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## VIZSLA CLUB OF LONG ISLAND NEWSLETTER

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### REMINDER

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita should remind us that it can happen here, too. Check out [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org) or [www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org) with the search term "emergency preparedness" and order a "rescue pets" sticker from ASPCA for your doors right now, and donate to help animals affected by these disasters!

### *From the President...*

Greetings fellow members of the Vizsla Club of Long Island. To briefly bring you up to date, we are moving along quite well with the plan for this year as the Board envisioned it last spring.

Our picnic lunch at Planting Fields in May after the Ladies Kennel Club Show provided us with a comfortable get together with each other and our vizslas to enjoy socializing and a good lunch. We held a brief meeting to update everyone with the most recent reports and plans

The really big and wonderful event to report, though, is the Summer Fun Day which was hosted by Board member Laura Hille and her husband, William, at their home and spacious 5 acre property in Manorville on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Luckily, the weather cooperated, and 48 members and families with 29 vizslas showed up for the festivities. William had built a very large fenced area just for us, where the dogs could be off lead safely and romp about with each other while the owners could hear the various instructive talks and demonstrations. Obedience and behavior issues were addressed by Sue Scelzi, and Therapy Dog work was explained by Pam Rowley.

Not to ignore the dogs, though, there were some fun games organized for them by Mary K Chelton. After lunch—a scrumptious one indeed, organized and transported by Stephanie and Ray Fischer, we held a brief business meeting followed by

*President's message continued...*

a fun “door prize” and 50-50 raffle ticket drawing.

To round off the activities was a stroll to the back of the property where several of our members worked hard to set up a few pieces of Agility equipment so those who wished could see what it is like and try out their dogs.

Even as the heat of the day increased the enthusiasm did not decline, as everyone packed up their dogs and “stuff” to head home, remembering an enjoyable day. I think all will agree it was a very worthwhile experience, providing an opportunity for all members to see one another again, discover the experiences they share living with our unusual “Vs”, and especially providing new members a glimpse into the world of possibilities for enjoyment and outlet for the energies of our companions.

Many thanks to all the members who really extended themselves to make this a completely well done activity. There were many more than I mentioned above, and I do not want to slight anyone by omission. We owe a very special “thank” you to Laura and William for the generous offer of their property—a perfectly wonderful environment.

Regardless of what your focus as vizsla owners may be, be sure you are always welcome at all our events, and we hope to see you all soon again. Watch your mailings for notices of our future events for the remainder of the year. More fun to come...

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Fun Day Photos



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Find out where AKC dog shows and other events are being held at [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com) or subscribe to the AKC Gazette published by the American Kennel Club ([www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)).

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***Focus On The Field***

By Rich Mayer  
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I had received direct feedback from several folks expressing interest in doing field performance events with their Vizsla. At this month's Board meeting I also received feedback that there was a lot of discussion at the fun day. Sounds like there's interest and enthusiasm out there and we just need to get it organized and start!

The first step will be a pointing dog training seminar which be convened in mid November. The plan is to quickly follow that up with a day in the field in December.

At the training seminar we'll talk about training equipment & gear,

training approaches, where to train, and what hunt tests are about etc. etc. The intent is to give owners a foundation of understanding and the opportunity to ask questions so when we get out in the field there's already a level of understanding.

Anyone interested in attending the seminar should contact me directly. You're welcome to call me at home until October 15<sup>th</sup>. I've had the opportunity to meet some of you and see your dogs. I'm really looking forward to helping you get acclimated and building confidence in exploring another aspect of life with a Vizsla.

***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

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***Treasurers Report***

Our checking account contains \$653.28. This amount is after all our expenses from our Fun Day. Thank you everyone who participated in the 50/50. It helped to fill the gap.

Our Rescue fund contains \$1831.22. We have donated \$100.00 to the AKC Rescue for Hurricane Katrina in the name of the VCLI. We also have had some Vet bills for Sophie, a new dog in our rescue system.

***Membership Report***

We currently have 40 families who are paid in full for the 2005 year. Welcome to those of you who have just joined and thank you to those who continue to support the VCLI. It has been brought to our attention that many thought this club was just for people who show their dogs. We hope that our Fun Day showed everyone we are trying to make the club a place where families can get together and talk about a variety of subjects. If

anyone has any suggestions, DON'T be shy!

***Rescue Report***

We currently have 1 dog in our Rescue system. Sophie, as she has been so properly named was picked up on the streets of Shirley, and brought back to the Brookhaven Animal Shelter. Ron Jones and Mary K. Chelton went to look at her and found a very thin, extremely frightened female Vizsla. Mary K. was kind enough to foster her. With a lot of love, patience and training, Sophie is coming out of her shell and picking up all the good and bad habits of the 3 other Vizslas in the house, 2 of whom are also rescues. We have a home lined up for Sophie with an older couple who are both retired. As I discussed at Fun Day, rescue takes a lot of our time. Many of you volunteered to help with phone calls etc. I was able to ask for help from one of our families in Shirley to call around and try to locate the original owner of Sophie. Thanks for your help.

Rescue continued...

Again, we are always in need of foster families and adoptive families. If any one comes to mind, please pass along my name and phone number.

I would also like to add that the VCLI Rescue Fund donated \$100.00 to the AKC Katrina Rescue Fund. If anyone would like to donate on their own, just go the AKC.org and follow the links.

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## Member Brags

*Eddie and Jackie McAuliffe report that CH Szizlin's Vola Be Jammin' JH (aka Marley) is now the #3 Vizsla in conformation in the country. Bred by Carol Phelps in Connecticut, all of whose dogs can be seen on [www.szizlin.com](http://www.szizlin.com)*

*This is the handsome Marley:*



*Haranns Big Red Clifford, affectionately known as Cliffy, won big at specialty shows his first 2 times out with his new handler Joe Diaz. He won a 5-point Major at the Longshore Southport show in New York in June and 3 weeks later a 4-point Major at the Rock Creek Show in Maryland. He currently has 10 points. Only 5 more to go. Cliffy, who was bred by Anne Denehy, is owned by Stephanie, Ray and Mathew Fischer.*

## Safety Checklist For Kids



Always ask a dog's owner if you may pet the dog.

There may be a very good reason why a dog should not be touched. He may be "on duty" as a handicapped person's helper, or he may be hurt, sick, or afraid of kids.

Approach a dog from the front or side.

Hold your hands low and speak softly. If you surprise a dog from behind, wave your hands in the air, or yell, you could scare the dog and cause him to try to bite you.

Let a dog eat and sleep in peace. A dog who is eating may think you are going to take his food away if you come too close, so be sure to leave him alone until he is done. If a dog is sleeping, you might scare him if you come too close and wake him up, so wait until he wakes up by himself.

Watch out for special toys. Some dogs have strong feelings for their balls and chew toys—just like you do with your favorite toys! You wouldn't want someone to grab your favorite toy away from you, so don't take a bone or toy from a dog's mouth unless you have trained him to drop it and give it to you first.

Respect a dog's space. Dogs naturally protect their territories.

Sticking your hand inside a strange dog's pen, through a fence or in a car window where a dog is sitting may cause him to bite to protect his property.

Source: American Kennel Club  
[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

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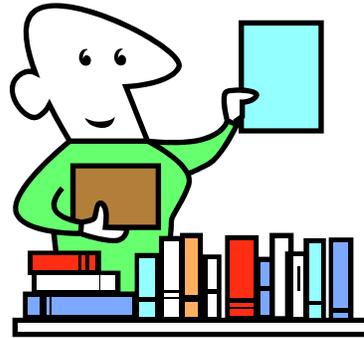
**Board Meeting Minutes Highlights**

*The club should have an official logo next issue, thanks to Ed McAuliffe's work.*

*To continue progress toward AKC affiliation, the club will hold a Match Show in November. Date and details to be announced.*



The October, 2005 issue of *Car & Travel*, the New York Automobile Association magazine, reports on page 4, research from doctors at Stanford Medical School who measured temperatures inside closed cars on sunny days with peak temperatures as low as 72 degrees. They found that temperatures inside the car rose about 40 degrees over the course of an hour, with 80% of the increase in the first 30 minutes. Leaving the windows open 1.5 inches did not slow the heating process or decrease the peak temperature reached. They concluded that quickly rising temperatures, even on a cool day, put unattended children and pets at risk of heat stroke in closed cars.



The Vizsla Rescue Fund is publishing another book in November, the name of which will not be revealed until the publishers announce the winning entry. The 125-page book will have full color covers and many B & W photos inside. Mary K. Chelton's own rescue, Sweetie Goddammit!, will be included in the stories. For more information, watch [www.rescuefund.org](http://www.rescuefund.org), which also has Vizsla holiday cards on the site.

***Vizslas on the Internet***

*VizslaTalk is an Internet list managed by Jenny Peacocke, the founder of the New Zealand Vizsla Club. While dominated by chatty US types, the list is international in scope. To subscribe, go to [www.smartgroups.com](http://www.smartgroups.com), register (free) and then go to "find a group" and you will find VizslaTalk under "Animals."*

**NEWSLETTER AD RATES**

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 1 page w/out photo \$12.00  
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 1/4 page w/out photo \$5.00

Articles written or submitted by individual correspondents may not necessarily be in accordance with present VCLI policies. 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 Vizslas need no OFA#.







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