

Miscellaneous Announcements

Please note our beautiful new club logo designed by club member Karen Spinney, owned by Vizsla Brisztow Jones of www.urbanmutt.blogspot.com fame.

Club member Rich Mayer suggests PetsWelcome.com (his favorite), BringYourPet.com and DogFriendly.com as websites to consult for pet-friendly lodging. Others are PetsOnTheGo.com, TravelDog.com, TravelPets.com, TripsWithPets.com

A list of Long Island dog parks can be found at http://www.lidog.org/li_dogparks.htm

The Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club is sponsoring an AKC pointing breed hunt test seminar on Saturday, Feb. 17 in Waterbury for people who would like to become hunt test judges. FMI: John Morris at (860) 585-8505.

The American Veterinary Medical Association has issued a release indicating that clinical evidence now shows that the sugar substitute Xylitol is toxic for dogs. (Oct. 1, 2006)

An amendment to the definition of “pet dealer” in New York was signed into law in Sept. See: Ag & Mkts Art 26A S400 para 4 here after entering “pet dealer” in the search field: <http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/menugtf.cgi?COMMONQUERY=LAWS> (from the DFNYDogLaw list on yahooogroups.com)

Upcoming dog shows: www.infodog.com

Our condolences to noted CVVC Vizsla breeder Ida Kavafian on the loss of her two dogs when her van was stolen at an Ohio show recently.



The club is offering these machine washable woven leashes, belts, key fobs, collars and lanyards showing Vizslas at work and play. Choice of royal blue, or green belts (up to 44”); adjustable collars and leads in red or blue. Orders take approximately 2 weeks. Collars \$10; collars and lead \$25; belt \$16; lanyard \$7, key fob \$6. Send orders with checks made out to VCLI to Stephanie Fischer, 28 Devonshire Court, Plainview, NY 11803. FMI: (516) 932-0530



AKC CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.

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AKC Code of Sportsmanship continued...

- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.

Member Profile: Pam & Bert Rowley

I'm not quite sure what made us decide we wanted a Vizsla, but I can assure you it wasn't seeing a cute puppy in a store window or even that we wanted a hunting dog. We didn't know anyone who had a Vizsla, but I did know that I wanted a lovable dog that would be a good companion and had potential to do well in agility training which was my new passion.

About 25 years ago Bert and I bought a boxer puppy for no other reason than to have a wonderful pet. By chance she was a beautiful but plain puppy bitch. Encouraged by another breeder we bred her and she produced two champions in our first litter. We continued showing and breeding boxers and became very active in the Boxer Club of Long Island, the American Boxer Club, Westbury Kennel Association and the Long Island Kennel Club.

There was so much to learn when we became involved with breeding and whelping puppies. We were lucky enough to have a few kind mentors who were essential in teaching us the do's and don'ts with mother and puppy care. Unfortunately, after several years, we realized how often our beloved boxers were dying of cancer. It is a well known fact that cancer strikes boxers at a very high rate. Following the death of my all time favorite dog from our line at 6 years old, I couldn't continue breeding boxers any longer. Our last 3 boxers died of cancer under 10 years old. I decided to look for another breed that did not have such a high occurrence of cancer.

My mind was completely open, but I did have some specifics: I wanted a dog that was medium in size, had high energy (but not as much as a border collie), had athletic ability, preferably short haired, would be trainable for agility and would love to sit next to me on the couch.

At agility trials I had seen a few vizslas that performed well. There were also some at the dog training camp that I had attended for 8 years. The owners encouraged me by showing their willingness to learn and train.

With a little trepidation I announced to Bert that I wanted to look for a Vizsla puppy. After finding none at that moment on Long Island, I was given
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Member Profile continued...

the name of a breeder in Connecticut who had a litter on the ground from a friend of a friend. On the first call to the breeder she said she had several people she had already promised to sell a puppy to but they had not picked out their puppy yet because it was still too early to let them see the puppies. We had several more conversations before we could see the puppies. I explained to her our background in dogs and that I would be training whatever puppy I bought for agility and obedience training. We developed a good relationship and she promised us pick of the litter since we had a specific goal and temperament need rather than just wanting a pet.

When we arrived to look over the litter and pick out our puppy, the breeder said she would like to introduce us to the mother and father and some others of their vizslas before we saw the litter. We sat down at the kitchen table and she let 3 of her vizslas into the room. (Remember, we still didn't know too much about Vizsla personalities). The 3 dogs ran into the room—one jumped on me and another jumped up onto the kitchen table. “They do that some times,” she said. We do spoil our dogs too, but... what a surprise!

The puppies were all great and we left that afternoon with Gunner. Never has there been a puppy in my house that was so easy to housebreak. I think he actually took orders from our dominant boxer bitch who did the housebreaking for us. She also taught him how comfortable the couch is and that he is only allowed to play with toys that she doesn't want at the time. Gunner has never challenged her rule.

He also makes me very proud in the agility ring (most of the time). We are very close to entering our first obedience trial—first for both of us. I know he can do it, but am I a good enough trainer?

How lucky we are to have chosen a Vizsla!

P.S. To all Vizsla owners. Please get out there and do some training classes with your dog. They are so smart and you will be amazed by the bonding it creates. I wish I had started 30 years earlier. (Gunner's photo appeared in the last newsletter demonstrating agility at our Fun Day where Pam ran the agilty clinic.)

The Fischer Report...

Treasury: Checking \$508.10
Rescue Savings: \$3631.59

Membership: We currently have 50 families paid through 2006. We will be sending out renewal applications starting in March. Please continue to support our local club and join us in our various activities. If anyone has any suggestions on new events, please email me.

Rescue: Another successful adoption has just taken place and we welcome the Hartman Family: Michael, his daughter Sara, son Paul and dogs Samson and Diego to our club. Diego is a 2 and ½ year old V who needed to be put into rescue by his owner Dylan due to a change in his home situation. As tough as it was for Dylan to do, he unselfishly put the needs of his dog first. As Diego drove off with his new family, I stood there and cried with Dylan. I hope to see them at some of our family events. Again, we are always looking for people to help out and foster dogs or to make home visits. If you are interested, please email me.

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President's Message continued...

do have lots of fun together; we enjoy going out together to do things with our dogs, and we enjoy meals together from time to time. But far more than that, as we say in our Constitution, we are so dedicated to this unique vizsla breed, (and our beloved vizsla members of our families) and preserving and maintaining the breed in form and function as it has come down to us over approximately 14 centuries, that we are determined to do whatever we can to continue its correct existence. Being a club recognized by the AKC, we demonstrate that we are guardians of vizslas for future generations and we are joining forces with many other (31) vizsla clubs around the country to be part of this effort.

That being said, you will receive in the mail the information concerning this Match Show. Keep the date, February 4th open. As you will see, we need tremendous cooperation from as many members as possible to make sure it is a success. If you want more information on any of it, please call me or one of the other Board members and we will fill you in. You may be hearing from one of us personally, anyway, since this is such a huge issue that we want to make sure it all works well.

We will also be hearing soon from Rich Mayer concerning the kind of field events he will be planning. One of the big benefits of getting through the "B" Match is that then AKC will also allow us to move forward in the field area, and ultimately hold our own Hunting Tests...a really important goal for us.

See you all soon.....and again Happy 2007, hoping it will be a big year for the VCLI.

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Board Member Laura Hille and husband William had a baby girl named Amara since our last issue. She's getting an early start with Vizsla kisses as you can see:



***Six Toll-Free Numbers Everyone Should Know
Association of Pet Dog Trainers
(<http://www.apdt.com/>)***

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From our president...

Happy New Year to all...my first wish after that is to thank VP Ed McAuliffe, and the rest of the Board of Directors for a job well done in taking over for me while I was disabled this past fall with heart surgery. Thanks, too for all the good wishes in cards and calls. They were very much appreciated.

And now, on to continuing business for 2007. We have received AKC approval to hold our next level match—a "B" Match. This moves us a little farther toward our goal of completing all their requirements for becoming a fully accredited club. I know there has been some wondering about why do we want to go to all this trouble? Why is it worth it? Well, first it is to show that we are not just a social club...we