

CONESTOGA VIZSLA CLUB NEWSLETTER

Fourth Quarter 2016



SUCCESSFUL PET DAY!

Susie Truskey and Harper during our September event. See article, page 7.





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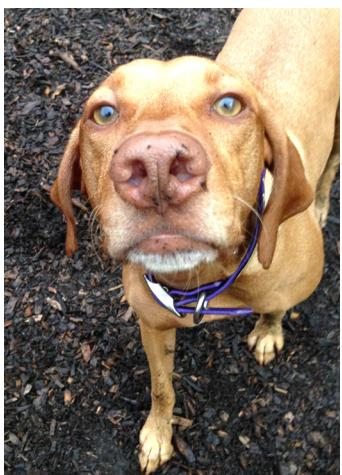
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PLEASE RENEW FOR 2017!



Annual membership dues are due by January 31, 2017 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 in 2017! Send your renewal to:

Susie Truskey
25665 Pleasant Woods Ct
Chantilly, VA 20152

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

India Cox

Hope this finds all of you gracefully preparing/prepared for the Holidays that will put a big bow on 2016 and open the door to 2017! May it be a fabulous year for you, your family and friends, and, of course, your Vizslas!

This year has been one for the record books ... of sorts! The club held:

- **Spring Field Trial** (Al Lucas chair; Terry Lucas secretary), but not a fall trial for lack of a chair/secretary
- **Spring** (Leslie Martin chair; myself secretary) **and Winter** (Leslie chair; Jane Baker secretary) **Hunting Tests**
- **Two Specialty shows and a Supported Entry show**
(The September Specialty in Millwood, VA was canceled because of the hurricane. The CVC Show Committee worked diligently to have it rescheduled December 3 at Howard County MD. Thank you Show Committee—Britt Jung, Rich Black, Yovonne Baggett-Jones, Rachel Romano Kelly, Deborah Lynn Stern)
- **A field training day** at the Lucas Farm
- Two social/educational events:

Fun Day in June (co-chaired by Leslie and Trysh Swift) and
Pet Day in September (co-chaired by Leslie and Terry Lucas).



Plus, the club:

- Supported the Vizsla Club of America's national show and its field trial
- Continued New Beginnings Vizsla Rescue – read on ...

New Beginnings Vizsla Rescue – As you will read on page 12, our rescue program, New Beginnings, is in crisis because of a dearth of volunteer foster homes, evaluators, etc. This cannot stand. Read Leslie Martin's article about her step into foster care and think how it applies to you. As Leslie stated so well in a recent email: "We need assistance with fostering, and help responding to emails, maintaining the list of adoptive families, evaluating dogs and prospective adopters, and other tasks. We have many jobs that do not involve taking a dog

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into your home. We really need your help."

Audrey Wood is the director of New Beginnings and needs our help. We will be well mentored by Debra Evalds, New Hope Vizsla Rescue. Thank you, Audrey and Debra.

A special 'thank you' to Stephanie Estes and Joye Blanscett for their years of dedication and devotion to CVC Rescue (Pat Hudson, too).

Annual Meeting Saturday, December 10, Remington, VA - Starting about 5:00 after Saturday's Hunting Test at Phelps WMA, Sumerduck, VA, we'll gather for our annual dinner/Christmas party/Raffle for Rescue and our annual meeting at The Lodge at Shady Grove, 12184 Old Grassdale Rd., Remington. The club will provide the entree, with everyone being asked to bring a side. It's always fun and festive with great food and friendship! And we raise good money for New Beginnings!

New Membership Chair - Please welcome Susie Truskey as the club's new Membership Chair. Thank you, Leslie, for your past service in this capacity. Susie and Leslie, with Terry Ann Fernando and her graphic skills, will soon be producing another CVC Membership Directory ... So make certain you get your dues for 2017 to Susie this January and that she has your correct information!

(CVC's membership year is the calendar year - January 1-December 31.) Please understand that only renewing members can use Paypal to pay their membership dues. Folks applying for membership must submit their application with their sponsor/check via the postal system.

Advertise in Your Newsletter - Club members have been doing a lot of winning in the show ring and in the field, so spend \$25 and do some bragging in the CVC Newsletter. (\$40 will get you the cover!) Terry Ann can design the ad for you, if you want. It's a great way to support your Vizsla and the club!

2017 - Here's my challenge to you ... as you read through the years' newsletters, you see that CVC is like most other organizations: 20% of the folks do 80% of the work. Let's raise CVC out of that 'common'ality. CVC is an exceptional club, so please commit to volunteering with at least one event - Fun Day, Pet Day, a show, hunting test, field trial - and make it more exceptional. Get involved with New Beginnings! Give Audrey the 'problem' of having too many volunteers! You will be delighted with the fellowship and your willingness will make a contribution to the Vizsla breed. After all, it's all about the dogs.

Give your support to the incoming CVC Board and volunteer!



VIZSLA VITALS

Terry Lucas (left) and Devon Settle at the September Pet Day event.

DETERMINING PROTOCOLS FOR VACCINES

**Devon Settle, LVT
Deputy Director, Fauquier SPCA**



This article is the first in a new recurring column. We hope you enjoy it!

There are a lot of differing opinions on vaccines and our beloved pets. Many feel we over vaccinate, while some lose a friend to a preventable disease and wish they had vaccinated. I am going to try to stay with AVMA recommendations in this article,

but I do recommend as a pet owner the first thing you should do is schedule a visit with your veterinarian and decide what is best for your pet and lifestyle. There are core vaccines that offer protection against highly contagious, life threatening infections or infections that pose a significant threat to human health.

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There are also noncore vaccines that offer protection against less serious health threats to dogs or threats that pose a regional health risk. These noncore vaccines can vary depending on environment and lifestyle.

Vaccines can prevent disease, some lessen the effects of disease, and some are used primarily to prevent shedding of the infectious agent into the environment.

Vaccines are most effective when applied to the majority of pets in a population. Vaccinations and good sanitation are without a doubt the two most important reasons why infectious disease is no longer the dominant problem it used to be in the United States. Many are concerned about vaccine reactions. All vaccines can be associated with several different types of reactions, but the overall incidence rate is very small. The risk/benefit analysis for our typical pet in all regions clearly favors vaccination over non-vaccination. Core vaccines for your dog are rabies, which is required

by law, and distemper/parvovirus/adenovirus combination vaccine. I would like to touch briefly on two noncore vaccines that I feel should be considered core in the area we live in.

The first is Leptospirosis, a zoonotic disease that can easily spread by close contact between pets and people. Lepto has been diagnosed in all types of dogs, and all breeds and sizes are at risk. Lepto carriers include raccoons, skunks, opossums, squirrels and rats. We all have seen at least one of those in our yards haven't we? The other vaccine I think our dogs should have is Lyme....Dogs get ticks around here! Lyme disease cases are increasing in numbers, and expanding geographically. Dogs have tested positive in 48 states, and exposure is greater for dogs than humans. Lyme disease can be prevented by using tick control and annual vaccines. Lyme in dogs can cause lameness, joint pain, fever, depression, kidney failure and even death.



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!

1ST ANNUAL PET DAY A SUCCESS!

Leslie Martin

CVC held its 1st annual Pet Day Saturday, September 10, to give club members and potential club members an opportunity to meet and mingle and talk Vizslas. It drew more than 40 guests that were a great mix of non-performance families and performance families. The day's program focused on pet care.

Thank you to **Al and Terry Lucas**, CVC members, who graciously opened their farm in Midland, Virginia, to the club. We also could not pull together events without volunteers. Thank you to CVC members Trysh Swift, Susan Della Penta, Susie Truskey, and India Cox.

To kick off the presentations, **Devon Settle**, from Fauquier SPCA, provided a wonderful talk on vaccinations and the importance of keeping our dogs healthy. **Barbara Hannum**, CVC member, spoke on the importance of cleaning our dogs' ears, brushing their teeth, and proper nail cutting and dremmeling techniques. Dougal was her gracious demonstration



dog. **Leslie Martin**, CVC member, brought several visual aides to demonstrate types of mental stimulation for our dogs. **Al Lucas** introduced several owners to the natural pointing ability of our breed. Dogs were introduced to pigeons to hopefully spark interest in hunt and field events!

The dogs managed a sweltering hot day with a romp in the pond. In fact, two puppies learned to swim that afternoon!!

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The club provided lunch, with Al grilling hamburgers and hot dogs (pun intended) for everyone. We had a handful of new faces, who were so excited about the event they became members on site! All told, it was a gratifying experience to see so many of our Northern Virginia-area friends

come together for the love of their red dogs. We plan to repeat this event in 2017. Ideas for a location are welcomed. Send them along to Leslie Martin: LeslieMartinCVC@gmail.com. And if you want to volunteer to help organize it, step forward!

A BUSY FALL FOR RESCUE

Joye Blanscett

Five dogs surrendered in less than 10 days. That is what has kept the CVC New Beginning Committee busy during September and October. Here is an update on a few of those dogs who have found their way to their forever home.

The first to be surrendered were Cider and Chocolate, one-year-old females (pictured at right in their new home). Unfortunately, their previous owner had a change in circumstances that forced him to surrender these beautiful and well-behaved girls to our program. We are happy to report that we could place the girls together in a forever home where they are settling in nicely. Not surprisingly, their new family is in love with them and is enjoying the energy that two young vizslas have brought to their home.



We were also able to find Diego his new forever home. Diego had been through four homes in less than five years of life before being surrendered to New Beginnings. He spent a little time in foster

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care as well as with a trainer while we worked out where the best forever home would be for him. Happily, we found him that place with a home willing to provide him with lots of exercise and structure which is all this boy needs to be an amazing life companion.

Then, there was Archer. Archer was surrendered for reportedly fighting with his lab brother. Once in foster care, Archer proved to be an easy keeper who could melt your heart with his sweetness. He gets along with everyone he meets including a wide variety of dogs and the ones he is now living with. Unfortunately, the New Beginnings Committee's suspicion that Archer may have Cushing's Disease proved

accurate. Cushing's disease can be an expensive condition to treat and lead to several health problems as the dog ages making him a difficult placement. With that in mind, Archer's foster family has decided to keep him on as a permanent member of their household.

Nothing makes the New Beginnings Committee happier than getting the amazing updates on the dogs we place: happy, well-adjusted and adored all around. We look forward to getting more of those updates on these dogs as well. Please help us be able to continue helping vizslas in need of a new beginning by volunteering to foster. See the article on page 12 for more details.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED FOSTERING?

Leslie Martin

Over the years, I certainly considered fostering, but was unsure how a foster, which I assumed would be poorly mannered, would do with my two males. I guess I just let inertia make my decision regarding fostering ... until ...

Earlier this year, you may have heard about the need for help with Diego. He was in imminent need of a foster, or the family was taking him to a shelter. His owners were simply incapable of taking care of him, and he'd worn out his welcome. I stepped up

because the idea of a Vizsla in a shelter was unfathomable to me. I contacted rescue and said I would be willing—at least temporarily—to save this dog from shelter care. I made arrangements to pick up Diego from the family and brought him home.

I made a cautious introduction to my dogs, and it went well. Diego was a push-button dog from the start. He was 5 years old, e-collar trained, already been through obedience school, and loved to bike and run off leash. It wasn't all peaches and cream as some quirks began to arise, such as some separation anxiety and problems with crating. But it was much like a puppy as they were all trainable issues. I hoped that my pack would ease the transition for him, and I think they did some.

We were able to locate a forever home for him in about a month. It was such a heart-warming experience to know I was a part

of helping Diego find a happier home and helping a family come to love their new dog.

While I had it pretty easy with Diego, my second foster is a bit more challenging. This little guy is a 6-month-old resource guarder and requires much more attention, patience, and training. However, in just three short weeks of rules, structure and exercise, he is making significant progress!

Fostering will not always be as easy as Diego, but it is well worth the reward. I think fostering helps make me a better owner and leader of my pack. And you won't be going it alone; you'll have mentors! Please consider fostering or helping with other foster support needs (home evaluations, email support, etc.) with our rescue organization—New Beginnings. The email to get in touch with them is cvcnewbeginnings@gmail.com.

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.)

CVC RESCUE IS IN CRISIS AND NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Without help, the CVC rescue program, New Beginnings, will need to shut its doors and stop helping dogs. CVC has a proud history of supporting an active rescue program. We do not want to discontinue rescue, as some other clubs have done, but we will have no choice if we do not get more help from the Vizsla community in MD, VA, and DC.

What we need:

- Support from CVC members and new volunteers from area Vizsla lovers
- Volunteers who are committed and can take on an administrative role to keep rescue running (see details below)
- Experienced Vizsla foster homes

In an ideal world, the rescue committee would have a minimum of 5 positions, but a motivated person could take on more than one role. This division of labor lessens the workload on any one person and makes the commitment manageable. We are not asking people to take on a full-time job in rescue. These positions

typically require a few hours per week, but the commitment may be more in times of crisis. Debra Evalds, who is a CVC member and runs New Hope Vizsla Rescue that handles rescue in PA/DE/NJ, is willing to act as a mentor to incoming volunteers if needed.

We have a Director - Audrey Wood - and she is looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

1) **Lead Administrator** - Handles incoming email, correspondence and calls. The job is to respond to inquiries, acknowledge receipt of correspondence/emails, and forward same to appropriate committee member. This person is the first point of contact who would also maintain records and ensure paperwork has been returned and filed as appropriate.

2) **Intake Coordinator** - Interviews owners who wish to surrender dogs. Gathers information on incoming dogs to present to board. Sets up face-to-face evaluation of incoming dogs. Contacts shelters that have Vizslas.

3) Rescue Applicant Coordinator- Maintains an adoptive-home database. Interviews applicants and sets up home visits for those who are being considered for adoption. Follows up and supports dogs when they are initially placed.

4) Volunteer Coordinator – Maintains the foster/volunteer database. This person would facilitate contact with the director, whose role, along with the CVC board, would be to determine whether to accept a dog into the program, and ultimately decide where it is placed (in conjunction with the Rescue Applicant and Intake Coordinators).

5) Social Media Manager – Sets up an active Facebook page to attract new volunteers and adopters. Maintains the present CVC New Beginnings group to update volunteers and adopters. Gets the CVC Rescue message and needs out to members and non-members alike. Recruits volunteers and applicants through social media. May expand to Twitter and Instagram, if possible.

The Director of CVC Rescue, Audrey Wood, is in charge of coordinating the above volunteers, communicating to CVC board in making decisions that require abnormal outlays of money or whether to put a dog down, and addressing any

issues that arise with dogs that are placed.

All committee members should be able to fill in for one another if need be.

We absolutely need fosters who are experienced dog homes and who have stable, non-reactive dogs, or may be no-dog homes at the present time who prefer to foster. The Committee looks to the board for leadership and participation as fosters at least occasionally.

Support from club members as volunteers is needed for CVC New Beginnings Vizsla Rescue to remain viable. Continuing on as is without significant change and support simply isn't possible, but working together, we can handle the 'normal' and the occasional 'crisis.' We need you to take action to join us in helping these dogs that come into rescue. Audrey and Debra will lead the charge and mentor you.

Join the CVC rescue team and volunteer for one of these positions. Contact Audrey at awoooddc@gmail.com. Let's help these dogs. Thank you!

THERAPY DOG TRAINING

Terry Ann Fernando

I've been wanting to train my vizsla, Zara, to be a therapy dog since she was a puppy. A typical vizsla, she's always been very friendly with strangers and loves attention. I thought that volunteering together would be enjoyable for both of us.

A therapy dog is different than a service dog. A service dog stays with their owner at all times to assist with various tasks and is allowed into places that dogs usually aren't, like restaurants, movie theaters, and airplanes. A therapy dog brings comfort and joy to a variety of people in nursing homes, hospitals, and schools. While they are allowed to go into certain locations, they don't have the same level of access as a service dog.

There are many different organizations that certify animals to do therapy work (there are also therapy cats, bunnies, ponies and other animals!). Some of these require that a dog has earned their AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification first. Zara and I earned hers this summer. But other organizations don't have specific requirements. The dog simply needs to be friendly, well-



Zara poses outside of the nursing home where we completed our certification.

behaved, and healthy. If you are interested in training your vizsla to be a therapy dog, take a look at the organizations in your area to see what they require.

I decided to take a class through a local training organization to prepare for our therapy certification. There were a mix of dog breeds and ages in the class - from a small King Charles Cavalier Spaniel to a large labradoodle - and ages ranging from seven months to nine years old. In class, we focused a lot of time on loose-leash walking and obedience commands like sit, down, and not jumping up. This may seem

basic, but a therapy dog needs to be under the owner's complete control while on a visit. They can't be yanking their owner down a hallway or jumping up on people.

The instructors had us practice "rough petting" of the dogs since patients or kids who you're visiting may not always pet the dog in a gentle way or they may be somewhat uncoordinated or have jerky movements. We also practiced hugging the dogs. Thankfully, Zara does not mind hugs. She sometimes hugs us!

We also spent a lot of time getting the dogs accustomed to crutches, a walker, and a wheelchair. Zara didn't mind the walker or the wheelchair much but she was frightened by the crutches at first! I don't think that she'd seen crutches before and she didn't like the noise they made on the floor. But after laying them down on the floor, letting her sniff them, and praising her, she was less afraid.

After the class was over, we decided to get certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD), www.therapydogs.com. This process involved three observations at a nursing home on separate days to get a feel for how the dog (and human!) respond on different days and at different times. The first observation also included a short obedience/handling component to make sure the dog was comfortable around

other dogs, could walk on a loose leash, and listened to the handler.

Once we'd passed the handling evaluation, we went inside the nursing home and visited with a group of elderly people who were watching TV. Some were sitting on couches, others were in wheelchairs. After asking them if they'd like to pet Zara, I positioned her beside them so they could reach her. Getting the dog into the proper position can be somewhat challenging. We will continue to work on a command to get her to back into place as well as stand beside a wheelchair or couch. Handlers with small dogs can hold them to be petted, but vizslas would be too heavy for that.

On the subsequent evaluations, we also walked around and visited people in their rooms. Some of them were lying in bed, so I had Zara put her front paws on the bed so they could see her. ATD does allow dogs under 50 lbs (Zara is about 48 lbs) to be placed on beds but we did not practice that during the evaluation.

Zara and I enjoyed visiting with the residents and I'm happy to report that we are now a certified therapy dog team! We are looking forward to volunteering soon.

If you'd like to read more about our experiences, please visit Zara's blog at www.onpointdesignstudio.com/zarathevizsla.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The Conestoga Vizsla Club has many exciting events planned for this fall. We hope to see you at one or more of them!

DEC 3, 2016 Specialty Show (rescheduled), Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD

DEC 10, 2016 Annual meeting/Christmas party/Raffle for Rescue, 12184 Old Grassdale Rd, Remington, VA 22734, 5:00pm. Please RSVP to Leslie Martin (LeslieMartinCVC@gmail.com) if you will be attending the Christmas party.

DEC 10-11, 2016 Fall Hunting Tests, Phelps WMA, Sumerduck, VA



ADVERTISING

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THE NEXT
CVC NEWSLETTER?**

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.

Please pay your dues before January 31, 2017 to ensure continued membership.

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

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

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Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

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, 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.



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Mark your calendar!

Dec 3: CVC Specialty Show, West Friendship, MD

Dec 10: CVC Annual Meeting/Christmas Party/Raffle for Rescue, 12184 Old Grassdale Rd, Remington, VA 22734

Dec 10-11: CVC Fall Hunting Tests, Phelps WMA,
Summertuck, VA