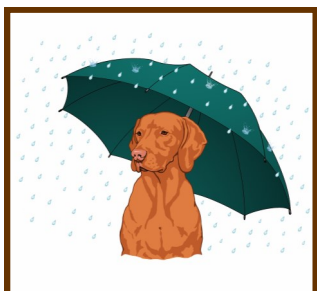




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President's Message

Merry Christmas to all PSVC members and wishes for a Happy New Year!

Looking back on this past year, I would like to thank all of the members who have given their time and effort to make 2018 a successful year. I have seen new members stepping up to assume new responsibilities, as well as our experienced members always sharing their expertise in all aspects of club business. The willingness of the members to help even with the smallest tasks makes this club successful. This was evident this year in all our venues. My hope is that this willingness will continue next year and into the future. I think that we can continue to make the Puget Sound Vizsla Club a place that welcomes new members, includes all members in club functions, and looks progressively towards goals for the future.

I have a new found respect for the position of President of this club and appreciate all the guidance I received this past year. Let's look to 2019 as another great year, by supporting our new officers and renewed commitment to our club.

Sincerely,

Tom Shay



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 12th** Puget Sound Vizsla Club Meeting— Puyallup Public Library Board Room - time 3:00-4:00 pm
- Feb. 23rd** Trails End Vizsla Club of Oregon Specialty— Albany, OR —www.Onofrio.com - closes Feb 6, 2019
- Apr. 29th-May 4th** Vizsla Club of America National – West Bend, WI —www.foytrentdogshows.com - closes Apr 10, 2019



Puget Sound Vizsla Club Membership Notifications



No New Ones to Announce



Application read at the Nov 2018 meeting:

→ Brenda Matsen—Courtenay, BC (Canada)

Aurelia Vizslas—Interest in Show, Hunt, Agility, Tracking, Obedience, & Family Companion. Belongs to multiple Canadian Clubs and the VCA. Owns 8 Vizslas.
Sponsors: Gale & Tom Shay

Application submitted but not yet read at a meeting:

→ Tom & Beth Cleland—Anacortes, WA

Current owner of "Pearl" - Sokoldalu's Pearl of the Sea at Rose Point.
Breeders suggested joining the club.
Sponsors: Carla Slabaugh & daughter Christine McGrath

Membership Dues

Effective January 1, 2019



Family Membership: \$20.00

Single Membership: \$15.00

Newsletter Only: \$5.00



Remembering HEMI



It is with great sadness that we have said good-bye to Hemi "Doobles" Hofmann - aka Am GCH Am Can Int Ch Tierah's Ernest Hemmingway RN (Am Ch Tierah's Buffalo Soldier x Am Ch Vasara's Angelique Gabrielle) on November 24, 2018. She passed peacefully in her sleep with a stomach full of McDonald's French fries cuddling on the couch with her dad, Philip Hofmann.



Hemi earned multiple Best of Opposite Sex in Specialty Show awards, Judge's Awards of Merit wins, Best in Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes awards. Two of her wins that will always remain foremost in our hearts was her first Best of Opposite Sex in Specialty under breeder judge Evelyn Hilbert and her Best Brood Bitch at the VCA National specialty under Kathy Rust. Hemi enjoyed all shows - who wouldn't like eating delicious food and being told they're pretty?

As much as she liked competing herself, her calling in life was to be a mom, she loved babies more than anything. Hemi produced 12 champions, for a total of 13 titled puppies whose versatility included a Field Champion; a Master Hunter and several other hunt test titles; 6 coursing titles; multiple obedience, rally, and agility titles; barn hunt titles; trick titles; and numerous Canine Good Citizen awards. Hemi was the ONLY vizsla bitch in history to produce both an ALL-BREED BEST IN SHOW WINNER and a DUAL CHAMPION.



Not only was she a great mama with the help of some amazing sires, but she was the best friend anyone could ask for. Hemi loved her mother more than anything in the world...right up until she met Philip. Hemi quickly decided that the guy who took naps on the couch was the greatest thing ever. There were many late night discussions between Hemi and Eleesa about where Dad was going to sleep.

In her later years as a grandma and great grandma she reveled in the love of her many children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. (Although others often questioned her parental techniques as two of her sons and a great granddaughter never moved out.)

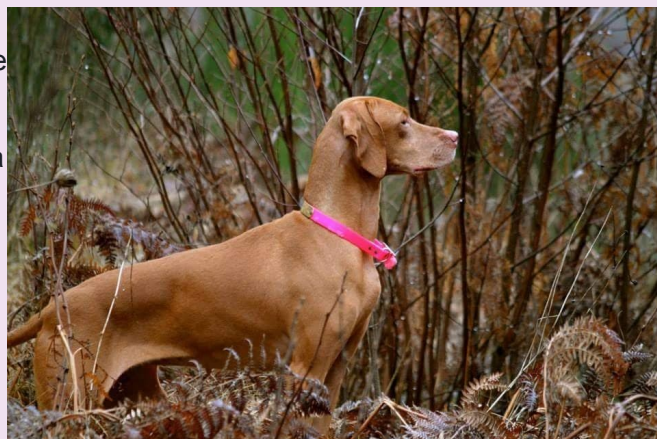
Hemi enjoyed a wonderful retirement only occasionally being shown by her mom or Will Stewart at specialty shows. As time went on and her faculties diminished she enjoyed long wandering walks at the dog park with her exasperated father. She also enjoyed sitting next to her dad while he drank coffee and she tried to remember where she had been going.

Hemi brought light and laughter into the life of everyone she met. She was the best friend and companion. If she were here she would remind you to hug your dogs daily, drink a glass of fine scotch, and fall asleep on the couch cuddling a very happy old dog.

There will be no service or viewing, but her family would like everyone to know that their door is always open and all are welcome to come have a drink in Hemi Doobles memory.

Viszontlátásra Hemi. You will be missed.

Submitted by Eleesa Hofmann & Jill Brennan



Remembering ZERO



“Zero”

Dunantul-N-Tierah’s Grand Budapest Hotel

11/3/15-10/6/18

Zero was a handsome, playful, athletic friend with an abundance of personality. He loved to run, swim, play “stick” and point at shells at the beach. He was involved in agility until we moved to our new place and we did not get the chance to get him in class again. He was named after a character in the movie “Grand Budapest Hotel”. We thought it good to keep the Hungarian theme going. Wish he could have been in our lives longer. He died before he reached 3 yrs old. Basically all of his internal organs shut down in one day. The emergency room vet thought it was complications of spinal meningitis, although we will never know because we did not have a necropsy done. We so miss not having him around and not to be able to watch him grow into the companion we imagined he would be. What a great dog he was! (but aren’t they all?)

Submitted by Bill Levey

Members Contributions

VIZSLA STORY



Here is my Vizsla Story:

It all started over the loss of our 14 1/2 year old Doberman Pincher "Angel". My heart dog. January 2012 was the Portland Dog Show. Why not go and see all the different breeds just not looking for another dog at that time. While wondering around the vendors and seeing all these beautiful dogs a woman walking her young Vizsla jumped up from behind. It seemed this little girl knew my husband and I needed some attention. The woman apologized as she pulled her dog off. Surprised and excited about the overwhelming attention from this little girl we shared our story why we were at the show. At that point all three of us had tears in our eyes. After a brief conversation about the breed and temperament the lady informed us the Vizsla's were showing later that day and we should go watch.

After spending some time ring side and meeting Bob Doyle with his Vizsla boy we were interested in the breed. It was then that Jill Brennan and Eleesa Markham's names were brought up as to whom we needed to contact for a possible puppy. Ernest Hemingway "Hemi" was her name. We fell in love and had to have one of her puppies. Of course that meant waiting - waiting if the breeding took, waiting for puppies to be born, waiting if we were getting one. We went and visited before and after the puppies were born almost every weekend to prove we were the right home for a Vizsla. May 2012 we got to take "Shay" home. Our lives would never be the same.

Moving ahead we have since added Ember to our family in November 2014 (Hemi granddaughter) and Phoenix in January 2016 (niece to Shay). This year I have bred my first litter of 6 puppies with Shay (Hemi's grand babies). Int'l CH GCHB Tierah's Shay- Flight of the Phoenix CA, CGC, TKN (Blue x Hemi), Int'l CH CH Jaybren's Vivacious-n-Fiery Bond Girl BCAT (Bond x Karley), and Int'l CH Dezertfyre's Firebird Irateba of Tierah (Soks x Lucy). We have made lots of friends and experienced the world of showing along with many other activities these Vizsla's are capable of and so much more.

We are looking forward to many more wonderful adventures with our red heads.

Lisa and Will Stewart

Emergency Field First-Aid for Bird Dogs

Approved for reprint by: [Pheasants Forever](#): 10/31/18



Being prepared for field emergencies is equally important to having a properly conditioned bird dog. Luckily, most injuries a dog incurs can be readily treated in the field, but knowing how to handle a more serious accident could make a difference in the prognosis for your dog. It's important to know your dog well and be able to readily recognize the signs of something wrong.

"Traumatic injuries are the most common problems that occur in hunting dogs," says Joe Spoo, DVM, DACVSMR, a hunting dog specialist from Best Care Pet Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. "Your field outings likely won't involve more than a few minor nicks and scratches. However, if you run dogs long enough, you're bound to encounter a few major problems ranging from cuts and bruises to penetrating, life-threatening injuries. It is in these times that preparation and levelheadedness can determine whether your hunting partner will be able to hunt with you another day."

Conducting a tailgate exam is a surefire way to help keep your dog healthy and safe in the field. Take time at the end of each run, and definitely at the end of every day afield, to go over your dog from nose to tail, looking for any abnormality, injury or area of concern.

"Address any issues right away because they won't magically disappear when you put your dog in the crate," Dr. Spoo advises. "A dog's immediate injuries should be treated and then taken as quickly as possible to a veterinarian. Dealing with them in the moment can often mean the difference between days, weeks and months of recovery. The goal is to get your dog healthy again and then back into the field as soon as possible — this is what he or she lives for."

A good first-aid kit is a necessity in order to properly care for wounds in the field. Dr. Spoo says, "The key to preventing further pain and complications is to stabilize the injury until a more definitive treatment can be performed by a veterinarian."

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Continued...Emergency Field First-Aid for Bird Dogs

Dr. Spoo recommends a simple first-aid kit complete with these essentials:

- **Digital thermometer** for monitoring your dog's temperature and avoiding heat stroke
- **Surgical soap** to wash and disinfect hands before performing first aid
- **4-inch-x-4-inch gauze sponges** to help stop bleeding
- **2-inch vet wrap** for wrapping injured legs
- **1-inch tape** for securing bandages
- **Triple antibiotic ointment** for superficial injuries
- **Cotton swabs** for cleaning and applying ointments
- **Staple gun** for temporarily closing up wounds
- **Tissue glue & EMT gel** to help reduce bleeding, diminish pain and itching, and protect the wound from further infection
- **Needlenose pliers** for removing splinters or items lodged in the mouth or throat
- **Hemostats** for removing ticks or items lodged in paw pads
- **Clean white T-shirt** for packing or wrapping large wounds
- **Saline solution** for washing irritated eyes
- **Ophthalmic ointment** to help reduce or prevent eye infections
- **50 percent dextrose or sugar solution** for low blood sugar
- **Hydrogen peroxide or apomorphine** to induce vomiting if your dog eats something toxic
- **Any medications prescribed or recommended by your veterinarian** for inflammation, nausea or diarrhea
- **Contact information for your veterinarian and/or a veterinarian** who can treat sporting dogs near the area in which you are hunting, trialing or training



"Learn how to assess and address," Dr. Spoo advises. "If you can wash, clean and staple the wound yourself, you can accelerate the healing process while seeking veterinary care."

Care for lacerations depends on the severity of the injury, but generally, you should apply pressure and get your dog to the veterinarian so the injury can be cleaned up and stitched. Most cuts are inconsequential if cared for, but sometimes a dog may have tendon or nerve damage.

An eye abrasion has occurred if a dog has a red, inflamed eye, which requires immediate veterinary attention. Seeds trapped in the eye could be the underlying issue, or a dog could have an abrasion or more serious puncture or laceration to the cornea.

Some dogs can have an allergic reaction to insect bites or stings from a bee, wasp or horsefly. In the instance the reaction is severe, it's a good idea to carry an antihistamine with you to treat the bite or sting if you cannot seek immediate veterinary care.

When a dog is outdoors, whether on land or in water, he or she potentially could be in danger of a snake encounter, depending on your geographic location and time of the year. Being aware of the types of snakes native to areas you are traveling to hunt or field trial is imperative. Many variables — including the amount of venom injected, location of the bite, size of the dog, and elapsed time between the dog being bitten and the arrival at a veterinary facility — impact the severity and outcome of a snakebite.

If you suspect your dog has been bitten by a snake, it is crucial to seek veterinary care. Do not apply ice or heat to the wound, nor should you attempt to cut into the wound and suck out the venom or apply a bandage to the wound. Restrain your dog as much as possible and keep him or her calm to help slow the spread of venom until you can get him or her to the veterinarian.

Being prepared to provide aid for an injured bird dog is the best course. Thinking ahead and being aware of how to handle potential problems will go a long way in making a difference in the outcome.

Fall Specialty 2018 Results

As reported by AKC & BaRay Event Services

Regular and Non-Regular Conformation Classes Judge: Mrs. Terry M DePietro

Best of Breed	GCHG CH Dezertfyre's Captain's First Mate CDX RE JH OA AXJ NF RATO CGCA TKA
Best of Winners/Winners Bitch	Eastwind's Wild Card
Best of Opposite Sex	GCHB CH Baroque Eastwind's Cool Runnings
Select Dog	GCH CH Riverside's Start Me Up Jagger
Select Bitch	GCH CH Rhapsody Dezertfyre Write Ur Stori BN RN CGC
Judge's Award of Merit	CH Kelby Creek's Super Kent
Judge's Award of Merit	CH Mehagian's Mandy Mae Campanano
Judge's Award of Merit	CH Sokoldalu's Totally Terrific First Lady of Tierah CGC
Judge's Award of Merit	CH Kelby Creek's Joy to the World
Judge's Award of Merit	GCHP CH Jaybren's Irish Star CGCA TKI
Winners Dog	Eastwind's Red Baron
Reserve Winners Dog	Eastwind Solana's High Seas Adventure
Reserve Winners Bitch	Soleil's Ma Petite Biche Zoe RN CA CGC TKN

Sweepstakes Conformation Judge: Mary Napper

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes	Kelby Creek's Natasha
Best Puppy of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes	Kelby Creek's Colonel Astor
Best Veteran Dog in Sweepstakes	GCHG CH Dezertfyre's Captain's First Mate CDX RE JH OA AXJ NF RATO CGCA TKA



Fall Specialty 2018 Results



Best of Breed



Best of Winners/ Winners Dog

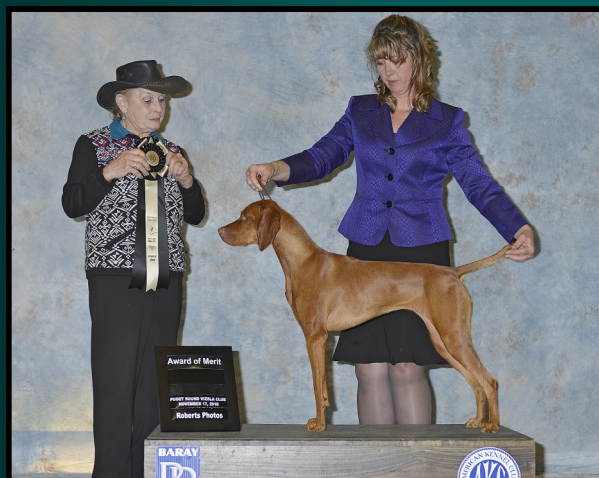
Win photos
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Best Opposite



Select Dog



Award of Merit



Award of Merit

Fall Specialty 2018 Results



Winners Dog



Reserve Winners Dog

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Best Puppy in Sweepstakes



Best Opposite in Sweepstakes

Congrats!

Are There Behavior Changes When Dogs Are Spayed or Neutered?

Spaying or neutering dogs can cause unexpected and unwanted behavior changes.



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According to two large sample investigations, there appear to be some surprising and undesirable behavior changes in dogs who are spayed or neutered.

If you believe many of the websites maintained by a number of humane societies and veterinary groups, spaying and neutering of dogs seems to be a solution for many behavioral problems. Some of these websites will even talk about "The Responsibility of Spaying and Neutering Dogs." A sample of the statements which I found on these sites include:

- "Spaying and neutering makes pets better, more affectionate companions."
- "Your dog should be spayed or neutered because sex hormones lead to unnecessary stress and aggression among dogs."
- "Unsterilized animals often exhibit more behavior and temperament problems than do those who have been spayed or neutered."
- "Many aggression problems may be avoided by early neutering."
- "Female dogs, like males, have an increased risk of aggression if left intact."
- "Male dogs display hormonally influenced aggression toward each other. Neutering eliminates much of this behavior."

My interest in the question of possible behavior changes associated with spaying and neutering was rekindled when I had a pair of European visitors who were quite amazed at the number of dogs in North America who were spayed or neutered. According to them the idea that dog should be neutered in order to control certain behavior tendencies seems to be a uniquely North American notion. Apparently Europeans don't buy into this idea. A Swedish study found that 99 percent of the dogs in their sample were not neutered. A Hungarian study showed 57 percent intact dogs, and a British survey found 46 percent intact dogs. In fact it is against the law to neuter dogs in Norway unless there is a specific medical reason.

The vast majority of the research done on spaying and neutering has focused on medical issues, such as the reduction of the incidence of certain cancers and hormonally related diseases and canine population control. However, since my interests focus on behavior these gave me little insight. Ultimately my search of the scientific literature uncovered two studies that appeared to be soundly designed, which used similar methodology, collected data from a large number of dogs, and directly addressed the issue of behavior changes as a result of spaying and neutering. To be honest I found that their results to be surprising and somewhat shocking.

The first of these studies was reported by Deborah Duffy and James Serpell, both at the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. It was published in *The Proceedings of the Third International Symposium on Nonsurgical Contraceptive Methods for Pet Population Control**. The second was a master's thesis at Hunter College in New York which was submitted by Parvene Farhooody**. Both of these studies used the Canine Behavioral Assessment and Research Questionnaire (usually abbreviated as the C-BARQ) which was developed by Serpell and his associates. It is a long questionnaire, involving 101 items, and it has been shown to be a valid and reliable way of testing various aspects of canine aggression, fear and anxiety, attachment, excitability, energy level and other factors. It is based upon owners directly reporting the occurrence or non-occurrence of specific behaviors in their dogs in a structured way.

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The number of dogs tested in these two studies is quite large. The Duffy and Serpell study tested two different samples, one of 1,552 dogs and the other of 3,593 dogs. The Farhooody study tested 10,839 dogs, thus the combined studies provide data on 15,984 dogs in total, making this an amazingly powerful data set.

There are too many measures for me to report in detail, however the main results were the same across all three samples of dogs. Given that one of the accepted behavioral reasons for spaying and neutering is to reduce aggression, the distressing results of these studies is that spayed and neutered dogs actually show considerably more aggression. Depending upon the specific form of aggression (owner directed, stranger directed etc.) the size of these effects is quite large, varying from a low of around a 20 percent increase to more than double the level of aggression in the neutered dogs as measured by the C-BARQ scoring scale. A further surprise was that these effects were similar for both males and females. One slight difference between males and females is that for male dogs the age at which they are neutered makes no difference in the increase of aggression relative to intact dogs, however for females early spaying (before the dog is one year of age) causes a considerably larger increase in aggression relative to later spaying.

A different worrisome finding is that there was a roughly 31 percent increase in fearfulness for both sexes. This is accompanied by a 33 percent increase in touch sensitivity. The spayed and neutered dogs also showed a roughly 8 percent increase in excitability. About the only positive effect on behavior that seems to result from spaying and neutering is the roughly 68 percent decrease in urine marking.

I must admit that I was astonished and greatly bothered by the direction of these results. Farhooody summarizes her findings saying "Our data showed that the behavior of neutered dogs was significantly different from that of intact dogs in ways that contradict the prevailing view. Among the findings, neutered dogs were more aggressive, fearful, excitable, and less trainable than intact dogs."

Considering the fact that one of the reasons recommended for spaying and neutering dogs is to correct a range of canine behavior problems, Duffy and Serpell's conclusions expose this to be a myth when they say "For most behaviors, spaying/neutering was associated with worse behavior, contrary to conventional wisdom."

Perhaps on this count the Europeans have it right...

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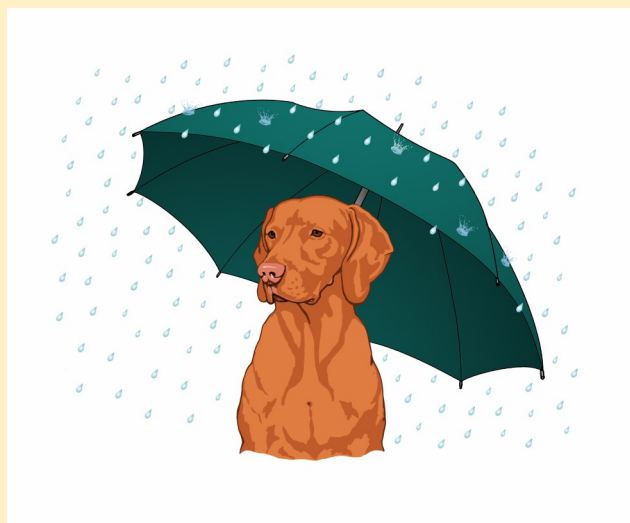
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BRAGS FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS

Dezertfyre Red Fur and Flying Feathers RN

"Tulah" (Socks x Lucy) earned her very first AKC title of RALLY NOVICE at the Wenatchee Kennel Club Dog Show in October by qualifying for her 3rd leg and also a first place finish in the class.

She also earned her 1st qualifying leg that weekend in Rally Intermediate and a third place finish in the class.

What a special girl, she continues to amaze me!

♥Submitted by Kirk and Shelbi Engle



Can GCh Eastwind Solana's High Seas Adventure FDJ

Just a week after his first birthday, Saylor completed his Grand Championship at the last west coast show of the year in Canada.



We headed down over the border the following weekend to the shows in Monroe. There, he took RWD at the Specialty and went on to take WD/BOW the following day for the 4 point major!

This past year has been an exciting one, and we're looking forward to what 2019 will bring.

♥Submitted by Heidi Bergen

BRAGS FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS



SHOW TIME:

We had a great time at the Puget Sound Vizsla Club Specialty and the Whidbey Island Kennel Club show in November enjoying friends and fellow competitors. While Tom and I remained busy with hosting the specialty event, we enlisted the help and expertise of Jayme Nolan to show our two entries: Eastwind's Red Baron (Pre x Lela) and Lani, out of our Turq and Jack (GCH Jackpot Beanstalk x Ch Eastwind Baroque's Hot Steppa RN). We were thrilled with their performances in the ring, and ecstatic with the outcome, as Baron received Winners Dog and baby Lani at 7 months of age Winners Bitch and BOW!



Eastwind Vizsla Fall Happenings!

We had successful repeat breeding of Pre, GCH Boulder's Sentryfier Pre Lives and our Lela, GCH Can Ch Kelby Creek's Spirit of Kilauea RN SH, who produced the beautiful "Saylor" Cdn GCH Eastwind Solana's High Seas Adventure FDJ, Owner Handled by Heidi Erika and "Baron" Eastwind's Red Baron owned and loved by Allen Knecht and Andrew Fletcher. Watch for the "Summer Specials" Dingo, Ivy, & Leo in the show ring in 2019!



Not to be outdone, Baron's litter brother Saylor, went RWD with owner Heidi Bergen at the helm! Truly a proud breeder moment! The next day at the Whidbey Island Kennel Club show, Saylor had his day, pulling a 4 point major, again with Heidi at the helm. We are very excited about the future of these young dogs in the conformation ring and the field!

♥Submitted by Gale & Tom Shay

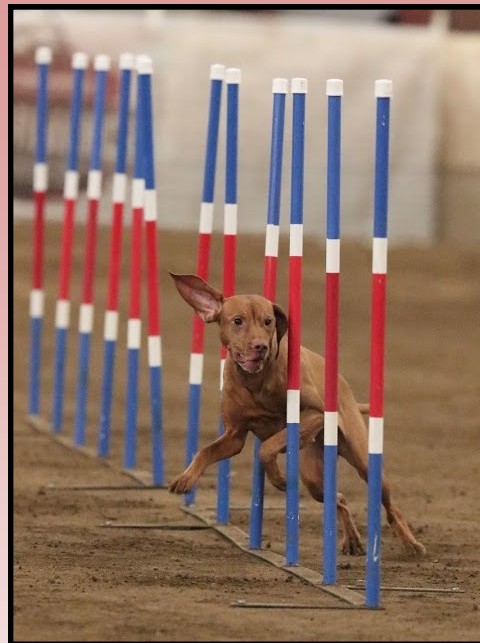
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Luna had a big agility year and is working towards her MACH now! She finished her Excellent Standard title in November at the Samoyed Trial over Thanksgiving. They also earned multiple qualifying runs in Masters Fast, Masters Standard, Masters JWW, and T2B that weekend and the following Ridgefield Performance Show weekend. On a whim, Luna also managed to collect a couple of Q's in Open Barn Hunt at Ridgefield.

She is now

Sokoldalu-N-Jaybren's Celestial Fyre CD
BN RE AX AXJ XF CA RATN TKI CGC.



Sola is back to agility after taking time off to be a mom (to 7 beautiful puppies who went home in September). She finished her Open Fast title in December at the Ridgefield Performance Show weekend and collected a first Q in Novice JWW. Sola also collected a Q in Open Barn Hunt, which she was super excited to play again. She is now

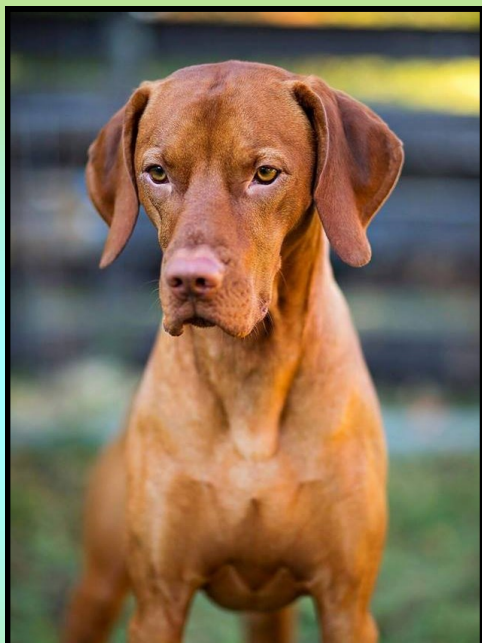
Sokaldalu's Sunkissed Eyecandy by Tierah BN RE OF CA RATN TKI CGC.



Cosmo, one of Sola's baby boys, returned home with us in September and has been such a fun addition to our pack! We have big plans for him and Gaelyn is excited to show him in the "Bred By" class. He is already getting experience in the dog show world, showing in the puppy conformation shows at the Ridgefield Performance Show weekend and earning his first title there, which was Trick Dog Novice! We are sure that this will be the first of many letters. He is Sokoldalu's Power of the Sun and Stars TKN.

♥Submitted by Gaelyn Krauser and Sam Chew

BRAGS FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS



NITRO (Riker x Cedar)

GCH Am/Int'l CH Sokoldalu's Power Shiftn Out of First By Tierah BCAT RATN TKN CGCA

Nitro had a busy quarter finishing up his Grand Championship title at the Richland show and then adding two more titles at the Wenatchee show earning his Canine Good Citizen Advanced (CGCA) and his Fast CAT coursing title (BCAT)

Owned and Loved by Athena Rima and Carla Slabaugh

♥Submitted by Carla Slabaugh



VINNY (Riker x Isla)

Olina-Sokoldalu's Captain's Dauntless Spirit BN RE NF RATN TKI CGC

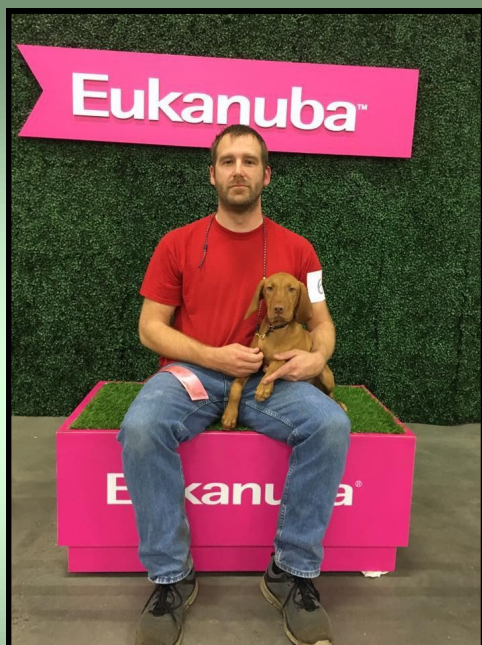
NEW, and first agility title, for team VINNY (Riker x Isla)! With momma Gaylan Warnock at the helm, this fantastic team picked up their last two needed qualifying runs in October & earned their Novice Fast title at the Wenatchee Agility trials! Way to go! We are so proud!

Owned and Loved by Gaylan and Drew Warnock, Colleen Conley, and Carla Slabaugh

♥Submitted by Carla Slabaugh



BRAGS FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS



VEGA (Brock x Sola)

Sokoldalu's Brilliant GT Superstar TKN

At the Eukanuba Performance Games at the beginning of December, VEGA made her debut in style! In the Beginner Puppy Competition her and daddy Jeff Falkner took Best of Breed & a G1! First day out and they are already in the Best in Show ring!!! They also did a sanction B match where they were awarded a Best of Breed and G4! And showing some versatility at such a young age, momma Sarah Smith-Falkner took 4 month old baby VEGA in for Trick Dog testing and walked away with her first title (TKN)!

Owned and loved by Jeff Falkner, Sarah Smith-Falkner, & Carla Slabaugh

♥Submitted by Carla Slabaugh

OBI (Brock x Sola)

Sokoldalu's to the Moon and Back TKN

A new FIRST TITLE earned at the beginning of December for OBI. This is a photo of OBI earning his Trick Dog Novice title at 4 months old. Here he is pictured with momma Jessica and a little later momma Kronda joins in the fun too! Carla had the honor of showing this wonderful boy in the Beginner Puppy competitions over Eukanuba's Performance weekend where he took Best Opposite to his sister one day then the next took Best of Breed and a Group 3 placement.

Owned and loved by Jessica Niggemann, Kronda Adair, & Carla Slabaugh

♥Submitted by Carla Slabaugh



BRAGS FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS



RIKER (Reggie x Brandi)

MBISS GCHG Am/Can/Int'l CH Dezertfyre's Captain's First Mate
CDX RE JH OA AXJ NF SCN SEN SIN RATO TKA CGCA ROM

What a ride this boy continues to keep me on! Riker earned his 6th Best in Specialty show at the show in Monroe just a few days short of his 9th birthday. Then a couple weeks later at the Eukanuba Performance weekend in Ridgefield he finished three new Scent Work titles for Novice Containers, Interior, and Exterior.

Owned and Loved by Ron & Carla Slabaugh

♥Submitted by Carla Slabaugh



TORI (Riker x Cedar)

Am/Int'l CH Sokoldalu's Totally Torrific First Lady of Tierah CGC

We are very proud and excited to announce our latest Champion "TORI" from our Riker x Cedar breeding. She finished her championship with 3 majors and all her points were earned out of the Bred by Exhibitor Class. The next day out as a special she went on to grab her first 5 point major toward her Grand Championship going Select Bitch among 10 bitch specials and then in Monroe over the specialty weekend she grabbed a Select Bitch and a Best Opposite (for 2 more 5 point majors) and her first Award of Merit in an entry of 16 bitch specials. She also grabbed a Owner Handler Group 2 in Monroe.



She is owned by Carla Slabaugh, Kathy Gilbert & Steve Gilbert

♥Submitted by Carla Slabaugh



BRAGS FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS

HOTTIE (Riker x Szofi)

Am/Int'l CH Sokoldalu-N-Jaybren's Radiant Fyre CD BN RE JH NA NAJ CA BCAT RATO TKA CGC

Excited to announce HOTTIE earned a NEW Companion Dog (CD) Obedience title!!! Over the Eukanuba Performance weekend in Ridgefield she was willing to set aside her "Naughty Hottie" instincts long enough for us to finish her CD. In one of the trials, she even gave me a healing performance that ANY competitor would have been proud of, not just a Vizsla owner!!! So proud of getting this title for her!

Owned and Loved by Carla Slabaugh

♥Submitted by Carla Slabaugh



Announcing the arrival of our "The Key Holders" Litter from BROCK x COLA

3 Females and 2 Males - Born 10/27/18

SIRE: "BROCK" - GCH Am/Int'l CH Sokoldalu-N'Tierah's Total Power Package CD BN RE JH OA AXJ CAA BCAT RATS TKA CGCA
C.H.I.C# 82785***EYES CERF: VZ-360546 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015***THYROID: VZ-TH682/27M-VPI -Normal***ELBOWS: VZEL1539M27-VPI -
Normal***HIPS: VZ-12689G27M-VPI -Good

DAM: "COLA" - CH Sokoldalu's Proud Sponsor of the Olympic Games
C.H.I.C.#133195***EYES CERF: VZ-EYE913/25F-VPI -Normal***THYROID: VZ-TH1623/23F-PI-Normal ***ELBOWS: VZEL1539M27VZ-
EL2845F24-VPI - Normal ***HIPS: VZ-15520G24F-VPI -Good

Breeders: Carla Slabaugh & Sarah Smith-Falkner

All puppies have now headed to their new homes.

♥Submitted by Carla Slabaugh



LET'S PLAY A GAME!!!

The Fabulous (and Inexpensive) Muffin Tin Game

By Liz Palika ([Embrace Pet Insurance](#))

I've been playing the muffin tin game with my dogs for more than ten years and my dogs and I still enjoy it. It uses two of the dog's senses – sight and smell – and challenges his brain. This game is perfect for puppies, adult dogs, and even geriatric dogs. It's also good for your relationship because you're setting up the game, encouraging him as he plays it, and you're his biggest fan when he succeeds.

Setting Up the Game

This game needs a few parts to play it, but thankfully they are inexpensive. First, find a muffin tin that is made for regular sized muffins. A twelve muffin tin is best as it gives the dog more chances to play. If you only have a six muffin tin, that's okay to start.

You'll also need one tennis ball for each hole in the tin. So, find twelve tennis balls for the twelve muffin tin or six for the smaller baking pan.

Then you need some good treats. For this game, smelly treats are best, especially when first teaching the game. Swiss cheese works great or some meat. Cut the treats in small pieces; about the size of a pencil eraser is perfect.

The Game

To set up the game, place a treat in each hole of the muffin tin and then place a tennis ball on top of the treat. For standard size muffin tins, the tennis ball fits perfectly. The goal of the game is to encourage your dog to sniff for the treats and try to dislodge the tennis ball so he can get the treat.

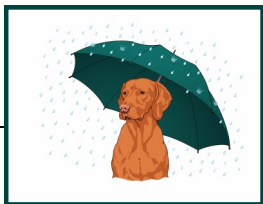


Once the muffin tin is set up, place it on the floor and encourage your dog to check it out. You may have to slightly lift a ball so he can see and sniff the hidden treat. When he sees and smells it, drop the ball again and encourage him to find the treat. When he finds it, praise him!

Bold, food-motivated dogs will learn this game quickly and will send tennis balls flying. Other dogs may need more encouragement, but that's okay. Remember, it's important that you play the game with your dog, so talk to him, show him where the treats are, and if needed, lift a tennis ball now and then.

One of the mental challenges of this game is for the dog to remember where he's found treats and where he hasn't. This is especially true if he rolls the tennis balls from one hole to another. Don't make it too easy by lifting the balls out yourself; let your dog figure it out.

When your dog has found all the treats, set up the game and play it again. If you use small treats, playing it twice a couple of times a week won't upset his normal diet.



PSVC Membership Application/Renewal

Contact Information

Name + Spouse/Other:	
Street Address:	
City, State, ZIP Code:	
Home Phone/Work Phone:	
Occupation:	
E-mail Address #1:	
E-mail Address #2:	
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 \$15.00 Family \$20.00

**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 membership@pugetsoundvizsla.net