

TEXAS TALES
Texas Gulf Coast Vizsla Club Newsletter
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JULY 16, 2009 SPECIALTY REPORT

JUDGE'S CRITIQUE

By Kathy Rust

It was an honor to judge your specialty. The hospitality and friendliness of the club is first rate!

My Best of Breed winner was a typey, moderate bitch that is clean coming and going and uses herself well on the go around. Best of Opposite Sex and the Award of Merit dogs were both strong contenders for the breed win. Winners Dog and Winners Bitch were both easy choices for me exhibiting wonderful type and ease of movement.

There was a variety of type in the ring today. I saw beautiful heads with nice eye color, parallel planes and full muzzles. Tail carriage overall was very good. Nice tight cat feet. Toplines along with front and rear angulation varied. Our standard states: "Backline firm with a slight rise over a short and well muscled loin. The croup is gently rounded to the set on of the tail and is not steep, sunken or flat. When moving at a trot, a properly built Vizsla maintains a steady, level backline." Today I saw few topline that slope a bit too much and also some very steep croups. It's important to remember to strive for moderation and balance. Temperaments were outstanding!

Once again thank you for allowing me the honor of judging your dogs.

Sweepstakes – Judge Jan Fowler

Best in Sweeps – **Annians My Fair Lady**
Owner: Suzanne Towne

Best Opposite in Sweeps – **Pinnacles Storm Chance at Woodsprings**
Owners: Cheryl Etheridge, Susan Rushing & Deborah Verret

Breed – Judge Kathy Rust

Best of Breed - **CH Derby's Destination Moon JH**
Owner: Mercedes Vila, Sarah Barr & Brian & Cather McHughs

Best of Opposite Sex - **CH Titan's Take Me Seriously RN**
Owner: Brittany Stout, Ann Stout & Peggy Schmidt

Winners Dog &
Best of Winners - **Kezdet's Texas Whisper Chant**
Owner: William Davis, Barry Golob & Judy Saddlemire

Winners Bitch &
Best Bred By - **Boulder's N Fusion's Power Trip JH**
Owners: Imeda Reveles, Aaron Davis, Judy & Ed Hetkowski

Award of Merit: **CH Kinscem's Leave Me Breathless**
Owner: Anne Desbon

Obedience - Judge Marjorie West

Open A Class -

1st place & Highest Scoring Dog in Trial & New Title - CDX

Road King of Wood Springs Score 171

Owner: Don Etheridge

Pre-Novice

1st place

Poquito's El Cohete De La Mesa Score 183½

Owners: Jan Nuzzo & Maria Zucconi

Agility qualifying dogs were:

Open Standard 20"

Bentz Adored Allie Verdon

Owners: Tim and Donna Verdon

Egri Bator Tyr

Owner: Shauna Weaver

Our **July Specialty Show and Obedience Trial** has come and gone and once again it was a success. We had two very knowledgeable ladies officiating: **Jan Fowler** from Florida to judge Sweepstakes and **Kathy Rust** from North Dakota to judge breed. Behind any successful event there are many people who make it possible and deserve a big "thank you" for their time and effort in making it possible.



KUDOS to:

Gerald Richey

Helped with measuring and taping the grooming area at Reliant on Tuesday before the cluster & setting up Club's crating area.

Judy Richey

Catalog sales, transporting judges

Annie Bouckley

Table and Gate Stewards

& Rick Gill

Jan Nuzzo

Obedience Chairman and crating area coordinator

Donna Verdon

Agility trophy distribution

Susan Rushing

Maker of devine Margaritas for after-show party

Deborah Verret &

Helped with disassembling the crating area equipment

Susan Rushing

Kate Payne

Coordinator of Meet the Breed

Club Members

Those who brought their dogs for Meet the Breed

GUIDE DOG HAS A NAME

As sponsors of a future guide dog (Vizsla) from Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. (SEGDI), the Texas Gulf Coast Vizsla Club has naming rights.

Members submitted names to President Karen Aronson by the July 1 deadline, ballots were made and distributed at the after-show party. The winning names were:

The Eyes of Texas

Call name "Tex" if a male

Texas Star

Call name "Star" if a female

Carol Rone (puppy raiser for SEGDI) will submit the names to SEGDI when she goes to Florida this month. Now we have to wait to see the new puppy and learn who is going to raise him/her, etc.

March Titles From JUNE AKC 2009 AWARDS

Champion

CH Rozsa Huntmore Citori Lightnin (D) (3/13/09) Owner: Janet McAdoo & Larry McAdoo & Rene Blakemore

Field Champion

DC Fieldstone's Remington Ammo MH (D) (3/27/09) Owner: Alan K Blakemore & Rene L Blakemore

DC Valleyhunter Vermilion Grant CD MH (D) (3/7/09) Owner: Adele Neupert & Dr. Edward Neupert

American Field Champion

DC AFC Valleyhunter Vermilion Grant CD MH (D) (3/27/09) Owner: Adele Neupert & Dr. Edward Neupert

Utility Dog

CH Poquito's La Mesa Nm De Si Si **UD** RE MH (B) (3/21/09) Owner: Maria F Zucconi & Janet Nuzzo & Harold Zucconi

Junior Hunter

Bravo Haulins Olympic Fanfare **JH** (B) (3/1/09) Owner: Linda Lantz & Richard Lantz & Julie LaRue & Medda Rauhue

Agility FAST Novice

Zenith's Up Popped The Devil OA OAJ **NF** (B) (3/15/09) Owner: Valerie Crawford & Bruce Crawford

April Titles From JUNE AKC 2009 AWARDS

Champion

CH Egri Poppyhills Petite Sirah JH (B)(4/26/09) Owner: Mrs. Marie Welch & Mary Rathbun

CH Fawa-Wr Everwhen Buzz's Moon Mission (D) (4/26/09) Owner: Judith Richey & Marina Renee Lara

Rally Excellent

CH Poquito's Electra TX De Sisi CD **RE** MH NA NAJ (B) (4/24/09) Owner: Stephen Sullivan & Debbie Sullivan & Melissa Thomas

Senior Hunter

CH Egri Bor Kokeny **SH** (B) (4/19/09) Breeder/Owner: Mary A Rathbun

Novice Agility Jumper Preferred

Jack Von Crawford NA AXJ **NJP** NF (D) (4/19/09) Owner: Connie Foland

Master Excellent Jumper

Zenith's Fame and Fortune RN AX **MXJ** OF (D) (4/12/09) Owner: Valerie Crawford & Bruce Crawford

May Titles From JULY AKC 2009 AWARDS

Champion

CH Dynata's Bound To Huntmore JH (D) (5/10/09) Owner: Shawn and Amy Barnes & Laurie Fairchild

CH Huntmore's He Hung The Moon JH (D) (5/9/09) Owner Lorraine Cogan & Rene Blakemore

CH Poquito's El Payaso De Mi Mesa (D) (5/10/09) Owner: Maria Zucconi & Harold Zucconi

CH Renaissance Ms Rumba Of Red Run (B) (5/3/09) Owner: Stewart Sherlock & Linda Durham & Heidi Wilkins

Senior Hunter

CH Poquito's Cimarron Nm De Sisi RE **SH** (D) (5/17/09) Owner: Melissa O Thomas & Janet Nuzzo & Maria F Zucconi

Master Hunter

CH Finnrok Tuurk **MH** (D) (5/17/09) Breeder/Owner: Mary Sanford & Roy Sanford

Novice Agility

CH Poquito's Capri De Tiara RN TD JH **NA** NAJ (B) (5/31/09) Owner: Melissa Thomas & Debbie Sullivan & Maria Zucconi

Agility FAST Novice

Aludra's Streak Of Light JH NAJ **NF** (D) (5/23/09) Breeder/Owner: Allen Holth & Joan Holth

Braggs

04-26 Beaumont Kennel Club, Beaumont, TX - Sir Walter of Wood Springs (Raleigh), High

Combined Score, Cheryl Etheridge.

07-16 TGCVC Specialty, Houston, TX - Road King of Wood Springs (Harley) earned CDX and High Scoring Vizsla, Don Etheridge.

07-19 Houston Kennel Club Agility Trial, Aludra's Streak of Light (Laser), 3rd place, Open JWW, Joan Holth


07-26 Longview Kennel Club, Longview, TX - Sir Walter of Woodsprings (Raleigh) earned UDX, Cheryl Etheridge.

Remember to **send your brags** to the editor at jholth@hal-pc.org. Include show name and date, dog's name (call name optional), accomplishment and owner. One line brags are free. If you want to include a write-up and pictures, send a check for \$10 (leading article) or \$5 (inside article) payable to TGCVC and mail to Rick Gill, Treasurer, P. O. Box 218469, Houston, TX 77218-8469. E-mail article to jholth@hal-pc.org

UPCOMING SEMINAR: Coaching the Canine Athlete

With Dr. Chris Zink, D.V.M., PhD. August 15 and 16 2009, in Pearland, Texas at the PAWSitive Impact Agility Training Center. Topics to be covered include:

(1) the importance of structure to performance, (2) locomotion & lameness, (3) conditioning the performance dog, (4) causes of lameness or reduced performance, (5) jump training, (6) stress and the performance dog, (7) how to pick a performance puppy, and (8) keeping old dogs young. For more information visit <http://www.agilitypremium.com/>.

<p style="text-align: center;">WELCOME NEW MEMBERS</p>	
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RESCUE UPDATE

BY Peggy Ross

Thor



Thor is still looking for a home of his very own. He loves to play rowdy with my little female who usually starts the trouble. He does show proper respect to my older male and they get along well. He has really gotten serious about catching the cats when they are outside and he is becoming obsessed with chasing the squirrels. He spends a lot more time outside without me than he did before and he is really getting in good shape with all the running he does. We are working on fetching a ball but he still has a hard time giving it up. He is so food motivated that he will be easily trained if someone has the time to devote to him. Of course he would rather be in charge but he is not real stubborn about it.

Thor is very good in his crate but prefers to be included with the family so he has a day time crate in the family room where he is fed and a night time crate in the dog room. He still eats in his crate because he was very food protective when I first got him. He is familiar with the "down stay" concept but still thinks it is for just a little while and he gets up so has to be put back down. He is definitely a work in progress but he is so happy and takes corrections with a "smile".

He does not have any health problems other than an allergy to beef. I have not found anything else that he is allergic to so far. He has eaten food and treats with fish, chicken and even pork.

Oley

Oley is a 1½ yr old rather small male. Until he was taken into foster care he had never been to a vet or even out of the yard. He didn't know how to walk on a leash and was nervous with men.



At his initial vet visit it was determined that he was very heartworm positive and would need surgery on his leg as well as neutering. He had suffered an injury of some kind and needs medial patella luxation repair surgery. He limps but is able to get around on his own.

He has made remarkable strides in such a short time. He has taken to living inside very quickly and is used to his crate and can walk on a leash. He will make a great pet for someone after he recovers from heartworm treatment and the surgeries.

We will be doing some fundraising to cover the cost of Oley's surgery. If you would like to make a donation, please mail your check to the treasurer TGCVV Rescue, P.O. Box 218469, Houston TX 77218-8469. Be sure to mark the check "for Oley's surgery".

Highlights of June 2 and August 4 Meetings

Most business matters were dispensed with at the June and August meetings due to the fascinating program presented at both meetings by Dr. Lore Haug. She is one of eight veterinarians in the country certified as an animal behaviorist. A veterinary behaviorist has the advantage of being able to evaluate how your pet's health, diet, and medications may influence your pet's problems and the pet's treatment program. Dr. Haug offers a holistic approach to helping owners address troublesome pet behavior. She believes that no animal should be considered hopeless. Many, many questions were asked and because of the interest in "why does my dog do that", she has agreed to return early next year to continue her presentation.

FIRECRACKER TRAINING TIPS

by Jan Nuzzo

Doggy Self Control

1. Hold a treat in your closed hand , palm upright under the dog's nose and when he/she stops diving for it, open your hand and pick it out and give it to her. No commands, no pulling your hand away or pushing the dog away. Just patience for the second or moment when the dog breaks off your hand.
2. Next step. Do the same, but now wait for her to look at you.
3. Now slowly work toward the goal of having your hand totally open, and she doesn't dive for it. Depending on how much you work on this at the minimum, it should take about 2 weeks to get to this stage.
4. Now the treat goes on the floor with your hand covering it. Repeat the above process



AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT

August 2009

Lynn Worth Smith
AKC Delegate

The American Kennel Club announced the formation of the AKC Canine Health & Welfare Advisory Panel extending and enhancing AKC's longstanding focus on the health and welfare of dogs. The panel's goal will be to provide factual and impartial information by creating a forum for proactive discourse based on scientific and ethical concerns and strengthen opportunities for the public to become more educated about health concerns relevant to all dogs.

Effective January 1, 2010 all FSS enrolled dogs with three-generation pedigrees will be eligible to compete in all AKC Companion events.

In Agility trials, the new FAST title, effective January 1, 2010, will encourage competitors to continue exhibiting their dogs past the Master FAST titles and help clubs increase their agility entries.

The Match Regulations have been amended, effective January 1, 2010, to provide for mixed-breed dogs in Obedience, Rally and Agility events.

Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures were amended, effective August 1, 2010, regarding the use of tracking devices. The Rules and Procedures were also amended to update the scouting procedure at Pointing Breed Field Trials. The amended procedure reads as follows: *Procedure 6, Running & Handling. 6-L Scouting. Any scouting for a dog shall be done by a scout appointed by the handler of that dog. The scout shall be named prior to the start of the brace and shall act solely with permission of one or more of the judges. A scout must not handle a dog in any manner, except at the direction of a judge, and except as provided for in the second paragraph of Procedure 6-K, above. Such violation will be cause for the dog to be immediately ordered up by the judges. When a dog has returned to the course and is under the handler's control, the scout must immediately return to the gallery. A scout shall not engage in out-riding. If a judge feels a scout is out-riding, the judge shall instruct the scout to return to the gallery. When not scouting, the scout shall ride behind the judges. Scouts who disregard or disobey the instructions of the judges must be excused from further scouting by the judges. Judges may also order a dog picked up for abuse of any of these provisions by the scout. . . . In amateur stakes, only an amateur shall be utilized as a scout.*

The AKC Board discussed the concept of a Grand Championship, which would be an advanced conformation title. The idea is to encourage more dogs to compete after completing their Championship.

A Medallion Program was announced to be modeled after a version AKC sold to fanciers in 1910. A medallion may be purchased to recognize a dog that has earned any AKC title. This program will be launched at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in December 2009.

AKC will be sponsoring Meet the Breed booths with the Cat Fanciers Association at the Jacob Javits Center in New York City on October 17-18, 2009.

FYI -- Earlier this year, AKC announced a special agreement with Motel 6 and Studio 6 to offer all AKC registered dog owners a 10% discount on room reservations nationwide. To reserve a room and activate the discount, all AKC registrants can log to www.motel6.com and enter access code CP542764 for Motel 6 or visit www.staystudio6.com and enter access code CP542765 for Studio 6 reservations.

Remember, I represent you with The American Kennel Club. Please feel free to contact me anytime. Phone and fax: (434) 374-4051. E-mail: Lynhar@verizon.net.

BREED REFERRAL

Contact the Breed Referral Chairman if you have a litter, have a litter due, or are looking for a puppy

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