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BULLETIN

A quarterly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI



Twister



CH Mira's Not In KS N E More

Twister has been shown in both the USA and Canada, and has acquired 7 Best of Breed wins, 9 Best Opposite Sex wins, 4 Best Puppy wins, 1 Best In Specialty win (Canada), and a Sporting Group 4. Handlers Christy Heiman and Sheila Stahr put majors on her in both countries, but she was handled to multiple points and finished by Michel Berner in November 2014.

The most laid back puppy from the litter, Twister has always been a pleasure to train. Bold and outgoing in the field on birds, she has also taken to obedience and agility with ease. She's very forgiving of handler errors, quick to learn new tasks, and always just happy to be along for the ride. She is also the primary pocket gopher and star nosed mole eradicator on the farm, a job that she created for herself and has excelled. She will hopefully be adding motherhood to her resume in 2015.

We're not in Kansas anymore, Twister!

Breeders: Janine & Chad Marty & Michel Berner Owner: Michel Berner, Mira Vizslas

Sire: GCH CH Hi-Weyer Tokaji Aszu' JH Dam: Mira's Ruby Slipper CA

OFA Hips: Good VZ-13277G25F-VPI OFA Elbows: Normal VZ-EL1783F25-VPI AKC DNA Profile: V657085

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Bulletin Covers!

If your dog has completed a prefix title (CH, FC, AFC, CT, MACH, OTCH, etc.) and you would like to reserve a cover, please contact Shelly Kliefoth at skliefoth@yahoo.com

**Please let us know if your dog receives a National title as we would like to feature your accomplishments in the Bulletin.

Upcoming covers reserved for: Johnson (Fall) & Wegler (Winter 2016)

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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. All blogs, articles, and submissions must be submitted in writing either through the minutes or directly to the Editor and are due on the first day of even numbered months for inclusion in the Bulletin.

All photos submitted to the Bulletin must include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope. Photos without return postage will remain the property of the VCOI.

Exception to the cover photo, which will be returned at the VCOI's expense. Digital photos are preferred.

Meet the Members

Cheryl Peterson

Although I have been competing with dogs since 1971, it has been my honor to handle many well-known top field Vizslas to their bench championships. I have been a member of VCOI since 1990 when I obtained my first Vizsla from Gwen Tomlinson, as she felt it was only proper for me to have my own. Prior to Vizslas, my family raised, trained and competed with Weimaraners under the Nordic pre-fix and we hold several breed records as well as being ranked in the top 10 in field, show and Top Producers.

I was proud to serve VCOI as President and Secretary as VCOI fits my vision. What makes VCOI stand out from other clubs is the education that our experienced members give to newbies and members who want to expand their knowledge and passion in the sport. Without the support of VCOI members, it would have been more difficult to attain some of my accomplishments such as my AKC conformation, junior showmanship, field trial and hunt test judging licenses (now retired). It was an honor to have 75% of my provisional assignments in my two breeds to be specialties and to finish my provisional status in nine weeks (it usually takes a year). Now I judge UKC conformation and someday would like to judge AKC agility. I just obtained my MACH (Master Agility Championship) on Styx, 3xBIS, 3xRBIS, MACH, ALCH Mehagian's Winner Takes All, CD, MSJ, MSA.

I enjoy teaching others so they too can experience the joys. Through my company Seminars Unleashed, I have provided education opportunities on breeding, handling, obedience, tracking and other competitive areas by bringing in those presenters that are nationally known. Outside of dogs, I enjoy writing. One of the books I'm credited in is Minnie Minoso's, *Extra Innings, My Life in Baseball*, my first book, *Please Oh Please Can We Get a Dog? Parents' Guide to Dog Ownership*, and working on my first fiction, *Hounding Temptation*, a young adult story that takes place around a dog show. With a close friend, we are working to help finance housing for our returning war heroes so they can assimilate back into civilian life. We are also working to see how we can assist vets keep their dogs through these housing efforts. It's a challenge but seeing how it changes lives is so thrilling and rewarding.



June Training Day and Hunt Test Recap



The training day was a success up at Ottawa field trial grounds in Eagle Wisconsin. We had 14 dogs that ran. It was a great day weather wise for June. The seminar was well attended. The main feature was about how to submit your dog and the benefits of doing submission. We served lunch and let the people who came up use the rest of the birds in the field.

The hunt test had 23 entries for the one day test. The test and the training day made a small profit of 85.00. I would

like to thank Steve, Nick and Tina Scruggs, Craig Donze, Ray O' Donnell, Patti Nowak, Perry Dlugie (GSPCI) Joel Peterson and Rick Forner. Without these people mentioned the event would not have happened.

Submitted by Dennis Nowak



Mark Your Calendars

VCOI/GSPCI Mock Hunt Test ~ Aug 8, 2015

Des Plaines Wild Life Area East Grounds

Contact Dennis Nowak at Dnowak1@comcast.net for more information

September Club Meeting ~ Wednesday September 23

Garibaldi's ~ Hoffman Estates, IL

5:30 PM Pizza and Soda \$10/person

Ottawa Field Trial ~ October 30 ~ 31 2015

Ottawa Field Trial Grounds Eagle, WI

Victor Barger Chariman & Samantha Dumm Secretary

November Club Meeting ~ Wednesday November 11, 2015

Cabelas ~ Hoffman Estates, IL. White Oak Room

5:30 PM Pasta and Soda \$10/person



President's Message

Welcome to the 'dog days' of summer! Hope everyone and their Vizsla pals are doing well!

First I would like to thank Jim Doescher for his very insightful and interesting Nose Work Seminar at the Double Bubble event held at the Busch residence. It was clear that Jim has some very talented Vizslas that enjoy their nose work jobs. Thank you again and congratulations on your success this summer.

Second, I would like to thank the TEAM of members that put on another successful specialty show alongside their leader, Kathy Engelsman. The hard work and dedication that goes into securing the grounds, filing the paperwork, finding trophy sponsors, putting together raffle prizes, getting the tent and the other host of responsibilities that go alongside of this big event is MUCH appreciated. Every spectator, judge and participant remarked on how well everything was organized. Thank you Specialty TEAM!! AND Thank you TROPHY sponsors!

So, I was at a dog show in Lake County and was standing by a ring stewardess whom I have seen many times and we were "judging" the dogs to see who the judge was going to pick. As we were discussing the attributes of each dog the stewardess said to me, "you Vizsla people are such a nice group, you have good people showing great dogs". Later in the month I was again at a dog show and I had the misfortune of arriving late. My class was in the ring. My current competitor/rival for Rugged and I is the "Green Machine". We take turns winning our class at each show we have attended. "Green Machine's" breeder was at this dog show in DeKalb and she said, "hurry up Michelle you can still get in the ring". Several ringside Vizsla people both "pro" and amateur helped get the collars changed, grabbed Marcella and off into the ring we went. Thank you to those folks that assisted me that day. Thank you for your courtesy, your sportsmanship and your encouragement.

I think you can build a solid sport and friendships around those attributes. We have a good team, us Vizsla people. Enjoy your summer! I look forward to the Fall, a little cool down and some great Vizslas in the field.....Michelle



Brag's Page

MACH, ALCH, 3xBIS, 3xRBIS, MEHAGIAN'S WINNER TAKE ALL, CD, MSA, MBA, CTL4-R, CTL4-F, CTL2-S, CTL1-H "Styx"

Introducing VCOI's latest MACH (Masters Agility Champion) Styx, who earned his title on June 13, 2015. In doing so, he also is the first of the Mehagian's line to earn a MACH with a total of 26 double qualifying runs and over 750 points. Styx has been a great agility dog earning titles in both AKC and CPE. In addition, he earned his Altered Championship in UKC Conformation competition obtaining 3 Best in Show awards and 3 Reserve Best in Show awards. He has also earned his AKC CD (obedience) with an average score of 189 with limited training.



Styx will continue his agility work at the preferred level and work to earn his PAX and PACH titles and CPE to finish up his championship titles in that venue. Styx is owned, loved, trained and shown by Cheryl Peterson (Nordic Vizslas and Weimaraners).

GCH Sienna Pointe's See Ya Polarkap CD "Hanna"

Going to the Nationals is always something special but when you come home with an arm full of ribbons it becomes extra special! Our girl Hannah out did herself. She qualified in Obedience with a 189 (this after a 5 year break from Obedience). She finished 2nd in the 8-10 year Veteran class at the Regional Specialty. She finished 1st in 8-10 year Veteran Sweepstakes class—very large class. Then finished 1 in Veteran 8-10 year class to qualify to go back in for Best of Breed. She then finished with Select Bitch award—2nd behind the Best of Breed Bitch.

This was one of the largest Nationals with 445 entries. Hannah was handled in Sweeps by her co-owner Sue Barnes and the other Veterans classes by Sheila Stahr. ~ Kathy Harmer



2016 Calendar



1st Place: Mila

Owners: Nicole Castellano & Robert Carcamo



2nd Place: Gracie

Owners: George & Mary Haines



3rd Place: Gracie

Owners: George & Mary Haines

4th Place: Riley
Owner: Kate Stranberg



5th Place: Claudius

Owner: Mara Fizdale

Entered & Bred by:
Jim & Linda Busch



6th Place: Jake

Owners: Dennis & Patti Nowak



7th Place: Ruggedly Handsome

Owner: Michelle Princer

Contest Winners



8th Place: Bolt

Owners: Dennis & Patti Nowak



9th Place: Pinky

Owners: Rae Ann & Robert Jones



**10th Place:
Holly, Bella,
Rugged**

**Owner:
Michelle
Princer**



11th Place: Bolt

Owners: Dennis & Patti Nowak

12th Place: Cooper
**Owners: Steve & Tina
Scruggs**



**13th Place: Rogue &
Mead pups**

**Owners: Eric & Shelly
Kliefoth**



14th Place: Ellie
Owner: Patricia Hock



Hot weather can make us all uncomfortable, and it poses special risks for your dog. Keep the following safety concerns in mind as the temperature rises, and follow our tips to keep your dog cool.

Heat Hazards

If your dog is outside on a hot day, make sure he has a shady spot to rest in. Doghouses are not good shelter during the summer as they can trap heat. You may want to fill a child's wading pool with fresh water for your dog to cool off in.

Never leave your dog in a closed vehicle on a hot day. The temperature inside a car can rise to over 100 degrees in a matter of minutes.

Always provide plenty of cool, fresh water.

Avoid strenuous exercise on extremely hot days. Take walks in the early mornings or evenings, when the sun's heat is less intense.

Try to avoid prolonged exposure to hot asphalt or sand, which can burn your dog's paws.

Dogs that are brachycephalic (short-faced), such as Bulldogs, Boxers, Japanese Chins, and Pekingese, have an especially hard time in the heat because they do not pant as efficiently as longer-faced dogs. Keep your brachycephalic dog inside with air-conditioning.

General Health

Make sure your dog's vaccinations are up to date, especially since dogs tend to stay outdoors longer and come into contact with other animals more during the summer months.

Keep dogs off of lawns that have been chemically treated or fertilized for 24 hours (or according to package instructions), and away from potentially toxic plants and flowers.

Keep your dog well-brushed and clean.

Fleas and ticks, and the mosquitos which carry heartworm disease, are more prevalent in warmer months. Ask your veterinarian for an effective preventive to keep these parasites off your dog. The AKC Pet Healthcare Plan can help with the cost of providing quality healthcare, including preventive medicine, throughout your dog's life.

Beach Tips

Make sure your dog has a shady spot to rest in and plenty of fresh water.

Dogs, especially those with short hair, white fur, and pink skin, can sunburn. Limit your dog's exposure during the day and apply sunblock to his ears and nose 30 minutes before going outside.

Check with a lifeguard for daily water conditions. Dogs are easy targets for sea lice and jellyfish.

Running on the sand is strenuous exercise. A dog that is out of shape can easily pull a tendon or ligament, so keep a check on your dog's activity.

Do not let your dog drink seawater; the salt will make him sick.

Salt and other minerals in ocean water can damage your dog's coat, so rinse him off at the end of the day.

Not all beaches permit dogs; check local ordinances before heading out.

Water Safety

Most dogs enjoy swimming, but some cannot swim, and others may hate the water. Be conscious of your dog's preferences and skills before trying to make him swim.

If you're swimming for the first time with your dog, start in shallow water and coax him in by calling his name.

Encourage him with toys or treats. Or, let him follow another experienced dog he is friendly with.

Never throw your dog into the water.

If your dog begins to paddle with his front legs, lift his hind legs and help him float. He should quickly catch on and keep his back end up.

Don't let your dog overdo it; swimming is very hard work and he may tire quickly. If swimming at the ocean, be careful of strong tides. If you have your own pool, make sure your dog knows where the stairs or ladder are located.

Be sure that pool covers are firmly in place; dogs have been known to slip in under openings in the covers and drown.

Never leave your dog unattended in water.

Tips For Dogs

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Travel

By Air

Many airlines will not ship animals during summer months due to dangers caused by hot weather. Some will only allow dogs to fly in the early morning or in the evening. Check with your airlines for specific rules.

If you do ship a dog, put icepacks or an ice blanket in the dog's crate. (Two-liter soft drink bottles filled with water and frozen work well.) Provide a container of fresh water, as well as a container of frozen water that will thaw over the course of the trip.

By Car

Keep your dog cool in the car by putting icepacks in his crate. Make sure the crate is well ventilated.

Put a sunshade on your car windows.

Bring along fresh water and a bowl, and a tarp or tent so you can set up a shady spot when you stop.

Keep a spray bottle filled with water to spritz on your dog to cool him down.

By RV

A dog's safety should not depend on the air conditioning and generator systems in an RV or motor home. These devices can malfunction, with tragic results.

If you leave your dog in an RV with the generator running, check it often or have a neighbor monitor it. Some manufacturers have devices that will notify you if the generator should malfunction.

Never leave an RV or motor home completely shut up, even if the generator and AC are running. Crack a window or door or run the exhaust fan.

Never, ever leave a dog unattended in a vehicle in the summer months. Heatstroke and death can occur within minutes in warm temperatures.

Heatstroke

Heatstroke can be the serious and often fatal result of a dog's prolonged exposure to excessive heat.

Below are the signs of heatstroke and the actions you should take if your dog is overcome.

Early Stages:

- Heavy panting.
- Rapid breathing.
- Excessive drooling.
- Bright red gums and tongue.

Standing 4-square, posting or spreading out in an attempt to maintain balance.

Advanced Stages:

- White or blue gums.
- Lethargy, unwillingness to move.
- Uncontrollable urination or defecation.
- Labored, noisy breathing.

Shock.

If your dog begins to exhibit signs of heatstroke, you should immediately try to cool the dog down:

- Apply rubbing alcohol to the dog's paw pads.
- Apply ice packs to the groin area.
- Hose down with water.
- Allow the dog to lick ice chips or drink a small amount of water.

Offer Pedialyte to restore electrolytes. Check your dog's temperature regularly during this process. Once the dog's temperature has stabilized at between 100 to 102 degrees, you can stop the cool-down process. If you cannot get the dog cooled down and you begin to see signs of advanced heatstroke, take the dog to the veterinarian immediately.



Vizsla Club of Illinois Membership Meeting May 23, 2015

Approximate attendance 37

The meeting was called to order at 6:39pm by Michelle Princer

The second day of the Double Bubble was cancelled due to the epidemic of canine influenza and events were limited to people only.

The last meeting in January a survey was provided to the membership and one of the results was that the membership wanted the board to be more transparent.

There were eleven new members accepted into the Vizsla Club of Illinois.

Treasurers Report: Linda Busch reported that we had \$10,909.00 in the bank account.

Dennis Nowak reported that the entries for the April Hunt Test were low they were done by 2:00pm. There were a few new people who came out and ran their dogs.

Minutes from January's meeting were approved. 1st by Mark Johnson, 2nd by Rob Struthers.

Specialty Recap: Kathy Engelsman reported that there were still some outstanding checks that that needed to be collected for trophy donations and a Rough Tuff Crate will be raffled off. There will be a membership meeting held at the event. This event will be a part of the owner handler series and entries close Wednesday, June 24th.

June training day: The training day will be held June 6th at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds followed by a hunt test on June 7th. Entries for the hunt test will be taken Saturday at the training day. The training entry fee is \$15.00 which includes lunch. There will be extra birds available.

Website Update: We are looking into having access to event premiums online, being able to take credit card payments online, and being able to view events through a calendar. Also being able to send photos in of dogs and they will be rotated. If you have suggestions for our website contact Steve Scruggs.

A discussion was held as the best way to communicate changes to event. Using Facebook, mailings, newsletters. I need be the board will contact members by phone.

Update on field trail events:

September field trail - the grounds in Des Plaines are questionable will have further discussion at the July member meeting.

Ottawa field trail - workers are needed for this event the end of September beginning of October as well as a Secretary for the event.

Braggs:

Submitted by Kathy Harmer:

AT Nationals **GCH Sienna Pointe's See Ya Polarkap (Hanna)** had a qualifying score of 189 out of 200 in obedience (first time competing in five years). At the regional specialty before Nationals she placed second in a large veterans class. At Nationals from the 8-10 year Veteran Sweepstakes class, she placed first from a large class. She then went to compete in again a large Veterans 8-10 year class and took first place. Moving on to the breed competition on Saturday she was awarded Select Bitch behind Best of Breed Bitch competing against 445 other dogs.

Submitted by Kathy Engelsman:

At the Regional Specialty held before Nationals **Jnek's NYC Fashionista (Prada)** was awarded fourth place in the 9-12 month puppy class. Prada is owned by Anne Maegli. And **Jnek's It Don't Get Better Than This Stanley (Stanley)** went second from the open dog class at Nationals owned by Beth and Paul Guske. Finally, from the Open Bitch class at Nationals **Jnek Sweet Child O' Mine JH (Madison)** took first in her class and then went on to take Reserve Winners Bitch handled by breeder owner handler Christine Schaberg.

Meeting adjourned 7:08pm.

VCOI Member Meeting July 12, 2015

Meeting called to order 12:46pm.

Approximate attendance 34

Michelle Princer thanked Kathy Engelsman and committee for a successful confirmation show. Michelle had a conversation with a person at the Lake County shows who complemented our club for having such a good dog club. Susan Gervais had many people come up to her over the specialty weekend to say what nice trophies we had and that our club did a great job putting on the event.

Treasurer Report: We have between 10-11,000 in the bank.

Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

Double Bubble Report: It was a good call this year not to have the dogs at the Double Bubble event as to risk the spread of the canine influenza. We are still waiting for the final figures from the event.

There will be a mock hunt test in Dekalb on August 8th being held in conjunction with the German Shorthair Club. The entry fee is \$20.00 for the first dog and \$10.00 for each additional dog. The entry fee includes lunch.

National Field Trial Event: If you get your ads in early there will be a discount for your ad. There will be a raffle at Nationals for a Julie Bender portrait of your dog a value of over \$2500.00. If you are not familiar with her work check out her website.

We are looking for a chairperson and secretary for the Field Trial being held at Des Plaines in September. We also need a Chairperson for the Ottawa Field Trial.

Kathy Harmer suggested that something be sent to Polly Poulos for the loss of her dog. This will be looked into.

It was suggested that Becky Haberbusch be elected as Versatility Chairperson to oversee lure coursing, agility and barn hunt events.

We are looking for a Field Trail Supernumerary.

Kathy Engelsman thanked those who sponsored trophies for the Specialty and if you were fortunate to receive one of the trophies to reach out to the sponsor to say thank you as there is a sticker on the bottom of the trophy with their name. If you need the sponsors information contact Kathy and she would get that to you.

Braggs:

Kathy Harmer reported that GCH Sienna Pointe's See Ya Polarkap (Hannah) at the Central Wisconsin Vizsla Club one Best Veteran and then went on to be chosen for Select Bitch.

Cathy Gallagher reported that her dog Emery made it to a year old.

Kathy Engelsman reported that Jnek's Get to the Point went Winners Bitch on Saturday and Sunday went Best of Breed for a 4 point major win and made the cut in the Sporting Group at the DeKalb Dog shows. Owners Elizabeth and Greg Schuh.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:57pm.

The
September Membership
Meeting will be held
on Wednesday Sept. 23
at 5:00 pm
at Garibaldi's
2346 W. Higgins Road
Hoffman Estates, IL
Pizza and Soda \$10



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American Field Registered Event

Midwest Vizsla Futurity 2015 Winner
Rojo De Tejas Rev it up "Della"

Owner: Ron Chenoweth

Breeder: Jim Gingrich



Handled by: Brian Gingrich

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Nomination forms and rules available at www.vizslafuturity.com

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