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MEHAGIAN/KRC's Phoenix Fridge

o/h Mark Johnson

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FALL FIELD TRIAL REPORT

The VCOI's Fall Trial was held Sept. 17-18, 1988 at the DesPlaines Wildlife Area. With an entry of 57 dogs, we were able to have a smooth-running trial AND show a profit! Although warm on Saturday, the weather cooperated on Sunday, by cooling things off, which helped the dogs (and handlers, too!).

It was good to see some new field-trialers come out with their puppies - keep up the good work guys and get them ready for Derby next spring! Many thanks go to our judges: Terry Trzinski, Debby Fridlund, Jim Busch, Roy Greffin and Bill Elliott, who did a super job. The efforts of everyone who pitched in and helped out when we ran low on gunners and bird planters were very much appreciated. Chairman for the Fall Trial was Tony Lucas and Trial Secretary was Randy Boggs.

PLACEMENTS

OPEN GUN DOG - 7 starters

1. AFC/Ch. Berry's Mason Dixon Lover, h/Gary Jagoda
2. With-held
3. Ch. Greffin's Ha'Penny, h/Roy Greffin
4. Corky's Corner, h/Bill Elliott

OPEN PUPPY - 5 starters

1. Pete's Judge, h/Jerry Dutable
 2. Rebel Rouser Diamond Rerun, h/Paula Abbott
 3. Berry's GWTW, h/Gary Jagoda
 4. Bailey's Irish Scream, h/Duke Ficek
- H.M. Buck's Creek Magda, h/Mike Maloney

AMATEUR LIMITED GUN DOG - 13 starters

1. Mehagian/KRC's Phoenix Fridge, h/Mark Johnson
2. FC/AFC Rebel Rouser Fantom, h/Tom Hagen
3. Ch. Askim's Diamond Reo, h/Paula Abbott
4. Askim, h/Jim Busch

AMATEUR GUN DOG - 10 starters

1. Brook's Budman, h/Tony Lucas
2. Askim, h/Jim Busch
3. Redwings Rowdy Roy, h/Roy Greffin
4. My-T-Hi Yankee Girl, h/Mike Murphy

OPEN DERBY - 7 starters

1. Pete's Judge, h/Jerry Duple
2. Vyger, h/Joel Lundin
3. Keystone's Ishah, JH, h/Debby Fridlund
4. Amber Askim for a Chance, h/Tony Ordonez

OPEN LIMITED GUN DOG - 13 starters

1. FC/AFC Rebel Rouser Fantom, h/Tom Hagen
2. DC/AFC Popple Dungeon What a Dickens, h/Debby Fridlund
3. Ch. Greffin's Ha'Penny, h/Roy Greffin
4. With-held



Brook's Budman
1st - Amateur Gun Dog



Date Change!!

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Our next meeting will be **MONDAY, NOV. 14, 1988** at 8pm at the home of Cheryl & Geno Woehrle, 23W727 Maple, Roselle, Ill. Call 312-529-0978 for directions. See you there!

Placements!

VIZSLA CLUB OF MICHIGAN

AMATEUR LIMITED GUN DOG - 13 starters

3. Redwings King Conan, h/Roy Greffin

OPEN PUPPY - 4 starters

1. Reckless Curly Busz, h/Jim Busch
3. Otter Creek Rolling Thunder, h/Jim Busch
4. Bailey's Irish Scream, h/Jim Busch

OPEN LIMITED GUN DOG - 13 starters

1. Paradox Brimstone Bill, h/Randy Boggs
2. Ch. Greffin's Ha'Penny, h/Roy Greffin
3. Redwing's King Conan, h/Roy Greffin
4. Askim, h/Jim Busch

OPEN DERBY - 5 starters

1. Corky, h/Dave Lee
2. Vypor, h/Joel Lundin
3. Keystone's Ishah, JH, h/Debby Fridlund

OPEN GUN DOG - 13 starters

3. Ch. Greffin's Ha' Penny, h/Roy Greffin

VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA

OPEN PUPPY

2. Pete's Judge, h/Jerry Dutemple
3. Reckless Curly Busz, h/Jim Busch

OPEN DERBY

3. Vypor, h/Joel Lundin
4. Pete's Judge, h/Jerry Dutemple
- H.M. Reckless Curly Busz, h/Jim Busch

MIAMI VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB

AMATEUR GUN DOG - 11 starters

3. Paradox Brimstone Bill, h/Randy Boggs
4. Ch. Greffin's Ha'Penny, h/Roy Greffin

OPEN PUPPY - 5 starters

1. Behi Red Chief, h/Randy Boggs

OPEN DERBY - 3 starters

1. Reckless Curly Busz, h/Roy Greffin

MEETING MINUTES

The September 21, 1988 VCOI meeting was called to order at 8:40pm by President Randy Boggs. Linda Busch motioned, seconded by Lois Greffin, to accept the minutes from the last meeting as printed in The Bulletin. Motion was carried with one dissenting vote. Iris Pechota gave the Treasurer's Report. Final figures from the Fall Trial are in and we have a favorable bank balance. Roy Greffin motioned, seconded by Bill Elliott to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Randy related information from the AKC about agility testing, and a notice from the Vizsla Club of America that we need a Junior Member for the Hall of Fame Committee from the midwest.

Bill Elliott confirmed that our Sanctioned Hunting Test in August went well. Kathy Harmer commented the Specialty Show went well and the Fun Match was a nice addition to the weekend. The paperwork for next year's Specialty is already in the works. Our breed judge will probably be Jane Forsyth (pending AKC approval).

Jim Busch gave his report on the Fun Trial. We had 85 entries and obtained several new members, and we made money on the weekend. Jim would like to see more Club Officers and Board of Director members turn out for this event. He thanked Roy and Lois, Tony and Gina, Joel Lundin and others who helped to set up and get ready on Thursday.

Roy Greffin gave a report on the Hunting Test seminar presented by the AKC which he recently attended.

Randy Boggs reported on the Fall Field Trial. We had 55 entries which is low, but with careful planning and four judges from our club, we were able to cut expenses and showed a profit. Tony Lucas won the Amateur Gun Dog with Budman, and Mark and Rhonda Johnson's Mehagian/KRC's Phoenix Fridge won the Amateur Limited Stake.

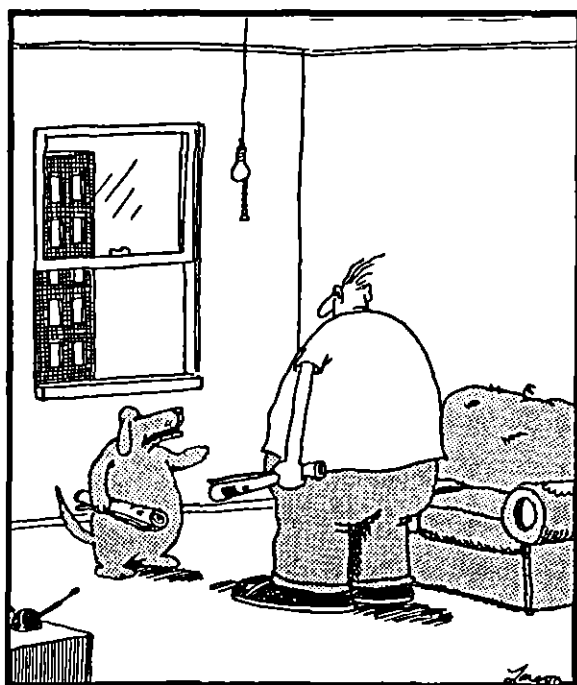
New Business. Linda Busch motioned that we donate \$25 to the National Specialty trophy fund. Roy Greffin seconded. Motion carried with 1 nay.

Are we having a holiday party? Linda Busch volunteered to serve as chairperson. Date will probably be in January.

Kathy Harmer announced she has been asked to serve on the committee to clarify the language in our Breed Standard. She requested input from anyone who has an interest in this project.

Roy motioned that we hold another Hunting Test within the next six months. Tony Dewar seconded, motion carried. Randy Boggs motioned that we have a Hunting Test instead of our Spring Fun Trial if another date is not available. Seconded by Gwen Tomlinson and carried by voice vote. (Ed. note: Date for the Hunting Test is Saturday, Feb. 25, 1989 at DesPlaines. Fun Trial will be on Sunday 2/26/89)

Geno Woehrle mentioned that hunting season is just around the corner. With that in mind, Cheryl Woehrle motioned that we have our next meeting on MONDAY, Nov. 14, 1988 at 8pm at the Woehrle's. Seconded by Gina Ordonez who volunteered the refreshments for the next meeting. On that note, the meeting was adjourned.



**"No way. I'll put my magazine
down when you put yours down."**

The Far Side, by Gary Larson

EDITOR'S CORNER

We didn't make it to the Nationals this year, so I've only heard bits and pieces of the outcome. I understand that Lisa DeForest's DC Upwind Selkie made a sweep of the Gun Dog Stakes, winning both the National Championship and the National Amateur Championship. What an accomplishment! Also, as noted under the Field Trial Placements, the Midwest was well-represented in the Puppy and Derby stakes, with Curly, Vypor, and Pete's Judge all taking placements. CONGRATULATIONS! I'm hoping that there's someone out there who can give me the rest of the scoop - I'm too curious to wait for the "official" announcement!

What are your plans for your Vizsla this late fall and winter? I know that a lot of VCOI members are "Green River Regulars" for pheasant season which starts in November, but what about everyone else? How do you keep your dogs from getting cabin fever? Since our puppy is past "cute" and well into "obnoxious", we'll be going to a Beginning Obedience class taught by the local Dog Training Club. There are many clubs who offer these kinds of classes and they're great not only for teaching a youngster some manners but also in getting him socialized to other people and dogs.

I'm sure there'll be some of us at the shows and obedience trials before the end of the year - don't forget the Chicago cluster of shows in early December! And I know a few people who are beginning to get into the new AKC testing for AGILITY...does anyone know anything about this? I believe it involves a dog and handler negotiating a course something like our fun trial obstacle course - climbing things, walking narrow boards, weaving in and out of poles like a slalom skier, etc. I'm curious to hear more about it if anyone has tried this! The point of all of this is there are lots of ways to keep your dog active all year round by finding different things to do with him - try something new! The change of pace might do you BOTH some good!

Here's wishing you and yours a **VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!**

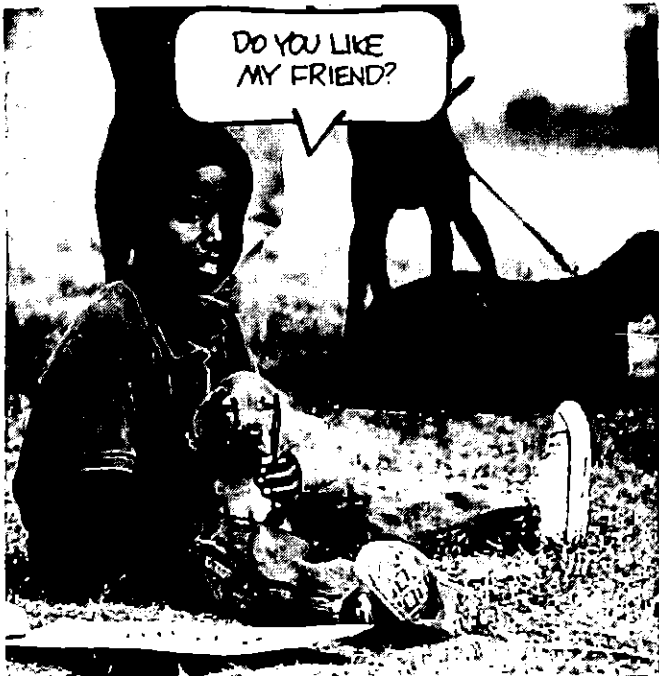
NAMES in the NEWS

ON THE COVER

Featured on the cover of this issue of The Bulletin is Mehagian/KRC's Phoenix Fridge and owner/handler Mark Johnson.

After a very successful Puppy/Derby career which culminated in winning the 1988 Midwest Vizsla Futurity, Fridge began his life as a Gun Dog at the VCOI Fall Trial. In his first trial as a broke dog, Fridge won the Amateur Limited Gun Dog stake - a major!!

CCNGRATULATIONS! to Mark and Fridge, we expect to hear a lot more from them in the coming years!



A letter from Marge Mehagian of the Rio Salado Vizsla Club appeared in The Bulletin earlier this year regarding a magazine's misleading information about hip dysplasia in Vizslas. Each issue of our newsletter contains a statement encouraging members to use "only certified normal breeding stock at all times" and makes reference to the OFA. But what is the OFA? And why should hip dysplasia be taken into consideration when planning a breeding? The following article is reprinted from Pure Bred Dogs/American Kennel Gazette, 5/87 and 7/87, Maureen Mohr, Rhodesian Ridgeback breed column, and contains some interesting insights on the topic of hip dysplasia.

Rhodesian Ridgebacks

Hip Dysplasia

This month's guest columnist is Maureen R. Mohr, a RR owner and a member of the RRCUS.

"All breeds (pure-bred), regardless of size and where more than 75 dogs have been evaluated by OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals), have demonstrated some incidence of dysplasia."

Developmental Disease

"Hip dysplasia is inherited by your dog through his parents. It is called an inherited trait and is determined by the genetic makeup (genotype) of each individual. One-half of your dog's genes are from his sire and one-half from his dam.

"In addition to being designated an inherited trait, hip dysplasia is also a polygenic trait, which means more than one gene. In fact, many genes are responsible for the trait of hip dysplasia.

"It is not, however, a congenital disease. It is a developmental process. In other words, the dog is not born with hip dysplasia but rather develops the disease as he matures and develops. The root of the word dysplasia actually means 'bad development.'

Other Factors

"There are other factors which impact on hip dysplasia. This is not to say they *cause* dysplasia, but rather affect the severity of

the disease as the dog grows.

"Nutrition: According to 'Hip Dysplasia: A Monograph for Dog Breeders and Owners' by E.A. Corley, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVR: 'Nutrition, as affects growth rate, is the only environmental influence that has been studied in any depth. Caloric intake is the only aspect of nutrition that has been found to affect dysplasia. Pups raised on a high caloric diet demonstrated earlier and more severe dysplastic changes in those with a genetic risk for hip dysplasia. Pups raised on a low caloric diet demonstrated a lower frequency and less severe dysplasia than found in littermates raised on a high caloric diet.' Dr. Corley therefore maintains that nutrition affects the severity of the disease at its origination point.

"Exercise: Another factor which affects the disease is exercise. In his book, 'The Total Dog Book,' Louis L. Vine, DVM, advises: 'Most dogs with hip dysplasia lead happy pain-free lives as pets, or at least a comfortable existence. If the animal has only a slight bone abnormality, obedience training and hunting may be allowed so long as there is no evidence of pain. Strenuous and fatiguing exercise should be avoided.' Dr. Vine points out that we can affect the disease process by controlling the amount and strenuousness of the dog's activity.

Treatment

"In modern veterinary medicine there are many medications and some surgical

procedures available for treatment of hip dysplasia. 'The Complete Book of Dog Health,' by William J. Kay, DVM, with Elizabeth Randolph: 'In the early stages of the disease there can be laxity and looseness in the hip joints, associated with pain and minimal Degenerative Arthritis. Rest, exercise restriction, and analgesic drugs (aspirin, for instance) may be adequate at this time. As Degenerative Arthritis develops and becomes more severe, anti-inflammatory drugs, such as steroids and other analgesic-type drugs, may be required. Several different surgical procedures may improve this condition.'

'Remember, Dr. Kay is a veterinarian, and you should consult your 'vet' before administering and medication.

'Great strides have been made in 'people' medicine in the last decade, specifically in the area of joint prosthesis. Joint prosthesis in animals is a very specialized surgical procedure, performed mostly in big teaching institutions. Eventually, as more veterinarians become familiar with such surgical techniques, they will be more readily available for suitable candidates.

'There is only one control for hip dysplasia—selective breeding!

'...scientists have repeatedly demonstrated that hip dysplasia is only controllable by selective breeding.'

'Predictions of a specific outcome from a particular mating, involving polygenic traits, is impossible.'

'It is the owner's responsibility to check into the line of each dog very carefully, bearing in mind the particular breed's predisposition toward various diseases and disorders.'

'The recommendations below come from Dr. Corley's monograph:

'1. Breed only normal to normal.

'2. Avoid using: a) normal dogs from litters with a high incidence of dysplasia; b) normal dogs with one or both parents being dysplastic.

'3. Choose sires with pedigree depth for normality and shown to have 'superior' sires.

'4. Co-operate with several breeders to progeny test and identify 'superior' sires.

'5. Choose replacement bitches that exceed the phenotype of their parents and breed average.

'6. As the frequency of dysplasia is lowered, raise the standards for selecting 'superior' sires and bitches.'

'Dr. Corley identifies 'superior' as those 'lines and individuals... (who) produce larger percentages of normals than the breed average.'

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals was founded in 1966 in response to an expressed need by American breeders to establish a method for the diagnosing and recording of hip dysplasia for all breeds.

As a breeder, you may find it not reasonable to wait until that 'wonderful' puppy reaches two years of age to have its hips x-rayed, as is suggested by the OFA. You may have the hips evaluated in a series, at three, six and twelve months, but realize that dogs evaluated normal at those ages could develop dysplasia as they get older. Therefore, the OFA recommends the two year age as the "most practical," and will evaluate for registry only at that age.

Before your dog reaches two years of age you should inquire if your vet will do x-rays using the OFA criteria, how much it will cost, and what your vet will require you to do before, during and after the procedure.

Assuming the doctor is able to do the x-rays, you will need to do the following: 1. Obtain from your vet or write to OFA for the proper forms. (OFA, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO 65211) 2. Have your AKC information handy. You will need your dog's AKC number, and other vital statistics. 3. The doctor will need to fill out the section on "Veterinary Information." So make sure the card is with you when you take the dog into the office. 4. In the package you will receive from OFA will be a label for mailing the x-ray film to them. Sometimes the doctor will mail the films for you. If he does not, get an envelope large enough to hold the films (you can not fold or bend them).

Use the OFA label and in big letters mark the envelope X-RAYS. As protection you can cut out cardboard the same size as the film and put it in the envelope with the film. 5. Make sure your vet is familiar with the film identification process. There will be instructions for taking x-rays for OFA in the

package. Have the doctor review the instructions. This is important, because if the films are not identified correctly, OFA will reject them, and you will have to start all over again. 6. In the envelope with the films put the OFA registration card you and your vet have filled out and the check or money order for the \$15 fee.

Appointment Day: Your dog will require some form of chemical restraint, usually general anesthesia. The vet will require you to: 1. Not feed your dog for eight to twelve hours before the x-ray. 2. Make sure the dog has eliminated both urine and feces before coming to the office. This is not as critical as not feeding but as my vet say, sometimes it's much nicer for him.

OFA tries to process x-rays within six weeks. Their procedure calls for three evaluations by three different radiologists. These are then reviewed by the Project Director and a consensus is formulated. "If the consensus is phenotypically normal (excellent, good or fair) and OFA registry number is assigned. The owner of record and the referring veterinarian are notified of the evaluation results."

Your notification comes in the form of an OFA registration certificate with your dog's registry number. This, for most breeds, becomes as important as your dog's AKC number.

A last note, even if you do not plan to breed your dog, you should seriously consider getting the x-ray if not the OFA registration. It will settle any question as to your dog's status; appraise your breeder of any problems; and assist in controlling and reducing hip dysplasia in your breed.

The following footnotes also refer to the May column.

1. Hip Dysplasia: A Monograph for Dog Breeders and Owners E.A. Corley, DVM. *Diplomate ACVR.*

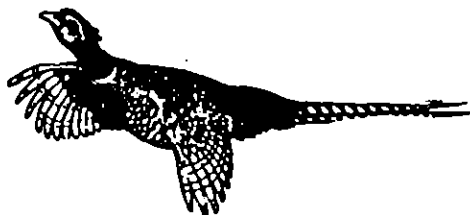
2. *Ibid.*

3. *Ibid.*

4. *The Complete Book of Dog Health.* William J. Kay, DVM and Elizabeth Randolph.

5. Hip Dysplasia: A Monograph for Dog Breeders and Owners, E. A. Corley, DVM.

6. Instructions for Taking Films for OFA Hip Dysplasia Evaluation. *Orthopedic Foundation for Animals.*—Susan P. King, 249 Clinton Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 □



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CANINE HIP JOINT CONFORMATION

Consensus reports on pelvic radiographs from the OFA contain information for serious breeders and concerned owners. The consensus is the result of independent review by three veterinary radiologists and is reported as one of the following categories. The first three are considered within normal radiographic limits for age & breed and are eligible for assignment of an OFA breed number if the dog was 24 months of age or older at the time of radiography.

1. **EXCELLENT HIP JOINT CONFORMATION**
superior hip joint conformation as compared with other individuals of the same breed and age.
2. **GOOD HIP JOINT CONFORMATION**
well formed hip joint conformation as compared with other individuals of the same breed and age.
3. **FAIR HIP JOINT CONFORMATION**
minor irregularities of hip joint conformation as compared with other individuals of the same breed and age.

The following categories are not eligible for an OFA breed number:

4. **BORDERLINE HIP JOINT CONFORMATION**
Marginal hip joint conformation of indeterminate status with respect to hip dysplasia at this time. A repeat study is recommended in 6-8 months.
5. **MILD HIP DYSPLASIA**
radiographic evidence of minor dysplastic change of the hip joints.
6. **MODERATE HIP DYSPLASIA**
well defined radiographic evidence of dysplastic changes of the hip joints.
7. **SEVERE HIP DYSPLASIA**
radiographic evidence of marked dysplastic changes of the hip joints.

Hip joint conformation (phenotype) is the radiographic appearance of the hip joints and is the outcome of interaction between a dog's hereditary make-up (genotype) and it's environment. Hip joint conformation can be represented as a range from excellent to very dysplastic and shades in between these two ends of the spectrum. Traits such as this are referred to as quantitative characters and are thought to depend upon the interaction of many genes (polygenic).

Modern breeds of dogs vary widely in body size and shape and in pelvic conformation. Because of these differences, OFA classifications are based on comparisons among other individuals of the same breed and age. Knowledge of a dog's pelvic phenotype can be a valuable guide for the breeder in selection against hip dysplasia and understanding a dog's pelvic phenotype can be a useful means of estimating an individual dog's potential for an active working life.

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**CORRECTION - Starved Rock Kennel Club, Ch. Polar Kap's Rosie
Vizion - Best of Breed, Ch. Polar Kap's Four on the Floor -
Best of Opposite Sex**

Condensed from the Hunter's Whistle, July/August 1987
by Pete Zimowsky

"...If your dog has been sitting in the back yard all year, don't expect it to do much on the opening day of the hunting season. It'll be pooped out after 20 minutes of hunting and you'll have no one else to blame but yourself. It's up to the owner to get the dog in shape.

Here are a few pointers:

Weight: Take a good look at your dog and assess its weight. An overweight dog is just as prone to the dangers of vigorous exercise as an overweight person. In general, though, if you can't feel the ribs, the dog's too fat.

Diet: Some dogs don't like to eat as much in hot weather. That's ok. Other dogs will continue to pig out even if they don't need it. Ask advice from your veterinarian on feeding; the directions on the food bags can be misleading. Don't feed your dog a heavy meal before exercising.

Hair: Long-haired dogs need to be clipped before going afield. Feathers on the legs and rump should be cut short to keep burrs out. Hair on the feet should be clipped GI style so lacerations or stickers can be spotted easily. Cutting the hair around the ears will prevent cheatgrass and other debris from creeping in.

Pads: A dog confined to the back yard or the cement of a dog run will end up with tender feet. Those tender toes have to be conditioned before the animal is out running around again on rough chukar terrain, or through the thick, thorny cover of grouse country. Desert and rocks, or tough woodlands are great places to roughen up the pads. Running on a gravel road will also help.

Exercise: Start off slowly, especially if the dog has been sitting around since last hunting season. Look at your dog and size up the situation. The tongue is the dog's radiator and is a good gauge as to when to quit exercising. For a dog that's in good shape, two hours is the limit for a workout in the hills. A dog that's out of shape may only last 20 minutes so watch the dog carefully and don't push it. If the dog hasn't had much exercise, start off with walking and then running. Then head out into the hills for short jaunts, just as if you were hunting birds...

Heat: Dogs are prone to heat cramps and serious cases can result in heat stroke. Try to work late or early in the day; early morning is best. Don't run your dog on the hot black-top road. Your dog will get blisters and scuff the skins off its pads. That takes a long time to heal and it might not recover in time for the hunting season.

Final check: After a workout in the field, check your dog for burrs, cheatgrass and other stickers. Look between the toes, under the arms and in and around the ears. Open the dog's mouth and look way back where the upper and lower teeth meet. Because the dog's mouth and snout are at grass level, cheatgrass and other seeds can get down in the throat and then into the lungs, which can cause extreme complications.

Enjoy a safe hunting season with your best friend!

Upcoming Events

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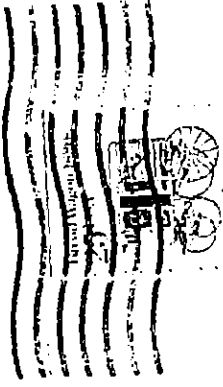
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- 12/19/88, KC of Yorkville, Villa Park, Il. Sleeper
- 1/21/89, Wheaton KC, Wheaton, Il. Sleeper
- 1/22/89, Wisconsin KC, Milwaukee, Wi. Sleeper
- 1/28/89, Park Shore KC, Grayslake, Il. Sleeper
- 1/29/88, Chain O'Lakes KC, Grayslake, Il. Sleeper
- 2/24/89, Waukesha KC, Waukesha, Wi. Crowe

OBEDIENCE TRIALS

- 12/17/88, Northwest Obedience Club of Suburban Chicago, Rosemont, Il.

OBEDIENCE MATCHES - Stone City Kennel Club will be holding monthly obedience matches every second Tuesday of the month. Stone City KC building, Laraway Rd., New Lenox, IL. Contact Gwen Tomlinson, 312-739-6190 for more information.

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