

CONESTOGA VIZSLA CLUB NEWSLETTER

Second Quarter 2017



JUNIOR HUNTER

11-year-old Paige, her mother Norma, and Vizsla Stella celebrate their passes at the spring hunt test. More on page 6.





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PLEASE RENEW FOR 2017 IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY!



Annual membership dues are due by January 31st for the calendar year. Please use the membership form on page 17 or the online form on the CVC's website: **www.cvcweb.org/new_membership.html**. Paypal is for renewing members only.

Don't miss out on all the CVC has to offer this year! Send your renewal to:

Susie Truskey

25665 Pleasant Woods Ct
Chantilly, VA 20152

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Leslie Martin

Welcome members to Q217! We are hosting new activities this year to expose members to the many exciting things you can do to build your relationship with your beloved companions.

In the meantime, we held a Specialty show in York, Pennsylvania, a field trial in Sumerduck, Virginia, and a dual hunt test with our own club in Poolesville, Maryland. Upcoming events are:

- Fun Day at the Lucas' Farm in Midland, VA on July 23
- Dock Day for CVC Members on August 20 in Millersville, MD
- Fall Specialty with Old Dominion Kennel Club on October 1 in Millwood, VA
- Supported entry show on Salisbury, MD in November 11
- Fall Field Trial (date/location TBD)
- Fall Hunt Test (date/location TBD)
- Annual Meeting (date/location TBD)

We hope to see you at any or all of these events! Stay tuned to Facebook, email, and the **CVCWeb.org** site for more details

I am often asked by my non-club Vizsla owners, "Why join the

Club?" I think we all have our own reasons. Some join to promote the breed, to join a community of people who love these silly redheads, camaraderie, and/or to learn. The latter strikes me the most. As a lifelong learner, I find my club contacts have taught me so much about my dogs, such as the benefits of not neutering, the importance of vaccine titers, training methods, behavior explanations, or medical advice.



Whatever your reason(s), I think it is important to be a part of a community that can help us remain objective about our dogs. The behaviors and appearance we see and manage on a daily basis might not seem like that big of a deal, but when our trusted club comrades tell us our dog is losing weight or acting out it should signal us to take action. We have an obligation to look out for the welfare of these fine creatures. I encourage all of you to connect to the Vizsla owners in your area and be good stewards for the breed. Continue to learn and share your wisdom with others.

A FREEZING “SPRING” CVC FIELD TRIAL

Terry Lucas

The weathermen were calling for frigid temps for our weekend trial and they were correct for a change. It was cold but it was sunny and not too windy so the conditions were good for the dogs if not for the humans.

The trial went very well thanks to some very hard working people.

Susan Della Penta planted birds nonstop for a day and a half. No small task as any birdplanter will tell you. Jane Baker finished up on Sunday afternoon.

Bill Cox and Danny Gooch were once again our reliable gunners on Saturday for the limited stakes. There are many occasions that will win or lose a retrieving without good gunners. CVC appreciates Bill and Danny for being the “good” gunners.

Thanks to those who just jumped in and helped out like Kim Grant, Toni Aurillio, and Terry Ann Fernando.

Our entry was relatively small and we can thank one of our judges, Bruce Shaffer for giving us entries

to not only save our trial, but also make majors in our open gun dog stakes.

We had good numbers in our young dog stakes as well and were glad to see some first time field trialers out with their puppies.

Many thanks to our kitchen helpers; Melanie Bigus, Robin Morgan, Val Sails, Pat Hudson and all who stepped in when the need arose. A big thank you to Bob Grant for grilling our judges’ dinner steaks to perfection.

Our first time wrangler, Al Underwood, was a very welcome new asset. Al had not previously been involved in a field trial but quickly jumped in any area he could. He was great with fitting a horse to a rider and following along. He also helped in the kitchen and with the cleanup and packing up the trailer.

Thanks to our judges for long hours in the saddle.

RESULTS:

Open Limited Gun Dog

1. Rushcreek Semper Fi A Cut
Above (C.J.) Clint and Val Sails
2. GSP
3. Sir Runaway Ziggy (Ziggy)
Robert Spillman
4. GSP

Amateur Limited Gun Dog

1. Withheld
2. Weimaraner
3. Sir Runaway Ziggy (Ziggy)
Robert Spillman
4. Rsh Crk Smpr Fi Raider (Raider)
Al Lucas

Open Gun Dog

1. GSP
2. GSP
3. Ben Shadow (PT) Clint and
Val Sails
4. GSP

Amateur Gun Dog

1. Ben Shadow (Ben) Clint and
Val Sails
2. Sir Runaway Ziggy (Ziggy)
Robert Spillman
3. Huntmore's Franchi Veloce
(Frankie) Kim Grant
4. Withheld

Open Derby

1. Labyrinth I'll Drink to That
(Tigger/Brittany) Pat Hudson &
Walter Williams
2. GSP
3. Weimaraner
4. Weimaraner

Open Puppy

1. Semper Fi Zoey (Zoey) Len
Picotte
2. Labyrinth I'll Drink to That
(Tigger) Pat Hudson
3. Sigbrit's Lips Taste Like Sangria
(Lips/Brittany) Pat Hudson
4. Trailside's JAB Double Guns
A'Blazin (Luca) Jane Baker



SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS?

If you enjoyed reading this newsletter, or have comments about content that you'd like to see, please send your thoughts to Terry Ann at TA@onpointdesignstudio.com. Thanks!



SPRING HUNT TEST: OUR FIRST SINGLE CLUB DUAL HUNT TEST

Leslie Martin, Chair

Our spring Hunt Test on April 1-2 was a dual test format. Historically we have paired with another club to run our respective hunt tests on the same weekend at the same location. The advantage of this format is to allow handlers four opportunities to run their dogs in one weekend vs two. As you might imagine, the coordination between the clubs is crucial as it requires a location that has multiple fields so the tests can run concurrently.

AKC has expanded on this idea by allowing a club to run a dual format with itself hosting all four events. The orchestration can be easier because its within one club, but the order of the judges, and avoiding conflicts with handlers, and keeping it all straight proved to be a challenge as well. Enter Super Hunt Test Secretary India Cox! She took on this challenging new format like a superhero. :) Hunter Shelley of Mason Dixon German Shorthair Club mentored

us. He provided us support and guidance in countless ways. Huge shout out to Hunter for helping make this event a success.

The hunt test was held at McKee Beshler Wildlife Management Area in Poolesville, Maryland. The grounds were underwater from heavy storms that week. We had great energy and participation from all our judges who were walking the event as we explored running the event sans horses. Thank you to Tracey Johnson, Denise Cooper, Charlene Gibson, Michael Johnson, Mike Moser, and John Lehman for being real troopers tromping the trail! Volunteers Mark Edelman, Robin Mason (who drove up from Virginia Beach!!), Susie Truskey, Mike Moore, and Jane Baker really helped to keep the event running smoothly. We also had

two gentlemen step up to lend a hand as gunners. Thank you to Pete Lamont and Michael Waddell for your excellent sportsmanship and marksmanship. We will take you up on your interest in attending future events with us. Gunning with Pete and Michael were David Furr, and John Naughton.

No event would be successful without volunteers. Please consider asking the chairperson at an event in your area how you can help.

While we had many dogs qualify and several title finishers, none were quite as special as members Norma and Paige Ramsey and their Vizsla, Stella. Be sure to read their article in this newsletter. Thank you Norma, for being our official photographer!



More photos on page 8







MY FIRST HUNT TEST

Paige Ramsey, 11, CVC Junior Handler

At first, both mom and I really didn't know what we were doing at this Hunt Test. To our disadvantage, the rain had passed by the day before, and the water was up to our ankles. We also had no idea how Stella would react around the different elements of the field. But birds are her way of showing us who she is, chasing them in our ponds at home. We had faith in our girl, because she always comes to conquer the battle, and fill her family with pride.

To get the sense of what we were supposed to do, both my mom

and I went on a gallery walk. This is where people can walk behind a pair of competitors and watch the action. We both found that it was helpful to shoot the cap gun either up in the air or low to the ground. There was a rule that shooting towards a dog is not a safe thing! Think, would you want your dog to become gun shy? I hope not! The gallery walk was a very helpful way for both my mom and I to understand the concept and how to approach the test itself.

Then my mom eyed a fellow that she seemed to know. It was the owner of Stella's litter mate!

Stella's brother's name was Tucker and he was so adorable! He had been doing very well and he was an encouragement for Stella as we were to him.

Honestly, I had no idea how this would go. I had never shot a cap gun before, and I was pretty frightened by the sound. But then I looked to my mom, who was also very nervous. We knew Stella had a long line of solid pedigree for hunting, but we sure weren't confident in our skills! We had become fast friends with the people there, and their support gave us encouragement. As my mom approached the starting line, I gave both she and Stella a good luck kiss. "Is everyone ready?" The judges asked. "Yes we are," my mom replied. The judge then said, "You must flush 50% of the birds that you find." And so the time had come. I trenched through the high waters with Leslie Martin as my mom and Stella were rocking it in the field. As we came around the bend, Stella had eyed her first bird, and the gun was in my mom's hand. Stella was on point and mom flushed the bird. "Boom!" The gun was fired. Stella then found another bird! Next thing we knew Stella had passed her first leg of her Junior Hunter title.

My mom and Stella passed the next two testing opportunities. One more to her Junior Hunter

title. It was up to me. Coco, Stella's sister was there for support! I was more nervous than I have ever been before, but I knew that I would have a blast once I completed it. The judge went over what needed to be done and we were off! Stella was being a very good girl, because she came to me and listened. As we made the curve, Stella was on point. "This is my time," I said in my head. So one, two, three, I took a big breath, lifted both my hands above me and, "Bam!" I had just fired the gun! Then we found another bird and I fired again. The judges let us know that we passed and that meant we had just passed all four braces in a row! She just got her Junior Hunter Title! Everyone came running to me with congratulations, and I gave my mom a huge hug. Everyone was so supportive and the judges I found were so amazing! My first Junior Handler points! I am hooked!

I found that this chance is worth taking and the outcome can really make you feel amazing. I would advise anyone with a hunting dog to try this, because it can really build confidence in both you and your dog.

RESCUE SPRING UPDATE

Audrey Wood, Rescue Coordinator

New Beginnings has been kept very busy these past few months. I placed five dogs between the months of March and April, ranging in age from 6 months to 9 years old. Each was special in their own right and went to wonderful homes where they are thriving and very, very loved. The two

photos are of Hunter, celebrating his 7th birthday with a special ice cream treat, and Pawlinka, age 9, showing off her new waffle.

Many of you may have seen photos about Whisky on the CVC New Beginnings Facebook page. We knew he wouldn't be as easy to place given he had to be the



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.)



Whisky on point

only dog and needed to go to home that had some experience managing some of his quirks. Nonetheless, I was certain the right home was out there; they just needed to find us.

This was a situation where we desperately needed the right foster home so we could find the right forever home and give Whisky his new beginning. We were fortunate to find one and are extremely grateful for the time they gave to him. This is, again, an area where we could use your help. If you can foster for us, please let me know. If you know of friends or family who could potentially be a good foster home for us, please send them my way.

Another rescue group up north also spread the word about Whisky, which made a huge difference in that his perfect home found me. When I brought the two of them together, they bonded immediately, and Whisky was

officially adopted a little while ago. We are grateful to his foster family and grateful to his new home for welcoming Whisky into his life and heart. Best wishes to our boy Whisky, to all the dogs we place, and to their new loving and adoring homes.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Warmly, Audrey Wood



Handsome Whisky

FLEAS, TICKS, AND MOSQUITOES....OH MY!

Devon Settle, LVT

Deputy Director, Fauquier SPCA



There have been many concerns regarding these bugs this spring. They do seem to be at their worst following a mild

winter. It is true that one of the bigger problems in our area is the growth of ticks and the tick borne diseases they bring. Although there is an available vaccine for Lyme's disease, it is still on the rise. This once little known disease is now often the subject of many conversations. Almost all of us have had a scare with a tick borne disease, or know someone who has.

Many diseases that we humans contract from fleas, ticks and mosquitoes have been seen in dogs for a long time. Human medicine has not caught up. Our dogs are the most likely to come into contact with these parasites on a regular basis, and suffer the consequences. Almost all veterinarians and their staff have likely witnessed the aftermath of

tick borne diseases in the animals they care for, and Lyme's may just be the tip of the iceberg.

Let's jump to Heartworm Disease. When I first started working at a veterinary clinic in this area over twenty years ago, I rarely came across a dog that tested positive in Virginia, regardless of whether it was given heartworm preventative medication. Before leaving that private clinic environment, I was starting to see many more heartworm positive dogs that had not ever left this area. Now working in an animal shelter, I see it on almost a weekly basis. It is important to stress that there are many available products that can help you protect your dog from multiple parasites, including ticks and mosquitoes. Heartworm disease is caused by a parasitic worm, spread through the bite of a mosquito. As a licensed veterinarian technician, I find it so frustrating to see these animals suffer from diseases that are so preventable. By stopping these creepy crawling disease ridden

critters coming into contact with our pets, we lower the chance of them coming into the family home and sharing their diseases with us. While I cannot speak to the rise of tick borne diseases in the humans, I do know that it is a concern to both the animal and human populations.

In today's market it can seem overwhelming to find the right

product for your family and you dog. There are topicals, pills, dips and collars. They last one day, one month, three months or even six months. It is very important to talk to your veterinarian about what is best for your family and your family pet.

Unless you are an entomologist..... you probably don't love bugs!



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The Conestoga Vizsla Club has several events planned this summer. We hope to see you at one or both of them!

JULY 23, 2017 Annual Fun Day, Lucas Farm, Midland, VA

AUGUST 20, 2017 10AM, Dock Diving Day, Hog Dog Productions, Millersville, MD

OCTOBER 1, 2017 Fall Specialty with Old Dominion Kennel Club in Millwood, VA

NOVEMBER 11, 2017 Supported Entry Show, Salisbury, MD



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Front Cover: \$40

Half page: \$15 (1 photo)

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

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.



2017 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Conestoga Vizsla Club, Inc.

Dues are due by January 31 annually. Please renew now if you haven't already.

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

Please circle those activities in which you might be interested in participating/helping with:

Field Trial Hunt Tests Conformation Fun Day

Training Days Versatility Tests Pet Day

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Family _____

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Kennel Name _____

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

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Please note: Add \$2 per membership when renewing via PayPal. This covers the fee PayPal charges CVC. New membership applications must be mailed with the Sponsor's name and a check/money order for dues.

Please make your check or money order payable to **Conestoga Vizsla Club** and mail to: Susie Truskey, 25665 Pleasant Woods Ct., Chantilly, VA 20152, **MembershipCVC@gmail.com**.

If you would like to contribute to any other CVC activity, please indicate below. All contributors' names will appear in the CVC newsletter.

Field Trial

Hunt Test

General Trophy (Confirmation)

Fun Day/Pet Day

Rescue/Wellness

Versatility

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, entropion and cranial muscular atrophy.

CODE OF ETHICS

Sportsmanship

CVC members will:

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

Health

CVC members will:

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

Breeding

CVC members will:

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

Sales

CVC members will:

- Not breed, sell, or consign puppies or adult dogs to pet shops or other commercial ventures such as lotteries or raffles.
- Honestly evaluate the quality of the Vizsla sold and fairly represent that evaluation and urge puppy purchasers to spay or neuter all pets 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
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Mark your calendar!

July 23: Annual Fun Day, Midland, VA

August 20: Dock Diving Day, Millersville, MD

October 1: Fall Specialty, Millwood, VA

November 11: Supported Entry Show, Salisbury, MD