



NEWSLETTER Part 1

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From our President Stephanie Fischer (ilovtrav@aol.com)

Welcome to summer everyone! By the time this goes to print, our Fun Day will have passed, and the pictures will be in the gallery section of the website. This year was extra special to me, as one of the Southside dogs from Virginia made it up for the day. I also finally got to meet my rescue counterpart from Massachusetts. I have only spoken to Nancy on the phone in all the time we have worked together, and she played an important part in helping me re-home the dogs from Southside Kennels. There were about 55 people and 34 dogs. Ten of the dogs were rescues.

I have sent out an email regarding a study we are doing in conjunction with Cornell Veterinary School regarding mast cell tumors in our breed. If your dog has had mast cell cancer, it would be wonderful if

you could participate. They are also looking for a control group that is mast cell free. Info is on the Vizsla Club of America home page at <http://vcaweb.org>

On October 13-14 our club will be hosting an AKC hunt test, which will be open to all sporting breeds. Please watch for future emails. The hunt committee will be asking for volunteers to help on either day. Again, you do not need to be a hunter to help in the kitchen or to check people in.

Again this year we have been asked to represent the Vizslas at Meet the Breeds in New York City. The dates are October 20-21. Please think about volunteering at the booth either with or without your dog. We are looking for well-behaved Vizslas to spend part of a day at the booth to educate

the public. Last year more than 45000 people passed through the doors on Saturday and Sunday.

December will bring our annual holiday party and Chinese auction. Ellen and Ron Padilla have graciously opened their home again for the festivities.

As always, I end my page with asking for volunteers. We have a pretty large membership, yet the same people seem to be doing all the work. It would be lovely to be able to mentor some new people in leadership roles. Please don't be shy, we don't bite!

Stephanie

Membership Report:

Of our 103 memberships, 12 still haven't submitted payment for this year.

Ellen Padilla

Treasurer's Report

Club funds: \$2940.47; Rescue funds: \$10,742.01

Ray Fischer

Selected Upcoming Events

CONFORMATION

Vizsla Club of Northern NJ 9/8 Bridgewater, NJ
Vizsla Club of Greater NY 9/9 Bridgewater, NJ
Suffolk Co. KC 9/28-29 St. James
Westbury K Assn. 9/30 Oyster Bay
Palisades KC, 10/12-13 Augusta, NJ
Ramapo KC 10/14 Augusta, NJ

HUNT TESTS

LI GSP Club 9/23 Riverhead
VCLI Hunt Test, 10/13-14
Pointer Associates of New England, 10/20-21
East Windsor, CT
Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club 10/27-28, East
Windsor, CT

MEET THE BREEDS

Javits Center, NYC 10/20-21

For more information, go to:

<http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
<http://vcaweb.org>
<http://www.vcli.net>
<http://www.vcnj.com/>
<http://www.ctvalleyVizslaclub.org/CalendarofEvents.htm>
<http://www.thevcgny.com/Events.html>
<http://www.vccne.net/events.html>
<http://www.lipdc.com/>
<http://www.infodog.com/showinfo/state.htm>



Rescue Committee Report

It has taken me quite a while to actually sit down and write this article because frankly I do not know where to begin. Do I start by discussing the 760 emails I have before me regarding rescue? Do I talk about the true outpouring of love in our community and around the world for the Southside group?

What about the support I received from my rescue counterparts in numerous states? Or do I talk about the wonderful stories, pictures and new friends that I have made through this whole process? Let me just say the past six months have been an incredible roller coaster of emotions, and I am glad all the dogs are in

their forever homes. Every one of them is adjusting well, the females faster than the males, but all are doing beautifully.

The dogs are as far north as Ontario Canada, and as far south as Knoxville Tennessee. All of the families drove to Cooperstown to pick up their new additions. All of the families made a donation to rescue, which in turn we added to, and a check went off to the Susquehanna SPCA for \$5000. I cannot thank Liz Mackey and her staff enough for the love and attention they paid to our dogs. It sounds strange, but when they were at the SPCA and surrounding kennels, they knew what love and attention was for the first time and relished in it.

I have asked the families to write their stories and send along pictures. Our youngest author Mackenzie is 10 years old, and our oldest is in her 80's. I hope you enjoy these stories as much as I did.

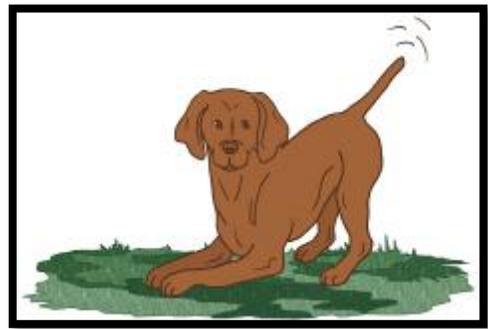
While this case was ongoing, our club rescue did not stop. Rusty and Remy, our brothers who needed to be placed together hit the jackpot in their new home, and I have made a wonderful new friend. Almost on a daily basis I get a text from Nancy with a cute picture of the boys. For a while she was a four-dog household, with all of the dogs being over nine. She and her family recently lost their beloved 13 ½ year old Zack. I found it so fitting that we were all there on

Facebook to extend our sympathies. Her family can tell you the pleasures of senior rescue!

I also received an email from a gentleman in Philadelphia who recently lost his female rescue to illness. He always trained them to be therapy dogs and would visit the Philadelphia Children's hospital. They even have a picture of Lou and his last V in their magazine. I instantly liked him very much on the phone. Karma quickly took over and you will read Koda's story below.

As always, we need foster homes, people to do home inspections and transport. Please email me if you can help.

Stephanie



Koda's Story (Southside)

I've read the stories posted on the site of the Vizsla Club of Long Island and it is apparent several consistent themes run through most of the stories. First, Vizslas are great, extraordinary, special, unique, loving and(insert here any glowing adjective you can think of). Second, Stephanie Fischer is great, extraordinary, special, unique, loving and....(insert here any glowing adjective you can think of).

Until one is in need of a Vizsla fix one has no idea the magic S.F. can work. Give her a call and she can be sympathetic, informative,

helpful, convincing. And, give her a reasonable period of time--she will work her magic and, presto, you'll have the Vizsla of your dreams sitting in your lap, licking your face and melting your heart. That's what she did for us.

If you are not convinced of the veracity of this observation, my wife and I are willing to document our own case as Exhibit A.

Here's the short version:

In May of this year, after a sudden seizure, an MRI disclosed our beautiful nine-year-old rescue Vizsla, an experienced Therapy Dog, had an inoperable brain tumor. We mourned, we cried, we felt her absence everywhere, we felt terrible. There was only one thing to do: we had to get another loving Vizsla (we were sure Shana would want us to do this). Only a rescue, youngish, female, with a potential for therapy work would do for us. And so we reached out to every rescue organization, web site, breeder, and individual we could find.

Many wonderful people responded in various ways and all with sincere concern and suggestions and hope. S.F. told us she was sure something would work out, and just to "sit tight." So we did.



A month elapsed and the aforementioned magician--in the guise of a Vizsla rescue



administrator--informed us that her sources revealed to her that a four year old female residing in upstate Conn. might be available. Three pictures followed and then a number of calls among all parties. Within days we had travelled 550 round trip miles returning with the gorgeous sweetheart you see above. Koda is her name, and she is perfect.

Once again the wizard had worked her magic and created another match made in doggie heaven.

We are so happy!

Elaine and Lou Criden



Molly's Story (Southside)

As you can see, Molly (formerly Kristy) is being treated like royalty; with great love and caring. I really believe she revels in it, and that this environment is helping her develop a wonderful life. She is housebroken and is making great progress (just needs a bit more consistency) in sitting, staying, coming when called or signaled and laying down. She has gained approx 8 lbs since

joining us, and our vet told us she's at a nice weight now.

Because she was forced to take a shower with one of us (as opposed to a bath) she now is VERY careful to NOT go in any bathroom that has a tub & shower. She loves car rides, going to the beach, sneaking onto stuffed chairs and couches, a bit of chicken noodle soup or

salmon skin with her Iams dog food, playing with her numerous toys, bones and balls (she'll chase a ball and bring it back, and drop it if you have a "treat"), getting her tummy rubbed, etc.



This is such a change from when she arrived. She was afraid of stairs, didn't know what a ball was, etc. Now she knows she has a home and a family. Our Vet told her she was a very lucky dog to have found such a loving home. We feel we're lucky to have found her. I think she nodded her head yes.

We have to thank you again for bringing such a sweet dog into our lives.

The Kelty Family

Rusty and Remy's Story

As I watch Remy and Rusty lie curled up on the couch with their Vizsla sister Izzy, it's difficult to believe they've only been with us since mid- May.

We have been a Vizsla family for over thirteen years and knew that our Zak wouldn't be with us for too much longer. We were thrilled when Izzy's six-year

old brother Clay joined us in January. His elderly owner could no longer care for him. Sadly, we lost Clay suddenly to cancer in April. We were heartbroken. We quickly came to the realization that another rescue was exactly what we needed.

I spoke often with Stephanie and into our lives came Remington and Rusty. They had been together their entire lives and separating them just wasn't an option.



They are the sweetest boys. Velcro Vizslas! Remy will turn ten July 21st and Rusty will be nine in October. It didn't take long for the boys to feel comfortable in their new home.

They enjoy being cozy on the couch, sleeping in a human bed, wrestling with Izzy and running off leash together. Remy is wise and outgoing while Rusty is the cautious one with long puppy-like legs.



Sadly, we said goodbye to our Zak last week. Once again we were heartbroken but are so very thankful to have our boys Remy and Rusty and our girl Izzy to fill the empty space in our hearts.

*The Santella Family:
Don, Nancy, Abigail and Grace*

Willy's Story (Southside)

The e-mail read: "Vizsla puppies in need!" At that moment, it was decided that our family was going to foster one of these little puppies.

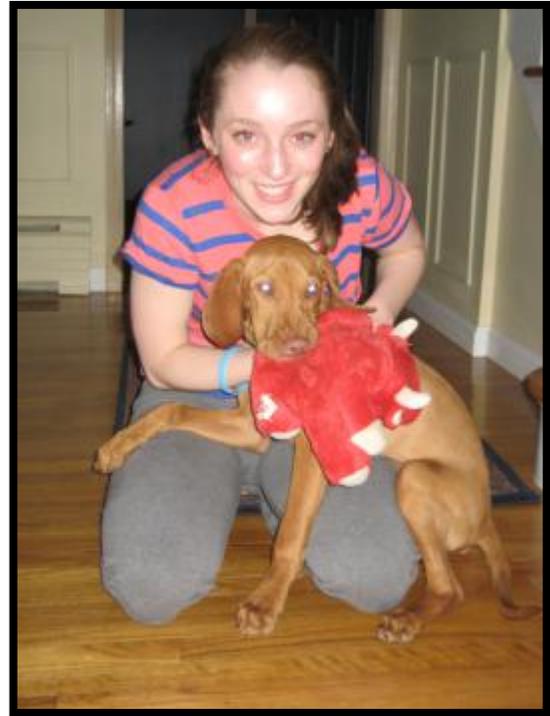
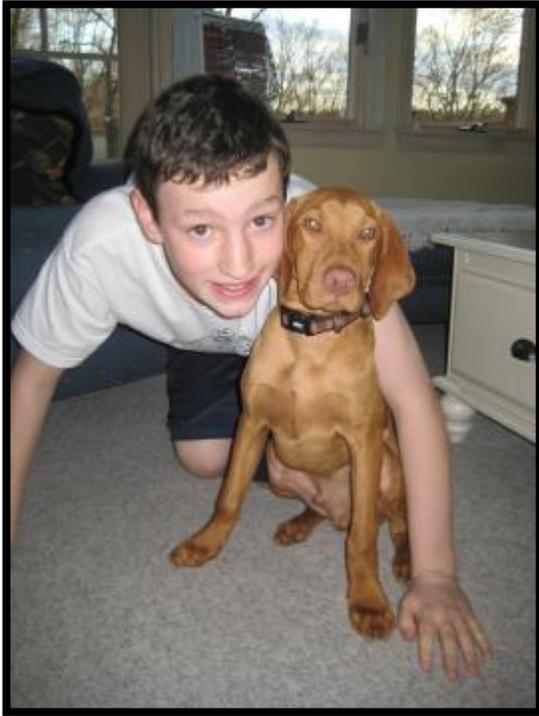
Such a transformation has taken place since March 29, 2012 when Willy came to live with us. A shy, timid and nervous puppy was scooped out of the car. He didn't stray far from our feet, and his frail little legs wouldn't let him. So small

and weak, he was barely able to climb the stairs along with separation anxiety.

As he began to adjust to his new life, Willy quickly began to follow the lead of our 9-year-old Vizsla, Mackenzie. Whether it was play time or nap time Willy wanted to be with someone. It wasn't long before we found him cuddled up with Mackenzie in her crate! The two are now not only cuddle

buddies but play mates, but Kenzie always knows when to put Willy in his place!

Willy is a wonderful addition to the family, he loves to snuggle and will



sleep in anyone's bed! He enjoys playing with other dogs on the local trail, and chasing the ball in the backyard! He has even taken a few dips in our swimming pool! Willy is now strong, well-adjusted and loving his new home!

The Nalaboff Family

Rescue stories are continued in part 2 of the newsletter

SOME NEAT STUFF

Easy Defense Collar Tag

All natural tag to repel fleas and ticks without chemicals for 3 years with a money back guarantee!! Available from <http://www.onlynaturalpet.com>. Works off the dog's energy and is specific to the particular dog wearing it. All 3 of my Vs have them and I have yet to see a flea or tick. (Mary K.)

Vizsla Puzzles and Crafts

Discovered Don Elder at a Farmer's Market in Memphis while on vacation and got a lovely Vizsla leash holder. He does frameable breed puzzles, plaques, and welcome signs, too. Take a look at his website: <http://www.ole-don.com/index.html> (Mary K.)



Focus on the Field

SETTING GOALS: SOME THOUGHTS ON JUNIOR HUNTER AND PUPPY STAKES

By Andrew Campbell



By the time this reaches your e-mailboxes, hopefully fall will be more than a mirage and much more a pending reality. With fall comes cooler weather, and with it the hunting and competition seasons.

Perhaps you were lucky to get a new puppy from one of the several exciting litters born early this spring. At six months old, it could

be eligible to participate in hunt tests and field trials by October or simply before the end of the competition season in early December here in the northeast.

Nevertheless, if I have seen a trend in hunt tests and trials, it is has been the odd desire to claim a placement ribbon or a qualifying pass as soon as a dog is old enough. And to my mind, there are several potential downsides to this:

1. Leaving aside your own ego, the only person who truly gains from remembering who the VCA #1 Puppy/Derby dog from any given year was is the breeder trying to sell you a puppy from that dog's newly whelped litter;
2. JH is an entry-level title: this is not to denigrate it, but it is to say that if your dog has earned a JH at 6mos old, what are you going to do next with it? Again, I have dear friends who have no aspirations to SH or MH titles, but they enter their dogs in JH perennially to give their dogs something fun to do. For others, variety is the spice of their and therefore their dog's lives and so they both move on to the next activity and prospective title;
3. ***The dog has to set the goal, not you, and not the AKC competition schedule.***

This last point is crucial: it doesn't matter what test level or stake, but the dog's

maturity and skill development have to set the goal. For young dogs, even leaving aside their personality, there are still at least two major fear periods for them to go through as they enter and exit the somewhat arbitrary 'Puppy' period. In this instance, I am referring to a dog's eligibility for field trialing, a puppy is only a Puppy till they are 15mos old; for Junior Hunter, there is no upper age-limit.

One other thing to keep in mind about the difference between field trial Puppy stakes and hunt test Junior Hunter stakes is that the AKC Hunt Test program is non-competitive and therefore open to both professionals and amateurs in the same stake; in field trialing, Open stakes exist for the professionals and amateurs to compete in, Amateur stakes are only for amateurs. The biggest difference you might encounter on a practical level is that the majority of Open Puppy stakes will allow for horseback handling, almost all Amateur stakes will permit handling from foot alone.

In Junior Hunter, a dog has to hunt, find and point at least half of the birds it encounters, and it has to be biddable. For a Puppy stake at a field trial, the dog that wins is the one that in the judges' eyes shows the greatest potential to be a gun dog: with no actual bird-finding requirement in Puppy, a lot of clubs will not even put birds out for a Puppy stake. That's it for both entry-level stakes: there aren't a lot of elaborate rules and the dogs get to pretty much be dogs.

With that in mind, why wouldn't you rush to enter either a Puppy or a Junior Hunter stake in your enthusiasm for this new pup and the world of opportunities that now exist for it? The keyword is 'rush' and the answer should be that you shouldn't. The other odd trend that I have seen in the past couple of years is using the Junior Hunter test as training for a complete novice dog – and that, to me, is at best naïve and at worst irresponsible. The requirements for Junior Hunter are few, but every stake has two mandatory features: a brace mate and, ideally

for either dog to pass, gunfire. That the gun is most likely 'just' a .22 starter pistol is a spurious argument, because as several recent articles in both *The American Field* and *Field Trial Magazine* regarding human and canine hearing loss have demonstrated, a .22 is loud and unexpected loud noises can create fear. A dog that shows fear of the gun cannot qualify.

There is also one performance element in common with both the Junior Hunter and Puppy formats, arguably the most important because it is the one area where you can fail to qualify or earn a placement in both stakes. In the verbiage of the Hunt Test scoring categories it is "trainability"; in the jargon of field trialing, it is "handle." What it means is that if you give your dog a command and it doesn't obey it, you will lose points on trainability in Junior Hunter; put a different way, if you can't get your dog to go with you, if it can't make a turn on a course, if you can't gather it up at the end, you're most likely toast in either stake.

After now alerting you to the potential pitfalls of rushing in to Junior Hunter and Puppy stakes, here are some preparation strategies for you and your pup to think about.

1. Get a handle on your dog – but understand that in the hunt test or field trial you're now going to be asking it to handle or to recall when it's on drugs. Even when the pup is fairly small, you can take it to an open area with a longer line to ask it go with you and ideally go in front of you. The routine is fairly straightforward: let it get out front, change direction, give it a command to get its attention so it can see you have already started going in a different direction – and if it opts not to come with you, gently cue it with the checkcord. Once the dog is in front of me and moving away I like to give it a little praise.

Now try handling your dog while there's another dog that it doesn't live with present. Again, you are merely trying to assert a degree of control by asking your dog to come with you with a gentle, assertive tug on the checkcord and rewarding it with praise – and not trying to associate strange dogs with fear or anxiety.

2. Birds make the bird dog – and pigeons are the gateway drug for many. For some of you, you may have pigeons in the park where you exercise your dogs. I would probably wait till the dog is feeling pretty adventurous and curious (and not checkcord a timid dog towards a pack of pigeons) and then let the dog run them up to encouragement and praise. Once or if the dog starts to stalk and then stop to point these birds, I would give them gentle quiet praise and let them break to run up those birds. What I believe is crucial is how you now use the checkcord. It is NOT for restraining the dog either during the point or during their chase, but it is for reaffirming 'the handle' that you've been working on in Step #1 as soon as the dog's focus on the bird is broken – hopefully because it has flown off into the wide blue yonder. You may want to assemble a long 25-yard checkcord (out of inexpensive polypropylene hardware rope – although you will probably want to also wear gloves to avoid rope burn) to facilitate this.

I would also encourage you to find some way to expose your dog to quail – in part to help your dog learn to use its nose. With the pigeons in this stage, it really doesn't matter if your dog is sight-pointing (ie. stalking, stopping, and pointing because it can primarily see the bird), but to help the dog develop as

a bird dog and in preparation for the actual JH test.

3. Introduce gunfire. For many of us, having a large enough backyard or the legal jurisdiction to carry and discharge a blank pistol at home is simply not an option. I have tried the Master's Voice Gunfire CD available from GunDogSupply and while it's not a full substitute for actual gunfire, if you follow the directions, it can't hurt the dog either. (You might go slightly crazy, but this isn't about you.) The CD works because you gently and gradually introduce gunfire while the dog is doing something it likes, ie. eating. The key words are 'gentle', 'gradual', and 'while doing something it likes' – which is to say that parking your truck with the dog inside next to a skeet shooting field contradicts all three of those concepts.

Once you can combine birds and guns, ideally find someone with a shotgun and use either an insert that will allow you to use just a 209 shotgun primer or a shotgun shell with all the shot and powder taken out. Why not use just a 209 primer blank pistol? Because the shotgun barrel will allow you to direct these first introductory shots away from your dog; a blank pistol has a solid barrel to prevent use of real ammunition but as a result all the sound dissipates all around the gun. And only fire the gun when the dog is doing something it loves and can barely help itself: in full chase and about to grab that bird in its mouth. Keep in mind that there is a difference between following a bird out of curiosity and chasing it down to catch it.

If the dog looks back at you with any indication that the shot took its

mind away from its prey, then pay close attention to any subsequent shots and if the dog turns away from chasing the bird, then back off and continue stoking the dog's desire by letting it run up more birds without any gunfire. If after a few shots, the dog shows little or no recognition of the 209 primer in the shotgun, then graduate to a .22 blank pistol again fired at a distance.

In the next newsletter, and in anticipation of some of you trying Junior Hunter for the first time, I'll write something specific about

the elements of the test and what makes a JH performance truly enjoyable for me.

Andrew Campbell is lucky to have the flexibility and therefore the time to take two months off up in Maine to train dogs. The dog in the picture is Widdershins Rye Whiskey.

Andrew Campbell is owned and operated by two Vizslas and a pointer-with whom he participates in hunt tests, field trials, and the VCA's Versatility Program. He is also an AKC field trial and hunt test judge.



BRAGS, BRAGS, BRAGS

The Dachilles' Desi won the title of Valley Stream's "Coolest Dog" in May, chosen out of 65 entries.

Mary K's Nugget (Everedi's Golden Nugget JH) got a third point toward his conformation title at the Riverhead Kennel Club Show in July.

Donna Owczarek's short story won first place in AKC's *Family Dog Magazine*. You can read it on pp. 40-43 here:

<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/68587367-1>

AKC News

NEW 'COMPANION EVENTS EXTRAVAGANZA' RECOGNIZING TOP DOGS IN AGILITY, OBEDIENCE AND AKC RALLY® DEBUTS IN 2013

New York, NY – Beginning in 2013, the American Kennel Club® (AKC®) will celebrate the top dogs in AKC Companion Events with the "Companion Events Extravaganza," a multi-day event that will feature Championship events for Obedience and Agility and a new national competition for AKC Rally®.

On March 15-17, 2013 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the National Obedience Championship (formerly known as the National Obedience Invitational) will move from its usual calendar date in December to run in conjunction with the National Agility Championship. A new AKC Rally®

National Competition will be held on the Friday of that weekend. After 2013, the combined "Extravaganza" will rotate to different locations around the country.

The 2012 National Obedience Invitational and National Juniors Obedience Competition will be held as usual in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship this December in Orlando, Florida.

Beginning in December 2013, a new obedience competition-the AKC Obedience Classic - will be held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba

National Championship and AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando. The new competition will crown the top dogs for the year in the Novice, Open and Utility classes. The National Juniors Obedience Competition will continue to be held with these events in December.

For information about qualifying for these events and additional competition details, stay tuned to <http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/>

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ENHANCES CARE AND CONDITIONS OF DOGS POLICY

New York, NY – As the only purebred dog registry in the country with an ongoing kennel inspection program, the American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is proud to announce recent enhancements to its Care and Conditions of Dogs policy. Since 2000, AKC has conducted more than 55,000 inspections based on its care and conditions policy, which is at the core of its inspections program, as well as record-keeping and dog identification. The AKC Board of Directors voted unanimously at its April meeting to implement the new enhanced policy with an effective date of June 1, 2012.

“In our leadership role as experts on maintaining and keeping of dogs since 1884, we are uniquely placed to provide American dog and kennel owners with guidelines detailing best practices that embody responsible dog ownership regardless of the number of dogs owned,” said AKC’s Director of Compliance Support Jack Norton. “We are committed to protecting the integrity of our registry and ensuring that all AKC dogs are cared for in a humane way. Our policies embody AKC’s mission to promote responsible dog ownership.”

Since 1990, an additional AKC policy has provided that when inspectors find substandard kennel conditions and /or dogs in imminent danger, it will be reported immediately to the proper federal, state or local authorities.

The policy has been reformatted into an easy-to-understand framework for responsible dog ownership including: Care of Dogs, Kennels and Housing and Operations. Anyone, from a single dog owner to a large kennel manager, can follow these enhanced guidelines, to ensure best practices of keeping and maintaining dogs. In addition, as the cornerstone of the AKC Inspections program, each time an inspector conducts an inspection they will have the opportunity to educate and communicate this policy to owners and breeders.

Enhanced guidelines include:

The importance of daily positive human interaction and socialization for dogs
Sufficient number of staff must be provided to carry out appropriate levels of care and

conditions for the number of dogs kept
Each kennel should maintain an emergency preparedness plan adequate for the type of facility owned and breed(s) of dogs maintained there

When euthanasia is necessary, it should always be performed humanely

AKC’s Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy (effective June 1, 2012)

The Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy, effective June 1, 2012, reflects the American Kennel Club’s values in promoting the responsible ownership and maintenance of dogs. These guidelines are meant as a basis for helping individuals ensure that dog care practices are performed and housing facilities are maintained in a safe, humane and responsible manner. The guidelines are not intended to be all-inclusive or definitive, but rather are intended to serve as a working basic outline that can be expanded and refined as needed while lending uniform application of this policy. In addition to guidelines set forth in this policy, individuals are expected to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding the ownership and maintenance of dogs.

- A. **Care of Dogs**
 1. Dogs should have access on a daily basis for play and exercise.
 2. Dogs must have access to fresh water as appropriate.
 3. Dogs must have access to fresh food provided at appropriate intervals to maintain a healthy weight.
 4. Appropriate health care, including routine and preventative care, must be provided for all dogs.
 5. Dogs should be provided with daily positive human contact and socialization.
 6. Each dog should have its overall health and behavior assessed daily. Any deviation in health condition must

be addressed expeditiously and appropriately.

7. *Dogs should be free from internal and external parasites.*
8. *Dogs should be afforded regular grooming to ensure health and comfort.*
9. *When euthanasia is necessary, it must always be performed humanely.*

B. Kennels and Housing

1. *The primary enclosure must be large enough so the dog(s) can sit, stand, lie down, or turn around comfortably, with no overcrowding.*
2. *The primary enclosure shall be constructed and maintained so that dogs are securely confined and does not cause injury to the dogs.*
3. *Protection from adverse or extreme weather conditions must be provided.*
4. *While flooring that provides solid footing is preferred, if wire is used as flooring of a primary enclosure, it should be comprised of a material featuring a protective coating, be of an appropriate size to prevent injury (especially to feet), and must be kept in good repair. If wire is used, a solid platform of sufficient size should be provided to allow the dog(s) to attain solid footing and to offer a space for resting.*
5. *Facilities must be lighted to provide a regular lighting cycle for the dogs.*
6. *Bedding material made available to dogs should be clean and not pose a risk to the dogs.*

C. Operations

1. *A sufficient number of staff must be provided to carry out appropriate levels of care and conditions for the number of dogs kept.*
2. *Facility and primary enclosures should be clean, free from debris and odor, and feces should be*

picked up and disposed of as frequently as necessary so as not to pose a threat to the health of the dog(s).

3. *Each kennel should maintain an emergency preparedness plan adequate for the type of facility owned and breed(s) of dogs maintained therein.*

The above is in addition to the policy adopted at the July 1990 Board meeting to notify federal, state or local agencies of unsanitary and/or unhealthy conditions found by AKC Inspectors during inspection of kennels; that the US Department of Agriculture (APHIS) will be notified when such conditions prevail at kennels regulated by that department under the provisions of the U.S. Animal Welfare Act; and that other state/local governmental or humane agencies will be notified when such conditions are observed at kennels not regulated by federal law.

In instances when dog(s) are found in conditions that place them in immediate danger, the Inspector will immediately notify agencies with jurisdiction regarding the danger to the dogs.

During the course of an inspection, if an AKC Inspector determines that an individual is not maintaining his/her dogs or facility in a manner that is compliant with the AKC's Care and Conditions Policy, the individual's AKC privileges may be placed on temporary referral. The individual will be notified, in writing, of specific deficiencies and what steps need to be taken to come into compliance with the Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy. The individual shall be given 45 days to correct deficiencies and request a re-inspection. In cases where deficiencies are not corrected or re-inspections are not requested, the AKC may proceed with disciplinary action leading to suspension of all AKC privileges.

Announcing a New Agility club & a New AKC New Trial !

The Dog Agility Club of Long Island, formed for the sole purpose of bringing more companion events to Long Island, not limited to any particular venue is pleased to announce that we recently received agility licensing status from the American Kennel Club, and we were able to pull off having our first AKC agility trial this year!

Our trial will be November 10 & 11, 2012 at the Suffolk County Farm and Education Center in Yaphank, NY, judging by Paul Mount. Paul was very supportive of our endeavor and Sanctioned "A" match and we promised him our very first judging assignment, whenever that might be. Thank you Paul!!

The premium list is ready, but just waiting for AKC approval for distribution, will be out shortly on our website at www.dacli.org or the LITS website at www.longislandtrialservices.com

We hope you will support our new club!!

Cindy Medina, President

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Chester (a rescue) Sleeping in Jeff Johnson's arms.



Member Profile: The Padilla Family

By Ellen Padilla

Ron and I met six years ago and were married four years ago. It didn't take us long to realize that we shared a love – actually a passion – for dogs. The “carry-on” baggage that I brought to the relationship was a shih-tzu named “Bubbles”. Ron had a Rottweiler named “Bella” who, very sadly soon after, died of bone cancer. So, four years ago, we decided to adopt a chocolate lab, whom many of you know as “Cody”. There is no dog better than Cody.

Wanting another dog, but also wanting to make the best choice, we did a lot of research and ended up at “Meet the Breeds” three years ago. Both of us being very thorough individuals, we actually made it all the way around the venue to the “V” booth. There, our hearts were won by a full-sized orange dog (which I now know the color to be called correctly as “golden rust”), who affectionately jumped into her owner's arms the moment she was invited to.

So on the day of a Jets playoff game in January, we flew to the beautiful hills of Kentucky to a thoroughbred racehorse farm to pick up our new little baby girl, whom we named Sophie (AKA: “Miss October,” to those of you who have the VCLI calendar for this year). All I remember about the ride back was staring at this little puppy in my lap and then how she slept in between us in the hotel room (after we couldn't listen to her cry in the crate anymore), without moving until we woke her in the morning.



**Cody and Sophie, Naples, Florida,
July 12, 2012**

Long story short, and as those of you who have a Vizsla know, she still sleeps in between us most of the time. I'd like to believe that the sudden and painful “donkey kicks” are lessening as she matures, but the need to sleep in between us hasn't and won't. It is one of the many Vizsla qualities that we love about her.

Ronald and I don't argue much. When we do it's usually about the 3+2 human children that we share –not about our dogs. They bring us closer. I've found some wonderful, new, strong friendships in other club members, sharing the mutual passion of our dogs in the form of play dates and club activities. This has been a nice surprise.

Responding to Donna's invitation to tell our story, I am writing this as we are flying out of Nashville, leaving from our weekend of making an offer on 40 riverfront acres in Tennessee. Our dream, when we retire, is to share a home on a shallow, but beautifully

moving river in the mountains. We want to watch our dogs live the life they were meant to (and us, as well!). We plan to have many dogs there, as well as other

critters yet to be determined, and we definitely want a Vizsla rescue sanctuary.

THE FOUR TYPES OF DOG VOMIT

Author Unknown

YELLOW URKA-GURKAS Dog runs around the house and hides under furniture, while making a prolonged 'uuuurka-guurka, uurka-guurka' noise. (This noise is the only thing guaranteed to wake up a true dog lover who is hungover from a post-dog show celebration at 3:30 a.m.) After mad scrambling to capture the dog and drag him outside, the episode ends with an indelible ten yard line of slimy yellow froth from the living rug to back door.

BLAP DISEASE Dog exercises hard and a) eats large mouthfuls of snow (Winter Blap Disease) or b) drinks a bucket of water (Summer Blap Disease). Within two minutes of returning inside the dog spews out large amounts of clear slimy liquid while making a distinctive 'blap' sound and sharp percussive noise as it hits the linoleum.

GARKS Dog suddenly clears his throat with loud and dramatic 'gggaark, gggark,' noises, generally followed by prolonged 'iikssss' and then loud satisfied smacking noises. There is nothing on the rug. Don't investigate, You don't want to know.

RALFS Apropos of nothing, the dog strolls into the dining room and waits until the innocent dinner guests are all watching him. Then with a single Deep gut-wrenching 'raaalfff' disgorges the entire week's contents of his stomach on the dining room rug.

VARIATION: then he eats it.

In all the above events, the dog is entirely healthy and indeed deeply Pleased with him or her self.



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