



NEWSLETTER
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From our President, Anne Denehy (Vizsla73@aol.com)...

A belated, but much intended Happy New Year greeting to all our VCLI members! May 2010 bring good health and many happy surprises to you and your Vizslas.

Our Board will be meeting shortly to plan 2010 events that would be of interest, value and enjoyment for you and your Vizsla families. We will keep you informed when we have the plans finalized. In general, you can look forward to some of the things we have traditionally been doing for a number of years and that have proved welcome to many members--such as our Annual Meeting combined with a dinner, the summer Fun Day, and several other activities where you will have chance to learn something to do with your dog that you may never have tried before. All these things are designed to help you enjoy the full potential of your unique companion, your Vizsla.

At the moment, though, the big event coming up is a repeat of last year's VCLI sponsored Specialty show, formerly held in Secaucus, NJ, but lucky for us, this time is being held in the Nassau Coliseum on February 14th. Of course,

you may have read about it before. Since I know we had announcements already sent out by e-mail regarding a repeat of last year's highly successful Quilt raffle, Basket raffles and this time also, a trophy fund. Those events in conjunction with the show help raise funds to facilitate all the activities we hold during the year.

But, you may say, "I don't do shows; it doesn't involve me or my dog." In response, briefly, I would say, "Yes, it does have an impact of the whole breed, whether or not you are involved in it." The reality is that most serious breeders who have been striving to preserve the Vizsla as you see it today, so that yours remains quite the same as the original Hungarians intended it, have worked toward perfection, using the AKC Championship as the proof of excellence. Many other people who are not intending to be breeders enjoy showing their dogs as a symbol of their pride in the proper conformity of theirs, with respect to the standards set for this breed (the same goes for other breeds).

So, although this may not be your "cup of tea," I urge you to come and spend some time at this spectacular event. I promise you a lot of interesting fun, good conversations swapping Vizsla experiences with other owners and maybe seeing and cheering on someone you know winning part of the competition. I will be at ringside, as well as others from VCLI. There will be a mentoring program so that you can have some explanation of what is going on. The time schedule has not been set

yet, probably mid-morning through early afternoon, but we will send out a notice when we know, about a week before...Plan on spending some time there, checking out the dogs, and maybe enjoying scanning what the vendors are offering...lots of fun for all. Hope to see you there.

Anne



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Club funds: \$1648.31

Rescue Funds: \$8025.39

Stephanie Fischer, ilovtrav@aol.com

Membership Report:

Along with the newsletter, you will find our membership renewal for the year 2010. Please continue to give your support to our club. If there are any new ideas you have for outings, dinners etc, don't be shy. Call or drop me e-mail with your suggestions. There are currently 81 families listed with our club.

Stephanie Fischer, ilovtrav@aol.com

Report of the 2010 Nominating Committee

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Vizsla Club of Long Island (Article IV, Section 4) the nominating committee for the 2010 club year has proposed the following slate of Officers and Directors to the membership:

President:	Stephanie Fischer
Vice President:	Mary K Chelton
Secretary:	Evelyn D'Achille
Corresponding Secretary:	Cathy Jones
Treasurer:	Raymond Fischer
Director:	Ron Jones
Director:	Rich Mayer

Director:	Tim Bresko
Director:	Kevin Modica
Director:	Chris Cheeseman

Additional nominations may be made from the membership at large by presenting the name to the Secretary, providing the proposed member does not decline. The proposer shall present to the Corresponding Secretary (skyblu47@optonline.net) a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No further nominations may be made at the annual meeting at which the elections take place.

Elections will be held at the Annual Dinner Meeting in April, time and place to be designated at a later date. All members will receive a notice for this meeting in the near future.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,

*Tim Bresko, Chair
Pam Scheider and Tina Romano, members*

Rescue Report:

As you all remember, I sent out a plea last month for a dog and cat that were living with their owner in his car, and were turned into a shelter in New Jersey. One of my former rescue families came forward and is currently fostering both Rusty and his feline friend Midnight. Midnight and Rusty were extremely thin and malnourished.

After vetting them both, we found out Midnight has a thyroid condition and is currently on medication. She has gained some weight and with proper food, her coat is now nice and shiny. Rusty had surgery for his teeth (one had to be removed and the others badly needed a cleaning) and for the removal of growths on his stomach last week and is doing much better.

We had to put some weight on him prior to being anaesthetized. We did find out his favorite food is pizza and we all wonder if that is what he was being fed by his owner. He and his Vizsla brother Jaeger had a rough start. The chemistry was not there at the beginning and the Ratcliffes had to endure 2 pretty bad arguments. We are hoping since Rusty is feeling better and starting to play, he and Jaeger will become better friends. Please read John and Melanie's story and enjoy the pictures. My family, along with my 2 dogs will be visiting them in February. We all can't wait to hike on the trails and enjoy the beauty of a New Hampshire winter!

Stephanie Fischer, ilovtrav@aol.com

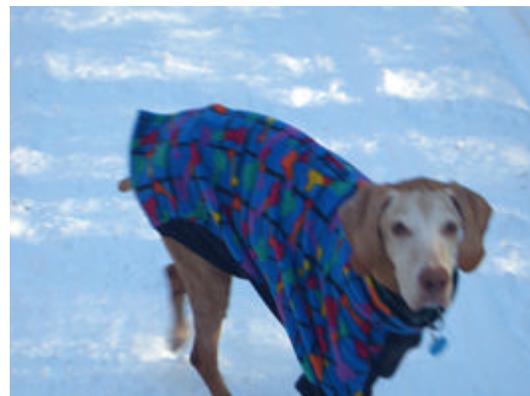


RESCUE STORIES: Rusty & Midnight

Rusty and Midnight came to us after being uprooted from their home and turned over to a shelter. While Midnight (Rusty's feline sister) has a "go with the flow" personality, it was apparent that Rusty was a little more nervous about what the future held for him. He didn't really seem to know what to do on walks, always thinking he was supposed to go right back to the car instead of enjoying the trails we hike on; he couldn't climb stairs and he appeared to have a lot of phobias.

He didn't seem to know how to play or interact with other dogs at all and quickly became fixated on me, the male in the household. After four weeks of being in our home, he now bounds up and down stairs with great aplomb, gets along very well with the two cats we already had, and loves to snuggle with us or by the fire at night. Initially, he coexisted with Jaeger, our other rescue Vizsla, without a lot of interaction.

We've been working through some personality issues between the two, but we are hopeful that as he learns how to communicate with Jaeger, that they will be playful companions.



He has been on many walks since he first came here, and is now appearing to enjoy

them, ranging further and further away from us before racing back to check on us. Just seeing him start to run was a real joy. While we are not 100% "there" yet, he is very happy in his new home. He's starting to play with toys; his health issues have been addressed and we have put about 4-5 pounds on him. You can see the difference in the pictures.



His coat is feeling soft again and he is starting to get some muscle tone back in his rear end. He is sweet and loveable towards everyone, and he frets when he's left behind, but thankfully isn't destructive. Leaving him alone in the car is almost funny, as he starts to howl from the driver's seat as soon as you close the door on him. I have hopes he will relax more and accept there are some places even a V can't go!

And not to forget Midnight... we found that she was painfully thin due to a thyroid condition.



She is now on medication to control that and has also gained a little weight. Her coat is starting to feel silkier as a result of a healthy diet. She sleeps through the day and joins us in bed at night. What a purr she has! As you can probably tell, our dogs and cats pretty much have the run of the house and are a very important part of our lives. We are happy to have been able to bring Rusty and Midnight into the mix through the help of VCLI. A special thanks to Tim Bresko for being the initial person to rescue them from the shelter and being willing to take Midnight in until we could get down there, even though she's not a Vizsla, and to Stephanie for her endless work, support and dedication to the breed.

John Ratcliffe

Rusty, My First Rescue

Tim Bresko

All of you have gotten the email from Stephanie about the rescue that needed our help today. And a lot of people responded to the need for help. As luck would have it, I happened to be available to help this dog out this morning. My meeting in the city was canceled and I was working from home.

Now most of you know me as a member of the VCLI board, or the guy that organizes the dog walks and shows up at all the Vizsla activities. But most of you do not know that my involvement in both the club and the Vizsla breed is all very new to me. As it turns out, all of the things that I have done with the club are

firsts for me. This is the first Vizsla that I have ever owned, the first dog club I have ever belonged to, the first dog I have ever entered in a dog show, the first I ever attempted agility with, the first I ran through a rally course, the first dog I ever entered in a hunt test, and got a Junior Hunter title with. And as of this fall, the first dog I ever went hunting with and actually got a pheasant! I really enjoy both my dog, and all of the things that this club has introduced me to. But today I had what was perhaps my most rewarding first, helping to rescue a dog.

I get the newsletter just like everyone in the club. I read about all of the wonderful success stories of Vizslas Stephanie, Mary K, and Cathy and Ron Jones have rescued, and see the pictures of the happy families that now have a new friend, and the dogs that now have a new lease on life. But I have never seen a Vizsla down on its luck, before all of the happy endings, before the dog settles into its new life with a new group of people that love him/her.

You read the email. This dog was loved by a man who fell upon hard times. He lost his job, and his house and was living in his car with his Vizsla, and his cat. How impressive is it that the things he chose to keep were his cat and dog. He unselfishly decided that as much as he loved his best friends he would have to give them up in hope that they would have a better life. So he left them at a shelter in NJ with a note saying, "please don't kill my cat and dog". Enter Stephanie and the club.

When I arrived at the shelter that morning, I could see him barking at me from the outdoor kennel, after being all by himself for the last two nights. He was old. His face was grey, he was skinny, cold and he looked scared. But his tail was wagging. After I met with the people that volunteer at the shelter they let me take Rusty out of the kennel. To say that he was scared would be a gross understatement. This dog wanted nothing else but to be back home.

He never acknowledged me or anything that I was doing. He never even looked at me. After speaking with them for a while I put Rusty in the car for the ride home. He did not like the crate at all and he whined and scratched all the way home from New Jersey. When we arrived on the Island I took him for a walk at the park near my house. He seemed to enjoy being out but still paid little attention to me.

Finally, when we arrived at my house and he walked in the living room, you could literally see the stress drain from his face. He was in a house! A warm place with water, and food and a couch! He met my dog, and my cat but the thing he really wanted was that couch. I grabbed my laptop and began working, while sitting on the couch with Rusty's head in my lap. He fell asleep there for the first time in a long while, and you could see the stress melt from his face. Such a difference from the dog I

only met a few hours before. Now the only time he whined was when I left the couch.



The time that I had with him was, however, brief. Stephanie rushed home from work to pick him up from me to spend time with her family before the adopting family arrived on Friday. I was sad to see him go, but I know he will make a great pet and a wonderful addition to an adopting family.

I guess the reason that I am writing this is to suggest that if the opportunity arises again, and if you have the ability, I would recommend donating a few hours to help with one of these rescues. It really made me appreciate both the work that our rescue people do, and how lucky I am to have a dog that is both happy and loved, and who loves me.

2010 is the 50th anniversary of the Vizsla being admitted to the AKC Registry. Below is the VCA's anniversary logo replicating the great stud dog, Broc Olca



Upcoming Events

Non Hunting

Feb. 14: VCLI Specialty at Nassau Coliseum combined shows.

Feb. 15: Westminster Kennel Club All-breed Show, Madison Square Garden, NYC

Feb. 20-21 Suffolk Tailwaggers, CPE Agility Trial, Doggie U, Bay Shore

April 24-25 Suffolk Obedience Training Club. Agility Trial County Extension Farm, Yaphank

May 21-22 Ladies Kennel Assn. All-breed, obedience, rally show/trials Planting Fields, Oyster Bay

May 23 Long Island Kennel Club all-breed, obedience show/trial Old Bethpage

June 12 CVVC Specialty Show at Greenwich Kennel Club at Taylor Farm Park, East Norwalk, CT

July 16-17 Riverhead Kennel Club all breed, obedience, rally show/trials, Suffolk Comm. College, Riverhead.

For more info on upcoming events:

http://www.akc.org/events/index.cfm?nav_area=events

<http://www.vcnnj.com/> <http://www.ctvalleyVizslaclub.org/CalendarofEvents.htm>

<http://www.thevcgny.com/Events.html>

http://www.doggieuk9.com/dog_shows.htm <http://www.infodog.com/showinfo/state.htm>

<http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/>

Hunt Tests

Feb 27 VCLI Riverhead, NY (Sarnoff)
Contact: Rich Mayer (631) 368-3184

March 13-14 LIPDFTC Riverhead, NY (Sarnoff) Contact Lynn Larrison (631) 706-4197

March 20-21 LIGSHPC pending. Contact Kathie Amore at (631) 360-0262.

March 20-21 HVGSPC East Windsor, CT
Contact Kimerly Eason (860) 455-0922

March 27 VCLI place to be determined.
Contact Rich Mayer (631) 368-3184

March 27-28 ISCNE Plainfield, CT
Contact Barbara Joyal (401) 739-5968

April 3-4 NWC Simsbury, CT Contact Richard Teadore (413) 562-8800

April 17-18 VCGNY Clarksburg, NJ
Contact Florence Duggan (908) 789-9328

April 24-25 EGSPC Phillipsburg, NJ
Contact Anthony Rusciano (848) 565-6698

**** Club-sponsored events**

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Debbie Field's Mondai's Soar'N Precious Tawny Heart is officially an AKC JH!

After only 2 NAVHDA training clinics "Tawny" was entered into 4 hunting tests, and with no surprise from her owner/handler, received 4 Qualifying scores! Not too shabby for a NYC girl!

2 tests at the Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club's Fall Hunt Test on October 17 & 18 at Assunpink WMA in Clarksburg, NJ, and 2 tests at The Long Island Pointing Dog Club's Hunt Test on October 24 & 25 at the David Sarnoff Preserve in Riverhead, LI.



There is seriously no place she'd rather be than out in the hunt field!

Amber, Mary K's rescue girl, passed her Therapy Dog International test on Sunday, January 10 at Dog Works

Mary K. herself has been named the new VCA Historian.

MEMBER PROFILE: Toni Allocca

I had gotten interested in Vizslas about 16 years ago, when I got my first Vizsla, Mabel, in 1993. Mabel and I worked together and she became a Delta Society Pet Therapy dog. We visited the Veterans Hospital on 23rd Street in NYC and also worked with a public school program for autistic children in the city. Mabel died in July 2006 when she was thirteen years old. I was heartbroken.

About six months passed and I had thrown out my back in December 2006. I was in a stationery store and a dog walker came in with a Vizsla. I was in so much pain with my back but was able to crouch down to say hello to the beautiful dog. I had been without a Vizsla for 6 months. The dog kissed me and I started to cry. That is when I realized how much I missed the breed, so I immediately started to do research and found Elgin Cariad National Velvet, (Velvet) from a fabulous breeder, Donna DiFilipis, Dorratz Vizslas.

Velvet came from a frozen semen breeding. There were only three puppies in the litter, and I was lucky enough to get one. As with Mabel I got last choice, but in my opinion, both times I got the best bitch pup.



Velvet and I have worked together And she has gotten her Junior Hunt Title. \ With a handler Velvet has also become a champion in the conformation ring. Velvet will be going to Westminster this year with her handler, Deirdre Dunbar.

I live in New York City with my husband and two children, Sophia 11, and Isabella 8. I also have a sandwich shop on Prince Street, in the Soho area, which is open 7 days a week. I also have a horse, another dog, Gidget, a pug, a cat, and two tortoises. So I have plenty to keep me busy.



Hotel Room Reconnaissance: A Life-Saving Routine

One night back in the late 90's I had driven 15 hours to an agility trial and checked into a very nice, more upscale, hotel room. I arrived well after suppertime. Hungry, I dumped my stuff and my dogs in my room in order to grab a meal. In a flash I remember thinking I saw my Border Collie "Stoni" eat something from the floor. It was blue but I didn't pay any more attention to it at the time.

Upon returning from dinner an hour or so later, I found Stoni had collapsed, unable to stand and barely conscious. After a night at the emergency clinic, Stoni survived, but her kidneys were severely compromised. She lived for several years past that night, but died of kidney failure, long before any of her

littermates passed away. We don't know for certain what Stoni ate that night, but assume it was a prescription pill, a previous guest had dropped and not bothered to pick up. The next week John and I bought our first RV hoping to cut down on the number of hotels we needed to stay in.

Ever since that episode, whenever I have to check into a hotel, I leave my dogs in the car until I can do a reconnaissance on the room. I have found pills on the floor at least 7-8 times.

I now pack a flashlight, and get on my hands and knees checking the floor in every hotel room before allowing my dogs to enter. When doing this, I pay special attention to the floor nearest the head of the beds, on both sides, and also near the sink. These are key areas a person may try to take a pill and are the areas that I have found all of the pills I have discovered over the last 10 years.

I am writing this from a hotel room where only a few hours ago I found a little orange pill with the inscription of "Apo 50" on it. I don't know who Apo 50 was meant for, but I know for certain I would not have wanted one of my two dogs that I have with me to have found it before me.

If you have found this information helpful, I would appreciate you encouraging your friends to sign up for their own copy at <http://www.clickerdogs.com>.

Susan Garrett
Say Yes Dog Training Inc
<http://susangarrettdogagility.com/>

For information on pet food problems, go to <http://www.truthaboutpetfood.com> and also <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed>

Focus On The Field

Rich Mayer (bytheseavizslas@optonline.net)

When I talk to folks from outside of New York, they are amazed that Long Island provides such a wealth of opportunities to hunt large and small game essentially in our own backyard. Although it's in our best interests to support all hunting activities, as Vizsla lovers, our primary interest is hunting upland game birds.



I've heard stories from many old time east enders that there were days when wild quail and wild pheasant were common here on Long Island. One gentleman owned property that stretched from the Peconic Bay, north to LI Sound and could walk that property without a dog, and shoot his limit of pheasants. Not surprisingly, the days of wild pheasant on LI have passed but there are still fantastic opportunities to hunt wild birds (woodcock and quail) as well as pheasants. Many people just don't realize how easy it is to take advantage of this great opportunity to enjoy time a field with our two and four legged friends.

On Long Island there are two ways you can hunt upland game birds. You can hunt on public property with a valid NYS hunting license and an access permit or you can hunt on a private preserve. Each provide special opportunities, and in my opinion, neither one is preferable over the other. The ultimate benefit is you don't need to leave

Long Island to spend three hours bird hunting.

Hunting State Property:

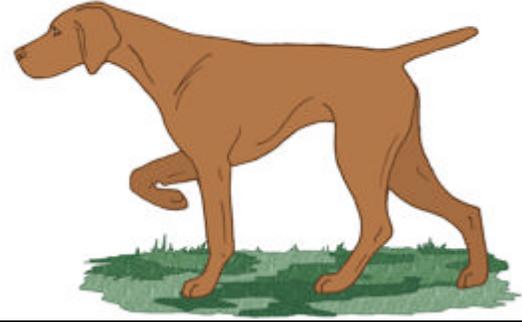
The New York State DEC offers residents the opportunity to hunt pheasants, quail and woodcock on thousands of acres of state land. The properties are on eastern Long Island, primarily in Calverton and Rocky Point. There are other parcels, but the vast majority of bird hunters will be in one of these two places. The pheasant and quail season begins on November 1st and closes on December 31st. DEC offers Long Islanders the most generous bag limits in the state. We can take 6 quail and 4 pheasants (daily bag) while the rest of the state can only take 4 quail and 2 pheasants. Check the "New York Hunting and Trapping Guide" for details. As a great upland season primer you can hunt woodcock, a migratory game bird, from early October through early November. These are excellent birds to hunt because they tend to hold tight which helps young Vizslas understand the object of the game and stay steady. During the season you can hunt 7 days a week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. You can get your NYS hunting license at any town hall or sporting goods store and the daily access permit is issued at the DEC check station in Ridge. Please note, you must have completed a hunter safety course to get your first license. You can request a reservation to hunt a specific location on a specific property or you can go out later in the morning and hunt any open spot not already occupied. My experience has been that getting a reservation is hard because you make them on the phone the weekend prior to your hunt and they only take calls during a specified window in the morning. If you're great on speed dial you may get through. I've enjoyed the more leisurely approach of getting to the check station at 8:00am and

finding an open parking space after 8:30. Whichever approach works for you I think you'll find that the folks at DEC do an outstanding job making sure they provide fantastic hunting opportunities for us. The properties vary from woodlands to open fields and although I've encountered other hunters, there is more than enough room for you and your dog to have a great experience. Once you're off the road you'd never believe you're still on Long Island! You'll be amazed at the beautiful natural surroundings including ponds, streams and wildlife. In my opinion, you can't make a better \$26 investment that is good for 3 months of outdoor fun.

Hunting on a Preserve:

A preserve is a managed piece of property that you can hunt as either a member or as a guest of a member. Each preserve manages their property and game to ensure the hunting experience is a good one. There are currently at least 5 preserves that I'm aware of on Long Island and at least one that offers walk up hunts to individuals that are not members or guests of members. There are different arrangements for membership and dues depending on the preserve. The advantages of a preserve are many including the ability to extend your season 3 additional months. Most preserves allow hunting from September 1 through March 31 and some allow you access year round. The biggest advantage, that some preserves offer, are grounds that you can train on, in addition to hunt on. Although you can train on state property, the regulations for releasing game and firing live ammunition severely limit those opportunities for individuals. One of the advantages of being a VCLI member is that we can apply to the DEC to use state property to train dogs, but as you know the event must be scheduled, approved and we follow strict DEC guidelines when on their property. Training on DEC property is a much more formal event than is usually required at a preserve that offers training opportunities to members. Although a preserve will also have rules, there's greater flexibility depending on the preserve you're

affiliated with. In addition to the ability to train, you'll have the benefit of hunting property that is specifically managed for hunting. Those benefits mean a safe and rewarding experience for you and your dog as well as the opportunity to begin lifelong friendships with other members.



Bring Along a Youngster:

Whether you hunt state or private property, the future of our sport depends on our ability to pass along the love for upland bird hunting to our children. That can mean bringing a son or daughter or a niece or nephew or a neighbor. Many people, including a hunter I spoke to this past November in Rocky Point, are unaware that children can accompany an adult in the field. As long as they're not carrying a firearm, they're not hunting, they don't need a license. If you bring along a child here are a few reminders to make sure they enjoy the experience.

- Dress appropriately in warm layered clothes. Have good footwear and an article of blaze orange that fits them.
- Make it fun. Have them participate in the day's activities. Give them the camera, a compass, binoculars, a dog whistle; identify trees, shrubs and animal tracks. Let them flush a bird. Look for sheds (antlers). Stop and throw rocks in the pond. The dog will appreciate the break too!
- Don't make the outing a marathon. Spend a few hours but remember

little legs get tired sooner than yours. Bring beverages and snacks.

- Leave game boys and their cell phones home or in the truck. The time a field is about togetherness and enjoying the outdoors.

If you don't have a NYS hunting license, keep an eye out on the DEC website for locations and dates the hunter safety course is offered. It's usually too late to look for a course next fall. I hope I've enticed you to give upland bird hunting right here on LI a try.

***Point it Out:* The VCLI, region 1 DEC office in Stony Brook (631-444-0310) and the DEC website are the only sources you need to get information to get started.**

The Field Committee is in need of volunteers. If you are interested in learning how to participate in field related activities we could use your help. No experience required!! If interested please contact Rich Mayer (Field Committee Chairman) at bytheseavizslas@optonline.net or 631-368-3184.

The Canine Good Citizen Program

Pam Rowley (bbrowley@aol.com)

Besides being a VCLI club member, Pam is able to certify dogs for their CGC

Soooo--you just brought home a new puppy or maybe adopted an older dog. How are you expecting to enjoy this new friend? Are you looking forward to a friendly companion to take on walks, play with the kids, be an easy addition to the household and a pride to introduce to guests. Well, this probably won't happen unless you plan a training program for both you and your cuddly little puppy.

It may seem an impossible task when your puppy changes from that cute, snuggly angel to the 6 month old bigger dog racing around the house, chewing on furniture and slippers, jumping on and barking at you and your guests and using all his strength to pull on the leash while you're trying to take a leisurely walk. It's not impossible!

In 1989 the American Kennel Club introduced the Canine Good Citizen Program intended to reward the dog and its owner/handler for achieving responsible pet ownership and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs that pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a handsome certificate from the AKC. Best of all, you will have a companion that is easy to live with both in your home and when traveling anywhere.

The basic requirements for passing the CGC test are:

1. Accepting a friendly stranger without jumping, barking or otherwise misbehaving.
2. Sitting Politely for Petting
3. Standing quietly for Grooming
4. Walking on a Loose Leash
5. Walking through a Crowd without being over exuberant or shy
6. Sit and Down on command and staying in place
7. Coming when called
8. Behaving politely around other dogs
9. Calm reaction to distractions such as a sudden loud noise or a jogger
10. Supervised Separation

Unless you are experienced in training and socializing dogs, it is best to find a good training school on Long Island (of which there are many) and join a class for either beginner obedience or one that specifically teaches the CGC requirements. Although I had dogs all my life, I didn't know the newest and best ways to train. A qualified instructor is a necessity. It will be your responsibility to go to the classes

once a week and then just train for a couple 10 minute session every day or as often as possible. A wonderful bond will be created between you and your dog when he is successful in what you are asking him to do.

The CGC test is given at many point shows and match shows on Long Island as well as some club functions and training facilities. Your instructor will be able to tell you how to locate a test.

The Canine Good Citizen training lays the foundation for other activities such as obedience, agility, tracking and is almost the same test as that required for Therapy Dogs International. Most importantly, the training you will be doing will make you so proud of your companion and he/she will have a new respect and love for you.

An Empty Place

*There's an empty place at the foot of
our stairs
Where a Vizsla used to sleep.
If you knock at our door you'll hear no
more
His barking loud and deep.
If you hunt with me you will not see
Him leading me through the trees,
Or follow him back along a trail
He can re-trace with ease.
If we stop for a rest and a bite to eat
He won't push in for a cuddle.
If, parched with thirst, we seek a drink
He won't walk in the only puddle.
He won't ride home in the back of the
car
With his head upon my shoulder.
He's gone you see, my hunting mate
And the world's a little colder.
There's an empty place at the foot of
our stairs*

*Sent by Jenny Hawthorne
from New Zealand after
Beamer's death,*



In Memory...

**CH COPPER CREEK'S AMBER
SUNBEAM ("Beamer")**

October 13, 1998—November 7, 2009

**Loved by Mary K. Chelton and
Dorothy M. Broderick
And Amber, his rescue buddy
Bred by Carol Vola**

(Photo by Viewpoint Photography, Huntington)

Holiday Party Candid Camera Shots

Kevin Modica



VCA 50th Anniversary Commemorative Merchandise

The cost of the calendars are \$20 each, plus shipping.

One calendar: \$24
Two calendars: \$46
Three calendars: \$69

Pins are \$25 with shipping/mailling included. (Actually size shown)

Tapestry throws are \$75 plus shipping/mailling or they can be picked up at the national events.

They are absolutely stunning and would make for a very special gift, club awards, or as a keepsake.

A QUILT TRIFECTA - in support of the 50th anniversary celebration events!!

Three beautiful handmade quilts (Rhonda Johnson and Kathy Jacobson)...made from the t-shirts of past VCA nationals logos will be raffled. The first ticket will be drawn at the 2010 VCA NSDC, the second ticket will be drawn at the 2010 Natl Specialty Awards Banquet, and the final ticket will be drawn at the 2010 National Championship Field Trial. Three chances to win a quilt on one ticket.

Tickets will be on sale throughout 2010.

\$5 Per Ticket or
4 Tickets for \$10
or 10 Tickets for \$20

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Surgeon General's Warning: Dogs are expensive, addictive, and may impair the ability to use common sense.

POLICY STATEMENT FOR VCLI NEWSLETTER

The *VCLI Newsletter*, the only membership benefit that goes to every member regardless of length or level of membership participation, exists to do the following:

- ✓ Provide a mechanism for creating a community of Vizsla-loving dog owners and advocate for the breed among existing and potential members;
- ✓ Educate members about the breed's history, versatility, accomplishments, training and care;
- ✓ Share information about membership activities and opportunities;
- ✓ Highlight members' breed-related accomplishments;
- ✓ Provide information about VCLI events for members;
- ✓ Provide information from and about those organizations the VCLI is affiliated with, namely the AKC and the VCA;
- ✓ Provide information from and about those organizations with overlapping dog-related interests in the NYC Metropolitan region particularly on Long Island;
- ✓ Explain various dog performance events for those members interested in becoming active in them;

The Newsletter is published 4 times year on an announced, predetermined schedule, and distributed by electronic mail. Issues are subsequently archived and displayed on the VCLI website, with a CD archive updated each issue for the corresponding secretary. Articles, announcements, letters and editorials from members are welcome, although the editor, of necessity, reserves the right to copyedit, condense, revise, refuse or schedule content. Insofar as possible, the first announcements of any club-sponsored activities should be published in the newsletter.

Approved by VCLI Board,
November, 2009

Urgent Notice: Potential Danger of Dog Hair...

In a press release today, the National Institute of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in the hair of dogs. This substance, called "amobacter caninii" has been linked with the following symptoms in females: Reluctance to cook, clean or do housework. Reluctance to wear make-up, good clothes or high heels. Reluctance to spend money on home or car repairs until after 'Baby' has new collars, leashes, beds, treats, food, blankets or toys.

"Amobacter caninii" usually results in long hours away from home and exhaustion, which may lead to a loss of physical contact with other humans (especially husbands and boyfriends). "Amobacter caninii" is thought to be addictive, driving the need for additional sources-this may lead to a "pack mentality" or like the potato chip commercial, "you can't have just one". Beware! If you come in contact with a female human infected by this substance, be prepared to talk about dogs for hours. Additional symptom is a lack of motivation to seek a cure. Full recovery is rare and if cured, serious side effects may result.



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VCLI Newsletter Policy

Articles written or submitted by individual correspondents may not necessarily be in accordance with present VCLI policies.

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Cover—\$22.00

1 page w/1 photo \$17.00

1 page w/ 2 photos \$22.00

1 page w/out photo \$12.00

1/2 page w/ 1 photo \$15.00

1/2 page w/out photo \$10.00

1/4 page w/out photo \$5.00

When placing ads, the OFA# is required for the subject Vizsla. If under 2 years of age, the OFA#s of the parents are required. Spayed/neutered and deceased Vizslas need no OFA number.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: April 15, 2010





Vizsla Club of Long Island

Member Application Renewal

Please help us to keep our records up-to-date by filling out this application and mailing it back no later than April 1, 2010.

Contact Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address:

- Please indicate if you would like to receive club communications using your **e-mail** address only Yes or **No**
- Do you want your name and contact information included on a published club list? This list will be sent to other members of our club: **Yes** or **No**

Member Profile:

- I/We now own ____ Vizslas ____ Males ____ Females
- I / We currently participate in the following activities with our dog(s) (Circle all that apply)
Agility breeding conformation field trials hunt tests obedience therapy tracking
- Are you a member of any other Vizsla or kennel club(s): **Yes** or **No**

If so please indicate which one(s):

VCA _____ VCGNY _____ VCNNJ _____
Other _____

- Do you have, or know anyone who has, special skills, facilities or equipment to offer the club such as cooking at gatherings, tables, agility or obedience equipment, veterinary or training help, newsletter publication skills, etc? If so, please indicate below? The club promises not to overwhelm you.

Membership (select type): Single ___ \$20.00 Family ___ \$25.00

I would like to donate to our Vizsla Rescue Fund \$ _____

I would like to donate to our Trophy Fund \$ _____