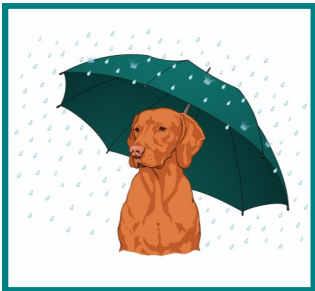




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President's Message

Submitted By Sheila Wald

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas! I hope the season is treating you well. Having a litter of puppies, a new puppy addition to the family and lots of visitors, the Holidays have snuck up on me. I haven't done nearly the decorating or baking that I normally do. Puppies have a way of consuming all my brain cells and energy. It's a good feeling though to watch them grow and develop. They make me smile everyday! In club news, please plan on attending the January meeting on the 14th following breed judging. It's our annual meeting and there are several important items for discussion and voting. Not the least of which is approving the 2017 Officer and board members. Lots of great news below to enjoy! Hope you have a blessed remainder of 2016 with your redheads and I look forward to the whatever adventures 2017 takes us all on!

Sheila



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 13th** Rainier Sporting Dog Association Show – Puyallup, WA — www.barayevents.com —closed 12/28/16
- Jan. 14th** PSVC Annual Meeting— Puyallup Library—Puyallup, WA - Time TBA following release of Judging Schedule
- Feb. 25th** Trails End Vizsla Club of Oregon Specialty Show – Albany, OR — www.onofrio.com —closes 2/8/16
- May 1-5th** Vizsla Club of America National Events— Del Mar, CA — www.onofrio.com —closes 4/12/16
- Jun. 4-5th** PSVC Hunt Test & Club Meeting TBA – Fall City, WA—closes 5/31/16

Editor's Note: We were unable to provide a members story in the last issue but were fortunate enough to have two members contribute for this issue! Whoo Hoo! The goal of these stories are to build better connections among our club members. **STORIES CONNECT PEOPLE** If you would like to contribute for our next edition please contact me at Carla@nwi.net

VIZSLA STORY

SUBMITTED BY Lisa Bender

Our Story

5 years ago I brought a wriggling bundle of love from Jill Brennan and Eleesa Markham. It was chance that I happened to find such great mentors, as the breeder referral connected us. They have both taught me a great deal about the breed and history. It was chance that I ended up with Bond, (CH Tierah's The Spy Who Loved Me MHA). Handling class brought us a show champion title quickly. It was chance that I ended up attending a bird dog training class led by Carol Ptak while Bond was a mere 4 months old and found another amazing mentor. Carol helped me through the highs and lows of developing a class bird dog, teaching me how to train my own dog. We started out in hunt tests, with the judges compliments and encouragement giving me the courage to try field trials. We are succeeding in that venue, again through highs, lows and challenges. We are now one point shy of the coveted dual champion title.

Two years ago we brought home Bond's son Pierce (CH Jaybren's Valid License To Kill JH). We had already developed MVD (multiple Vizsla disorder). He has taught me that every dog is different and requires different guidance through field training. He is well on his way to more advanced testing levels.

The most treasured aspect of these wonderful boys is the joy they bring to my home and children. Gentle and tolerant in the house, I couldn't ask for better playmates for my children. They make us laugh all of the time. You would never guess that dogs so one fire in the field could be such couch potatoes in the house.

THE STORY SO FAR



As previously mentioned, we now suffer from MVD and are considering adding another Vizsla to our home. I am sure that with the same level of hard work and dedication, a new addition will follow in the steps of the predecessors. I am living proof that even the newest newbie can succeed with dedication and preservation. I encourage all of the people reading to try a new aspect of competition, whether it be agility, hunt tests, handling your own dog in the ring, obedience, or any of the hosts of other activities available to play with your best friend. Find a mentor and chase your dreams!



Understanding, Preventing, and Treating Dog Anxiety

Anna Burke | November 29,
2016

If you or a loved one suffers from anxiety, then you know how difficult it can be to get through the day. What you might not know is that some dogs also suffer from anxiety.

Dog anxiety affects [all breeds of dogs](#) and can lead to serious [behavioral problems](#) if left untreated. Luckily, there are steps owners can take to help their dogs live with canine anxiety. Here are the symptoms, treatment options, and prevention techniques owners need to know about.

WHAT CAUSES DOG ANXIETY?

Dog anxiety can have several causes, according to the [Merck Veterinary Manual](#). The most common are:

- Fear
- Separation
- Aging

Fear-related anxiety can be caused by loud noises, strange people or animals, visual stimuli like hats or umbrellas, new or strange environments, specific situations like the vet's office or car rides, or surfaces like grass or wood floors. These fears may seem inconsequential to us, but they create a lot of anxiety for dogs.

[Separation anxiety](#) is estimated to affect around 14 percent of dogs. Dogs with separation anxiety are unable to find comfort when they are left alone or separated from their family members. This anxiety often manifests itself in undesirable behaviors, such as urinating and defecating in the house, destroying furniture and furnishings, and [barking](#).

Age-related anxiety affects older dogs and can be associated with cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CDS). In dogs with CDS, memory, learning, perception, and awareness start to decline, similar to the early stages of Alzheimer's disease in humans. This understandably leads to anxiety in [senior dogs](#).

Symptoms of Anxiety

So how can you tell if your dog has anxiety? There are several important symptoms to look out for:

- [Aggression](#)
- Urinating or defecating in the house
- Drooling
- [Panting](#)
- Destructive behavior
- Depression
- Excessive barking
- Pacing
- Restlessness
- Repetitive or compulsive behaviors



By far the most dangerous symptom of dog anxiety is aggression. This aggression can be targeted directly or indirectly, depending on the situation. Direct aggression occurs when a dog acts aggressively toward people or other animals. Indirect aggression can be equally dangerous, and often happens when a person comes between the dog and the source of the dog's aggression, such as another dog. Even if a dog is prevented from harming others, aggressive behaviors such as [growling](#) or barking can lead to dangerous situations for humans and dogs, alike.

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Urinating and defecating in the house is a common symptom of separation anxiety. Anxious dogs often work themselves up to the point that they pee or poop in the house, even if they are housebroken. This is frustrating for owners and can cause damage to property, not to mention the unpleasantness of the cleanup.

Destructive behavior is also common with separation anxiety. The damage is usually located around entry and exit points, like doorways and windows, but dogs in a state of heightened anxiety are also at risk of harming themselves. Attempts to break out of dog crates, windows, and even doors can result in painful injuries and expensive veterinary treatments.

TREATING DOG ANXIETY

The best way to treat anxiety is to talk with a veterinarian. She can help you identify the type of anxiety your dog suffers from and the possible causes and triggers. Veterinarians can also rule out any other medical conditions that could be causing your dog's symptoms.

Your vet will help you come up with a treatment plan. Since anxiety is often caused by a variety of factors, the best way to treat it is usually through a combination of training, preventative strategies, and in some cases, medications.

Training and Counterconditioning:

There are several training strategies dog owners can use to treat anxiety. One way is counterconditioning. The purpose of counterconditioning is to change your dog's response to the stimuli responsible for anxiety, usually by replacing the anxious or aggressive behavior with a more desirable behavior, like sitting or focusing on the owner.

Another training strategy is desensitization. The owner slowly introduces the dog to the source of anxiety, preferably in small doses and at a decreased intensity. Repeated exposure and rewarding positive behavior can go a long way toward managing anxiety.

You might want to [contact a professional dog trainer](#) to help you choose the best approach for your dog, as training an anxious dog is not always easy.

Anxiety Medications for Dogs:

Some cases of anxiety are so severe that your veterinarian may recommend medications or natural therapies. SSRIs and antidepressants are occasionally prescribed for dogs with anxiety, including fluoxetine and clomipramine. For predictable anxiety-producing events like thunderstorms, fireworks, or car rides, your vet might prescribe a medication such as benzodiazepine in conjunction with an antidepressant to help your dog cope with the stress.

Senior dogs with cognitive dysfunction syndrome may benefit from the drug selegiline, which can help reduce some of the symptoms of CDS. Selegiline is also used for treating chronic anxiety in Europe.

The Merck Veterinary Manual also states that natural therapies and products can help dogs with anxiety. Some products work best in conjunction with other medications, while others can be used alone, depending on your dog's case. Natural products use pheromones and aromatherapy to reduce anxiety. Talk to your vet about the natural products best suited for your dog.



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PREVENTING DOG ANXIETY

It is hard to predict if a pet will develop anxiety, but there are ways to help a new dog or puppy avoid anxiety-related problems.

Body Language

One of the best things you can do is learn to [read dog body language](#). Knowing when your dog is uncomfortable or scared can help you avoid negative experiences or use them as a positive training moment. Body language can also tell you when a dog is getting anxious, which is especially useful if your dog has a history of aggression-related anxiety.

Socialization

Proper [socialization](#) can prevent the development of anxiety. Introducing your dog to new people, dogs, animals, places, and experiences can help them avoid an exaggerated response down the road, and also helps them become well-adjusted canine citizens.

Obedience

[Obedience training](#) is an essential tool for preventing and managing anxiety. It lays the foundation of a healthy relationship and establishes trust. A well-trained dog is easier to socialize than a dog without training, and obedience classes are a great place for dogs to meet other dogs in a controlled environment.

Exercise and Nutrition

Regular [exercise and stimulation](#) are crucial for a dog's development, physical, and mental well-being. A stimulated dog is less likely to pick up destructive behaviors, and [good nutrition](#) is equally important for your dog's health. Making sure you take care of your dog's physical and mental needs can help you prevent any behavior problems that don't stem from anxiety, letting you know the areas where your dog needs the most help.



Situation Avoidance

If your dog has been diagnosed with anxiety, you can also try to avoid or prevent situations that trigger your dog's anxiety. For example, if you know that your dog grows anxious around large groups of dogs, you should avoid dog parks. Avoidance does not mean that you need to put your life on hold, but it can reduce some of the stress on you and your dog.

If the source of the anxiety cannot be avoided, preventative measures like leashes, body harnesses, and, in some cases, basket muzzles can prevent dangerous situations. Once you know your dog's triggers, you can prepare for these situations ahead of time.

TAKE ACTION NOW

Don't let your dog's anxiety take control of your life. With the right treatment strategy, you can help your dog overcome his anxiety and prevent dangerous and destructive situations from happening in the first place. If you think your dog might have anxiety, talk to your veterinarian today about a treatment plan that best fits your dog and your lifestyle.

TAKE
ACTION!

VIZSLA STORY

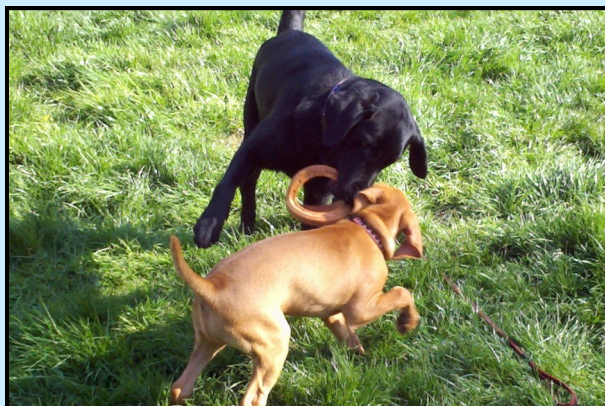
SUBMITTED BY Dee Smiley

Our Story

My Vizsla story is really a Vizsla/Tonya story, as I did not know a Vizsla from a Bull Dog before meeting my future spouse. Nor had I been to a dog show, heard of Agility, and thought obedience training was merely about good manners!

Tonya and I met early in 2002, when mutual friend suggested we car pool to a snow show outing. Turns out we lived within a couple miles of each other. While driving to the meeting spot, if I didn't learn all the differences between a Vizsla and a Bull Dog, I certainly learned they were not at all the same, and found out she lived with three of the red dogs, plus a couple of Vizsla/Labradors, the results of an illicit affair on the part of a bitch who shall remain unnamed. I, meanwhile, lived with one Labrador/Border Collie. It got crowded when we eventually joined households! (Besides the dog, my contribution also included a cat, chickens and ducks.)

During the course of that snow shoe outing, I learned Tonya and Flash intended to drive to Prescott, Arizona for Nationals later that year. I had lived in Prescott in my youth. Starting to sound like fate? I joined her and Flash on that trip, my first experience with all those red dogs in a fancy hotel.



had no idea that "class dog" or "special" had very specific meanings. I became used to the dress code and got included in the picture when Flash got his Championship title. (Although I was wearing Levi's!)

There have been several Vizslas in my life since those early days, but Pip is the first I've co-owned. It's been quite a ride, and I am extremely fortunate to have Tonya and all those red dogs in my life. I enjoy the shows and trials, but Tonya is the handler. The best part for me is the loving companionship offered by Pip and those that preceded him. Oh! Did I mention our Odessa, the Black Lab, career changed Guide Dog? She stole my heart, too.

Early on, amazed at their lustrous rust coat, I referred to Flash as a "red being". Tonya thought I said "red bean", and so they have been known in our home ever since.

My first dog show, in Chehalis, was an eye opener – I was amazed how handlers dressed up to show dogs in a drafty barn. Training was another eye opener – all those dog treats! I most enjoyed the Agility Trials, watching Flash and the other dogs race around the course, enjoying every minute of dancing through weave poles, dashing through tunnels and all the rest. We joked that I was the Sherpa.

It took years, and patience on the part of Tonya, for me to learn breed ring procedure – I

What's Your Story?

OFFICIAL RESULTS

PSVC's November 19, 2016 Specialty

As reported by AKC & Baray Events

Regular and Non-Regular Conformation Classes Judge: Mrs. Patricia Ulloa

Best of Breed	GCH CH Kelby Creek's Wild Bill
Best of Winners/Winner's Bitch	Sokoldalu's B'Rockin Haut Huntress
Best of Opposite Sex	CH Sassafra Whisper Sweet Nothings At Tierah CD BN RA MH
Select Dog	GCHS CH Dezertfyre's Captain's First Mate CDX RA JH OA AXJ NF RATN CGCA
Select Bitch	GCHB CH Tierah's Shay-Flight Of The Phoenix CA
Judge's Award of Merit	CH Jaybren's Grand Slam At Tierah RN JH CGC
Judge's Award of Merit	GCH CH Jaybren's Trouble in Mind RN
Judge's Award of Merit	GCH CH Kelby Creek's Spirit of Kilauea JH
Winner's Dog	Kelby Creek's How The West Was Won JH

Sweepstakes Conformation Judge: Ms. Brenda L Abraham

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes	Rhapsody Dezertfyre Write Ur Stori
Best Puppy of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes	Kelby Creek's And Eastwind's Over The Moon
Best Veteran Dog in Sweepstakes	CH Jaybren's Grand Slam At Tierah RN JH CGC
Best Veteran Bitch in Sweepstakes	GCH CH Tierah's Ernest Hemmingway RN



Best of Breed



Best Opposite Sex



Best of Winners



Select Dog



Winners Dog



Award of Merit



Award of Merit



Award of Merit



Best Puppy in Sweepstakes



Best Opposite Puppy in Sweepstakes

Editor's Note: When we were asking around for some "My Story" submissions, Pamela offered up to submit an article giving some history with the Puget Sound Vizsla Club and other founding club members. Please Enjoy this great submission.

HISTORY SPOTLIGHT



Kiraly & me in England, 1976

When Fang was 6 months old, my mother told me her co-worker had a sister who was showing another Hungarian breed, a Kuvasz, and that her club invited me to bring my Vizslas to their Hungarian Breeds Match. Fang won Best Puppy in Match and the judge suggested that I show her, so before I knew it, I was going to dog shows with my new Kuvasz friends.

After that, one thing led to another, and now I look back and realize that I've had Vizslas for 40 years. Across those years, I joined the Puget Sound Vizsla Club in 1978, serving on the Board of Directors and the field trial committee, running my dogs in our first AKC field trial. I joined the Vizsla Club of America in 1977, and researching my dogs' pedigrees lead me to serving as the Vizsla Club of America's Pedigree Book editor in the early 1980's as well as serving 7 years on the VCA's Board of Directors from the mid-80s, a very interesting and pivotal time in the breed's history in this country.

SUBMITTED BY Pamela Hidaka

In the fall of 1976, armed with 4 months of train passes and a backpack, I set off to explore western Europe. Traveling around Britain for the first month, I spend a week in the picturesque outskirts of Stratford-on-Avon dogsitting a friend's Vizsla. This dog came from Louise Petrie-Hay's legendary gundog kennel, and he ended up stealing my heart during the time I took care of him. I had never met a dog who needed so much body contact and knew how to sneak under the bed covers at every opportunity. Idyllic strolls with Kiraly along the Avon River and curling up by the fireplace with this dog draped across me was one of the most memorable experiences in my travels.

When I returned home to Seattle, one of the first things I did was look for a Vizsla puppy, and brought home my first Vizsla, Sobaka Hidaka, in March of 1977. She had the breed's characteristic high energy - and then some, so it's amazing I got through Novice-level obedience classes despite being a rank beginner who had never trained a dog before. Throughout her first year Sobaka proceeded to entertain herself by destroying the house, so soon another female Vizsla, Fang, was added to our family as a companion for Sobaka, to keep her busy and out of trouble.



@ PSVC AKC Field Trial in 1979 - Finally found one of me with my first 2 Vizslas: Vot Zdorova Fantazija CD & Sobaka Hidaka CD (Look @ those old trucks! Man, do I feel old!)

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I was fortunate to be mentored by the first generation of pioneers in the Vizsla breed, from George Yamamoto and Bob Foster, who were the first Vizsla owners in Washington state and were breeders of foundation stock in the 1950's, to Marilyn Fowler, who originated Piroška Vizslas in California, Jane Graff of Weedy Creek Vizslas in Nebraska, Bud McGivern of Bowcot in New York, Connie Johnson of Sageacre in Nevada, and May Carpenter of Debreceň in California, to name a just few. I returned to Britain several times and was befriended by breeders such as Gay Gottlieb of Russetmantle and Angela Boys of Galfrid Kennels. All of these breeders shared with me a wealth of knowledge and observations from their experience with the breed. What I have learned is that this breed has a legacy that deserves to be protected and maintained. These breeders were



With Chenille in Agility

I enjoy the versatility of the breed in the field, obedience, rally, agility and show rings, contributing to my community with therapy dog visits, and find the breed has talent in many of the new events the AKC continues to introduce. Giving back to the breed that has so richly rewarded me with friendships and experiences over the years is something I try to do by being a breed mentor and working to support breed improvement and health registries. These days, I don't count success so much in the number of champions or titles gained, but focus more on celebrating the experience of the journey and the bond these activities create with my dogs.



Picture above is Pam with Bob Foster (owner of CH Nikki's Arco HOF) in 1982 with 2 puppies from her first litter: Fantazsa's Kis Csillag and Pam's first home-bred champion, CH Fantazsa's Classic Magenta.

concerned with protecting the health and versatile talent of the breed, and maintaining the classic breed type. And that's what I have personally strived to do in my limited breeding program as well as in my work as the VCA Breed Improvement Chairman.

My kennel name Fantazsa comes from the name of my second puppy Fang, whose registered name Vot Zdorova Fantazija derives from a story about a crazy haircut my college roommate got in Russia. Long story, but seemed like a good name for a dog to me! Fang became my foundation bitch - I bred my first home-bred champion in my first litter in 1982, sired by CH Vizsta's Tazz V Exodus, who was owned and bred by another mentor and long-time PSVC member, Beryl Taylor of Spokane. All of my subsequent and current dogs are descended from Fang's second litter born in 1986, by CH Vintage Magnum of Magnifico from California.



Pam Judging Sweepstakes in 2008 pictured here with Sarah Barr & her CH Derby's Once in a Blue Moon JH

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Our club accepts classified advertising. Ads must be print ready complete with any desired graphics or photos suitable for publication in MSWord. Editor will not design or layout ads. Ads may be for stud dogs, available puppies, equipment, vehicles, services, etc. pretty much anything (within reason) the PSVC membership may be interested in. Payment must be received prior to publication.



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When placing ads advertising dogs, OFA#’s are required for the subject Vizsla. If under 2 years of age, the OFA#s of the parents are required. Spayed/neutered and deceased Vizslas need no OFA number.

NOTE: As a condition of providing classified advertising PSVC Membership has granted the Newsletter Editor has full discretionary rights to refuse or edit any ad submitted for publication..

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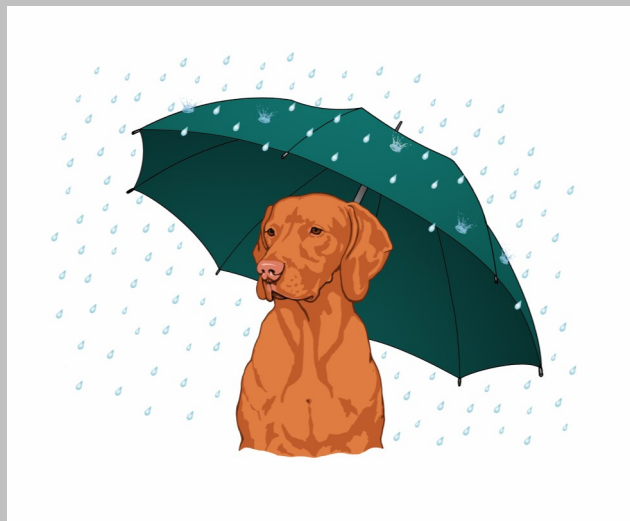
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As Reported by Dee Smiley:



PSVC Holiday Party: What we may have lacked in numbers we more than made up for in laughter! Eight women ‘round the table, and one three week old baby girl – future Junior Handler?? Great food (lotsa dessert, yum!) and the usual hilarious gift exchange. Watch out for Sue Muir at any future gift exchange – she ended up with an un-wanted auction item that she had previously pawned off on Dee Smiley, an item Dee originally donated to the auction. Giving meaning to the saying, what goes around, comes around.

Editor’s Note: No Business meeting was conducted

BRAGS FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS

Submitted by Sheila & Mike Wald



Dezertfyre News!

"Lucy" GCH Am/Int'l CH Dezertfyre's Blue Ice, RN, BN, CD (CHIC 97328) and "Soks" Int Ch Aranyvadasz Vocksok of Tierah (CHIC 109335) welcomed their Flock of Feathers to start off November, 6 girls and 2 boys.

→A few days later we added another new member to the Dezertfyre family, A Wirehair Vizsla! **Zoldmali Usko "Faith"** arrived from Hungary and has been lighting up Mike's world ever since. She had barely settled in when we all headed off for the November specialty in Monroe.



←We were excited to be sharing this weekend with Stori's Dam **Int'l/Intct'l/Am 15xBiss GCHG Szizlin Rhapsody Never Say Never, JH CA DN "Ellie"** and Breeder Michelle Porfido who came out from North Carolina. To our complete and total amazement, Stori went **Best of Breed** for her **3rd major** following the specialty over 13 specials including her mother. She went on to **Owner Handler Group 1** with co-owner Kristina handling and a **Group 4** in the sporting group with Breeder/co-owner Michelle handling! This followed

Best in Sweepstakes and Reserve winner's bitch the night before at the specialty. We started out 2016 in a storm, picking up this girl and its been an amazing adventure every since!



PSVC is Going Green!

If you want to receive a PRINTED copy of the newsletter in addition to an electronic version, please notify Carla Slabaugh Carla@nwi.net

BRAGS FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS



Submitted by
Gail Fleming & Chuck Strong



←Desi earned another title! ↑Open JWW agility title. She is now **CH Pursuit of My Heart's Desire JH BN RN NA NF OAJ** (Jagger x Kizzy). This particular day she earned 3 out of 4 possible Q's. I am so proud of how hard she works with me in so many endeavors.

Submitted by
Valorie Bordon



←Gch Int/Am Ch Jaybren's Trouble In Mind RN "Dawson" picked up an **Award of Merit** at the Fall Specialty while showing off his best "rearing on back legs to elicit treats" behavior. Amie McLaughlin did a lovely job handling him, showing an abundance of skill and good humor. **Kelby Creek's Sweet Thing "Thea"** also did me proud by picking up her second major, going **Winner's Bitch** day one of the Whidbey Island Kennel Club show. Thea is co-owned by Mary Gaudio and myself, with Mary skillfully handling our girl to the win.

BRAGS FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS



Submitted by Carla & Ron Slabaugh

RIKER (Reggie x Brandi) Earned his second regular → **Group 1st** placement at the Wenatchee show as well as being awarded

NOHS Reserve Best in Show. A few weeks later we found out he received his **Fourth consecutive Invite** to the **NOHS Finals** (top 10 rank in the breed) this year and him and Carla decide to head

to sunny FL and see how things would go. Never

in our wildest dreams were we expecting to be on TV while competing in the

← Best in Show ring for

taking the **Best Owner**

Handler Sporting Dog

for 2016. What a truly exceptional experience to have

done this with him. The outpour of support has been overwhelming and we just couldn't be more thankful for everyone who has reached out to congratulate us on the

spectacular win! **MBISS GCHS Am/Can/Int'l CH**

Dezertfyre's Captain's First Mate CDX RA JH OA AXJ

NF CGC RATN



→ Our **Fast CAT (Coursing Ability Test) qualifiers** at the Wenatchee Kennel Club Show this last October. Left to right are **Zoe, Afina, Zinn, Brock, Riker, Hottie, Luna, and Sola** (Reba was unavailable for the photo) All of them have earned a place in AKC's top 10 fastest speeds for 2016 (even our slowest one!) Also at the Wenatchee show both **Sola and Luna** got new **Obedience Titles** and **Afina and Zoe** made first time appearances in Obedience and **earned qualifying runs** as well!



Also in October **Riker, Brock, Hottie, Luna, and Sola** got to compete in WKC Agility trials. Though **Sola** tried to stay focused she was unable to get a qualifying run like the others did over that weekend.



BRAGS FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS



Submitted by Pam Hidaka



CH Fantazsa's The Tyger
RA JH CA BCAT CGC

Fantazsa's Anahata Cielo
JH NFP CAX BCAT

Breeder/Owner: Pam Hidaka

Litterbrothers **Tyger** and **Cielo** both finished their **BCAT titles** at the Northwest Rhodesian Ridgeback Club's Fast CAT event in Wenatchee, running 6 tests and tying for fastest recorded breed time of 27 mph at the time of titling.



Submitted by Lisa & Will Stewart

→Int'l CH Vivacious-n-Firey Bond Girl call name **Ember** (Karley x Bond) won Best of Opposite at the Wenatchee, WA show in October 2016.



←Int'l CH GCHB Tierah's Shay -Flight of the Phoenix CA (Hemi x Blue) won in a nice Select placement at the PSVC Specialty show in Monroe, WA November 2016
Owners/Handlers: Lisa & Will Stewart

Just love showing these two girls. So very different from each other and have so much to offer with loving paws.

Thank you to Jill Brennan and Eleesa Markham for entrusting us with these beauties.

BRAGS FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS

Submitted by Mary Gaudio

. KELBY CREEK FARM



→We (co-breeders Mary Gaudio and Sue Muir/ owner Mary Gaudio) are very proud of the accomplishments of **BISS GCH CH Kelby Creek's Wild Bill, aka "Billy"** the last couple of months! At the November Monroe Specialty he was **Best of Breed**, making him a "BISS" at just over two years old. See below. (He was also awarded Best of **Opposite Sex** at the other two shows that weekend.)



←What made the victory even sweeter is that **Dillon**, littermate to Billy (co-owned with Jayme Eslick fka Nelson), **finished Dillon's** championship at the same show. Jayme has done a beautiful job showing Dillon for all points toward his championship!

BRAGS FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS

Continued....**KELBY CREEK FARM**



The biggest news, however, is that **Billy** was awarded **Best of Breed at the AKC National Championship show** in Orlando on December 17, 2016. The competition was fierce, with six of the top ten Vizslas (including #1 and #2) competing for the title. He was shown by Graeme Burdon, a professional handler from Montreal, Canada. Graeme is known by many of you, and he is a particularly wonderful handler with young dogs. Check out the fun video put together by Sue Muir, viewable at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlfi2e0EfeM> or on Sue's Facebook page.

The Puget Sound Vizsla Club was very well represented at the Nationals by both Billy and Riker. As most of you know by now, Riker and Carla did extremely well in the owner handler competition, and Riker was also awarded Best of Breed on December 14, 2016 with **Billy** right behind him as **select dog**.

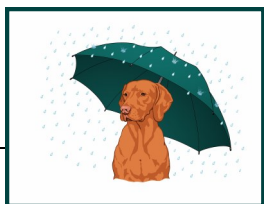


Above: BISS GCH CH Kelby Creek's Wild Bill wins Best of Breed at the AKC National Championship Show.

Left: Handler Graeme Burdon and Billy in the Sporting Group ring.

Right: Graeme and Billy winning BOB.





PSVC Membership Application/Renewal

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Name + Spouse/Other:	
Street Address:	
City, State, ZIP Code:	
Home Phone/Work Phone:	
Occupation:	
E-mail Address #1:	
Kennel Name: (if any)	
Do not publish the Home/Work/Fax/E-mail Address in Membership Directory (<i>circle all that apply</i>)	

Would you like to receive notification of Club Events via E-Mail Only.

Membership Desired*

Newsletter only (*no voting privileges*) \$5.00 Single \$7.50 Family \$10.00

**Membership dues are payable by January 1st and delinquent on March 31st. Lapsed memberships are dropped from the roster with the April issue of the newsletter. Please make check payable to PSVC.*

Interests: What activities interest you?

<u>Dog Related Activities</u>			<u>Club Activities</u>
Show	Agility	Obedience	Event Volunteer
Hunt Test	Field Trial	Other	Committee Position
Family Companion	Tracking	Rescue/Foster	Board Position

Memberships in Other Dog Clubs: (Please list other dog clubs of which you are a member)

Vizslas Currently Owned:

Please provide a brief explanation describing your interest in joining PSVC:

Signatures of Applicant and Sponsor:

I hereby apply for membership in the Puget Sound Vizsla Club, and agree to support the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club and the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the AKC; to encourage high standards in the breeding of, training, and competing with Vizslas; and to promote the health and welfare of the Vizsla Breed.

Applicant _____ Date: _____ Applicant _____ Date: _____

Sponsor#1 _____ Date: _____ Sponsor#2 _____ Date: _____

Application must be completed in full with all signatures in order to be considered for membership. By PSVC By-laws each application is to be read at the first meeting following receipt, prospective members names published in the newsletter and listed on the agenda for the 2nd meeting at which the application will be voted on.

Mail/email to Membership Chairman Sue Ewing @ membership@pugetsoundvizsla.net