

# About the Author

Marion Coffman began her career with dogs in 1963 with a Golden Retriever that she trained in obedience and tracking. A year later, she began instructing obedience classes and went on to judge at match shows.

Coffman obtained her first Vizsla in 1967, training him for both obedience and the conformation ring. This dog, Glen Cottage Loki Barat, soon gained his championship title and several years later was accepted into the Vizsla Club of America's Hall of Fame for his outstanding contribution to the breed. He was the sire of thirty-four champions, including the first Triple champion in AKC history and also the first Vizsla to gain seven Best in Shows.

Coffman began breeding Vizslas in 1969, in limited numbers, but always line-bred in order to establish a head type that is predominant in the breed even today, and always with the betterment of the breed foremost in mind. Since then she has bred over ninety champion Vizslas under the Cariad name. Cariad has provided foundation stock for numerous successful Vizsla breeders and exhibitors in the United States and Canada.

Coffman has personally owned over twenty Vizslas through the years, finished championship titles on over forty dogs, and also put more than twenty-five different obedience titles on Vizslas. She is still active in obedience training, presently with a young bitch in Utility.

She has been active in a number of all-breed and Vizsla clubs, serving as a board member, treasurer, secretary, and breed and obedience instructor. A member of the Vizsla Club of America since 1968, she has served as their historian for the past seven years. She has authored pamphlets on whelping, puppy rearing, showing, canine diseases, and early history of the Vizsla breed. She resides in Ocala, Florida, with her husband and four Vizslas and a Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen.



*The author with Ch. Koppertone's Cariad Barat, CDX. Photo © Jim Jernigan.*