

Vizsla Earns NSTRA Championship

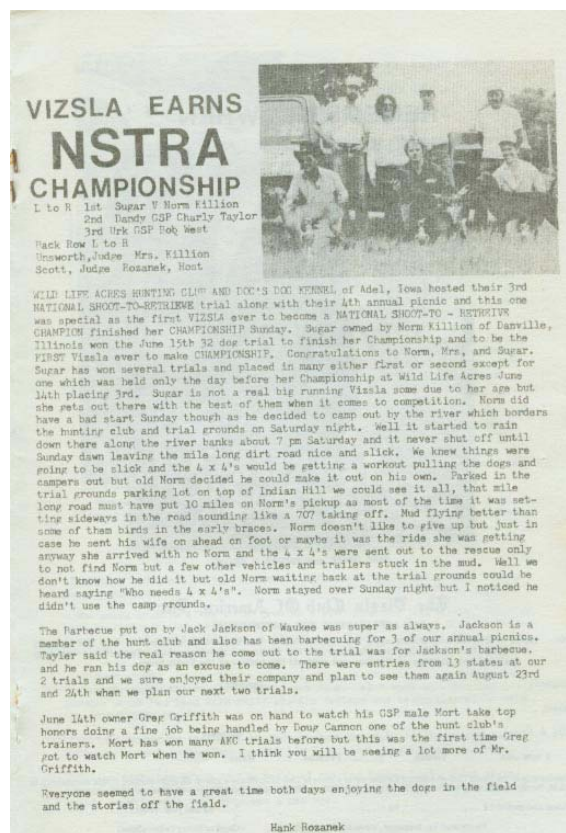
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Wildlife Acres Hunting Club and Doc's Dog Kennel of Adel, Iowa hosted their 3rd National Shoot To Retrieve trial along with their 4th annual picnic and this was special as the first Vizsla ever to become a National Shoot To Retrieve Champion finished her Championship Sunday. Sugar, owned by Norm Killion of Danville, Illinois, won the June 15th [1980] 32 dog trial to finish her Championship and be the first Vizsla ever to make Championship. Congratulations to Norm, Mrs., and Sugar. Sugar has won several trials and placed in many either first or second except for one which was held only the day before her Championship at Wildlife Acres June 14th placing 3rd. Sugar is not a real big running Vizsla some due to her age but she gets out there with the best of them when it comes to competition. Norm did have a bad start Sunday though as he decided to camp out by the river which borders the hunting club and trial grounds on Saturday night. Well it started to rain down there along the river banks about 7 pm Saturday and it never shut off until Sunday dawn leaving the mile long dirt road nice and slick. We knew things were going to be slick and the 4x4's would be getting a workout pulling the dogs and campers out but old Norm decided he could make it out on his own. Parked in the trial grounds parking lot on top of Indian Hill we could see it all, and that mile long road must have put 10 miles on Norm's pickup as most of the time it was setting sideways in the road sounding like a 707 taking off. Mud flying better than some of them birds in the early braces. Norm doesn't like to give up but just in case he sent his wife on ahead on foot or maybe it was the ride she was getting anyway she arrived with no Norm and the 4x4's were sent out to the rescue only not to find Norm but a few other vehicles and trailers stuck in the mud. Well we don't know how he did it but old Norm waiting back at the trial grounds could be heard saying "Who needs 4x4's". Norm stayed over Sunday night but I noticed he didn't use the camp grounds.

The barbecue put on by Jack Jackson of Waukee was super as always. Jackson is a member of the hunt club and also has been barbecuing for 3 of our annual picnics. Tayler said the real reason he came out to the trial was for Jackson's barbecue and he ran his dog as an excuse to come. There were entries from 13 states at our 2 trials and we sure enjoyed their company and plan to see them again August 23rd and 24th when we plan our next two trials.

June 14th owner Greg Griffith was on hand to watch his GSP male Mort take top honors doing a fine job being handled by Doug Cannon one of the club's trainers. Mort has won many AKC trials before but this is the first time Greg got to watch Mort when he won. I think you will be seeing a lot more of Mr. Griffith.

Everyone seemed to have a great time both days enjoying the dogs in the field and stories off the field.



L to R 1st Sugar, Vizsla, Norm Killion
2nd Dandy, GSP, Charly Taylor
3rd Urk, GSP, Bob West

Back Row L to R
Judge Unsworth, Mrs. Killion, Judge Scott, Host Rozanek

*Article is copied verbatim from the September 1980 Vizsla Field.
Sugar was AKC registered as Killion's Brown Sugar*