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WHY ARE YOU BREEDING?

Do you have firm goals in mind and is every litter an attempt to reach those goals? Do you x-ray and send to OFA prior to breeding? Do you check eyes and register with CERF? Do you test for Von Willebrand's disease? For thyroid disorders? Do you get show championships, field and obedience titles on your breeding stock? First and foremost, are you dedicated to producing pups with stable temperaments? Do you keep a pup from each litter? Do you ask your prospective buyers to fill out a comprehensive questionnaire? Do you guarantee your pups? Do you repeat breedings, and if so, why? Do you subscribe to the Vizsla Club of America's Code of Ethics?

Good breeders work for the betterment of the breed and do not breed to gain another pet, to make back the original dog's purchase price, just for fun or so that children can learn about birth. Good breeders are fair to their buyers and want to educate and support them. They do their best to match the puppy to the buyer's needs. Good breeders screen buyers carefully and are willing to take back, at any time, any puppy or dog that they have been responsible for bringing into the world. Good breeders breed only the best and never breed a dog that is unsound in any way and that means placing top priority on temperament, natural ability and adherence to the breed standard as established by The Vizsla Club of America. Good breeders do not censure their competition but rather realize that all breeders should be working together to educate, improve, preserve and protect our special breed.

BREEDER GUIDELINES

It is suggested that breeders sell all puppies with limited registrations until such time as it is determined that the animal is of breeding quality. A limited registration doesn't preclude a dog from competition—except in the show ring.

It is recommended that all breeders:

- *sell puppies with a sales contract and require all prospective buyers to fill out a questionnaire. (Contracts and questionnaires are available from the VCA Corresponding Secretary).*
- *educate their buyers of the advantages of spaying and neutering.*
- *sign contracts with the owners of the stud dogs they select. (Stud contracts are available from the VCA Corresponding Secretary).*
- *provide their buyers with accurate and valid papers including a certified four generation pedigree, registration certificate, health guarantee, complete medical records and instructions for care and feeding.*

As far as prices of puppies are concerned, breeders should be aware of and care about the negatives of charging either too much or too little.

A good breeder will encourage puppy buyers to join a regional Vizsla club and The Vizsla Club of America and provide them with reading materials and training support, if needed. (Many breeders include with the purchase price of a puppy, memberships in both the national and regional clubs. Lists of regional clubs are available from the VCA Corresponding Secretary.)

The Vizsla Club of America has available through the Corresponding Secretary a puppy packet that breeders may order. This includes: buyers questionnaire, sales contract/agreement, stud service contract, information on raising a Vizsla puppy, spaying and neutering and crate training.

The VCA publishes a bi-annual Breeders Directory. In order to be listed in this Directory, a breeder must have been a VCA member for two years, answer a questionnaire and agree, in writing, to abide by the VCA Code of Ethics. An application and questionnaire are available from the VCA Corresponding Secretary.

DOES YOUR STUD DOG HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?...

... to make a major contribution to breed improvement?

As the owner of a stud dog, are you willing to:

- *turn away those bitches who do not come up to standard?*
- *Do not have OFA clearance?*
- *Do not have CERF clearance? Have not been tested for Von Willebrand's disease and for thyroid disorders?*
- *Has your stud dog been tested, x-rayed and cleared for all of the above?*

Do you offer a stud service contract that requires current Brucellosis clearance? Does your contract require breeders to supply you with names and addresses of all puppy buyers? Does it agree to individual sales only and agree not to sell puppies under the age of seven weeks?

Are you willing to accept as much responsibility for the pups produced as the breeder for the lifetime of the animal?

A stud dog owner is as much, if not more, responsible for the quality of the Vizslas produced. Do you educate yourself about the genetic problems in the breed?

The Vizsla Club of America offers approved stud contracts available through the Corresponding Secretary.

RECOMMENDED READING

- “The Vizsla” by B. C. Boggs, Glenbrier Publishing, P.O. Box 1844, Chillicothe, OH 45601. (614) 772-2000.
- “The Versatile Vizsla” by Marion Coffman.
- “Your Vizsla” by Strauz & Cunningham. Alpine Publishing, P. O. Box 7027, Loveland, CO 80537. (800) 777-7257.
- “Vizslas” by E. Hart. T.F.H. Publications, 1 TFH Plaza, 3rd & Union, Neptune City, NJ 07753.
- “The Complete Vizsla” by Gay Gottlieb. Macmillan Publishing 201 W. 103 St., Indianapolis, IN 46290. Attn: Howell Sales.
- “The Vizsla”, video available from the AKC.

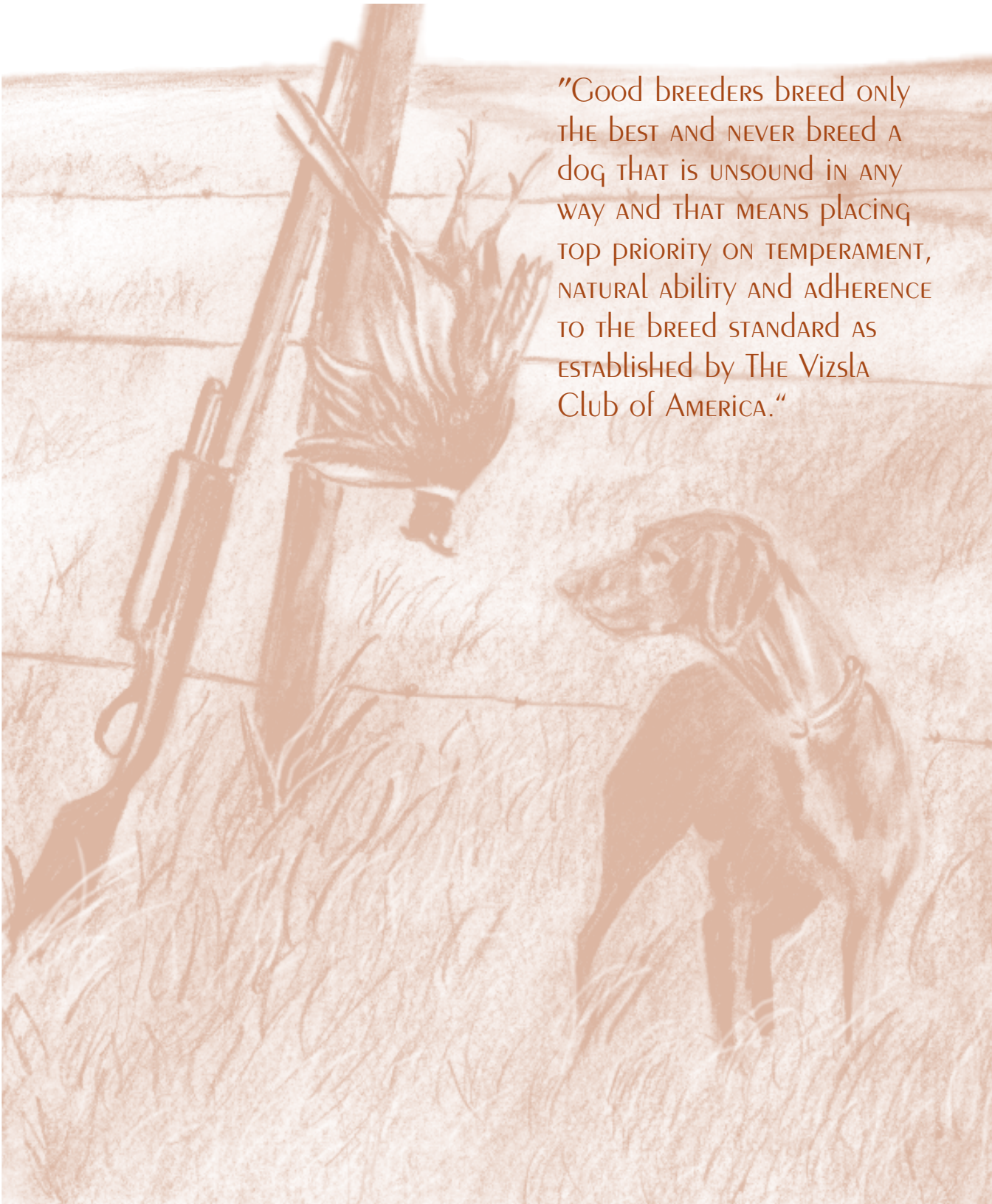
Available from the VCA

- “Presenting the Vizsla” (flyer)
- “Raising a Vizsla Puppy” (flyer)
- Is the Vizsla the right breed for you? (flyer)
- “Breeders Directory”(booklet updated bi-annually)
- List of regional Vizsla clubs.
- Breeders material, puppy packets, stud dog contracts.

For the entire package, contact the VCA Corresponding Secretary:

Visit the VCA Home Page on the internet:

The books listed are only a small fraction of those available. Browse the bookstore, and read DogWorld, DogFancy, and AKC Gazette—magazines available on the newstand.



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The Vizsla Club of America has developed this pamphlet to help you decide if by becoming a breeder or offering your dog at stud you will contribute to the preservation, protection and improvement of the breed.

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BE A VIZSLA
BREEDER?
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