



NEWSLETTER

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

Welcome to fall everyone! The leaves are changing, the days are getting shorter and I am noticing the activity level of my 3 dogs is increasing. They just love this cool weather. It is the perfect time of year to take a hike in the woods and let them sniff around.

Fall has also been pretty busy for us as a club. We were again the club that represented the Vizslas at Meet the Breeds at the Jacob Javits Convention Center. I want to thank all the people who volunteered to have their dogs hugged and kissed by many of the 40,000 people that passed through in the 2 days we were there. The information that all of you shared

with the public was invaluable. Some of the dogs and their owners were there for the first time. Others have been volunteers every year of the 4 years we've done this. We could not have done it without all of you! Joyce and Bruce Massie's dog, Rezi, had his photo taken by AKC and will be part of their advertising campaign. I will be getting a copy to share with all of you.

Last week we had our 2-day hunt test. From the feedback I was given, the test was a great success and a fun time was had by all. Thank you to our hunt test committee for spending many hours of your free time putting this all together. I expect to see

some brag pictures in this newsletter of the dogs that passed and received ribbons.

For those of you who have not yet ordered your 2014 calendars, they can be ordered easily on our website through PayPal <http://vcli.net/merchandise/>, or by sending a check to me for \$20.00.

The board has not yet finalized our holiday party agenda. Stay tuned for more info. As we do every year, we will be having an after Thanksgiving get together with the dogs. Please stay tuned for time and location. On both of these events, an email will be sent out and a post will appear on our website <http://www.vcli.net>.

On a more personal note, I would like to extend congratulations to Chris Cheeseman and Lauren Marano on their wedding, which took place in Italy.

I also want to welcome all of our new club members. It is really nice to see

the club growing. Don't be shy, come out and join us at our events.

As I always do, I would like to ask for volunteers. We need a new membership chair, and there will be some positions on the board opening up. For those of you who have been members for a while, this is your opportunity to step up and keep the club going. For those of you who are new, please don't be shy! We always can use the help and a fresh set of ideas. Remember the club will only move forward if there are people willing to work and help along the way. Please feel free to email me or call with any questions.

*Warm regards,
Stephanie*



Rescue Committee Report

The past 3 months has been pretty quiet for rescue. I am getting far more applicants than dogs. This gives us a larger pool of qualified families to choose from and to share with our other local rescue coordinators in Pennsylvania and the northeast.

I am proud to say that many of the dogs and families that volunteered their time this year at Meet the Breeds had rescue dogs. It is wonderful to see these dogs thriving in their new homes.

Our rescue group is also incredibly pleased and excited to announce that the Vizsla Club of Long Island Rescue Inc. has been granted 501-c3 non-profit status. This will enable us to receive large donations from corporations like Jet Blue, which has a \$1000 check waiting for us. This will also enable you to write off your donations. I have to thank again Steven Pollina and Chris Cheeseman for the hours of work they put it to make this happen. In the near future, I will be asking for volunteers to sit on a separate board, just for rescue, and to help with the paperwork, home visits etc.

Update on the Southside Kennels, courtesy of the *Cooperstown Daily Star*:
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**Kennel owner gets felony in plea bargain
Plea deal means no animals for 5 years**

By Joe Mahoney Staff Writer *The Daily Star*

COOPERSTOWN — A Worcester kennel owner who was arrested last year on animal-cruelty charges pleaded guilty Tuesday to ripping off vendors and customers—including a group of nuns who paid him for miniature dairy cows but never got the heifers. Frank Popolizio, 67, of Schenectady, struck a plea agreement with Otsego County District Attorney John Muehl on the second day of a trial before County Judge John Lambert. In so doing, Popolizio, who had been raising dogs that police investigators said were emaciated and malnourished, agreed he would not own any animals for five years, Muehl said. The kennel, South Side Dogs, is an annex to South Side Farms, where Popolizio has bred miniature cows, marketing them from an Internet site. He had been scheduled to stand trial separately on multiple misdemeanor counts of animal cruelty in connection with the treatment of the underfed dogs, many of them expensive breeds such as Weimaraners, German short-haired pointers, Vizslas and Rhodesian ridgebacks. But his guilty plea to the felony grand larceny count was accepted in satisfaction of those other charges, the prosecutor said.

“I’m satisfied with the result,” Muehl told *The Daily Star*. “My goal was two-fold: Getting restitution for his victims and ensuring that he will not have any animals for the next five years. Because the agreement calls for Popolizio to be placed on probation for five years, the longest he could be prohibited from owning animals is five years, he said. Liz Mackey, the director of the Susquehanna SPCA, said she was delighted to learn that Popolizio now stands convicted of a felony in Otsego County. “That is fantastic news,” she said when informed of the guilty plea.

When police raided South Side Dogs in January 2012, her organization helped care for scores of dogs seized from the facility by police. The dogs would later be adopted by new owners with the assistance of various rescue organizations. But until new homes were found for them, the

Susquehanna SPCA spent \$85,000 caring for them—a tab Popolizio has yet to pay, Mackey said. Also still waiting to get paid by Popolizio is Robert Pavese of Cobleskill, who said he did work on a barn at South Side Farms. One of the victims of the crimes for which Popolizio was being prosecuted, Pavese said he was pleased to learn that his former employer has been convicted of grand larceny. “Sooner or later, it catches up,” Pavese said. Popolizio’s lawyer, Adam Parisi of Schenectady, was not immediately available for comment. Popolizio was convicted last year of third-degree criminal tax fraud after failing to pay state sales taxes on receipts from a now-closed restaurant he ran in Schenectady.

We are waiting to hear from the Cooperstown SPCA what the next step is. I will keep everyone posted.

Please enjoy the following birth announcement and story from one of our Southside families. Ray and I met Maeve, Gordon, Duke and Missie last summer in Ontario Canada, and we are thrilled to hear the dogs are doing so well with their new baby sister.

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Duke and Missie’s Story Continues

We were nervous to bring a baby home because Duke and Missie were so terrified of children. Being part of the South Side Kennel dogs, they were never really exposed to people. I talked to them about the baby through the whole pregnancy and I played shows on TV and the computer that had kids and babies making noise so they'd get used to that. Gordon brought home the blanket Niamh (Neeve) was wrapped in and the dogs inhaled the smell and slept with the blanket between them. When we brought her home a couple of days later I went in first and gave them lots of cuddles and Gordon brought Niamh in. They haven't had any issues at all! Duke is very interested in her and likes to be very close. He comes running when she's crying--although I suspect it's to make sure I'm doing something about the noise! Missie will kiss her feet, hands and tries to lick her face but otherwise gives her and noisy toys a wide

berth. She is doing her best to confiscate Violet (a talking stuffed dog)!!



Duke and Niamh

They are still afraid of other children but not babies now so I imagine as she grows so will their confidence around kids. For right now they are doing what they can, Niamh and I walk them daily, hang with them most of the time and they get lots of attention from Gordon and me, and Duke is building a real doggie-kid friendship!

Maeve and Gordon Tyrell

BRAGS BRAGS BRAGS

TAWNY'S VERY BIG DEAL!!



Mondai's Soar'N Precious Tawny Heart MH, **NAVHDA Utility Prize 1**, Maximum Score, 204 Points

Owned, trained & loved by Debbie Field & Rusty

The NAVHDA [North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association] Utility Test is a challenging and demanding one, as befits the NAVHDA aim of “fostering, improving, promoting and protecting the versatile hunting dog in North America”. The Utility Test is designed to evaluate the full range of a true versatile hunting dog. The comprehensiveness of the “Test” can be broken out into the following components:

WATER: Search for a Duck; Walking at Heel to Blind; Remaining by Blind; Steadiness by Blind; Retrieve of a Duck.

FIELD: Search; Pointing; Steadiness on Game; Retrieve of Shot Bird; Retrieve of Dragged Game.

JUDGED THROUGHOUT: Use of Nose; Desire to Work; Cooperation; Stamina; Obedience; Physical Attributes.

On Saturday, August 24, 2013, the stars, the planets, and the stars and the planets within EVERY galaxy within EVERY universe were aligned. There was nothing that Tawny did or didn't do on test day that I was not prepared for or did not anticipate. We have trained hard and sensibly together over the years and it showed—we absolutely shone as a hunting team! One of the judges actually asked me if Tawny was "for sale"—hah hah—"NO WAY!" Over the course of test day as we completed each of the four major parts of the test I became more and more confident that Tawny was going to score high and get a "Prize" for her performance. Little did I know just how high a score and how high a "Prize". The conclusion of test day is when the team of 3 judges reads each and every dog's scores to the masses. The reading of Tawny's scores is truly unforgettable and will be forever etched in my mind! "Search for a Duck, 4; Walking at Heel, 4; Remaining by Blind, 4 . . . 4; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4." Tawny was awarded maximum points attainable in ALL 15 sections of the test, and a subsequent Prize 1 Utility! Next (LOL) I got a bucket of freezing cold water dumped on my head HAH--a longtime NAVHDA tradition I quickly learned (LOL).

Tawny & Debbie (as well as Rusty, of course) are headed to NAVHDA's 2014 Invitational Test in Searsboro, Iowa next September! WISH US LUCK !!!!!!!



MELODY and REBA

MM'n Moramore The Beat Goes On CA (Melody) went to a Lure Test; to our surprise she passed and got her new CA title for coursing ability. She flew around the ring following the lure. This was her first time doing this with no training, and she loved it! She really made us proud. We are the proud owners of this little girl.

Marianne Megna, Joe Diaz and Kathie Amore.



Melody's mother, Moramore Red Hot Reba CDX RAE JH MX MXB MJB XF T2B ONYX (Reba), went to Flyball and a Flyball Grand Champion with 300,000 flyball points. She is going for her Gold Flyball Championship for 400,000.

If she does this she may be the first Vizsla to be awarded this title. Reba is still going for her MACH in agility. She has all her points

but still needs 5 more double "Q"'s. Proud of what this girl has accomplished.

Owned by Marianne Megna, Joe Diaz and Kathie Amore.

JACKSON

Jackson Blue's Vizion (Jackson) earned his AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Certificate from Doggie U at 5-months old, and recently earned his Junior Hunter (JH) Title in September with 4 out of four qualifying scores, and an average of over 8.5 out of 10! Jackson did this just before he turned 10 months old! For those of you who are new to the Hunt Tests and scoring, the Junior Hunter is the first level title and the dog must receive 4 qualifying scores to earn the title. The scores are judged in 4 categories: Hunting, Bird Finding, Pointing, and Trainability (scores are 0-10 in each category). The dog must have a minimum score of 28 out of 40, with no less than a "5" in any category. Jackson also participated in the VCLI Hunt test and received Qualifying scores both days, one of which earned him his first leg of the JHA (Junior Hunter Advanced) title, and his first score of 10 in the Hunting category!

Jackson is owned by Ron and Ellen Padilla.



SOPHIE

Miss October (for many reasons, one of which is the VCLI 2012 Calendar photo) (Sophie), received 2 qualifying scores in this month's VCLI Hunt Test, the first of which earned her the JH Title. It was nice to have her receive her title at our club's event which is where she received her first qualifying score last October as well. Sophie has received four of her five qualifying scores in the month of October between last year and this year. For some reason, she seems to like the fall better than the spring! Sophie (Islandtime Sophia Rose) will be 4 years old in December and is owned by Ron and Ellen Padilla.



NUGGET

Everedi's Golden Nugget, JH, CGC got his Canine Good Citizen title at the Show-Me Vizsla Club Fun Day on September 21 in Missouri, and the first leg of his Senior Hunter title at our club hunt test on October 13 in Riverhead. Owned by Mary K. Chelton and Lin J. Kozlowski.



Focus on the Field

Andrew Campbell

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

It's the end of the first week of October and in five days or so I will pack up the truck and the dog trailer and make the 13-hour journey from South Dakota to Kansas for the 2013 VCA National Field Trial. I am not running any of the six dogs I brought out with me for summer camp, one of whom would definitely not 'qualify-on-the-line' (QOL). He has far too much white all over him and a full tail: Jake is also a pointer.

Nevertheless, since I wrote the previous column on 'form and function,' it struck me that the perhaps the VCA National Field Trial is the only national championship for which a conformation judge has to inspect and verify that the dog entered actually meets the written breed standard. And since I wrote the last column, a veterinarian has published two articles in the *American Field* magazine expressing significant concern about the push to breed pointers with 12 o'clock tails because in a number of cases he had seen that upright tail cause pinching and constriction in the rearmost vertebrae. Believe me, I have a dog with a long, upright tail and I love it—but I would also make the observation that for many there is a false perception that a 12 o'clock tail is somehow synonymous with a dog's intensity on point.

After 10 weeks working sharptail grouse, pheasants, and the very occasional covey of Hungarian partridges, I can make a few observations. First of all, once you have worked your dog on wild birds, on birds that will run or fly when pressured too hard, that may even flush wild well ahead of you when they get some sixth sense of your presence, you and your dog will learn so much. For example, from my pointer's tail, and if I am paying attention, I can tell when he is working the scent of a bird that has recently left, when he's trailing a bird running ahead of him, or indeed when the bird may have flushed wild ahead of him without me seeing it. The same is true for all my dogs to varying degrees, but that long white tail can tell me an awful lot. And that affects how I try to flush the bird.

I have certainly seen a few things I was not expecting to. This has included hen pheasants, especially but not exclusively, sitting tight in grass rows maybe 8 inches wide, and staying put until they were almost literally stepped on. In the woods of Maine, I have seen grouse and woodcock decoy flush one way to draw dogs and hunters away from their young, but certainly not pheasants to the same degree. I have tracked a covey of sharptails for close to a

mile, only to watch them successively flush wild a hundred yards ahead (and I say 'wild' because we were coming upwind and so the little sound we were making was not carrying to them). I have also had a dog point both pheasants and sharptails within 100 yards of each other in the same kind of cover. Pheasants tend to like taller grass covers where they can run and hide; sharptails tend to be in scrubbiest cover and often close to patches of sage. Nevertheless, this morning I watched Momo point at about 125 yards, and as I was coming in downwind and still about 75 yards away, I turned on my camera and as it went 'ping' I watched the covey of sharptails flush ahead of me, in a cover we'd never seen sharptails before.

I love watching dogs point and I love taking pictures of my dogs on point. But a wild bird isn't a stunned, fresh-farmed quail or chukar. The following handling advice applies to those same birds, too, in a hunt test or field trial situation, but if your dog is on point, get in front of it and *actively work the cover*. *You are trying to scare a bird enough to make it fly*, when at least one part of its brain will be telling it that running or diving deeper into the grass is safer for it. But look at your dog and assess the weather conditions. Is her head high? Or is she looking into a specific piece of cover? Where is the wind coming from? What is the terrain and type of cover like? For example, especially if I know I am most likely working pheasants which will run if given the chance, if the wind is steady and in the dog's face and blowing down the slope of a hill, especially over low grass cover, I will start my flushing attempt at least 15 yards out and move quickly in a fan ahead of the dog for maybe another 20 yards. After one serious flushing attempt, I'll look at the dog again to see if they are still as intense. If they are, I'll start flushing a little closer; if they're not as intense, I will ask them to relocate. I have almost come to that part of the sequence twice with my pointer, stopped to take a picture, then got out in front to flush, worked the area twice, but as I came

back to the dog to ask him to relocate, I watched a pheasant flush 20 yards behind him from where it had run. The point is that a wild bird isn't going to give you time to delicately move clumps of grass or get your picture perfectly framed, and so, you can take a shot with your camera but you maybe won't get a shot with your shotgun if you do.

Especially if you are going to hunt wild birds, I would encourage you to train your dogs to stop-to-flush. Whether it is the decoy flush scenario I described above or a dog finding itself in the middle of a covey, having a dog that will stop at the flush is a great asset. As an example, I will not shoot a bird if the dog is working scent but not stopped when the bird flushes; if the dog is stopped, I will. And so, as I was able to do on the first day of sharptail season, the first two birds I shot were secondary flushes. In two instances, running downwind, the dog unexpectedly ran over a bird but stopped when it flushed; as I walked towards her, a second bird flew which I shot. The dog still gets the reward, in some sense, for stopping whether it's the sight of a second bird flying or an actual retrieve. In this particular set of circumstances and with this particular dog, I loved watching her process those first two stops-to-flush, make a much wider arc to the side and ahead of me, come back up the small drainage we were headed down, and successfully point the next bird. In much the same way that I love to watch puppies discover both birds and their noses, I get a real pleasure from watching even seemingly experienced dogs do some complex computational math in their heads to try and get a wild bird (whose relatives may have previously stumped them) pointed.

As much as we lament at all the scenarios that can happen in hunt tests, especially, with birds that don't fly, bracemates that don't point, let alone honor, handlers screaming, and judges obfuscating, wild birds can provide just as many wacky situations. But the more experience you can get with your dog, the better you'll both be.



Andrew Campbell is an AKC approved hunt test and field trial judge and is owned and operated by two Vizslas and a pointer. Since the last newsletter, he has learned that buttered toast is considered a side vegetable in western South Dakota and that if you get your truck stuck, don't call a tow-truck, call a farmer with a tractor.

The dog in the picture is Widdershins Skypoint Capo JH pointing a pheasant in South Dakota. She might turn out to be the best bird dog he's been lucky to train so far.

Between Two Breaths

*They slip into my hands
Sputtering, gasping at the shock of
air, muzzles questing blindly.
Scent and touch are their world.
Mother's scent, human scent, milk
scent;
Warm mother's flanks, warm human
hands, warm bedding.
Plump and sleek and golden
They breathe my scent and I breathe
theirs;
Lovers from the first breath.*

*They slip out of my hands.
Muzzles grey now with age, nostrils
widening softly at my familiar
scent.
Their eyelids close gently while I
stroke their flanks.
My hands are cold this time—or is it
just that my heart is chilled?
Their scent segues to death, and mine
to weeping.*

*And between the first breath
And the last breath
There is never enough time.*

*Lu Hart
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*"If I have any beliefs about immortality,
it is that certain dogs I have known will
go to heaven, and very, very few
persons."*

—James Thurber

***MEET THE BREEDS, SEPTEMBER, 2013,
JAVITS CENTER, NYC***



More photos are on our website:

<http://www.vcli.net>

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Chris Cheeseman and Lauren Marano were married while in Ravello Italy on the Amalfi Coast on September 3, 2013



Fun Dog Blogs to Follow

Interested in checking out some dog blogs? I've compiled a list of my ten favorites, which you might want to take a peek at. They may not all have Vizslas, but they each share our love of dogs and express that love in a myriad of creative ways.

<http://www.bringingupbella.com>—Bella is a mixed breed who started her life abandoned in the streets of Puerto Rico and is now living it up in Massachusetts, while her new family, Leslie and Jan, are working on fixing some of the fear issues Bella developed along her journey. One of the main ways they are helping her is by taking her to agility classes where she is learning to face her fears in a positive manner, and Leslie shares their experiences through her entries on her blog, which is also filled with gorgeous photos of the star of the show—the lovely Bella.

<http://capecodbrowndogs.wordpress.com>—What more heart breaking news is there than learning that your four-legged friend has cancer? After one of her three Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Scout, had been diagnosed with osteosarcoma, Scout's owner, Paulette, created this blog to help her through her ordeal, by using it as a place to share what they are going through day by day as they make this final voyage together, and as a place to visit to in the future for memories of her last days with her beloved dog. Currently, Scout is doing well under Paulette's care, and Paulette herself is staying very positive throughout it all – which is admirable in and of itself.

<http://dennisthevizsla.wordpress.com>—Want a few laughs? Head on over to author James Viscosi's site, where his dogs, the intelligent mixed-breed Trixie and her two troublemaking Vizsla siblings, Tucker and Dennis, share their adventures in a comic-book like blog. Tucker has been having a hard time lately with his health, but his owners are doing everything possible to help him, and some of the videos they've posted of him will put a smile on the face of anyone who shares their home with a senior dog. And Dennis, a rescue who was found wandering in a canyon, has a lot of fears that he is still trying to overcome, but he found the best possible pet-parents to help him succeed, and he gets better and better with every passing day.

<http://www.heartlikeadog.com/about/>—Written by Jodi Stone, this blog covers Jodi's adventures with her two Labradors, a sweet and well behaved soul named Sampson, who can do no wrong, and who inspired Jodi to go out and adopt a second Lab, Delilah, who is no less lovable - but quite the opposite when it comes to her behavior. Despite the challenges this stubborn and unruly dog has given Jodi, she always finds a way to laugh, and she shares both of her dogs' escapades with her readers. Jodi is also a spokesperson for dogs in need, and does not hesitate to air her thoughts on her blog with brutal honesty, peppered with humor that will keep you coming back for more.

<http://lifewithrileystella.blogspot.com>—Wander over to this blog and share in the training experiences of Terri and her two dogs, a Lab and a Vizsla. After her sometimes heard-headed Lab, Riley, got her hooked on dog training, Terri next obtained Stella, a very intelligent Vizsla, who is her current work in progress as they train together in both obedience and rally. To better serve her dogs, and to mold her own training ideals to fit them best, Terri has been traveling to dog training seminars, video-taping her progress, and sharing tips and techniques along the way.

<http://mybrownnewfies.com>—Jen's no-holds-barred blog shares the joys and messes that come with living with two very large and very furry intact male Newfoundlands. Jen has recently taken to working from home, and has been sharing what it's like to try to motivate yourself each day when you don't have a boss looking over your shoulder. Along with penning posts that will make you laugh, Jen is also a mom and a talented photographer, and she shares her life openly, along with regularly posting gorgeous photos of her dogs, Sherman and Leroy.

<http://mydogsmymyworld.blogspot.com>—You may already know Lesli Hyland as the former rescue coordinator for the Vizsla Club of Central New England, an organization that she still helps out with to this day. What you may not know is that Lesli is also a skilled positive reinforcement trainer who strives to improve the relationship between owners and their dogs, that she is also heavily involved in all-breed dog rescue, fosters dogs regularly, and is a very talented writer—and she sums up all of those passions in her blog about, well, her dogs and her world.

<http://www.somethingwagging.com>—Pamela blogs about her golden retriever, Honey, and often shows us how the way we treat and view our dogs may be reflections on how we view and treat our fellow humans, including ourselves. Pamela also regularly fosters dogs and shares her

experiences welcoming new fur-faces into her home, which can be quite a bit of a challenge, especially since many of those fosters have been pups. Along with writing her blog, Pamela is striving to one day set out in a sailboat with her husband Mike and of course, Honey, and live life on the open seas, and she writes about the skills she is learning so that they can one day make that life-changing step off the dock.

<http://thepoodleanddogblog.typepad.com>—As an owner of a Poodle and “other dogs” as she calls them, Jan seems to know every bit of news in the dog kingdom, whether it has to do with dog legislation or off the wall topics, like a missing border collie being found in a tree. I always turn to her blog to get the latest, and often most hilarious, bits and clips about the current goings-on in the world of dogs, and it is one of the first ones I visit when I can steal a few minutes to go blog-hopping with my morning coffee.

<http://akgvizslainspiration.wordpress.com>—Anna is a photographer who also shares a passion for our lovely Vizslas, so much so that she has dedicated an entire blog to showcasing photos of her Vizsla, Luna. At Vizsla Inspiration you will find gorgeous shots, mostly of Luna, but also of her “sibling”--Wyatt, the no-less stunning yellow Lab. Scattered amongst these photos you will find a bit of training advice, and accounts of Anna’s forays into the woods with these two intelligent hunting breeds at her side.

I hope you enjoyed checking out my ten favorite dog blogs. If you have some time when you’re through, I invite you to visit my own blog, <http://donnaandthedogs.com>, where I write about daily life with our sometimes bossy shepherd mix—Leah, our obnoxious and unruly Labrador—Toby, and Little Miss Meadow—our fearful, but ever-blossoming Vizsla.

--Donna Owczarek



Back by popular request:

Ron Padilla’s Almost Famous Chili

Bottom line:

3 of each type of vegetables chopped small – onions, red & green peppers

3 cans of each type of beans: kidney, black, and Bush’s Baked

3 cans of Diced tomatoes

3 lbs. of chopped meat

1 large can of tomato puree

3 cans of tomato paste

Chili, garlic, crushed red peppers, and seasoning

Total cooking time is about 4-6 hours!

First I start out with a large (4 gallons, yes it’s big) pot where I put some seasoning in (all-purpose McCormick’s, chili powder, crushed red peppers, and garlic powder, along with some olive oil into the pan and put the flame on medium heat.

I toss in the chopped vegetables, which consist of 3 large onions, 3 red peppers, 3 green peppers, and simmer them for about 15 minutes. I then add my first can of tomato puree (large) and also my first large can of kidney beans. I use the canned beans and drain these as well as wash them prior to putting them into the pot. I also add one can of black beans as well.

At the same time, I add more seasoning, chili powder, and garlic powder (I end up with about half of one of the medium sized chili powders when it is all done, with an equal amount of garlic powder and about

half of that for the all-purpose seasoning, but easy on the crushed red peppers unless you like it HOT. I also add 3 cans of tomato paste throughout the process to add some body to the chili.

I turn the flame down to a simmer, and start adding more stuff, diced tomatoes, more kidney beans, more black beans, and continue to stir constantly while keeping the lid on as well. Now here comes the secret ingredient, Bush's Baked Beans using 3 (there's a pattern here with that 3 again) different flavored styles that adds the sweet touch into the chili ultimately.

After about 2 hours of this, I take some olive oil, and some of the chili and garlic powder and put it into a frying pan, along with 3lbs (yes 3 again) of chopped meat. I use a spatula to chop the meat up as I continue to toss it in the pan until I get it nice and brown (about 10 minutes on high heat). Once all of the meat is browned thoroughly, I drain off the grease and add it to the pot of chili. I then cook this about another 90 minutes on simmer with the lid on, stirring every 5 minutes or so to keep the bottom from burning.

Shut the flame off and let it cool naturally before putting away, of course leaving the lid on. It is also great to freeze and reheat and goes great with the white rice!

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Selected Upcoming Events

CONFORMATION

11/15 Greater Phila. Dog Fanciers. Oaks. PA
11/16-17 Kennel Club of Phila., Oaks, PA
12/7-8 Valley Forge KC, Oaks, PA
12/14 Lehigh Valley KC, Allentown, PA
12/15 Delaware Water Gap KC, Allentown, PA
1/29 Union Co. KC, Wildwood, NJ
1/30-31 Sand and Sea KC, Wildwood, NJ

HUNT TESTS

11/17 Southern New England Brittany Club, Wolcott, CT
11/30-12/1 Nutmeg GSP Club, East Windsor, CT

For more information on upcoming events, 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>



Second Photo of the Month from Facebook



What is AKC Community Canine?

AKC Community Canine is the advanced level of AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) program.

As with CGC, AKC Community Canine has a 10-step test of skills that dogs must pass to earn the official AKC Community Canine title. This is a title that appears on the dog's title record at AKC. To learn more, go to

https://www.akc.org/dogowner/training/akc_community_canine/links.cfm

New Member

I would like to introduce Roscoe's new little brother, Tucker! Born 6/10/13. Breeder is Pacheco Kennels in Worchester, MA. Proud parents are Jackie Smith & Kevin Whitmore.



From the AKC:

Proper emergency planning can help save the life of your pet. The American Kennel Club has prepared the following checklists to help pet owners pack a portable pet first-aid kit and prepare for an emergency evacuation. Preparedness is important in any disaster situation and these checklists can be applied to any emergency that calls for evacuation from your home.

Evacuation Checklist for Pets

- ✓ Dog medicine(s), i.e. heart worm, flea, ear mite medicine, etc.
- ✓ Dog Bowls Dog Food (1-week minimum, 2-week suggested), dog treats, etc.
- ✓ Can opener
- ✓ Leashes: walking leash, short leash
- ✓ Harness (to attach to seat belt)

- ✓ Extra dog tag, (masking tape, laundry pen)
 - ✓ Cell #, Hotel # and Room #
 - ✓ Pet records stored in waterproof container or plastic sealable bag
 - ✓ Crate
 - ✓ Dog bed/blanket/toys
 - ✓ Supplies/paper towels, rug cleaner, toilettes, towels, flash light
 - ✓ Current dog photograph(s) with your notification information: useful for fliers should your dog go missing or must be left at shelter
 - ✓ Dog friendly hotel listings/ telephone lists Shampoo
 - ✓ Litter/portable litter pan
 - ✓ Duct tape
 - ✓ Bottled water
 - ✓ Pet First Aid Kit
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Portable First Aid Kit for Pets

- ✓ Water-proof storage container for kit
- ✓ Antiseptic/anti-bacterial cleansing wipes/Alcohol prep pads
- ✓ Eye wash Eye and skin wash in one
- ✓ A sock (foot wrapper)
- ✓ Latex surgical gloves
- ✓ Electrolyte powder (add to water on hot days)
- ✓ Emergency space blanket
- ✓ Small flashlight
- ✓ Bottled water
- ✓ Medicated balm
- ✓ Leash and collar
- ✓ Soft muzzle
- ✓ Speak to your vet about what to pack in case your dog has a sudden allergic reaction
- ✓ Flexible bandage
- ✓ Gauze roll
- ✓ Bandage scissors- to cut gauze and to clip hair around wounds
- ✓ Wood splint
- ✓ Paper towels
- ✓ Plastic baggies
- ✓ Small cold pack and hot pack (self activating)
- ✓ Cotton swabs
- ✓ Antibiotic ointment/packets
- ✓ Tweezers
- ✓ Space for copy of dog's papers & vet records (sealed in plastic bag)

Vizsla-Theme Holiday Presents--2013

Animal Den

Coasters, address labels, blanket, cookie jar, mug, mouse pad, tree ornament, note holder, pillow, pin, shirts, signs, umbrella, and calendar.
<http://www.animalden.com/Vizslas.html>

Animal Krackers K9 Gifts

Vizsla art prints by Steven Nesbitt; note cards and magnets by Michael Steddum and LOTS more! <http://www.k9gifts.com/dog-gifts/vizsla.html>

Animal Stamps

Framed stamps from around the world with Vizslas, collector plates, etc.
<http://www.animalstamps.com/Vizslaindex.htm>

Anything Dogs.

Vizsla Dog Gifts - Unique Dog Gifts for the Vizsla Dog Lover! Many of the items are personalized dog gifts to make that Vizsla dog gift even that more special.
<http://www.anythingdogs.com/vizsla-dog-gifts.html>

Argostar

Dog artwork, portraits, logos, wearable art, car magnets, clip art <http://www.argostar.com/>

Café Press

Enter "Vizsla" in the search field for lots of merchandise, everything from coasters to iPhone cases to clothing from multiple sources.
<http://www.cafepress.com/+vizsla+gifts>

Central Wisconsin Vizsla Club

2014 calendar with 40 photos from club members. <http://www.cwvc.org>

Dannyquest Designs.

Purebred dog sculptures in bronze.
http://dannyquest.com/store/category/path/21_156

Dean's Custom Mailboxes

Dog breed mailboxes, including a Vizsla.
<http://www.deanscustommailboxes.com/dogs.html>

DogArtDog

Vizsla dog pop art

http://www.dogartdog.com/Vizsla_Art.htm

Dog Décor

Snow globe, leash holder, walking stick, tree ornament, welcome signs, coffee and soup mugs, ceramic tile trivet, ceramic collector plate, umbrella, earrings, mouse pad, embroidered hand towel, desk figurine set, shirts, hats, pajamas, etc.

<http://www.dogdecor.com/Vizsla.html>

Dog Like Nature

Vizsla magnets, car signs, other miscellany
<http://www.doglikenature.com/store/item/68068.Vizsla.Magnet>

Dog Sleeping Bags

<http://redbirddog.blogspot.com/2009/11/sleeping-bags-for-vizslas.html>

Doggone Good!

Vizsla gingerbread ornament, welcome sign, Vizsla Saint art prints, collar & lead, shelf/door topper, art flag, lanyard, list pad, magnet, notes, notepad, welcome signs, snow globe, socks.
http://www.doggonegood.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=category.display&listing=subcat&category_id=230

Dogwise

2014 Browntrout Vizsla calendar
<http://www.dogwise.com/ItemDetails.cfm?ID=B2288>

Dreamscape

Canine Collectibles: Flushed Vizsla gifts by Heidi Choquette—note cards, fine art print, ornaments, license plate holder, address book, shoulder bag, stickers, shirts, coasters, oak desk set, ceramic art tiles, oak leash rack, mouse pad, clock, tile box.

http://www.dreamscapek9.com/vizsla_gifts_art.htm

Golden Wonders

Golden breed jewelry

<http://goldenwonders.com/catalog.php?page=viz>

Maple Springs

Limited edition art print of pointing V by Marie Bummett. <http://www.maplesprings.com/art/>

Marlo Allen, Artist

Beautiful pen and ink drawing of a Vizsla head.

<http://www.jubiar.com/gmarloallen/limited/p-i-dogs.shtml>

Mia Lane, Artist

Best of breed head study

http://www.mialane.on.ca/print_room7b.htm

Michael Steddum, Artist

Note cards, magnets, original art

<http://michaelsteddum.com/>

Mira Designs

Vizsla apparel and gifts.

<http://www.cafepress.com/miradesigns>

Monique Akar Designs & Doggonit Gallery

Vizsla bed linens, chair caddy, collectible plate, cookie jar, fabric by the yard, fleece, hat, poncho, jewelry brooch, mug, needlepoint, quilts and quilt kit, scarf, salt & pepper shakers, shirts, thimbles, tiles, towels, urns, and a watercolor, http://www.doggonitgallery.com/catalog/index.php?cPath=1_156&osCsid=01d2e7d1a7fb3bb7d6a197f12f23656d

Mountain Pride Vizslas & K9 Art.

Drawings and cards of Vizslas by California breeder Kit Richards.

http://mtnpridevizslasandk9art.com/Mtn_Pride_Vizslas_%26_K9_Art/K9_Art.html

M. Sweeney

Dog breed Christmas cards and return address labels

<http://www.sweeneyholidaydogart.com/store/Vizsla.html>

"My Vizsla is Smarter Than Your Honor Student"

Bumper sticker.

http://www.zazzle.com/my_vizsla_bumper_sticker-128040830865218276

Ole Don's Craft Shoppe

Leash holders, plaques, puzzles, etc. Unusual.

Found him on my summer vacation to Memphis.

<http://www.ole-don.com/Products-1.html>

Paradox Vizslas

Site of Nancy Boggs Heinhold with info about dogs and jewelry

<http://dogwebs.net/Paradox/Vizslajewelry.asp>

Paws a Moment

Dog greeting cards and prints by photographer Jeanne Heilman including many funny and unique Vizsla ones.

<http://www.pawsamomentcards.com/>

PetPro

Multiple items: stickers, bottle stoppers, V angels and V devils, umbrellas, aluminum street signs, etc.

<http://www.petpro.com/index.php?p=catalog&parent=212&pg=1>

Sew What Again

The best embroidered shirts, hoodies, etc. A Vizsla design can be had with or without a bird.

<http://www.sewwhatagain.com>

Sally Mitchell

Limited edition fine art dog prints

http://www.sallymitchell.com/prints1.php?ti=10&wi=10&si=100150&alt=Vizsla_Prints

Sara England Designs

Whimsical prints and coasters of Vizslas.

http://www.saraenglanddesigns.com/index.php?option=com_virtuemart&page=shop.browse&category_id=144&Itemid=53&vmcchk=1&Itemid=53

Settin' Pretty Canine Art Gallery

Vizsla Art Prints by Mick Cawston and Debbie Gillingham.

<http://www.setterstuff.com/vizslaprints.html>

Sterling Gurwell Jewelry

Gorgeous silver jewelry; takes custom orders. V breeder Kit Richards in California told me about him. <http://sterlinggurwell.blogspot.com/>

Unique Dog Art

Vizsla chalkboard, tiles, stained glass, wooden dog plaque, sun catchers.

<http://store.uniquedogart.com/Vizsla.html>

Vizsla Photos

Wonderful photo prints of Vizsla puppies.

<http://www.vizslaphotos.com/store.php>

Vizsla Rescue Fund

Christmas cards and some others, a photo book of V rescue stories, and a "Who Says It's Not Polite to Point?" T-shirt,

<http://www.cafepress.com/vrescuefund>

Vizsla Shop.

T-shirts, drinkware, posters and art, stickers and flair, home décor.

<http://www.cafepress.ca/thevizlashop>

Vizsla Treasures.

Assortment of beautiful and unique gifts, beds, apparel, furnishings, jewelry, collars, harnesses, toys, prints and collectibles.

<http://vizslatreasures.com>

Zazzle

Lots of gifts, cards, and more. Just put "Vizsla" into the search field. <http://www.zazzle.com/>

You can also Google <Vizsla Art>, <Vizsla Collectibles>, <Vizsla Holiday Items> or <Vizsla Cards> to find tons more.

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MEMBER PROFILE:

Justine Smith

Please let me introduce you to the biggest troublemaker in my life, my Vizsla Dash. In 2010, my then husband started approaching me about getting a second dog. He had a friend that hunted with a Vizsla named Bean. He told me that this breed was intelligent, easily trainable, and that they were all around great dogs. I thought about it for a while and started researching. I saw that one of the characteristics or nicknames was "Velcro dog," and I wasn't sure that I wanted a dog that couldn't be left alone for long periods of times and seemed to me to be very needy, but I decided that if we got one that I would be on top of training and would have a well trained dog that would listen and obey my commands.

We found a breeder in upstate New York through some research and referrals and found out that they were actually expecting a litter a few months later and

put a deposit down for a male. We drove up there after they were born and looked at all of the puppies, trying to figure out which one was meant to be ours. After about an hour I noticed this little really red one with a black collar with bones on it. He wasn't playing with the other puppies, instead choosing to explore the room alone. I figured, hey, this one is independent, let's pick him, so we made our choice. A few weeks later we went back up to the breeder's house and picked up who was now to be known as Dash.

It was all downhill from there...I had him on my lap on the way down to Long Island and he slept the whole way. I brought him into the house to meet our beagle Sammy, we had the kitchen blocked off with a gate and let them meet and they got along great.

Well, let me tell you, this crazy puppy figured out how to climb that gate like a

human within a few weeks. He chewed up my socks, he chewed on the coffee table, he chewed on my shoes, he chewed on everything, and I swear he smiled while he was trotting by me with whatever he chose as his victim...BUT, I was in love and he became my constant companion.

I signed up for a puppy training class a few months later which he aced. The trainer said he had never seen such eye contact between owner and dog before. He has always been so eager to learn and all he wants is praise in return. He is constantly by my side and if I look around my apartment and don't see him all I have to do is look next to me or behind me and he is there staring at me, waiting for eye contact and smiles. I work nights and when I come home at 4am he is at the door wiggling away, I have never seen a dog as happy as he is. All I have to do is look at him and he starts wiggling ☺



Dash has helped me through a divorce just with his presence and I've spent many hours stroking his velvet ears and hugging him when upset; he knows when something is wrong and he is thrilled when I am happy too.

I take Dash and my rescue, his blonde sister Hazel (who was abused and very timid when I got her) to the dog park 3 or 4 times a week. He has drawn her out of her continuous fright and helped her become a happy, crazy, fearless dog like him. He makes people smile just by looking at him. He loves to show off his tricks and loves to jump straight up 6 feet in the air for fun.



Soon our adventure will be continuing in Hawaii. The three of us are moving to Hawaii in a few weeks and I can't wait to let him run free on the beach at his full out beautiful gallop and see what adventures we get into next.

- Justine Smith, Dash and Hazel





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