



NEWSLETTER

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From our President Kathie Amore (kamore3235@aol.com)

First, I would like to wish Ray and Stephanie love and happiness in their new home. We will miss having you here in New York.

Before I start I must warn you that I am not a writer. I want to introduce myself to you. My name is Kathie Amore and I have owned and bred Vizslas now for 25 years. I also own German Shorthaired Pointers. Joe Diaz and I bought our first GSP 26 years ago. Joe was a hunter and wanted a hunting dog. Our breeders introduced Joe to the show ring and he really enjoyed it. So off to shows we went. During that time, I saw these beautiful rust colored dogs and fell in love, but I had no clue what breed they were. I went up and asked a person I had met thru the German Shorthaired Pointer shows, and he said they were Vizslas--a Hungarian pointing dog. He explained what the differences were between the two breeds, and the dog he was showing just won my heart. It was the sweetest lovable dog you could ever meet. I quickly showed Joe the breed and said that is the next dog we are going to get. It is a perfect dog just for me.

Well, 6 months later the same gentleman had a litter of pups and that was the beginning of owning my first Vizsla. We called her Morgan. What a love she was. Joe of course had to show her in the ring and she loved it. She went on to be my first Vizsla Champion. We bred her and now we have her great great granddaughter and her great great great granddaughter living with us.

I love this breed; I think they are smart, witty, and sometimes you want to kill them, but they love us all to death. Yes, I still do have German Shorthaired Pointers living in my house. Two very different types but similar in many ways. So, this is how I met my first Vizsla and my Kennel name came from combining Morgan's Name and my last name which means Love, (Moramore) meaning More Love.

As your New President I will try to do as good a job as our previous president. Right now, though, I am trying to get myself settled into the position, and working on our Specialty that we usually do in February (on the 10th this year), so I have deadlines I must meet. Once this is completed. I will be able to concentrate on the club and our next venture. Hoping everyone has a nice Thanksgiving and I will get in touch real soon.

*Regards
Kathie Amore*



Rescue Report

For the first time ever, we have no rescue stories while Stephanie gets settled in her and Ray's new home in Pennsylvania. Since she is continuing as our Rescue Chair, she promises more in the next newsletter.



Upcoming Events

For information on upcoming events, go to:

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<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>



VIZSLA THEME HOLIDAY GIFTS

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>

Argostar

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

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>

Collector's Addition

Glass art
http://www.collectorsaddition.com/dogs_vizsla.htm

Dannyquest Designs.

Purebred dog sculptures in bronze.
<https://dannyquest.com/shop/146-vizsla>

Dean's Custom Mailboxes

Dog breed mailboxes, including a Vizsla.

<http://www.deanscustommailboxes.com/dogs.html>

Dog Sleeping Bags

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

Cozy cave dog beds also available at

http://www.drsfostersmith.com/product/prod_display.cfm?c=3307+1+20938&pcatid=20938

Gone Doggin

Unique and useful collectibles; wallets, light switches, cutting board, tapestry bell pull, etc.

<https://www.gonedoggin.com/catalog/Vizsla-72.html>

Maple Springs

Limited edition art print of pointing V by Marie Bummett.

<http://www.maplesprings.com/art/vizsladog.html>

Michael Steddum, Artist

Note cards, magnets, original art

<https://michaelsteddum.com/collections/vizsla-art>

Mira Designs

Vizsla apparel and gifts.

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

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

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>

Roger Inman

Fine art dog breed studies. <http://www.rogerinman.com/RIN248PIX.htm>

Sally Mitchell

Limited edition fine art dog prints

<http://www.sallymitchell.com/Search/Vizsla>

Sara England Designs

Whimsical prints and coasters of Vizslas.

<http://www.saraenglanddesigns.com/categories/vizsla>

Settin' Pretty Canine Art Gallery

Vizsla Art Prints by Mick Cawston and Debbie Gillingham.

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

Soda-Pop-Collectibles

Miscellaneous items.

<http://soda-pop-collectibles.com/store.php?q=Vizsla&catid=29430&submit=search&advanced=>

Van Loan Studios

Limited edition prints

<http://www.vanloanstudios.com/huvivpa.html>

Zazzle Lots of gifts, cards, and more. Just put "Vizsla" into the search field.

<http://www.zazzle.com/vizsla+gifts>

You can also google <Vizsla Art>, <Vizsla Collectibles>, <Vizsla Holiday Items> or <Vizsla Cards> and go to Amazon, eBay, Etsy and Pinterest to find tons more, including art prints by Ron Krajewski like the one we gave Stephanie Fischer as a farewell present.

BRAGS, BRAGS, BRAGS

From Anne Maegli:

Back in the field, Krown's Montauk Pointer has proven you are never too old to hunt! At 8.5 years young, "Enzo" has 3 legs towards his JH-Advanced title. His daughter, Prada (JNEK's NYC Fashionista), emptied my pistol at LIPD's October HT finding and pointing 6 birds. She had a little trouble translating her hunting skills to the open field at Keystone's PA event, but recovered day 2 and now has 3 legs toward her JH title. Great nose!--still working on the recall.



Enzo in Pennsylvania.



Anne and Prada

New Children's Book About a Vizsla

In a new children's book, a Vizsla puppy named Thunder appoints himself a junior ranger at his new home, Vicksburg National Military Park in Mississippi, where Mike, his owner, is head ranger. Thunder spends his days befriending and looking out for other animals he encounters in the park. At home in the evenings, he plays with his toys and tries to ignore Spot, the cat who delights in tormenting him. He describes all of this as the narrator of a sweet, charming and very funny book, ***Thunder: Junior Park Ranger***, by Bar Harbor resident Trish Madell. Her husband, Mike, was superintendent at Vicksburg National Military Park before coming to Acadia as deputy superintendent in 2015. Madell said she wrote the book with children around 8-years-old in mind. But readers of just about all ages will find themselves smiling and even laughing out loud. *Thunder: Junior Park Ranger*, which is available on Amazon or local public libraries, is a delightful entertainment, a celebration of friendship and teamwork, a gentle lesson in doing the right thing, and a glimpse of a place that was the site of a crucial episode in American history.

Focus on the Field

By Andrew Campbell

Enjoying your Vizsla in the Field

For the last three years, I have served as the official Event Reporter for the Vizsla Club of America National Field Trial -- and having just returned from this year's event out in Pinckneyville, IL, was asked if I could give an overview of the event and its significance for folks who have had little or no exposure to the sport of field trialing. (The Event Reporter rides every single brace of dogs and provides a detailed accounting of what has transpired for both the breed's historical record and for owners and fanciers who were unable to attend.) For those of you unfamiliar with the one-hundred-and-fifty year-old sport of field trialing and perhaps slightly more familiar with the AKC hunt test, what follows is a primer. First of all, though, how do a hunt test and a field trial differ?

A hunt test is exactly that: a test against a written standard which any and every dog is capable of qualifying against. There are currently three principal levels within the AKC Hunt Test Program: Junior, Senior, and Master Hunter -- as well as three 'advanced' levels, i.e.



Junior Hunter Advanced (JHA), Senior Hunter Advanced (SHA) and Master Hunter Advanced (MHA). (The advanced levels simply require a dog to display the right qualities and appropriate training to a higher degree at that test level.) Any AKC-registered dog over six months can enter a hunt test and can begin its hunt test career at any level -- and while there is a minor benefit from completing the previous level, there is no requirement to do so. For example, a dog might complete its Junior Hunter title, but skip Senior Hunter and attempt to qualify at the Master Hunter level. As the number of qualifying passes increases: for Junior Hunter, a dog must qualify four times, at Senior five, and at Master six; if a dog has completed the previous title level, it is given credit for one pass at the higher level, i.e. a dog who has earned a JH title need only qualify four more times at the Senior

level, but if it skips and goes to Master, it will need six qualifying passes. There are no age limits for any of the levels, other than the minimum age requirement noted above.

At every level, dogs will be run in randomly-drawn pairs and evaluated by a pair of AKC-approved judges. At every level, they will be evaluated on how well they hunt, how successfully they find birds, how intense and accurate they are on point, and how well they respond to their handler's commands. By the time a dog finishes the Master Hunter level, the dog should behave like a polished gun dog, handling promptly, standing its birds all the way through the shot and fall of the bird, and then retrieving the bird to hand; it will also stop to honor its brace mate's point. And it will do all of these things with little or no command. The full test standards can be found on the AKC's website <<http://www.akc.org>> by clicking on the 'Events' tab, then 'Rules and Regulations' and finally 'Pointing Breed Hunting Test Regulations' in the Performance section.

By contrast, a field trial is by its very nature competitive: dogs win by doing what they do better than the rest of the competition. The goal of field trialing is to identify the best individuals within a given breed for breeding purposes -- which is also why the emphasis is, in a lot of cases, about picking the best athletes and not simply the dogs with either the most finds or the best manners. (There is an analogy to the conformation ring where dogs have to meet a minimum breed standard to be considered for a placement, but ultimately a judge is making a subjective

decision about which dog conforms to their ideal standard the most.) As with hunt tests, a dog has to be at least six months old to enter; but unlike hunt tests, there are a couple of additional age requirements that are also linked to performance expectations. A dog is considered a Puppy if it is between six and fifteen months old, a Derby between six and twenty-four months, and once a dog has reached two years of age, it has to run in gun dog stakes. Unlike hunt tests, too, field trials have both Amateur and Open categories for their handlers -- and so a dog entered in Open stakes will likely have to compete against another dog handled by a professional trainer and/or handler. The other major distinction between a field trial and a hunt test is that, in many cases, the dogs will be handled from horseback in a field trial. While a handler is not required to ride in a horseback stake, they are often at a disadvantage because they cannot see their dog (and vice versa) as far as a horseback handler. Different clubs will have variations on which stakes are for walking handlers only, and indeed may designate an entire trial to be an all-walking trial.

Dogs earn points from their wins and placements and once they have reached 10 points in a given category, they will earn either a Field Champion (FC) or an Amateur Field Champion (AFC) title. As with a hunt test, dogs are randomly drawn in pairs and watched by a pair of AKC-approved judges -- and at each age level there are minimum performance expectations. In Puppy, the dog is evaluated on its focus and desire to run and hunt for birds, on its potential as an

adult gun dog; in Derby, the dog also to find and point at least one bird in order to place; in the gun dog stakes, the dog has to point birds and stay steady all the way through the shot, and if, but only if, the situation presents itself, it is expected to honor its braced mate's point. Because most of the continental breeds (including the vizsla) are required to demonstrate a retrieve in order to earn points towards their FC/AFC titles, a certain number of the gun dog stakes at a trial will be designated as retrieving stakes -- in which case, the top dogs in those stakes will be called back for a bird to be shot and which they are required to bring back to their handler. While there are certain skills that the dogs have to demonstrate, there are no written objective standards for what should win on a given day in a given stake -- and ultimately placements are determined by the two judges' preferences (ideally in consensus).

The Vizsla Club of America's National Field Trial comprises three stakes (and was run in this order): the National Amateur Field Championship (for amateur competitors only), the National Derby Classic, and the National Field Championship (which are both open to any class of competitor). Almost forty dogs competed in each of the two championships, with close to twenty competing in the Derby classic -- the dogs coming from all over the country. The site for the Nationals also rotates from region to region, requiring perennial competitors to demonstrate their quality and worth in more than one venue -- and exceptional dogs like Fieldway's Jack Daniels ('Jack'), Sun Up Magnum Forty-Four ('Pistol'), and

Berry's Taking Chances ('Lotto') have managed to repeat their initial National Field Championship wins in subsequently different regions of the country. This year's site was Pyramid State Park, just outside Pinckneyville, IL -- where the Nationals had been run back in 2011 (although on a different part of the very large property). While the Derby is contested over a single thirty-minute run, the two championships have a thirty-minute first series, out of which the judges call back their favorite 10-14 dogs for the second, forty-five-minute series (during which the dog has a bird shot for it and then has to demonstrate a successful retrieve). As alluded to in the description of trials in general, the National championships strive to identify not simply the most productive bird-finders, or the most stylish and well-mannered dogs, but also the best athletes -- the dogs who can course through a grounds at speed and without flagging in their mission, with bold purpose, and yet also remain in a working relationship with their handler. Unlike the piney woods and compact fields of Otis Pike or Sarnoff, the open field edges and rolling grounds meant that a dog could stretch the limit of that relationship, punching out to the front and ducking into cover in the quest for birds. Every handler is entitled to a scout, an extra set of eyes, who can go search for (but not handle) a dog who has been out of view for an atypically long period of time. There is always the exhilaration of riding along in the gallery (especially as a handler) and hearing the cry of 'Standing' coming from a scout in the woods or out on an invisible edge, a cue to the handler and judges to ride over in the direction of the shout to find

the dog pointed. These are often what are called 'limb finds' -- as in, out on a limb -- on the outer fringes of the regular course and often on birds which were not planted there, but instead either wild or self-relocated. Lundy's Red Bull ('Bull') claimed his place in this year's NFC second series with such a covey find at time -- the scout finding him deep in the woods at the completion of the brace, the birds rising en masse as soon as his handler walked in to flush. In much the same way that the conformation world is about 'showing' your dog, so is field trialing -- and the best handlers in our breed know how to vary their pace, take advantage of terrain, play to their dog's strengths, and hopefully create a series of striking pictures (if not a movie!) for the judges to consider.

This year's championships made history because the same dog -- CK's Touchdown Guy ('Guy') -- won both the National Amateur and the National Field Championship for only the fourth time. This requires that a dog maintain a level of consistency and have a sufficient rate of recovery to perform well four times in a single week and, as with the first dog to 'do the double' (Upwind Selkie ('Selkie' in 1988), to perform that feat with an amateur handler in the Amateur and a professional handler in the regular Championship. In both championships, Guy laid down races that were far-reaching and with multiple, stylish finds.

Nevertheless, one of the things that makes this breed special to me is that because our vizslas do bond so strongly with their owners, we also have a number of amateurs who have competed successfully in the 'open' Championship. In between Selkie and Guy, the other two dogs to 'do the double' were Cherokee's New Hope ('Hope') owned and handled by Sonny Mortenson in 1999, and Kick Em Up Kimber owned and handled by Jarrett Bell in 2014. In the last ten years, four of the ten National Field Championship winners were handled by their amateur owners. And so while field trialing might not be the game you ultimately want to play, I hope this is still inspiration to go out and do great things in the field with your Vizslas.

Andrew Campbell is an avid field trial judge, competitor, and reporter -- his reporting obligations taking him to report major championships in GA, MO, and IL in 2017. He also likes to judge and participate in hunt tests. He is owned and operated by 3 Vizslas and 2 pointers.

The picture below is of Seabank's Archangel Run ('Mike') out in Nebraska this August.



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NEWS FLASH

Please note that if you compete or are thinking of competing in AKC Rally Obedience, many of the rules beyond Novice have recently changed and been augmented. Besides the AKC website itself, there are also many videos on YouTube showing the new exercises and how to train for them.

MEMBER PROFILE – The Kleinbaum Family

Getting involved with the Vizsla Club of Long Island has given us one of the most unexpected and greatest gifts any dog lover can have – our dog Moe. What started out as a nightly stroll around our neighborhood introduced us to our velcro Vizsla Moe. Our neighbor has a Vizsla and was fostering Moe for Vizsla rescue when my mom happened to see him playing outside. At just nine months, Moe had been placed into rescue by his previous owner because of his energy levels and Vizsla needs. Shortly after finding out Moe needed a home, we brought over our dog to have a play date. They got along so well that we brought Moe home that week to stay!



New to the breed but not new to dogs, bringing Moe into our home greatly

complemented our older dog, Samantha. From his first night home, Moe immediately made himself at home and part of our family. Moe entered our house with a case what we now know as the zoomies, bringing our older dog to life almost immediately. When Moe isn't running our backyard, toys in tow – you can find him on our couch snuggled up in our blankets.



The journey we have had with Moe is like no other breed of dog. From sharing the bed to sharing the bathroom, Moe has become a companion we cannot live without. He has a love for carrots and peanut butter and no yogurt cup goes unlicked. Moe is quite the talker contributing to phone conversations and dinner conversations with his classic Vizsla roo roo. At ten years old, Moe is completely sugar faced and has only gotten sweeter with time. He is a creature of habit, enjoying his morning walk followed by his mid-morning nap in the sun. He is our companion to household hobbies such as gardening – which he sees as an unlimited supply of tomatoes at his disposal as well as laundry folding, or should we say

unfolding since his favorite thing to do is steal socks.



as he is loving. He can be found sleeping on our front porch, our couches and our beds when he's not in the backyard taking in all the smells and sounds that entertain him for hours.

At each stage of Moe's life we have learned to love something new about him. As a puppy entering our home, we loved how the house came alive with his presence. Entering his middle age years, he became a suitable companion for exercise and relaxation. Now in his older years, we can't imagine a better dog to come home to and unwind with. But, some things never change – the nose always knows when chicken is for dinner and the tail wags are as welcoming as ever at the door.

There is no better place than being home with our Vizsla.

Erica Kleinbaum

Since rescuing Moe and learning about the qualities of a Vizsla, there is simply no other breed like it. He is as protective



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Standard First-Aid Kit for Dogs

Find a sturdy bag or plastic box for your kit. Remember, this is just a guideline, and since every dog is different, be sure to consult with your vet.

Collect Important Phone Numbers

Collect the phone numbers for your holistic vet, the vet nearest you, AND the nearest emergency veterinary clinic. Also, ask your vet for the number for the Animal Control Center nearest you.

Gather a Comfy Blanket and Towels

Include a warm thick blanket and a couple of clean towels you can use to keep him warm on the way to, and at the vet's office. Keep some clean towels, too. They can be useful if your dog is bleeding.

Flower Remedies for Shock

Rescue remedy, or any other brand of flower essence therapy for shock is crucial. You'll need to keep your dog calm, and this is key for that. The most common brand is Rescue Remedy, but your vet can recommend others.

Dressings for Wounds

Include plenty of gauze pads, cotton, bandage tape, q-tips, and elastic bandages to ensure you're prepared for any flesh wounds. Don't forget scissors, adhesive tape, and tweezers!

Pure Water (Spring or Distilled)

Clean tools and vessels

Make sure you have a clean spray bottle, measuring cups and spoons, an eyedropper, and one or two clean glass (preferred) or plastic bottles.

Hydrogen Peroxide

Use this on any open wounds in order to prevent an infection.

Baking Soda, Cider Vinegar, and Soap (Castile, or other natural type)

These can help with a variety of topical issues like itching due to allergic reactions.

Homeopathic remedies

These are the 6c potencies that you should have: Aconitum, Apis mel., Arnica Montana, Hepar sulph, Hypericum, Ledum, and Silicea.

Herbal Cleansing Solutions

Calendula and hypericum are two common solutions.

Herbal Topical Remedies

Lastly, include some goldenseal, echinacea, and Chinese Yunnan Pia Yao, available in health food stores.

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