

The Vizsla Club of America, Inc.

Conformation Versatility Test Requirements & Judge's Score Sheet (Revised June 2007)

NAME OF CLUB _____ DATE _____

CALL NAME OF DOG _____ AGE _____

VIZSLAS ARE TO BE MEASURED EACH TIME JUDGED - USE AN AKC WICKET
QUALIFYING MEASUREMENT AGE 24 MONTHS OR OLDER

1. HEIGHT: Measurement _____ 20 POINTS

IDEAL SIZE: Males: 22 – 24 inches over the shoulder blades
Females: 21 – 23 inches over the shoulder blades

PENALTY < _____ >

SCORE _____

Penalize: Males: 20.5 to under 22 inches
Over 24 to 25.5 inches
Females: 19.5 to under 21 inches
Over 23 to 24.5 inches

Disqualify: Males: under 20.5 and over 25.5 inches
Females: under 19.5 and over 24.5

2. TEMPERAMENT _____ 20 POINTS

IDEAL: Lively yet gentle-mannered and demonstrably affectionate.

Penalize: Shyness, timidity, nervousness, or aggressiveness.

PENALTY < _____ >

SCORE _____

3. GENERAL APPEARANCE _____ 20 POINTS

IDEAL BODY: Medium-sized, robust but rather lightly built; Body is strong and well proportioned; Back short. Withers high and the topline slightly rounded over the loin to the set of the tail.

Chest moderately broad and deep, reaching down to the elbows.

Ribs well-sprung; underline exhibiting a slight tuck-up beneath the loin.

Tail set just below the level of the croup, thicker at the root and docked one-third off. Ideally, it should reach to the back of the stifle joint and be carried at or near the horizontal.

Permissible: Brawny or sinewy muscular condition indicative of a field dog is permissible.

Penalize: Undocked tail is faulty. Topline poor. Withers low.

Tail carriage too high or too low. Chest narrow and not deep.

Slab sides. Tuck too much or none. Angulation poor.

Lack of overall good balance.

PENALTY < _____ >

IDEAL COAT AND COLOR: Short-coated; Coat is an attractive solid golden rust in different shadings; Field conditioned coats and honorable scars indicating a working and hunting dog are never to be penalized in this dog. When viewing the dog from the front, white markings on the forechest must be confined to an area from the top of the sternum to a point between the elbows when the dog is standing naturally.

Permissible: White on the forechest, preferably as small as possible, and white on the toes.

White due to aging shall not be faulted.

Penalize: Color solid dark mahogany red or pale yellow.

Coat coarse, thinning, or poor conditioned.

Noticeable black in coat.

PENALTY < _____ >

SCORE _____

Disqualify: A distinctly long coat.
Solid white extending above the toes or white anywhere else on the dog except the forechest.
White extending onto the shoulders or neck.

4. HEAD AND NECK _____ 20 POINTS

IDEAL HEAD: Head should be lean and muscular.

Skull moderately wide between the ears with a median line down the forehead. Stop between skull and foreface is moderate, not deep.

Foreface or muzzle is of equal length or slightly shorter than skull when viewed in profile, should taper gradually from stop to tip of nose.

Muzzle square and deep. It must not turn up as in a "dish" face nor should it turn down. Nose brown. Nostrils slightly open.

Ears, thin, silky and proportionately long, with rounded-leather ends, set fairly low and hanging close to cheeks.

Jaws are strong with well-developed white teeth meeting in a scissors bite.

Eyes medium is size and depth of setting, their surrounding tissue covering the whites. Color of the iris should blend with the color of the coat. Lower eyelids should neither turn in nor out since both conditions allow seeds and dust to irritate the eye.

Lips cover the jaws completely but are neither loose nor pendulous.

IDEAL NECK: Neck strong, smooth and muscular, moderately long, arched and devoid of dewlap

Neck should broaden nicely into shoulders which are moderately laid back. This is mandatory to maintain balance with the moderately angulated hindquarters.

Penalize: Head too wide or too narrow. Stop too deep or too shallow. **PENALTY** <_____>

Muzzle too long or too short. Nose color not brown.

Ears excessively small or large. Jaw underbite or overbite. **SCORE** _____

Eye color of yellow or doesn't blend with coat color. Prominent pop-eyes are faulty.

Eyelids turn in or out. Excessively loose or pendulous lips.

Disqualify: A totally black nose is a disqualification.

5. RUNNING GEAR

20 POINTS

IDEAL: Gait: should be far-reaching, light footed, graceful and smooth. When moving at a fast trot, a properly built dog single tracks.

Forequarters: Shoulder blades proportionately long and wide sloping moderately back and fairly close at the top. Forelegs straight and muscular with elbows close. Feet cat-like, round and compact with toes close.

Nails brown and short. Pads thick and tough. Dewclaws, if any, to be removed on front and rear feet.

Hindquarters: Hind legs have well developed thighs with moderately angulated stifles and hocks in balance with the moderately laid back shoulders. They must be straight as viewed from behind.

The hocks are let down and parallel to each other.

Penalize: Movement poor or reach restricted. **PENALTY** <_____>

Elbows loose and wide. Front narrow.

Pasterns weak giving impression of hare feet. **SCORE** _____

Hocks turned in (cow hocked.) Muscle tone poor or absent.

Dew claws present. Pads thin and soft.

PASS

FAIL

TOTAL SCORE _____

PASSING SCORE IS 60 POINTS OR BETTER OUT OF 100 POINTS AND A MINIMUM OF 10 POINTS IN EACH CATEGORY. A DISQUALIFYING PERFORMANCE IN ANY CATEGORY IS SCORED ZERO AND IS AN AUTOMATIC FAILURE FOR THE ENTIRE TEST.

JUDGE'S COMMENTS:

Judge's Signature _____

Print Judge's Name _____