

**ROO ROOs &
March**



**WIGGLE BUTTS
2008**

Join the 1st Annual Family Fun Walk to Benefit CWVRG, Inc.



**"Every dog must have his day." -
Jonathan Swift**

The number of rescues has increased dramatically over the past year and the need for financial resources is greater than ever. To continue supporting and helping Vizslas in need, we are holding a spring fund raiser. We are counting on everyone's participation to make this a successful event!

**Mark Your Calendars For an Afternoon of
Fun, Food, Family, Fellowship
AND Red Dogs!**

The Event: A 4-mile family fun-walk and barbecue to benefit CWVRG, Inc. Each mile walked will be sponsored by people pledging \$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$25.00 or more per mile (limited to a 4 mile walk).

When: Saturday May 17th, 2008 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Where: The home of Karen Phillips 6043 S. Eagle Street Centennial, CO 80016

Sponsors: We are also inviting corporate sponsors and other guests by invitation with a contribution of \$30.00 per family who wish to attend the event. If you know of someone who would like to attend by invitation, please contact Karen Phillips.

Proceeds: CWVRG, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are Tax Deductible and 100% of the proceeds will go to rescue!

Come on out! Bring your family and your dog(s) to the event. It's an opportunity to meet your fellow rescuers, get some exercise and food and benefit a great cause!

With everyone's participation, we can help a lot of Vizslas in need. If each person obtained just five sponsors, at \$5.00 per mile, that is \$6,500.00!

Everyone should have received a packet in the mail in early March with a sponsor sign-up sheet to get started. If you didn't receive one, please contact me. We hope everyone can attend the event but even if you are unable to come, you can still participate by signing up sponsors and we will do the walk for you! I hope you catch the spirit and join in the 1st annual fun walk and barbeque! I look forward to meeting you!

**PLEASE R.S.V.P. YOUR ATTENDANCE
AND NUMBER OF GUESTS BY**

MAY 1st:

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SEE YOU AT THE FUN WALK!!!!!!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our first quarter 2008 has been mind boggling. As most of you know we have been swamped with rescues from many sources, shelters, raids on breeding facilities, and owner surrenders. At this moment we have 3 dogs waiting to come into rescue. Foster help is badly needed, and I emphasize badly.

Our membership has grown significantly and we have gained several new foster homes in the process. We have many out of state members who not only physically help, but help in other ways.

We are finally getting our Mission Statement, Code of Ethics, About CWVRG, documents ready to post to our website. You have already received our Code of Ethics and I have received some signed documents already. Please don't dally on sending them back to me so we can move forward. Our By Laws should be ready to post to our Yahoo groups page real soon. They will not be posted to our website due to the size of the document.

I want to thank Karen Phillips for the great job she is doing in organizing the Fun Walk fund raiser. I am really looking forward to seeing many of you at our first "annual" Fun Walk. To date she has commitments from corporate sponsors for over \$2,000. This will greatly help us in helping our beloved Vs in need. Our vet bill for the KS 8 was well over \$4,000.00, which I have already paid. We received about \$2,050 in donations towards this vet bill. We are also waiting for a check for \$500 from PetCo towards this vet expense.

I would like to ask you to help recruit members who can be foster parents. Ask your friends, and people who are interested in the breed, in other words, network. That is how I get new members.

Just to let you know, we are no longer affiliated with the Vizsla Club of America/Vizsla Welfare/Vizsla Rescue as per their disclosure on their website. They didn't like us becoming an individual non-profit Vizsla rescue group. They will refer people to us, if they are asked. This is fine since our version of rescue is different from theirs. We will still help anyone or group who needs our help with Vizsla rescue whenever we are able.

I want to thank all of you for your support in rescuing these dogs. Especially those of you who foster, and those of you who transport the dogs.

Rita

CWVRG, Inc. FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 31, 2008

CASH BALANCE	\$7,565.00
CD	\$2,000.00
REVENUE:	
ADOPTIONS	\$3,060.00
KS 8	\$2,050.00
PERSONAL	\$ 539.00
FUND RAISER	<u>\$ 583.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6,232.00
EXPENSES:	
VETERINARIAN	\$2,427.00
GENERAL OPERATING	
EXPENSES	<u>\$3,153.00</u>
TOTAL	-\$5,580.00

STATISTICS AS OF APRIL 12, 2008

21 Vs taken in
(14 Vs taken in at
end of 1st qtr 2007)
07 – CO
13 – KS
01 – NE
06 – Owner Surrenders
07 – Adopted
11 in house fosters
03 pending rescues



DID YOU KNOW?.....

The Vizsla has survived the Turkish occupation, the Hungarian Civil Wars, World Wars I and II and the Russian occupancy. The Vizsla suffered a drastic decline in the late 19th century and came close to extinction during World War II.

When the Russian army invaded Hungary in 1945, many wealthy aristocrats were forced to flee the country and went to Europe, Canada and the United States. Several of them successfully smuggled their Vizslas and their pedigree records with them. Our present day dogs are descendents from this small remaining Vizsla stock.

CRATE TRAINING

There is quite a bit of controversy regarding crate training dogs. Roughly half the population of the dog world thinks it is cruel and akin to solitary confinement, and the other half thinks it's the greatest way to train a puppy.

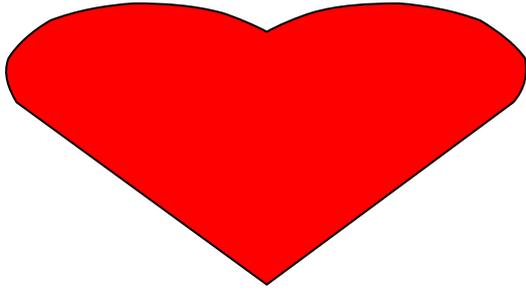
Crating a housetraining puppy has proven to be an effective method of teaching a puppy when NOT to eliminate, a place to eat without distractions or perceived threats that might take her food away. A crate is where to go to be safe, and it is a safe place to put her when you have to leave the house or are going to be occupied elsewhere. Like all things though, crates have the potential to be abused.

The benefits of crate training done properly are numerous. Dogs have a very strong "den" instinct. Most will not eliminate in their den, and being in

there gives them a more secure feeling. Your dog will grow up a little more confident if she knows that she has that safe place to go to when the world becomes too much for her to handle.

The crate, however, is NOT a substitute for social interaction, and leaving a young puppy in a crate for hours on end is abuse. A good rule of thumb is no more than one hour for every month of life your pup has. Puppies under four months have very little bladder or sphincter control. Do not expect the impossible from them. If your dog has eaten a large meal or had a lot of water before entering the crate, your success will be limited, and the dog may be forced to eliminate in the crate. A good crate should be just big enough for her to lie down, stand up, and turn around comfortably. Too big of a crate will ruin the 'den' feeling and you may find that your puppy has established a bathroom in a corner.

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MY CRATE

It is advisable first to crate your pup for short periods of time **while you are home with her**. In fact, crate training is best accomplished while you are in the room with your dog. Getting her used to your absence from the room in which he is crated is a good first step. This prevents an association being made with the crate and leaving her alone.

The Process: Start by leaving the crate door open, with a comfy bed, a few treats or a favorite toy inside. Let your dog check it out without pressure. Praise her when she enters. Occasionally during the day, toss a treat into the kennel and let your dog discover it. Praise her. Do not push, pull or force the dog into the crate. If she hesitates, try feeding her in front of the crate, then right inside the doorway, and finally, in the back of the crate.

Providing your puppy or dog with an indoor kennel crate can satisfy many dogs' need for a den-like enclosure. Besides being an effective housebreaking tool (because it takes advantage of the dog's natural A kennel crate also serves as a travel cabin for you dog when travelling by car or plane. Additionally, most hotels which accept dogs on their premises require them to be crated while in the room to prevent damage to hotel furnishings. Most dogs which have been introduced to the kennel crate while still young grow up to prefer their crate to rest in or "hang-out" in.

It's recommended that you provide a kennel crate throughout your dog's lifetime. Some crates allow for the removal of the door once it is no longer necessary for the purpose of training. Done successfully, crate training will result in a happy, clean puppy that will grow to be a well-adjusted member of your family.

SUCCESS STORIES

This is yet another story with a sad beginning, creating that all too familiar tug of our heart strings which keeps us involved in rescue work. Thankfully though, this story has some pretty happy endings

The story unfolds in Kansas, around early to mid-November and started with a phone call. The characters came on the scene quickly as a “group package,” and were soon dubbed “The Skinny Five.” These rescues were the result of an owner surrender. The actors in this story were one male, named Jimbo, who was reportedly given to the owner and described as an “escape artist and gun shy.” Jimbo had fathered a litter of six, with four remaining female littermates headlining as Maddie, Sunny, Jade and Sadie-Q.” They were estimated to be about 8 months old and also “gun shy.”



The owner stated that he worked as a truck driver and was away from home seven days a week frequently up to 14-16 hours a day. He found our rescue on the internet and placed the call to Polly for help. He stated that he was no longer able to

afford the care and feeding of the five dogs. The “Skinny Five” arrived in Polly’s expert care soon afterward. Their condition was poor, being very emaciated and so full of tapeworms, that the females all looked pregnant. They had never been indoors and had spent their lives in an outdoor kennel.

The dogs were treated medically and readied for foster care in Colorado by the end of November. Arrangements were made for transport back to Colorado on one very cold, snowy and icy day. A heartfelt thanks to Tim and Stacy Sepp, who graciously accepted the transport job and valiantly made the long and dangerous drive to pick up the rescues and bring them safely back to Colorado in one day.

With this sad beginning to life behind them, the skinny five were all placed in foster homes. The “girls” have all since been adopted into their forever homes and are fitting right into becoming the centerpiece of their families’ lives.

“**Maddie**” was adopted on February 18th by a loving family with three children and an American Bulldog name Tonka in Boulder, CO. She adjusted to her new family exceptionally well and much faster than anticipated. She grew into a healthy solid weight after three weeks of non-stop eating and loves to play with Tonka. They are affectionately known as the “Beauty and the Beast”. Heather, the owner, and family are quickly learning the ways of “Vizsla antics” and wanted to extend a “Thank you to everyone involved in caring for and nurturing Maddie’s happy little spirit while she awaited her forever home. We are so happy with her and I’ll say it again, she’s a keeper!!”

“**Jade**” was adopted in January by a couple with one Vizsla named Jasmine. Initially she was very timid and afraid of strangers and noises. She feared walks and especially leaving the property. Happily, she has overcome her fears and is embracing life. She holds her tail high on walks and even approaches people to get hugs and pets. Jade and

Jasmine have bonded and she has found her place with her new family. She has filled out nicely and is in great shape according to the owners. "We love our little one and are very happy with our adoption," they said.

"**Cheena**" was adopted in mid-December. She was quickly welcomed into the home and hearts by a couple in Lafayette with two other Vizslas, Chaco 10, and Tocha 8 years old. The couple described her as having a sweet, loving personality and discovered the couch and bed on her first day in her forever home. Cheena has bonded with Tocha and they spend their days chasing one another throughout the house and yard. She is cautious and is learning that neighbors, strangers, bikes and strollers are not to be feared. When asked to sum up Cheena, they said "We love our silly girl!"

"**Sadie-Q**" was adopted by a family in Laramie Wyoming. She is doing well and adjusting to her new life with a wonderful family. They have another Vizsla named Kali. "She has brought new life to our home," says Lisa, the owner. Sadie took some time getting used to everyone and everything, especially the stairs. Once she figured out how to go up and down them, she ran them constantly as if it were a marathon. Although she is still leery of new people, especially males, she adapts quickly and loves them like crazy. Sadie loves being outside, going for walks, chewing shoes, snuggling, getting belly rubs and playing tug of war with Kali and their many stuffed animals. Lisa finished by saying, "We are all very grateful for having been chosen to adopt Sadie and love her dearly."

"**Jimbo**" was in foster care until April recovering from a mast cell tumor surgery. He is doing well and gaining weight. As of this publication date, Jimbo has been adopted into his forever home and adjusting well to family life in Colorado Springs. (Sorry, no photo of Jimbo was available.)

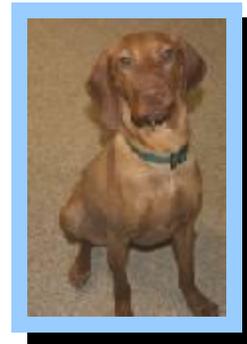
In writing this story and researching the adoption follow-ups, I can't help but smile when I think about how wonderful this process is and how well it works. I think Polly summed it up perfectly when asked about the "Skinny Five" Rescue. She said "These five dogs are true rescues. CWVRG, Inc's members pulled together. They came together as a

group and no one complained. They just stood up and helped these V's that truly were in need! These dogs showed what power our group really does have, and how much our members really do love the Vizsla breed!"

Maddie



Cheena

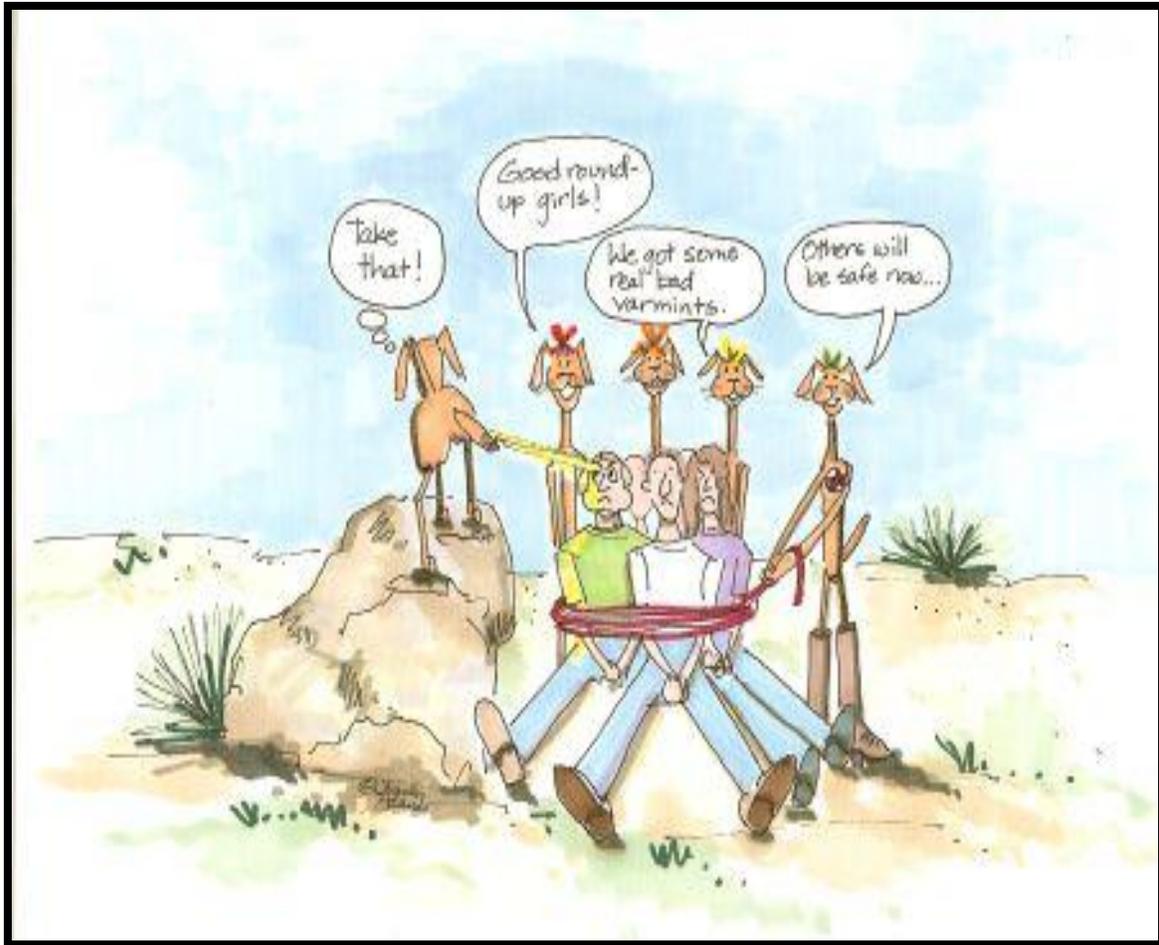


Jade

Sadie Q



The Skinny Five Posse Hands Out Justice



Cartoon by Tracey Adams

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