



**NEWSLETTER**

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

I am actually sitting outside in my backyard as I type. Spring has finally arrived! We are still in the midst of our annual membership drive. Please don't forget to send in your dues. This can be done online at our website [www.vcli.net](http://www.vcli.net) by PayPal or you can print out the application and send it through the mail. I also want to remind those of you on Facebook to visit our page Vizsla Club of Long Island <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vizslaclub/?ref=bookmarks> . Not only do we share pictures with other owners, we post information from journals that we find helpful on diet, vaccines etc.

The executive board has just met and we are trying to figure out what direction the membership would like to take this club. Mary K Chelton will be calling all of you with some questions. Please think about your interests, what you may find helpful, and how you can donate a bit of your time to keep the club active.

The weekend of May 20-21, the Ladies Kennel Club will be holding their dog show at Planting Fields in Oyster Bay. It is a nice way to spend an afternoon supporting our breed. For those looking for breeders, this is one place to meet them and ask questions.

On a more personal note, I would like to extend my sympathies to the Bogaty and Goodman families on the loss of their beloved dogs, Kipling and Tallulah. These were 2

of my Cliffy's siblings. Their passing, just shy of their 14<sup>th</sup> birthdays in February really hit me very hard and made me realize how precious our time with our dogs truly is. Cliffy and Kipling would compete against each other in the show ring. They would win on opposite days. We were lucky enough to celebrate Cliffy's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday and are grateful for every day he is still with us.

These dogs truly are a special breed!

*Warm regards,  
Stephanie*

## **BRAGS, BRAGS, BRAGS**



**Sarah Ennis and Bristol**

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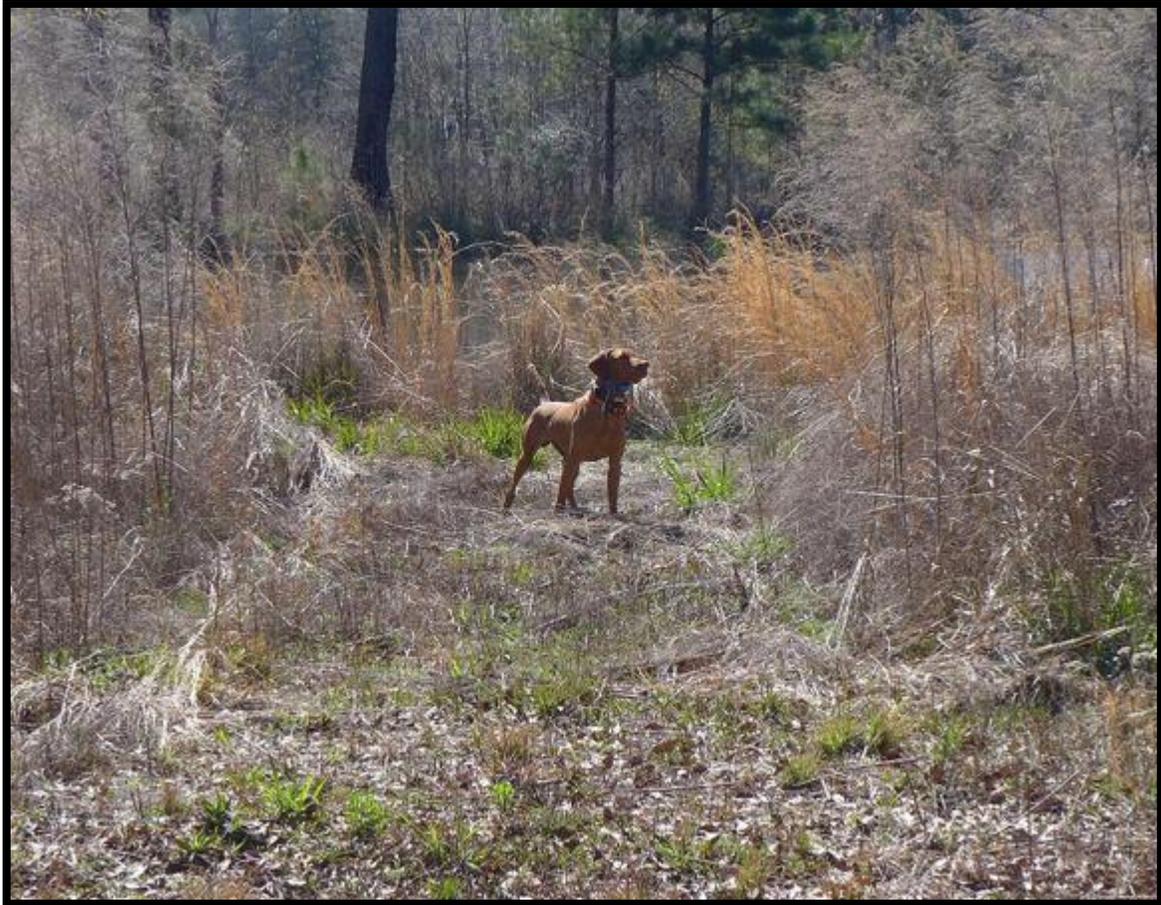
Ch Krown's Montauk Pointer-Lorenzo is very proud of his progeny!!

Enzo's daughter, Prada (JNEK's NYC Fashionista ) is one point away from her championship at age 17 months after back-to-back majors in Raritan, NJ, adding to her previous accomplishments including a 5-pt major last summer. Prada has been handled to all of her significant wins by Michelle Porfido. Prada LOVES birds and can't wait to finish so she can move on to the "fun stuff"!!

Another Enzo daughter, JNEK's Running on Embers ("Bristol") just finished her championship in Louisville KY with back-to-back majors!! Bristol was owner-handled all the way by Sarah Ennis!!

The boys from this litter are next!

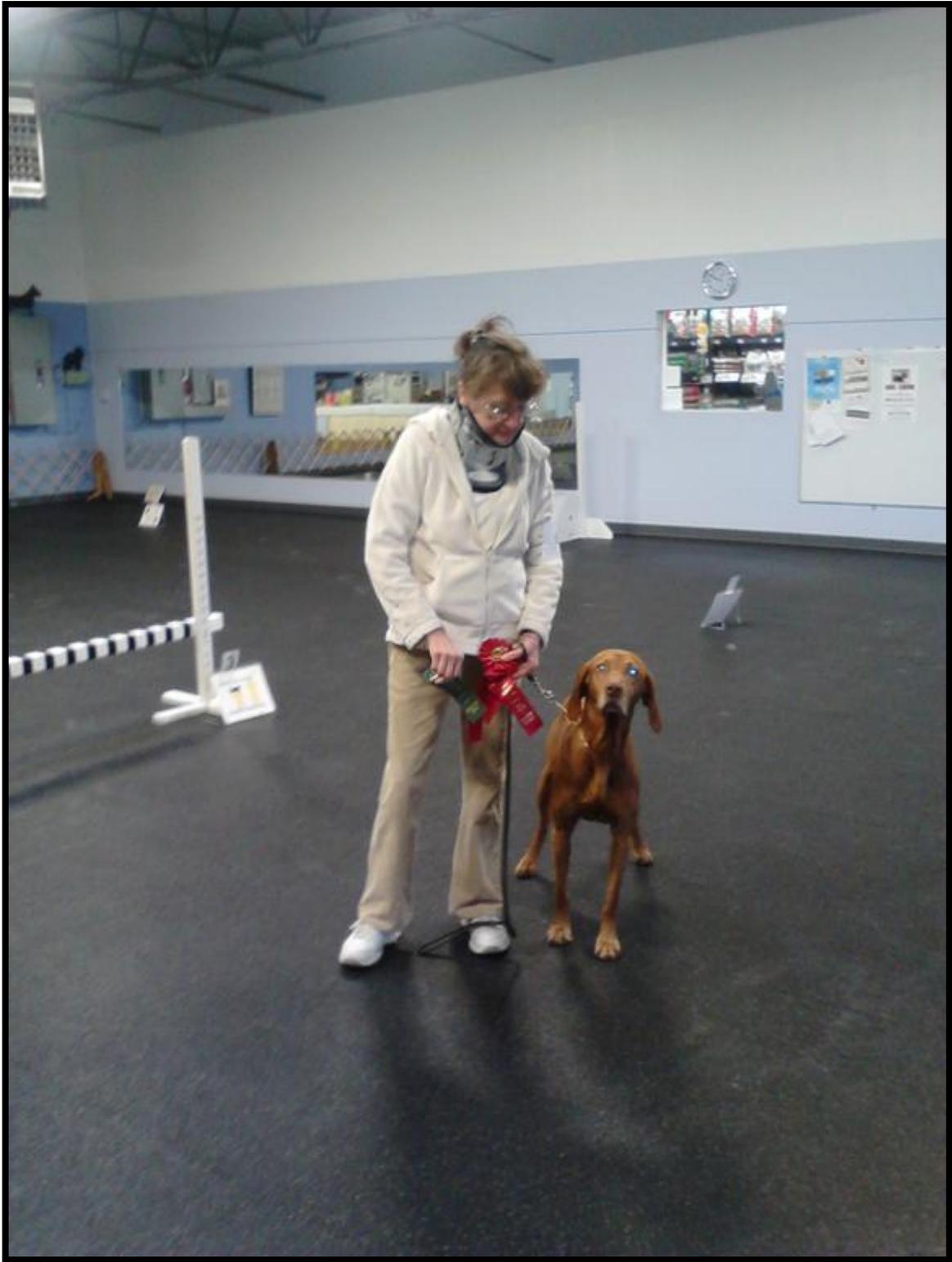
*Anne Maegli.*



Andrew Campbell's Seabank's Archangel Run ('Mike') won the Open Derby at the Southern New England Brittany Club's field trial in March up at Flaherty Field Trial Area in East Windsor, CT, but the picture is from his trip to south Georgia to learn to point wild quail.

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Everedi's Golden Nugget, CGC, CA, RA, JH got his third leg toward an RAE title at the Rally Trial on May 7 sponsored by the English Springer Spanial Club. Owned by Mary K. Chelton, Lin J. Kozlowski; handled by Lisa Gentile. (see photo next page)



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## Upcoming Events

*For information on upcoming events, go to:*

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<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>

## Rescue Committee Report

These past 4 months, rescue has been extremely quiet, with no dogs coming into the program. We have gotten a lot of inquiries about adopting or finding a proper breeder. As the Rescue Chair for our program, I get to know each dog and their respective adoptive families pretty well. I think that is what sets our program apart from others. With all of the wonderful phone calls and pictures, I also get the phone calls when the dogs are sick or have passed. I laugh and cry with the families. This column is particularly hard to write.

In January of this year, we lost our oldest rescue, Rusty2. He was 16 ½. He was owned and loved by Debbie Field, and his sisters Tawny and Arielle. I think I loved him just as much. You see, Rusty 2 came into our program not much after our family adopted the first senior Rusty. These 2 boys were the poster dogs for senior rescue.

They were out together at our events and paved the way for many of you to follow in their footsteps with the seniors. He graced the cover of our calendar this year.



Rusty 1 & 2 at Ackerly Pond Vineyard

Rusty went everywhere with Debbie and Tawny. Even though he was older, it never stopped him and Debbie never

babied him. He jogged in Central Park, went to hunt tests and NAVHDA trials, and traveled to hunt upland game with Debbie. He was always the happy go lucky mascot. Everyone loved him. When Tawny had puppies, he was always watching to make sure they were safe and they would crawl all over him. I was most happy when they came



Rusty 2 at Stephanie's house on a visit.

to visit. He always remembered us and would nuzzle his face on my legs. My three gave him all the respect he deserved.

I cannot say enough about the way Debbie cared for him over the years. He had a few big medical issues and bounced back every time with her care. She always went above and beyond.

When our Rusty passed, Debbie brought a daylily plant for our garden. Every time I look at it, it makes me smile. I will now be planting one in her Rusty's honor right next to it. The 2 boys are now together again running free. I can see them smiling through my tears.

*Warm regards,  
Stephanie  
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## ***February VCLI Show Results***

*As of this newsletter, all the show accounts were not finalized, but the results are available on the Jim Rau website at*

[https://app.raudogshows.com/results/?doit=search&showdate=&showdate=2016-02&show\\_title=VIZSLA+CLUB+OF+LONG+ISLAND,+INC.&breed=Vizslas](https://app.raudogshows.com/results/?doit=search&showdate=&showdate=2016-02&show_title=VIZSLA+CLUB+OF+LONG+ISLAND,+INC.&breed=Vizslas) (Rau was the AKC superintendent for the show.)

*Best of Breed was GCH. SZIZLIN RHAPSODY NEVER SAY NEVER, JH, CA owned and bred by Carol and Bruce Phelps, and Best of Opposite was GCH. LEA'S SILLI MADAR KAI OF TOK bred by B. Alison and owned by Tad Walden.*

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## **Member Profile: Mauricio Cifuentes**

Lucas came into my life when I thought I was done with dogs. I was losing my tripod mutt to bone cancer and the thought of going through such a loss again was something I didn't want to go through.



I learned about the Vizsla breed through my brother who already had two Vizslas of his own. One of them was Vilex, Lucas' dad. My brother would show him at shows he actually won, I think best in breed awards. Vilex passed away December 31st of last year. He was 16 years old. My brother now has three

kids and only one Vizsla whose name is Junior. My brother gave me Lucas as a gift, to help me cope with what I was going through at the time. I'll be grateful forever.

Lucas has been an amazing, loving, loyal and fun companion. We do just about everything together, whether it's kayaking, hiking, cycling, mountain biking, running, traveling overseas, bird "watching" — he tags along for every adventure. Lucas loves the outdoors.

Lucas has a potent hunter's instinct and

yet he is so respectful of other home



pets like cats and birds. It always amazes me how he can tell the difference.



Lucas loves to cuddle under the blanket and I'm guilty of letting him get away with it. Lucas knew I needed his unconditional love and support even before I knew it. Lucas has given me laughs, memories, experiences that one could only dream of. I'm a proud papa of a wonderful, healthy crazy Vizsla pup "soon to be 6 years old" — he just doesn't know it yet...and I wouldn't have it any other way.

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

*By Andrew Campbell*

### **Springing into Field Work**

It has been a wild and crazy winter and spring so far--with little of the snowfall we had last year. Until now, of course. After spending several weeks in south Georgia (where the temperatures reached into the mid-80s) and southern Tennessee (where it rained liked crazy and we had frost on the ground), I spent last weekend out in Riverhead for the Long Island Pointing Dog Field Trial Club's hunt test and was, of course, snowed on! As a follow-up comment to

something I wrote in last quarter's column, the first portion of my trip South was spent judging for the National Vizsla Association's Eastern Shooting Dog Championship. (In the American Field, 'shooting dog' is roughly equivalent to 'gun dog' in AKC field trials.)

In the last column, I suggested that we shouldn't be intimidated by, or immediately cast aspersions against, a Vizsla that demonstrates an all-age performance. My judging partner, Dr. Jim Carter, and I had both the pleasure and the unenviable task of watching a true all-age performance from one of the competitors, Shiloh's Holy Roller ('Bishop'), but could not reward such a

performance with a placement because it exceeded the performance standards for the actual stake. Bishop's owner, Rob Tomczak, was not exceedingly disappointed as another of his dogs, Shiloh's Red White and Blue ('Blue'), won the championship. (Incidentally, Bishop



just won the NVA's Western Shooting Dog Championship last week out in Utah.)

Up here in the northeast, however, it seems as though the field community is slow to start despite the relative warmth of the winter. Two of the first three trials at Flaherty Field Trial Area up in East Windsor, CT, were cancelled due to low entries. I don't personally take it as a harbinger of the death of the sport, but it does make me wonder about the cycles that affect the sport. For example, how does a rule change affect the number of entries? Were there simply few litters born a year ago and so that is why our Puppy stakes are smaller than usual? What about larger financial forces that impact owners' discretionary income for entries?

In any event, spring is a great time to introduce young dogs to birds and for those of you entirely new to doing fieldwork, here are a few suggestions. The first would be:

- 1) Go to a hunt test or a field trial. For example, the Long Island Pointing Dog Field Trial Club will be having its annual field trial the weekend of May 14-15th out at the Sarnoff Pine Barrens Preserve in Riverhead; the Nutmeg GSP Club will be holding its annual hunt test up in East Windsor, CT the weekend of June 4-5th.
  
- 2) Try to walk as many braces (i.e. pairs of dogs) as you can just to try and get a sense of what's involved--and see who's having the most fun. Broadly speaking, because field trials are competitive, they can bring out the best and worst in people; but, even though in a hunt test every dog is being tested against a standard rather than against any other dog, it's still useful to see who is taking the test too seriously and not having fun with their dog. Then see if you can introduce yourself to whoever's having the most fun and ask them about their dog and the trial or test format to see what they like about it. And then ask a couple of other people who seem to be having fun. You'll probably get different answers--and you can figure out which makes most sense for you and your dog. You could do the same--and probably should--by buying several

different bird dog training books. But I will refrain from giving my favorites because, in my opinion, the best training method is the one the handler understands best so they can communicate it to the dog. What I do with my dogs may not be the best for you simply because it doesn't make sense.

- 3) Encourage your local club to sponsor an introduction to birds club event.
- 4) Everyone has their own ideas about what's the best way to introduce a young dog to birds--including me. But if you keep the following things in mind, you shouldn't go too far wrong!
  - a) When bringing a puppy (by which I mean a dog 6-15mos old) to encounter birds for the first time, keep in mind that a young dog has three major developmental fear periods--and you might be unaware that they are in one. This is to say not to expect too much, do encourage them throughout the exposure process (because there is nothing they can do wrong), and understand that you probably have no idea what is going through their nose and through their brain either.
  - b) A dog's first introduction to birds is NO place to also

be introducing them to gunfire.

- c) Personally, I don't even like leading a dog to a bird on a checkcord--and again, at this point, you want a puppy to learn to love birds even if it means that they chase, catch and kill one. Obviously if you don't know if your puppy has a reliable recall, then perhaps you let the dog drag a checkcord rather than hold on to it at first. Where this introduction takes place will help frame your thought process on this.
- d) I like to encourage a dog to use its nose as early as possible--which means that I will try to put a bird somewhere the dog can't see it, and has to find it with its nose. I generally start dogs on quail because if the bird does flush in their face it's 'only' a quail (and not a pigeon or a pheasant) that will surprise them and which, if they chase it, they have a decent chance of finding again. I prefer to use good flying birds to hopefully imprint fairly easily that if a dog moves too close, the bird will fly away. But I don't try to use a checkcord to make them stand still or stop them from chasing.

- 5) Buy lots of cool gear. Not really. These are the (only) four things I think you need once you decide field work is for you and your dog: a solid, ring-in-center leather collar, a checkcord to teach recall, and a whistle and lanyard so that you can communicate with your dog at longer distances.

There is nothing like watching a young dog find that genetic reserve that defines

it as a pointing dog. And once that reserve has been tapped, the reward of watching a dog become increasingly confident in its nose and freeze every inch of body when it locates a game bird rarely gets old. As we did in Georgia last month at the Eastern Shooting Dog Championship, watching a Vizsla so confident in its bird-finding skills literally disappear from sight for several minutes only to be found on point, the birds still accurately located ahead of it, was an experience that will be hard to forget.

*Andrew Campbell is a licensed AKC hunt test and field trial judge -- who owns and operates a gaggle of Vizslas and a pointer. He is excited about hopefully not travelling for a few months -- and he likes training his dogs.*



## The Nationals: A Personal Report

*Mary K. Chelton*

I attended the VCA national specialty in Topeka, KS, the first week in May (which is why the newsletter is late) and watched 340 Vizslas go through their paces, including my own 10-month-old Gibson. While he didn't win anything, he did reasonably well in the show ring in the ballroom of the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Would that all show rings for Vs were as large so you can see movement well! I did find it interesting that exhibitors were spraying coke on the dogs' feet to keep them from slipping, and also that two veteran dogs won Best of Breed and Best of Opposite.

It was an interesting week, not only for seeing many lovely dogs, but also for renewing old acquaintances, putting faces to famous names, and making new friends. I hung out with Tami Calico and Sharon Malnar from Arkansas and had a grand time.

Ida Kafavian, a Vizsla breeder (Opus One) and professional concert violinist from CT opened all the big events with her own arrangement of the Star Spangled Banner, but she then did a fiddle piece at the awards dinner to great acclaim. Her openings are a tradition at the nationals, evidently.

There's something phantasmagorical about a bunch of people still asleep walking their dogs at 6 a.m. I especially liked the one who watched Gibson poop and then said to her own dog, "See, that's what I want you to do!" It was equally crazy to see various owners walking 3 and 4 Vs at a time with nobody pulling.

Since I am a member of the Three Trails V Club who sponsored the event, I was a steward for obedience and got to see some very well-behaved Vs perform. I also attended some of the agility events that varied from dogs who were very good and experienced to beginners. The heart of the nationals, however, is the conformation show which had over 100 dogs in best of breed alone and took 2 days overall. (The field events are held at a different time and place.)

While the membership meeting did not have a quorum for the second year in a row, I did learn about new efforts to use technology to communicate better with members and to preserve the club's history, some of which I knew because I've been involved in getting old *Vizsla News* issues digitized. They are also sending the next issue, which reports on the national events, to all AKC judges eligible to judge Vizslas. I also got a behind the scenes look at how AKC trains judges since my roommate was mentoring new wannabe V judges all through the show.

A highlight of nationals has become the All-Star Review which shows off dual dogs with both field and show titles. While separate in management from the VCA, the Review is always held in conjunction with the national specialty and everyone dresses formally while 3 renowned breeders go over the dogs and pronounce a winner. A list of past winners appears here:

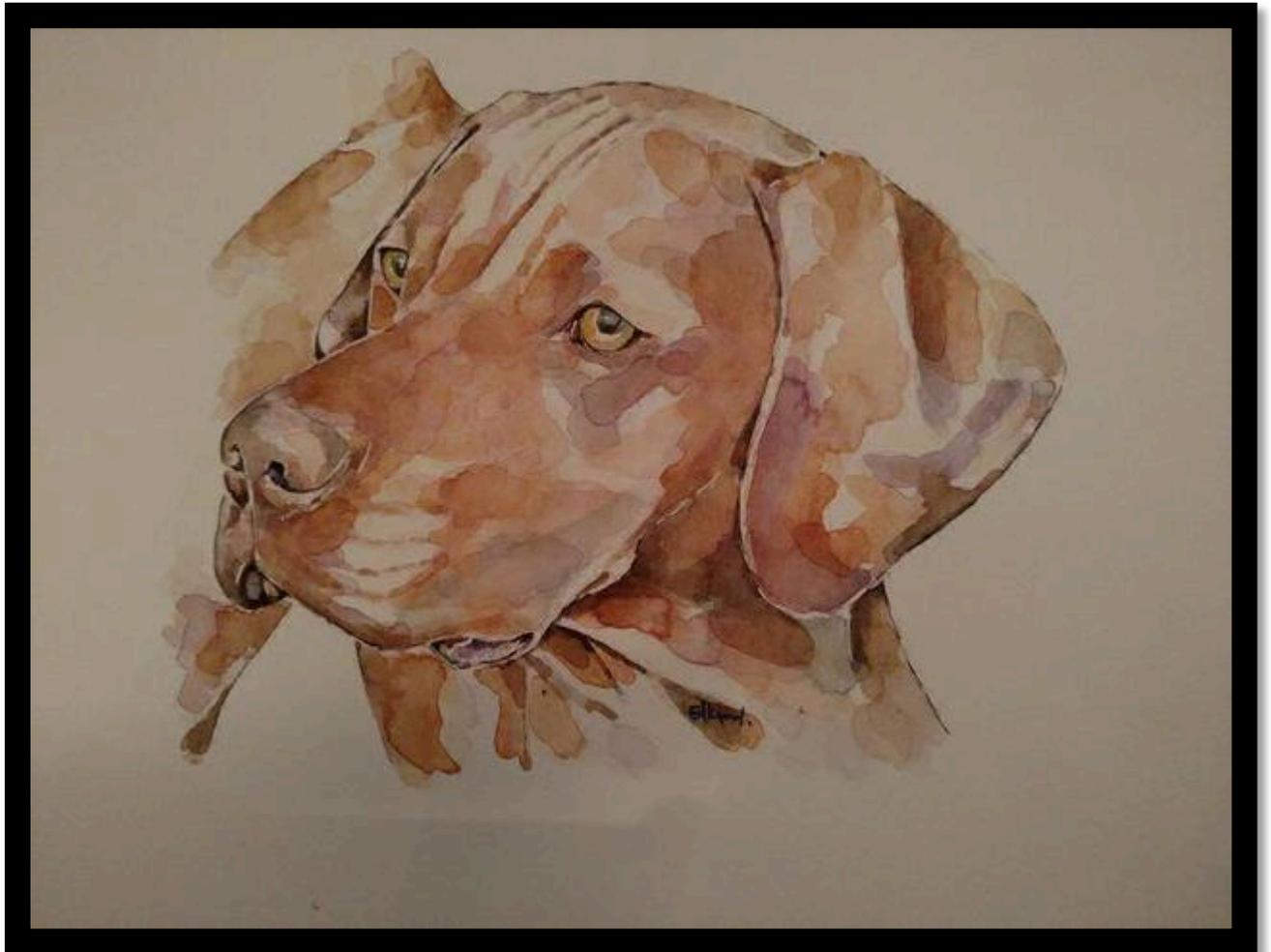
[http://vcaweb.org/events/all\\_star\\_review.shtml](http://vcaweb.org/events/all_star_review.shtml) The All-Star Review is also contributing to the veterinarian working

on a cure for hemangiosarcoma with the sale of a lovely watercolor of a V head.

All of the show results will be on the VCA website [http://www.vcaweb.org/events/specialty\\_2016.shtml](http://www.vcaweb.org/events/specialty_2016.shtml) or the website of Onofrio, the AKC superintendent who managed

the show entries and setup when available

<http://www.onofrio.com/execpgm/index?index=TL>. The VCA also has a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=vizsla club of america>



Prints...11" x 14" of this beautiful CUSTOM WATERCOLOR by English artist, Eddie Kagim are now available for sale exclusively from the All Star Review. Prints are \$55 plus \$6 s/h and may be purchased via Pay Pal using [keystonevzgwp@gmail.com](mailto:keystonevzgwp@gmail.com) or if you prefer to pay by check please email for our mailing address.

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Please visit Eddie's Face Book page at

<https://www.facebook.com/EdsWatercolours/> to see his beautiful work.

All proceeds will go towards our favorite projects...an Hemangio Sarcoma research project at the University of Minnesota, in partnership with the VCA Welfare Foundation and a portion to an annual, privately run, Wounded Warriors' Hunt in NC.



## 8 Quick Tips for Treating Minor Pet Injuries and Illnesses

*By Dr. Karen Becker reprinted from*

<http://www.mercola.com>

**1. Problem: Nail injury.** Dogs and cats can slice up their nails in a variety of ways – everything from a too-close nail trim that nicks the quick, to running outdoors over sharp rocks. Solution: Styptic powder. If you don't have styptic powder on hand, for minor bleeding grab either cornstarch or flour from your kitchen, pour some into a small bowl, and dip the injured paw into the powder to stop the bleeding.

**2. Problem: Bee sting.** Most bee stings occur on a paw or the face. Not only are bee stings painful, but your pet could also have an allergic reaction. Solution: Credit card and quercetin. If you need to remove the bee's stinger, don't use tweezers. Use a credit card from your wallet to scrape away the stinger – just make sure the venom sac comes out with it.

If your pet has a mild allergic reaction to a bee sting, offer quercetin (I call it "nature's Benadryl) if you have it, or real Benadryl if you don't. Serious allergic

reactions require an immediate visit to your veterinarian or the closest emergency veterinary clinic.

**3. Problem: Indiscriminate eating.** If your pet has very recently ingested something she shouldn't, for example, antifreeze or another toxin, you may need to induce vomiting. Always call your vet or an animal poison control hotline if you suspect your pet has swallowed a poison.

Solution: Hydrogen peroxide. I'm talking about 3% hydrogen peroxide – the kind you purchase at any pharmacy. The dose is one teaspoon for every 10 pounds of body weight. Hydrogen peroxide typically induces vomiting within 15 minutes. If your pet doesn't vomit within that time, you can give her a second dose, but if another 15 minutes passes and she still hasn't vomited, it's time to call your veterinarian.

**4. Problem: Cuts and scrapes.** Many pets manage to acquire minor cuts and scrapes while running around the backyard or out for a walk. Solution: Contact lens saline solution. You can clean dirt and debris from your pet's minor wound with regular human contact lens saline solution. You can also use it to flush out dirt, sand or other irritants from your pet's eye.

**5. Problem: Dangerously low blood sugar in a diabetic pet.** If your pet has diabetes mellitus, you'll want to do everything possible to prevent a hypoglycemia attack that can lead to a diabetic coma. Solution: Honey. As soon as you see your pet's lips start to quiver or his body start to shake, you need grab the honey and rub a little on his gums. Make sure to use honey, not corn syrup, which can contain genetically modified and/or allergenic ingredients.

**6. Problem: Thunderstorm phobia.** Many pets, especially dogs, fear thunderstorms. But it's not just the thunder and lightning that makes your dog anxious, it's also the static electricity that can accumulate in her coat, giving her little electric zaps that are unnerving. Solution: A steamy room. Pets with thunderstorm phobia often feel more comfortable in a steamy/humid space that removes static from their coat, so try putting your dog (or cat) in the bathroom while running hot water in the shower. Alternatively, you can rub your pet's coat with a non-toxic dryer sheet for the same effect. Many dryer sheets are loaded with chemicals that shouldn't remain on the fur, so make sure you're using chemical free dryer sheets.

**7. Problem: Constipation, diarrhea, hairballs, and other minor digestive issues.** Most pets at one time or another experience GI issues that last for a few days and disappear. Solution: Canned pumpkin. It's a good idea to keep a can of 100% pumpkin in your kitchen cabinet for occasional mild tummy upsets. Give a teaspoon of pumpkin for every 10 pounds of body weight, one to two times a day, either in food or as a treat. Pumpkin is rich in soluble fiber that can ease both diarrhea and constipation.

**8. Problem: An injured pet that might bite.** If your pet is sick or injured, it's important to protect yourself and anyone else who is handling or caring for him. Even the most passive, gentle pet can bite in response to fear or pain. Solution: A homemade muzzle. Most owners of easy-going pets don't even own a muzzle, so if you ever find it necessary to prevent your dog (or even your cat) from biting out of fear or pain, you can quickly improvise a muzzle from a pair of hose or tights, a man's tie, or any available strip of cloth. The make-shift muzzle is lightly looped over your pet's nose and mouth, then crossed under the chin, and tied behind the ears.

In most cases of even a minor pet injury or illness, after applying a home remedy, it's still a good idea to follow up with your veterinarian to insure your dog or cat is receiving appropriate care. Chances are you won't need an appointment, but your vet may want to note the information in your pet's chart

for follow up at your next regularly

scheduled visit.

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*Dogs Naturally* is offering a free guide: *How to Tell If Your Dog is Overvaccinated* at [http://get.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/vaccine/vaccinating-too-much-optin/?\\_ga=1.220484828.571971229.1463056843](http://get.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/vaccine/vaccinating-too-much-optin/?_ga=1.220484828.571971229.1463056843)

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