

## **To all potential vizsla adopters— PLEASE READ:**

It has come to VCA Rescue's attention that there are numerous dogs listed on Petfinder and other shelter sites as "Vizsla-mix."

Although some of these may be great dogs, please be aware that **most are Vizsla-mixes, and therefore will not have the character, temperament or personality that makes the breed so endearing.**

Many shelters list a dog by its looks--if it's red, they call it a Vizsla. Recently, we have seen a number of red-nosed pit bulls posted as "vizslas." Some shelters list dogs as Vizsla-mixes because the Vizsla has gained popularity, and these places are hoping the vizsla name will increase their chances of adoption.

Before considering the adoption of a vizsla, please read Vizsla breed standards on the VCA and AKC websites to learn more about what you can expect from a pure-bred vizsla. Obviously the same standards do not apply to a "vizsla-mix."

If you have any questions regarding the breed, please contact your local rescue coordinator. If you are truly interested in adopting a dog from a shelter, please don't be surprised if it doesn't turn out to be what you expected.

However, once you make a commitment to ANY dog, full-blooded or mix, please honor that commitment. All dogs, no matter whether you adopt them from a shelter or from a breeder, will need a LOT of time and training to become well-behaved family members. Dogs should never be an impulse purchase, nor should they be treated as disposable objects. Think before you adopt.

### **Useful links:**

AKC Breed Standard: <http://www.akc.org/breeds/vizsla/index.cfm>

VCA Rescue Coordinators: <http://clubs.akc.org/vizsla/rescue.htm>

List of Regional Vizsla Clubs: <http://clubs.akc.org/vizsla/clubs.htm>

Meet other vizslas at local events: <http://clubs.akc.org/vizsla/calendar.htm>

Vizsla Club of America website: <http://clubs.akc.org/vizsla/>