

Dear Enthusiast

Every year the Vizsla European Field Trial Championships also known as the Europa Cup are hosted by a different country and their respective Vizsla Club. This, the nineteenth year is no different and is set to be held in Denmark for the second time in the history of the competition. The purpose of the Championship as set out in its manifesto is ***“to provide a selection of dogs from across Europe in good health and well proportioned according to the standard of the breed, which hunt efficiently in a breed appropriate style in a top class international competition in order to provide an essential contribution to the selection of the genetically best transmitting dogs for the improvement of the hunting ability of the Magyar Vizsla. It offers hunters and dog lovers the opportunity of meeting each other in a top class competition in order to stimulate the interest for using the Magyar Vizsla as a hunting dog and to promote the sport.”*** It is a prestigious event for the breeds both smooth and wirehaired and with that in mind the event crowns the new Hungarian Vizsla European Field Trial Champion for that year.

It is a three day event split between the Europa Cup itself which is a two day Championship Field Trial and a one day Field Trial for Derby dogs. The Derby trial is for young dogs, those that are no older than three years of age on the day of the trial and is all about showcasing the natural ability and drive of the young dog as part of the next generation.

The EC is run under FCI Rules and Regulations for Pointing Dogs which in effect is very different to the J Regulations as set out by the UK Kennel Club. The regulations for the Championships allow up to 3 dogs from each country (either breed) to be represented in the Derby and either two breed specific teams (one team of up to 5 smooth's and one team of up to 5 wires) or one mixed team of up to 5 dogs.

The incumbent Team Captain, Richard Chellumbrun has attended and represented Team GB for all but 2 years since 2006 and over the years he has been accompanied by other enthusiasts in the breeds both as fellow competitors and spectators. Due to the ongoing success of Team GB and a resurgent reputation on the continent of British dogs it is felt that again this year Team GB should carry on flying the flag in Denmark.

As interest has grown in the event across our breeds, those wishing to take part in the event as a competitor in either the Derby or Europa Cup itself should submit the attached Application Form. Those wishing to spectate are encouraged to do so and should contact the Team Captain for further details.

Please feel free to circulate.