



Happy Holidays



2007

What a year! Life is full of highs and lows. Dart accomplishments were once in a lifetime. On the other hand, it wasn't easy to take a \$20,000 cut in pay.



↑ Ryan & Joanne at graduation at Indiana University.

Placing the doctoral hood on Joanne at graduation ⇒

⇐ Ryan Harris and Joanne Krasnoff, two top notch doctoral students, graduated this year. Both found jobs in California. Joanne is coordinating the exercise lab in the NIH funded Clinical Translational Science Center at UC San Francisco and Ryan is completing a post-doc in the School of Medicine at UC San Diego.

We welcomed Blair Johnson from ⇒ Minnesota to the research team this

year. Blair and Jaume have a challenging year ahead of them. Our research has been quite productive and we have some good projects scheduled for next year.



Blair, Dr. Mather, me, and Jaume Padilla.



⇐ We traveled to the Detroit area again for Christmas with the McCullough clans. Think red is a popular color with everyone? We're looking forward to the gathering again this year. Pictured are great grandparents, grandparents, great aunt, cousins, grandkids, and great grand kids...and me.



My other travels were not too exotic this year. In fact, they were essentially nonexistent. Dart had puppies and I got the honor of helping her raise them over the summer. Patsy, my college friend from Mt Sac days, visited and helped when they were six weeks old. It was quite a task for Patsy, as a mail carrier, she was afraid of dogs! Daddy is a dual field and show champion from Johnstown Pennsylvania named *Marty*. Thus, the pups became known as the *Dart-Mart* litter. Neighbor Tess Cook and dog colleague Molly Bachman helped in the delivery. The pups were named after the neighbors for the first nine weeks. Too often, we couldn't figure out if the neighborhood was talking about the pups or the other neighbors.

I kept "Jeff" and named him *Shine*. All the other pups went to great homes all over the country. I wanted to go home with Copper.....to 300 acres (with quail) in Washington!

You can be quite entertained with more puppy pictures and puppy videos on our web site.

<http://www.totemvizslas.com>



The Dart-Mart Litter

Litter names (left to right): Gail, Troy, Jim (Gail's husband), Tess, Judy, Jeff (Tess's husband) & Terry (Tess's mother).

Names now: Jili (Connecticut), Troy (Connecticut), Copper (Washington), Tess (Indiana), Lilly (Michigan), Shine (stayed home), & Jake (Florida)



Jake (with owner Mark & the judge) placing first in Open Puppy in November, in Florida.

Most of the pups will compete in field trials, obedience, hunt tests, dog shows, agility, and maybe even in search & rescue. In fact, Jake has already earned his Junior Hunter title (at seven months old!) and placed first in his second field trial (at six months old!). He's setting family records! We are truly proud of him.

Shine's first dog show was the National competition at six months old. His puppy class was the largest class in the whole dog show except for best of breed. He had too much fun meeting all the judges and other dogs instead of showing. His show career will truly start next year.

Shine's field career, however, did start this year. Debby Lynn and I have been working out weekly with our new pups. The pups have been on over 150 birds including a season of pheasant hunting. Shine's only placement this year was in Missouri in a 34 degree rain. It was a meaningful win however. Shine's first placement was at the same field trial Dart finished her Amateur Field Championship.



Shine places third in Open Puppy at the same field trial Dart finished her Amateur Field Championship.

Yes! *Dart is now an Amateur Field Champion and a show champion!* She has only one major win in the Open Gun Dog stakes to earn her Field and Dual Championships. That may seem simple, but it still may take a couple more years to accomplish.

We traveled to Omaha & Branched Oak Nebraska to compete in the National events of the Vizsla Club of America. This competition is an international event with over 500 of the best Vizslas in the US & Canada. The field trial was the biggest event of record. Dart competed in agility (one day), in the dog show (three days), and in the field trial (one week). Most dogs only compete in only one of the four venues. But, not only did Dart compete in three venues, she placed in all of them! She placed first in Standard Agility, first in her class of the dog show, and received an award of merit in the National Amateur Field Championships. She also placed in last year's National Amateur Field Championships. Few Vizslas have accomplished as much.



Dart in Agility, pictured with the judge. She earned a first place in the Open Standard 20 inch class.



Dart in the National Amateur Field Championships, pictured with the judges. Rodney Albin, who scouted for us, is holding her for the picture.



Dart in the Field Trial Bitch class of the dog show. Not only did she win this class she made the first cut in Best of Breed. Corinne Miklos handled her in the dog show.

Take care and have a happy holiday!

Jan Wallace