



Hot Off the Wire!

News and Notes from the WHVCA

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Szervusz WHVCA Members,

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, 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.



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.

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.

**Lone Star WHV Quail Hunt
A Fun Hunt for WHV in central TX
later in the Spring
Watch for more information
coming soon!**

2007 Upland Hunting Season

Here at the Johnson house hunting season starts early. This summer, Ada and QP waited out a squirrel in the back yard, tore him off the fence and between the two of them, dispatched him. We had some minor cuts and bites but both were fine, now even more determined to catch another one!

The true upland season opened with early Ducks (8) and Mountain Sharp-tail Grouse (2). This year Bryan went up for an early pheasant (30) season in WY. It is an excellent opportunity for the young dogs, as the D.O.W. releases pen raised birds.



Bryan and Ada with just a few of their season's total pheasant harvest.

Bird hunting took a break for Elk (1) season in mid-October. Bryan got a nice 5x5 this year, and we have a freezer full of him.

Excitement continued with a week-long trip to North Dakota for pheasant, Plains Sharp-tail (2), and Hungarian partridge (2) in November. Almost every weekend the rest of the season was spent in KS or CO for some poor bird. A few CO and KS Quail (6) here, and Sage Grouse (1) there.

Along the way, Ada kicked up a Jack Rabbit (1), chased it down and brought it back. She sure is fast and was very tired when she finally got back. Darn Dog! [*Don't forget, the WHV is a versatile hunter!* -- Editor] Bryan says his totals aren't bad for giving up his wife's birthday, missing a visit by the in-laws (all the way down from AK), missing his favorite Thanksgiving dinner at mom's, and a whole lot of money spent.

As this goes off to print, Bryan has one more weekend in KS before the season is over. The dogs are anxious to go out one more time. And well, the wife is just glad it's almost over and nearly time to start training again. (Totals for the season are in the parentheses)

Happy New Year,
Bryan, Amanda, QP, and Ada Johnson



What we bagged, total harvest & location

Ducks--8 in KS, CO; Pheasant--30 in ND, WY, CO, KS
Sage Grouse--1 in CO; Mountain Sharp tail Grouse--4 in CO; Plains Sharp tail--2 in ND; Hungairin Partridge--2 in ND; Quail--6 in CO, KS

Thanks to New Charter Members!

Carolyn Knobelspies, Chip & Michelle Packard,
Tim Kloer and Nancy Edmunds

Congratulations!

Lindy Gash married Brett Walsh this fall and they upgraded to a Family membership. Best wishes for many happy years together, Brett & Lindy (and WHV, Meg., too!)



Speaking of Meg, she was seen kickin' back after her long day in the fields of ID running her NAVHDA NA test!

NAVHDA News



NAVHDA has been registering Wirehaired Vizslas since 1986. In January 2008, NAVHDA issued registration #WV-000500! Looking back five years ago, in 2003 registrations had reached 181. As of

August '07, a total of 49 litters had been registered since the breed was recognized by NAVHDA. There are approximately 70 owners in the U.S. and Canada who are, or have been, members of NAVHDA.

Chapter training days will be starting up in Feb. - March as the hunting season closes around the country and chapters are getting their 2008 tests scheduled. If you plan on testing your dog, make sure to plan ahead and get your entry in as early as possible because those tests do fill up quickly!

http://www.navhda.us/TestSked/ListUpcoming.asp?W_MODE=DATE

WHVCA Gear

WHVCA stickers are 4" and look great on vehicles, windows, crates or dog boxes, anywhere you want to show your support.



New for 2008! FREE STICKER with every paid membership! Order extra stickers for \$8 each, price includes postage & handling and *proceeds benefit the club*. Send your order and check, payable to WHVCA, to:

Robert Humphrey, WHVCA Treasurer
7709 Delhi Rd.
Woodway, TX 76712



WHVCA Caps

Robert also had some WHVCA caps made up and has a limited number available for only \$15. These are high quality, embroidered caps you'll wear proudly. Featuring a pointing WHV and our club's name, it even has our website address in the back! For ordering information, give Robert a call 254-776-4281

WHVCA Shop at Zazzle.com



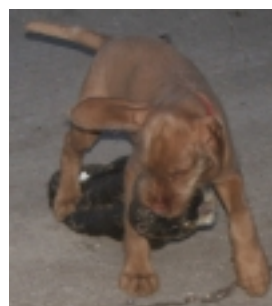
See all the WHVCA items on our website <http://www.whvca.us/WHVCAShop.html>

We have many items available, from coffee mugs and keychains to T-shirts and totebags. You can get a WHVCA bumper sticker and even first class postage stamps with the club's logo! We have long and short-sleeved T-shirts and one of them is set up so you can personalize it with your own dog's picture on the front. There's a T-shirt to promote WHVCA Rescue and others just for fun. The club earns a percentage of every purchase.

Recommended Toy of the Month

WHV of all ages will go nuts for "Road Kill" toys from Helping Udders.com!! **WHVCA Rescue earns 10-50% on every purchase you make.**

<http://www.helpingudders.com/skunk.htm>



The Wirehaired Vizsla in France by Nathalie Parent

Part II

ACTUAL ORGANISATION OF THE BREED -- The French Vizsla Club

The two vizsla breeds are under the French club : VIZSLA CLUB DE FRANCE. We're only authorised by the SCC (our Kennel Club) to have one Club

Any dog in France cannot be bred without what we name « Confirmation ». That means that after one year of age, the dog should be presented to a qualified judge which gives the definitive Pedigree which is like a breeding agreement. That means we can't breed with a dog which is not close to the conformation standard, or which has temperament problem that can be seen by judging.

The recommendation for the club to breed a dog are :

TAN : natural ability Hunting test (the dog have to hunt, point firmly a bird and don't be afraid of a fire shot), we just test the hunting ability without regarding the quality of the training.

Conformation test : the dog have to be qualified « Excellent » in a regional or the national specialty show, or to get two excellent with two different judges in spécial vizsla show.

Genetic disease Test : The dog as to best test for Hip Dysplasia, and have to be A or B (without HD) to be bred. Since a few years he'll have too to be test for eye disease (cataract, PRA, glaucoma...)

With that the dog is coted 3 points on a scale or 6

1 point : Confirmation, you may breed

2 point : Confirmation + TAN

3 points : Confirmation + TAN + HD

4 points : 3 points + Eyes + Field trial qualification + Exc1,2 or 3 in two show included our club match pr French championship

5 points : 1 to 3 points + Hunting & conformation test of the dog pups

6 points : 4 Points + Hunting & conformation Test of the dog pups

So each litter is quoted from 2 to 12, with the score of each parents

The Working test

We have got a lot of hunting tests, and we are proud that the result of the wirehaired are important compare to the number of dogs... each year we have some dogs qualified in all breed stakes, which is a great challenge for us.

We have Field trials specifically for our breeds (about 2 each year in spring and 4 in autumn), and all-breed stake where most of the dogs are trained and handled by a professional.

In special Vizsla field-trial there are about 10 to 15 dogs in the south of France, sometimes 40 in the north.

In all breed Field-trial you may find 300 dogs only for the continental pointing dogs, dispatched in stake of 12 dogs... It's difficult for a wirehaired to get qualification there but we've got some champion in all breed competitions!

A dog can be qualified :

TRIALER (Tr) ; That mean that he has been qualified two time « Excellent » in a field-trial with release game or « Very Good » on natural game. One minimum of this qualification should be in all-breed field-trial.

Each year we have got a breed field-trial champion (CHFT) and to be all breed champion (CHA) you have to win 4 time for a dog and 3 time for a beach a CACT , but you can only get one in special club field-trial.

To be field-trial champion we need to a conformation test : the dog as to be qualified « Very Good » in show, we need too a deep water retrieve and the hip and eyes tests.

The Conformation show

We have got regional special show, 3 or 4 each year in the country.

In those manifestation we have got two test : conformation test where the dog is getting a conformation qualification, and the hunting abilities test name TAN.

So you can get two points in one day !

There's about 50 vizsla in the north of France in those show, and as you're going to the south the number of dogs is decreasing.

We have got our national spécial show, where you can get the CAC to be show champion. We found about 100 vizsla, in which there are 20 to 30 wirehaired each year.

The most important of those show in the French championship show for all breed, where you can to get a CAC to be show champion.

Then we have got the all breed show, and each region has got one special vizsla show in those manifestation.

We don't have only show champion, that means to be CHCS (French conformity show champion) you need to win :

- CACS of the National club match or of the french championship show
- One CACS in an international show where the CACIB is in competition
- One CACS in a national show
- One of those two CACS must to be win in a show which is qualified « special vizsla »
- Very Good » in a field-trial
- HD + Eyes test

The CACS must be win with 2 differents judges

The delay between all those things can't exceed 2 years

To be international show champion we need:

- Two CACIB in two different contry
- A good in field –trial
- In more than one year.

Nathalie's article will be concluded in the next issue of *HOT OFF THE WIRE!*

Part III -- French Production, Kennels and Overview



One of Nathalie's dogs, FLINT

FLINT Z LASOW JURASKYCH dit NOGO

CHSK Betyar z Malookocskej / Ykra Selle

Né le 19.08.2003 chez Dariusz KAROLCZYK (Pologne)

Indemne de Tares Oculaires - Dysplasie A - Coté 3 points

En Travail

JSS obtenu en Slovaquie en 2006 (BICP) avec 232 Points

En Beauté

Champion Jeune de République Slovaque

Champion International de Beauté en cours d'homologation

CACIB CACS Expositions spéciale de Race de Amiens 2007

RCACIB CACS Championnat de France - Montluçon 2007



Wirehaired Vizsla Club of America

2008 Membership Dues Remittance

Please return this page with your remittance.

Remit payment by Check or Money Order, US funds, payable to **WHVCA**.

Send to: **WHVCA Membership**
7709 Delhi Rd
Woodway, Texas 76712

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Country (Int.) _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please mark membership requested:

Single (\$35) _____ Family (\$50) _____

Junior (\$17.50) _____ International (\$35) _____

2008 Dues for membership \$ _____

Donation to Rescue \$ _____

Total Amount Remitted: \$ _____

I want to help. Contact me about WHVCA volunteer opportunities! _____



Members' Brags & Wags

CONGRATULATIONS to WHVCA members whose dogs finished in UKC's Top Ten Wirehaired Vizslas in 2007!!!

Dogs earn Top Ten points based on the number of others they compete against for Best of Breed (BOB) wins.

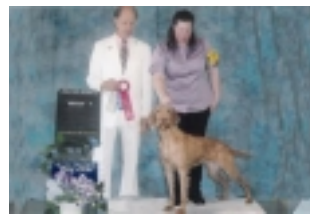
#1 CH Vidor's Aura	Carolyn de Fiore and Lisa Stumpf	20 pts.
#2 CH Vizcaya's Keegan O'Reiley	Nancy Edmunds and Melissa Joyner	17
#3 CH Konza Vadasz Hunter County, NA II	Bryan and Amanda Johnson	10
#5 CH Konza Vadasz Johnny Jump Up	Michelle Packard	6
#7 CH Vizland's Vizcaya Remy Red	Nancy Edmunds	4
#8 CH Thorn Hill's Hun, NA II	Deb Wall	3
#9 CH Quodian's Quasar, NA III, CGC, TDInc.	Deb Wall	2



CH Vidor's Aura



CH Vizcaya's Keegan O'Reiley



CH Konza Vadasz Hunter County, NA II



CH Konza Vadasz Johnny Jump Up



CH Vizland's Vizcaya Remy Red



CH Thorn Hill's Hun, NA II



CH Quodian's Quasar, NA III, CGC, TDInc.

Litter Announcement



Congratulations to Vidor Vizslas' newest arrivals! 5 males, 1 female, born on Jan. 11th, 2008

Dam: Galoppozo Apolka "Lenke" (Hungary) HD-B, Breeding license in Hungary

Sire: Furdohazi Talpas (Hungary) HD-A, Breeding license in Hungary

Lenke was imported after being bred in Hungary.

MICROCHIPPING & CERF CLINICS

The Mastiff Club of Colorado and the Schipperke Club of the West would like to invite you to participate in their Eye CERF and Microchip Clinics at the **High Plains Kennel Club UKC Dog Show in Aurora, CO Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, March 8, 2008 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Eye CERF \$25.00 Microchipping \$25 day of show/\$20 pre-registration before March 8

Please bring your registration papers for your dog.

If your dog(s) already microchipped, you'll also need to bring the chip # for the CERF clinic.

They would appreciate you scheduling your CERF exam in advance. Contact:

Karen Minton schipplr@plains.net