



Conestoga Vizsla Club
NEWSLETTER

Fall 2007 - Spring 2008



KUMA takes an agility jump

Letter from the President, March 2008

To the Members:

We begin 2008 with a newly-constituted Board of Directors and a busy year ahead of the Club. Six positions were filled by membership vote at our 2007 Annual Meeting and Christmas Party held December 16, 2007:

Rich Black - Vice President
Gail Contreras - Treasurer
Debi Titus - Recording Secretary
Greg Cooke - Member at Large
Michael Johnson - Member at Large

Then, at the first-quarter board meeting on January 12, 2008, Susan DellaPenta was elected by the members of the 2008 Board to fill the At Large seat vacated by Gail Contreras as of January 1, 2008, when she assumed her new position as Treasurer. Congratulations to these Club members on their election! Together they join Terry Lucas (Recording Secretary), Michelle Dowd (At Large), and myself to round out the nine-member board.

On behalf of the Club Membership, I want to extend a warm "thank you" to outgoing board members Steve Shlyen, Howard Shultz and Kelley Leach for their good work and service to the Club.

I also extend sincere thanks to Anita and Todd Greenstone for hosting the 2007 Annual Meeting and Christmas party last month at their beautiful home in Brookeville, MD. Their hospitality was very gracious, and the membership turnout was excellent.

2008 will be a busy year for our Club. Our Spring field trial is scheduled for March 14-16 at the C.F. Phelps Wildlife Management Area in Sumerduck, Virginia. This follows a very successful Fall 2007 field trial at Clear Spring, Maryland, ably chaired by Michelle Dowd, with a hard-working field trial committee and volunteers.

Mike Johnson and India Cox have taken the lead in planning for two AKC Hunt Tests this year. The first is scheduled for early April 5-6, 2008 in Creagerstown, Maryland. The premium is posted on the CVC website.

Planning is underway for our 2008 Fun Day, with Debi Titus chairing the event. Locations and dates are being investigated.

Our Club's 2008 Summer Specialty Show will be held in Bel Alton, MD, June 28, 2008. Terry Lucas as Chair and her Specialty Committee are well underway with the planning.

Club membership renewal notices have gone out, and dues are now payable.
Please do not forget to renew your membership!

The Club is looking for a volunteer to succeed Liz Sherman as Editor of the Club Newsletter, and one to succeed Clint Sails as administrator of the Club's web site. These generous Club members deserve a rest! Please send me an e-mail or give me a call if you are interested in helping out.

Wishing all of our Club members a great 2008! I look forward to seeing you at our events.

David Roseman

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THANKS TO ALL!

Memo from the editor

As you will see this issue is a collection of the many activities CVC has engaged in for the past six months rather than a newsletter. This issue should give you a good idea of the show and field events which are put on by our members for our members. Please bring your dog and come out and help and participate in all the doggy activities. And don't be shy about volunteering. We really need your help and ideas.

Thanks to India Fuller Cox who sent a nice article about the Training and Versatility Day at the Lucas.' And thanks to Gene Thornton who shared her news with us. In this issue we have another puppy training article by Stephanie O'Reilly, and we show you what last year's Specialty Show winners looked like and give you some field trial results

CVC needs a newsletter editor. I have enjoyed doing the newsletter as this is a way to not only be creative but to communicate with about 200 Vizsla people. It can be fun, and it can bring the club together. Please let David Roseman, CVC President, know if you are interested. liz

RESCUE

Please contact our rescue coordinator, Pat Hudson (540-832-7555), if you are able to foster Vizslas who need temporary homes. Recently a 10 year old bitch needed a loving foster home to help her adjust to the loss of her family. Some of these dogs need to be placed in a home until their new families can take them, some need further evaluation. Pat can not do it all, and putting dogs in a kennel situation sometimes does not help solve any problems they have. Think how your Vizsla would feel if he had to leave you.



Crowd Turns Out For CVC Versatility Day

By India Fuller Cox, Event Co-chair

What a great way to celebrate Labor Day weekend -- gather with a great group of Vizslas and their assorted humans! Some 30 Vizslas gathered with at least 50 of their finest friends Saturday, September 1, at Terry and Al Lucas' Farm, Semper Fi Kennels, in Midland, Va., for your Club's annual Versatility Day. The weather could not have been more perfect.

To kick things off, Al introduced Clint Sails, his DC AFC Bitterroot Semper Fi Cutter, "Cutter," and Jack Sharkey and his DC AFC Huntley MH, "Huntley." Several pigeons had been released out in the field, and the crowd gathered to watch the simulated hunting demonstration. When Clint released Cutter, the red streak worked the wind and cover, and quickly located a bird, presenting a stunningly rigid point. Very stylish! Jack then released Huntley to demonstrate how a bracemate honors the first dog's point. Uncharacteristically, Huntley decided he'd rather find a bird for himself, giving Jack the opportunity to demonstrate how to correct an error!

For the next two hours, Al, with the help of bird planters Al Lucas, Jr., Ryan Haydu and Jimmy Zell, assisted those wanting to work their dogs on birds. Al put the youngest pups on a check cord and introduced each one to a pigeon, eyeball to eyeball [beak-to-snout?]. Then, with their handlers/owners, the pups hunted the released pigeons.

It is safe to say we have some good bird dogs on the ground, so the future looks very bright when it comes to quality dogs! We've some quality junior handlers in the cue as well!

As this was wrapping up the Versatility Tests began with Obedience judge Kristie Reisenweaver from NJ. Six dogs participated in these tests followed by five in Conformation which was judged by Valerie Sails. Clint Sails judged the Field Test with Tom Digney and Al, Jr. as gunners. Clint judged seven dogs before climbing off his horse around 5:30 pm.

CVC President David Roseman was delighted to see so many new faces intermingled with long-time members. "The Vizsla Club of America Versatility title is something within reach of almost all of us if we are just willing to get out and work with our dogs. The Vizsla is such a versatile breed. I get a particular kick out of seeing the faces of new Vizsla owners when they discover their dog's natural field instincts for the first time."

One of the highlights for 11-year-old, first-time Vizsla owner Aaron Romanowski was learning how to train his puppy, Sunny, using a quail's wing. CVC Vice President Howard Shultz worked with Aaron (and his brother, Mom and Dad) showing him the techniques, the steadiness to look for, what Aaron should do when the puppy moved, how to staunch him up. Perhaps we'll see the pair entered in a junior hunt test next winter/spring!

Special thanks again to Terry and Al Lucas for making their farm available to the Club, and to everyone who helped make the event a success.



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1. Nose to beak
2. Aaron and Sunny
3. The down stay
4. India and puppy



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Puppy Socialization

(This article is a continuation of "Puppy Training & Games" by Stephanie O'Reilly which appeared in the last newsletter.)

Socialization must be approached with a common sense attitude. If you would like to have the kind of adult dog that will be a joy to not only you, but also to society, then you should begin while he is still a puppy, the younger the better. Think of all the things he will most likely come in contact with during his lifetime and expose him to those things now in the most positive format you can muster up. The greater his experiences are while he is young, the better his chances are of handling new situations, new people and being a joy to take out into the world with you.

I can not stress enough that socializing your puppy to new things should be a positive and pleasant experience for him. Learning is stressful. Expose him at a rate that he can absorb new information, not be overwhelmed by it. A key to remember is to treat your dog as brave. If you believe he will be brave, he will grow up to be a confident dog. If you believe he will be timid or shy, that is what you will get in an adult dog.

Throw some treats in your pocket and begin to take your new puppy for walks down the street. Puppies are adorable and attract a lot of attention. Anyone that passes by will enjoy petting him. Offer your neighbor a small treat to feed to your pup; he will soon learn to 'enjoy' strangers. Offer another piece of food as you approach the mailbox and fire hydrant. Encourage him to investigate and then give him a treat for doing so. These things along the street can produce an array of responses from your dog, ranging from very scary to very curious. Get him used to the 'everyday' sights and sounds of children playing, cars passing by and people petting him.

Never force your puppy into a situation. If he is unsure, just make him sit and be well behaved. Stressing him in an uncomfortable situation will only create fear. Some will be bolder than others so it's up to you as the owner to gage at what pace you should go. All puppies will go through a phase where they may not be confident in a new situation, usually between the ages of 8 -15 months of age. Be patient, don't force him but also don't coddle them. By saying "its okay," it only reinforces the negative association and reaction. Never force him to be petted by strangers. If he doesn't want to be petted, don't force it and don't coddle him. This will only reinforce the reaction. Instead, just make him sit beside you. As the puppy goes more places and experiences new things, he will learn that it is fun and that people are good.

Dog parks are not a good way to socialize your puppy. Dog parks put your puppy at risk, as many dogs at the local dog park may not be social and friendly or may be sick. You would be surprised how many adult dogs attend dog parks without proper training or socialization. This will put your new puppy at considerable risk for not only picking up diseases, but also getting hurt or bitten by an older dog.

If you choose to attend a puppy class, make sure it is taught by a reputable instructor and not just somebody claiming to be qualified. Most reputable instructors 'screen' each puppy prior to registration. This will help to put the puppy owner at ease simply knowing that the risks involved have been minimized.

Most puppies would rather race around like wild things than sit quietly by your side. Your puppy should not be allowed or encouraged to do anything now that you would not like when she's fully grown. Rewarding her for good behavior increases the likelihood of it recurring. Structuring her free time with games and toys provides an outlet for the "puppy crazies".

Rewards come in many forms. For some puppies, your eye contact is all that is needed to motivate them to mischief. Other puppies may find rewards in your cat's litter box. Attention or eye contact, vocal praise and petting, edible stuff, etc. are all forms of rewards for a puppy. Timing a reward to coincide with a behavior you like should occur during or immediately after the desired behavior. Correcting a behavior should also occur within this time frame. Delayed corrections are punishment and don't provide enough information for her to get it right the next time.

Introduce your new puppy to new items gradually. For example, indoors a vacuum cleaner is often a top panic-producing experience. It's large and loud and it moves! To show her that it is no threat, put the vacuum in the middle of a room. Allow her to investigate when it is turned off. Next, turn it on for a second, turn off, put a tasty treat on it and walk away. At first, she may show no interest in investigating the machine. Encourage her if she approaches the vacuum, but never force her. Your hope is that she will take the treat and gain confidence as you repeat this many times, leaving the vacuum on longer each time. When she readily approaches, start moving the vacuum slowly before turning off. The more this is done and she realizes that nothing is hurting her, the faster she will take it in stride.

Do you plan to take your puppy on errands, to the beach, to the park? The car can cause a lot of stress in some puppies. If at first her only rides are to the veterinarian's, she may develop negative associations with cars. Vomiting and excessive drooling are some of the signs that she is stressed. Make cars a fun place for her. Bring along a favorite toy and play with her in the back seat for a few minutes. Take a short drive around the block and play with her briefly again before going inside. Avoid traveling with her if she has eaten recently. The use of a crate for car travel makes most puppies feel safer.

To prepare her for veterinary visits handle her all over on a daily basis. She will also need to be comfortable with strangers handling and gently restraining her. Make mock veterinary visits to build a positive association for her. Go once weekly and ask the staff to give her treats. This way, she will go to the veterinarian's office five times a month and have something unpleasant happen only once. You may actually end up with a puppy that looks forward to her vet visits.

Socialization Do's

- Make sure that each of the following events is pleasant and non-threatening. If your puppy's first experience with something is painful or frightening, you will be defeating your purpose. In fact, you will be creating a phobia that will often last a lifetime. It's better to go slow and assure your puppy is not frightened or injured than to rush and force your pup to meet new things and people.
- Invite friends over to meet your pup. Include men, women, youngsters, oldsters, different ethnic backgrounds, etc. This should occur often, at least once a week.
- Invite friendly and healthy dogs, puppies and even cats to your home to meet and play with your new puppy. Take your puppy to the homes of these pets, preferably with dog-friendly cats.
- Take your pup to shopping centers, parks, school playgrounds, places where there are crowds of people and plenty of activity. This should occur daily during the pups first 3 months at home.
- Take your puppy for short, frequent rides in the car. Stop the car and let your puppy watch the world go by through the window.
- Introduce your puppy to umbrellas, bags, boxes, the vacuum cleaner, etc. Encourage your puppy to explore and investigate his environment.
- Get your puppy accustomed to seeing different and unfamiliar objects by creating your own. Set a chair upside down. Lay the trash can (empty) on its side, set up the ironing board right side up one day and upside down the next day.
- Introduce your puppy to new and various sounds. Loud, obnoxious sounds should be introduced from a distance and gradually brought closer.
- Accustom your puppy to being brushed, bathed, inspected, having its nails clipped, teeth and ears cleaned and all the routines of grooming and physical examination.
- Introduce your puppy to stairs, his collar and leash. Introduce anything and everything you want your puppy to be comfortable with and around.

Socialization Don'ts

- Do not let your pup socialize with dogs that appear sick or dogs that you don't know.
- Do not reward fearful behavior. In a well meaning attempt to sooth, encourage or calm the puppy when it appears frightened, we often unintentionally reward the behavior. It's normal for the puppy to show some signs of apprehension when confronting anything new and different.
- Do not allow the experience to be harmful, painful or excessively frightening. This can cause lifetime phobias in your dog.
- Do not force or rush your puppy. Let your puppy take things at his own pace. Your job is to provide the opportunity.
- Do not do too much at one time. Young puppies need a lot of sleep and tire quickly. It is much more productive to have frequent and very brief exposures than occasional prolonged exposures. Remember, every day your dog learns something, and every day is an opportunity. You can never get these days back. If you are not teaching something positive, he may be learning something negative.

**Conestoga Vizsla Club's 2007 specialty show
with Southern Maryland Kennel Club, 6/30/2007**





The judge for our 2007 Specialty show was Barbara Ankers Hannum, a Vizsla breeder for many years and a long-time member of CVC. Her Best of Breed was Ch Artisan's Moonstruck Beauty, owned by Linda Furey and Joan Z Toepke. (left, below) Best of Opposite Sex was Ch Encounter A Duke Fantasy owned by Paula Murphy. Best of Winners for a 5 point major was Patapsco Noble Russet Hunter owned by Marcia Olson and shown by Barbara Glass, his breeder, both CVC members. (left, above) Ms. Hannum's Winners Bitch was Kezdet's Warrior Whisper, owned by Barry Golob and Judy Saddlemire.

Barbara wrote after the show: "Thank you for inviting me to judge this year's specialty. I was thrilled and honored to have judged so many beautiful Vizslas. These dogs are so dear to me and enrich all of us that get to live with them. It was a great show."

Our sweepstakes judge was Steve Siegel, a Weimaraner breeder. Steve found Ch Legacy's Moon River JH CD RN owned and shown by CVC's own Gail Contreras as his Best Veteran in Sweepstakes. (above) His Best Puppy was Titan's C is for Clairevoyant owned and shown by Peggy Schmidt.

Thanks to Greg Cooke, Chair, and Susan DellaPenta, Trophy Chairman, and the committee for all their work putting this together.

Conestoga Vizsla Club Field Trial, October 6-7, 2007
Blair Valley Field Trial Area, Clear Spring MD

Open Limited Gun Dog (1 I S, 3 GS, 4 P, 5 GSP, 10 V)

Judges: Jim Kline & Don Bonnice

1. DC Barben's Absolute Martini (Vizsla) o/Ben Zahn, h/Bob Seelye
2. Archer's Black Powder (P) o/Elizabeth. Archer, h/J. Heckert
3. Patapsco Dandy Duke (GSP) o/Mike Glass, h/Jim Heckert
4. FC Longpoint CK Dulin (Vizsla) o/Eric Barry, h/Bob Seelye

Open Gun Dog (Ret) (8 Vizslas)

Judges: Jim Kline & Paul Hermes

1. Triad's Keep A Dandy Oakleaf SH, o/Kitty Pullen & Joe Bunk, h/Joe Bunk
2. Ffieldfire's Spark O'Genius, o/Joan Heimbach, h/Bob Seelye
3. Ch Fieldfire's High Octane, o/Joan Heimbach, h/Bob Seelye
4. Withheld

Open Derby (11 Vizslas)

Judges: Kevin Arber & Paul Hermes

1. Midan's Fine By Design, o/Debi Titus & Dave Hammett, h/Bob Seelye
2. Winddance CK Tidal Wave, o/Carol Stout & Phil Stout, h/Bob Seelye
3. Midan'scarolinabluebelle, o/Tracey Faber & Joe Faber, h/Bob Seelye
4. Semper Fi Ready to Run, o/h Al Lucas

Amateur Limited Gun Dog (3 GSP, 3 P, 7 V)

Judges: Jim Kline & Paul Hermes

1. FC AFC Bitterroot Semper Fi Ironmike (Vizsla) o/Tom Digney & Al Lucas, h/Al Lucas
2. Bitterroot's Stormy (Vizsla) o/Howard Shultz, h/Al Lucas
3. DC Kinnike Stewart CD JH (P) o/T Verho, Kinnike Kennels, h/E Bandes
4. Cliffside's Run'In On Hi Test (Vizsla) o/Marilyn Fowler, H/Bob Seelye

Amateur Gun Dog (Ret) (8 Vizslas)

Judges: Don Bonnice & Paul Hermes

All placements withheld

Amateur Walking Derby (12 Vizslas)

Judges: Ken Huyser & Nancy Huyser

1. Winddance CK Category Five, o/Carol Stout, & Phil Stout, h/Phil Stout
2. Broad Run's Blazn Vitesse JH, o/Robert & Stephanie Estes, h/Bob Estes
3. Midan'Scarolinabluebelle, o/Tracey Faber & Joe Faber, h/Mike
4. Midan's Fine By Design, o/Debi Titus & David Hammett, h/Debi Titus

Hunting Dog Championship (12 Vizslas)

Judges: Ken Huyser & Nancy Huyser

1. Ch Elgin's Silver & Blue Star JH, o/Michael Johnson & Carolyn Johnson, h/Mike Johnson
2. Ch Verity's Oyster Shell Shoal JH, o/Joseph Mitchell & Liz Sherman, h/Joe Mitchell
3. Belle's Red Ryder, o/h Garrett Preis
4. FC Amber Victory At Obertakt, o/Kathryn Seelye, h/Heather Seelye

Although the field trial was two days of hard work by Michelle Dowd, the Chairman, and her committee and other volunteers, including Garrett Preis, Debi Titus, Jacqueline Mackey, Mike Johnson, Stephanie Estes, Bob Estes, Dave Hammett, Phil Stout, Joe Mitchell, Kevin Arber and Liz Sherman, it turned out to be a terrific two days. Mike Johnson spent lots of time on a horse planting birds in the backcourse, Stephanie and Jac had every handler on the line on time, Garrett and Kevin herded the birds. The gunners did a great job and the food by Jim Carmalt was super. And we managed to run all those dogs before dark on Sunday.

The Helen & Del Seelye Memorial Traveling Trophy was won by their grandson, Bob Seelye, handling Ben Zahn's dog, DC Barben's Absolute Martini. And the CH AFC Hodag's Kirby CD MH Memorial Traveling Trophy was won by Mike Johnson handling his dog Dallas (Ch Elgin's Silver and Blue Star JH).





Kent County heart walk: Dog-gone effort



Delaware State News/Daniel Korup
Frederica resident Gene Thornton, vice president of the Kent County branch of the American Heart Association, and his dog Brandy have teamed up to raise \$1,000 for the upcoming heart walk in Dover.

Canine top raiser for event

By Misty Autumn Seemans
Delaware State News

DOVER — The Kent County heart walk's top fundraiser likes to sniff trees, play fetch and drink water out of a bowl.

Brandy, a Hungarian sporting dog, has raised \$1,100 for the 16th annual Kent County American Heart Association heart walk Sept. 15 in Dover — the most money among those with two or four legs.

Frederica resident Gene Thornton, vice president of the Kent County heart association and Brandy's owner, said her American Kennel Club award-winning dog gets donations from two signature poses.

Brandy, short for Marcapex Brandywine, begs by sitting up on her hind legs or cocks her

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From left, Marcus Proctor, 7 and Alexia Landry, 10, both of Dover hold their arms out to allow Brandy to jump over as Sabia Carbaugh, 4, of Dover looks on.



Delaware State News/Daniel Korup
Harold Stafford of Dover, chairman of the Kent County American Heart Association Heart Walk Committee, receives a donation of \$100 from Brandy. The walk is set for Sept. 15 in Dover.

Walk

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head to the side.

"People don't want to turn down a face like that," Ms. Thornton said.

She said she takes Brandy door to door asking for donations to the walk.

The 5-kilometer walk will start at Mirror Lake on Park Drive in between Lockeerman and Division streets in Dover.

Registration starts an hour before the walk at 9 a.m.

Corporate events director Tonda Parks said the heart association is encouraging walkers to each raise \$100, but it's not necessary.

"We're equally interested in getting people to get out and walk," she said.

Ms. Thornton started the heart association's K9 brigade in 2004, so encourage people to bring their dogs with them to the walk.

Petting a dog can lower blood pressure, Ms. Thornton said.

(The walk goes with physical fitness and Brandy is also a therapy dog," she said.

Brandy, chairman of the K9 brigade, attends meetings but declined official comment Tuesday while looking for a position for about the exercise she would get at the heart walk.

"I like to keep my heart rate and strong," said Brandy's friend Marcus Proctor, 7, of Dover, who will also walk Sept. 15.

Marcus' grandfather, Harold Stafford, chairman of the heart walk committee, has lost two of his friends to heart disease in two years.

"I have personally committed to doing three things — increas-

If you go

Kent County American Heart Association heart walk

8 a.m., Sept. 15

Mirror Lake, Park Drive, Dover

Call 757-821 or visit www.americanheart.org/doverwalk

ing public awareness of the debilitating effects of heart disease, to promote healthy lifestyles so people will get involved in walking on a regular basis and participating in other physical fitness exercises, and last but not least, to raise money for the American Heart Association to provide better treatment and research," he said.

When a dog is able to raise more than \$1,000, it can face some healthy competition.

"When people see that a dog is No. 1, it gives them the motivation to go out and raise money," Ms. Thornton said.

She said one person gave \$250 in memory of his late dog.

Some people love their pets and so they give donations in honor of them," Ms. Thornton said.

"It just gives a new way for people to donate to a good cause."

Brandy will try to raise more money at Uno Chicago Grill in Dover. Part of the restaurant's proceeds Aug. 31 will benefit the heart walk.

The heart association's goals are to get 1,000 human walkers and raise \$120,000.

For more information, call Ms. Parks at 734-9321 or visit www.americanheart.org/doverwalk.

Post your opinions in the Public Opinion Forum at www.delawareonline.com. Staff writer Alex's columns can be reached at 741-8225 or alex@delawareonline.com

(Even though I could not figure out how to get this article into a readable mode, it has such great pictures. Gene Thornton and Mattapex Brandywine raised \$1,100.00 for the annual Kent County American Heart Association heart walk by taking Brandy door to door. "People don't want to turn down a face like that.")

DOG TRAINING & BIRD HUNTING LEASES

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STRAWBERRY HILL FARM

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**Beautiful farm managed for bird dogs and their development
has leases available for the bird dog enthusiasts**

Strawberry Hill Farm is now offering a new and exciting opportunity for the bird dog owner: a package for the amateur trainer who needs a managed place to train dogs. Maintaining a farm for dog training is cost prohibitive for most individuals, but a group can easily afford it.

Strawberry Hill Farm is a regulated shooting area that comprises 275 acres of central Maryland farmland. Large fields, some planted in crops and others in switch grass cover, make up the upland habitat. Long straight tree lines surround the fields. The buildings on the farm date back to 1783 and the view of the mountains and fields is magnificent.

Lease holders enjoy the ability to come to the farm to train their dogs anytime during their lease period during daylight hours. Parking for cars and trailers shall be in designated areas only. In fields where crops are present training is allowed around the edges only during the growing season. On one side of the farm is a bird field, the other a long hunting course. Shooting in designated areas only. Lawns and fields are maintained by Strawberry Hill Farm.

The farm keeps on hand a constant supply of game birds that lease holders can purchase from farm staff upon arrival. Starting in July the farm releases hundreds of young game birds that remain on the farm well into the fall. Horses are available for rent by the hour on a first come basis (subject to availability). Overnight camping is available in designated areas for a nightly fee. One and six month leaseholders may introduce a particular guest once during the lease term. One year leaseholders may introduce the same guest twice during the lease term.

Leases will be available for one month, six months and one year. Only one year lease holders may schedule official Strawberry Hill Farm hunts with guides and dogs. One and six month leaseholders may hunt the farm but must release their own birds and only shoot in designated areas. In order to maintain the semi wild birds for as long as possible only put and take hunting is permitted. A Maryland hunting or RSA license is required.

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Goodbye and Good Hunting, Bob.

Bob Estes

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PUPPIES, PUPPIES, PUPPIES, PUPPIES

Caroll Mealy is the CVC's breeder referral contact. CVC members who are planning a litter of puppies, please contact Caroll. Let her know when the pups are due or if born how many and what sexes are available. She will not be responsible for screening any prospective new owners. She will guide those people making inquiries to CVC members who are having puppies. As members of CVC, those having puppies should follow the "Code of Ethics" established by the Club and published in each Newsletter. On this basis Caroll and the CVC will be confident that anyone to whom she is referring potential new owners will be contacting reputable and responsible breeders. Caroll can be contacted at
410-257-6962 or hodag@chesapeake.net



Call Caroll Mealy if you are interested in Vizsla calendars. Her calendar this year is full of very funny photos and lots of information about coming events

Resolutions & Code of Ethics ~ Conestoga Vizsla Club, Inc.

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Resolution ~ The Vizsla Club of America and the Conestoga Vizsla Club 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 do dogs mentioned in reports.

Memorial ads do not require an OFA number.

All ads (except "Wags & Brags") concerning the accomplishments of a dog in performance event(s) must include dog's full OFA number and the date of birth.

"Wags & 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 sent in with each ad request and will be printed in full. For purposes of these requirements, the deadline date for the CVC Newsletter issue in which the dogs are to appear controls the question of age.

OFA requirements do not apply to dogs appearing in news articles. Instructions for OFA diagnosis may be obtained for a fee, from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, 2300 E. Nifong Blvd., Columbia, Missouri 65201-3856, 573-422-0148.

Resolution— The officers and boards of directors of the Vizsla Club of America and the Conestoga Vizsla Club in cognizance of the respective responsibilities to protect the breed and foster its development, do hereby condemn crossbreeding 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 Conestoga Vizsla Club 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 which 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 who conform to the standard as recognized by the American Kennel Club, exhibit soundness, stable temperament and natural hunting ability.

Breed only those dogs who 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 which 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 or Newsletter Subscription

To the Board of Directors:

I hereby apply for membership in the Conestoga Vizsla Club, Inc., and agree to support the constitution and By-laws of the Club; to encourage high standards in breeding, training and showing Vizslas, and to promote the welfare of the Vizsla breed.

Name _____

Signature _____

Sponsor _____

Family Member's Name _____

Family Member's Signature

Address

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

E-mail _____

Membership Type

Family \$30/yr Single \$25/yr Newsletter
\$20/year

Family & single memberships include newsletter. Newsletter subscription only is NOT a voting member of the CVC.

Club year runs from January through December

Please mail to: Gail Contreras

4408 Santa Clara Court, Fairfax VA 22030

Conestoga Vizsla Club Newsletter Advertising Order

Name _____
Address _____
City, State Zip _____
Home Phone # _____ Other Phone _____
Dog's Name _____
OFA Number's) _____

Please circle which issue and placement you prefer and make a note of the deadline. No ads will be accepted after the deadline. Full payment must accompany this order. No orders will be taken over the telephone.

Placement	Cost
Front cover & inside page w/1 photo	\$40.00
Centerfold 2 full pages w/2 photos	\$35.00
Inside full page w/1 photo	\$15.00
Extra photo in full page ad	\$ 8.00
Inside full page with no photo	\$12.00
Half page w/1 photo	\$10.00
Buck-A-Brag (each announcement)	\$ 1.00

Instructions:

- Use camera-ready enclosed (e-mail , disc or paper) **OR**
- Layout an ad with the information provided
- Please use a separate order form for each ad
- All advertising orders are accepted ~ first-come-first-serve.
- Type or print all information and instructions clearly. We will NOT run your ad without OFA numbers.

In the event the placement I requested is unavailable:

- Please run the ad in another location.
- Please refund my money.
- Please hold my ad for the next issue.
- Please call me for further instructions.
- Signed



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