**Field Trial Report**

**Hungarian Vizsla Society (Open Stake)**

**Venue:**Kingham Hill Farm

**Date:** 11th January, 2022

**Judges:** Mark Firmin (A Panel) & Simon Kirby (B Panel)

**Weather**: Weather conditions were good.

We ran a full card of twelve dogs. The weather was good, the ground was very wet from previous days rain. Very little wind to start the day, all the dogs run in plantation and game strips. All dogs had sufficient game on their runs. We had one award on the day.

**1st Hunterstone Uno Handled by Mr T.A. Mattravers**

The dog was called into line and asked to work the game strip, on a cheek wind. The dog was using the wind very nice and was working well with the handler. After a good few minutes, the dog came on to point, and held it superbly until he was asked to produce the bird, which it did on command. The dog sat straight away, as the bird was shot, and it came down a good distance into the ploughed field. The handler only used one command “Fetch”, the dog made the retrieve with no other help. He was asked to hunt the rest of the strip, the dog continued using the wind with a nice steady pace. The dog was working a bird which was moving around in the cover, the bird got up and was shot, the dog was steady. The bird came down in the plantation a good distance away. Again, one command “fetch”, that is all that was needed to make the retrieve. Both retrieves were delivered tenderly to hand.

Second run, again was in a game strip, we had a bird down tight to the hedgerow, about thirty meters out. The handler was asked to retrieve it. He sent the dog away; she came on point about twenty-five meters down the hedge. The handler told the dog to get in and produced the bird which came out the other side. The handler then said “back” to the dog which then picked the dead bird up and delivered to hand. He was asked to finish the game strip.

Water test was completed.

**Guns award was awarded to Bonario Fagiana Handled By A. Parr**

It was a very enjoyable day. I would like to thank the Hungarian Vizsla Society for the kind invitation to judge. C. Smith and Son for the use of this lovely ground, Chief Steward James Reavil, picking up dog Sara Barnard and all the guns who shot superbly all day.

Finally, I want to thank Mark Firmin (A Panel Judge) for mentoring me on the day and sharing his knowledge of the sport with me.

Simon kirby