

Conestoga Vizsla Club Newsletter

3rd-4th Quarters 2010



*Congratulations
Tracy and
Duncan!*

BROAD RUN'S FIRE RED WARRIOR JH

3rd Place Open Puppy

2010 VCA National Field Trial



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Conestoga Vizsla Club, Inc., Officers & Board of Directors



President: Michelle Dowd

Vice President: Britt Jung

Treasurer: Susan DellaPenta

Corresponding Secretary: Mike Johnson

Recording Secretary: Tracy Faber

Directors: Rich Black Stephanie Estes Mike Moore Deb Titus

BELIEVE IT

Best of Breed / Group 4 Placement

Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Sept. 29, 2010

GCH SZIZLIN RIPLEY'S NEW YORK GROOVE



CH Jim Mar's Tarot (OFA VZ-8331G54M-PI) x BISS AM & CAN CH Copper Creek Szizlin Kestrel JH ROM (OFA VZ-6505G27F-T)

DOB: January 13, 2006 OFA VZ-10727G25M-VPI CHIC #46331 DNA #v449391

Judge: Mrs. Madeline Fish

Bred by:
Carol and Bruce Phelps
Szizlin Vizslas, Reg.

Owned and loved by:
Meryl and Bill Fiedelman
New York, NY
www.yorkvillevizslas.com

Presented with perfection by: **Kim Pastella-Calvacca, AKC Reg. Handler**



Dear CVC Members:

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying this fall season with your Vizslas!

On October 1st – 3rd, CVC held a successful fall field trial in the beautiful Indian Springs WMA in Clear Spring MD. Our Chairman was Al Lucas; secretaries were Britt Jung & India Cox, and a committee of Mike Moore, Stephanie Estes, Mike Johnson, Al Lucas Jr., Mark Calder and me. We ran approximately 100 dogs in the three-day weekend. The weather

cooperated, giving us a nice temperature. I'd like to thank our judges, gunners and everyone else who helped to make this trial a success!

As you may have seen via email, the 2010 Nominating Committee has secured their board nominations for 2011. Please see page 5 for more information. Thank you to Chairman Mike Moore, and committee members Melissa Greene, Kathryn Seelye, and alternates Rachel Romano Kelley and DeWane Hill for working on this project.

I hope to see you at our Christmas Party on December 12th, to be held at the home of board member Mike Johnson's home in Leesburg VA. See pages 12 & 13 for more information.

Sadly, this is my last letter to you as President of this club, as my term is ending this December. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience, which has had ups and downs, but overall it has been a great experience. I feel that I've made some positive impact on this club and hopefully on the Vizsla breed in some small way. I love this breed dearly, and I fully believe that supporting our local Vizsla clubs helps to sustain and improve the breed. I want you to know that I appreciate all the hard work that has come over the past couple of years of my presidency – the board, chairmen, committee members, newsletter & website workers, rescue fosters & volunteers, and many, many more of you – Thank You! Without your dedication, this club would not exist, and my role as President would have been a much more difficult job. Thank you all!

I hope to see you at the Christmas Party, and at club events in 2011! All the best to you and your wonderful Vizslas.

Respectfully yours,
Michelle Dowd, CVC President ~ michelle@broadrunvizslas.com
703/851-5565

Important ~ Please Read!

Conestoga Vizsla Club 2011 Board of Directors Nominations

The CVC Nominating Committee has nominated the following individuals to join the CVC Board of Directors in 2011:

President - Stephanie Estes
Corresponding Secretary - Mike Johnson
Member at Large - Rachel Romano Kelly
Member at Large - India Cox

Pursuant with the CVC Bylaws (Article V, Section 3, C);

"Additional nominations may be made by any member in good standing provided that the nomination has the consent of the person so nominated, has been endorsed by three (3) members in good standing and has been forwarded to the Recording Secretary in writing by November 1."

NOMINATIONS

Due to the unpredicted late nature of this announcement, the CVC Board and Nominating Committee are allowing additional nominations to be received until December 1, 2010. Any and all nominations should be sent via e-mail to Tracy Faber at tfaber13@yahoo.com.

TREASURER

In addition to filling the even-year end-of-term positions, CVC will need to place a new Treasurer to begin January 1st. Susan DellaPenta has done an amazing job in this position, but she must vacate the position before the term ends (Dec 2011). Treasurer is an important job within our club, and it requires a person with financial experience and good organizational skills. Please contact anyone on the CVC board if you are interested in this position, or if you have a good recommendation.

Sincerely,

Michelle Dowd, CVC President, michelle@broadrunvizslas.com

This message was emailed to membership November 17, 2010.

CVC donated \$500 to the 2010 VCA Nationals. Becky Smith, 2010 Nebraska Chair, sent the following note to the Club:

"Dear CVC members: On behalf of the VCA and the 2010 National Events Committee, I'd like to thank the Conestoga Vizsla Club for your generous support of the upcoming National events. Support from the regional clubs is key in making these events a success, and truly makes them 'National' no matter what region plays host. Thank you! Becky Smith, 2010 NE Chair"

“MURPHY”

CH Auburn’s Murphy Seamus O’Grady

One good looking boy, one great hunter!



Unrivaled Pedigree!

Sire: CH Cameo’s Lone Star Canyon

Dam: AM/CAN CH Auburn’s Sweet Rosie O’Grady MH

AKC # SR50811501 OFA – #VZ11902G26M-VPI
Elbows, Heart, Thyroid and Eyes - Normal (CHIC#67977)

Anne and Phil Townsend, owners

748 Harris Point Drive

Virginia Beach, VA 23455

410/274-1938 – atownrep@aol.com

Bred by Florence and Peter Duggan, Auburn Vizslas, Westfield NJ

Presented by Ania Kelly

CVC Fall Field Trial Report

Keeping to tradition, the Conestoga Vizsla Club again held its fall Field Trial the first weekend in October ~ October 1-3 ~ at Clear Spring, MD. More than 100 dogs were entered in the 10 stake event, and volunteers pulled off a very successful raffle, 50-50 and Judges' dinner. Gratefully, the weather was perfect October weather.

Al Lucas, chaired the event, with Britt Jung handling the secretarial duties pre-trial, and India Cox being the on-site and post-event



secretary. Other committee members included Mark Calder, Michelle Dowd, Stephanie Estes, Mike Johnson, Al Lucas, Jr. and Mike Moore. Jack Sharkey served as Line Marshall. Danny Gooch was Captain of the Guns, with Bill Cox as his gunning partner. Deb Titus/Dave Hammitt brought their generator for the club's use; Terry Lucas did the grocery shopping for the Judges' dinner; and Deb Titus also brought some of her good soups. Tom Digney repaired/rebattered the Club's radios, so they were in good working condition.

As the highest placing Vizsla in the Open Limited Gun Dog Stake (he took first!), CH SoCo's Pinnacle Inspired One JH "McKinley" (O/Susan Rushing & Deborah Verret; H/Jamie Fountain) took home the Helen and Del Seeley Memorial Traveling Trophy. Tiber-

creek Billy Blazes "Billy" (O/Mark Calder and Linda Javorski; H/Mark Calder) won the River Hill Traveling Trophy by winning the Amateur Gun Dog stake. CH Triad's Upwind Photon Torpedo JH "Phoebe" (O/Kathryn G.



Pullen & Joseph W. Bunk; H/Joe Bunk) won the non-regular Hunting Dog Championship, taking home the CH Sansouci Czuda Vadasz MH CDX VC ROM CGC Memorial Traveling Trophy.

Thank you committee members, volunteers and judges for your hard work, great attitude in conducting another successful CVC Fall Field Trial. Special thanks go to the owners and handlers who entered the event. Let the tradition continue!

Here are the results of the stakes:

OPEN ALL AGE

Judges: Kenneth Huyser/Thomas Digney -

Starters: 17 - Points: 1st = 3

- 1st Phoenix's Li'L Lucy "Lucy"; O/Jay & Jean Hallaron; H/Jamie Fountain; Brittany
- 2nd Prairie Schooner's Rocky "Rocky"; O/Regis Cantini; H/Jesse Chapman; English Setter
- 3rd FC Prairie Star Mint Condition "Minnie"; O/Marianne Morf & Sandra Chapman; H/Jesse Chapman; Gordon Str
- 4th FC AFC Doubledee Dorothy "Dot"; O/Gwynne G. McDevitt; H/Jim Heckert; English Setter

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CVC Field Trail Report continued

OPEN GUN DOG

Judges: Grace Anne Lawson/Kenneth Huyser - Starters: 23; Points: 1st = 4

1st Prairie Schooner's Rocky "Rocky"; O/ Regis Cantini; H/Jesse Chapman; English Setter

2nd FC Prairie Star High Plainsman "Bart"; O/Dano & Marianne Morf; H/Jesse Chapman; Gordon Setter

3rd CH SoCo's Pinnacle Inspired One JH "McKinley"; O/Susan Rushing & Deborah Verret; H/Jamie Fountain; Vizsla

4th Doubledee Dexter "Dexter"; O/ Gwynne G. McDevitt; H/Jim Heckert; Gordon Setter

OPEN DERBY

Judges: Kenneth Huyser/Julia Bonar - Starters: 10; Points: 1st = 2

1st Sansouci Mulatozas Kaprazat JH "Raz"; O/Linda Pruitt & Dave Edwards; H/ Linda Pruitt; Vizsla

2nd **withheld**

3rd Westerkirk's Unruly Brat "Brat"; O/E. James & M. Catherine Kuhns; H/Cathy Kuhns or Jim Kuhns; GSP

4th **withheld**

AMATEUR GUN DOG

Judges: Grace Anne Lawson/Julia Bonar - Starters: 10; Points: 1st = 2

1st Tibercreek Billy Blazes "Billy" O/ Mark Calder and Linda Javorski; H/Mark Calder; Vizsla

2nd CH Triad's Upwind Photon Torpedo JH "Phoebe"; O/Kathryn G. Pullen & Joseph W. Bunk; H/Joe Bunk; Vizsla

3rd **withheld**

4th **withheld**

OPEN LIMITED GUN DOG – RETRIEVING

Judges: Thomas Digney/Grace Anne Lawson - Starters: 8; Points: 1st = 2

1st CH SoCo's Pinnacle Inspired One JH "McKinley"; O/Susan Rushing & Deborah Verret; H/Jamie Fountain; Vizsla

2nd Klassic Rock N Roll "Rocky"; O/ Kenneth Huyser; H/Kenneth Huyser or

Nancy Huyser; GSP

3rd HiPoint's Nuke Powered Tank "Duke"; O/Joe Orndorff; H/Joe Orndorff; GSP

4th **withheld**

AMATEUR LIMITED GUN DOG – RETRIEVING

Judges: John

Ward/Thomas

Digney - Starters: 9; Points: 1st = 2

1st FC AFC Sawmills Wild Huckelberry "Huck"; O/ Gregg Ritchings;

H/Gregg Ritchings; Vizsla

2nd Klassic Rock N Roll "Rocky"; O/ Kenneth Huyser; H/Kenneth Huyser or Nancy Huyser;

GSP

3rd FC AFC

Triad's Keep a

Dandy Oakleaf SH "Bailey"; O/Kathryn G. Pullen & Joseph W. Bunk; H/Joe Bunk; Vizsla

4th FC AFC Saga's Blitzkrieg von Reiteralm SDX, NRD "Blitz"; O/Lance Fargo; H/ Lance Fargo; Weimaraner

AMATEUR WALKING PUPPY

Judges: John Ward/Linda Pruitt for Ray Mealy - Starters: 5; Points: 1st = 1

1st Mehagian T.J. & SF Lindsay "Linny"; O/Al Lucas & Marge Mehagian; H/Al Lucas; Vizsla

2nd Broad Run's Blue Moon "Luna"; O/ Michelle & Patrick Dowd; H/Michelle Dowd; Vizsla

3rd Semper Fi Stormy's Gold Star "Goldie"; O/Al Lucas Jr.; H/Al Lucas or Angela Lucas; Vizsla

4th Sawmills Miss Sofija "Sofie" O/Gregg Ritchings; H/Gregg Ritchings; Vizsla



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CVC Field Trial Report continued

AMATEUR WALKING DERBY

Judges: Mary Brown/Linda Pruitt - Starters: 4; Points: 1st = 1

- 1st Vitesse RCE Lovingly Remembered "Reece"; O/Stephanie Estes; H/Stephanie Estes; Vizsla
- 2nd Broad Run's Blue Moon "Luna"; O/Michelle & Patrick Dowd; H/Michelle Dowd; Vizsla
- 3rd Vitesse Snickering Saskia "Snickers"; O/Susan Leetmaa & Ron Paletzki; H/Stephanie Estes; Vizsla
- 4th Sawmills Miss Sofija "Sofie"; O/Gregg Ritchings; H/Gregg Ritchings; Vizsla

OPEN PUPPY

Judges: Julia Bonar for Grace Anne Lawson/Mary Brown - Starters: 7; Points: 1st = 1

- 1st Bagley's Locust Hill Joy "Joy"; O/John R. Ward; H/John Ward; Gordon Setter
- 2nd Mehagian T.J. & SF Lindsay "Linny"; O/Al Lucas & Marge Mehagian; H/Al Lucas; Vizsla
- 3rd Semper Fi Stormy's Gold Star

- "Goldie"; O/Al Lucas Jr.; H/Al Lucas or Angela Lucas; Vizsla
- 4th Rumraisin Feather in the Wind "Phoenix"; O/Susan Sullivan & Debra Hamilton; H/John Ward; Irish Setter

HUNTING DOG –RETRIEVING

Judges: John Ward/Linda Pruitt - Starters: 5; Non-regular Stake

- 1st CH Triad's Upwind Photon Torpedo JH "Phoebe"; O/Kathryn G. Pullen & Joseph W. Bunk; H/Joe Bunk; Vizsla
- 2nd DC AFC Huntley MH "Huntley"; O/Jack Sharkey;



Linda Pruitt

- H/Jack Sharkey; Vizsla
- 3rd Dobrocat's CG Mira Belle MH "Mira"; O/India F. Cox; H/India Cox; Vizsla
- 4th FC AFC Hodag Semper Fi Khe Sanh "Kasey"; O/Tom Digney; H/Tom Digney; Vizsla



Breeder Referral

For those of you interested in helping people find a Vizsla that will bring joy to a family, I could use some help. I get a lot of e-mails from people looking for breeders and puppies and, as you all know, most of the litters are spoken for before their little red paws hit the whelping pad. These people need to be in contact with breeders (even if that breeder is not currently

expecting a litter) in their area for mentoring and for helping them find puppies BEFORE they begin searching for puppies on the internet.

If you are willing to join a list of breeders/mentors, it would be wonderful. If someone contacts you looking for a puppy and you aren't expecting a litter, you can certainly pass that family/person onto someone who is planning a breeding.

Please, send me an e-mail with your location (and closest greater metro area) and let me know that it is OK for me to have someone looking for a puppy contact you.

Thank you for your help and interest. Gail Contreras ~ gaygle@aol.com ~ 703/352-8109

CVC to the Rescue!

by Stephanie Estes

CVC Board of Directors Member at Large

It's been almost a year since we told you about the special Rescue dogs we worked with last year. We'll be pulling together the full statistics for this year as well, but we wanted to take this opportunity to showcase some of the dogs we currently have in the program as well as update you on the ones we've placed this year.

As you may remember from last year, we took several dogs from a backyard breeder in New Castle, VA. All of them were placed and are enjoying their new lives as house dogs with loving families. We are hoping the same for the last batch of dogs we took from this same man as well as some owner surrenders.

We have seen a tremendous spike in the number of males that individuals are surrendering to rescue as well as pet store puppies. Unfortunately, we had to turn away two pet store puppies due to health issues. These situations are so sad. We truly want to help, but are not always able to either because of funding for prohibitively expensive surgeries or availability of foster or forever homes; we still work closely with the Vizsla Club of America and help as many dogs as we possibly can.

Last Year's Successes – a snippet...

Roxie, one of the older females we took from him last year, is now a huge hit on Facebook! She advocates fostering and par-

Roxie and
her son,
Scooter



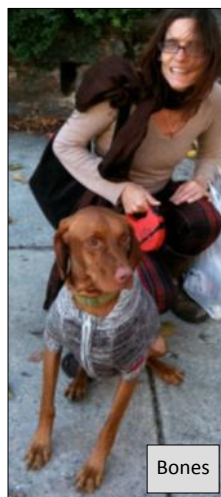
ticipating in rescue efforts. She wholeheartedly supports the CVC and her family has just recently taken in one of her own sons as a foster. (We're hoping it's a permanent arrangement!) To see how Roxie is doing, and her son Scooter, visit her on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/profile.php?id=100000713352965>

Bones, formerly known as Ronnie, looked just pitiful after we de-wormed him last December. Now he is a healthy, athletic dog who runs daily with his new family!

This Year's Successes a snippet...

Nadia, a Roxie daughter, was placed with a great family in PA! She's only been there a few days, but things are working out well so far!

Cindy, a 6-year-old brood bitch from the BYB, has been placed with a wonderful family in NJ. Here's a note from her new mom: "Just to let you know Cindy, who my mom is going to call Sydney or "Sid" for short, had a great transition home yesterday. She was the perfect car rider for the 3 hour trip. She has her own bed with her own special blanket and slept there through the night. We took her on a hike yesterday; had her on and off leash and she did great. It helped having our dog show her the ropes, but you could see her hunting instincts take over when she caught a scent! Thank you again so much for giving my mom the opportunity for a sweet and loving companion. I will send pictures as soon as possible!"



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This Year's Dogs in Need...

Bubba, also one of Roxie's sons, is a really sweet boy, currently fostering at Pat Hudson's place. We are looking hard for a good home for him. We believe he should be placed with a family that already has a well-adjusted dog to ensure he has both human and canine encouragement for developing confidence and good manners. He is very affectionate, just like his mom!

Zuko is owner surrender. He is 2 ½ years old, neutered, UTD on all shots. His family is unable to spend the time with him that he needs. He has been raised with small children, other dogs and cats. He has really good basic manners, knows sit, down, stay and comes when called. High energy boy who needs an active family to love him!

Sierra is currently still with his family in Blacksburg, VA. He is in need of a new home soon. His current family will not be able to care for him much longer. Check out our website for more on him, or contact us at cvcrescue@gmail.com

Two Very Important Reminders: CVC Board of Directors /Officer Engagement

The first quarter of 2009, the CVC Board of Directors and Officers took very deliberate steps to more clearly define the guidelines within which the Rescue Committee would operate, thus creating transparency for club members, potential adoptive families and those wishing to surrender their Vizslas.

To access the Rescue Committee Guide-

lines please visit the [Conestoga Vizsla Club's Rescue Site](#)

Responsible vs. Irresponsible Breeders

As members of the CVC, you have already taken steps to understand the difference between a responsible breeder and an irresponsible one. Many potential puppy buyers do not do their homework. Recognizing the difference is vitally important to our Breed's integrity. Our Rescue group has managed many dogs this year from irresponsible breeders. Below are some talking points for you to share with your friends and family, we hope you can help us stop irresponsible breeding practices.

Irresponsible Breeders:

- ◆ Motive for breeding: "fun", "good for kids", "to make money". Does not screen buyers and seldom refuses to sell, even if buyer is unsuitable.
- ◆ Breeds the family pet to any convenient pet of the same breed just to have pure-bred pups. Has no understanding or concern with genetics, pedigree bloodlines, or breed improvement.
- ◆ Though the pets (sire/dam of pups) may be well loved, they were not tested for hip dysplasia or for other genetic problems such as Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Thyroid or Von Willebrands Disease.
- ◆ Offers no health guarantee beyond proof of shots, if that. Unqualified to give help if problems develop.
- ◆ Seller has little knowledge of breed history, the national breed club or of the AKC breed standard. May claim this does not matter for "just pets".
- ◆ Pups raised in makeshift accommodations, sometimes unsanitary, indicating lack of long-term investment in breeding and lack of true care for the puppies.
- ◆ Even when selling "just pets", may produce AKC papers or "championship pedigrees" as proof of quality. Yet seller does not increase his own knowledge through

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CVC will provide meat dishes and drinks. Please bring a dish for 6 to share using this list as a recommendation:

A-C: Appetizer/Bread. **D-H:** Salad. **I-M:** Dessert. **N-Q:** Casserole. **R-Z:** Vegetable Dish

DONATE! DONATE! DONATE! DONATE!

A SILENT AUCTION to benefit CVC Rescue will be held during the Party.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will convene around 3:00pm.

PLEASE RSVP by December 8th to Mike Johnson at mjohnson@orcc.com

DIRECTIONS

From Beltway - Beltway to Dulles Toll Road (toll), Dulles Toll Road to the Greenway (toll), Exit at the 15 North / Frederick, MD exit, Take 15 N; right on Edwards Ferry Road; Left on Battlefield Parkway; Left on Tennessee; Left on Nashville to the house; Left on Cambria Terrace, 1197 is on the right.

From Rt. 15 - If coming from Maryland, north of Leesburg, turn left on Edwards Ferry and follow directions above. If coming from Virginia south of Leesburg, turn right on Edwards Ferry and follow directions above.

Note on Parking. Please park on Nashville, it is a cul-de-sac. You can either walk up Nashville to Cambria or walk through tot lot and look for the fence gate with a wreath on it (back of town houses on the left).



CONESTOGA VIZSLA CLUB INVITES YOU TO THE

Annual Christmas Party

Sunday December 12th at 2:00 pm

The Home of Mike & Carolyn Johnson

1197 Cambria Terrace, Leesburg VA

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participation in national, regional, or local breed clubs. Is not involved in showing or working their dogs to "prove" quality.

- ◆ May be unwilling to show a buyer the entire litter or to introduce the dam of the litter. Cannot or will not compare/critique pups or pup's ancestors.
- ◆ Prices are at the low end of local range, since must move pups quickly. Advertises in the local newspaper classifieds or website obviously designed for selling puppies. These websites usually include testimonials of puppy buyers, selling and shipping information, and typically little to no information on the breeding dogs.
- ◆ No concern for the future of individual pups or the breed as a whole. Does not use AKC's limited registration option or ask for spay/neuter contract to guard against the breeding of sub-standard pups. If you cannot keep pup, tells you to take it to a dog pound or to sell it.

Responsible Breeders:

- ◆ Dedication to producing quality dogs is serious avocation. Has so much invested in dogs that he struggles to break even, not make a profit. Will sell pups only to approved buyers.
- ◆ Can explain how planned breedings are used to emphasize or minimize specific qualities through line breeding, out crossing, or more rarely, inbreeding.
- ◆ Breeds only those dogs who have a DNA number and are free of serious hereditary defects (including epilepsy, progressive retinal atrophy, Von Willebrands, entropion and cranial muscular atrophy), and are over two years of age and have been x-rayed and OFA-certified as free from hip dysplasia. Can produce certification to prove claims.
- ◆ Written contractual commitment to replace a dog with genetic faults or to help owner deal with problem.
- ◆ Loves the breed and can talk at length about its background, uses, and ideal type.

- ◆ Has an investment in dog equipment and the puppies environment is sanitary and loving.
- ◆ Belongs to national, regional, and/or local dog clubs, indicating a love for the sport of purebred dogs. Exhibits their dogs in dog shows and field trials and/or hunt tests as an objective test of how his stock measures up.
- ◆ Shows litter and dam in a sanitary environment. Helps buyer evaluate and choose a pup. Explains criteria for "show prospects" versus "pet picks".
- ◆ Prices will be at the high end of local range. Price will not reflect all that is invested in the pups. A reputable breeder never profits from the sale of puppies. Does not advertise in the newspaper. Has an established waiting list for the pups. May have a website, but will be designed to showcase adult dogs and their accomplishments, and not to advertise puppies.
- ◆ After purchase, will help you with grooming or training problems. Will take back a pup you cannot keep rather than see it disposed of inappropriately. Sells pets with spay/neuter agreement and on AKC limited registration.



Chief — story on page 15

A Rescue Story –

Chief ~ Story of a Soul

It was his first Christmas with us that I realized the depth of his soul. He was a year and a half old at this point and had only been living with us for a few months. The 18 months of his life before coming to us were obviously tumultuous, but a mystery. Loud noises scared him, quick movements made him cower and any misbehavior made him believe he would be brutally beaten ... but that was his past.

He was adjusting to living in the city and having a younger sister, who was queen of the house, but loved him unconditionally. He was learning that there were rules to the house and, if they were broken, he would not be struck repeatedly, but instead gently disciplined and taught.

Every Christmas, we journey north to Connecticut to visit family, and this was his introduction to the tradition. While at my wife's family home, we made a daily jaunt to the local dog-friendly national park. Here, our new boy and his sister could run along the stream and through the snow while chasing birds and carrying sticks. We weren't sure how he would react to this magical place, but figured he would love the freedom. As soon as his paws hit the ground, he took off like a shot; running as fast as his still undernourished frame could go. His sister chased after him barking with unbridled joy. My wife and I smiled at our pleasure of adopting this wonderful creature, changing his life and giving him hope. What happened next, made me realize that he was changing our lives just as much, if not more.

He came back. We didn't call him. We didn't whistle. He came running back at full speed just to check in and make sure we were still there. He circled around us and took off again. He repeated this technique for the rest of his life.

Chief was almost a year and a half when we adopted him through the Conestoga Vizsla Club Rescue. Our other Vizsla, Georgia, was just a couple of months younger than her new sibling. From the moment they met, they were joined at the hip. They shared pillows, curled up next to each other and chased the ball with unadulterated joy. As much as Chief loved Georgia, he loved the humans around him more. Every welcomed visitor to the house was greeted with a wagging tail and gracious kisses. If the visitor was not known, a low bark was emitted protect the house and his family.

Sunday afternoon football games were a perfect opportunity for Chief to see his human and canine friends as we all gathered to watch the games. Toys were brought to each guest in an attempt to initiate games of tug-o-war. Between games, he curled up on welcoming laps of every guest.

Chief passed away four months ago. [age 10] I still don't really believe he is gone. ...I expect him to come back just to check in. A few days before he passed away, we had a house full of people watching Sunday afternoon football. As usual, he went from person to person, curling up next to them. In retrospect, it seems that he was reminding each person that he loved everyone equally. A few days later, he was gone...I don't remember ever crying like I did that morning. We sat in silence all afternoon with Georgia trying to figure out how to move forward. Friends, neighbors and even some less-known dog park acquaintances came by to pay respects; most cried but all smiled. His soul touched everyone he came in contact with, bringing happiness and love.

Nominate Judges for 2011 CVC Specialty – Here's How

Dear CVC Members:

One of the critical annual jobs for the CVC Board of Directors and the CVC Specialty Committee is to select and propose to our host club a CVC Specialty Judge. As done in recent years, the Specialty Committee and the Board of Directors kindly requests your assistance in nominating judges to judge the CVC Specialty over the next few years.

Please nominate up to five judges and, when doing so, consider that judges who are approved by the AKC to judge the Sporting Group, or multiple groups and breeds, are more marketable to our host clubs (Southern Maryland KC and Rock Creek KC). Doing so will allow the all-breed club to cover the judge's expenses. At the same time, judges who are local and approved for only a few breeds may be interested in judging with minimal compensation.

To the extent that you have any question as to whether a judge you would like to nominate is still judging, or is approved to judge multiple breeds, that information is available through the "Judges Directory" on www.infodog.com. For your convenience, a direct link to the Infodog Judges Directory is included below.

Once the nominations are received, a member of the Specialty Committee will create a list of all the nominations to be voted upon by the Specialty Committee, using a weighted voting system (voting for up to five candidates in ranked order with the highest ranked candidate receiving a score of 5, the second highest ranked candidate receiving a score of 4, and so on) to create a ranked list of preferred judges from which specialty judges will be selected going forward for up to three specialty shows.

Please note that CVC will not select any judges from the preferred list who have judged a Vizsla specialty or a supported entry that had 40 or more dogs in the regular classes sponsored by any of the following clubs: Vizsla Club of America, Vizsla Club of Greater New York, Vizsla Club of Northern New Jersey, Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club, Long Island Vizsla Club, Vizsla Club of Metro Atlanta, Miami Valley Vizsla Club, Vizsla Club of Greater Cleveland, Old Dominion Vizsla Club, Vizsla Club of the Carolinas, Central New England Vizsla Club, and the Conestoga Vizsla Club, or who have judged Vizslas at Westminster KC or the annual AKC/Eukanuba Championship, in any of the three years preceding a CVC Specialty (see the attached list).

Please also note that CVC will be working with the Southern Maryland Kennel Club and Rock Creek Kennel Club to select a judge from their existing panels for the Supported Entry held the day after the specialty, as well as the show that precedes our specialty.

With respect to Sweepstakes judges, if you have one or two names of people whom you would like to nominate to judge our Sweepstakes classes at either the Specialty or the CVC Supported Entry the following day, please include those as well. The Specialty Committee will choose Sweepstakes judges for those events based on the persons' availability and willingness to give their time, as well as the CVC's judgment as to their interest in the assignment.

If you would like to submit nominations, please send them by e-mail to Britt Jung at brittejung@msn.com and Rich Black at sassafrasvizslas@gmail.com. Please do

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not reply directly to this e-mail, as it is being sent from Gail Contreras as the keeper of the Club's protected e-mail data base.

Alternatively, you may telephone Rich at 301/412-4938 or Britt at 301/699-5864.

We ask that all nominations be made by December 1st so that the Specialty Com-

mittee may have adequate time to consider them.

Thanks very much for your participation!

Judges Directory: <http://>

www.infodog.com/showinfo/juddir.htm

Club	2008	2009	2010	2011
BASS	Charlie Olvis, Nancy Cowley	Bud DiDonato, Ken Murray	D. Swartwood*, Larry Berg	
CVVC	Kathy Rust, Carol Beattie, Bob Ennis, Richard Hilderman	Christine Calcinari, Judy Goodin, Lester Mapes, Britt Jung	David Kittredge, Pluis Davern, Terry Hundt, Enrique Filippini	Jeff Pepper
VCNNJ	R. William Taylor	Ann Bolus	Gale Young	
Carolinas	Terry Stacy	Lee Canalizo	Robert Vandiver, Carl Liepmann	
LIVC	n/a	Linda More	Judy Harrington	
New Eng- land	Don Evans, Marion Lyons	Wendy Willhauck	Chris Walcovicz*	
Atlanta	Carl Liepmann	Marjorie Martorella	Judy Goodin	Betty-Anne Stenmark
VCGNY Viz Club of Am	Bud McGivern, Eva Berg	Sue Goldberg, Honey Glendinning	Greg Gollick, Frank Kane, Tamas Jakkal	
CVC	Jim Reynolds	Michelle Billings	Marjorie Martorella	Linda Kelly
MVVC	MaryAnn Alston, Robert Stein Charlotte McGowan	Gretchen Schultz	Walter Sommerfelt, Pat Gellerman	
Cleveland	James Noe	James Brown	Judy Goodin	
WKC	Terry Stacy	Terry Stacy	Nancy Dinkfelt	
AKC		Don Sturz	Larry Berg	Peter Baynes
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What Does the Vet Say?

Emergency Preparedness

Before Hurricane Katrina, it was unheard of to provide emergency shelters to accommodate pets. Today, disaster response authorities frequently incorporate family pets into their planning. In fact, legislation mandating the accounting for people's pets in disaster plans was proposed and enacted in 2006. The Pet Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act (PETS Act) insures that any state asking for federal assistance in emergency situations must have plans for accommodating pets and service animals during evacuations.

However, disaster planning must still start with pet owners. Being prepared for the types of emergencies common in your area can be a life-saver to your pets. First and foremost, if you are ordered to evacuate your home, you should plan to take your pets with you. Even anticipated short evacuations can turn into week long absences. It is also extremely important to maintain proper identification on your pets, including ensuring all microchip registration information is current.

The American Veterinary Medical Association has developed resources to help both pet owners and government officials in planning for natural disasters. The association has provided free access to their materials through www.avma.org/products/disaster/.

As an example of the useful information, the AVMA recommends the following items be assembled as a small animal evacuation kit:

- ◆ 2-week supply of food (dry & canned); 2-week supply of water in plastic gallon jugs ; Batteries (flashlight, radio)
- ◆ Cage/carrier (for each animal, labeled with your contact information)
- ◆ Can opener (manual)
- ◆ Cat/wildlife gloves
- ◆ Copies of veterinary records and proof of ownership
- ◆ Emergency contact list
- ◆ Familiar items to make pets feel comfortable (favorite toys, treats, blankets)
- ◆ First aid kit
- ◆ Flashlight
- ◆ Instructions for diet and medications, including amount, frequency, and how to get refills
- ◆ Leash, collar, harness (for each animal)
- ◆ Litter, litter pan, litter scoop
- ◆ Maps of local area and alternate evacuation routes (in case of road closures)

- ◆ Muzzles (dog or cat)
- ◆ Newspaper (bedding, litter)
- ◆ No-spill food and water dishes
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Radio (solar and battery operated)
- ◆ Spoon (for canned food)
- ◆ Stakes and tie-outs
- ◆ Trash bags

The "Saving the Whole Family" guide also includes suggestions for horses and livestock, supplies lists for animal first-aid kits, transportation tips for evacuating exotic pet species, and a wealth of additional information designed for the general public.

The "AVMA Disaster Preparedness and Response Guide" is geared more toward emergency planners. There is also basic information on animal handling and disease control that should be part of the training for emergency response personnel.

Thank you for your interest in this column. I encourage you to submit questions at WattsDVM@yahoo.com. I will answer as many questions as possible in future editions.

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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.

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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.

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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 im-

proving 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.

Conestoga Vizsla Club, Inc.

Application for Membership



To the Board of Directors:

I hereby apply for membership into 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 _____

Sponsor _____

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Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

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Kennel Name _____

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

Dear Michelle,

My family and I would like to thank Conestoga for the beautiful mandevilla plant. It was thoughtful to send something that would last during the time when they [the family] were all here.

My mother was almost as active in our dog ventures as we were. In the 1970's, she kept quail for us. In the 1980's & 90's, she was our dog sitter while we were away. She attended a few club functions and enjoyed them very much.

Everyone was always so nice to her. She loved it when people and dogs came over. She'd talk about "the party" for days. She especially liked blue ribbons!

I will try to winter over the mandevilla. I think of her and how much she would have liked it.

Thanks again. Terry Lucas & Family

Name Your Newsletter!

So far, suggested names are:

"Conestoga Waggin's"

"The CVC Versatility"

"CVC Wiggles and Waggles"



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