kim Barker will secretary and Mark Sullivan will chair.

Hunting and Fishing Days will be held in Yorkville, Illinois. Great place to socialize your dog. Please look for further details on their website.

November 1,2 and 3 Field Trial at Ottawa. Bill Stapleton chair and Missy Stapleton secretary

Old Business:

50th Anniversary Event to be put together by Linda Busch, Shelly Kliefoth and Michelle Princer

Quartermaster: Rob Struthers and Michelle Princer to determine where all the stuff that belongs to the club is and to draw up an inventory to use as club assets.

New Business:

Double Bubble change date. Rick Fornier commented that the red dog greenbacks were and awesome addition.

Braggs:

Rumour with Sue Barnes CGC and in advanced obedience at 9 months.

Rogue and Mead earned JH for owners Eric and Shelly Kliefoth

Gabriel at 14 month earned his show championship for owner/handler Samantha Dumm

May at 9 months earned a CGC and JH for owner Rick Fornier and family.

Adjourn at 2:00 PM

Minutes submitted by Michelle Princer

Members...

Meet the Bargers



The Barger family consists of Victor, Colomba, Julia and Michael. We reside in Lake in the Hills, in the first house we bought since we married in 1998. Our son Michael is 6 years old and loves to play with cars and Wii games. Our daughter Julia will soon be 8, loves princesses, doing art and shopping for shoes & clothes. She already has a larger shoe collection than Mom! Julia and Michael have recently started to help Victor train our dogs, which dad gets a kick out of. Victor is an Engineer at United Technologies Aerospace Systems (Sundstrand) in Rockford. He enjoys hunting and field trialing with our Vizslas. I am a stay-at-home soccer mom who enjoys sewing (when I get the chance to), baking, planting pretty flowers and attending events like the Double Bubble

which has been great fun for our whole family. During the spring/fall seasons, we are busy with soccer practices and games. During the summer, we do our swim lessons and tons of family parties.

A year after we got married, Victor and I decided to get a dog. I knew Victor loved hunting, but I really wanted a family pet, so after some research we found that a Vizsla would be a good fit for us. I had never heard of a Vizsla until Victor took me to a field trial at Des Plaines Conservation Area to check them out. So, in 2000 we bought our first Vizsla, Flash, from Wanda Berner, which is the same time we joined the V.C.O.I. Flash was only supposed to be a family pet and hunting dog, but Wanda showed us how much fun the off season activities, such as field trialing and hunt tests could be. We now have our 3rd Vizsla and have made many good friends through the V.C.O.I. over the years.

Welcome New Members!!

Brian and Danielle Riegler
Bryan and Jamie Connelly
Ryan and Julene Walker
Doug and Cheryl Roth
Craig and Jennifer Donze
Margaret Dabkowska
Gino and Karen Lambeth
Aaron Szczensny

Mick and Beth Swanson
Pat Carney
Paul Stecker
Amanda and Justin Sedivy
Christine Mui
Todd Brady
Samantha Dumm



~VCOI Specialty Results~

Friday Supported Show

Judge: Mr. Charles Olvis

Entries 39

Winners Dog- 4 pt major

Szikra's Hy Steaks

Reserve

JNEK's The Man Without Fear

Winners Bitch- 3 pt major

Buddydog JP GJ Kiss'MN Bodaciously

Reserve

JNEK So What's Your Point JH NA

Best of Breed

CH Hilldale's Protector of Prosperity

Best of Winners- 4pt major

Szikra's Hy Steaks

Best of Opposite

CH Jakra's FlirtN With Fifty Shades

Select Dog

CH Szikra's Comfort Food

Select Bitch

CH JNEK's Burning Wine

** Saturday Specialty Results**

-Sweepstakes/Puppy-Judge Ms Sandy Hoesel

Entries 31

Best in Sweepstakes

CH Hilldale's Protector of Prosperity

Best of Opposite

JNEK's Fortysixtoten

-Sweepstakes/ Veteran

Best Veteran

CH Sienna Pointes See Ya Polarkap

Best of Opposite

GCH JNEK's Little Deuce Coupe THD

Regular Classes- Judge Mr. Larry Berg

Entries 60

Winners Dog- 4pt major

JNEK's Johnny Ringo

Reserve

Cruiser's All the Right Moves

Winners Bitch- 5pt major

JNEK's So What's Your Point JH NA

Reserve

Panacea's Simply Moonstruck

Best of Breed/Sporting Group 2-Judge Mr. Larry Berg

GCH Just Spike JH

Best of Winners-5pt major-New Champ

JNEK's So What's Your Point JH NA

Best of Opposite

CH Sienna Pointes See Ya Polarkap

Select Dog

CH Pleasure's After The Gold Rush JH

Select Bitch

GCH Holiday-N-SunMeadow's Carry-On Caylee

Awards of Merits

CH Szikra's Comfort Food

GCH JNEK's Landslide JH

Best Puppy

JNEK's Johnny Ringo

Best Bred By

Thistledown Zedidiah The Red Wizard

** Sunday Specialty Results**

Entries 25

Sweepstakes/Puppy-Judge Mrs. Julia Bonar

Best in Sweepstakes

Cruiser's All the Right Moves

Best in Opposite

JNEK's As You Wish

Sweepstakes/Veteran

Best Veteran

CH Sienna Pointes See Ya Polarkap

Best of Opposite

GCH JNEK's Little Deuce Coupe THD

Regular Classes- Judge Mr. Kenneth Murray

Entries 54

Winners Dog- 4pt major

JNEK's Johnny's Ringo*(*Littermates 6-9 class*)

Reserve

Cruiser's The Right Moves

Winners Bitch- 4pt major

JNEK's As You Wish*(*Littermates 6-9 class*)

Reserve

Panacea's Simply Moonstruck

Best of Breed

GCH Just Spike JH

Best of Winners- 4pt major

JNEK's Johnny's Ringo

Best of Opposite

CH Jakra's FlirtN With Fifty Shades

Select Dog

CH Pleasure's After The Gold Rush JH

Select Bitch

GCH Holiday-N-SunMeadow's Carry-On-Caylee JH

Awards of Merits

CH JNEK Son of a Preacher Man

GCH JNEK's Landslide JH

Best Puppy

JNEK's Johnny Ringo

Best Bred By

Jakra's Shakin'My Laffee Taffee



Thank You to All who support this event with your entries, sponsorships, donations, hard work! We can't do this without all of your help. Please take time to Thank the sponsor of your trophy.

Our Raffle brought in \$1,108 *THANK YOU*

Special Thanks to:

Jill and Gregg Helm & Daughters- Christine Mui-Susan Gervais-Samantha Dumm and Rick Forner

Luncheon on Saturday

sponsored by-Vizsla Club of Illinois

Luncheon on Sunday

sponsored by-Don and Clara Jurivich

Thank You for Making this event a huge success!

We appreciate everyone traveling out to this event and hope to see you all next year!

Kathy Engelsman

Brag's

From Linda Busch: "Just Spike" owned by Linda won Best of Breed both days of the VCOI Specialty shows in July, so he is now 4xBISS Bronze Gand Ch. Just Spike, JH. On Saturday, July 13th he also earned a Sporting Group 2 placement.

50th Anniversary VCOI 2014 Calendars will be available soon!

We will post the order forms on the website as soon as they are in from the printer.
Contact Shelley Gabriel at 815-436-8299 or shebbtkay@hotmail.com for more information.

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CANINE ALLERGY

What is an allergy?

An allergy is a state of over-reactivity or hypersensitivity of the immune system to a particular substance called an allergen. Most allergens are proteins. The allergen protein may be of insect, plant or animal origin. Initial exposure of the dog, or more likely multiple exposures, to the allergen may over-sensitize the immune system, such that a subsequent exposure to the same or related allergen causes an over-reaction. This means that the immune response, which normally protects the dog against infection and disease, can actually be harmful to the body.

The immune reactions involved in allergies are quite complex. Most reactions involve an antibody in the blood called Immunoglobulin E (IgE). In an allergic reaction the allergen protein molecules combine with IgE antibody molecules and attach to a type of cell called mast cells, found in many tissues throughout the body. When these cells are attached to the allergen, they break up and release potent chemicals such as histamines that cause local inflammation (redness, swelling and itching). This inflammation causes the various signs associated with an allergic reaction.

What are the symptoms of allergies in dogs?

The most common symptom associated with allergies is itching of the skin, either localized (in one area) or generalized (all over the body). Another group of symptoms involves the respiratory system with coughing, sneezing, and/or wheezing. Sometimes, there may be runny discharge from eyes or nose. The third manifestation involves the digestive system resulting in vomiting and diarrhea.

How common are allergies in dogs?

Unfortunately, allergies are quite common in dogs of all breeds and backgrounds. Most allergies appear after the pet is six months of age with the majority of affected dogs over age two.

Are allergies inherited?

Some allergies are inherited. The inherited trait is known as Atopy (see What is Inhalant Allergy or Atopy below).

What are the common allergy-causing substances (allergens)?

A very large number of substances can act as allergens. Most are proteins of insect, plant or animal origin, but small chemical molecules known as haptens can also cause allergy. Examples of common allergens are pollens, mold spores, dust mites, shed skin cells (similar to "pet allergies" in humans), insect proteins such as flea saliva, and some medications.

What are the different types of allergy?

There are several ways of classifying allergies. Some examples of classifications include:

- Precipitating allergen - Flea Allergy

Route the allergen takes into the body - Inhalant Allergy, Skin Contact Allergy or Food Allergy

Time it takes for the immune reaction - Immediate-type Hypersensitivity, also called Anaphylaxis or Shock and Delayed-type Hypersensitivity

- Type of immune reaction - Types I through IV Hypersensitivity

- Clinical Signs - Allergic Dermatitis or Allergic Bronchitis

- Inherited forms - Atopy or Seasonal Allergies

What is Contact Allergy?

Contact allergy is the least common type of allergy in dogs. It results from direct contact to allergens contained in flea collars, chemicals in the lawn or the grasses themselves and bedding, such as pyrethrins or wool. If the dog is allergic to these substances, there will be skin irritation and itching at the points of contact, usually the feet and stomach. Removal of the allergen (once it can be identified) often solves the problem.

What is Flea or Insect Bite Allergy and how is it treated?

Flea allergy is the exaggerated inflammatory response to a flea bite or other biting insect. Flea saliva is the most common allergen. It is a common allergy of dogs, although only a minority of dogs becomes allergic. Most dogs experience minor irritation from flea bites. The flea or insect bite allergic dog will react to a single bite with severe local itching. It will bite and scratch itself and may remove large amounts of hair, especially in the tail-base region. Secondary bacterial infection may occur in the broken skin. The area most commonly involved is over the rump in the tail-base region and the hind limbs.

Because one flea can be a problem for the allergic dog, strict flea control is essential. This is difficult considering the life-cycle of fleas, but with modern medications and home treatment options, you should be able to provide a flea-bite free environment for your dog. Your veterinarian can give you tips on protecting your dog from fleas. When strict flea control is not possible or in cases of severe itching, anti-histamines or corticosteroids (steroids) can be used, under careful veterinary guidance, to block the allergic reaction and give relief. If secondary bacterial infection is present, appropriate antibiotics will be prescribed.

What is Inhalant Allergy (Atopy) and how is it treated?

Although allergic rhinitis and bronchitis might be regarded as the result of inhaled allergens, the term "Inhalant Allergy" in the dog is used as a synonym for Atopy. The main causative inhaled allergens are tree pollens (cedar, ash, oak, etc.), grass pollens, weed pollens (ragweed, goldenrods, etc.), molds, mildew, and house dust mites. Many of these allergies occur seasonally, such as ragweed, cedar, and grass pollens. However, others such as molds, mildew, and house dust mites are year-round. When humans inhale these allergens, the allergy manifests mainly with respiratory signs - runny eyes, runny nose, and sneezing ("hay fever"). But in dogs the result is itchy skin (pruritis). Due to these clinical signs, the condition is also called "Inhalant Allergic Dermatitis". The dog may rub its face, lick its feet and scratch the axillae (underarms).

Most dogs that have inhalant allergy start showing signs between one and three years of age. Affected dogs will often react to several allergens. If the offending allergens can be identified by intradermal skin tests or IgE allergy tests, the dog should be protected from exposure to them as much as possible. But this is difficult and recurrent bouts are likely. These allergies can be treated but a permanent cure is not usually possible.

Treatment depends largely on the length of the dog's allergy season. It involves three approaches:

Anti-inflammatory. Treatment with anti-inflammatory drugs such as corticosteroids, or antihistamines, will quickly block the allergic reaction in most cases. Fatty acid supplementation of the diet can improve the response to steroids and antihistamines in some cases. Newer drugs such as oral cyclosporine may hold promise for severely atopic dogs.

Shampoo therapy. Frequent bathing with a hypoallergenic shampoo can be soothing and helpful. The bathing may also rinse out allergens in the coat that could be absorbed through the skin. Some therapeutic shampoos contain anti-inflammatory ingredients that may further benefit your pet.

Hyposensitization therapy. The third major form of allergy treatment is hyposensitization with specific antigen injections or "allergy shots". Once the specific sources of allergy are identified by allergy testing, very small amounts of the antigen are injected weekly. This repeated dosing has the objective of reprogramming or desensitizing the immune system. Results are sometimes good but success is variable. Approximately fifty-percent of treated dogs will see significant improvement in their clinical signs while approximately twenty-five percent more will see a decrease in the amount or frequency of corticosteroid usage.

What is Food Allergy and how is it treated?

Food allergy can develop to almost any protein or carbohydrate component of food. It most commonly develops in response to the protein of the food of a particular food origin; beef, pork, chicken, or turkey are commonly associated with food allergies. Food allergy can develop at almost any age. Food allergy may produce any of the clinical signs previously discussed including itching, digestive disorders, and respiratory distress. Food allergy may occur with other allergies, such as atopy. Food allergy does not respond well to corticosteroids or other medical treatments. Treatment requires identifying the offending component(s) of the diet and eliminating them. Testing for specific food allergies involves IgE allergy testing and/or a hypoallergenic diet trial. Because it takes at least eight weeks for all other food products to be removed from the body, the dog must eat the special diet exclusively for eight to twelve weeks. If a positive response and improvement of your pet's clinical signs occurs, your veterinarian will advise you on how to proceed. It must be emphasized that if the diet is not fed exclusively, it will not be a valid test. All table food, treats or vitamins must be discontinued during the testing period. There may be problems with certain types of chewable tablets such as heartworm preventative. Your veterinarian will discuss this with you.

Caution:

The manifestations of allergies can be confused with other disorders, or occur concurrently with them. Therefore, do not attempt to diagnose your dog without professional assistance. Be prepared for your pet to receive a full diagnostic evaluation by your veterinarian. If an allergy is diagnosed and identified, the whole family must follow your veterinarian's advice very closely if success in controlling the problem is to be achieved.

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