# CONESTOGA VIZSLA CLUB NEWSLETTER

Third/Fourth Quarter 2018

### CVC FUN DAY WAS A SUCCESS!

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### TIME TO RENEW!



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

**Wild Apricot** is a membership management software. You can enter the membership section by creating a password and checking that your contact info is correct and see when your membership dues are due. It will

send out autogenerated email reminders. You can still pay via Paypal if you choose. Wild Apricot is also hosting our new website which is now live! We hope this will ease the burden on the membership coordinator and make communicating with the members easier.

You can also mail your renewal to:

**Callander Turner c/o CVC** 7001 Hill Station Rd Goshen, OH 45122

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Welcome to Fall CVC Members!

Enough of the summer heat, bring on the cool crisp fall days. Perfect weather to get out and enjoy an activity with your Vizsla(s). We have a number of activities lined up for the remainder of the year!

Saturday, December 1 is the rescheduled date for our Fall Specialty Show. The Millwood location was cancelled due to record rainfall. The show will go on...at the Howard Co. Fairgrounds in West Friendship, Maryland! We look forward to seeing you there. For details on the ring number/time go to Infodog.com

Saturday and Sunday, December 8 & 9 is the Double Hunt Test in York, PA. The tradition continues with Mason Dixon German Shorthair Pointer Club. We will be offering four opportunities in a weekend to run your dog. We are taking entries through **PerfDog.** com for this event. It's always a fun event to see Vizslas' natural ability shine through.

Sunday, December 16 is the Membership Meeting, Rescue Raffle and Pop Up Training Event. Member Sandy Modell, CEO of



Wholistic Hound Academy has offered to host our holiday party and provide a free training event at her facility in Alexandria, VA. Details are listed on **CVCWeb.org**. Dinner is pot luck, the schedule of suggested items is posted there. Check the website for all the details on what to bring for the training. The Rescue raffle is our largest event to support our rescue. Please bring new or gently used items for raffle. Vizslathemed gifts, leashes, crates, and sometimes even a bottle of wine will make good raffle items. Please assist Audrey with your donation to support for all she does to keep Vizslas safe in our area.

#### Changes to the CVCWeb.org.

Have you been on the website recently? Same location, new look. Have you noticed the emails sent out to membership to keep you updated? We have an updated

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### **DOCK DIVING DAY 2018** Yovonne Baggott-Jones

On June 30, 2018 we held our second Dock Diving day. Thirtyseven people and 28 Vizslas came from 5 different states to enjoy spending time with other Vizsla people and learn about or try out Dock Diving. Events like Dock Diving day are not just about learning the sport. They are also about meeting and socializing with other Vizsla people and getting your dogs out to play with other Vizslas in an organized place.

We started off the morning with an introduction and house rules by Madeline Meharg, then the real fun began. While Madeline trained dogs in the Dock Diving pool, some people played with their dogs in the practice pool, while other people socialized in tent city. There was also a big field that people took advantage of to play with their dogs.

Some of the dogs there, like Ted Stewart's László, are already experienced swimmers and were able to go right to learning how to jump off the dock. Others were there to try out swimming in the water for the first time like Iva Fisher's Destin. Four people brought their puppies who were absolutely adorable! Three-month-old Sophia (owner Stephanie Sherwood) and fourmonth-old Fern (owner Candy & Haley Roddy) both took to the water like fish.



Around noon lunch was served. We had a wonderful spread of food. Bob Myers went to Mastellone's Italian Deli and bought fresh-made Italian sausage, while the club provided hotdogs and hamburgers. Club members and guests provided side dishes and desserts. We had watermelon, pasta salad, veggie plates, cookies, brownies, and many more delicious foods.

Putting together an event like this takes a village. I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that helped out. Bob Myers provided the sausages, got there early to help with setup, and was one of our two cooks. Terry Lucas came with the club trailer, helped with





setup and clean up, and kept everything under the tent running smoothly. Iva Fisher ran the front desk, brought the food, and kept everything up front organized. Madeline Meharg stepped up to the dock and trained dogs all day. Leslie Martin assisted in setup, clean up, and training. Ted Stewart served as our second grill man. Jason Kee showed up early and helped setup the tents. Thank you to everyone who brought food and popup tents, you all helped make the day better. And a big thank you to everyone who showed up in the sweltering heat, I hope you and your dogs all had a fun day.

See you all next year!!!





### FUN DAY-WHAT A BLAST! Terry Lucas

July 28, 2018 marked CVC FUN DAY!!! And it was just that, a fun day! Great weather! Great Vizslas! Great turn out thanks to Yovonne's invitation and many e-mail follow ups.

Julia Eidelman and Iva Fisher greeted everyone with a smile, a name tag, a sign up list AND a cup of coffee.

The morning started with an introduction to birds. Al Lucas

gave a brief presentation about field work and training aids. Al and Phil Park then worked with individual dogs letting them find and point birds while offering instruction to the handler.

Following bird fun everyone found their way down to the pond where Allison Bierhoff enlisted the help of Amanda Baerwaldt to explain Dock Diving Competition. Amanda's "Maple" was quite impressive and proved

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events page that will alert you to upcoming events in the coming year. You can also log in and check when your membership dues are due or update your contact information.

Have a safe holiday season. Hope to see you at the upcoming events.

Leslie Martin

her abilities by taking first place in AKC competition the next day. While we were not able to hold a true competition here, all the dogs seemed to have a great time playing in the water and all were blue ribbon winners that day.

Next came lunch with Zealy Lewis cooking up the burgers and the hotdogs to perfection. We had a wonderful spread of salads and desserts brought by members. We really do need to start a CVC recipe book.

You people can cook!!

After lunch, Yovonne, Kelly Park, and Susan DelaPenta gave handling lessons to those who wanted to compete in our Fun Match.

Susan DelaPenta graciously accepted the role of judge for our match. Not an easy task with so many nice Vizslas to judge. Most of the dogs had never been show-handled before and most of the owners had never attempted to show handle before. Susan was great with everyone and every dog.

#### **Best Puppy**

Riva, O/H Rachel Kelly

#### **Best Adult**

Destin, O/H Yovonne Baggett Jones

#### **Best in Match** Riva, O/H Rachel Kelly

Many thanks to all for their help and participation. Special thanks to Allison Bierhoff, Julia and Mark Eidelman, Kelly and Phil Park and Susan DelaPenta and Zealy Lewis. Thanks to Yovonne for bringing it all together and to Dave Schwartz for taking all the pictures.

### **NEWSLETTER CHANGES** THE CVC NEWSLETTER IS BECOMING PRIMARILY DIGITAL.

Starting in 2019, the newsletter will be a digital publication that is emailed to members and available on the website. This will save the club time and money. If you would still like to receive a paper copy, please make sure to check the appropriate box on your membership renewal form and include the extra \$10 per year.

The newsletter will continue to be published four times a year on March 30th, June 30th, September 30th, and December 30th.











## FUN DAY Photos





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Zara visits the Biltmore in Asheville, North Carolina

### **TRAVELING WITH DOGS PART 2: PACKING** Terry Ann Fernando

Now that the weather has cooled down, this can be an excellent time of year to travel with your Vizsla. There is less concern about them overheating while walking around in the heat and if the conditions are right, they can be left in the car for short periods.

As you get ready to leave on your trip, there are several items that you may want to consider bringing for your dog. Obviously you will need the essentials such as a collar with ID, a leash, food, treats, a portable water bowl, bedding/travel crate, any prescription medicines, and a few toys or chews.

When sitting outside at restaurants with your dog, it can be helpful to bring a mat, towel, or blanket for your Vizsla to lay on. I'm sure most of you will agree that Vizslas do not like hard surfaces, plus it gives them a defined area as their "place." I've found it's also a good idea to bring a pig ear, bully stick, or other chew toy/treat. Whenever we eat out at a restaurant, I bring a treat like this along for my dogs, which they get soon after we sit down. Although the treat doesn't typically last more than 15 minutes, I find that it gives them something to do and quickly settles them down.

Treats or chews can also be useful to have in the car, especially if you have a long drive or are traveling with a puppy. Depending if your dog is crated or in the backseat, you could practice tricks and obedience on a long car trip if someone else is driving. Commands like sit, down, shake, high-five, leave it, and speak are all possible in the confines of a car. During our long road trip from North Carolina to Maine last summer, I filled a good hour slowly doling out treats to our four-month-old puppy after he started to get antsy in the backseat.

A dog-specific first-aid kit is a good idea no matter where you are going. You never know this might come in handy, especially with our hard-running Vizslas, who are prone to crashing through briars and acquiring paw and ear injuires. Benadryl is a good medicine to include in your first aid kit for insect stings. The standard dosage is 1mg per pound of body weight. Typically Benadryl comes in 25 mg tablets, so you would need two tablets for a 50-lb dog.

Sometimes dogs get an upset stomach or diarrhea when traveling due to the change in routine or other factors. Slippery elm bark is an herb that can be used to help stop diarrhea. It can be purchased in powder form in stores like Whole Foods or online. The dosage is a quarter teaspoon per 10 lbs of body weight mixed into cold water.

Lastly, after doing several road trips with two dogs, I've found it very helpful to have an easily accessible "dog bag" that contains all their items. I actually purchased a small duffel bag recently to serve this purpose. It opens at the top and the main compartment is split into two by a divider. There are zippered side pockets for smaller items, and a two mesh pockets which are great for poop bags.

I hope these tips are useful when you go on a trip with your Vizsla(s). Happy travels!

This is the second article in a twopart series. Traveling with Dogs Part 1: Planning was featured in the 2018 Q1/Q2 newsletter.

### FALL FIELD TRIAL Terry Lucas

WE DID IT!!! It didn't look like it would happen but then again with the help of the "few," the "proud," and those with intestinal fortitude, we did it.

Entries looked bleak at first. We did not have enough dogs to hold the retrieving stakes so we had to cancel them. However, the non-retrieving stakes were well-represented. Even with last minute scratches, we still had enough entries to award four championship points to the first placed dog in the Open Gun Dog and the Amateur Gun Dog plus two points to the second-placed dog in the Amateur Gun Dog.

We had a good Open Derby entry with two championship points being awarded to a Vizsla bitch owned and handled by Pat Hudson. Our Puppy Stake had six entries which was better than other breed trials this fall.

The weather was sunny but a little chilly, which beats rain or snow or high wind anytime!

Thank you so much to Susan DelaPenta who planted all 16 braces on Saturday from horseback! Susan planted again on Sunday with the help of Zealy Lewis. Zealy also contributed all weekend as line marshal, bird bag filler, chef and all-around helper.

Thanks to Leslie Martin for coming out on Saturday. She helped with line marshaling and putting on the judges' dinner. She also contributed a fantastic crock pot of chili to warm everyone on a very cold weekend! Pat Hudson provided a pot of ham soup which was also welcome. We always thank our judges but this trial we have an additional thank you for Sharon Townley. Sharon baked up two fantastic fruit pies for dessert at our judges' dinner Saturday. She also brought fudge which we could not allow anyone under 18 to eat if you get what I mean. We had a complimentary dinner on the grounds Friday. Our traditional steak judges' dinner on Saturday was one of the best ever, even if I do say so myself. Tom Digney, Zealy, and Al cooked everyone's steak to their request. Leslie and others helped make it all happen. It's makes it all worthwhile when trialers tell you that was a GREAT dinner!

Packing up on Sunday is always a lonesome job but with the help of Jane Baker and wrangler Al Underwood, we actually got home in daylight!

Again thank you to the participants, the judges, the helpers, the food contributors and the weather. It was a great trial!

It was the first gun dog for Gene Sterling with Rocky. Gene walked the course and Claire followed! Rocky got around but did not have a bird till after time was called. It was not an easy course to walk but hats off to all of you and thanks for supporting your club!

### PLACEMENTS: Open Gun Dog

Entry: 8 GSP, 3 VI, 3 ES, 2 PT, 2 Brit Judges: Tom Digney and Pat Hudson

- 1. Brittany
- 2. GSP
- 3. English Setter
- 4. English Setter

### Amateur Gun Dog

Entry: 6 GSP, 5 VI, 4 Brit, 2 PT, 1 WI Judges: Russ Bigus and Bruce Shaffer

- 1. GSP
- 2. Pointer
- 3. Pointer
- 4. GSP

### Open Derby

Entry 4 VI, 2 WI, 2 GSP, 2 Brit, 2 ES, 1 PT Judges: Bruce Conover

and Jim Yeager

- 1. CK Down N Under, Vizsla, O/H
- by Pat Hudson
- 2. Pointer
- 3. GSP
- 4. Weimaraner

### Open Puppy

Entry 3 VI, 1 PT, 1 GSP, 1 WI Judges: Pat Hudson and Sharon Townley

1. GSP

 Semper Fi I Corps, Vizsla, O/H by Al Lucas
 Pointer
 WI

## HOLIDAY PARTY – DEC 16

Please join us for our annual holiday party on Dec. 16th from 3-6:30pm at the Wholistic Hound Academy in Alexandria, VA! Please RSVP via the CVC website.

**3:00-3:30pm:** We will have social time to introduce you and your

Vizsla to the environment

3:30-4:30pm: Pop up training session with Wholistic Hound 4:30-5:00pm: Rescue raffle, silent auction, and dinner prep 5:00-6:30pm: Potluck dinner and social



Happy Remy who not only gained a forever family, but a foster family too!

### **RESCUE UPDATE** Audrey Wood

Receiving updates from homes that have adopted from CVC New Beginnings makes me so very happy. Whether a photo, an email or text sharing progress with regard to a pre-existing health or behavioral quirk, a little anecdote, or a funny or heartwarming story, I remember every dog that has come through and delight in knowing how everyone is doing. Rare, but also a reality of life lived with animals is news that a dog has passed away from a serious illness or old age. I always wish adoptive homes could have forever with the dogs they bring into their lives but I try to remind

myself that time with our beloved dogs is uncertain and we must treasure the time we have with one another.

Over the past few months we had four surrendered dogs–all males– that went to very experienced homes known to rescue. Remy was able to go to a wonderful foster home for several months who loved him dearly and made enormous progress in "setting him up to succeed" as we say. He went to a forever home fairly close by and still has play dates with his foster family - we were beyond fortunate things went that way.

In addition, I was contacted directly about more and more Vizsla mixes in shelters or local rescue aroups throughout our region. Given we cannot intake mixes, I do what I can to spread the word, reach out to any homes on our list who have indicated they'd adopt a mix, and publicize how much we appreciate someone who knows the breed well going to see the dog in person to confirm it is in fact a mix and not just poor breeding. But this quarter was a reminder that if we were to intake mixes, we'd be far, far busier than we would be able to sustain, so the policy is there for undoubtedly several reasons. I took great comfort in a several-day exchange I had with a rescue group down in Southern Virginia who knew the breed and did all in their power to see the dog, even though a mix, went to a home that also knew the breed. was experienced and equipped to deal with the special nature that is our Vizslas

We continue to get general inquiries from folks wanting to know what dogs are available to adopt and to discuss the process overall. One of my long-term desires is to offer a little more information on our rescue webpage answering some questions in advance to be more efficient in managing general inquiries. On any given week I have several courtesy calls to return which do come second to surrendered dogs or requests for advice from homes that are thinking of surrendering. On a more personal note, we welcomed a baby girl mid/late April and Vizsla sister Saoirse has done very well with her so far. I tell baby every day she's so lucky to grow up with a dog; my dream is to adopt a horse one day too. We hope to see you all at a CVC event in the near future.

## **RESCUE CONTACT INFORMATION**

cvcnewbeginnings@gmail.com

CVC New Beginnings Facebook page

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS Mark your calendars now!

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

DECEMBER 1 Specialty Show, West Friendship, MD
DECEMBER 8-9 Fall Hunt Test, Wellsville, PA
DECEMBER 16 Holiday Party, Wholistic Hound Academy, Alexandria, VA

Check the website for more information: **www.cvcweb.org**.



### **ADVERTISING** Would you like to advertise in the next issue?

### Front Cover: \$40

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

Half page: \$15 (1 photo)

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

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

### **2019 MEMBERSHIP FORM** Conestoga Vizsla Club, Inc.

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

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

Please check one: 🗌 Renewal 🗌 Membership	
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Please circle those activities in which you might be interested in participating/helping with:

Field Trial	Hunt Tests	Conformation	Fun Day	Training Days
Name				
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Check here if there are changes in your information so we can update our records.

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

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

Paper newsletter opt-in: \$10 per year	If you would like to contribute to any other CVC activity, please indicate below. All contributors' names will appear in the CVC newsletter.	
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c/o CVC, 7001 Hill Station Rd, Goshen, OH 45122.	Versatility	
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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.

#### Disclaimer

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

#### Resolution

The Vizsla Club of America and the CVC have resolved that all breeding stock is to be radiographed and that only those animals certified free of hip dysplasia are to be used for breeding purposes. Prospective breeders and puppy buyers are urged to inquire as to the OFA certification of both the sire and the dam prior to any purchase. Breeders in the Stud Dog/ Breeders Listings must be CVC members. In keeping with this resolution, the CVC newsletter will not accept ads for any male Vizsla over the age of 24 months or any female Vizsla over the age of 26 months that does not have an OFA number except as follows:

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

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

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

#### Resolution

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

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

#### Resolution

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

### CODE OF ETHICS

#### Sportsmanship

CVC members will:

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

#### Health

CVC members will:

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

#### Breeding

CVC members will:

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

#### Sales

CVC members will:

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

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



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

- Mark your calendar! Dec 1 Specialty Show, West Friendship, MD
  - Dec 8-9 Fall Hunt Test, Wellsville, PA
- Dec 16 Holiday Party, Alexandria, VA