



Hot Off the Wire!

News and Notes from the WHVCA

Special Edition

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Szervusz (Hello) WHV Owners,

In mid-January 2008 we received our written instructions and approval into the AKC-FSS program. This opens up a number of new avenues we can pursue with our dogs, especially depending on the area of the country you are in. AKC events are considerably more plentiful than those of any other registry in North America. And the availability of those events was of utmost importance to our membership.

Eventual full AKC recognition will allow us to compete in conformation events, but at the FSS level, companion (obedience, tracking, rally, agility) and performance events (hunt tests) can be pursued. (See below for more info on the FSS process)

When considering the AKC as a kennel club, there were many passionate feelings that came up. One most strongly voiced, was the ability of AKC to be the ruination of a breed. However, AKC does not "ruin" breeds, irresponsible breeders ruin breeds.

AKC is the most widespread organization in which we can consolidate everyone with WHV into one national parent club. The WHVCA supports members with information and education and expects a lot of leadership and responsibility from its member breeders. We place high expectations on breeders for being selective and careful about the type of owners to whom they will sell dogs, for performing important health checks and field testing ability, preferably in NAVHDA.

It should also be mentioned that AKC has a strong voice in the anti breed-specific legislation and the attempts to pass mandatory spay/neuter laws. Frequently used sires must submit to DNA testing, and the AKC also is involved in genetic health testing. It is true that the breed clubs can lose some autonomy in belonging to this large parent organization, but the benefits to individual members are great. Those are all strong arguments for participation.

Please read through the following pages to find more information about the FSS process, because every WHV counts! And as always please send me or the Board any questions or comments about this process or any other item.

Nagyon szépen köszönöm,
Amanda Johnson, WHVCA President

Wirehaired Vizslas Accepted into AKC's Foundation Stock Service (FSS)

The WHVCA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that AKC's Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee has determined that our petition for the Wirehaired Vizsla has met the requirements for eligibility into the Foundation Stock Service recording program. The Wirehaired Vizsla will be coded for inclusion in the Sporting group. This is a tremendously exciting advancement for our breed but is only the first step of a process that will take a number of years before we reach full recognition.

Much careful thought and discussion went into our decision to submit an application to the FSS. The WHVCA Board of Directors made calls and spoke with everyone in the club about it before a vote was called. Our members voted with an overwhelming 86% majority in favor of seeking admission to FSS. With approval by the WVCA membership, the application was submitted last fall and we received notification of acceptance by the AKC FSS committee on the 17th of January.

We believe there are a number of important benefits to eventual AKC recognition. AKC offers everyone in the US more opportunities to participate with their dogs in a variety of events, regardless of geographic location. With eventual AKC recognition, the WHV in the US will be able to be included in the worldwide gene pool instead of remaining an isolated community. Last but not least, establishing a foundation stud book in AKC's FSS will establish a single, uniform foundation for the future of the breed in America.



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The Road to AKC Recognition

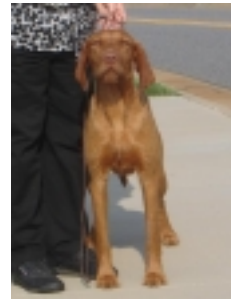
Acceptance by FSS is not full recognition by AKC, or even immediate recognition. Eventually reaching full AKC recognition is a process that will take a number of years. The process begins with building a foundation stud book by registering Wirehaired Vizslas in FSS. When a sufficient number of dogs are registered in FSS, owners will be able to participate in AKC Companion (obedience, agility, rally) and Performance (hunt tests and trials) events with their WHV and our club will be able to begin hosting events. Once there are 300-400 dogs registered, we can petition to advance to AKC's Miscellaneous class and be eligible to participate in conformation shows. After some time, typically one to three years, in the Misc. class, the breed may petition for advancement to full recognition in the Sporting group.

WHVCA submits the first packet of registrations. The first initial batch of FSS registrations will be submitted through WHVCA and are FREE. The dogs in this initial batch of registrations will be the foundation of the breed in AKC.

Application forms are available online at <http://www.akc.org/pdfs/ADFSS1.pdf>. Omit the first section, for payment information and fill the rest out completely. Attach a photocopy of your dog's NAVHDA, UKC, FDSB or, if your imported dog is not registered in North America, its FCI export pedigree and two 3 x 5 inch close-up photographs of your dog, front & side views as shown here.

The deadline to submit your dog's FSS registration application in the initial batch is *July 1, 2008* and *applications must be sent to:*

*WHVCA Secretary
9992 S. Old Highway 81
Assaria, KS 67416-8805*



After July 1, registration applications must be sent directly to AKC and must include the \$35 registration fee.

WHVCA Health Survey Coming Soon!

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey when you receive it and return it to the health committee. Information in the survey is completely confidential and will be used to identify and track any significant health issues in our breed.

WHVCA NAVHDA Tests

We are looking into the possibility of a WHVCA sponsored NAVHDA test. It would be held by a NAVHDA chapter somewhere centrally located in the US this fall. Watch for more information, but if you're interested, please contact us & let us know.

Wanted: Falconers hunting with WHV for WHVCA Falconry Meets!

WHVCA Encourages WHV Entries at UKC Shows

WHVCA encourages Wirehaired Vizsla entries at UKC shows around the country. To encourage everyone interested in showing their WHVs, WHVCA is offering special prizes at different shows around the country. Special prizes will be awarded for the top winners and every dog entered gets a toy!

The first WHVCA special trophies will be for WHVs winners of show 2, May 17, at the Mid-Georgia Kennel Club All-Breed shows May 16-18 in Perry, GA.

In addition, WHVCA will hold a Fun Match in Perry, after show 2 on the 17th, open to any & all WHVs -- puppies, veterans, hunters and altered (spayed/neutered) dogs! We'll have regular and fun match classes with fun prizes for all and then all go out for a no-host dinner & awards.

Watch the website & newsletter for more shows with special WHVCA trophies to be awarded!



Wirehaired Vizsla Club of America (WHVCA) Application Form

Membership Period: one year from January – December. New membership one-half after September 1.

Send completed application form and payment to:
Amanda Johnson, 7525 W. Mexico Drive, Lakewood, CO, 80232
Make checks payable to WHVCA

Renewal ___ New ___ Change of Address ___ Single (\$35) ___ Family (\$50) ___ Junior (\$17.50) ___ (under 18 years of age)	
Mr. ___ Ms ___ Mrs. ___ Last Name _____	First Name _____
Mr. ___ Ms ___ Mrs. ___ Last Name _____	First Name _____
Occupation (optional) _____	
Street Address _____	Apartment/Unit _____
City _____	State _____ Zip _____ - _____
Home Telephone (optional) (_____) _____ - _____	Mobile Telephone (optional) (_____) _____ - _____
E-mail (print clearly) _____	
Your e-mail address is required in order to receive updates on WHVCA events.	
<p>The club may post members' names, home addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers on a password protected, members only club website.</p> <p>Check box if you DO NOT want your e-mail address posted: Check box if you DO NOT want your phone number posted:</p>	

Please indicate information about any of the Wirehaired Vizsla(s) you own

Call Name of WHV	Sex	Date Whelped	Registered Name	Registration Number (NAVADA, FCI, FDSB, UKC)

What are your dog-related interests?

Hunting _____	Field Trial _____	NAVHDA Testing _____
Obedience _____	Agility _____	Tracking _____
Breeding _____	Therapy Dog _____	Confirmation _____
I am currently the following:		
Judge _____	Breeder _____	Exhibitor _____
Do you have a kennel name? _____	If so, what is the kennel name _____	
New to breed and need to learn more _____		
Other _____		

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Please check those items in which you are willing to help.

Field Events _____ Confirmation _____ Performance _____
Rescue _____ Web site _____ Board of Directors _____ Social Events _____
Other Committees _____

Other information

Have you ever been denied membership or suspended by the American Kennel Club or a breed club? (If yes, please explain below or on separate statement)

Rules for Applying for Membership

- Send your completed application form and payment to: Amanda Johnson, 7525 W. Mexico Drive, Lakewood, CO, 80232. Please make checks payable to WHVCA.
- The membership Period is for one year from January – December. Dues shall be payable on or before the first of January of each year. After 30 days, a 20% late fee will be applied. Membership will lapse after 60 days and individuals must re-apply for membership.
- For applications accepted after September 1st, dues shall be 1/2 of the stated amounts.
- No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year.
- During the month of October, the Treasurer will send you a statement of dues for the ensuing year.

Assumption of Risk and Liability Waiver

Some WHVCA events by their very nature are inherently dangerous and involve some degree of risk. I am aware that participating in the Wirehaired Vizsla Club of America’s events may expose me to certain risks and dangers including, but not limited to the hazards of mountainous, aquatic, or wilderness terrain, accident, illness, the forces of nature, and travel to and from the trailhead or point of departure. I am aware that it is not possible to foresee all of the potential hazards of WHVCA activities. Each participant in a WHVCA activity is responsible for his or her decisions.

To the best of my knowledge, I feel physically and mentally able to assume full participation in the outings of activities in which I will participate. I understand that the Wirehaired Vizsla Club of America is a volunteer organization. In consideration of voluntarily participating in these events or activities, I have and do hereby assume all the risks inherent in these activities and hold harmless the Wirehaired Vizsla Club of America and its agents, tour leaders, officers, and instructors, from and against any and all claims, liability, and demands of any nature, for the acts or omissions of the Wirehaired Vizsla Club of America or its agents, leaders, officers, or instructors.

I have read the WHVCA constitution, WHVCA by-laws, and WHVCA Code of Ethics and agree to abide by them.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE WHVCA.

Each member and each household member must sign the WHVCA Liability Waiver. A parent or guardian must sign the form for members under 18 years of age.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Parent/Guardian)