



## NEWSLETTER

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*From our President Stephanie Fischer ([ilovtrav@aol.com](mailto:ilovtrav@aol.com))*

I hope everyone is having a good summer. The activity committee has been trying long and hard to come up with a place that will allow our club to hold a fun day. Old Bethpage Restoration is under construction and will not be available until next year. Ackerly Vineyards was sold, so we do not have any relationship with the new owners. We even tried some of the other vineyards, but they allow leashed dogs only, and part of the fun of "fun day" is to let them run free. I will be calling the parks department to see if Cathedral Pines still has their entry fee after Labor Day. If not, that is a viable option, stay tuned. In the meantime, please keep an eye out for informal gatherings at Coindre Hall, Gardiners Park and some of the vineyards. They will be sent out by email and posted to our facebook page. (Fun Day since scheduled at Cathedral Pines on September 13. SAVE THE DAY See pp. 9-10.)

On October 11 we will be having our hunt test. It is a great way to see our dogs do what they were bred to do. For those who will be entering, we will be running 2 days of tests in one day, back to back. Tim Bresko will be sending out info when the time gets closer. Once again, I would love to see more club members reach out to join a committee. We can all be contacted by email or phone (SEE LIST AT END OF NEWSLETTER). Our contact information is on our website [www.vcli.net](http://www.vcli.net).

*Warm regards,  
Stephanie*

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## Rescue Committee Report

Fortunately, rescue has been extremely quiet this summer. I have gotten far more applicants than dogs. There recently was a post on a Vizsla facebook site regarding a pup at Shake a Paw. The poster contacted me to “rescue” the puppy. Buying a puppy from a pet store that will continue to sell Vizslas is not rescuing a puppy, so I declined, explaining that this store has been asked numerous times to stop selling our breed. This group of Vizsla people then collected money and bought the pup for \$1000. They just wanted to free it. I explained numerous times that in 2 weeks the pup will be replaced with another one and they’d better have deep pockets. It was suggested our club picket the store, and again I declined. I am writing this in case anyone else saw the posts on facebook and needed the proper explanation as to why “we” as a club stayed out of this.

Legislation needs to be passed to stop puppy mills across this country. Until then, we all need to educate ourselves and others.

On a happier note, June 12 was the second anniversary of the “Southside Dogs” celebrating their freedom from the horrific conditions upstate. A few people sent me updates as to how their fur babies are doing.

My Molly continues to come out of her shell. She now will go willingly to greet people. We take her off lead all the time at Coindre Hall and other hikes with no fear of her running away. She still monopolizes my left shoulder in bed, and has learned the fine art of begging and barking for food from Cliffy and Jake. She is a sweet, loving, gentle soul and we are so fortunate to have her as part of our family.



**Molly**

Stephanie Fischer [ilovtrav@aol.com](mailto:ilovtrav@aol.com)



### ***Bostone's Story (a Southside update)***

Our Southside Family: Bostone has grown into a happy, wiggly dog, who loves to run in the woods with Hazel, our 9-year-old Vizsla, who taught him a lot about being a Vizsla. They play with Pearl a 1-year-old standard poodle. He enjoys chasing squirrels, pointing birds, and is definitely a lover dog. He drags all the blankets from his and Hazel's beds into the family room when we are not home.

Bostone is very laid back, and very, very attached to John my husband. Here are a couple of pictures:

He is so smart that when he sees the camera he leaves the area. Doesn't want his antics to be documented I guess. Loves to be under the covers, rarely ever barks, but speaks like Chewbaka. He hasn't met a human who doesn't fall in love with him immediately.



*Leona & John Dorsch*

### ***Ruby's Story (a Southside update)***

Southside Ruby (below right) is loved and mentored well by Rusty and they are a cozy couple.



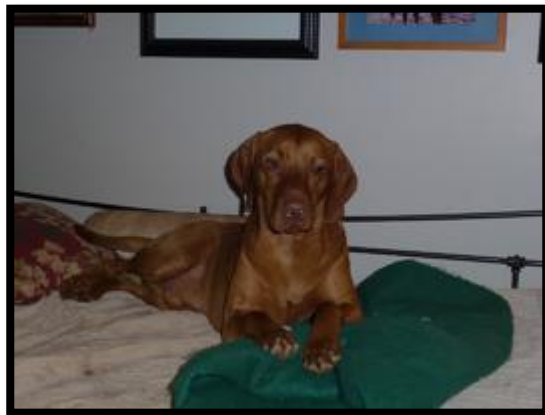
She was our 4th V (most challenging to date--she is a chewer). Thanks rescue for the hard work you do because we are all well and happy.

*Marion Roth*

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### ***Pepsi's Story (a Southside update)***

Hello everyone. We are happy to share that Pepsi is doing very well. He is one of Molly's puppies. He is a very loving and sweet member of our family and we cannot think about life without him. He is a kisser and a lover; he enjoys retrieving games and laying in the sun on the porch, pointing birds in the yard but most of all lying behind my knees at night while I watch TV. He is so tuned into our daily routine and lives that my recent knee replacement surgery and my being gone for 3 days sent him into a bit of a slump, but now recovered and mobile again he is happy and back to being my shadow. Any company we have has to greet him first. He was a little more protective of noises when the therapist and nurse came but soon won them over with hugs and kisses.



So life for him is good; life with him is good, and we are happy to have him in our lives every single day.

*Linda & Pepsi*

### ***Willy's Story (a Southside update)***

Willy, another of Molly's pups is doing great! He's the love of our lives! He loves to play ball, bug hunt, and go on long hikes with his sister Mackenzie (our 11-year-old Vizsla). Willy is the sweetest dog and loves to sleep under the covers at night! Hope everyone enjoys their summer!

*Tracy and Willy*



### ***Yogi's Story (a Southside Update)***

Yogi (Yoshi) knows how to run around and play now...

All the dogs are just about to play together on the bed. Yogi, however, is watching me. He watches me all the time.



Yogi is on the far right. He loves our other dogs. He is part of a family now, and always will be.

*Karen Miller, CPDT-KA*

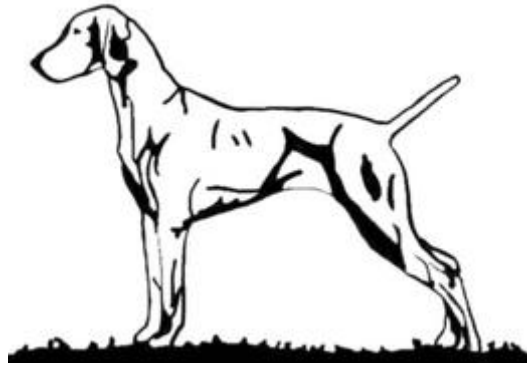


### ***Hank's Story (update from last newsletter)***

So we've had Hank now since February and he's definitely home. We love him and he obviously loves but mostly trusts us.

Love always,  
*Tamara Novak, Rob Guido, Maggi and Hank!*





### Selected Regional Upcoming Events

#### **CONFORMATION**

- 9/1 Schooley's Mountain KC, Morristown, NJ
- 9/4 Big Apple Sporting Society, Bridgewater, NJ
- 9/5 Tuxedo Park KC, Bridgewater, NJ
- 9/6 Vizsla Club of Northern NJ/Somerset Hills KC, Bridgewater, NJ
- 9/7 Vizsla Club of Greater NY/Westchester KC, Bridgewater, NJ
- 9/26-27 Suffolk County KC, St. James, NY
- 9/28 Westbury Kennel Assn., Oyster Bay, NY
- 10/10-11 Palisades KC, Augusta, NJ
- 10/12-13 Ramapo KC, Augusta, NJ

#### **HUNT TESTS**

- 9/13-14 Sleepy Hollow GSP, Dover Plains, NJ
- 10/4-5 Pointer Associates of New England, East Windsor, CT

10/11 VCLI, Riverhead, NY

10/18 Long Island GSP, Calverton, NY

**For more information on upcoming events, go to:**

- <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>
- <http://vcaweb.org>
- <http://www.vcli.net>
- <http://www.vcnnj.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>



### Vizsla Game Etiquette (from Vizsla Talk)

Sun Jun 15, 2014 11:41 am (PDT). Posted by:

[terriefish01](#)

We have 3 female Vizslas (two of them are 3 and 1/2 years, one is 2 and 1/2), within our extended family in town, all within a mile or so of each other. Our days are filled with joy as we observe and interact with them. We have begun to tabulate and name the sophisticated games they play with each other, and have reached a total of 14 so far. One of our favorites to watch is what we call the Stare-Off, which can start without warning in mid-stride and suddenly the other freezes, too, both facing each other. Absolute silence reigns between the two, and it is almost as if neither even blinks. They never break eye contact with each other nor move their heads or bodies, but clearly love an audience as they play this game. Sometimes an irrepressible

tail wag will briefly show itself as we exclaim at the game. "Oh, look, puppies, are you having a STARE-OFF?" We've seen the stare-offs stretch on for five or more endless minutes, each trying to outlast each other. Usually they end in sparring contests, but sometimes the dogs surprise us all and approach each other quickly and then touch noses and sniff each other's ears.

Then there is the Bone Game, of which there are many variations. Our favorite? When one of them holds a bone as if it were a cigar, draped mostly outside her mouth in a prominent way. Then she positions herself within the obvious visual field of another Vizsla, and may even wave her bone in the air with a head motion, or sometimes even brush against the other dog as if to entice play with the brush-by. But since it is a bone, most sacred of all dog objects in most breeds, great care is taken by the one lacking the bone not to actually snatch it away. This would be a breach of bone etiquette. Instead, the boneless Vizsla never loses track of the bone holder even if she acts as though she is disinterested, and waits for a brief moment when the other lets her guard (and the bone) down. Then it is grabbed and the cycle starts again, with the former bone holder now trying to get it back. Sometimes vocalizations, cries and barks accompany this game, but it is always in fun, not real distress. The bone may change "hands" (mouths) numerous times in one single play session for the duration of a half hour or more. We do not need to instigate a game with the Vizslas. They do it themselves and are their own referees. Our job is to be an appreciative audience, which comes naturally.



**Join Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Vizsla Photo/Calendar Contest**

The VCLI is inviting you to participate in our **5<sup>th</sup> Photo/Calendar** contest. The pictures will be used to produce a unique **2015 Vizsla Club Calendar**. We had great success last year and produced a really great calendar from the photos you submitted. Start sorting your saved Vizsla photos or take some new ones for this year's photo/calendar contest. Enter as many photos as you like. Please send actual photos or digital photos directly to my email address: [ilovtrav@aol.com](mailto:ilovtrav@aol.com). Please try to submit the best quality photos you can, they make the best calendar. Photos should be no larger than 4x6. \*Also, please put your name *and* dogs name on the back of photos, thanks.

Photos submitted will be on display at the Vizsla Fun Day at Cathedral Pines Park on September 13th. Those families at the Fun Day will vote for their favorites according to the calendar months. The photo with the most votes for the each month will be part of the **2015 VCLI Calendar**.

**To enter, please send \$1 for each photo you would like to submit, checks payable to VCLI to:**

**Stephanie Fischer  
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Plainview, NY 11803**

Please feel free to email me with questions.

**Photos and money must be received by August 31.**

Again this year will be having an "in memory of" on each page for our beloved dogs that have passed. Please provide their name and dates.

Thank you,  
*The Photo/Calendar Committee*





## COME JOIN US Summer Fun Day

Date: Saturday, September 13

Place: Cathedral Pines Park

Time: 11:00AM-???

Cost: there is no entry fee to the park after Labor Day

Lunch will be provided by the club along with beverages.

**Please bring a dessert to share**

### **Agenda:**

\*Intro to the show ring by our show committee. A mock ring will be set up with some of our show dogs to help explain the basics and to peak your interest.

\* Intro to hunting, from our hunt test committee. We will be giving a short lecture/demonstration on hunting. For those who are new to the club or hunting in general, you will see how your dog can bring out their natural abilities with birds.

\*We will vote for our favorite pictures for our 2015 Vizsla Calendar

\*There will be a short business meeting after lunch

Be sure to bring the whole family, chairs, poop bags and cold water for the dogs.

\*\*Although this a good place for the dogs to run and play, it would be good to exercise caution to make sure the dogs all get along before letting them all loose. There will probably be some very young pups, as well as some older dogs that can't be bumped, so it would be better for everyone to be on leash, until we can

determine safe play groups. \*\*

### **Directions to Cathedral Pines Park**

Yaphank-Middle Island Rd. South of Rt. 25  
Middle Island  
(631) 852-5500

#### **Directions:**

From east: LIE (495) to exit 68 north (Wm. Floyd Pkwy). Turn left onto Longwood Rd. At end of Longwood Rd. turn left; entrance is immediately to your right.

From west: LIE (495) to exit 66 north (Sills Rd); turn left onto E Patchogue Yaphank Rd/Sills Rd. Slight left to stay on E Patchogue Yaphank Rd/Sills Rd. Continue onto Coram - Yaphank/Yaphank Middle Island Road. Park is on your left.

**RSVP to Stephanie by Monday, September 8 so food can be ordered.**

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*It's a Vizsla FIRST!! FG40K*

***MACH Moramore's Red Hot Reba CDX RAE JH MXS MJS T2B XF ONYX***

*( SR36344401 OFA# VZ-11642G42F-VPI OFA# VZ-EL1157F42-VPI DNA #V516077 )*

*(BISS CH Szizlin's Vola Be Jammin JH CGC.x Ch Moramore's Unforgettable)*

***NORTH AMERICAN FLYBALL ASSOCIATION / NAFA TOP 100 VIZSLAS.***

*On May 11, 2014, Reba became the First Vizsla to Reach FlyBall Grand Champion 40,000 Points.*



***Reba is Owned and Handled By Marianne Megna  
Co-Owned and Bred By Joseph Diaz & Kathie Amore.***

***Congratulations to Reba and Marianne !! We are so Proud of This Team.***

***They had a busy Spring. Besides FG40K, Reba got her MACH on April 13, 2014.***

***This Team has also been successful in Obedience, Rally and Hunting.***

***As the breeders of Reba we cannot Thank Marianne Enough for all she has done.***

### **Member Profile: Jackie Smith**



to get my Roscoe out of there. Roscoe is so smart but also a little stubborn at times too, but very eager to learn and of course be next to me. I've really always stayed with him or have taken him with me which I now think wasn't the best idea. When I'm not home, he won't eat well for my mother. So I guess we have a special LOVE between us. He was diagnosed with hip dysplasia this April and that same weekend tore his ACL and underwent surgery. He is on his way to recovery.



I was introduced to the breed when we visited our friends Brian and Jeannie down in Vero Beach, FL. They had two wonderful Vizslas, a female and male, and they were the most loving, beautiful breed. After spending a week with them, I knew that when I was ready for a new friend this breed was for me! They were awesome, whether from lying around in a hammock to watching my young kids (back then) in the pond and just hanging around with us and being loving as they are.

When I was going through a rough patch in my life, that's when I decided it was the right time for me to get a Vizsla. I thought I did the proper research by going to the breeder and checking them out; however, I now know how bad Southside Dogs really was and I was glad

#### **Tucker**

Last August, I decided to get Roscoe a puppy brother who joined us in August. I must say having two hasn't been easy. When I first got Tucker it was a nightmare at first; Tucker would attack Roscoe constantly. I spoke to Ellen Padilla and Stephanie Fischer and they are wonderful women who helped me a lot with things to do and tired out this little ball of

energy. Tucker has much more energy than Roscoe. Roscoe weights in about 80 lbs. and Tucker is 68 lbs. so just the weight alone has a lot to do with it. Tucker has grown up and just turned 1 on 6/10/14 and Roscoe turned 3 on 6/15/14; they are Birthday buddies and had a wonderful birthday week with cakes, cookies and bubbles. Kim, the owner of Life is Grruff, makes the most wonderful dog cookies, donuts, and treats and my boys LOVE THEM!!! I love these 2 crazies so much that I made a GOT VIZSLA? sticker for our cars/trucks and send them around the world. I like people to wonder what's that???

I can't say enough good things about this wonderful, loving, caring breed. It's a perfect breed for me!!



Roscoe

*All our love,  
Jackie, Roscoe & Tucker*



### ***Reputable Breeder Checklist***

- **Puppies for sale are born on the premises - not shipped in.**
- **Breeder does not sell puppies to wholesalers, brokers, dealers or retail shops.**
- **Dog set up is clean and well kept. Breeder insists that the puppies for sale will be at least seven weeks old before being placed.**
- **Sire and dam of the litter were tested for genetic health before the breeding. Puppies for sale and dogs for sale have been introduced to children and other animals as part of their socialization. Breeder reviewed some of the problems some people have with the breed.**
- **Breeder asked if you plan to breed the dog. (Your contract should spell out spay and neuter or what is required if you are going to show your dog)**
- **Breeder is available as a resource for advice and support for the life of the dog.**
- **Breeder promises to take the dog in (Not return your money) if you can't keep it, for the life of the dog.**
- **Breeder provides a contract for your review and goes over it with you.**
- **Breeder raises no more than 2 different breeds of puppies for sale and dogs for sale. (It is very difficult for a breeder to be competent in more breeds. )**
- **Breeder is a member of a breed club. Breeder's primary concern is finding a good home for the puppy, rather than getting paid.**
- **Breeder asks you lots of questions about your lifestyle, family, experience with dogs and other pets, why you are looking for a dog for sale.**
- **Breeder is happy to answer all your questions and made you feel comfortable asking for advice. Breeder shows their dogs in conformation. !" Breeder breeds puppies to support their own line.**
- **Breeder does not breed for profit. Breeder selects the puppies out of the litter best suited for you and your family.**

- Breeder's priority is the placement of the puppy in the best home and circumstances for all.

### ***Breeder Red Flags***

- Sells males for less money than females.
- Sells "show quality" while they never show themselves.
- Sells any puppy with full registration for more money, regardless of the quality or health of the pup.
- Breeding stock that has come from the Eastern European countries, like Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, Czech Republic, Russia, etc.
- Brokers pups from other breeders (Especially those outside the USA). (No reputable breeder sells to a broker.)
- Does not have verifiable health clearances on hips AND elbows of at least MOST of the dogs on the pups pedigree. (If you are told, "our vet said they are healthy" this is a BIG red flag.) Breeder discourages you from visiting their facilities, or "suggests" you meet somewhere to get your pup.
- Requires money up front before any paperwork (such as pedigree info, contract info etc.) is provided. Requires deposits (usually nonrefundable) before their bitch is bred or the litter is whelped.
- Sells without a contract.
- Puppies registered with other than AKC registry. (If you are getting a dog from Canada, then the CKC, Canadian Kennel Club is fine).
- Has a PayPal or credit card system set up for payment. Says "I just breed nice puppies for nice people." (What this REALLY means is I am selling them to anyone who comes up with the cash.) Breeds multiple breeds.
- Sells unregistered puppies or charges additional money for registering puppies.
- Advertises in the newspaper.
- Does not provide pedigree information or provide the family health history of the parents.
- Does not allow you to see the mother of the puppies.



## ***Focus on the Field***

*By Andrew J. Campbell*

### **SUMMER CONDITIONING**

By Joe Spoo, DVM

Although temperatures have been near the century mark in recent weeks, the end of summer is at least reachable, and many of us have started turning our thoughts to fall. With some states having dove and goose seasons opening up on the first of September, it leaves us just over a month to get our dogs in shape.

Unfortunately for most dogs, preseason condition will only include a few retrieves in the backyard and, if they're lucky, an evening's walk. Come opening day we expect these couch potatoes to attack the field like a puppy and tolerate early-season heat. The results

can range from disastrous, with sprains, strains and cuts, to deadly, with conditions such as hunting dog hypoglycemia and heat stroke.

Many of these early-season injuries and problems can be avoided with some preseason preparation and conditioning. One of the mistakes I commonly see owners make is feeding their dog the same amount year round. Your dog's energy needs are different throughout the year, and it is important to feed them properly. My Chessie Emma's food intake will vary from under two cups a day during the off season to as much as six cups in the heart of hunting season. Before starting a conditioning program, or the hunting season, make sure you have your hunting partner's nutrition, and weight, in order.

One of the biggest challenges with trying to condition a dog during this time of year is trying to find time to exercise when the temperatures are not too hot. For outdoor training one of the only solutions is getting out of bed so that you can be out training just as the sun is coming up, which will give most of us time to train the dog and still get to work. This may not be the most convenient solution, but on many days during the middle of the summer it is the only time you can safely train a dog.

Some people forego land work and head straight for the water, and a common misconception of many people is that a wet dog is a cool dog. While this may be the case sometimes, it is not a hard and fast rule. Shallow water has a tendency to heat up very readily during the summer, and swimming a dog in this water can amount to swimming them in a hot tub. Many a dog has developed heat stroke while making too many retrieves in water that was much too warm. Even if the water is cool and the day is hot, you will need to be vigilant. A wet dog in a dog box in the back of a pickup creates his own sauna and a potentially life-threatening situation. Heatstroke is an extremely quick and deadly disease and not one to be taken lightly.

Many southern veterinarians and dog trainers have a rule of thumb that if the ambient temperature when added to the humidity is greater than 150, you are entering a danger zone for ANY dog, even one used to handling the heat. So, it is extremely important for a healthy, successful season to start getting your dog in shape, but it is equally as important to be smart about the conditions.

Some days it is just too hot to be outside, or if you work long summer hours you may not have the daylight hours to train outside. There are ways to get your dog in shape without ever leaving the house. Many dogs, my own included, can easily be trained to use the treadmill. Now that machine collecting dust in the corner of the basement can actually be put to good use. For those without a treadmill, many very nice, very unused treadmills can be picked up cheaply at the right garage sale or newspaper advertisement.

Typically it takes about three days and a few tasty treats to train a dog to use a treadmill. The first day I just get them on the machine and give them a treat without ever turning it on. The next day I get them on the treadmill, give them a treat, turn it on the lowest possible speed and quickly give them another treat. By the third day I make them stay on it a while before getting a follow-up treat, and you are usually good to go.

A couple of notes: never leave a dog unattended on the treadmill. I usually start with a harness and leash to help them stay centered, but after a few sessions most dogs will figure it out and will need nothing to stay on the treadmill. I'll sit in a chair next to the treadmill and catch up on some reading while the dog gets a workout in. Also remember



that many dogs have to empty their bladder and bowels when they start exercise, so I usually give them a couple minute warm-up with a trip outside prior to starting the actual workout. Trust me on this one, as I found out the hard way. Vary the speed and elevation to vary the workout and to get the most benefit.

Just like with anything in life, the more time you put into something, the more benefit you get from it. The same applies to your gundog. Time spent preparing for the upcoming season will show its benefits during the season. An overworked/under-conditioned dog is going to be prone to injury and likely will not be nearly as productive in the field. If the conditioning isn't there at the beginning of the season don't push it too fast. Give your partner a chance to build up to the desired level so you're really ready to go later in the year when the birds start flying.

Our gundogs are often integral parts of our family in whom we've invested a lot of time and money with the hope that they'll become our unerring companions in the field. They are also top-notch athletes, and, as such, require special care and attention to keep them in the field year in and year out. Hunting seasons are relatively short segments of the year as a whole, but to get the most out of the few times we make it out in the field, spend the extra time in the off-season getting your hunting partner into shape. That dog sitting beside you begging for that last bit of supper really is an athlete; just give him an honest chance to prove it.

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### **Some additional thoughts:**

To add a couple of points to Dr. Spoo's sound advice, here are a few things I've come to recognize:

- A wet dog is not necessarily a cool dog: there are a lot of opinions out there about how best to keep a dog (who is not already heat compromised) cool, but I will concur by saying that a dog that is getting hot but that can get its under-carriage cool is a dog that can keep going. The keywords being 'cool' (and not merely wet) and 'undercarriage' meaning underarms and down, where the coat is thinnest and closest to the major organs pumping blood.
- I actually try to keep an eye on an aggregate score of temperature and humidity above 140, but especially when one or other of those is above 90. For example, I have run dogs in Arizona and Texas when the humidity was in the teens, but the temperature was above 90 degrees, and watched them struggle; I have also run fit dogs in upstate New York in high 60 degree temperatures but 75% humidity and watched them flounder.
- As Dr. Spoo mentions, I don't change my dog's food, but am always assessing their body condition and adjusting their food quantity on the fly; an occasional spoonful of yogurt also feels nice and cool and helps keep their gut healthy with the additional stress of summer heat;
- As you would yourself, don't rush a dog into an increased exercise program, but taper into it. And if you can, identify your goal date and work backwards from that. For example, I wanted to get one of my dogs ready for a 45minute stake late

this spring. I knew it would be hotter than he was used to and this was a longer stake than he usually runs. I therefore started tapering his exercise plan a month ahead of time by working him with drag weights, ATV roading, and runjoring, and slowly increasing the duration of his exercise. But I also structured in rest days for him, too. And this is critical. A friend who is professional trainer in UT says that when she is getting a dog ready for competition, she uses a three-day cycle: one day of dragging weights or ATV roading, one day of free-running, and one day of rest.

#### Terminology:

- “Roading” means that a dog is in a harness and, ideally, pulling ahead of either a horse or an ATV;
  - “Runjoring” is sort of similar in that the dog is in a harness, but hopefully giving their runner a little extra forward boost;
  - “Dragging weights” quite literally means a dog in a harness dragging something – one friend uses very thick nylon rope, another uses link chain attached with a bungee. I believe my friend in UT told me about using welding cable (which I currently do). My own philosophy is that the additional weight should be around 10% of their body weight to make the workout harder, but not so they are building a ton of extra muscle and thereby additional body weight.
- ***Clearidge's Independent Ben, dragging weights as part of his bird workout out in South Dakota last summer:***



*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 now co-owns a new Vizsla pup, Widdershins Islay Barley (“Islay”), who he is really looking forward to getting on birds this summer. His pointer, Jake, also took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 45minute American Pointer Club Eastern Classic at the end of May.*

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