

# Conestoga Vizsla Club Newsletter

*Winter-Spring 2009*



**Keepir**

Am./Can. CH Sassafras Keep On Dream'N

# Silent Whistle

By Joan Heimbach, posted on Vizsla FT Yahoo list

It is with great sadness I share the news that friend, fellow field trialer and vizsla enthusiast, Patrick Cooke, has passed, leaving a tremendous hole in the hearts of those who loved him, his field trial community and the many folks who have met him along the way. I cannot think of one person who has met Patrick who did not come away with a positive impression and some words of encouragement, especially to newbies. He was generous to a fault, with both his resources and his time, not only to his home clubs of Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club and Nutmeg GSP Club, but the many clubs whose trials he traveled to and participated in. I was personally fortunate to have "grown up" in field trialing with Patrick and we have often talked fondly about our start up days with the 12 + year old dogs we started with and now have on the couch.

Patrick would do anything to ensure the success of a field trial, whether it be planting in the pre-dawn light to make sure a trial began – as advertised – at 600AM, or cleaning the birdhouse at 6PM Sunday night. He would compete against you in one brace and then scout for you in the next, find your dog standing and sing it out as if it were his own. It was

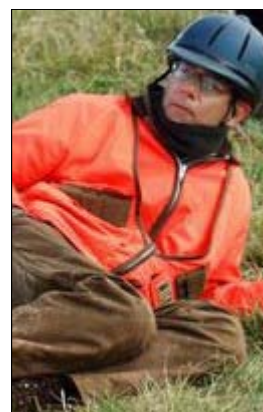
all about the dog. He told great stories – of both success and defeat, and it was always amazing, because you could seldom tell the difference – he delivered each with equal joy and enthusiasm. His stories were always so wonderful and positive you never realized until the end his dog got picked up ... his pleasure was always in the performance of the dog. There was always a smile on his face, regardless of the outcome.

Patrick had GSPs and Pointers, but Vizslas were his first and dedicated breed. One can only look to the Top 10 standing to see his Yogurt (Upwind Shenip-sit Rebel) at the #1 position in both Open and Amateur standing. He also believed in the Dual Vizsla, taking his dogs to the ring as well. He was most excited about his recent litter from Yogurt.

We all have high hopes those pups will live out the dream Patrick had for them.

Patrick lived with a passion. He never stopped living his passion. He never stopped living. He just stopped. ~ We should all be so lucky.

Silent Whistle - Patrick  
Cooke 11/28/08



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## **KEEPIR**

### **Am./Can. CH Sassafras Keep On Dream'N**

DOB: 12/12/2006 ~ OFA VZ-11174G25F-VPI

RUSSET LEATHER INDIAN OUTLAW x CH SZIZLIN PINCH ME I'M DREAM'N

Keepir, a Revi-Brave daughter, is smart and sweet as only a Vizsla can be. We are so proud of what she has accomplished already, and we look forward to her future in the field, the obedience ring and the show ring where she will begin specializing on a limited basis in 2009. She truly is a Keepir!

**Breeders/Owners: Melina & Richard Black • Presented by Gina Currier  
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## Message from the CVC President

Dear CVC Members:

Hello and Happy New Year! Wishing you all health, happiness and lots of great times with your beloved Vizslas!

I want to begin by thanking you for the opportunity to serve as your new club President. I'm looking forward to a challenging but fun experience. We begin 2009 with a fantastic new incoming Board of Directors who are very excited and ready to work hard for our club. Please join me in welcoming our newest board members: Britt Jung and Stephanie Estes. These two ladies offer an abundance of experience in organizational management that will be very beneficial to our club.

Much gratitude goes to our outgoing members: David Roseman, Gail Contreras and Terry Lucas. Their many years of dedicated work, time and energy in service are priceless.

In addition, current 2008 board members are transferring into other positions. Susan Della-Penta will now serve as our Treasurer, and Mike Johnson as our Corresponding Secretary. Richard Black will continue as VP, Debbie Titus as Recording Secretary and Greg Cooke as a Member-at-Large director. Thank you all for your continued work and support. (Our first Board of Directors' meeting was January 31<sup>st</sup>.)

Late 2008 saw continued success for our club's events and activities. In October, we held our annual Fall Field Trial in Clear Spring MD at the Indian Springs Wildlife Management Area. Stephanie Estes chaired this event with the Tracy Faber as Event Secretary, with a hard working, dedicated committee.

In December, our club held a multi-event weekend—our Annual Christmas Party, Annual Membership Meeting and our Fall Hunt Tests. These events were held at the beautiful home and farm of Al and Terry Lucas in Midland VA. In addition, a section of Clint and Valerie Sails' farm was donated so the hunt test course could be extended. India Cox chaired the tests, with Mike Johnson as Event Secretary and a complement of hard working volunteers, all doing their part to make the Hunt Tests a success. The Lucas' welcomed the Christmas Party and Annual Membership Meeting into their home. There was a ton of warm comforting food, lots of good company and a tremendous display of silent-auction items donated by club members. All proceeds from the auction went to assist our rescue program ~ more than \$400!

Sadly, in December our field trial community lost a dear friend—Dr. Patrick Cooke. Patrick loved the field trial sport, loved his dogs dearly and loved a good conversation. The last time I saw Patrick was at our Fall Field Trial. Even weakened by his illness, his heart and dedication were



*Michelle and David at the December Hunting Tests*

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still in the game. He was still running his Yogurt, the VCA 2007 #1 Gun Dog. At our trial, I found him coaching a newcomer to the sport – with his intelligent, kind and encouraging words, just as he'd always done. From his loss we gain the reminder of good sportsmanlike conduct as he always represented himself as a true sportsman and gentleman. Happy hunting, Patrick! We will miss you dearly. (See the tribute to him on page 2.)

Looking forward, we have several exciting club events planned. First up is our annual Spring Field Trial March 13-15. Set in Sumerduck VA at the Phelp's WMA, Mike Moore is the Chair. Planning with his committee is well underway. Want to know more or volunteer to help? Contact Mike at [mmlvmoore@verizon.net](mailto:mmlvmoore@verizon.net). Newcomers are highly encouraged to attend and enter the Amateur Walking Derby Stake! See the enclosed flyer for more details.

We will offer two Hunting Tests April 4 and 5 at Strawberry Hill Farm in Thurmont MD. Mike and India are serving as chair and secretary, respectively. Contact Mike to volunteer! [mikeandcarolynj@verizon.net](mailto:mikeandcarolynj@verizon.net)

Early summer we will have our annual Fun Day, and then our Specialty Show in June. Details of these events will be available soon. If you think you might like to assist with the planning and execution of any of these events, please contact the appropriate Chairman (as listed on our club website: <http://www.cvcweb.org>).

Once again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your new club President. I am always open to fresh ideas, advice and feedback, so please feel free to contact me.

Michelle Dowd, CVC President  
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### **CVC 2009 Calendar ... so far!**

March 13-15 ~ CVC Spring Field Trial, Phelp's Wildlife Management Area, Sumerduck VA. Mike More = Chair; Tracy Faber = Event Secretary

April 4-5 ~ CVC Spring Hunting Tests, Strawberry Hill Farm, Thurmont MD

Mike Johnson = Chair; India Cox = Event Secretary

June 27 ~ CVC Specialty Show, Charles County Fairgrounds, Bel Alton MD. Mike Johnson = Specialty Chair; Britt Jung = Trophies



### **Events Sponsored by Your Club in the Second Half of the Year ~ Stay tuned!**

CVC Fun Day

CVC Fall Field Trial

CVC Winter Hunting Tests

CVC Annual Membership Meeting and Christmas Party

## CVC December Hunting Test Draws a Crowd

December 13-14, 2008, saw hunting test participants congregate in Midland, VA, at Terry and Al Lucas' farm in Midland, VA (with added acreage from Val and Clint Sails) for the CVC Winter Hunting Tests. The tests were combined with the CVC annual Christmas Party and annual Membership Meeting, so the grounds were buzzing Saturday afternoon. As the hunting tests were open to all AKC pointing breeds, CVC opened the Christmas party to other-breed folks, so it became a fun, inclusive gathering.

Participants were glad to have the Lucas barn for checking in, lunch and warmth!



The tests were run on a single course ~ starting with Master and followed by Senior and Junior. In all, 35 dogs ran on Saturday and 29 on Sunday. Here is the breakdown of the entries and the Vizslas who qualified:

### Saturday

Master – six entries (two Vizslas, two GSPs, one each GWP and Brittany); one qualifier (GSP)

Senior – nine entries (one Vizsla, three GSPs, two Weimaraners, one each Brittany, Pointer and English Setter); five qualifiers (GSP, Weimaraner, Brittany, Pointer, English Setter), four of which titled (GSP, Weimaraner, Brittany, Pointer).

Junior – 20 entries (six Vizslas, five GSPs, three Weimaraners, two Pointers, two Irish Setters, and one each English Setter and Brittany); 14 qualifiers (five GSPs [four of which titled], two Pointers, two Weimaraners, and one each Brittany and English Setter). Vizslas were:

- **Dynata's Bound to Inspire**, "Luna;" o/h: Anna Bergel – **Titled!**
- **Olympic Give 'M Halley**, "Comet;" o/h: Elise Wright and Sarah Bodine
- **Topaz's Theory of Evolution RN**, "Darwin;" o/h: Betty Jeanne France

### Sunday

Master–eight entries (one Vizsla, three GSPs, two Brittanies, and one each GWP and WPG); two qualifiers (Brittanies).

Senior–five entries (two GSPs, one each Weimaraner, Pointer and WPG); two qualifiers (Pointer and GSP).

Junior–16 entries (three Vizslas, six Pointers, four Weimaraners, two Irish Setters and one GSP); nine qualifiers (four Pointers, two Weimaraners, one GSP, Pointer [titled] and English Setter). Vizsla qualifier was:

- **Olympic Give 'M Halley**, "Comet;" o/h: Elise Wright and Sarah Bodine

Thank you to our judges: Kevin Arber, Don Brown, Michelle Dowd, Linda Pruitt and Roy Schaeffer. Big thank you to our volunteers who took care of the details and made these events go smoothly. Huge thank you to Terry and Al for hosting everything!



*Dear CVC Members,*

*Thank you for the delicious goodie basket you sent us after the Christmas party. It was our pleasure to host the party, and we enjoyed seeing so many of you attend! We really didn't expect anything, so it was quite a delightful surprise.*

*Thank you also for the Lion Country Supply gift certificate ~ another surprise. ~ Terry and Al Lucas*

# A Training Moment

by Hunting Test Judge Don Brown, Dobrocat Vizslas

**The Situation:** Senior Hunter in the bird field.

**The Back Course:** The dog and handler had done a nice job in the back course with finds and an honor. The only needed a retrieve.

**The Questionable Action:** The handler approached his standing dog, commanded him to stay and flushed the chukar. As the bird was taking flight, the handler threw his lead at the bird. His dog stayed relatively steady through the shot and then made a nice retrieve.



**Discussion:** Perhaps I was lax in not noticing the well-used, olive-drab lead crumpled in the handler's hand. In the bird field, I noted the lead as the handler approached his dog to flush the bird. (I know he did not pull anything out of his pocket once in the bird field.)

If I were a negative judge, the dog would have been failed based upon this one act as the lead could be considered a "training aid." During training, if a dog was prone to break when the bird is flushed, some trainers may set up a situation where they would throw a lead and use an e-collar to "nick" a dog to remind it was under the "long arm of control" and then flush the bird. If the dog breaks, it is corrected with a stronger level of electrical stimulation. Dogs are very visual and WILL put two and two together to avoid the physical correction.

**Council:** When time was called, I told the handler he and the dog had done a nice job, but that I'd like to have a quiet word with him. I explained the lead could have been considered a "training aid" and the dog could be disqualified in the future because of it. From here on, he needed to put the lead in his pocket when the dog was broken away.

He didn't quite understand, so I explained: If the dog were to make a correctable mistake, it could be hit with the lead during training. Therefore, just carrying the lead so the dog could see it was intimidation to the dog.



The handler asked: "What about throwing your hat at the bird to make it flush?" I have no problem with that. My problem with this handler was that the bird had just taken flight when he threw the lead. I suspected his action was a bit of nervousness which is why I allowed it and passed the dog.

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**Do you have "A Training Moment" you would like a field trial or hunting test judge to discuss? Send your question/scenario to the newsletter editor, India Cox, at [india1405@verizon.net](mailto:india1405@verizon.net), and she'll ask a judge to weigh in.**

## Rescue by Pat Hudson ~ 540/832-7555 ~ vizsla3@hotmail.com

I want to thank everyone who has donated to rescue for the 2008 year. We have had more dogs this year, and at this point we have three females in rescue:

1. Stephanie Estes has taken a tremendous part in one girl's foster care. Thanks to a lot of people, she has had one of her hips replaced. She is mending nicely, and we may have her placed with a family in Virginia, so we can keep an eye on her progress.

2. Katie is in a foster home in Virginia. She needs a family who knows how to handle a Vizsla that has not had a lot of training. She is good with cats and other dogs, is up to date on all shots and is spayed.

3. Mary and Jim Gede are fostering a wonderful three-legged Vizsla that does not know she has three legs! The leg was amputated after an accident about a year ago. She is also up to date on all shots and is spayed. She is getting along well with the Gede dogs.

If you or anyone is interested in adopting, please let me know. Spread the word about these wonderful dogs. Again thanks to all who have supported rescue ~ including the Silent Auction. In December that raised more than \$400 for Rescue!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### **Letters from Heaven ...**

All is well here with Hazel ~ Crazy Hazy. She has come a long way. We did have to get a shock collar after she ran into another development and thought it was fun to have me chase her. John would drive there and pick her up in his truck. One morning she raced after John as he went to work. He saw her jumping up beside his car as he was driving 25 mph. John stopped, and she got in like it was something she did every day.

She now listens extremely well and is very playful. I take her leash free for 2-3 walks everyday.

I have some pics and thank you notes for Hazel's previous family (for the girls), for taking such good care of Her. ~ Leona

Thank you for letting Doc come live with us! It's been almost a year, and he's doing wonderfully! He and Sophie (my female V) have a remarkable relationship ~sleeping, wrestling, playing tug of war and chasing each other! My husband hikes the dogs two miles every day unless it rains, and Doc just loves it! I've attached a picture so you can see how good he looks.



Doc has made amazing progress in just a year. When we first got him, he clearly didn't like other large dogs ... but he got along with Sophie so great that we knew he was just nervous. So, we got him in front of dogs as often as we could and introduced him to the other dogs in our family (that's a lot of dogs!) and he does just great! We still supervise him with other, strange dogs, but he is so much more confident now that he isn't half as nervous as before.

He is a love, such a sweet, gentle boy! And so cuddly! He will jump on the bed and curl up with his head on my shoulder, his paws giving me a hug, and fall asleep! He turns nine in March, and his vet says he has the heart of a champion! We love him so much, and we can't imagine our lives without him! Thank you, Pat, for bringing us together!  
~ Nil

# DC Melto-N-Barktalk's Ruby Rose SH

(DC Copperfield's High Roller SH x DC Comynara Opus By Barktalk)  
VZ-10376G35F

Owners: Lynn Worth-Smith, Chauncey Smith, and Britt Jung  
Breeder: Marcia Schlesinger



Winner of the 2009, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual All-Star Review!  
and 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Field Trial Bitch  
Vizsla Club of America National Specialty Show  
Tucson, Arizona

Judges (l to r) Mrs. Jan Simer, Dr. Tom Pescod and Mrs. Marjorie Mehagian  
Ruby was handled to her Field Championship by Bobby Seelye.

## News from AKC

### **New Show Ring Class Offered ~ Amateurs Take Note!**

The American Kennel Club (AKC) approved the creation of an Amateur-Owner-Handler class, effective January 1, 2009. This class does not replace any already existing class, and clubs have the option of offering it. To be eligible, dogs must be at least six months of age and not champions. Dogs must be handled in the class by the registered owner of the dog, and the class is limited to exhibitors who have not, at any point in time, been a professional dog handler, AKC-approved conformation judge, or employed as an assistant to a professional handler.

### **AKC Approves Revisions to Vizsla Breed Standard**

The AKC Board of Directors, at their January meeting,, voted to approve the revisions to the Vizsla breed standard, as published in the AKC GAZETTE, effective April 1, 2009. For more information on the multi-year process that the Breed Standard Committee within the Vizsla Club of America undertook to make the revisions, go to <http://clubs.akc.org/vizsla/standard.htm>. The updated standard should also be available on the AKC web site in April. <http://www.akc.org/breeds/vizsla/index.cfm>

## **Wags 'n Brags**

**Am/Can Ch Opus One Featuring Indie JH TDI** earned an award of merit at the Vizsla National Specialty in Tucson, Arizona, for the third year in a row. Her son, Brittania's Taylor Made For Two, won his 12-18 Sweepstakes class and was 2nd in the Bred-by-Exhibitor class as well. Indie is owned by Britt Jung and co-owned and bred by Ida Kavafian & Steve Tenenbom. Taylor is owned by Ed and Jackie McAuliffe, co-owned and bred by Britt Jung.

*But wait! There's more!*

Indie finished her Novice agility titles January 24-25 at the Oriole Dog Training Club trials. These are not only Indie's first agility accomplishments, but Britt's first agility accomplishments as well! Introducing **Am/Can CH Opus One Featuring Indie JH NA NAJ TDI**.



**"Tiber Creeks Rushcreek Darcy** is now an American Field Champion, Field Champion and Amateur Field Champion. A lot of people said it couldn't be done (and I think Jim wondered from time to time), but she took a 4-point open major in Georgia in early December in horrible rainy weather to cinch her AKC Field Champion title. Would you please pass this on to our CVC friends?" ~ Jeannie Rowell

CVC Dues are due no later than March 31  
Send your 2009 dues to Gail Contreras, Membership Chair,  
4408 Santa Clara Court, Fairfax VA 22030

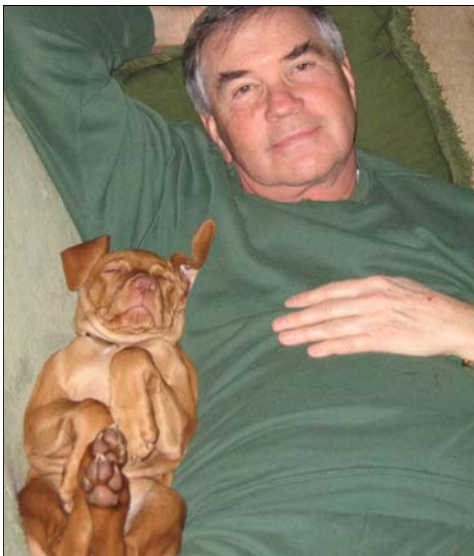
## PUPPIES ~ PUPPIES ~ PUPPIES

Caroll Mealy is the CVC's breeder referral contact. CVC members who are planning a litter of puppies are invited to contact Caroll and let her know when the pups are due or, if already born, how many and what sexes are available. She will not be responsible for screening any prospective new owners. She will guide those making inquiries to CVC members who are having puppies. As members of CVC, those having puppies should follow the "Code of Ethics" established by the Club and published in each newsletter.

On this basis, Caroll and the CVC will be confident that anyone to whom she is referring potential new owners will be contacting reputable and responsible breeders. Caroll can be contacted at 410/257-6962 or [hodag@chesapeake.net](mailto:hodag@chesapeake.net)



## New CVC Members Recount Their Vizsla Puppy Moving In



As head of an all male household, I was warned about this seven-week-old Vizsla puppy running my life. The puppy, Rose, may have been the smallest of the litter, but she brings with her a huge attitude, an attitude best described as: "I am now running this place. Get out of my way! (but follow me and you'll have fun!)" She thinks nothing of taking toys from the 80-pound boxer, stealing her food or barking at her. To her credit, the boxer endures it.

Within 24 hours of her arrival, Rose had the house and yard figured out; however, the cows and their noises/smells were a different issue! She sleeps either with me or the boxer when not in her crate. Any disturbance of her sleep is met with disapproval, and don't leave the room without her! She is so smart and vivacious! No one can imagine the joy she has brought into this home, particularly with my sons away at college. Christmas came early for me. So what if Rose is now in charge; I was fairly warned. ~ Dan in Falmouth VA

Our eight-week-old Bika is a real joy. He comes into a household of Zoltan, our 10-year-old Vizsla, Rez, our three-year-old Vizsla, and Hobo, our 14-year-old "Benji" dog. Bika is a smart little guy; already going to the door when he has to go out. He does his business and then heads back up the stairs to come back inside. (That it's mid-December in the Piedmont of Virginia, coming inside is a good thing!) We have kennels set up in our bedroom and family room for his use, and he loves them. He really is a great puppy! He is very smart. He knows his name, he knows to sit in the kennel before we open the door, and he remembered, after the first feeding, where his bowls were. And he is soooo lovable!!!!

We are extremely impressed with the professionalism of our breeder. So much of what the puppy is and the habits he had already acquired came from the breeder's regiment. ~ Len and Sandy in Prospect VA



## What Does the Vet Say?

**Q: My dog had two brief seizures. Should I be concerned?**

A: Seizures are always abnormal and warrant a visit to your vet. Brief seizures in and of themselves are not particularly dangerous. However, they are frequently a symptom of more serious problems. In pets, seizures are caused by five basic categories of disease.

First, exposure to certain toxins may lead to seizures. Usually, this is one of the easier causes to rule out. Certain medications, lawn/ garden products, household cleaners, and pesticides can lead to seizures. Mold toxins in mulch, garbage, or wildlife carcasses may induce seizures or tremors. Prompt treatment is essential for any suspected toxin exposure.

Second, seizures can be caused by underlying metabolic diseases. Liver diseases, kidney failure, hormone imbalances, and certain tumors may produce secondary seizures. Occasionally metabolic defects may occur due to a birth defect or nutritional imbalance. Your vet will want to run a series of blood tests to rule out metabolic causes of seizures. The prognosis for these diseases varies significantly. Some are completely correctable and some are universally fatal.

Third, some seizure-like activity is caused by heart or vascular disorders. Irregular heart rhythm, extremes in blood pressure, and blood clots can produce collapse and tremors. Taking a blood pressure and listening to your pet's heart will give your veterinarian a lot of information. Sometimes an electrocardiogram (EKG) or an echocardiogram (sonogram) may be indicated. Most heart diseases that cause seizure-like activity can be treated successfully for varying periods of time.

Fourth, diseases of the brain and nervous system frequently lead to seizures. Brain tumors, birth defects, meningitis, encephalitis, head trauma, and strokes all fall into this category. If a dog or cat begins having seizures over the age of five, and the above three categories have been excluded, then brain disease becomes the most likely cause. Unfortunately, these diseases are difficult to diagnose. The best way to see inside the brain is through magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Sometimes sampling of fluid from around the spinal cord can help diagnose nervous system disease. For pet owners who are not very cost sensitive, these modern medical technologies allow veterinarians to treat causes of seizures that only ten years ago were considered untreatable.

Finally, pets can be victims of epilepsy. This seizure disorder begins early in life and is the most common cause of seizures in pets under five years of age. There is no way to test for epilepsy, so all other causes of seizures must be ruled out. While incurable, nine out of ten epileptics can be successfully treated with anticonvulsant medications. Use of these medications requires careful monitoring throughout the dog's life.

**Clevenger's Corner Veterinary Care, Dr. Watts**  
**18157 Lee Highway, Amissville, VA 20106 ~ 540/428-1000**  
**[www.clevengerscorner.com](http://www.clevengerscorner.com)**

**Note:** Dr. Watts is owned by Otis, a Vizsla bred by Michelle Dowd.

**Conestoga Vizsla Club, Inc.  
Application for Membership**



To the Board of Directors:

I hereby apply for membership in the Conestoga Vizsla Club, Inc., and agree to support the Constitution and By-laws of the Club; to encourage high standards in breeding, training and showing Vizslas, and to promote the welfare of the Vizsla breed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Family Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Type:  Family \$30/yr  Single \$25/yr

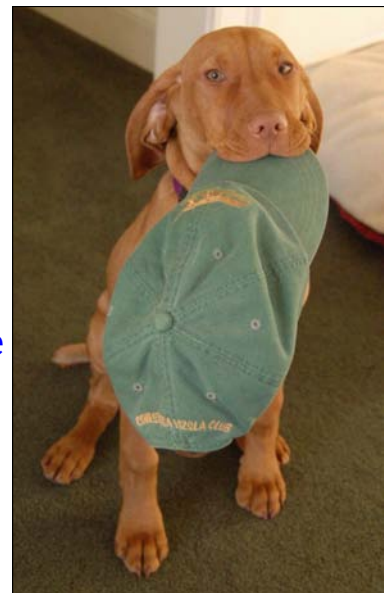
Club year runs from January through December.

Mail to: Gail Contreras, 4408 Santa Clara Court, Fairfax VA 22030

**An Opportunity ... Perhaps Yours!**

Ready to help make CVC an even better regional club? Join the other great volunteers and leadership team, and wear the "Ways and Means Chairperson" hat.

You would be responsible for keeping and selling the club merchandise (shirts, hats, etc.) at CVC events. It's a fun opportunity to make a positive difference. Interested? Email Susan DellaPenta at: [susand@certifiedtrainingacademy.com](mailto:susand@certifiedtrainingacademy.com) or call her: 804/752-6678.



## Resolutions & Code of Ethics ~ Conestoga Vizsla Club, Inc.

**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 crossbreeding 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.

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**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 which 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.**



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## **CVC 2009 Calendar ... so far!**

**March 13-15 ~ CVC Spring Field Trial**, Phelp's Wildlife Management Area, Sumerduck VA. Mike More = Chair; Tracy Faber = Event Secretary

**April 4-5 ~ CVC Spring Hunting Tests**, Strawberry Hill Farm, Thurmont MD. Mike Johnson = Chair; India Cox = Event Secretary

**June 27 ~ CVC Specialty Show**, Charles County Fairgrounds, Bel Alton MD. Mike Johnson = Specialty Chair; Britt Jung = Trophies