

The Hungarian Vizsla Club Novice Field Trial held at Little Pixhall Farm, Kent on 7th November 2025 by kind permission of Mr F Briley & Canal Game.

Judges: S Burton (A 2996) and R Webster (NP).

The ground was various types of open fields of stewardship/bird seed, consistent for all dogs.

Quarry: Some French Partridge but predominately Pheasants.

The weather was mild (12-14 degrees centigrade) and overcast with occasional showers, the wind was virtually none existent when we started but increased as the day progressed.

We saw 12 dogs – 2 Weimaraners, 3 Hungarian Wirehaired Vizslas, 1 German Shorthaired Pointer, 1 Large Munsterlander, 1 German Longhaired Pointer and 4 Hungarian Vizslas

It was not the easiest of days due to the weather conditions, the damp ground didn't encourage the birds to sit tight and they generally ran on ahead of the dogs, with less experienced dogs struggling to get on them. Some handlers did not always make the most of their beats, but despite this we saw some good dog work and handling, all dogs had the opportunity of birds on their beats. We were able to take 8 dogs through to the second round and 2 dogs had a third run. We were able to make 2 awards.

1st Place – Cadanbyrig Snow Dancer (GLP B) handled by Frances Smart – On number 10's first run the dog worked a right to left cheek wind, which it did with drive and pace covering all its beat, acknowledging pockets of scent. Whilst working a bird, two birds lifted, both birds were shot, the dog was steady to shot and fall of both birds. The dog was asked to retrieve one of the birds, it

was retrieved smartly to hand with minimal handling, it was then sent for the other bird. This proved to be a strong runner but the dog took the line and could be seen tracking the bird some 80+ yards ahead it was brought back alive to hand. This dog's second run was just as impressive as the first again hunting with drive and passion the handler kept the dog in a tight pattern. It drew on point and when asked, flushed strongly, producing 5 hen birds. It was steady to the birds flushing, one hen was shot and the dog was sent, again the bird was retrieved smartly and delivered tenderly to hand with the minimal of handling. A first class performance.

3rd Place – Annagora Corbracky Chief at Helwyrchw (GSP D) handled by Simon Kirby- This dog ran number 7 it had a right to left cheek wind, the dog methodically covered the ground on its beat, touching on scent on the right hand side. It eventually came on point in a tall hedge, when asked he flushed two cock birds to which he was steady, these were shot on the other side of the hedge, dog and handler were brought round, the dog brought both birds tenderly to hand. On his second run the dog seemed to have lost a little pace in his hunting, he pulled on to a bird but unfortunately it was the other side of the fence in the wood, so it could not be flushed for the gun.

Guns Award – Cadanbyrig Snow Dancer handled by Frances Smart

I would like to thank the Hungarian Vizsla Club for the kind invitation to judge, my co Judge Suzi for sharing her wealth of experience and knowledge, Franie and Canal Game for the use of the ground, the guns, Jess, Steve and Franie who ensured there were birds on the ground, Shirley Mattravers Field Trial Secretary, Chief Steward Pauline Kirby who kept everything running smoothly, Red Flag Mac Mattravers and last but no means least Colin Fletcher and Picking up Dog Dakota.

Ruth Webster