

Conestoga Vizsla Club Newsletter



Second Quarter 2011

~ EMMA ~



*New Grand Champion at Ten Years Young
CH Szizlin's Ready To Run CD RN JH*

CVC Specialty Show *Weekend!*

July 1-4, Bel Alton MD

It's your club's BIG show weekend! If you want to see more than 70 show-quality Vizslas, here's your opportunity.

Friday, July 1 = Regular Show

Saturday, July 2 = Specialty with Sweepstakes

Sunday, July 3 = Supported Entry with Sweepstakes

Monday, July 4 = Regular Show



For more information, go to:

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Raffle

Big Raffle on Saturday!

Following the Specialty, CVC will host a raffle and hospitality gathering! Money raised will help offset the expense of the shows. Bring your donation(s) to the show (preferably Friday or early Saturday) and give it/them to Raffle Coordinator Rachel Kelly ... and then buy your raffle tickets!!!

For questions/donations, email: rachelgeordie@yahoo.com

Contact Melissa Green to contribute to the hospitality:

melissabgreen@comcast.net

As part of the show, the Southern Maryland Kennel Club is sponsoring a 'Meet the Breeds' event July 2. The CVC has volunteered to participate. Anyone wishing to be a part should come to the Specialty show as the Vizsla portion of Meet the Breeds will follow the Specialty. If you need more information, contact Britt Jung, brittej@gmail.com

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



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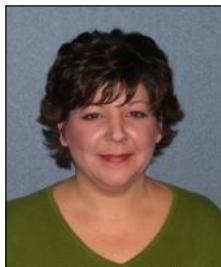
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Elbows, Heart, Thyroid and Eyes - Normal (CHIC#67977) Penn Hip L.37 R.33

***Murphy completed his Grand Championship
by taking Best Ops June 11 in Ashville NC
and then took BOB on June 12!***

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

Presented by Deirdre Dunbar



President's Message ~ Stephanie Estes

Welcome to the second quarter CVC Newsletter! Since the last edition, we've had great success and fun with a couple of events and expect to have even more with the upcoming Specialty and Fall Field Trial! We did have a slight setback with the cancellation of our spring Hunt Test, more about that in a moment.

First, I would like to make a heartfelt apology to a very dear friend and recognize her tremendous support and commitment to the Club. In the spring, I committed what could be only be considered an unforgivable offense! During the time that I was composing the President's Message for the first quarter, I was working (and still am) very closely with Michelle Dowd, our outgoing President, on the transfer of information and responsibilities. Although it's no excuse, as I was working with her so regularly, I failed to recognize in my message the tremendous value she has brought to the Club over the last four years, publicly thank her for her service, as well as thank her for her friendship and all the mentoring she has provided me. In my mind, it didn't feel like she was 'gone'!

Michelle spent countless hours running our Club for the last two years – and prior to that she was a Board Member At Large. She did a wonderful job of communicating, bringing in new folks, mentoring not only me, but many others – all while taking care of her beautiful family and dogs. She chaired, was secretary or committee member for multiple Club events and used those venues to generate interest for people who would not otherwise have participated. I would not be as involved as I am today without her enthusiastic encouragement, constant support and steadfast friendship.

Thank you, Michelle, for your service to the Club, your devotion to the Vizsla and your truly valued friendship to me. Please accept my sincerest apologies!

Update: In the last newsletter, I indicated that the Board of Directors would be working on a few key items this year; following is an update of how we are progressing:

◆ **Review and Update of the Constitution & By Laws** – Joye Blanscett and her committee have reviewed existing documents and are in the process of pulling together recommended changes. June 30 is the deadline for the committee to present their suggestions to the Board, and July 15 for the Board to approve the changes and release for review by the Membership. We hope you all will take the time to read through them and provide feedback if you have any. Once the membership review period is up, roughly August 31, we'll ensure that the final documents are available for all existing Members and provide a copy to all incoming, new Members.

◆ **Planning for a newly designed website** (the building and releasing stages of the new website may happen late 2011 or early 2012) – India Cox and I are in the process of reviewing the proposed design outline and pricing quote right now. We will present to the Board our recommendations for its approval by the end of July. At that point, the more detailed work of reviewing /approving mock ups will begin. As we progress, we will keep you informed. We are very excited to be updating our web presence!

◆ **Creation of a Field Trail Policy and Procedure** – My committee and I have, unfortunately, not found an opportunity to continue reviewing this concept any further.

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Over the next quarter, I will be discussing possibly dissolving the committee and not moving forward with this policy. More to come in the next newsletter.

◆ **Membership Outreach & Pet Owner Engagement** – Mike Johnson is our new contact for this outreach; his information is posted on our website. As we plan future events, we will reach out to some who are not involved in competitive venues to gather recommendations for activities that may interest the Pet Owner membership.

A recap of our events thus far:

◆ **Fall Field Trial** – A tremendous success, despite the weather. A full report was included in the first quarter newsletter; go back and relive the fun!

◆ **Spring Hunt Test** – A BIG thank you to Linda Pruitt and India Cox for spending a lot of time and energy trying to pull this event together! At the end of the day, the Board made the decision to cancel this event due to the low number of entries. There were simply not enough entrants to warrant the cost. Membership dues, of course, go toward supporting our events, however the Club does not believe it is in our best fiscal interest to run events at significant losses. We are currently working on a decision matrix to allow more transparency that illustrates how decisions are made if there are potential losses involved. We'll have more information on that in the next newsletter.

◆ **Fun Day/Versatility Testing** – What a truly FUN event! Joye Blanscett, Rachel Kelly, Mike Moore, Melissa Ball and Michelle Dowd did a truly phenomenal job of pulling this all together. See the report on pages 8-9.



Rose Hill manager Don Wright and Joye at Fun Day's end

Thoughts: I do want to address something that I feel is very important, both to the Club and to our dogs. While we had a load of fun at Fun Day, there were some incidents that need calling out. While no one will argue with the fact that 'fun' equates to 'off leash' running for Vizslas, it is not always the right thing to allow, depending on the circumstance.

This year we were fortunate enough to secure grounds that allowed for the MANY activities that the Fun Day team planned. Versatility Testing for Field, Conformation and Obedience, each in a separate area, Field Demonstrations, and an Obedience clinic. There was simply a lot going on. We also had a tremendous turn out, so there were people and dogs around every corner.

When nearly every dog on the grounds was released from their leash at roughly the same time, it was simply chaos. I have no issue with off-leash running; what I do have an issue with is allowing a dog off leash that has absolutely no recall. It presents risk to not only the people on the grounds, but the dogs themselves. It is irresponsible for dog owners to release their dog if they do not have 100% confidence that they can control/recall their dog.

Part of being a member of this Club, or any dog club for that matter, is to foster relationships with people and other dogs, have a good time and learn. I think we could all

Wags 'n Brags!

Congratulations to *Mongo* (Copper-Creek All You Need is Love; SR 65041904) for winning BEST PUPPY and a PUPPY SPORTING GROUP 1 at the CVVC Specialty, Greenwich KC, June 11, 2011. His mom, Vola (CH Copper Creek's Life Goes On JH) and dad, Ripley (GCH Szizlin Ripley's New York Groove) are proud! Loved and owned by Jean Marie Tighe and Davide Kilmik

Breeder Referral

CVC Breeder Referral Coordinator Gail Contreras is building a list of breeders who will mentor people looking to bring a Vizsla into their lives, especially before the potential owners look to the internet and puppy mills. If you are willing to help, please contact Gail with your information – gaygle@aol.com ~ 703/352-8109.



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 rachel-geordie@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.

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stand to learn a little more; particularly about dog behavior which would foster perhaps more consideration of others when thinking about unleashing our dogs.

Please remember that the safety of the dogs and the people at any of our Club events is paramount, and the organizers will manage accordingly. We are really looking forward to the remainder of the year and the events we have lined up – the Specialty, Fall Field Trial, Fall Hunt Test, Annual Meeting/Christmas Party.

We will also work to plan for additional Versatility Testing at some of these events, particularly the Fall Field Trial and Hunt Test venues. 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.

Please, enjoy this issue of our Newsletter. As always, reach out directly to me or to any of your Board Members with questions, suggestions ... or to volunteer.

Thank you advertisers, 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!

Huge Congratulations to Culli!

~ Szizlin's Cool Hand Cullinan ~

He's One Cool Dude!



Culli took these wins after winning a Group 1 and Group 2 the previous day!

Ripley (GCH Szizlin's Ripley's New York Groove – VZ-10727G25M-PI)

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Raina (Szizlin's Singing in the Raina JH – VZ-10629F29F-PI)

DOB: 11/05/2010

Owned and Loved by David Margolin

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

Presented by:
Susan Stelmack Platt



CVC's Fun Day 2011



BIG THANK YOU to Joye Blanscett and her team – Michelle Dowd (Versatility Tests), Rachel Kelly, Mike Moore and Melissa Ball – for creating a great Fun Day. In addition, Rachel held a conformation clinic, Junior handling clinic and the fun match; her Mom, Dotti Romano, an obedience clinic; and Frank Starr a field clinic. Melissa created the Fun Day games.

Rose Hill Plantation

Culpeper VA



The judges Michelle Dowd brought to Rose Hill to judge the three legs of the Versatility Test were: Field—Andrew Campbell and Michelle; Obedience—Cee Fender and Susan Tucker; Conformation—Rachel Kelly and Mike Johnson. All Vizslas entered received passing grades toward their Versatility Championship.

What Does the Vet Say?



Dr. Watts & Otis

Q: Why does my dog get ear infections every spring?

A: For the past month, the most common diagnosis in my practice has been *allergic otitis externa*, inflammation of the ear canal caused by an underlying allergy. If not caught and controlled early, *allergic otitis* may allow bacteria or yeast to overgrow in the ear canal. At that point, the condition becomes truly an infection.

Allergic symptoms are caused by specialized cells with receptors that react to Ig-E, an antibody made in response to foreign substances. In people, the highest concentration of Ig-E receptors is in the upper respiratory passages. In dogs, the

highest concentration is found in the ear canals and skin.

In dogs with predictable seasonal *allergic otitis*, I prefer taking a preventive approach rather than waiting until symptoms develop. I typically start affected pets on an oral antihistamine during the month prior to their allergy season. During this time, I also recommend an increase in the frequency of ear cleaning to once a week. I have a strong preference for an ear cleanser with extended-release acidifiers and anti-adhesive compounds. The acidifiers make the ear canals inhospitable to yeast and the anti-adhesives inhibit bacteria.

The weekly ear cleaning regimen can also alert owners to changes in wax production or irritation in the ear canal. When either is noticed, I advocate increasing the frequency of cleaning to every other day and beginning the use of a topical corticosteroid solution. The drops give the pet relief from itching and significantly reduce the irritation.

So far, the approach I have described has not used any antibiotics. Many modern canine ear infections are resistant to ordinary antibiotics due to excessive and inappropriate drug use. Using topical antibiotics sporadically or for short periods of time drastically increases the risk your dog may develop an antibiotic-resistant infection.

If *allergic otitis* progresses to a true ear infection, the frequent cleaning and topical steroids will not lead to complete control of the symptoms. If that is the case, it is time for a visit to your veterinarian. Please do not ask the doctor to prescribe antibiotics without evaluating your pet. Most ear infections in dogs involve the external ear canal, however some also involve the middle or inner compartments of the ear. Different types of infection are each treated with specific medications for specific time periods. Proper treatment depends upon accurate diagnosis.

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Thank You

May 1, 2011

Garden State Weimaraner Field Trial,
Medford, New Jersey

Open Derby Winner:
Broad Run's Cayenne Blazin' Killian
"Caiya"

Handled by: Michelle Dowd, www.broadrunvizslas.com

Owners: Jane & Michael Baker

The Baker's would like to give special thanks to Michelle Dowd for all her guidance and helpful assistance this spring field trial season and thank you for handling Caiya to her first win!

Thank you to Garrett Preis for his learning event—
Caiya's come a long way quickly!

And thank you to all others I've encountered—so many others have helped this spring—it's been fun!

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 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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Family Member's Signature: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

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I am interested in:

- Field Trialing Hunting Tests Shows Versatility Obedience
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Fall Field Trial October 7-9, Clear Spring MD

Fall Hunting Test (dates TBD)

Annual Meeting/Christmas Party (date TBD)