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Socialization/Obedience & Canine Good Citizen Class Participants.

Happy New Year!! Here we go again with a fun filled Calendar of Events for you and your Vizslas.

You will have received in the mail a list of planned events for the next few months. Special thanks to Vicki May and Rita Mather for putting this packet together for you. Please save it so you will be able to refer to it as needed. We hope that many of you will take advantage of all the Rio Salado Vizsla Club offers its' members.

We have had a wonderful turnout for our Socialization/Obedience Classes which are being held on Saturday morning during the month of January. These classes will culminate in testing on Feb. 1st – Sunday for Canine Good Citizen Testing and also for Conformation & Obedience Versatility Tests. There will be a small fee to take these tests. **REMEMBER ALSO, THAT YOUR AKC INFORMATION WILL BE NEEDED IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE FORMS FOR THE TESTS. PLEASE BRING A COPY OF YOUR PAPERS WITH YOU.** Dogs must be 6 months of age to be able to be tested. You need not attend all the classes to enter the tests.

We have many events planned in February also. After our Show Specialty on Feb. 7th, we are planning an AKC Hunt Test Seminar. This seminar is open to all of you and will be especially helpful if you are planning to run your dogs in the upcoming Hunt Tests. The Seminar will be held on Saturday February 14th. Because of new rules that have been implemented, all those who are going to judge, **MUST** have attended a seminar. There will be a \$25.00 per person charge to attend plus the cost of lunch. Refer to your calendar for location and time. Reservations will be taken by Rita Mather at sleepyhollowknl@earthlink.net

Hunt Training sessions will begin Feb.21 at Robbins Butte. Once again refer to your Calendar for information and remember to get your bird orders in on time. Pam & Gerry Edwards are in charge of the training. arizonafusillier@cox.net

The Spring Hunt Test will be held in Sonoita on March 21/22. Watch for you premium list the end of February.

Your board of Directors have been very busy planning all these events. Please help us out by responding in a timely manner. Remember also, that we can always use more help so let us know if you are available to help.

Lastly, I would like to thank Amy Pongratz and Marla Molvin for chairing our Holiday Party. I would also like to thank Betty VanDenburgh for her generosity in allowing us to hold our events in such a lovely location. We are so fortunate to have so many great workers in our club. If you have any questions, please call me.

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BRAGS AND CRIES

*From Renee and Dave Newman:

Mehagian's Hot Sizzl'n Bruda Sam passed his 4th and final junior hunt test in November making him a Junior Hunter.

From Donna Coulter-Karis

Harmony Vizslas would like to congratulate **Cameo's Wild Gypsy of Seville, JH** on her accomplishments! On November 9th, 2008 "Carmen" completed her Junior Hunter title at the Valley of the Sun Weimaraner Hunt Test with four straight passes. Three days later, Carmen placed first in the 12 - 18 month Bitch class at the 2008 Vizsla Nationals and went on to win Reserve Winner's Bitch, defeating 42 other dogs . On November 16th, 2008, Carmen won Winner's Bitch and Best of Winners for a 5 point Major Win at the Sierra Vista Kennel Club's dog show. Carmen won her first Best of Breed from the 12- 18 month class over nationally ranked Specials at the Yuma Kennel Club's dog show on November 29, 2008. Carmen won Winner's Bitch on January 3rd and won Best of Winners on January 4th, 2009 for her second major win at the Kennel Club of Palm Springs dog shows. Many thanks to Susie, Jordan, and Kendall Olivera for handling Carmen to these fabulous wins. Carmen is owned and loved by Donna and John Karis and family.



From Mike George

Dakota won the Amateur Gun Dog stake at the RSVC field trial last August.



Dakota won the Amatur Gun Dog stake last December at the Northern Arizona GSP Field Trial.



CONGRATULATIONS!! to Eric and Lissette Bell on the birth of their son on Dec. 3rd.

Braggs and Cries Cont'd



From Marge Mehagian

Congratulations to Mehagian's Kiva Sunset for finishing her show championship. Kiva is owned by Erin VanDenburgh and Marge Mehagian and bred by Marge Mehagian and Donna Karis

From Chip Friedman

"Ruby" Mehagian's Little Hot Shot

In December Ruby got her Versatility Certificate with 2 field passes in November, then her final measurement. At the December hunt test put on by the English Setter club Ruby got her 1st senior hunt pass & her 1/2 sister "Penny" Mehagian's A Splash of Tabasco got her first Junior hunt pass.



From Phyllis and Mike Bruce:

Mehagian's Hy-Desert Wildfire CGC JH earned her Junior Hunt Title in December 2008



TROPHY SPONSORSHIPS

If you are interested in sponsoring a trophy, please contact Vicki May @ serenityvizslas@cox.net

JANUARY 2009 TROPHY SPONSORSHIPS

Best of Breed ~ John & Cathy Nicewander
Best of Winners ~ Ellie Watson in Memory of CH Mehagian's LR
Kippie Barat
Best of Opposite Sex ~ Doug Hildebrandt in memory of my first great
vizsla, "Alexis Marie"
Winners Dog offered by Vizsla Rescue
Reserve Winners Dog offered by Mary Levine
Winners Bitch offered by Vizsla Rescue
Reserve Winners Bitch ~ John & Cathy Nicewander
Best Junior Handler ~ John Van Denburgh
Toys ~ Emma & Jane Yarbrough in memory of Lady
(sponsored through December 2011)

SEPTEMBER 2009 TROPHY SPONSORSHIPS

Best of Breed ~ ~ \$50.00
Best of Winners ~ ~ \$ 40.00
Best of Opposite Sex ~ ~ \$40.00
Winners Dog ~ ~ \$25.00
Reserve Winners Dog ~ \$15.00
Winners Bitch ~ Lois Fristachi ~ \$25.00
Reserve Winners Bitch ~ ~ \$15.00
Best Junior Handler ~ \$25.00
High in Trial ~ John & Donna Karis ~\$50.00 in Memory of
Tim Jorstad (Sept. 09, Nov. 09, Jan 10)
Toys ~ Emma & Jane Yarbrough in memory of Lady
(sponsored through December 2011)

RSVC General Membership Meeting ~ Thursday, February 19th 2009

- Time 6:00 pm
- Location: Alexis Grille
- 3550 North Central Avenue.
- West side of street.
- Free parking on the site
- Meals available for \$12.00 to \$20.00.
- Agenda includes a report of the Nominating Committee and
- Discussion of upcoming events. Question & Answer session.

RSVP: Marge Mehagian

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SPRING HUNT TRAINING

Spring hunt training will be held at Robbins Butte (directions will be posted on the web site) on the following dates:

<u>Bird Reservations</u>	<u>Training Date</u>
February 11	February 21
February 18	February 28
February 26	March 7
March 4	March 14

The cost of birds is \$5.00 each. Pam Edwards will be taking the Bird Reservations, coordinating the training, collecting the money and setting up the Braces. Her contact information is phone: 602-808-9216 ~ email: l.weiss@cox.net When you reserve your birds she will also need your dogs name and what level of training you would like to participate in.

We will need volunteers for the following jobs:

Field Directors

Gunners

Bird Planters

Bird Transporters

The more volunteers the better.

2009 RSVC Calendar**JANUARY**

17th, 24th, & 31st ~ 9:30AM
Socialization/Obedience Classes
and CGC at Marge Mehagian's

FEBRUARY

1st ~ 9:00 AM ~ Canine Good Citizen Test
and Versatility/Obedience and Conformation
at Marge Mehagian's

5th & 6th ~ All Breed Show
Lost Dutchman Kennel Club

7th ~ Evening event approx. 4PM
RSVC Specialty
Arizona State Fairgrounds
1826 W. McDowell Rd.
Phoenix, AZ

7th & 8th ~ All Breed Show
Sahuaro Kennel Club

14th ~ 8:00AM
Hunt Test Seminar
at DeVry University
2149 W. Dunlap Ave
Classroom 235
Phoenix, AZ 85021

19th ~ 6:00PM
RSVC General Membership
Alexis Grille
3550 N. Central Ave
Phoenix, AZ

21st & 28th ~ 8:00AM
Hunt Training
Robbins Butte

27th & 28th ~ All Breed Show
Superstition Kennel Club

MARCH

1st & 2nd ~ All Breed Show
Scottsdale Dog Fanciers

MARCH (cont)

7th & 14th ~ Hunt Training
Robbins Butte

21st & 22nd ~ Hunt Test Premium List
Senoita, AZ

21st & 22nd ~ All Breed Show
Canada Del Oro

29th ~ A Match
Madera Canyon Kennel Club

APRIL

4th & 5th ~ All Breed Show
Kachina Kennel Club

Date to be announced ~ RSVC Awards Banquet
The Coulter Estates Clubhouse
SE corner of Central Ave. & Montebello
Entrance to Coulter Estates is from
Montebello. Montebello is the 1st street
south of Bethany Home Road

JUNE

6th & 7th ~ All Breed Shows
Flagstaff Kennel Club

JULY AND AUGUST

Dates to be announced
Summer Hunt Training

AUGUST

Dates & location to be announced
Summer Hunt Test

SEPTEMBER

11th ~ Specialty in Prescott

12th & 13th ~ All Breed Show
Prescott Kennel Club

NOVEMBER

Dates to be determined ~ All Breed Show
Tucson Kennel Club

Additional information can be located on the club website: www.rsvc.net
For hunt training please contact: Pam Edward ~ arizonafusilier@cox.net ~
(602) 808-9216 or Marge Mehagian ~ mjmehagian@cox.net ~ 602/943-3205
Information on closing dates for all AKC events: <http://www.akc.org/events/search/>

Field Training Volunteer Opportunities

Please contact Pam or Jerry Edwards at l.weiss@cox.net or (602) 808-9216 if you are able to help at any of the upcoming field training sessions.

Bird Reservations Take bird reservations (limiting reservations to the amount of dogs that can be run in a day), and check with Ron Horne that enough birds will be available on the requested date.

Bird Transport Get bird boxes and deliver them to Ron Horn. Pick up the birds and transport them to the training site by 8 AM. Clean out the bird boxes and deliver them to the next bird transporter before the next training session.

Camp Director Make sure the training site is cleaned up at the end of the training session, remove all bags of trash, and dispose of the bird carcasses and live birds as needed.

FT Director Facilitate the training session by monitoring the radios at base camp, notifying people when their brace is going to be run, getting people and their dogs to the line on time, and assisting the people in the field as needed.

Gunner/Bird Planter Gun for the Senior/Master fields and plant birds; Gunners are required to view the AKC Gunner Safety DVD before participating.

Money Collect money for the birds at the field, bill anyone who reserved birds, but failed to attend the training session, and send the money to RSVC Treasurer Rita Mather.

Registration Sign people in at the training site, and set up dog braces for the Junior and the Senior/Master fields.

Signs Set up the RSVC orange Hunt Test signs directing people to the training site, and take the signs down at the end of the training session.

Supplies Take all the training supplies up to the site (bird bags, the club's orange vests, first aid kit, ammunition for the gunners, fluorescent tape for marking birds, etc.) and give them to the next Hunt Training Coordinator at the end of the training session.

Please think of all the humans that still have a need for a loving companion. Whether it be a purebred dog or a rescued shelter dog. Thanks to all you do to for Animals rescue.

Ellie Watson

I rescued a human today.

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't

been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life. She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes. I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved.

At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.

**If you are interested in rescuing a Vizsla,
please contact Rescue Coordinator ~
Trisha Fleischer ~ 480/348-0324 ~ tafleischer@cox.net**

FIRST AID KIT FOR DOGS

Using a clear plastic bin, you can add the following items to take along in case of emergency:

Hydrogen Peroxide	Sterile Saline (eye wash)
Rubbing Alcohol	Maxi Pads (for pressure wraps)
Vet Rap (this does not store terribly well, so I replace it once a year)	
Scissors	Hemostats
Suture Kit	Iodine
Vaseline	Neosporin
Various Gauze Pads/Rolls	Several Rolls of Sport Wrap
Lidocaine	
2 nd edition of Emergency Procedures for the Small Animal Veterinarian	
Plum's Veterinary Drug Handbook	

The stuff that gets used/updated several times a year:

Amoxicillin, Metronidazole, Doxycycline

Website Information

WWW.RSVC.NET

Check out the RSVC website for calendar of events, club event photos, hunt training info, Vizsla rescue, versatility program, and links to other clubs, Vizsla breeders, boarding kennels, trainers, classes and handlers. If you need more information on the Club or Club events you may call or email:

- Donna Karis at dckaris@rsvc.net
- Marge Mehagian at mjmehagian@cox.net/602-943-3205
- Deborah Sanders at rsvger@cox.net/ 480-945-3125

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members and encourage them to get involved in our great club. As you can see from our Calendar of Events, there are plenty of opportunities for you and your dog.

Szabolcs Szelinger

Adam & Rachael Kristoff

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Now's the time to join and get involved in your national club, join before the end of the year and you could receive a VCA medallion for each title earned by your dog.. Remember changes made by the nationals club affect us all in our breed. You must be a member to vote on breed standard changes and other proposals. Go to <http://clubs.akc.org/vizsla/vcaapp.htm> to download an applications. See one of your RSVC members for sponsorship.

