

# CONESTOGA VIZSLA CLUB NEWSLETTER

First Quarter 2019



## ANOTHER DOUBLE HUNT TEST

Michael Hauck and Goose watch a bird fly away. More photos, page 8.



# CONESTOGA VIZSLA CLUB, INC. OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## NEW BEGINNINGS RESCUE

Audrey Wood

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## TIME TO RENEW!



2019 membership dues were due January 1st for the calendar year. Please use the membership form on page 17 or CVC's membership website: <https://conestogavizslaclub.wildapricot.org/join-us>

**Wild Apricot** is a membership management software. You can enter the membership section by creating a password and checking that your contact info is correct and see when your membership dues are due. It will send out autogenerated email reminders. You can still pay via Paypal if you choose. Wild Apricot is also hosting our new website which is now live! We hope this will ease the burden on the membership coordinator and make communicating with the members easier.

You can also mail your renewal to:

**Callander Turner c/o CVC**

7001 Hill Station Rd  
Goshen, OH 45122



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Leslie Martin

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## Welcome into 2019!

I don't know about you, but the new year brings hopes for better organization each year. I'm getting into routines and looking for more efficient use of my time. One place is looking for ways to delegate and ask for help where I can. That's where YOU come in! Clubs do not operate unless we have helping hands. We need your help. Think of an event that you attended last year. Could you have brought a cooler with ice? Maybe arrived a little early to set up? Often, it's only a handful of people that pull your events together. I know for sure my car does not fit all the supplies for an event AND my dogs. Please ask your event chairperson to help when you RSVP for an event this year.

## Welcome your new 2019 CVC Board of Directors:

Leslie Martin, *President*

Iva Fisher, *Vice President*

Terry Lucas, *Treasurer*

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*Corresponding Secretary*

Callander Turner,  
*Recording Secretary*



## Members At Large:

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Toni Aurilio

Michael Souders

## New Beginnings Rescue Committee:

Audrey Wood

## Newsletter Committee:

Terry Ann Fernando

India Cox

## December Double:

We held another Double Hunt Test with Mason Dixon German Shorthair Pointer Club (MDGSPC)

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on December 8 & 9, 2018 in York, PA. It was a very cold weekend, but the dogs did not seem to mind. We trialed a new event management software, [PerfDog.com](http://PerfDog.com). This software accepts all our entries and helps organize the paperwork necessary to prepare the event. It also makes it easier for owners/handlers as they only enter information once and the system retains the information for future events. No more filling out those repetitive forms!!

We had good responses from participants that the system was easy to navigate and made their entry smooth. We had a large entry and it sure made the event secretary's work a lot easier. It costs the club a few dollars per entry, but streamlines a ton of work.

The Hunt Test was another well-executed event. We made new friends, gained new members, found a veterinarian to write for us, and titled many dogs over the weekend. Hunt Tests are easy events for first time participants to enter or volunteer to learn more about the sport. There are many easy ways to learn and interact in a hunt test. Very little equipment is needed, and many participants loan out what you might need. I hope to see you at our next Hunt Test in York, PA in May 2019. Check the [CVCweb.org](http://CVCweb.org) for details.

## Wholistic Holiday Party

Thank you to Sandy Modell who offered to host a training event for our members at her business, Wholistic Hound. She generously provided this at a significantly reduced fee to the club, free to our members! As a bonus, we were able to also have our holiday party on site and enjoy a potluck dinner. Sandy and her trainers demonstrated clicker training as a method for reinforcing our dogs to focus their attention on us. We learned a few games and tricks to keep our smart pups engaged. The event was attended by about 40 people, which was wonderful to see so many of our friends and their dogs for the holidays. Thank you to Wholistic Hound Training Academy and we hope to repeat the event this holiday season. Keep your eye on the [CVCweb.org](http://CVCweb.org) events page for info as it becomes available.

Our annual Rescue Raffle to benefit New Beginnings Vizsla Rescue was held during the potluck dinner. Audrey Wood brought her newest addition to the family, her 7-month-old daughter (a two legger), Grace! We raised ~\$300 for rescue, which is so helpful to offset medical and food costs. Don't forget to check them out on Facebook at CVC New Beginnings Vizsla Rescue!

*Leslie Martin*



*Remi is such a good big brother!*

# RESCUE UPDATE

**Audrey Wood**

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We've already had a few dogs come our way in 2019. I was alerted to Rascal, brought to a shelter in Virginia by a home that could no longer care for him. At almost 10 years old, he had already had a few owners for "people" reasons (vs "his" reasons) and was an absolute love. A resilient, adaptable, lovable boy. I had a godsend of a foster who not only drove out of town to get him for me (in rush hour!) but kept him through Christmas and New Year's. This foster home also took in a cat that he came in with. My

three year old female Vizsla even got to play with him a few times! We wanted to keep Rascal and the cat together given they were both "older" but as we pieced more of his story together, realized he and the cat hadn't quite spent their whole lives together, just a short time. He went to a wonderful, very experienced Vizsla family a little bit north (although without the cat) where he has a Vizsla sister a few years younger than him. They fell in love with him at first

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sight and he celebrated his 10th birthday shortly after his arrival with a meat cake, party hat, cards, and an abundance of love!

Niko aka Remi (now Remi) was surrendered due to family circumstances and an older dog that didn't quite welcome his arrival. Loved dearly, the family made a very emotional and difficult decision to surrender him. At six months, he was a typical Vizsla / baby racehorse, very dear and adorable. He was fostered for me locally by wonderful people where my three year old female Vizsla also got to play with him (she loves the boys). He went to a home that relocated from Northern Virginia to the shore and who - get this - has a Vizsla puppy even younger than him and a best pal next door that wanders over to play daily. I get photos of the two and three of them that just melt my heart. What a match made in heaven!

At the time of writing, I have an 11 month old male surrendered for a variety of reasons and am working to place him in a foster home local to him (also Vizsla experienced, and with another V in the home). As usual, I go through existing applicants as well as new applicants to find the very best fit for his forever home. It will be helpful to learn more about him prior to that permanent

placement, and this where fosters are invaluable to me.

In addition, I was contacted by several homes seeking support and/or guidance in terms of resources or next steps for some behavioral challenges in the home, as well as additional information about how rescue works, and what happens when a dog is surrendered. I am always grateful when people find our rescue, as I am able to provide some assurance that if, "worst case" happens (for them), things will be okay, and the dog will



*Rascal and his younger sister await some special home-cooked treats in the kitchen!*

go on to have a wonderful life. I have had people contact me even if they aren't positive they are at that stage, but just to know we are there. They are often able to work through challenges with the help of an experienced behavioralist, trainer, and/or vet, try to adapt their schedule or socialize their dog more if that's part of a solution. I also remind folks who call me broken-hearted that life is uncertain: people experience illness, the death of a loved one, drastic change in employment circumstances, etc., and sometimes know they cannot provide what the dog deserves. It is important to remember that surrendering one's dog is often one of, if not the hardest things people go through, and to be kind, non-judgmental and there to help make it as easy a process as it can be. I remain in touch and send photos and/or updates if people request them (keeping

both surrendering and adoptive home confidential) and that helps.

We will see what the year brings. May these dogs thrive and enjoy happy lives in their "new" homes. I continue to love the work I do with rescue and see how it makes a difference for both dogs and their people.

## RESCUE CONTACT INFORMATION

[cvcnewbeginnings@gmail.com](mailto:cvcnewbeginnings@gmail.com)

CVC New Beginnings Facebook page

(571) 445-0363 (Google number. Leave a message and someone will get back to you within 24 hours.)



# DOUBLE FALL HUNT TEST







# TOXICITIES IN DOGS

Dr. Katie Williams

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**VIZSLA  
VITALS**

Some of the most common veterinary emergencies, especially in an active or curious dog, are toxicities – many including household products or foods. Listed below are some frequent toxin exposures seen in the clinic.

## CHOCOLATE, COFFEE, AND CAFFEINE

These products all contain chemicals called methylxanthenes. When ingested by a dog, these compounds cause vomiting, diarrhea, panting, hyperactivity, tremors, seizures, and abnormal heart rhythms. Darker chocolate is more dangerous than milk chocolate, and white chocolate has the lowest level of methylxanthenes.

## GRAPES AND RAISINS

The toxic substance in these fruits remains unknown, but even in small doses they can cause kidney failure in dogs. Signs of toxicity include vomiting, loss of appetite, increased thirst, and increased urination.

## XYLITOL

This is a sweetener used in sugar free gums and candies, and can also be found in baked goods. This drug causes hypoglycemia (a low blood sugar) in dogs and at high doses can cause acute liver failure. Signs of toxicity include vomiting, lethargy, weakness, and loss of coordination. Signs can progress to seizures.

## OVER-THE-COUNTER PAIN RELIEVERS

Over-the-counter pain relievers including ibuprofen and naproxen are toxic to pets. These medications can cause severe gastric ulcerations and acute kidney failure in dogs. Signs of toxicity include dark, tarry stool, vomiting, loss of appetite, increased urination or thirst.

If your dog is exposed to a toxic substance, have the phone number for your veterinarian, as well as the closest animal emergency center close at hand. Another excellent resource for poisonings is the Animal Poison Control Center. This is a 24-hour call center that is run by the ASPCA. It is staffed with veterinary



toxicologists, who can provide the best course of action if your pet is exposed to a toxin. Their phone number is 888-426-4435.

Treatment for many of these toxins include decontamination which can include inducing vomiting in a recent ingestion, as well as administration of activated charcoal, which can help bind the toxin and prevent it from being

absorbed. Therapies including IV fluids and medications to protect the gastrointestinal tract may be recommended.

Prevention is the the best treatment for these injuries. Check ingredients for these toxins before feeding human food and keep foods out of dogs reach to prevent serious illness.



*We are renewing an old column with a new friend. Dr. Katie Williams is an emergency department veterinarian and Vizsla owner. Dr. Williams will be providing us with important reminders and medical updates on how to best care for our playful pups. Dr. Williams graduated from the University of Wisconsin and has been working in the field for 10 years. She is currently working in Leesburg, Virginia. She is a mom to two sweet dogs: Rory, a two year old Vizsla and Walter, a ten year*

*old mixed breed dog, who joined the family after a mishap with another dog led to an eye injury. She has owned Vizslas for the past 12 years and knows the silly, smart, and snuggly nature of these regal dogs.*



## **SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS?**

If you enjoyed reading this newsletter, or have comments about content that you'd like to see, please send your thoughts to Terry Ann at **TA@onpointdesignstudio.com**. Thanks!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

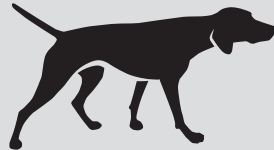
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The Conestoga Vizsla Club has several events planned this spring. We hope to see you there!

**MAY 4-5** Double Spring Hunt Test, Wellsville, PA

**JUNE 2** Dock Diving Day, Millersville, MD

Check the website for more information: [www.cvcweb.org](http://www.cvcweb.org).



# ADVERTISING

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THE NEXT ISSUE?

**Front Cover:** \$40

**Half page:** \$15 (1 photo)

**Full page:** \$25 w/1 photo;  
second photo: \$8

**Wags 'n Brags:** three lines, no  
photo: \$3; with photo: \$10

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If you are interested, please email Terry Ann Fernando at [TA@onpointdesignstudio.com](mailto:TA@onpointdesignstudio.com) to have your advertisement in the next CVC newsletter. Newsletters are mailed out quarterly and content is due one month before publication. The deadlines are February 28, May 31, August 31, and November 30.



# 2019 MEMBER RENEWAL FORM

## Conestoga Vizsla Club, Inc.

**Dues are due by January 1st annually. Please renew for next year.**

**To the Board of Directors:** I hereby apply for renewal in the Conestoga Vizsla Club, Inc., and agree to support the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club; to encourage high standards in breeding, training and showing Vizslas; and to promote the welfare of the Vizsla breed.

Please circle those activities in which you might be interested in participating/helping with:

Field Trial      Hunt Tests      Conformation      Fun Day      Training Days

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Please do not  
publish checked  
information in  
directory**

Check here if there are changes in your information so we can update our records.

**Membership Category** (circle one): One year: Family - \$30 Single - \$25

Two years: Family - \$60 Single - \$50

**Paper newsletter opt-in: \$10 per year**

Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ (from column at right) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** Add \$2 per membership when renewing via PayPal. This covers the fee PayPal charges CVC.

Please make your check or money order payable to **Conestoga Vizsla Club** and mail to: Callander Turner, c/o CVC, 7001 Hill Station Rd, Goshen, OH 45122.

**MembershipCVC@gmail.com.**

**If you would like to contribute to any other CVC activity, please indicate below. All contributors' names will appear in the CVC newsletter.**

Field Trial

Hunt Test

General Trophy (Conformation)

Fun Day/Pet Day

Rescue/Wellness

Versatility

# RESOLUTIONS & CODE OF ETHICS

## Conestoga Vizsla Club, Inc.

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### General Information

The CVC Newsletter is published for the entertainment and education of its club members. Material that is contrary to the goals and policies of the American Kennel Club, the Vizsla Club of America, Inc., the Conestoga Vizsla Club, Inc., or that criticizes or is detrimental to members of the clubs, dogs, or the sport of dogs, will not be printed. All items submitted are the property of the club and will remain on file for possible future use. If a member desires that pictures be returned, they must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.

### Disclaimer

The opinions expressed herein do not necessarily express or reflect the opinions of the Conestoga Vizsla Club (CVC), its editor, its officers, directors or members. Dogs and kennels advertised in the Stud Dog/Breeder Listings or elsewhere do not constitute an endorsement by the CVC. Persons using this publication must decide for themselves which breeder is most suitable for their purpose. The CVC will have no responsibility or liability for any claim arising in connection with any alleged or actual violation of the CVC's Code of Ethics by advertisers in this publication or by other members of the CVC. Although the CVC may publish registration numbers, ratings, listing, gradings or other identifying information provided by various other organizations, the CVC takes no responsibility for either their accuracy or the method by which they were derived.

### Resolution

The Vizsla Club of America and the CVC have resolved that all breeding stock is to be radiographed and that only those animals certified free of hip dysplasia are to be used for breeding purposes. Prospective breeders and puppy buyers

are urged to inquire as to the OFA certification of both the sire and the dam prior to any purchase. Breeders in the Stud Dog/ Breeders Listings must be CVC members. In keeping with this resolution, the CVC newsletter will not accept ads for any male Vizsla over the age of 24 months or any female Vizsla over the age of 26 months that does not have an OFA number except as follows:

- Congratulatory ads from sires and/or dams to congratulate their progeny on achievements need only have OFA numbers for the sires and/or dams whether or not the progeny is over the age of two years.
- Dogs mentioned in ads or articles of an informative nature with regard to medical or personal experiences do not require an OFA number nor those mentioned in reports.
- Memorial ads do not require an OFA number.
- All ads (except "Wags n Brags") concerning the accomplishments of a dog in performance event(s) must include dog's full OFA number and date of birth.
- "Wags n Brags" must include the following information: Full AKC registration name and number, placement awarded, location of win and owner's name
- Ads for puppy litters will not be accepted unless the sire and dam had OFA numbers at the time of breeding. Complete OFA numbers must be submitted with each request and will be printed in full. For purposes of these requirements, the deadline date for the CVC Newsletter issue in which the ad is to appear controls the question of age.

Instructions for OFA diagnosis may be obtained for a fee from the Orthopedic



Foundation for Animals, 2300 E. Nifong Blvd., Columbia, MO 65201-3856, 573/422-0148.

## Resolution

The officers and boards of directors of the Vizsla Club of America and the CVC, in cognizance of the respective responsibilities to protect the breed and foster its development, do hereby condemn cross-breeding of purebred Vizslas and falsification of registration documents.

All persons following the Vizsla fancy are enjoined to subscribe to this ethic in the best interest of the breed.

## Resolution

The officers and boards of directors of the Vizsla Club of America and the CVC, in cognizance of the respective responsibilities to protect the breed and foster its development, do hereby condemn the breeding of dogs with serious genetic defects including: epilepsy, PRA (Progressive Retinal Atrophy), von Willebrand's disease, entropion and cranial muscular atrophy.

# CODE OF ETHICS

## Sportsmanship

CVC members will:

- Always conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect credit upon themselves, their Vizslas and the sport of purebred dogs, regardless of the location or circumstance.
- Always protect and advance the development of the Vizsla through continued improvement of soundness, stable temperament, natural hunting ability and conformation as set forth in the official Vizsla Standard.

## Health

CVC members will:

- Maintain the best possible standards of canine health, cleanliness and veterinary care in an atmosphere conducive to the stable development of their dogs.

## Breeding

CVC members will:

- Breed only with the intention of improving the breed by breeding only those Vizslas that conform to the standard as recognized by the American Kennel Club, exhibit soundness, stable temperament and natural hunting ability.
- Breed only those dogs that are free of serious hereditary defects (including epilepsy, progressive retinal atrophy, von Willebrand's disease, entropion and cranial muscular atrophy), are over two years of age and have been x-rayed and are OFA certified free from hip dysplasia.

## Sales

CVC members will:

- Not breed, sell, or consign puppies or adult dogs to pet shops or other commercial ventures such as lotteries or raffles.
- Honestly evaluate the quality of the Vizsla sold and fairly represent that evaluation and urge puppy purchasers to spay or neuter all pets that for any reason will not be used for breeding.
- Not release puppies under seven weeks of age.
- Furnish details on feeding, care, inoculations, pedigrees, and written sales agreements.
- Screen all prospective buyers to assure that puppies have safe and loving homes.
- Supply assistance and support to puppy buyers for the life of the dog.
- Encourage owners to become involved in Vizsla activities, the Conestoga Vizsla Club, the Vizsla Club of America and/or other regional Vizsla clubs.

**This Code of Ethics was accepted by the Vizsla Club of America Board of Directors and the general membership on October 24, 1992. Adopted by the Conestoga Vizsla Club Board of Directors on October 15, 1997.**



**Terry Ann Fernando**  
1204 Loblolly Ct  
Raleigh, NC 27615

## **Mark your calendar!**

**May 4-5** Double Spring Hunt Test, Wellsville, PA

**June 2** Dock Diving Day, Millersville, MD