



# BULLETIN

A bimonthly newsletter for the members and friends of the VCOI

## CH Sienna Pointe's Kodiak Bear JH



### CH Sienna Pointe's Kodiak Bear JH is going to the Fifth Annual AKC All-Breed Invitational Dog Show, The "Eukanuba National Championship"!!!

Sienna Pointe Vizslas has had a very good year! We are very proud to announce that "Kody" is now officially known as CH Sienna Pointe's Kodiak Bear JH! He completed his bench title in January 2005. Kody has also been invited to the Fifth Annual, AKC All-Breed Invitational Dog Show, the "Eukanuba National Championship"!!!

Anasztazia, CH Jnek's King Ralph JH, CH Pirok Kannonball Run, CH Pirok Nagy Varakozas of Menny JH, and CH Sunnyside's Harbor Master were in the top 25 and also received invitations. Nancy Schmitt's CH Edenvale Playing in the Field (from Wisconsin) was another Bred-by-Exhibitor invitee!

Only 47 Vizsla dogs in the country have been invited to compete on January 14-15, 2006 in Tampa, Florida! Each year, for the past five years, the dogs ranked in the top twenty-five of their breed (by breed points only) at the end of the qualifying period (October 6, 2004 to October 11, 2005) are invited! In addition, a dog receiving an all Breed Best in Show or a dog winning Best of Breed at a parent club National Specialty is invited. Kody is one of only 22 Vizslas (and the only one from Illinois) that qualified because he completed his championship with all of his points in the Bred-by-Exhibitor Class, handled by his owner/breeder, Cathy Gallagher. Our friends and fellow vizsla members, CH Elgin's Cariad

Kody started to compete in the show ring in mid-April of 2005. He received his first point at the Fox River Valley Kennel Club show going Best of Winners in May of 2005. He also received BOW at the VCOI Specialty in July of 2005 and received a four point major! His second major and BOW placement was in January of 2006 at the Wisconsin Kennel Club show where he became a

Champion! Kody is still competing in the show ring as a special and has received numerous Best of Breed placements – no group placements, yet! He loves the show ring and especially loves his new handler, Chris Hajek!!! Maybe in 2006 we will get a group placement!



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**Bulletin Covers**

March 2006  
~JNEK – Benny

May 2006  
~Busch–Daze

July 2006  
~Open

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# Walking in a Winter Wonderland



Submitted by Michel Berner, Event Secretary

The 2005 walking trial was held under tough conditions. Temperatures in the single-to-low double digits all weekend left precious little moisture to carry scent Saturday morning. By Saturday afternoon, the much needed moisture had arrived in the form of un-needed snow. About 4 inches of it fell during the last half of Saturday, with another 2 inches overnight. Falling temps and swirling gusts throughout Sunday ensured that scenting conditions would continue to deteriorate. The snow drifts made for tough going for the handlers.

However, in spite of the coldest conditions since the event moved from the Busch farm to Ottawa, the VCOI volunteers persevered to host yet another successful event. Fifty-one dogs made the 71 total entries for the weekend. Many new owners watched and competed. Judges Rano Wells, Kent Harter, and Rodney Albin had a fine selection of dogs from which to choose. Victor Barger, Rodney Albin, Mark Spurgeon, Joe Duffek, Jeff Parise, Greg Wegler, Jim Busch, and others whom I've surely forgotten all helped the event run smoothly by bird planting, gunning and marshalling.

We tried something a little different this year, too. The trophies from the original walking trial years were the highly coveted Lane Dog trophies that we give out to the runners-up at the Futurity. In that spirit, the event committee decided to use signed, numbered, limited edition Vizsla prints as trophies, that were met with participant acclaim. Two stakes were sponsored, the Open Puppy by MIRA Vizslas and the Open Derby by Tru Vizslas.

Thank you again to everyone who watched, entered, pitched in, and toughed out the conditions.



## Amateur Gun Dog (retr.)

13 starters

Kent Harter, Rano Wells

- 1.. Shiloh Madach's Mishka, Robert Tomczak
- 2.. Withheld
- 3.. Withheld
- 4.. Strider's Red Flash JH, Victor Barger

## Open Puppy (stake sponsored by MIRA Vizslas)

18 starters

Kent Harter, Rano Wells

- 1.. Sherminator's Bouncing Boomer, Katie Sherman
- 2.. Johnston's Jumping Jack Flash JH, Terry Johnston
- 3.. Strider's Razzmatazz, Rodney Albin
- 4.. Strider's Star A Blazin', Kevin Berta

## Open Limited Gun Dog

6 starters

Rano Wells, Rodney Albin

- 1.. withheld
- 2.. Strider's Ace, Victor Barger
- 3.. withheld
- 4.. Strider's Red Flash JH, Victor Barger

## Open Derby (stake sponsored by Tru Vizslas)

24 starters

Kent Harter, Rano Wells

- 1.. Shiloh's Irish Tia Maria, Brynne Bock
- 2.. Rio Le Rouge, Jonathan Peck
- 3.. Wegler's Gypsy Gracie, Greg Wegler
- 4.. Si Cisco, Linda Busch

## Amateur Limited Gun Dog

10 starters

Kent Harter, Rodney Albin

- 1.. Fankell's Shiloh Taz, Thomas Fankell
- 2.. withheld
- 3.. CH Csillag's Day of Infamy SH, Jeff Parise
- 4.. FC AFC Cherokee's Jazzmin of Shiloh, Robert Tomczak

## Vizsla Versatility

Vizsla versatility is a well loved phrase among our community. Maybe it's the alliteration we love, but more than likely it's the idea that our dogs can do whatever they put their minds to. It's awe-inspiring, really. Sadly, as vizsla owners we sometimes find ourselves limiting our dogs and only taking advantage of one or two of their multiple intelligences. Your vizsla may be a field champion, but how do you know he's not hiding an aptitude for agility? Maybe you've cleaned up in the show ring, but your future Westminster candidate holds a secret passion for dock diving! There are countless opportunities out there for vizslas to utilize their many undiscovered talents that many vizsla owners don't know about.

Our vizslas would benefit from having more performance possibilities opened up to them, and this idea was the focus of my seminar at the most recent VCOI meeting entitled "My Vizsla Can Do That??" The presentation began with the five main areas of involvement among area vizslas: conformation, field trials, hunt tests, obedience, and agility. Our breed is unique in that so many of our dogs can successfully compete in more than one of these categories, and it would be great to see more dual, triple, quadruple, and quintuple vizslas! I briefly discussed each field, how to get involved, and

where to get more information. I then moved to several more obscure areas of dog performance and competition which could still use more vizslas: tracking, search and rescue, therapy work and guide services, flyball, flying disc, and dock diving. So many of these fields are currently dominated by retrievers and border collies, and what could be more fun than to show up on the scene and blow them all away with our astounding red dogs who have the intelligence of retrievers and the intensity of border collies?

\* If you'd like to view the presentation online, please visit the following address: <http://www.abowden.teach-nology.com/vizslaversa.ppt>

\* If you would like to purchase a CD copy of the PowerPoint presentation (a great holiday gift idea for fellow vizsla lovers, or for new puppy parents!), please send \$5.00 and a self-addressed padded envelope (large enough to fit the CD) to:

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\* If you have an interesting piece of information, a story, or a picture that you'd like to see included in future versions of the presentation, please mail it to Amy Bowden at [Penguita8@yahoo.com](mailto:Penguita8@yahoo.com)

## HOW TO MAKE A PROSPECTIVE PEDIGREE

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If you are planning a breeding, the Prospective Pedigree feature on [www.k9info.com](http://www.k9info.com) is a useful, and easy, tool to combine two known pedigrees. For purposes of fairness, we are going to use two deceased Vizslas.

Open Internet Explorer and direct to [www.k9info.com](http://www.k9info.com). In the search area, type in your prospective sire. In our case, it is CD Rebel Rouser Duke HOF. When his pedigree is shown, click where it says, "Click here for printable pdf pedigree". Write down the sires ID number, in Duke's case it is: id=vz\_sa358560. This will appear in the title bar as the URL address.

Go back to the search screen and select your prospective dam. We are using Brook's Amber Mist. You may have better results without punctuation. Select the correct dog from the result list. In our case it is DC AFC Brook's Amber Mist HOF. Also click to select the printable pdf pedigree.

You will need to combine the two addresses to make your pedigree. Amber's information from the title bar will look like this: [http://wwwk9info.com/pdfinfo.php?id=vz\\_sa360301](http://wwwk9info.com/pdfinfo.php?id=vz_sa360301)

Double click on the address between "?" and "id" to insert "dam" to make it read:  
[http://wwwk9info.com/pdfinfo.php?damid=vz\\_sa360301](http://wwwk9info.com/pdfinfo.php?damid=vz_sa360301)

Double click at the end of Amber's URL and add the word "&sire" to look like this:  
[http://wwwk9info.com/pdfinfo.php?damid=vz\\_sa360301&sire](http://wwwk9info.com/pdfinfo.php?damid=vz_sa360301&sire)

Now type in the information you have written down for Duke id=vz\_sa358560

The new address will read: [http://wwwk9info.com/pdfinfo.php?damid=vz\\_sa360301&sireid=vz\\_sa358560](http://wwwk9info.com/pdfinfo.php?damid=vz_sa360301&sireid=vz_sa358560)

Click "go" or hit "enter" - You know have a prospective pedigree to use in your breeding program



## Sienna Pointe Vizslas



Your Puppy

DC AFC Askim MH HOF OFA)  
CH Vizion's Blue Buoy CDX TD ROM (OFA-G)  
CH Polar Kaps Rosy Vizion CD (OFA-G)  
CH New Dawn's Blue Sky CD JH (OFA-G)  
CH Russet Leather War Cloud JH ROM (OFA-G)  
CH Vizion of Russett Dawn CD JH AX OAJ (OFA-G)  
CH Redfield's Sun Kist Vizion ROM (OFA-G)  
  
CH Oakleaf's Dandy Dalton SH ROM HOF (OFA-G)  
CH Rivercity's Quenton Cassidy MH ROM (OFA-E)  
CH Boelte's Branta of Rivercity (OFA-G)  
Sunnyside Dawns Charisma JH (OFA-E)  
CH Vizion's Blue Buoy CDX TD ROM (OFA-G)  
CH Vizion's Dawn at Sunnyside (OFA-G)  
CH Vizion's Karmel Kizz ROM (OFA-G)



**Cathy Gallagher and Ginger Tierney are proud to announce a repeat breeding of Kiira & Sky! Pups will be expected late winter / early spring. If you are interested in the litter, please contact Cathy Gallagher at 847.458.5886 or [siennapointe@dls.net](mailto:siennapointe@dls.net).**

# Futurity and Spring Trial



I just spoke to Rodney Albin, Futurity Secretary, and he tells me we are at 35 pups re-nominated to run in the '06 Futurity. This is shaping up to be the biggest Futurity ever. To quote Hank Rozanek father of the Midwest Futurity, "Let's keep them pups nominated!"

If you are breeding a litter soon (after Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>), your litter will be born after February 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a great birth date for the Futurity. If you nominate your litter, your pups will be two full years old when the Futurity runs in March of '08. Generally, the older pups do better in the Futurity. Of course, this is not cast in stone. Raany was born in Dec. and was only 14 months old when he won. You may think it is necessary to have a horse to

succeed at the Futurity... not true. Tony Ordenez won with Riley while handling on foot. R.A. Haack also won handling on foot. He was 70 years old and it was 40 below zero wind-chill that day. If he could do it, you can do it. Contact Rodney Albin for more information at 636-366-9746.

The plans for our spring trial (March 3<sup>rd</sup>-Futurity, March 4 & 5 -Trial) are well along. We plan on having four senior judges and eight junior judges. The senior judges will each judge one event per day. They will be paired with a junior judge who will only judge one stake at the trial. We will not have to take a lunch break because there will be a judging change. This will enable us to handle 8 to 10 additional braces. Also, no judge will have to stay in the saddle all day.

The trials for the last season have generally had large puppy and derby stakes and small gun dog stakes. The large Futurity indicates that our Derbies will be large (20+). The Puppies should be large also. I have talked to John Reid and he plans on being at the Illinois trial. We probably won't be conflicting with any other vizsla trials. All this adds up to our spring trial having huge entries. Watch the internet. The day our trial is approved, get your entries in. Contrary to the practice of many field trial secretaries, I do accept phone entries. My number will be listed on the AKC web site and on the premium. You field trailers who are just starting – do not wait for an entry form (premium) to arrive in your mailbox. You may not be on the necessary mailing list. An entry may not arrive. Use the AKC web site ([www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)) and then telephone to get your spot in the trial. Some field trials go begging for entries. The Illinois trials are always well attended. We do our very best to get everyone into the trial. Sometimes the committee members pull some of their own entries to allow others to run their dogs. You cannot count on this. Two things are critical:

- 1) Get your properly filled out entries and check for the correct amount to send to the secretary ASAP.
- 2) If your plans change, tell the secretary immediately. Do not wait until the closing date to scratch your entries.

If you need more information, feel free to call Jim Busch at 815-335-7673. If you want to offer your help, call Jim Busch.

- submitted by Jim Busch

Letter from the Editor—

Wow! I could not believe that the time came to put together this newsletter! This time of the year seems to fly by so quickly, before we know it, 2006 will be here!. Each day I put out more Christmas decorations in preparation for Baby E's first. I am anxiously awaiting our holiday party and awards banquet. Dan and I will both be there for an evening of fun with our Vizsla friends. :)

On the home front—I am still unpacking! I think that this is a lifelong process! We have been in our new house for almost three months and lets just say it still needs help!

Tru has gone to bird dog school with Randy Boggs. He left after his final Derby run at the VCOI walking trial. With lots of hope we will be running him as a broke Gun Dog next year. Poor Desi is trying to adjust to life as an only dog, but she misses Tru terribly. Her next big event is the Christmas Cluster dog show. I will be ringside with Baby E cheering her on!

Life with Vizslas is the best!

- jodi & desi (the diva who is missing tru)



# VCOI President's Message – December 2005

Happy Holidays!!! I hope that you are all enjoying the season with family and your loving Vizslas, and, of course, your other Vizsla friends and VCOI members, attending performance events and socializing!!!

The snow seems a bit early, but I thought it was a welcome change to muddy paws! Every season has its challenges for us dog owners! Here are some tips for the winter, since the cold weather brings special care requirements for our pets:

The place for your pets in cold weather is indoors where they have shelter from cold temperatures, drifting snow, and ice, preferably the human bed, under the covers! ☺ When venturing outside with your Vizslas, in snowy or icy weather, be sure to check its paws for cuts or ice balls. After walking on pavement treated with salt or chemical snow removers, wipe your pet's paws with a damp cloth. I know Jim Busch will get a kick out of this one, but one of my puppy families in California invested in "Mutluks" – boots that protect the dog from the elements, or just help them from sliding on the hardwood floors!!! ☺

**Treating Frostbite...** Cover chilled pets with blankets and allow them to regain normal body temperature gradually. Warm water baths – not hot baths – are another good way to gradually warm a chilled pet. Don't use electric blankets or heating pads as they can burn your pet's skin. If your pet is severely chilled or unresponsive, take him to your veterinarian immediately.

**Other Winter Concerns...** Antifreeze (containing ethylene glycol) poses a special danger to pets in winter. Both dogs and cats are attracted by the sweet taste, and mere teaspoonfuls can cause kidney damage or death. Treatment within two to four hours can save some pets.

**Have you seen our new 2006 Vizsla Calendars???** They are beautiful! Thank you to Gina Ordonez (Contest), Amy Bowden (Layout and design), Lisa Starbuck (Contest and Sales/Distribution) and Jodi Cieslak (All around support!!!!)!!! The calendars are now available through Lisa Starbuck (via e-mail) at [LMStarbuck@comcast.net](mailto:LMStarbuck@comcast.net). You can also pick them up

at the Winter events, including the Christmas Cluster of dog shows in Wheaton/Rosemont and our January Awards Banquet (if you want to wait that long!). They are selling fast!!!

**Winter Fun!** We have many events that continue during the Winter months! There are numerous indoor agility trials in our area, as well as Obedience and Show opportunities!!! You can go on to the AKC website for a complete listing of events. Local training clubs also offer classes throughout the winter to keep those smart Vizslas mentally stimulated and channel that energy in positive ways! The VCOI list is a great way to share information about good training clubs! I am particularly proud of Northwest Obedience Club in Cary, Illinois. VCOI member, Tim Dyer is the current president of the NOCI and is doing a fantastic job of managing an ever-growing membership and set of training offerings! This Club offers a range of training times and ability levels of classes for obedience, agility and flyball. NOCI also has drop-in conformation classes on Thursday nights at 8:30PM, taught by none other than our VCOI member, Cheryl Peterson. You can visit their website at [www.northwestobediencelub.org](http://www.northwestobediencelub.org) for more information. Please share other great training facilities that you have experienced via the VCOI list! Jodi Cieslak is also looking for great articles, so if you would like to volunteer to do some research and help to create a short article summarizing great training sites, send them to me, and I will write the article (perhaps with Amy Bowden's help???) ☺ ). My e-mail is [sien-napointe@dls.net](mailto:sien-napointe@dls.net).

Have a great Winter!!! And thank you all for a wonderful 2005!!! Remember our Awards Banquet, January 21<sup>st</sup> at Marlowe's Restaurant in Palatine!!!

♦ Cathy Gallagher



2006

# VCOI Holiday Party & Awards Banquet

Saturday January 21, 2006






**New Location!**

**Marlowe's Restaurant**

Regency Plaza, NE Corner of Euclid Ave & Quentin Rd  
Palatine, Illinois 847.991.7540

*Evening's Festivities Commence @ 6:00pm - Dinner Served @ 7:00pm - Cash Bar Available*

## *Entrée Choices:*

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-  **Roast Pork Tenderloin** - Slowly Roasted, Served with Chef's Potatoes, Portobello and Shitake Mushroom Wine Sauce and Fresh Vegetable
-  **Chicken Piccata** - Boneless Breast of Chicken Sautéed in Garlic Butter with Capers and Lemon Wine Sauce, Served with Marlowe's Rice and Fresh Vegetable

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## *Reservation Form*

*Guest Name*

*Entrée Selection*

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***Total Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$24 per person)***

*Please make your check payable to the VCOI and mail it and this reservation form by WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2006 to:*

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www.vizslclubofillinois.org - Events/Awards Banquet***

## VCOI Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/16/2005

Location: Jimmy's Charhouse

**Call to Order**—7:12p.m. by Cathy Gallagher

**Board of Directors Report**—None

**Presidents Report**—Cathy stated that she would like to start a program where members are rewarded for signing up new members. Also don't forget to get your plaque and title information to Cheryl Peterson by the deadline and don't forget to RSVP to Cheryl Lykowski for the awards banquet dinner.

**Secretary's Report**—No Report, Michel Berner was not in attendance.

**Treasurer Report**—Cheryl Lykowski reported that we have a favorable balance. She also wanted it noted that the Jagmiatkowski's made a \$50 donation to the club. We also have a new bank account that was set up and she is working on getting everything transferred over.

**Website Report**—None

**Bulletin Report**—Jodi Cieslak reminded everyone to submit their brags and articles in a timely manner.

**Awards Banquet**—Cheryl Lykowski stated that there was a reservation form in the November bulletin and also online. She also asked that the reservation form be reprinted in the January newsletter as a reminder. Please remember to get your RSVP's in!

**Supported Entry**—No Report

**Chicagoland Sports Show**—Dennis Nowak informed us that it is the same weekend as our

Awards Banquet. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jeff Englesman.

**February Hunt Test**—The Nowaks are running this event, Patti as secretary and Dennis as chairman. They currently have one judge. Jodi Cieslak volunteered to help Patti secretary and Tom Greckowitz volunteered to help Dennis chair.

**MVFF Report**—Jim Busch spoke on behalf of Rodney Albin who was not in attendance. He stated that the MVFF is a derby event that runs the Friday before the March field trial. It is a newly recognized American Field event. This is going to be a huge Futurity. For 2007 we already have 6 litters nominated.

**March Field Trial**—Jim Busch is chairman and already has four judges lined up and 8 junior judges paired up. He also has his committee selected and will be having a meeting in the near future. See article in bulletin for the rest of the details.

**FTCI**—No Report

**Ottawa / WAFTC**—No Report

**VCOI Calendar**—At the meeting, we were lucky to be able to preview a copy that the printer sent for approval. This year the calendars will cost \$16 hand delivered (see Lisa Starbuck for Jodi Cieslak) and \$20 shipped priority mail. Or you can get 3 for \$50 shipped. Amy Bowden handled the layout and Lisa Starbuck is in charge of sales.

**June Training Day**—Mark Spurgeon is going to run this event again.

**June Hunt Test**—No Report

**Specialty Show**—No Report

**Double Bubble**—Jodi Cieslak designed a flyer for the 2006 Double Bubble to be put up on the web-

site. She let the members know that she would be happy to print them out and send them to breeders who would like to include them in their puppy packets.

**Labor Day Hunt Test**—No Report

**Fall Field Trial**—No Report

**December Field Trial**—Jim Busch spoke on behalf of Michel Berner who was not in attendance. At that point there were 89 entries with 26 derby dogs and 20+ puppies. For next years trial we will not limit entries and possible move to running two courses simultaneously.

**Nominating Committee Report**—Article can be found elsewhere in the bulletin.

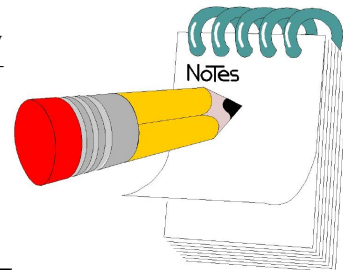
**Brag**—Can be found on the next page.

**Approval of Minutes**—Jeff Parise asked that it be noted that he is not the secretary of the field trial as stated last meeting. Lisa Starbuck motioned to approve, Dennis Nowak seconded.

**Adjourn**—Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm, was motioned by Brad LePoudre and seconded by Linda Busch.

After the meeting was over, we were given the opportunity to listen to Amy Bowden's presentation on our Versatile Vizslas. She had a great Power Point presentation that everyone enjoyed. Thanks Amy!

Respectfully submitted—  
Jodi Cieslak



## Officers and Board Slate for 2006

Linda Busch, Greg Hedien, and Kim Barker of the nominating committee presented the committee's slate of new officers and board members at the November meeting.

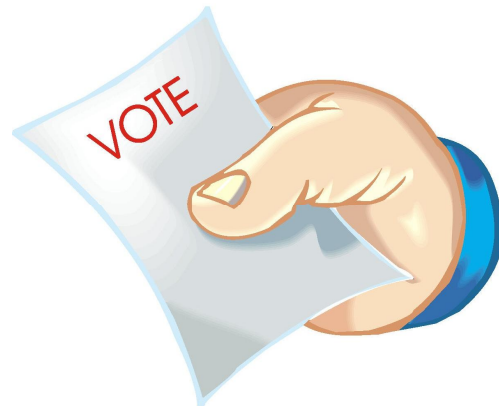
To be considered for election are:  
Cathy Gallagher — President (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Dennis Nowak — Vice President  
Jodi Cieslak — Secretary  
Cheryl Lykowski — Treasurer

New Board members (two year term):  
Mark Spurgeon – Michel Berner – Jeff Parise

Remaining Board members for one more year (no voting required):  
Pam Spurgeon -Rodney Albin - Victor Barger

All the people whose names have been submitted bring a variety of experience and talent to the club.

- submitted by Linda Busch.



## VCOI BRAGS ON THE DOGS WE LOVE!

Jeff Parise announced that he is a Dad! His new puppy was born and will be coming home in a few short weeks!

CH. Nordic's Hot Digits Dawg, JH, NA, NAP, NAJ, NJP, U-AG2, CGC - "Dillon" qualified on each run at the recent WAG Agility Trial November 19-20 with 3-100 scores and a 95. He also qualified in two UKC trials for his championship. Nordic Vizslas wish everyone a happy holiday season. - submitted by Cheryl Peterson

"Cleo" - FC Berry's Diamond Lk Cleopatra SH, finished her FC at the Michigan Trail in September. She's still hard at work trying to get her AFC, she only needs 1 point! -submitted by Greg Hedien

November was a busy month for my Vicky who is now Priden Joy Twilight Victoria CD RA NA NAJ NAC. She finished up her AKC Rally Advanced title on November 5th at the Glenbard obedience trial. In agility, she picked up 2 NAJ legs & 1 NA leg with a 3rd place at the WAG trials on 11/19 & 20. She finished up both her AKC novice titles at the Illiana Collie Fanciers trial 11/25-27 with 2 more 3rd place NA legs for her title & a 4th place for her last NAJ leg. I think she's finally getting the whole "agility is a TEAM sport" thing. I'm very proud of her! -submitted by Amy Wukotich

Becker finished his NA title with a second place finish at the Great Lakes Belgian Tervuren club trial in Merrillville, IN on Sunday, November 27. He finished the course in almost half the time allotted (SCT was 64 seconds, Becker's time was 34 seconds). He will hopefully finish the NAJ title on New Year's Eve weekend, which would mean that he has earned all his NADAC and AKC novice titles (including the preferred levels) within his first calendar year of competing...and that's even on a limited showing schedule! -submitted by Amy Bowden.

On November 5 and 6, a couple of the Heartsong puppies attended the hunt tests in Munfordville, KY put on by the Weimaraner Club of Greater Louisville. On Saturday, Ch Heartsong First Edition (Nickel) owned by Ann and Ken Craig and Jan Cox qualified for his first leg towards his Junior Hunter title, handled by Mark Davidson. On Sunday Mark's dog Spirit, Heartsong Prairie Spirit, qualified for her first leg towards her Junior Hunter title. She is co-owned with Jan Cox and handled by Mark. These puppies were sired by Ch Valleyhunter Limited Edition, SH (Cash) x BISS Ch Prairie Heartsong (Song). Their owners are having a great time with them in the field and the show ring and we appreciate all their efforts and endeavors with them. -submitted by Jan Cox

## Wrapping presents with your dogs....

1. Gather presents, boxes, paper, etc. in middle of living room floor
2. Get tape back from puppy.
3. Remove scissors from older dog's mouth
4. Open Box.
5. Take puppy out of box.
6. Remove tape from older dogs' mouth
7. Take scissors away from puppy
8. Put present in box.
9. Remove present from puppy's mouth
10. Put back in box after removing puppy from box
11. Take scissors away from older dog and sit on them.
12. Remove puppy from box and put on lid.
13. Take tape away from older dog
14. Unroll paper.
15. Take puppy OFF box.
16. Cut paper being careful not to cut puppy's foot or nose that is getting in the way as he "helps".
17. Let puppy tear remaining paper.
18. Take puppy off box.
19. Wrap paper around box.
20. Remove puppy from box and take wrapping paper from its mouth
21. Tell older dog to fetch the tape so he will stop stealing it.
22. Take scissors away from puppy.
23. Take tape older dog is holding.
24. Quickly tape one spot before taking scissors from older dog and sitting on them again.
25. Fend off puppy trying to steal tape and tape another spot.
26. Take bow from older dog.
27. Go get roll of wrapping paper that puppy ran off with.
28. Take scissors from older dog who took them when you got up.
29. Give pen to older dog to hold so he stops licking your face.
30. Remove puppy from present and hurriedly slap tape on to hold the paper on.
31. Take no soggy bow from puppy and tape on since the sticky stuff no longer sticks.
32. Take pen from older dog, address tag and affix while puppy tries to eat the pen.
33. Grab present before puppy opens it and put it away.
34. Clean up mess puppy and older dog made by playing tug-of-war with the remnants of wrapping paper.
35. Put away rest of wrapping supplies and tell dogs what good helpers they are.





## 2006 VCOI EVENTS



### January

21 Awards Banquet Meeting

### February

1 Bulletin Deadline

18-19 VCOI Hunt Test

### March

3 MVFF

4-5 VCOI Field Trial

15 Membership Meeting

### April

1 Bulletin Deadline

### May

17 Membership Meeting

### June

1 Bulletin Deadline

3 VCOI Hunt Training Day

4 VCOI Hunt Test

### July

15 VCOI Specialty, Doubly  
Bubble, Membership  
Meeting

16 VCOI Double Bubble

### August

1 Bulletin Deadline

### September

4 Hunt Test

9-10 VCOI Field Trial

20 Membership Meeting

### October

1 Bulletin Deadline

### November

15 Membership Meeting

### December

1 Bulletin Deadline

2-3 VCOI Walking Field Trial

“Mr. Bear”, as we call him on occasion, is also quite a good hunter and received his JH in four straight passes in September and October of 2005!!! He is looking forward to continue to compete in the hunting venue (his favorite!).

Kody is also quite a good obedience dog and will begin Rally Obedience this winter at Northwest Obedience Club. He liked the structure, the long walks with Cathy, and, of course, the treats!!!

Thanks to many for support and assistance in helping Kody to be such a good companion and performance dog... Julie Sjullie, Dr. Meiser (and Shirley and Pat), and Larry Gallagher (who Kody loves dearly... Larry puts up with Kody's constant kisses and HUGE hugs, while monopolizing his lap and blocking the TV from football and other sporting events!).

Thank you, too, to our Webmaster, Jodi Cieslak, who has posted adorable pictures of all of the Sienna Pointe Vizslas!

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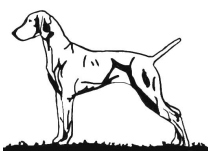
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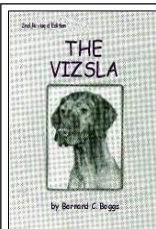
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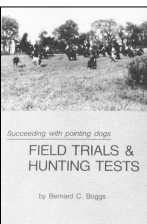
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