

Conestoga Vizsla Club

Newsletter

First Quarter 2011



CVC Rescue Presents...

*Handsome
Vizslas
ready for
their
Forever
Home

Looking ...*



Xander, a 3-year-old whose humans "didn't have time for him"



Bailey, a 6-year-old given up because of a house foreclosure



Buffy, a 7-month-old given up because "there wasn't enough room in the apartment"

Whoa!

If you have not renewed your CVC membership, this is your last newsletter.

Please renew your membership and participate in CVC-sponsored events ~ it's good for you and your Vizsla(s). *Be a part.*

Send your renewal to:

Gail Contreras, 4408 Santa Clara Ct ~ Fairfax VA 22030

LOOKING TO HAVE FUN!

Do you enjoy having fun with your Vizsla? Enjoy a good party? You just might be who we are looking for!

We need a volunteer to help run our **Annual CVC Fun Day**. We would also love to hear your ideas! What would you like to see at Fun Day this year? It will be a family-oriented day with activities for all ages.

Please email Rachel Kelly with your ideas AND if you want to help: rachelgeordie@yahoo.com

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

President: Stephanie Estes

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Joye Blanscett

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Mike Moore



“MURPHY”

CH Auburn’s Murphy Seamus O’Grady JH

One good looking boy, one great hunter!



New Junior Hunter! New Grand Champion Points!

DOB: 7/16/08 AKC # SR50811501 OFA - #VZ11902G26M-VPI
Elbows, Heart, Thyroid and Eyes - Normal (CHIC#67977)

Sire: CH Cameo’s Lone Star Canyon (DOB 8/16/04) OFA 34G

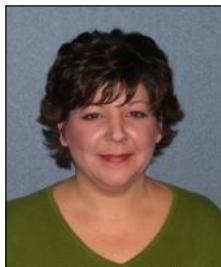
Dam: AM/CAN CH Auburn’s Sweet Rosie O’Grady MH

(DOB 6/2/03) OFA VZ-9287G

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



President's Message from Stephanie Estes

Greetings fellow Conestoga Vizsla Club Members! I hope that you all have had a wonderful start to the New Year! I feel so honored to have been given the opportunity to serve you as President for the coming two-year term.

A little about me, for those of you who don't know me – I live in Richmond, VA, and have three beautiful Vizslas – Zoë (8 ½), Tess (5 ½), Reece (1 ½). I also just recently lost a very special rescue Vizsla, Jerry, who passed away a little after his 13th birthday. I started out like most of you likely did, by wanting to share my life with one of these exceptional red heads as a pet, but then quickly became involved in AKC Field events and have obviously got the Multiple Vizsla Syndrome! I have, over the last couple of years, been very active in Rescue efforts for the Club and hope to continue to touch the lives of those dogs that are surrendered.

CVC Board

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Nominating Committee for their time and for presenting the Board and Membership with some great folks to fill our open slots. Huge thanks to Rich Black for his years of service to our Club; he served six consecutive years to our tremendous benefit. Deb Titus, after having served in various roles off and on over many, many years, has also left the Board, but assures me that she will remain active in Club events! We'll miss you both on the Board.

I'm very excited about working with our new Board of Directors this year, some of whom are *newly appointed and others who have been serving for years:

- ◆ Britt Jung – Vice President
- ◆ Susan DellaPenta – Treasurer
- ◆ Mike Johnson – Corresponding Secretary
- ◆ Tracy Faber – Recording Secretary
- ◆ Mike Moore – Member At Large
- ◆ *India Cox – Member At Large
- ◆ *Rachel Romano Kelly – Member At Large
- ◆ *Joye Blanscett – Member At Large

Here are a few items we will be focusing on this year that we feel will best serve our Members:

- ◆ Review and update of the Constitution & By Laws
- ◆ Planning for a newly designed website (the building and releasing stages of the new website may happen late 2011 or early 2012)
- ◆ Creation of a Field Trail Policy and Procedure
- ◆ Membership Outreach & Pet Owner Engagement.

If you are interested in serving on the committees for any of these efforts, please reach out to me directly at stes32@yahoo.com; The Field Trial Policy & Procedures Committee is already in place and consists of myself as Chair, Al Lucas, Pat Hudson, Rachel Romano Kelly and India Cox; we hope to have completed documentation accessible to all of our members via our website sometime in the middle of the 2nd Quarter.

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Renewal!

It is that time of year again! Membership Renewal is here, we have made some updates to the Renewal Form that include ways for us to capture and track (*confidentially kept and not shared with anyone for any reason*) those things that you, as a paying member, are most interested in whether it's Hunt Tests, Conformation Events, Field Trials, Agility, Obedience, Fun Day, etc. We will use this information to help us better identify potential resources as well as identify those events that our members have the most interest in as far as topics for the newsletter or planning for future events.

CVC Events!

We have a lot of events planned this year, our regular Spring and Fall Hunt Tests and Field Trials, Supported Entry, Specialty, Fun Day, Annual Meeting/ Christmas Party as well as a Training Day or two. We really hope to see as many of you in attendance as possible. As always, we have key contacts and Event Chairpersons listed on our website at www.cvcweb.org.



CVC members Valerie Sails and Jim Rowell at CVC's spring field trial.



Michael Cross and Michelle Dowd ready at the break away during the spring field trial..

Getting the Most Out of CVC by Putting the Most In

I've had several conversations over the years about Club participation. I truly believe that we all get out of the Club what we put into it. There are several areas where we would like some new ideas and dialog, including how to better engage with our Pet Owners. This Club started out with its roots in the Field, but has moved into all of the various other areas that are available for Vizsla Enthusiasts to participate in. But this means we need your additional support to make us successful in all that we do. So please consider volunteering or sending a note to a Board Member if you have suggestions for us.

Volunteering

Chairpersons for our events may be reaching out to you throughout the year to make specific requests for help. We've heard the feedback you've given about making blanket requests for volunteers and are working toward being more specific in our requests and more flexible in

how we organize our events. Please continue to give us this type of feedback and the Club will continue to improve how we engage everyone!

Please, enjoy this issue of our Newsletter, invite your Vizsla friends to join the Club, consider placing an ad highlighting your wonderful dogs and make plans to spend some time with us this year! I truly look forward to working with our members to increase the fun factor! As always, reach out directly to me or to any of our Board Members with any questions, suggestions for club activities or to volunteer.

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A Great Vizsla

To all the Vizslas in the Conestoga Vizsla Club from Jacko Seelye

I'm 11 ½ years old and not feeling well, but I want to share with you what a great life I have had.

When I was younger, I used to go hunting with my Papie and that was a lot of fun. My Uncle Bobby used to shoot birds for me, and I really enjoyed that. I enjoyed the "Fun Days" on the Chesapeake Bay. Some people didn't like for me to play with their dogs because I was so big, and I always caught the throw thing. I had lots of fun when Papie took me down to the beach, and I played there. My Uncle Bobby was cooking, and he would throw hot dogs on the ground for me. They were good!

In Minnesota, I live in Albert Lea with Papie, Mommy and Beacon who is eight years old and very special to me. I sleep with my Mommy, Miss Carmen, and I have a very good life here. I run and chase balls and have fun. We don't hunt anymore, that all the kids in the neighborhood come and play with me and I enjoy them so much.

Beacon and I play a lot. I am much bigger than she is, but that doesn't matter to her. She jumps on my back and bites my collar. I really love her.

Jacko with Papie on their way to Mt. Airy



We have a really big fenced-in-backyard to run in. One day, the neighborhood boys were playing ball in our backyard. It looked like fun so I decided to join them. When one of the boys threw the ball, I caught it and ran to the fence. Then I heard Mommy yell, "Touchdown!" and everyone started clapping their hands and hugging me. I guess I must have done something great.

My next-door neighbor, Sabrina, who is a chocolate lab, plays with us a lot, too. I met her when she was just a tiny puppy, and I have taught her a lot of stuff (like not running in Mommy's flower garden).

Beacon and I always like going with Mommy and Papie to the bank and to McDonalds. The girls at the bank give us cookies and McDonalds gives us little hamburgers.

My Grandpa was Adelbert Seelye. Most people called him Del. I never got to meet him, but I met Grandma Helen who we always called Mema. I loved her a lot and she loved me a lot, too. I always enjoyed going to Mount Airy to visit her.

Well, it's time for me to go and be with Jesus, and I wish all you Vizslas a good and happy life like I had.

Jacko with Mommy



Jako Seelye

Jacko, Del & Beacon



Paid tribute to Jacko

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And last, but certainly not least, a HUGE Thank You to India Cox, for putting this together for us each quarter. It's both fun and informative!

Ways to keep informed:

- ◆ Quarterly Newsletter
- ◆ [Fans of Conestoga Vizsla Club Facebook Page](#) – open, anyone can become a fan!
- ◆ [Conestoga Vizsla Club - Group - Facebook page](#) – restricted, we encourage all of our members to accept our invitation to join!

Visit a couple of our Rescue Success Stories!

[Roxie - our most famous Rescue!!](#) – visit Roxie's Facebook page and become a friend to keep up with her antics!

[Scooter - Roxie's baby boy!](#) – adopted by the same family as his Dam, Roxie, Scooter enjoys his time on Facebook too!

CVC Specialty July 2-3, Bel Alton, MD

The annual Specialty Show and Supported Entry will be held July 2nd and 3rd at the Charles County Fairgrounds, Bel Alton, MD. The specialty show typically draws around 80 vizslas. Shows are also on Friday, July 1st and Monday, July 4th; all four are part of the "Blue Crab Cluster." Our Sweepstakes judge for the Specialty Show is Frank DePaulo, and our regular class judge is Sam Houston MacDonald. At the Supported Entry show on Sunday, Linda Pruitt is our Sweepstakes judge. Regular class judges are still being determined for the Friday, Sunday, and Monday shows.



Rachel Romano Kelly is organizing our raffle again this year, so please email her your list of donations. Rachel did a fabulous job last year, thanks in part to all of the terrific donations,

bringing in hundreds of dollars to help make this a nice event. rachelgeor-die@yahoo.com

Melissa Green has also agreed to organize our hospitality again this year. We had a very nice luncheon after the specialty, thanks to Melissa and all who brought items. Monetary donations for sandwiches are also welcomed. Please let Melissa know if you can help this year. melissabgreen@comcast.net

Richard Powell who judged our supported entry Sweepstakes at Maryland Sporting Dog on March 6, 2011. Here is what he said:

Thank you to the Conestoga Vizsla Club so much for the gift card. You didn't need to do that. I enjoyed the sweeps a lot. I was actually dreading it, because I found Vizslas a difficult breed. This was a very good experience, however, to "get my hands on them" and really try to figure them out. They were not as difficult as I had feared. Your standard is very concise and, if read carefully, is easily understood. The bitch that won, although she was a couple of pounds overweight (she was in season) really screamed "Vizsla" to me. Plus, she was the most beautiful mover, showing me the true, single tracking that I was looking for. I remember, years ago, at a sporting dog institute in Lancaster, PA, we were looking at Vizslas and Mrs. Clark asked, "which ones yell out to you 'Vizsla?'" She was defining type. I felt the same about the bitch that won. The people were very nice, and I was amazed at the breed's longevity. – Richard

127 Entered in Spring Field Trial

If it weren't for the tremendous entry of competitive dogs, the 2011 Spring Field Trial would be remembered for the mud! Held March 11-13 at Phelps WMA in Sumerduck VA, the annual event was chaired by Al Lucas, with Michelle Dowd serving as secretary.

Other CVC members who helped make the event a success were Joye Blanscett, Bill Cox, India Cox, Stephanie Estes, Susan Della Penta, Pat Hudson, Mike Johnson, Al Lucas Jr., Angela Lucas, Terry Lucas, Mike Moore and Garrett Preis.



Although the rains brought new challenges ~ flooding and MUD ~ everyone chipped in, adjusted, and we held another great field trial. Here are the placements.

Open All Age

Judges: Jim Rowell/Nancy Huyser

Starters: 9 Points: 1st = 2

- 1 Bill's Last Chance "Luke"
O/Judith Hamilton H/Dave Pomfret English Setter/M
- 2 Specter "Specter" O/Judith Hamilton
H/Dave Pomfret English Setter/M
- 3 Tony's Redneck Bear "Bear"
O/Bill Evans, Bill Evans
H/Jamie O'Donnell Pointer/M
- 4 Blue's Tomoka Belle "Belle"
O/Sharon Townley, Phil Townley
H/Sharon Townley English Setter/F

Open Gun Dog

Judges: Kenneth Huyser/Howard Shultz

Starters: 15 Points: 1st = 3

- 1 Blue's Tomoka Belle "Belle"
O/Sharon Townley, Phil Townley
H/Sharon Townley English Setter/F
- 2 Rushcreek Semper Fi High Style "Macy"
O/Clinton, Valerie Sails
H/Clinton Sails or Valerie Sails Vizsla/F
- 3 Ricochet's Tangled Up In Blue "Sara" O/
Grace Anne Lawson H/Dave Pomfret
Vizsla/F
- 4 Our Wunderschon Boca V. Reiteralm
"Boca" O/Jamie Harrell, Katie Harrell
H/Mike Mullineaux Weimaraner/M

Open Limited Gun Dog - Retrieving

Judges: Al Lucas Jr/Thomas Digney -

Starters: 14 Points: 1st = 3

- 1 DC AFC Bitterroot Semper Fi Cutter
"Cutter" O/Clinton, Valerie Sails
H/Clint Sails/Valerie Sails Vizsla/M
- 2 FC AFC Bitterroot's Stormy "Stormy"
O/H Howard Shultz Vizsla/M
- 3 FC AFC Tiber Creeks Rushcreek Darcy
"Darcy" O/Jim Rowell, Jeanne Rowell H/
Jim Rowell Vizsla/F
- 4 Tony's Redneck Bear "Bear" O/Bill Evans,
Bill Evans H/Jamie O'Donnell
Pointer/M

Amateur Limited Gun Dog - Retrieving

Judges: Al Lucas Jr/Bob Bonneville

Starters: 15 Points: 1st = 3, 2nd = 1

- 1 DC AFC Bitterroot Semper Fi Cutter
"Cutter" O/Clinton, Valerie Sails H/Clint
Sails/Valerie Sails Vizsla/M
- 2 FC AFC Tiber Creeks Rushcreek Darcy
"Darcy" O/Jim Rowell, Jeanne Rowell
H/Jim Rowell Vizsla/F
- 3 Klassic Rock N Roll "Rocky"
O/Kenneth Huyser H/Kenneth Huyser or
Nancy Huyser GSP/M
- 4 **withheld**

Amateur Gun Dog

Judges: Nancy Huyser/Bob Bonneville

Starters: 10 Points: 1st = 2

- 1 BroadRun's Tornado at WindDance
"Tori" O/Phil Stout, Carole Stout H/Phil Stout Vizsla/F
- 2 Widdershins Momchil MH VC "Momo"
O/Andrew Campbell H/Andrew Campbell Vizsla/M
- 3 DC Soco's Pinnacle Inspired One JH
"McKinley" O/Susan Rushing, Deborah Verret H/Clint Sails/Valerie Sails Vizsla/M
- 4 FC Fieldfire's Spark O'Genius SH
"Geena" O/Joan Heimbach H/Andrew Campbell Vizsla/F

Open Derby

Judges: Clint Sails/Jim Rowell

Starters: 15 Points: 1st = 3

- 1 A Casexx for JT Becker "Case" O/David Knight H/Jamie Fountain Vizsla/M
- 2 Vitesse's Watered-Down Finley "Finley"
O/Laura Badalamenti, George Xanders H/Stephanie Estes Vizsla/F
- 3 Brooksborg's Karma von Reiteralm
"Karma" O/Julianne Brooks H/Mike Mullineaux Weimaraner/F
- 4 Broad Run's Blue Moon JH "Luna"
O/Michelle Dowd, Patrick Dowd H/Jamie Fountain Vizsla/F
AM Vitesse Snickering Saskia "Snickers"
O/Susan Leetmaa, Ron Paletzki H/Stephanie Estes Vizsla/F

Open Puppy

Judges: Patricia Hudson/Howard Shultz

Starters: 15 Points: 1st = 3

- 1 Rushcreek's Cassidy "Butch" O/Jim Rowell, Jeanne Rowell H/Jim Rowell Vizsla/M
- 2 Barben's Dizzy Miss Lizzy "Lizzy" O/
Barbara Zahn H/Diane Fazio Vizsla/F
- 3 Zydeco's Bayou Roux "Bayou" O/Phil Stout, Ashley Uffman H/Jamie Fountain Vizsla/M
- 4 Pajkos Semper Fi One For The Road
"Lilla" O/Carol Ujvari, Peter Ujvari H/Jamie Fountain Vizsla/F

Amateur Walking Derby

Judges: Clint Sails/Patricia Hudson

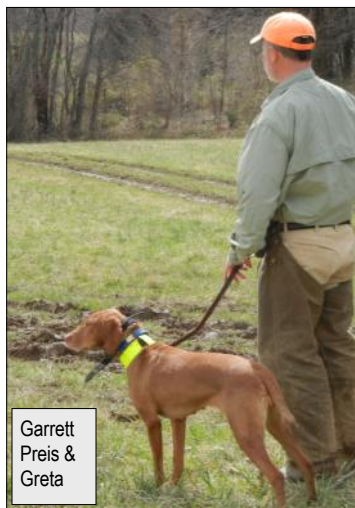
Starters: 12 Points: 1st = 2

- 1 Adrenalina "Adrenalina" O/Dave Pomfret H/Grace Anne Lawson Vizsla/F
- 2 Broad Run's Blue Moon JH "Luna"
O/Michelle Dowd, Patrick Dowd H/Michelle Dowd Vizsla/F
- 3 Barben's Dizzy Miss Lizzy "Lizzy"
O/Barbara Zahn H/Diane Fazio Vizsla/F
- 4 Londeree's Diamond Hill Lacy "Lacy" O/
Thomas W West H/John W West IV Brit-tany/F

Hunting Dog Stake

Judges: Garrett Preis/Bob Bonneville

- 1 Vitesse RCE Lovingly Remembered
"Reece" O/Stephanie Estes H/Stephanie Estes Vizsla/M
- 2 Broad Run's Blue Moon JH "Luna"
O/Michelle Dowd, Patrick Dowd H/Michelle Dowd Vizsla/F
- 3 Vitesse Snickering Saskia "Snickers"
O/Susan Leetmaa, Ron Paletzki H/Stephanie Estes Vizsla/F
- 4 BroadRun's Lil Madeleine JH "Maddy"
O/Michael Moore, Lynne Moore H/Michael Moore Vizsla/F
AM Vitesse Frida Runfast "Frida"
O/Michael Cross, Liliana Rodriguez H/Stephanie Estes Vizsla/F



Garrett
Preis &
Greta

Rescue Mentors

As breeders, we serve as mentors for our new puppy owners. We are looking for experienced Vizsla owners who are willing to serve as mentors to our Vizsla Rescue Families. When folks acquire a Rescued Vizsla from CVC, they will likely have many questions along the way.

Would you be willing to take a phone call or answer an occasional e-mail to help guide these Rescue families? If you are willing to have your name and contact information added to our Rescue Mentor List, please e-mail it to: Rachel Kelly at rachelgeordie@yahoo.com This list will be given to the CVC Rescue coordinator – Pat Hudson – to be shared with the families who adopt a Rescued Vizsla from CVC.

On the Cover

Xander, Bailey and Buffy are currently in CVC Rescue awaiting their forever homes. Xander and Buffy were given up by buyers who did not do their homework when it came to selecting an appropriate breed/dog for themselves. Bailey came to rescue as the result of a home foreclosure. All the dogs have been temperament tested and are ready to move on.

Thank you to Susan Della Penta for sponsoring the newsletter's cover and for fostering Buffy!

Go to page 18 and read Dodger's successful story!



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 . Gail Contreras ~ gaygle@aol.com ~ 703/352-8109

What's Sizzlin? Just Look!

Believe It!



Ripley welcomes these six pups he and Raina created and whelped November 5, 2010! (This sixth is off doing "paper duty.") Thank you to David Margolin for so skillfully capturing the beauty of this litter!
Keep an eye on these pups!

In Memoriam

Tragically, Gramercy from this litter was run over at 3 and 1/2 months of age in her own driveway. She will always be in our hearts.

GCH Sizzlin Ripley's New York Groove (Ripley)

DOB: 1/13/06; OFA VZ-10727G25M-VPI; Chic #46331; DNA #v449391

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Sizzlin's Singing in the Rain JH (Raina)

DOB: 12/19/05 OFA VZ-10629F29F-PI

Ripley is proud to present this litter!

He is owned and loved by:

Meryl and Bill Fiedelman

New York, NY – www.yorkvillevizslas.com

Breeders: Carol and Bruce Phelps ~ Sizzlin Vizslas, reg.

Meet Your CVC Officers / Board

Conestoga Vizsla Club encompasses a large region and, therefore, a diverse membership, so it can be a challenge to get to know your club's officers and directors, or other fellow club members. To begin to ameliorate this challenge, please meet your officers/board members. Over the coming year, we'll introduce more movers and shakers.

President Stephanie Estes:



◆ *First Vizsla:* My first Vizsla, Zoe, was whelped on May 31, 2002 - with my help! I spent the subsequent eight weeks making trips to the breeder because I just couldn't wait to take my little girl home!

◆ *How long you've been a CVC member:*

Off and on for the last nine years, and certainly for the last four. There were times, unfortunately, when I let my membership lapse; however I have attended at least one field event every year, even when I wasn't a member.

◆ *Club activities:* Hunt Tests, Field Trials, Fun Days and , of course, the annual Christmas Party/annual meeting!

◆ *Value of Club Membership:* Hands down it's the sense of community and connection from fellow Vizsla Fanciers. Too, there's the sense of accomplishment from connecting a prospective puppy buyer with a reputable breeder, plus the tremendous joy I get from helping a rescue dog find that perfect forever home working with Pat Hudson.

◆ *Expectations for the club's future:* With the rise in registrations of Vizslas over the last five years, I see the future of this Club as being a beacon of responsibility,

accountability, education and support for not only its current members, but future members who will need the resources and support this club can provide.

◆ *What else? What excites you about the breed, the CVC, your service to the club:* I have three Vizslas now and am a consistent 'baby sitter' for my litter of six puppies (who are almost two!). I have a deep, personal connection to each one. Over the last three years being involved in the Board , I know first-hand how difficult it can sometimes be to be "all things to all"! We're working to move forward with some really positive, minor changes to the way we do business. Hopefully this will allow for the engagement of more members in not only volunteering activities for the club, but in providing the necessary feedback we need to continuously improve the value that we not only GET from the membership, but GIVE as well.

Vice President Britt Jung:



◆ *First Vizsla:* My father brought home the first Vizsla in my life when I was four years old and living in upstate NY. My family hasn't been without one since. I

love having a breed that enjoys lots of activities and being active. They're also very responsive and sensitive to their people.

◆ *How long you've been a CVC member:* I don't remember when I became a CVC member, but probably it was around 2006.

◆ *Club activities:* I run with my dogs and have participated in conformation, hunt tests, agility, and therapy dog vis-

its. The breed can be a lot of work for people who aren't used to being active, but they also give a lot to their people. It's rewarding to see how they can change peoples' lives.

◆ *Value of Club Membership:* I remain a member for the community of the club and to give back. The events that clubs hold take a lot of work to organize and execute. I enjoy taking advantage of those events, and so, I feel as though I should help make them happen.

◆ *Expectations for the club's future:* I'm very excited about our current Board. First, I think it's a Board made up of some incredibly kind, talented and fun people. I have the sense that people care about helping each other succeed and promoting the activities of the club, while recognizing that we all have busy personal and professional lives.

◆ *What else? What excites you about the breed, the CVC, your service to the club:* One of our goals is to engage more members in the activities of the club. The more engaged people are, the more fun and rewarding the events are, and the more people we have to share the workload of holding our events.

Treasurer Susan Della Penta:



◆ *First Vizsla:* I was acquired by my first V in 1988.

◆ *How long you've been a CVC member:* I have been a CVC member since 2002. I was in the

Northern California V club since 1988 and joined VCA about that same time.

◆ *Club activities:* I have participated in our Specialty shows, Hunt Tests, Field Trials and Fun Days.

◆ *Value of Club Membership:* I have remained a member of the club because the knowledge of the club members is a great resource to have at hand. The membership is made up of so many people with experience in so many areas; someone always has an answer to a question.

◆ *Expectations for the club's future:* I would like to see the club continue to reach out to the people who are not just interested in performance events. The people who compete in the various events are really a small part of the overall membership.

◆ *What else? What excites you about the breed, the CVC, your service to the club:* I just love our V's. I love watching them do what they were bred to do in the field. And I equally love watching them strut their stuff in the show ring. I am getting more involved in rescue and highly recommend it to anyone who has a little extra love for a V. The girl we are fostering right now just needs the right family to love her, and we are happy to be her transition family. I enjoy being on the Board with so many talented people. While we will not always agree on everything, we all ultimately agree on what is best for the club members and our red dogs.

Corresponding Secretary Mike Johnson:



◆ *First Vizsla:* 7 years ago

◆ *How long you've been a CVC member:* 7 years

◆ *Club activities:* Hunting Tests, Field Trials, Specialty (chaired 2009), Fun Day, Versatility

◆ *Value of Membership:* I enjoy meeting other V owners and

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sharing experiences. I also enjoy pitching in and putting on our events so we can showcase our wonderful breed.

◆ *Expectations for the club's future:* I would like to see a renewed emphasis in helping people new to the breed or new to a particular venue.

◆ *What else? What excites you about the breed, the CVC, your service to the club:* I love the versatility of the breed and want to keep the V a dual dog. A great way to help make that happen is to make sure CVC is active in the ring and field!

Recording Secretary Tracy Faber:



◆ *First Vizsla:* I've wanted a V ever since I was 12 years old (had an opportunity to meet Jack Sharkey WAY back then), but

my very own came along in 2006

◆ *How long you've been a CVC member:* 5 years

◆ *Club activities:* Field Trials, Hunting Tests, Fun Day and some conformation

◆ *Value of Club Membership:* New friendships made while promoting the Red Dog, opportunities to meet folks

◆ *Expectations for the club's future:* Enhance the transfer of experience/knowledge of the older/seasoned folks to the newbies. Make everything about the dog/breed

◆ *What else? What excites you about the breed, the CVC, your service to the club:* Experiences, things I've learned about the breed along the way

Check out the Newsletter online at www.cvcweb.org and see it in color!

Members at Large Mike Moore:



◆ *First Vizsla/ How long you've been a CVC member:* Got my first V in 2003 and have been CVC member since then.

◆ *Club activities:* I have participated in Hunting Tests, Field Trials and fun days.

◆ *Value of Club Membership:* CVC membership affords everyone the opportunity to come together to enjoy the sport of dogs, whatever the venue. Newcomers benefit from the experience of veterans and the camaraderie of each occasion. For me, CVC introduced me to field events, a perfect blending of my love of dogs, horses and hunting.

◆ *Expectations for the club's future:* It is my hope that the club will continue to attract new members by continuing to host/sponsor quality events, fostering an atmosphere of cooperation, sportsmanship and camaraderie – and always raising the bar.

Joye Blanscett:



◆ *First Vizsla:* Some credit must go to my step-dad's "great hunter" Sam who was the first Vizsla I met. He was full of personality, outgoing and friendly to all. Yet I really fell in love with the breed because of Sam's grandson, Sam-

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What Does the Vet Say?



Dr. Watts & Otis

April is “Canine Lyme Disease Prevention Month.” Each year veterinarians are seeing more and more cases of this illness. Severity of illness ranges from a chronic subclinical condition to Lyme nephritis, the universally fatal form of the disease that causes sudden, severe kidney failure.

Dogs are up to ten times more susceptible than people. Most canines who become infected will never be completely cleared of the bacteria, regardless of treatment. In battling it, prevention is the key. Unfortunately, several common misunderstandings interfere with veterinarians’ ability to prevent this serious illness.

First, many dog owners do not understand the timing of the deer tick life cycle. These ticks generally spend the summer months as tiny, immature stages. In late summer, they actually enter a pupa stage when they are not feeding at all. The adult stage generally peaks in late winter, when it feeds vigorously before laying eggs in the spring. Most pet owners use tick control during the summer months because they are able to see the larger tick species. Unfortunately, they stop the tick control just when the adult deer ticks are emerging – late fall and early winter.

Second, many pet owners mistakenly believe that since they do not see any ticks, their dogs are not being exposed. In humans, 40% of patients diagnosed with Lyme disease do not realize they ever had a tick on their own body! These ticks are so tiny, that the vast majority of pet owners will never see them. Believe me when I tell you that they are biting your dog. I commonly see fluffy little house dogs that test positive.

Third, many pet owners use the wrong type of tick control. Some veterinary-quality tick control products have shown 90% or higher effectiveness in preventing Lyme disease when used regularly and properly. Despite similar packaging, the over-the-counter products at the grocery store are not the same. In addition, more and more pet owners are getting the products through internet or mail order sources. The manufacturers have been warning veterinarians for years about the potential for significantly decreased efficacy from poor storage and shipping conditions. The safest, most effective tick control really does come from your veterinarian.

Finally, many pet owners and veterinarians avoid vaccinating against Lyme disease. There is a lot of misinformation and outdated information regarding vaccination. It is true that bacterial vaccines are less effective and shorter acting than their viral counterparts. However, vaccine technology has improved greatly in recent years leading to safe, effective inoculations that could drastically reduce the number of dogs who suffer or die from Lyme disease.

Recombinant-DNA vaccines are genetically engineered wonders of modern science. The type I prefer contains only a single protein, almost eliminating adverse reactions. The protein, called OspA, is the vehicle that the bacteria uses to transport itself

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He was a great hiking partner and trained with me for my first marathon. A truly loving and loyal companion. His passing in 2009 prompted me to consider the first Vizsla of my own which brought me to the CVC rescue.

◆ *How long you've been a CVC member:* one year

◆ *Club activities:* Fun Day 2010, plus Ivan and I went to the Specialty last year so he could be in the "rescue parade."

◆ *Value of Club Membership:* The people. I initially joined because I wanted to support Rescue which made Ivan's adoption possible, but everyone has been so friendly and welcoming that I've gotten more than I thought I would from the membership. The club offers a great network of people who have been very helpful in answering questions and supporting Ivan and me since his adoption.

◆ *Expectations for the club's future:* This is a hard one being so new to the club, but I hope to see "just" pet owners like me become a renewed area of focus for the club and to help spread the word to pet owners of what a valuable resource this club is to them. I'd like pet owners to understand the value the show dogs and hunters bring to the breed as a whole. Hopefully by bringing more education and support to the pet owner, we'll see less need for rescue (okay, that's not likely to happen but ideally it would).

◆ *What else? What excites you about the breed, the CVC, your service to the club:* The breed: intelligent, athletic and incredibly loyal, they are amazing companions in the right home. The CVC: everyone's willingness to share their knowledge. While I've been around Vizslas for 20 years, they were pets and recreational hunters. So, I look forward to learning more about the art of hunting and what our dogs were really breed to do as well as more about the Vizsla standard. My

service: I want to give back to a club that has made a difference in my life (it brought me Ivan, after all). I hope to be for someone else what people in the club have been to me – someone to answer questions and support them in Vizsla ownership.

India Cox:



◆ *First Vizsla:* My first was a birthday present in 1976. Although he came from a pet store, he imprinted

me forever as a Vizsla lover. I must credit nine-year-old Belle, my fourth Vizsla, with introducing me to field trialing and hunting tests ~ and CVC. While she was off field trialing, Mira came into my life; she's my hunting test expert (the breed's first sixth generation Master Hunter through Don Brown's Dobrocat line). My lucky number six is her son, Remek.

◆ *How long you've been a CVC member:* Since about 2003.

◆ *Club activities:* Field trials (participant and committee volunteer), hunting tests (participant plus chair or secretary), some show, plus I've edited the club's newsletter for the last four years.

◆ *Value of Club Membership:* The connection with other Vizsla lovers, whether it's pet, field or show. It's all good.

◆ *Expectations for the club's future:* The Club has strong 'pockets' supporting show, field, hunt and pet that are truly beginning to merge, which is hugely valuable! After all, it's about the breed ~ improving health, accelerating its achievements in performance events and especially ensuring everyone who is blessed with a V knows what a blessing they have.

◆ *What else? What excites you about the breed, the CVC, your service to the club:* It's a privilege to serve on the Board as I believe it is important to support a breed club to both promote the breed and to protect it. Every club is a tremendous resource of information and support, but it takes each of us to both participate and contribute.

Rachel Romano Kelly:



◆ *First Vizsla:* I was born into Vizslas. Our first one, Flashman, was around when I was still a toddler.

◆ *How long you've been a CVC member:* Hmmm, I am not 100% sure when was the first time I became an *individual* CVC member.

I think it was a long time ago, but it may have lapsed during my many moves. I remember reading the Conestoga newsletter when I was young, so I think my mom must have had a CVC "family membership" for many years.

◆ *Club activities:* Over the years, I have participated in CVC's Fun Day, Hunt Tests, Versatility Tests, the Specialty show and Junior Showmanship.

◆ *Value of Club Membership:* I remain a member of CVC because I value the relationships I have formed as a result of the club. I greatly benefit from the activities they provide and I enjoy networking with people who share a common vision for our wonderful breed.

◆ *Expectations for the club's future:* I hope to see our club grow in a variety of ways. I believe it would benefit the membership if the CVC provided more breeder education opportunities.

Other areas for growth: Increased interaction with and participation of the pet owners and rescue owners. We would all benefit from improving the overall camaraderie among the members from various backgrounds (i.e., those who ONLY show, those who ONLY do field, agility, etc...). Provide more learning opportunities for those interested in the field and especially increase participation among our juniors, as they are the future of our sport. I also think we, as a club, need to be well-educated about the AR (animal rights) goings-on and spend some time developing a plan to promote pure-bred dogs and responsible breeding.

◆ *What else? What excites you about the breed, the CVC, your service to the club:* I am flattered and excited to be a part of the Board of Directors for the CVC. I look forward to sharing my ideas and hearing from other, more experienced, board members about their vision about the future of the CVC. I see our club as a strong group of wonderful people committed to the Vizsla breed. I can never see myself without a Vizsla. I view them as an endearing, sensitive and personable breed as well as athletic, intelligent and loyal protector of their family. They bring so much joy to my life with their antics.

What Does the Vet Say *continued*

from the tick into the dog's blood stream. When the tick begins to feed, the dog's antibodies against OspA lock the bacteria inside the tick, preventing transmission. In other words, we now have a safe, effective Lyme vaccine that works inside the tick - not the dog! The overwhelming majority of dogs in Lyme endemic areas would benefit from routine inoculation with a modern Lyme vaccine in addition to year round use of veterinary-quality tick control products. If all dog owners followed this advice, we could nearly eliminate Lyme disease as a cause of death and disease in our patients.

CVC to the Rescue!

Dodger – One Year Later

We wanted to give you an update on Dodger – one year later! He has made great progress. When we brought him home, he was extremely skittish – afraid of people, furniture, loud noises, and anything over his head like a ceiling fan or airplane. His fear sometimes exhibited as



feigned aggression. We worked with an obedience trainer and got a line on how to better relieve his anxiety. For example, we moved his crate, which was in the

family room, to a more secluded room – my husband's study. Apparently, all the foot traffic in the family room rendered his "safe" haven insecure. He now seeks his crate when he wants to, sleeps in it at night, but the rest of the time he is content to lay on the sofa with Westie or on someone's lap.

Dodger and Westie play together, run around together. Our only issue now is that is Dodger is much bigger than Westie and when they play he will run full speed into him. It seems to be a bit of bullying which we will again enlist the advice of a trainer. Otherwise, they get along nicely.

We have a rather large extended family and so we have a lot of company – all ages, all times of day. Often we have large holiday parties (30 or more). Dodger is not phased by any of it. Dodger is trained on an invisible fence, but only for the sound. We were advised, last January, not to allow him to experience the shock as he

was too skittish. So far the sound keeps him contained, but he is getting bolder, so we will have to make a decision about



that. He likes routine (they were "Pavlov's dogs" for a reason) and anticipates it. He walk well on a leash.

The only negative experience we have had was with our vet. His first two visits were without incident. Then on a visit to get his ears cleaned and nails clipped, he freaked out for some reason and they sedated him. A return visit was no better. We changed vet's and take him regularly – to get weighed, etc – just to get him used to the place and procedure. He is gradually calming down at the prospect of a vet visit.

We are very happy with how social he has become. We were a little worried he would be standoffish and not the typical Velcro Vizsla. At first, he would not enter anyone's bedroom, now he jumps up on the bed at 5:00 a.m. while I have my coffee and read the paper!

And as you can see in the photos, he is handsome! (And Westie has lost weight and is better shape now that he has Dodger)

Marianne Gallagher

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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.
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- "Wags n Brags" must include the following information: Full AKC registration name and number, placement awarded, location of win and owner's name
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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 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.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

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Margaret Quillen



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