

Vizsla Club of America Welfare Foundation

Description

The Vizsla Club of America Welfare Foundation was formally established in the 2000 by the Board of Directors of the VCA. The purpose of the Foundation is to give our breed an organized, recognized, charitable structure (with 501-C3 status) under which health concerns and welfare activities can be pursued.

Without the generous and thoughtful support of so many owners, breeders, handlers and admirers of the vizsla, the VCA WF could not begin to do the important work of research and rescue that protects and preserves the pure-bred vizsla.

To this end, the Foundation has established the following funds within the Welfare Foundation:

1. Health Fund
2. Rescue Fund
3. DNA Fund
4. General Fund

1. Health Fund

The Health Fund participates in several projects: the [epilepsy study](#) in partnership with the [Canine Health Foundation](#) (CHIC) of the AKC; the [lymphosarcoma study](#) in partnership with the Magyar Vizsla Society; and a new VCA WF healthy survey (coming in 2008) to build a database of information about the health of the vizsla.

2. Rescue Fund

The Rescue Committee is actively involved in the fostering and placing of rescued vizslas through a system of local and national networks. The Rescue Committee works with regional rescue coordinators to educate and assist families in need of rescue or who seek to re-home a vizsla in the rescue system.

3. DNA Fund

The DNA Fund is dedicated to fostering the work of the Magyar Vizsla Society. The VCA WF continues to collect blood to build a reference library for the breed for present and future DNA testing.

4. General Fund

The General Fund exists for the purpose of managing the Foundation.

Donations

All donations to the VCA WF are tax-deductible as permissible by law. The VCA WF relies on the generous support of those devoted to the pure-bred vizsla in order to fund the latest scientific research to benefit the breed as well as to partner with regional rescue efforts when needed.

Please complete a [donor card](#) and send your check payable to the VCA Welfare Foundation to:
Pat Carnes, Treasurer
PO Box 639
Stevensville MD 21666

Volunteers

Please contact one of the Directors listed above for more information with any questions about working on behalf of the Foundation. We are seeking medically knowledgeable vizsla owners to help with the agenda of the Health Committee. In addition, we always need volunteers to assist in the general operations of the Foundation; in particular, administration, fundraising and solicitations, pamphlet writing and communications.