

CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB, INC.

WINTER JANUARY 2014
VIZSLA TALES

■ **CVVC CALENDAR CONTEST**

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■ **SHOWSTOPPERS**

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-  2014 CVVC CALENDAR
CONTEST
-  NEW VIZSLA LITTER...
-  SHOWSTOPPERS!!!
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! First I want to thank all who made our 2013 events so successful, from those who spent time and energy to put the events together to those who supported those events by attending them.

2013 saw the publication of the first CVVC calendar. Thanks to all who sent photos to the Calendar contest and the committee that judged the them. Not to mention--congratulations to those who won! (This calendar is available for purchase at the CVVC web site.) Now it's time to start taking new photos of your favorite vizslas so you can enter the 2014 contest that will be opening in March. Check the newsletter for further information.

CVVC is looking forward to an exciting 2014. February will bring the very first Winter Garden Specialty ever. Joan has been working hard to coordinate with the other clubs involved in putting together this show that promises to be an exciting weekend leading up to Westminster. Watch for parties, raffles, and, of course, an exciting Dog Show!!!

For those of you who have never attended a dog show, with Westminster on TV February 10th and 11th, this is a perfect time to brush up on what those shows are all about. Be sure to read the first installment of our Confirmation Show series. It explains a lot about what you see and what you might hear ringside--might even make you want to attend one yourself!

There are now several ways for you to keep up with CVVC events--you can read the newsletter, look at our web site (ctvalleyvizslacub.org), or check the CVVC Facebook page and don't forget your emailed copy of the CVVC directory - we have officially entered the age of technology! Watch for meetings, fun days, and other doggy-centered happenings.

Hope to see you at a meeting or an event--

Linda



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Please join us...

The Vizsla Club of Long Island and The Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club,
part of the **"Winter Garden Specialties"**

Saturday February 8, 2014 and Sunday February 9, 2014

now open for entries at: www.RauDogShows.com

Entries close on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 @ 12:00 noon



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David Margolin



IT'S SHOW TIME PART 1

BY JOAN TOEPKE

The New Year is here! Perhaps you were thinking about entering your beautiful Vizsla in Conformation, but, didn't know where to begin. Just imagine how wonderful it would be to have that "CH" in front of "Little Red Rico Suave's" name?

With some basics that I am about to give you in a 2 part article, and a little help from your friends, you can be well on your way to the very exciting world of Conformation. If I can do it,

you can do it! It will also be a wonderful bonding and training experience for you and Rico.

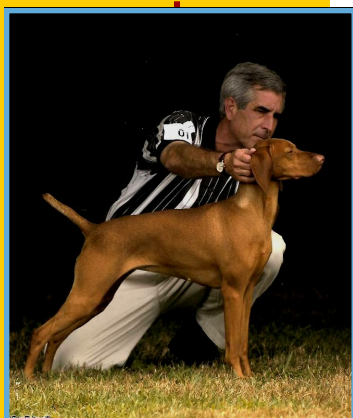


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Joan Toepke



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#1) What is required?

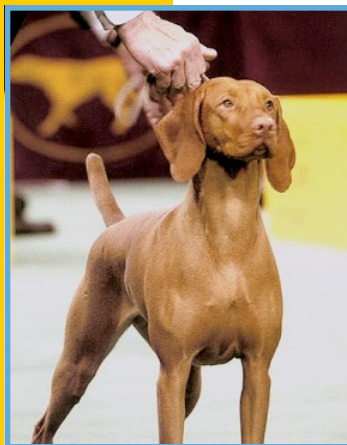


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Joan Toepke

**"Your
dog/bitch
(yes, I said
bitch)"**

Your dog/bitch (yes, I said bitch) needs to be 6 months old to be entered in a conformation show. The show entries are handled by a "show secretary". The most commonly used show secretaries in our area are:

www.Infodog.com
www.Raudogshows.com
www.Onofrio.com

When you go to the website of the show secretary, you will need to set up a "profile" for your dog. All of the information you will need to do this is on your dog's registration certificate. Once you do this, the info will be retained and will make entering future shows simple.

There are several classes to choose from: 6-9month, 9-12 month, 12-

18month (this refers to the age of the dog on the day of the show, not the day you are entering the show), Bred by Exhibitor, Amateur Owner Handler, American Bred and Open.

The AKC has a booklet called "Rules Applying to Dog Shows", and it is wise to familiarize yourself with this information. You can get it online by going to www.AKC.org click on "Dog Shows and Trials", then "Conformation Dogs", then "Rules and Regulations", "Rules Applying to Dog Shows", and page 13 has the descriptions of all dog classes.

Next thing to remember, when we say Dog, we are referring to a male and Bitch when referring to a female.

#2) How many points do I need for a Championship?



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David Margolin

You will need 15 points under at least 3 different judges. Included in these 15 points you need 2 "majors", under 2 different judges. A major is a show win of 3, 4 or 5 points. The points at each show are determined by the number of class dogs/

bitches entered. The point schedule can be found on the AKC website. It is broken down by Divisions. Division #1 is comprised of CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT.

(See example below) This Point Schedule changes every year on May 15th and is based on Dog registrations in each division.

SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR DIVISION 1 – EFFECTIVE MAY 15, 2013

1 POINT		2 POINT		3 POINT		4 POINT		5 POINT	
Dog	Bitches	Dog	Bitches	Dog	Bitches	Dog	Bitches	Dog	Bitches
2	2	4	6	6	7	12	13	22	24

#3) Know the Lingo:

There are some words and phrases thrown around at dog shows and you should familiarize yourself with some of the most commonly used:

Premium List: A premium list is an information sheet that tells you the time, place and date of an upcoming show. It will also list judges for each breed, tell you the show closing date, give directions to the show and suggest hotels in the area near the show site.

Judging Program: This is the program you will receive in the mail about a week before the show. This will tell you what ring number your breed will be in and what time they begin. It will also tell you how many dogs are entered in the show. In the example below, there are 16 Vizslas entered. 3 class dogs, 6 class bitches and in Best of Breed, 1 dog and 6 bitches. We will explain more about this in Part 2.



Photo by David Margolin

Steward: The Steward in your ring is the assistant to the judge. They will hand out arm band numbers, call dogs into the ring and assist the judge with handing out ribbons and recording placements in the judges book.

Class Dogs: Dogs/Bitches entered in any class, competing for championship points.

RING SIX JUDGE: Mr. Robert L. Vandiver

8:30 AM

- 9 - Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs 2-3-(2-2)
- 13 - Bernese Mountain Dogs 3-6-(2-2)
- 16 - Vizslas 3-6-(1-6)

10:00 AM

- 25 - Doberman Pinschers 4-15-(0-6)

11:00 AM

- 3 - Alaskan Malamutes 0-3-(0-0)
- 9 - Setters (English) 2-2-(1-4)
- 15 - Siberian Huskies 5-6-(0-4)

12:00 NOON

Lunch

Best of Breed: Dogs/ Bitches that are champions of record competing for the Best of Breed Title

This is probably enough information to confuse you for now. In Part 2 we will talk about the actual dog show, what to do in the ring, what you need to take with you, more Lingo, and last but not least "What to Wear"!

In the meantime, There is a book that I always suggested for people to read, and even though it is close to 20 yrs. old, it is a wealth of information. It is written with a sense of humor and touches on everything from practicing, grooming, etiquette, etc. The name of the book is "Show Me", a dog showing primer by: D. Caroline Coile, Ph.D.

So much can be found online and the AKC has tons of information for those just getting started. There are many Owner Handlers in the CVVC, and most are ready, willing and able to give you a hand at any time. All you need to do, is ask.

So, until our next Newsletter, happy researching on the internet and get ready to show "Little Red Rico Suave"!

Watch for "It's Show Time, Part 2 in our next newsletter



HEALTH INFO

BY CVVC HEALTH COMMITTEE

**ASK
THE
VET...**

*"Stay
Informed
to optimize
your dogs
health"*



IMPORTANT ADVICE ABOUT TRIFEXIS

There has recently been some concern over the heart worm drug Trifexis. CVVC member Steve Feldman DVM contacted Dr. Bishoff at Cornell University and reported that three dogs suspected of trifexis toxicity had myocardial lesions. The three dogs were Vizslas. At this point Dr. Feldman be-

lieves there could be a breed predilection for trifexis toxicity and therefore should be avoided until further research is conducted. Proven heart worm medication such as Heartguard is recommended for any breed. For further information contact your local veterinarian.

FROM SUSAN NAKAMURA



Photo by Linda Morris

I am a subscriber of the [Whole Dog Journal](#). Last month they had an excellent article on raising baby puppies and what breeders need to do to prepare their puppies for their future homes. This month is a continuation of what puppy buyers should do to continue the process. Both of these articles are well worth the read. I don't think that they can be copied but certainly they can be referenced.

FROM JOHN SMAYDA

A recent article cited by me at the January Holiday Party is actually three years old. Blue Buffalo's Wilderness Chicken Recipe was being investigated by researchers at Michigan State University. The research proved inconclusive. MSU has stated as of December 30, 2013 that the FDA is currently not aware of any ongoing illnesses related to this product.

Two weeks ago Ruth Sinclair-Stephens a CVVC member checked with the company personally and received a timely response. Blue Buffalo has made a statement regarding their own recall and has corrected the problem by properly cleaning of the vats where formulas are mixed and only one vat was involved. The problem was corrected THREE years ago, but positive news travels far less quickly. Refer to this link for further information dated December 27, 2013... <http://bluebuffalo.com/news/latest-from-blue>

There have been several meetings at the State level in Connecticut regarding pet shop owners and dogs sold from puppy mills. Arguments were heard on both sides of the issue, one in favor of allowing dogs from puppy mills to be sold by local pet stores and the other requiring pet stores to sell only puppies from shelters. Further discussions will be taking place in Hartford.

Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club, Inc.

Photo Contest 2014



13 winners &
10 Honorable Mentions

will be featured in our
2015 CVVC Calendar.

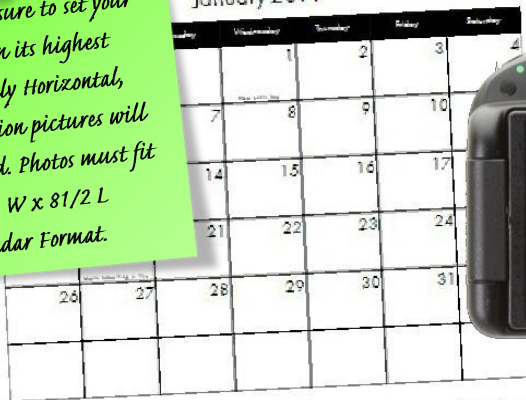
"Top Pick" photo
will be on cover page.

Contest closes
Friday, June 27, 2014

Enter to Win!

Please make sure to set your
cameras on its highest
setting. Only Horizontal,
high resolution pictures will
be considered. Photos must fit
the 11 W x 8 1/2 L
Calendar Format.

January 2014



On **March 10th**, the CVVC Calendar Committee will begin accepting entries for the **2014 Calendar Contest**.

ONLY CVVC members are eligible to submit from 1-4 photos of their vizsla(s) at work, play or just being cute. The photos will then be judged by the Calendar Committee, with 13 finalists & 10 honorable mentions being selected for the calendar. Of these selected photos, the Committee will choose its favorite photo for the cover.

Top pick photo will also receive a free calendar.

Deadline for photos is Friday, June 27, 2014.

This 2014 CVVC calendar will go on sale at the end of September 2014.
All proceeds will go toward future club events for the benefit of our breed.

Rules and regulations will be available for viewing on CVVC website **after March 10th**.
Calendar Committee members are not eligible to submit photographs.

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CVVC Website



www.ctvalleyvizslclub.org

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CVVC FB Page



New Vizsla Litter

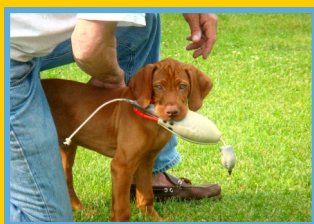
Due, January 20th, 2014

Puppies ready to go March 10th

Shiloh's Golden Girl JH



Ruger's Triple Crown



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Pedigree available upon request





BRAGS...

Congrats and thank you to all our members who entered brags in 2013. Looking forward to see what the new year will bring. Good Luck to All!

Remember
brags are
FREE to all
CVVC
members.



2013 - Conformation News

New CDX
Alde's Turn'n Back Time CDX,RE, SH

Kachina - owned, trained, bred by Dee Chuisano
Northwestern CT KC - 9/22 - 193 - First Place
Holyoke KC - 11/22 - 194 - First Place
Springfield KC - 1/24 - 196 - First Place

2013 - Hunt Test News

New Senior Hunter...
Alde's Enchanting Rendezvous SH
Henna owned, trained, handled and bred by Dee Chuisano





SHOWSTOPPERS!!!

KACHINA, THE PERFECT 10

Written by Dee Chuisano

**November 2, 2013 –
Nutmeg Weimeraner Club
Master Hunter Test—
Third Brace
Vizsla – GSP
Judges – Don Bristol &
Elizabeth Howell**

"When you're ready," the judge said. I reached to blow my whistle. It wasn't around my neck. I held my breath, "DAMN!" I forgot it. OK, let's not get nervous.

"I will not hold this brace up." I told the judges. "I can run without it"

Both dogs took off as if in a race, then settled into quartering back and forth independently out in front of us. I watched Kachina leap over the high grass, work the wind in search for birds. She WAS a beautiful sight.

We were almost through the back course when Kachina abruptly slammed into a staunch point. I raised my hand and yelled, "Dog on point." Judges let me know they were on it and told me to work the bird. The cover was thick. It took a few moments to locate the quail it was almost hidden under heavy grass. I told the judges that I saw it, had my blank gun in my hand, ready. I stomped my foot behind the quail. It started lifting but the thick grass prevented its full flight. I shot the blank as I watched the quail land 3 feet to the left of Kachina. Her front feet lifted as she turned, marked the bird's new location and pointed again.

I needed to get her away from that bird. I walked away, told her "NO BIRD", patted my thigh and said, "HEEL". It took her a while to give up the bird. Finally, she looked at me then heeled away. PHEW, "What a good girl", I told her. As I sent her off.



Photo by Dee Chuisano

The weather was sunny, brisk and breezy. Kachina loves to hunt, gets excited, leaps upright in the air and barks whenever I let her out of the car. Nov. 2nd was no exception. I let her jump and bark as we walked to the line. About 10 ft from the start I stopped and asked her to heel. She settled down and moved into position. We walked as a team the last few feet. I told her to whoa and unclipped the leash.

She continued hunting with drive and determination searching for another bird. We entered the bird field. She quartered from one side of the field to the other. Halfway through I noticed the GSP on point way ahead of us. I started working Kachina in that direction so we could get our honor. We were about 100 ft away when she slammed on point. "Dog on Point" I said to the judges.



Photo by
Dee Chuisano

They had a short conference and decided to work the GSP first. . Kachina kept her eye on her bird as the judges and gunners walked away.

I saw the GSP's handler kick up the bird and watched it fly right in our direction. "OH, NO", I said to myself seeing it fly over Kachina's head. She heard the flapping of the wings, looked up. Then focused back on her bird. "What a super dog" I said to myself.

The judges and gunners started to walk our way. I looked back at Kachina, she was still on a staunch point. The brace mate need an honor so the judges discussed that possibility and decided Kachina had waited long enough.

It seemed like an eternity from the time she had pointed that bird but I'm sure it was not longer than 5 – minutes. Everyone finally gathered in place. Judges in the background, gunners on either side. I walked in to find the bird, found it. I observed the direction it was facing and which was the safest direction for it to fly. I stomped just behind the bird and it lifted up into flight. I heard the 2 shots, marked its fall then looked back. Kachina was still standing, waiting for her command to retrieve. "Kachina, Get it", I told her. She thundered past me.

She had marked the general location but overshot the fall. She was searching too far. Then I saw the other dog run into the area of the downed bird. My mind screamed. "OH, SHIT, This is going to mess up her retrieve". Kachina saw him, continued her search, found the bird, snatched it up and ran back to me. A retrieve right to hand. GREAT DOG, WELL DONE.....



Now the other dog needed to find a bird to retrieve and Kachina needed an honor. The dogs worked the field, criss-crossing back and forth. I heard the judge say, "Dog on Point Handler" so I directed Kachina to come around for her honor but I could not see the GSP in the thick cover. We came around the tall grass, Kachina ahead of me, she stopped, "Beautiful Honor". She stood and watched the other dog flush, shot and retrieve.

The GSP was called around. I watched him coming. He eyeballed her, started to slow down sniffing the air, then walked right in front of her to steal point. Kachina did not move but gave me the weirdest look. Judges announced, "Thank you handlers, pick up your dogs."

I said "NO BIRD" to Kachina, "HEEL". She turned away from the bird and came into heel position, I put on her leash and we walked out of the field proudly knowing we had our 2nd Master pass.....

When I got my ribbon, I saw the scores.....

HUNTING 10 BIRD FINDING 10
POINTING 10 TRAINABILITY 10
HONORING 10

A PERFECT 10. OH, MY GOD
WHAT A THRILL HOW EXCIT-
ING

HOW TOTALLY RARE AND UNBE-
LIEVABLE

I walked over to Don Bristol, shook his hand and Thanked him...

"Your dog totally deserved that score" he said.....I've judged you before and you have come so close to passing but some unforeseeable thing seemed to happen. Today everything that could go wrong, did go wrong and your dog worked through it. Congratulations I gave him a hug and thanked him again.....

I walked over to Elizabeth Bowell and thanked her. "I have never given a perfect 10 score" she said. "Never even came close, but your dog was remarkable today and it was my pleasure to judge her"

"Ok handlers," the judges said, "Vizsla needs to find a bird so the shorthair gets an honor". Off Kachina went to hunt another bird. Out in front of me, I saw her slow down, nose working the wind to locate the bird. Then she came to a halt, a classic point, front leg up, tail to the sky.



Photo by
Dee Chuisano

A SPECIAL RUN FOR A SPECIAL GIRL. KACHINA

(The spirit of her ancestors)

ALDE'S TURN'N BACK TIME, CDX, RE, SH
And team mate -Dee Chuisano, Breeder/ trainer /handler

ALDE'S VIZSLAS since 1988

Kali Harrah of Witts End UD, JH -- Kali

CH Alde's Blazin' Beau UD - Beau

CH Alde's Sheer Image UD - Sheera

Alde's Gale Force Pursuit UDX, RE, MH - Purse

CH Alde-Szikra The Heart Gos On UD, RE, MH - Celine

CH AldeSz Spirit of America UD, RE, MH - Indy

Alde's Enchanting Rendezvous SH - Henna



A woman with blonde hair in a braid, wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt and khaki pants, stands next to a brown dog, smiling. They are in front of a white trailer. The trailer has a large circular logo that reads "HUDSON VALLEY NORTH AMERICAN VERSATILE HUNTING DOG ASSOCIATION CHAPTER". The logo features a map of the Hudson Valley and three black silhouettes of dogs. A small sign on the trailer reads "www.Congelosi.com TRAILER SALES".

Mondai's Soar'N Precious Tawny Heart MH,
NAVHDA Utility Prize 1,
 Maximum Score, 204 Points
 Owned, trained & loved by Debbie & Rusty

we absolutely shone as a hunting team. One of the judges actually asked me if Tawny was “for sale” – hah hah – “NO WAY !” Over the course of test day as we completed each of the four major parts of the test I became more and more confident that Tawny was going to score high and get a “Prize” for her performance. Little did I know just how high of a score and how high of a “Prize”. The conclusion of test day is when the team of 3 judges read each and every dog’s scores to the masses. The reading of Tawny’s scores is truly unforgettable and will be forever etched in my mind ! “Search for a Duck, 4; Walking at Heel, 4; Remaining by Blind, 44; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4; 4.” Tawny was awarded maximum points attainable in ALL 15 sections of the test, and a subsequent Prize 1 Utility! Next, I got a bucket of freezing cold water dumped on my head HAH --- a longtime NAVHDA tradition I quickly learned LOL

JUDGED THROUGHOUT: Use of Nose; Desire to Work; Cooperation; Stamina; Obedience; Physical Attributes.

On Saturday, August 24, 2013 the stars, the planets, and the stars and the planets within EVERY galaxy within EVERY universe were aligned. There was nothing that Tawny did or didn't do on test day that I was not prepared for or did not anticipate. We have trained hard and sensibly together over the years and it showed –

Tawny & Debbie (as well as Rusty, of course) are headed to NAVHDA's 2014 Invitational Test in Searsboro, Iowa next September !

WISH US LUCK !!!!!!!



CVVC COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

For All CVVC Committees/Standing Committees,
Event Chairs, and their Members



Chairs and members who graciously volunteer to serve on any CVVC committee shall comply with operational guidelines put in place by the Board of Directors. These guidelines are shown below.

- Committee members are expected to support committee activities and events to the best of their ability.
- Committee members shall represent the best interests of CVVC and its membership.
- All committee members are to be involved in the planning and execution of events and support activities. All committee decisions are expected to be the result of a majority vote among committee members.
- Committees may seek help from outside CVVC if members lack required expertise and skills or do not volunteer. Associated expenditures shall be pre-approved by the Board.
- Committee and event chairs shall meet all AKC event filing and reporting deadlines (three months prior, seven days after).
- Committee and event chairs shall submit a proposed budget two (2) months prior to an event. Final reports shall be submitted to the Board of Directors within 30 days of the event unless an extension is granted by the Board. Proposed budgets and final reports shall conform to established CVVC formats.
- All checks, cash, and documentation of income and expenditures shall be submitted to the CVVC Treasurer within seven days of conclusion of the event. Receipts and expenditures shall be submitted to the treasurer within thirty (30) days after the event.

Revised and approved 7/23/2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

FEBURARY 8TH - 9TH

Winter Garden Specialty
Westchester Hilton
Rye Brook, NY

FEBURARY 19TH

CVVC Board Meeting
at J. Timothy's Taverne
Plainville, CT

MARCH 10th

CVVC General
Membership Meeting,
Location TBD




MARCH 22nd

CVVC Spring Fun Day
Tails-U-Win at
Manchester, CT

APRIL 16TH

CVVC Board Meeting,
Location TBD

FEBRUARY 2014

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16	17 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

*Please refer to the CVVC Website for locations not listed and possible date change.

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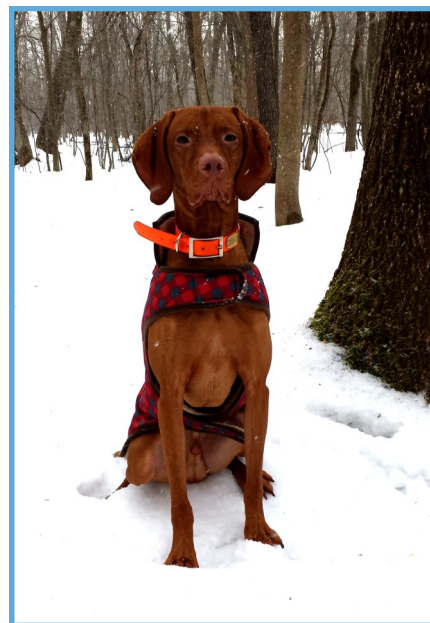


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We welcome members to any of our committees. Just let us know if you would like to join one or more of our committees or if any corrections to this list are needed. Each committee reports to the Officers & Board of Directors of CVVC.

NOTE: CVVC president sits as a member on all committees, but only votes if there is a tie.

* denotes chair

+denotes communicator

ADVERTISING RATES

- Cover Page Photo with Full Page Story (300 words) **\$35**
- Full Page with Photo (300 words) **\$23**
- Full Page with no photo(300 words) **\$21**
- Half Page with Photo (150 words) **\$13**
- Half page with no photo(150 words) **\$11**
- Quarter Page with no Photo (65 -70 words) **\$9**
- Quarter Page with photo (65 -70 words) **\$7**
- Litter Announcement with photo (45-50 words) **\$6**
- Litter Announcement with no photo (45-50 words) **\$0**
- (Free to Members)**
- Show Win / Brags with photo (25-30 words) **\$2**

- Show wins / Brags with no photo (25-30 words) **\$0**
(Free to Members)
- Apply Additional photo **\$2**

***Additional fee may be applied if word limit is exceeded.**

***Any dog ads need to include dam and sire names and if dog is over 2 needs to include their OFA number.**

For more information on how to get your dog(s) story into CVVC next issue contact Jasmine Kovacs at ctvalleyvizslaclubjk@gmail.com



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