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## VIZSLA CLUB OF LONG ISLAND NEWSLETTER

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**VCLI HOLIDAY  
PARTY**  
**Sunday,**  
**December 11**  
**Anne Denehy's**  
**home, 32 Darby**  
**Drive,**  
**Huntington**  
**Station**  
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**Email VIZSLA73@AOL.COM**  
**Bring a dish to share and a dog-**  
**related item for the raffle fund**  
**raiser.**  
**RSVP please**

### *From the President...*

As the calendar year comes to a close, it always makes us feel we want to review the preceding months' activities. Of course, we of VCLI are no exception. Although our official club year is not concurrent with the calendar (we run from March 1<sup>st</sup> through February 28/9), it wouldn't be inappropriate to look back with satisfaction and gratitude and report to you that our relatively new club is doing very well in my estimation.

First, our membership continues at a stable, healthy number, and interest in our varied activities is quite encouraging. We have kept in mind that not all our members have the same interests, and our 2005 plans reflected this variety. In addition to the social aspects of the club, which is of great importance, sharing that

### *In Memoriam*

***Johanna Mirabella***  
***1944—2005***

*Johanna lost a valiant fight with  
breast cancer in November.*

The VCLI donated \$50 to the Vizsla  
Club of America Welfare  
Foundation in her memory.

top billing is our responsibility to encourage members to explore the talents and abilities of their vizslas in the variety of experiences of sport that they are capable of. Because of that we had our Dinner with an agility talk, meeting after a show, fun day with discussions of training and opportunity to try out agility for the dogs, an introduction to hunting seminar, and another fun match in the near future.

Our rescue efforts of this past year have been heroic at times, and quite a few members have been involved in that, for which we should be very grateful. I might add, that we also have a group of members who respond to folks who are inquiring about our breed. We have a very important function with regard to educating people who are attracted to the beautiful appearance of

vizslas, but have no idea of the intensity of time and care necessary to raising and owning one.

Our Holiday Party will cap the 2005 activities and we encourage you to come and be with the rest of us who share a love for those "red dogs" which keep us on our toes. Most importantly, though, let us hear from you. Tell us what you would like to see the club get involved in next year, what improvements and additions you feel would help the club be relevant to your interests and lifestyles. You are the ones who keep this club interesting and growing. *Have a Happy Holiday Season.....*

Anne Denehy  
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**BRAG**

Haranns Big Red Clifford, also known as Cliffy, picked up 2 more points and a *Best of Winners* at the Farmington Kennel Club Dog Show held at the Mohegan Sun Casino. Only 3 more to finish. Cliffy is bred by Anne Denehy, handled beautifully by Joe Diaz and owned by the Fischer Family.

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**Committee Reports**

**Treasurers Report:** We currently have \$259.49 in our checking account, after having to pay our annual insurance liability bill of \$331.00. Our Rescue fund is holding steady at \$1582.79.

**Membership Report:** We currently have 41 families that are paid in full for the 2005 year. Welcome to all our new members and thank you to those who continue to support our club. I think all of us are starting to realize that our club is not just for the

show, agility, hunt or obedience minded people. It is a place for us all to gather, as singles or as families to have fun, meet new people and maybe even learn a bit more about our dogs or each other.

Renewal applications will start going out sometime in March.

***Rescue Report:*** We are currently working on 2 very different types of cases. The first one is very near and dear to my heart. I really do not consider this rescue, I consider this the right thing to do for a friend and fellow club member. One of our founding club members, Johanna Mirabella lost her battle with cancer and we are looking for a home for 2 of her 3 female Vizslas. The 10 year old has already been adopted by a long time Vizsla owner. The 2 remaining are 6 and 8 years old. It would be great if they can be re-homed together. I recently visited them both and if I could have, I would have taken them both!!! There would go my rescue career!! The girls are friendly, loving and well behaved. A lot of time was spent on agility and obedience with these

dogs. If anyone is interested in adopting please hurry and give a call. I think that we should all think about the what ifs for our own dogs and think of someone who can take them if need be.

The second case involves an 11 ½ year old neutered male. The dog may be slightly incontinent, but since we can't get a straight story from either the husband or the wife, we are not sure. The dog, after all this time is not "fitting in" to their current lifestyle and they are willing to cast aside a loyal friend just like that. I am working with Rescue Coordinators in 3 states to try to help re-home the dog and every time we think we have the answer, the family finds fault with the rescue coordinator. Fortunately, the Breeder was found and has stepped in to try to help.

As I have said before, Rescue takes an awful lot of my time, but in the last 3

years I have met so many wonderful families who have adopted dogs from us, visited with some old friends, but most of all, I have grown so much. I always said there was something I was meant to do and I found it. This would not be possible without the support of my Rescue Committee: Mary K. Chelton, Ron Jones and Jay Rezler. Thank you all for your time. We are always looking for people to join us, whether it be to foster, just help with phone calls or go on look sees and evaluations. Please don't be shy. I promise you will feel a sense of fulfillment.

On a more personal note I want to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.

Stephanie Fischer  
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*Ch. Harann's Buvos Virag ("Magic") placing in the Veteran Bitch class at the VCA Nationals 2003*

## Magic

left us on July 2nd to join the others over the Rainbow Bridge.

*Her quiet presence is dearly missed.*

*Anne Denehy and Family*

## *Fostering Sophie*

*By Mary K. Chelton*



***Sophie with her new people, Bill and Lorie Sullivan, in their New Hyde Park backyard.***

Ron Jones got the word on Sophie from a neighbor who works at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter. He called me after he went to see her and verified that she was a purebred Vizsla, but that he could not foster her because of having a litter of puppies at home. When I saw her two days later, half-starved and scared to death, with nobody claiming her, I put my name in and Ron helped me get her the next day because he has a van.

When we came into my yard and my three came to see the newcomer, Sophie rolled over on her back and put all four feet in the air with her tail tucked as tight as possible. With such a totally submissive dog, even my two alpha bitches didn't see her as a challenge; even better, she was Amber's age, so they romped and played together while she was here.

Sophie had worms and ear mites and needed a good bath and spaying, but more than any of this (which the club paid for and my vets at the Paumanok Animal Hospital gave me discounts for), she needed the comfort of being a dog, which we gave her. She learned her name, to sit, to come, and that sleeping with a person was quite nice. She loved South Haven Park where her nose went down and her tail went up and she ran around like she was in heaven.

Because of a problem the VCA has in a Western state over a shelter dog being placed before the owner was located, Sophie stayed with us a full month while efforts were made to find out if she had an owner, who never turned up, so the Sullivans, who had

formerly had a German Shorthaired Pointer, applied to adopt a Vizsla, came to meet her and took her home to be theirs. This lengthy period is because she came from a shelter. Unless there are no prospective adopters or serious problems, the time for fostering is usually shorter.

A follow up visit showed her to be in good health and good hands and well on her way to being a very happy dog. While we still miss her, the pleasure of seeing her come back to life and mental health more than makes up for a few spots on the rug, the cost of extra dog food, the chaos of four Vizslas in the house for a month, and I hope, for the Sullivans, the eaten chair in their living room.

The biggest need in rescue is for foster families who will shelter, care for, do some minimal training of, and evaluate dogs looking for permanent homes. It is immensely rewarding, and I hope others will consider it.



***Sophie in a play bow during my visit.***



### *Did you Know?*

*Long Island has two Internet lists devoted to Dogs. They are Long Island Dogs (LI-Dogs) and Long Island Dog Sports (LIDogsports). Both are at Yahoo Groups. Go to [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com) and click on "Groups." Fill in the name of the list you want in the search field and you will get information about the list and how to subscribe.*



***Cold Weather Tips for Dogs***

Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm—dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.

Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He or she can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads

may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.

Never leave your dog alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.

Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him

outdoors only to relieve himself.

Like coolant, **antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs**. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Visit the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center for more information.

Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

*Adapted from the ASPCA's longer list of cold weather tips, all of which can be found at [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org) under "pet care."*

**Training Places VCLI Members Have Used**

- Canine Form and Function (Obedience, Confirmation, Agility): 780-2 Broadway Ave Holbrook N.Y. 11741 631/218- 3466; Trainers are Debra Feliziani for Obedience and Confirmation, Teri Nolan for Agility [tnol@aol.com](mailto:tnol@aol.com), Louise Wetzel for Agility 516/220-3727 or [dragondogs4@nyc.rr.com](mailto:dragondogs4@nyc.rr.com), Puppy Kindergarten and Family Dog Obedience Sue Reising.
- Doggie U, (Obedience, Rally Obedience, Confirmation, Agility, Flyball) Bayshore N.Y. 631 968-7972, [DoggieUK9Academy@aol.com](mailto:DoggieUK9Academy@aol.com) Louise Wetzel also teaches agility here.
- Suffolk Obedience Training Club, 233 Broadway, Huntington 631/261-6554 Wilma Diehl and Elsie Dunlop. Some agility classes too.
- Quail Run Kennel (Obedience), 126 Peconic Ave., Medford 631/4754573 Two retired police dog trainers.

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