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VIZSLA TALES



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well--we finally made it to the warmer weather!

CVVC had a rousing end to winter with our Winter Garden Specialty (thanks to all who worked so hard to bring it to fruition!) and then looked towards an exciting spring season.

Warmer weather and outdoor activities were just what the doctor ordered after the winter we had. CVVC started the spring with a BANG--both figuratively and literally, with it's first ever Spring Hunting Test held at Bristol Fish and Game in Wolcott. Thanks to everyone who collaborated to the success of this event. To see some of what took place, look below for pictures of the Hunting Test.

Quickly on the heels of that test came our Spring Field Trial at Flaherty Field in East Windsor. This is always an exciting event, with a wonderful raffle and dinner held on Saturday evening--everyone who attended had a terrific time. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this event the success that it was!

CVVC sends a hearty thanks to all who worked their tails off (pun intended!) for the club this spring. We had a very successful Specialty (Greenwich Kennel Club), an equally successful Supported Entry (Longshore Southport Kennel Club) and a wonderfully informative Fun Day! To see some of what took place, look below for pictures of our Fun Day.

As this is my last letter as President of CVVC, I want to thank my Board of Directors and everyone else who worked with me during the last two years. We had an exciting run--started some new projects and added some new activities to CVVC's schedule. It takes all of us, working together, to

create the events that keep our club members and their dogs happy and active. Thanks again for all the great work that was done; I know the new Board will continue to keep CVVC moving forward.

Have a wonderful summer, everyone--

Linda

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BEST OF BREED

BY KIM HIMMELFARB



CH Standing-O For Pekogait One Man Band JHA OAP NJP Ben

DOB: 5/22/2011

Sire: BIS MBISS AM CAN CH Bowcot Pekogait One Man Band MH AX AXJ ROM
Dam: CH Standing-O Chili Pepper

Shown finishing his championship with a Best of Breed win over Specials

Perseverance and practice paid off as Ben earned four AKC titles in three months between October 2014 and January 2015. Ben completed his Novice Agility Preferred title, Novice Agility Jumpers Preferred title, and Open Agility Preferred title in two months' time late in 2014 before taking Best of Breed over Specials to finish his conformation championship in January of this year. We are currently working on earning additional agility titles and considering pursuit of a CD or SH.

Breeder: Pamela Shaw-George Owner: Kim Himmelfarb





HEALTH

ADVANCES IN CANINE GENETICS, CLINICAL FEATURES OF IDIOPATHIC INFLAMMATORY POLYMYOPATHY IN THE HUNGARIAN VIZSLA & CANCER IN PETS

ADVANCES IN CANINE GENETICS

Innovation

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CANINE genetics has long been a subject of intense study. Since the first draft of the dog genome sequence was deposited free in public databases for biomedical and veterinary researchers in 2004, teams from medicine and animal health have worked to unlock its secrets.

Click on this link for further information on this important research.

<http://www.vetsonline.com/publications/veterinary-times/archives/n-42-43/advances-in-canine-genetics.html>

IDIOPATHIC INFLAMMATORY POLYMYOPATHY IN THE HUNGARIAN VIZSLA

John Smayda has supplied a link to a study on idiopathic inflammatory polymyopathy in the Hungarian Vizsla. This conducted in the UK has been ongoing for several years and the results have finally been published. John's dog Dooly was diagnosed with this disease as a young puppy. He participated in the research by collecting saliva samples from the entire litter of 9 dogs, the sire and dame and several grand dogs. This research will help shed some light on a health issue that is beginning to get noticed in the US.



Hungarian Vizsla dog before and after VIP.

Click on this link for further information on this important research.

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1746-6148/11/97>

CANCER IN PETS

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ORAL TUMORS - PAPILLOMAS AND FIBROPAPILLOMAS ('SARCOIDS')

These notes are provided to help you understand the diagnosis or possible diagnosis of cancer in your pet. For general information on cancer in pets ask for our handout "What is Cancer". Your veterinarian may suggest certain tests to help confirm or eliminate diagnosis, and to help assess treatment options and likely outcomes. Because individual situations and responses vary, and because cancers often behave unpredictably, science can only give us a guide. However, information and understanding for tumors in animals is improving all the time.

We understand that this can be a very worrying time. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask us.

What are papillomas and sarcoids?

Oral papillomas are benign tumors of the epithelial lining of the mouth and throat caused by papillomaviruses. The viruses are specific for that species of animal and fairly site specific but can be transmitted to skin or eyes if the protective outer epithelium is damaged. The incubation period is approximately one month and recovery is within 2-3 months with immunity to further infection. The esophagus (tube connecting the throat and stomach) may also be affected. A few tumors that look clinically similar are malignant cancers of the same epithelium (squamous cell carcinoma) with invasion and destruction of the underlying bone.

Fibropapillomas have more proliferation of the connective tissue adjacent to the epithelium and resemble "sarcoids" in horses. They may be multiple in the mouths of young cats and are similar to tumors on the face which we now know are caused by a special type of papillomavirus. These tumors disappear spontaneously but occasionally recur.

Rarely, puppies may have contact with a sheep pox virus that causes 'contagious pustular dermatitis' or "orf" and papillomatous masses may result in these pups. The tumors usually disappear spontaneously. Pox viruses are not species specific and this virus may infect people.



What do we know about the cause?

The reason why a particular pet may develop this, or any cancer, is not straightforward. Cancer is often seemingly the culmination of a series of circumstances that come together for the unfortunate individual.

These tumors are probably all associated with virus infections. Papilloma viruses cause most of these but there may be a role for other viruses in cats. Some papilloma viruses specific to people are associated with malignant cancers (the best known probably being cervical cancer in women).

Why has my pet developed this cancer?

Your pet has been infected with a virus.

Are these common tumors?

Oral papillomas are cauliflower-like lesions that are common in young dogs. Papillomas and fibropapillomas (sarcoids) are rare in cats.

How will this cancer affect my pet?

These tumors are usually noticed as single or multiple polypoid swellings on the gums or other parts of the mouth. Some ulcerate and bleed and they may become secondarily infected. Tumors in the throat (pharynx) are painful and may cause difficulty in swallowing.

How is this cancer diagnosed?

Clinically, these tumors often have a fairly typical appearance. X-rays may be useful in detecting the few that are malignant, (invasive squamous cell carcinomas) because they destroy adjacent bone.



Cytology, the microscopic examination of small samples of cells, rarely helps in the diagnosis of these tumors. Definitive diagnosis, prediction of behaviour (prognosis) and a microscopic assessment of whether the tumor has been fully removed rely on microscopic examination of tissue (histopathology). This is done at a specialized laboratory by a veterinary pathologist. The piece of tissue may be a small part of the mass (biopsy) or the whole lump but only examination of the whole lump will indicate whether the cancer has been fully removed. Histopathology also rules out other cancers.

What types of treatment are available?

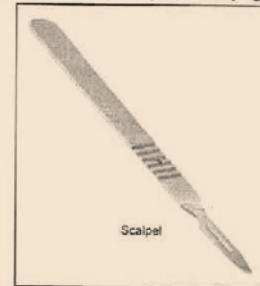
Surgical removal is the standard method of treatment for all these tumors but they will also disappear spontaneously. Removal at too early a stage may be counter-productive because the antigen from the papilloma cells that is needed to stimulate protective immunity is not produced until about a month after infection. Reducing inflammation and pain may give symptomatic relief.

Can this cancer disappear without treatment?

These viral cancers can disappear spontaneously in healthy animals due to the activity of the body's immune system.

How can I nurse my pet?

After surgery, you will probably be provided with an "Elizabethan collar" to prevent your pet from interfering with the operation site. You may be requested not to examine the surgery but inability to eat or significant swelling or bleeding should be reported to your veterinarian. Your pet may require a special diet. If you require additional advice on post-surgical care, please ask.

**How will I know how this cancer will behave?**

Histopathology will give your veterinary surgeon the diagnosis that helps to indicate how it is likely to behave. The veterinary pathologist usually adds a prognosis that describes the probability of local recurrence or metastasis (distant spread). The completeness of excision will be assessed and other diagnoses ruled out.

When will I know if the cancer is permanently cured?

'Cured' has to be a guarded term in dealing with any cancer.



Most of these tumors are permanently cured by surgery or the body's own immune system. If there is recurrence, it may indicate the tumor was incompletely removed, is deeper and more malignant (papillomatous squamous cell carcinoma) or the immune system is not fully competent.

Are there any risks to my family or other pets?

These are infectious tumors. With the exception of the rare pox virus infection of contagious pustular dermatitis, transmission from one pet to another is within the same species and requires close contact, damage to the surface of the mouth or lips and lack of immunity (either because the animal has not encountered the virus or because it lacks a fully competent immune system). The tumors are not transmitted from pets to people.



BRAGS...

WINTER GARDEN SPECIALTY SHOW

February, 15, 2015

Best of Breed: GCH Heelmark's Roop Terra Mastana, CGC, SH,
Owned by: Ritu Mihir

Best of Opposite: CH Regal Point Konane
Owned by: Mallory Anderson

Winners Dog: Witzke's Midsummer Night's Dream of Truffles
Owner: Dennis Witzke

Best of Winners & Winners Bitch: Heelmark Aanya Raani
Owner: Riyu Mihir

Select Dog: GCH Suzu's Hard Nut to Crack
Owned by: Susan Nakamura

Select Bitch: CH Happy Tails Tess of Riverview, JH
Owned by: Alice Chaikin

Awards of Merit:

GCH Berkcor's Wrecking Crew
Owned by: Susan & Berkeley Thompson

GCH Szizlin Rhapsody Never Say Never
Owned by: Michelle Porfido



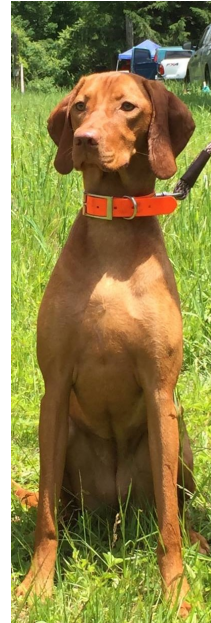


HUNT TEST PICTURES





FUN DAY PICTURES





Congratulations
to all the winners at the
2015 VCA National Events
From your friends at the
Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club

Hope all those who participated in all
venues had a wonderful time, whether
you brought home those
coveted ribbons or not!



Please visit our website at
www.ctvalleyvizslaclub.org

Photo by
Jasmine Kovacs



CVVC COMMITEE GUIDLINES

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



Photo by Dee Chuisano

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:

JUNE 6TH



CVVC Specialty at the Greenwich Kennel Club. The address is: Taylor Farm Park, Canfield Ave. Norwalk, CT There will be a luncheon and a General Membership meeting at noontime.

JUNE 14TH

Fun Day to be held at Bristol Fish & Game, Wolcott CT. Our day will include intro to birds for puppies and any dog that needs further experience. The afternoon we will run a mock hunt test with all level for those that wish to participate. Detail will be available in the upcoming premium.

***Stay current on all CVVC news & events by visiting CVVC website or CVVC Facebook Group Page.

JUNE 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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

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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 Photo (65 -70 words) **\$9**
 - Quarter Page with no 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**
- 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 jasminekovas0523@gmail.com



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