

# Ridgeback Roster

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## ***RRCEC - Mission Statement***

*Committed to the promotion and preservation of the breed, to fostering compliance with the Breed Standard, to promoting the health and welfare of show and companion dogs and to informing the general public.*

*We do not condone breeding for profit.*

*We provide companionship and mentorship to all our members, whether they be companion owners, show owners, breeders or handlers and offer educational support and fun events for all.*



## **WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO**

The majority of our members are pet owners who want to enjoy their Rhodesian Ridgeback as a member of their family. The Club holds many fun events around the membership area. Events such as walks, picnics, information exchanges, seminars, racing (lure coursing, straight racing and Uval racing).

We support Conformation shows; hold Specialties; and offer trophies for ridgebacks showing in regular conformation shows. The Club offer special Club trophies for racing and obedience. These trophies are awarded at the annual general meeting of members. There is a new Versatility Award initiative under way, medals and certificates are awarded annually.

A newsletter, The Ridgeback Roster, is published for members. It offers interesting articles, show results, advertisements by members, club activities and dates of special events.

An on-line store with a variety of RRCEC clothing items is available on our website with proceeds going toward RRCEC events and club activities.

A library on the breed is maintained. Club members may contact the club librarian to borrow an item from our many interesting breed and dog related books.

Many members have their Rhodesian Ridgebacks in agility and in both, obedience and rally obedience training. Scenting and tracking are also popular..Some members have Ridgebacks that are also very active in Therapy Dog programmes.

RRCEC Website <https://ridgebackcanada.com/>

Join us on Facebook RRCEC Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/groups/RRCEC](http://www.facebook.com/groups/RRCEC)

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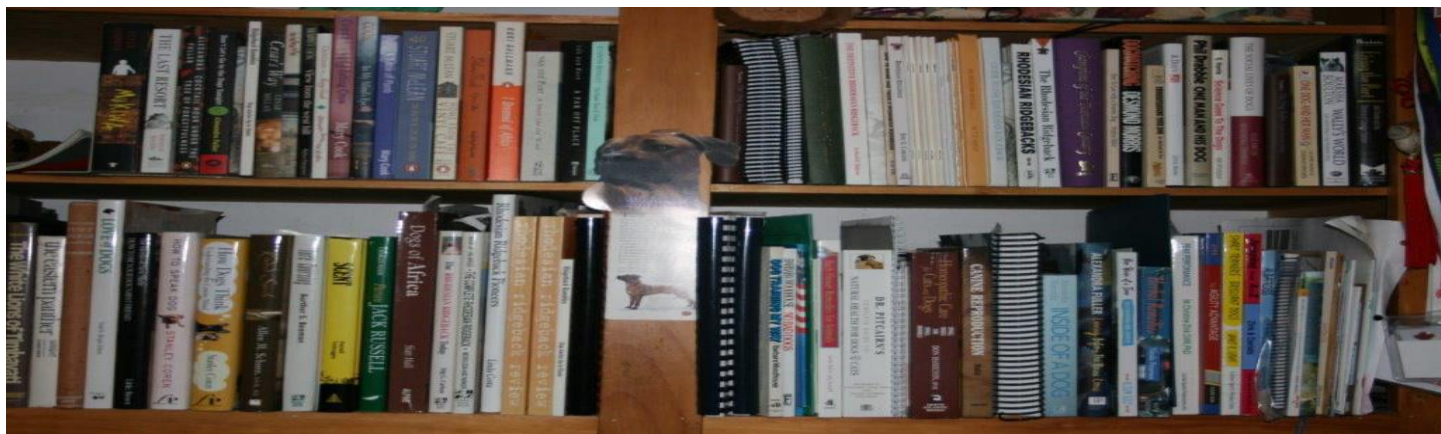
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### **RRCEC POLICY – Use and Identification of PHOTOS for the RRCEC Newsletter, Website & Calendar** January 1, 2007

- ❖ For the website home page and annual calendar the photographs should be those taken by club members and of their dog(s) only.
- ❖ Photos must be identified.
- ❖ For the photo gallery (website/newsletter); the rescue page and other general use, the photographer should be identified but not the dog(s) if the dog(s) is/are not owned by a member. The photographer does not need to be a club member if the photo is of a member's dog(s).
- ❖ General group photos or photos of moving dogs taken at events or picnics, do not require that the dogs or photographer be identified.

# RRCEC LIBRARY



The Club holds a small reference library of excellent books on our breed, the Rhodesian Ridgeback. These books are written by well-known names in our breed. They are available to Club members on loan, for up to three months. Members are responsible for returning the books in good condition, within the time period. Fines are levied for failure to return the books and if the book has been damaged, a replacement, at the member's expense is required. All postage charges to be borne by the borrower.

## BOOKS

The Complete Rhodesian Ridgeback (1991) 2 copies	Peter Nicholson & Janet Parker
The Rhodesian Ridgeback Today (1999)	Stig Carlsson
The Definitive Rhodesian Ridgeback (2 <sup>nd</sup> edition revised) (1991)	David H. Helgesen
The Rhodesian Ridgeback Indaba (1979) (book in poor condition; not available to take away)	Janet Murray
The Rhodesian Ridgeback – the Origin, History & Standard (1957) 4 <sup>th</sup> printing 1984	T.C. Hawley
Rhodesian Ridgebacks (1995 edition)	Frank C. Lutman
Rhodesian Ridgeback Review 1945-1989 (2008)	Jo Dunn
Handling Your Own Dog for Show, Obedience and Field Trials (1979)	Martha Covington Thorne
Lure Coursing (1994)	Arthur S. Beaman
A Guide to the Rhodesian Ridgeback in Canada (2012)	Jo Dunn & George Whitney
Ridged Dogs of Africa	Mylida L. Arsemis

## Handbooks

- An Elaboration on the American Kennel Club Standard of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Standard Committee of RRCUS 1986 plus AKC video of a slide presentation of the Standard of the Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs
- Handbook of the South African Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
- Handbook of the Rhodesian Ridgeback in Australia & New Zealand (1996)



### Newsletters / Journals

#### International Journal of the Rhodesian Ridgeback

July/August 1995	featuring New Zealand
September/October 1995	US Specialty
November/ December 1995	Australia
February/March 1996	Canada

#### The Ridgeback Roster - publication of the RRCEC

1997- 2000 not for borrowing.

Electronic versions 2001 to present – available on request.

### Call for relevant reference books

Without doubt there are a number of other valuable reference books on our breed, that the Library should have in stock. Should any member be downsizing, or be at local book sales and see copies of the following or, for that matter, any book on our breed, in good condition, please consider purchasing a copy for the Club which we will reimburse gladly. Here is a short list of books that immediately come to mind, certainly there could be others!

Dogs of Africa (2003)	Sian Hall
Rhodesian Ridgeback Pioneers (2004)	Linda Costa
The Rhodesian Ridgeback 1924-1974 (1976)	Janet Murray
How to raise & train a Rhodesian Ridgeback (1966)	Frank Lutman
The Rhodesian Ridgeback (2000)	Eileen Bailey
The Rhodesian Ridgeback – The Origin, History and Standard	T.C. Hawley

**Note:** Once we are able to resume Club Events and activities, it is hoped that we could have the Library available at local events for member's information.



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### ***PRESIDENT'S PAWPRINT***

A few short months ago, it seemed that all we could do was follow the 'stay home, stay safe' advice in an effort to curb Covid 19. Six months later, we've come to a place where we realize this pandemic isn't going to just disappear, any time soon. Many dog events and activities have been cancelled. We have seen that following mask wearing guidelines and respecting social distancing protocols can allow us to stay safe, while resuming some of those activities.



We have two planned activity days. The first will be Sunday September 27th, from 10-4 at 5809 Marine Station Road, Iroquois, ON. We welcome all of you & your Ridgebacks, regardless of experience level, for a day of agility and some racing. The event will be held outdoors and further details are in the flyer in this newsletter.

The second event will be held Sunday October 18th, at 20609 Glen Robertson Rd, Alexandria, ON. There will be an intro to Scent Detection in the morning, and racing in the afternoon. Event to be held outdoors as well, details also in the flyer in this newsletter. We hope to see you and your hounds there!

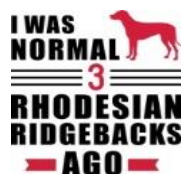
We are very much looking forward to seeing you at these events, and in order to plan properly, we do need you to RSVP if you will be joining us.

RRCEC is a non-profit club run solely by volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our board members, and all of our club members who volunteer so much of their time (most of whom are regularly short on time, with full time jobs and busy lives). Without them, this club just couldn't function. Know how much you are all appreciated!!!

And last but not least, I would like to welcome our new puppy members! We are very much looking forward to meeting you and your pups at our upcoming events.

Thank You all & Stay Safe and Healthy,

*France Flibotte, President.*



## Letter from the Editor

*Well, as I look at all the great photos submitted by our members I can't help but wonder why it is all I ever get for photos is two dogs heading away from me or a blurry shot as they run by me. I think we should have a Photographing Your Ridgeback 101 event!*

*We took our two dogs on a road trip this summer and I asked my husband to get a good picture of the dogs with me for the Roster. Anyway here's what I ended up with!*



*Oh well, I got lots of kisses from Tau!*

*Dorian Chlopas*

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# COMING EVENTS

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## CLUB EVENTS

### Update on the 2020 Specialty & information on 2021

This is to bring members up to date on the status of our RRCEC Specialty show for 2021 and beyond. This year's joint Ridgeback Specialties with the national RR Club, have been cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The Oakville & District Kennel Club has generously offered both clubs the same terms as for this year, should we wish to hold the two specialties at the Ancaster Fairground site next year (2021). The National Club has agreed to stay east in 2021 at the invitation of the Oakville club. The RRCEC Executive has also agreed to remain at the Ancaster site for 2021. For RRCEC there will be a judge change due to the unavailability of the 2020 judge who cannot attend next year. We are hoping the schedule with respect to obedience and junior handling will remain as planned for this year. For your information, the dates for 2021 are September 10 -12<sup>th</sup>.

Options for the location of the 2022 RRCEC Specialty show are in the planning phase. You will be kept fully informed as the discussion develops. *Stay posted to our web site and facebook page for updates.*





# Local Activity Days - 2020

## Agility & Racing Fun Day



**Sunday September 27, 2020**

(We are going to give this a try, it is time to have some fun, get outside with the dogs while remaining alert and respecting the COVID rules. Bear with us and let's see how this works out).

**WHERE:** Out Back Agility, 5809 Marine Station Road, Iroquois, Ont

**TIME:** 10.00 A.M. – 4.00 P.M.

**DETAILS:** There will be two rings for agility\* in the morning. Racing in the afternoon.  
Due to COVID 19 we are planning to provide catered, fully wrapped individual wraps/sandwiches but there will be no liquids. Bottled water for humans will be available, feel free to bring other beverages. Social distancing will be required with marked areas for parking at 10 feet apart. Wearing of masks will be required except when in the rings working with your dogs and around your vehicle with accompanying companions. All dogs are to be on leash at all times.

**YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE ALL YOUR OWN REQUIREMENTS.** Hand sanitizer, any snacks, beverages (other than water), folding chairs, shade tents/canopies, needs for your dogs, including plenty of your favourite dog treats! Don't forget your cameras!!

**RSVP is required.** Email: [skyridge@ripnet.com](mailto:skyridge@ripnet.com) or Tel. 613-989-2860

- ❖ We will need to know how many humans will be attending as we are guided by authorized provincial health directives regarding numbers.
- ❖ Waivers are to be signed.
- ❖ There is a porta pottie on site.
- ❖ This property is totally fenced and there is space for walking your dogs. It is privately owned and we ask you respect fenced private areas around the house and buildings.

**Agility** will include instruction on the basics of the sport.

- Introducing the concept of the “board” on the ground (eventually for the teeter, dogwalk and a-frame);
- Caravetti work / jump grid (eventually for awareness of where your dog’s feet are and different spacing between jumps);
- Bollard work preparatory for going around & over jumps from different directions;
- Tunnels; introduction to the A-frame concept;

What you will NOT be doing at this stage are weaves, A-frame (full height), tire, teeter & dog walk for the safety of inexperienced dogs.

Short easy & safe courses will be set up for you to run your dogs. You will have the opportunity to practise over/around different elements of the equipment. An instructor will be on site to give you tips on handling your dog.

**Racing** in the afternoon will be set up for either a complete circuit, or U-val. Dogs run individually with no collars.



Help from able bodied members will be appreciated.

Jobs to include watching / ensuring the running line runs safely through the pulleys, helping with equipment (heavy batteries) & working with Race Master.

### **Remember RSVP is a must.**

**Information to include number of humans attending (relation, friend),  
number of dogs and a telephone contact number.**

**Email: [skyridge@ripnet.com](mailto:skyridge@ripnet.com) OR phone: 613-989-2860.**

**COST: \$5.00 Members ; \$15 non-members ; \$25.00 family .**

Excellent safe and healthy de-hydrated dog treats will be available for sale. The meat is human grade (lung, heart, spleen, etc). Nina’s Treats is based in Ottawa.

Also available will be a few of the RR Prints as seen in the September newsletter and on the Club website in the On-line store.



## **Racing Fun Day & Intro to Scent Detection** **Sunday October 18, 2020**

- WHERE:** 20609 Glen Robertson Road, Alexandria, Ont.  
(This is Tina Andreatos' home/property for those of you who do not know her)
- TIME:** 10.00 A.M. – 4.00 P.M.
- DETAILS:** There will be a hands on introduction to scenting with your dog in the morning. Racing in the afternoon.  
Due to COVID 19 we are planning to provide individually packaged sandwiches/snacks, and bottled water for humans. Please feel free to bring other beverages. Social distancing will be required with marked areas for parking at 10 feet apart. Wearing of masks will be required except when you are directly working with your dog(s). All dogs are to be on leash at all times. Please pick up after you dog(s).

**YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE ALL YOUR OWN REQUIREMENTS.**

Hand sanitizer, beverages (other than water), folding chairs, shade tents/canopies, needs for your dogs, including plenty of your favourite dog treats! Don't forget your cameras!!

**RSVP is required. Email: [skyridge@ripnet.com](mailto:skyridge@ripnet.com) or Tel. 613-989-2860**

- ❖ We will need to know how many humans will be attending as we are guided by authorized provincial health directives regarding numbers and we need to plan food.
- ❖ There will be a liability waiver to be signed.
- ❖ This property is **not** completely fenced, but there is space for walking your dogs. They must be on leash.
- ❖ There will be one on one opportunities to work with your dog in an introduction to the sport of scent detection.

- ❖ Racing in the afternoon will be set up for either a complete circuit, or U-val.

Help from able bodied members will be appreciated. Jobs to include watching the lure runs safely through the pulleys, helping with equipment (heavy batteries & running line).

### **Remember RSVP is a must.**

Information to include number of humans attending (relation, friend),  
number of dogs and a telephone contact number.

Email: [skyridge@ripnet.com](mailto:skyridge@ripnet.com) OR phone: 613-989-2860.

COST: \$5.00 Members; \$15 non-members ; \$25 families

### **IN THE WORKS:**

Hike at a Eastern Ontario Conservation Area or Frontenac Park

Dorian Chlopas

October

Walk & BBQ, Douglas, Ont.

George Whitney

Although the Covid Pandemic has put a lot of activities on hold this summer the club wants to increase opportunities for members to get together and enjoy their dogs. Stay tuned. News will be put up on the Club Facebook page and emails will also be sent. If there is an activity you are doing with your ridgeback and you think others might like to be involved, speak to your Area Director or the Club Secretary. Perhaps this activity can be included in this year's schedule.





# CLUB NEWS

## Christmas is Coming!

Our store has some good ideas  
for those hard to buy for people on your list!



**NEW RRCEC  
ONLINE STORE**

**BOUTIQUE EN LIGNE  
NOUVEAUTÉ RRCEC**

**HELP SUPPORT YOUR CLUB WITH ONLINE PURCHASES!**

THE RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF EASTERN CANADA IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE ITS NEW ONLINE STORE! VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO SEE WHAT WE HAVE IN STORE AT [RIDGEBACKCANADA.COM](https://ridgebackcanada.com)

- T-SHIRTS
- HOODIES
- BAGS
- SWEAT PANTS
- UNDER ARMOUR JACKET
- BUMPER STICKERS
- TANK TOPS
- VESTS
- HATS

**SOUTENEZ VOTRE CLUB EN ACHETANT EN LIGNE !**

LE RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF EASTERN CANADA EST FIER D'ANNONCER SA NOUVELLE BOUTIQUE EN LIGNE! VISITEZ NOTRE SITE WEB POUR VOIR LES DISPONIBILITÉS SUR [RIDGEBACKCANADA.COM](https://ridgebackcanada.com)

- T-SHIRTS
- COTON OUATÉ
- SACS
- PANTALONS DE JOGGING
- VESTE UNDER ARMOUR
- AUTOCOLLANTS POUR VOITURE
- CAMISOLES
- GILETS
- CHAPEAUX

Check out the MEMBERS section of our Website <https://ridgebackcanada.com/>



**2021 CALENDAR  
PICTURE REQUEST**

**DEMANDE D'IMAGES  
CALENDRIER 2021**

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE?**

YOU MUST MEET THESE STANDARDS:

- Be a RRCEC member.
- Subject of email named as is:  
RRCEC 2021 Calendar - your name & dog name
- Send us a short description with your picture.
- Pictures of dogs only.
- Horizontal pictures are preferable.
- High resolution pictures only.

SEND YOUR PICTURES AT [CERVEAUDROITDESIGN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CERVEAUDROITDESIGN@GMAIL.COM).  
ONLY ONE PICTURE BY PERSON WILL BE SELECTED.

**COMMENT PARTICIPER?**

VOUS DEVEZ RÉPONDRE À CES NORMES:

- Être membre du RRCEC.
- Objet de l'Email nommé tel quel:  
RRCEC CALENDRIER 2021 - Votre nom et nom du chien
- Envoyez-nous une courte description avec votre photo.
- Photos de chiens uniquement.
- Les images horizontales sont préférables.
- Photos haute résolution seulement.

ENVOYEZ VOS PHOTOS À [CERVEAUDROITDESIGN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CERVEAUDROITDESIGN@GMAIL.COM).  
UNE SEULE PHOTO PAR PERSONNE SERA SÉLECTIONNÉE.

**\*\*REMINDER\*\***

*Looking for Photos for  
the RRCEC 2021  
Calendar*

# ***Rhodesian Ridgeback print***

## ***FOR SALE***

*Unique, limited edition print.*

*11 ins x 15 ins*

*On 80lb. acid free paper*

*\$55.00 plus postage*



*The artist, Gerry Knight, created this unique print for Jo Dunn's book, Rhodesian Ridgeback Review. She has offered the Club the opportunity to raise funds through a small commission. It is a signed limited edition and will never be reproduced.*

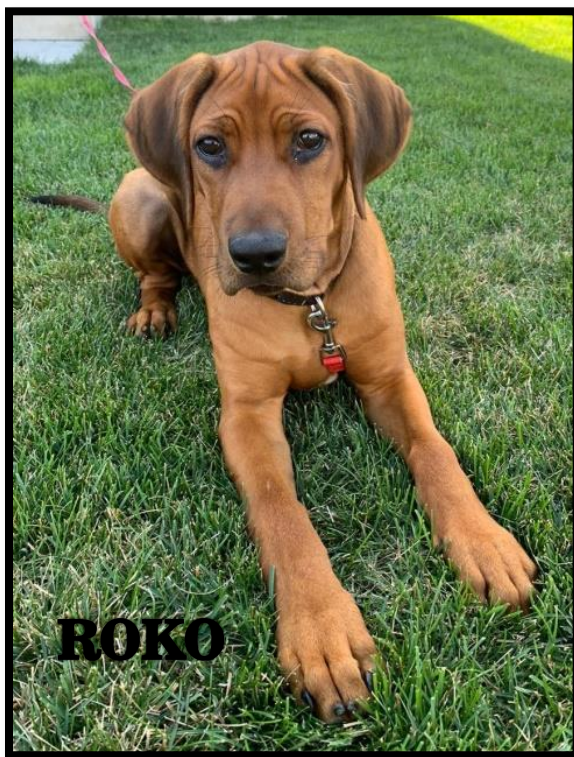
*It is recommended the print be mounted & framed with acid free matt & core. Hang this print out of direct sunlight.*

*Interested ridgeback owners should contact the Club Treasurer, Jim Beckett for details at [beckettj@ripnet.com](mailto:beckettj@ripnet.com) or online at [www.ridgebackcanada.com](http://www.ridgebackcanada.com). The print is also available on the RRCEC website ([www.ridgebackcanada.com](http://www.ridgebackcanada.com)). Click on the On Line Store, drop down menu – RR Print*



## Welcome New Puppy Members

RRCEC is pleased to welcome the new members sponsored by  
Sarjo Rhodesian Ridgebacks and Royal City Ridgebacks









Shumbatsvuku Kennels is looking forward to sponsoring 9 new puppy members this fall.  
Puppies just arrived in July.  
More photos and puppy names to follow in the Winter Roster.



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## ***RRCEC Life Members***



**JACQUIE DANKNER**

Life Member...how is this possible!

If you told me that I would eventually be a life member of RRCEC when I first joined, I would have laughed. Now that I am, I can't believe it's been over 30 years! When Stewart (my boyfriend and now husband) decided we wanted a Ridgeback, we decided to join the club before so we could meet people and learn about the breed.

At that time, they were looking for a new secretary and I volunteered for the job. I shared the job with the current secretary at that time (I believe it was Diane Waters) to learn about the job and eventually took over. I did that for a few years before kids came along.

We got our first RR in 1992, Tudoridge's Oliver Cromwell from John Tayor and Stephanie Rendle. We got lucky to have one of the most laid back RR's ever! He never even barked!, but he had such presence, he didn't need too. He did get his Canadian Ch and he excelled in Obedience winning many top placements and was even number 5 in the Top 10 RR in obedience in the US in 1995. He lived to a ripe old age of 14.

We got our next ridgeback in 1994, Tudoridge's La Quinta, who was our foundation bitch and produced two litters of amazing puppies, one of whom we kept from her first litter, Cedarpoint's Lady of the Lake, Kali, who won many awards and specialties.

We went on to have 12 litters under the Cedarpoint kennel name over the past 28 years. Not many I know, but that's enough for us. Maybe a few more over the next, but who knows! We've been lucky to have many Canadian and US champions out of these litters and proud of each one and their owners! Many of whom we remain friends with to this day.

A special shout out to Carolann Brown (and Ron) for taking a sweet little ridgeless one who had to have a cleft palate fixed, into her heart and home and made her into the first ridgeless coursing RR in Canada winning many titles. Just goes to show to never give up on the little ones!

In 2001, I was one of the founding members and secretary of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Canada and remain secretary to this day.

I love this breed and hope to remain involved in some way for a long while. We need to keep this breed healthy so we can all enjoy them for many years to come. ***30 years, where has the time gone!!***

# STEPHANIE RENDLE

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I had never heard of Rhodesian Ridgebacks until in 1964, in my early 20's, I lived in South Africa for 3 years. 9 years later, having moved to Ontario and met my life partner, John, we bought a country property in North Pickering which was ideal for a dog. Our criteria was a short-haired largish dog. To my surprise there were a couple of RR breeders in Ontario. We got our first Ridgeback from Heronhill Kennels and then another and another ...

When our first female died in 1987 we looked for a replacement. No litters were expected in Ontario so we headed south and got a 7 month old puppy from a breeder in Ohio. Only problem was the breeders wanted her to go to a show home. Not having a clue about dog shows we gave our commitment to doing so, which we did. This brought us into contact with other Ridgeback owners and breeders. We also joined the RRCEC.



Handled by myself that puppy became Can/Am Ch. Bryaba's Bit O'Honey CGC ROM and our Brood Bitch. We had our first litter in 1990 and as our house was of the Tudor style, our Kennel name became Tudoridge. By now I was Secretary of the RRCEC and involved with all aspects of the Club. We also hosted a few annual Club picnics at our property. By the mid-90's I was Vice-President for a few years and ultimately President. The Club in the 90's saw quite a rise in membership. Our breed was getting better known and understood.

We continued breeding during this period until our 10th and last litter in 2003. John had taken educational courses at Guelph University on Dog Behaviour which we passed onto our new owners when they came every weekend to see the progress of our puppies. He also did private consultations. I gave Conformation Classes in Scarborough for a few years.



We held an annual picnic for our puppy owners at our property, but what our owners liked the most was that we offered boarding services. We never had kennels, all puppies were raised in our home and that's what they came back to. We loved having them and they loved being back. We got the Pedigree/CKC's Top Canadian RR Breeder Award in 1992 and 1999. The majority of our show dogs were handled by myself and John but with some owners doing it very successfully themselves. Others did obedience, became active therapy dogs, and more. We were very proud of all our dogs and owners. Our own dogs also featured in numerous movies, all handled by John. Six of them appeared in a pivotal role in "Grizzly Falls".



On the set of "Grizzly Falls"  
Brian Brown, Oliver Tobias, Tom Jackson, John Taylor

When I retired in 2004 we started to withdraw from the dog world as we planned on doing lots of travelling with our own dogs. We bought a small trailer and with our family of 6 dogs we headed across Canada. This was the life! For the next 11 years we spent about 6 months of every year travelling all over Canada, USA and Mexico.

Sadly one by one our "babies" crossed the Rainbow Bridge. 2 years ago John developed a series of educational Seminars based on our experience with dogs. We have been travelling extensively to many countries in Latin America giving free presentations to rescue groups, schools and universities. The street dog situation is extremely sad and we hope, through education, we might make a difference.





## *New Director Bios*

### **Wade Daboll, Ontario Central**

I have been involved with Rhodesian Ridgebacks since 1977 when my dad got his first Ridgeback from Rolling's Kennel in Maryland from D. Jay Hyman Esq. Although I wasn't in the ring myself, my dad quickly showed our girl named "Lisa" to her CKC championship as I cheered her on. We kept a pup from her first litter, "Jake", and he was my companion through high school and McMaster University where I had graduated in 1984 from the Kinesiology program. I often marveled at Jake's intuitive ability to figure things out on the farm we lived where he did everything from herding to hunting. The one thing that endeared me to him was his loyalty to me, and to this day, often tell people how ridgebacks pick a person and like them better than anyone else.

Fast forward to 1992, I had started my own family and revisited Jay Hyman at Rolling's looking for another Ridgeback and that's when my adventure began breeding and showing ridgebacks. My experience on the farm with breeding livestock did give me some insights into pedigree's, estimating breeding values and heritability of traits.

I have been lucky in working with a few long time breeders who mentored me in everything from the dogs themselves and dealing with clients and giving them support as a breeder. Dogs I have bred include the number #1 All breed dog in South America, multi International FCI champions and many AKC and CKC Conformation Grand Champions and Champions over the years. Winning BISS at both our Ridgeback National and Regional Specialties multiple times is wonderful recognition, but most of my puppies are homed as companion dogs and hearing about them in the story of their lives and the relationships they develop with their owners gives me as much satisfaction as their show results. Exporting dogs to more than 20 countries around the world has given me many longtime friends in many places.

I have had a few career changes over the years where opportunity has given me the chance to try some different things. After roughly 20 years in Automotive manufacturing working as an internal consultant in continuous Improvement my focus was on engaging employee's to become more involved. In 2007 and 2008 I was lucky enough to work as a Facility Manager tasked with improving patient care at the University of Guelph Teaching Veterinary Hospital. My role here put me in charge of all staff that cared for large, small and exotic animal's. This was hugely rewarding and gave me a huge appreciation for breeding healthier dogs. The University of Guelph also helped me to develop lasting relationships with cutting edge veterinarians who have been huge resources to me in recent years. Teaching and research vets would often give me a million dollar answer to a two dollar question.

I welcome the opportunity this year to contribute to the RRCEC as Director of Ontario central. and look forward to helping the club move forward in years to come.



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Highland Rogue**

# PET PROFILES



## **OTIS**

My name is Otis (Royal City)

I'm pretty new around here so I'm still figuring things out, but I know for sure that I love meal time, training with treats and going out the front door. Oh! Wrestling with my human too, can't get enough of that.

Everyone who has met me says I'm really calm, but that's probably because I just ran around a lot before I met them. When it's hot outside ice cubes and mist spray from a bottle excite me. I see the dog behind the fence likes to chase birds and squirrels, I'm not sure why, I just like to watch them. If there is something I can sit or lie under, be sure that's where you'll find me, be it a table, bush or my human under the couch.

# Mountainridge's Finnegan

Hi, I'm Finn. Finnegan is my full name but I only hear that if I'm in trouble. For some reason, entering my "teen years", I seem to be hearing "Finnegan " a lot...hmmmmm

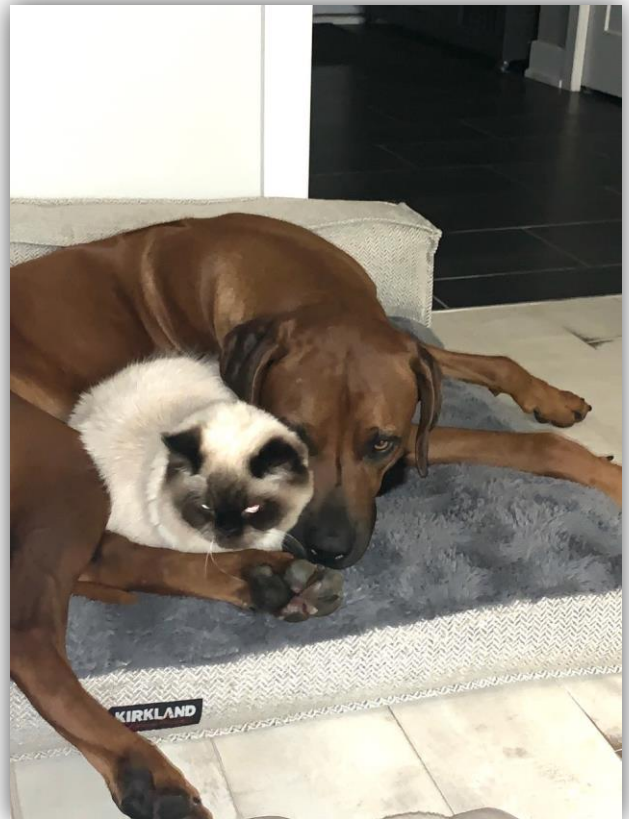
**I do not like:** watching the cats sit on my mum and dad's lap when it really should be me, being told to get out of the kitchen when I'm really just trying to help (especially sorting through the garbage), and sleeping in my own bed even if it's plenty large enough. I deserve a King Size bed to myself (therapeutic of course).

**I love:**  
anything edible (especially frozen mango on a hot summer day),  
special doggy gelato (yes, it exists!),  
snuggling in bed with mum and dad for hours on end, and watching the fire with my cat buddies (Indiana Jones and Chewbacca).  
I also love the dog park and going for long walks in Gatineau park with the boys.  
Did I mention chasing squirrels?  
How about licking the sides of the BBQ after dad makes ribs? Yum!!!!

**What I do when I know I have to do something I don't want to do:**

I pretend I'm invisible, I don't make eye contact and use my canine psychic powers to mind warp my family into actually believing that I AM invisible. This is a work in progress, and I really need to perfect my Dog Jedi abilities. Short of that, I pout and whine a lot. That works.

Also...as much as I live playing with any dog at the park, I'm not very tolerant of the barking aggressive dogs at all (I really am just a great big brown baby!) I also prefer playing with another RR...finally someone that can keep up with me!!! These little toy dogs at the park just don't get it...





# TAU

My name is Tau, I am one and a half and live with my Mom, Dad and big sister Delly.

My favorite activity has got to be eating. I am very diligent at reminding Mom & Dad when meal times are and being a clever ridgeback I have figured out how to open the closet and help myself to kibble whenever I want. This has resulted in the closet door being outfitted with a bungy cord so I can't eat at will. Not nice!

I love to play and bark at my big sister Delly to chase me. Sometimes she just ignores me which makes me bark even more. But she is a good big sister, she keeps me in my place and comforts me when I am anxious about new things.

## Other Things I Love:

- ♥ hugs
- ♥ ice cubes
- ♥ being chased around the kitchen table
- ♥ chasing anything
- ♥ my vet
- ♥ walks at the beach, Beaver Meadow & MacCauley Mountain

## Things I Don't Like so much:

- ✗ that yappy pug Kingsley that visits the neighbours
- ✗ anyone blowing in my face
- ✗ being surprised



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SOMEONE  
PAW SAY  
walk?



# RORI

Hi I'm Rori I'm currently 4months old. I live with another four legged creature who's quite small and his fur is different, he smells funny and he hisses at me when I try to play with him. My humans don't like it when I steal his food. They tell me to 'leave it'; but I love my humans they're so good to me. They take me everywhere they go, I even camped out in a tent with them! I like to swim and go for walks, but honestly I'm happy whenever I'm with my humans.



## Breed Info



### Ridgebacks and Lion Cubs

George Whitney, Shumbatsvuki Kennels

Over the past 3 years I have raised 4 African Lion Cubs (2 males & 2 females) within the confines of my house or tent, depending on where I was living at the time. At the same time, I have had 4 – 6 Ridgebacks of various ages living with me as well (not counting a litter of 6 puppies). during this period I owned a female spotted hyena who has also shared the same accommodation with us, initially in a tent in the bush, and later a house, where she resides today.

I am privileged to have witnessed the interactions amongst these animals on a day-to-day basis and think I have developed a more in-depth insight into the complex set of traits that makes a Ridgeback act as it does when dealing with large African predators.

The behavior of Ridgebacks towards the African mega-predators has always intrigued me. It was originally called the Lion Dog, prior to the creation of a Breed Standard. The accounts of other writers who were fortunate enough to see Ridgebacks actually tackling wild lion left me spellbound, but created new questions in my mind about the evolution of this lion-baying behavior. Where did it come from? How did it develop? Is it genetically based or learned behavior? Reading the old and sometimes not so old accounts, gave me leads, but no speculation about how to answer questions.

About 5 months ago, I took my 5 Ridgebacks over to the lion breeding facility and bush near Masvingo for a run and to visit my 8 month old male cub, Julie (as in Julius Caesar). I let the dogs out of the truck, then went to Julie's holding pen where he is being reared with a group of other youngsters. Julie is an exceptionally well-habituated and friendly lion and

he recognizes me immediately when I visit and wants out of the pen to play. This is a lion that I raised in my house with my dogs until the age of 4 months, then, because of his boisterous and destructive behavior (he is a house demolition expert), I decided to house him with other lions.

I let Julie out of the pen, and he immediately fawned and began to play with me. I taught him not to use his claws at all, and his teeth gently while playing, so we gamboled for some time before I took him for a walk in the bush. The dogs decided they wanted to go too, but every time they came close to me and Julie, (he stuck by my side, for the most part), he would charge them in short stiff-legged bursts, and a “Hunh, hunh, hunh” series of LOUD guttural grunts, to drive the dogs away. Now this is a lion, raised in my house as a cub with these dogs, playing with the younger ones, and now 4 months later, wants no part of them. Or wants all parts of them, depending on how you interpret his behavior. The 3 older dogs decided they wanted no part of this bush walk and jumped back into the truck to await our return. My 2 younger bitches (sisters) decide to come along, but were continually charged very aggressively by Julie if they tried to come close. So we continued the walk with the confused dogs off some distance, circled and returned to the truck. As we converged towards the vehicle, Julie started his stiff-legged rushes again after the 2 younger bitches. But this time there was a difference. As he turned to come back to me, one of the bitches rushed in and nipped him on the rump. He immediately turned and charged, but the bitch had also turned, anticipating his reaction, and had rushed off to a safe distance. The feint and run was repeated once more by the dogs before I broke up the game, fearing that one of them would be hurt. Julie was furious by now and was extending his claws and I am sure he would have killed the dogs if he could.

So, some of my questions were answered by this encounter. First, I believe that this kind of lion-baiting behavior was a trial and error experience. If the dog kept its temper and recklessness in check and was agile enough, it stayed out of harm's way. By many old accounts, many didn't and were mauled and often died. But there is another essential ingredient at work here. Toying with death, but in a calculated and mischievous fashion. This is the nip on the lion's rump and immediate fall-back to safety. Is this behavior learned or inherited? Well, I am not totally sure, but I believe that it is innate, but requires some practice and the right circumstances to re-activate it. This whole series of events with Julie and the dogs took less than one hour from time he was let out of his pen. During that time he harassed the dogs for most of the time, without a response from them, except avoidance. In the last 3 minutes or less, the 2 bitches finally adopted a strategy to deal with Julie's charges. It worked, and neither of them were scratched, or worse. I believe that it is not possible for learned behavior to be the major part of this encounter. It is simply too complicated to be learned in such a short period of time. So, I have concluded that Ridgebacks have a number of inherited traits that allows them to deal effectively with large predators. I believe that not all Ridgebacks may have them. Remember that van Rooyen and others lost a lot of dogs in the process of weeding out the fatal tendencies. The ones that were left to breed, made progeny who were genetically more able to bay lions and survive.

The qualities that make up this mélange of survival and control abilities are a complex and seemingly conflicting set of traits.

To make it more complex, I raised a male cub named Vumba with a litter of Ridgeback puppies. At the age of 10 days, he was introduced to the puppies, only 8 days old at the time. They treated each other as littermates, although the bitch would have nothing to do with the fluffy, light wheaten “misfit” sleeping in the midst of her pups.

At about 5 weeks of age, play began in earnest, mostly initiated by the pups and would consist of one or more pups taking the initiative to gang up and “mob” the lion. Sometimes most of the litter would be trying to stand on the lion cub which would be on its back trying to swipe the pups. This whole play sequence was hilarious and occurred several times each day. Their lack of coordination and jerky movements made for many a belly laugh. Then, gradually, the play altered with the lion at 8 weeks, play-stalking in a single pup, but still getting mobbed in the end. Since my pups went to their new homes at 8 weeks of age, I can only speculate how long the play would have lasted, and when the pups and lion would become adversaries. By the time Vumba was 3 months old he had formed a fairly proficient stalk-rush and leap sequence, which was often intended for one of my adult dogs but would end with Vumba being severely reprimanded by the dog.

I think it is important to note from this anecdote that Ridgeback puppies have an instinctive impulse to act as a mob or pack very early in their development. Most lions were successfully bayed with 2 or more dogs co-operating with one another.





Some time between 4 & 6 months of age, a hand-reared lion will develop an animosity towards dogs that he grew up with, as I related early on in this article. But then, perhaps this occurs only if the lion is separated from them and associates only with other lions. Who knows?

As a sideline, my female hyena absolutely adores baby lions. I also know of a captive male hyena and lion who grew up together as best buddies. So much for the “natural-born enemy” theory: but that is the subject of another article.

*This article was written by George Whitney, Cotopaxi Ranck, Zimbabwe in September 2004 and was first published in the Roundabout No. 116 July – December 2004*



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## Ask a Breeder

As a long time ridgeback owner I have often struggled with what to feed them. For a while it was raw, raw, raw then it was grain free and now??? I have recently read that grain free might not be such a good idea.

What are your thoughts and what do you recommend to new puppy owners?

### Wade Daboll, Ridgeville Rhodesian Ridgebacks

When I worked as the facility manager at OVC in 2008/2009 we had a policy not to feed raw food to patient dogs due to the health risks of the staff caring for the dogs. The general consensus of vets was to advise client to feed a commercial balanced ration for your pet to achieve a longer healthier life.

Bacteria like salmonella require 10 minutes at 160 degrees F to kill it. If you do decide to feed raw my own vet recommends whole cuts of meat (not ground meat which can have bacteria spread throughout) and to sear the meat before giving it to your dog. My vet also says he has treated dogs with developmental issues due to imbalanced homemade diets with serious repercussions to your pet which they sometimes do not overcome completely. Very importantly the calcium to phosphorous ration should be 2 : 1.

There are many respected commercial diets and it is difficult to choose because of the marketing behind them. I think it is important to choose a diet that is **AAFCO approved**. AAFCO approval means that a food is complete and balanced nutritionally for a dog's particular life stage. In order for a dog food (or any pet food) to be AAFCO approved, the food has to meet the requirements for one of AAFCO's life stages.

Many companies have a nutritionist on staff, but some of the smaller boutique manufacturers only hire a nutritionist to develop a formulation but then when ingredients change they are often not reformulated.

My vet calls some of the grain free diets, simply marketing. He does not feel they are a superior food, but this is one vets opinion.

I have done a lot of reading on dog food and I do supplement omega 3 6 fish oil to help keep my dogs system in balance, a teaspoon once a day, even though my dogs get fed twice daily. The other thing I do for my own dogs is to give them greens a least 3 times a week. One report I read said that 3 times a week greatly reduced your pets chance of developing cancer. Green beans are great to fill your pet up and help reduce calories, my dogs love broccoli, kale and many others.

I do work closely with my veterinarian and respect his advice in regards to care and feeding, but vets are not all equal, some are better than others. It is important to have a good relationship and trust with your vet.

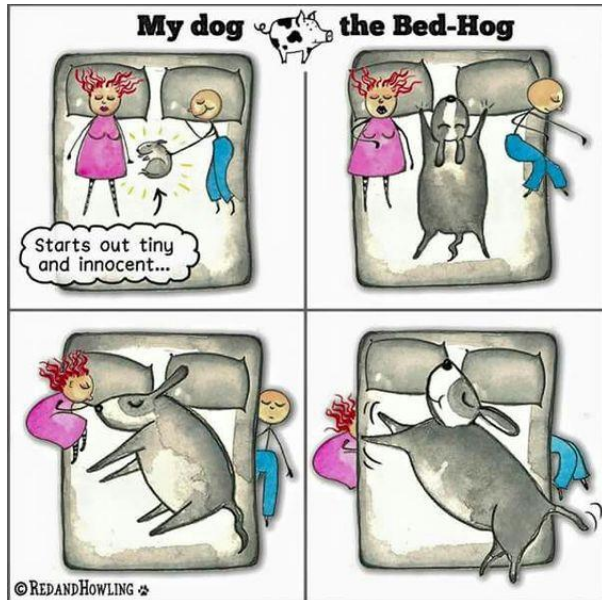
### Pat Roy, Ridishia Ridgebacks

I mix kibble and raw, definitely NOT grain free, leads to cardiac issues.



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# Tasty Treats

## Pumpkin Ginger Dog Biscuits



**Total Time** Prep: 20 min. Bake: 2-1/2 hours



**Makes** 18 dog biscuits

### Ingredients

- 3 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 cup pumpkin
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil, melted
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup water

### Directions

- Preheat oven to 275°. Combine flour and ginger. In the bowl of a mixer, combine pumpkin, egg and coconut oil. Add the flour mixture and mix until crumbly. With the mixer on low, slowly add water 1 tablespoon at a time until dough comes together, but is not sticky. On a floured surface, roll dough to 1/4-in. thickness. Cut with a 3-in. cookie cutter. If using a bone shape, press holes in the center of the biscuit with a fork. If using a pumpkin shape, press lines into biscuit with the edge of a spoon.
- Place 2 in. apart on ungreased [baking sheets](#). Bake until bottoms are lightly browned (tops may crack) and treats feel firm when pressed, about 2-1/2 hours. Cool on a wire rack. Store in an airtight container.



## Watermelon Dog Treats



**Total Time** Prep: 20 min.



### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Puree seedless watermelon in a blender.
2. Chop parsley
3. Place mold on baking tray. If you are using the paw molds, first insert a small piece of parsley into the bottom then add a thin layer of plain Greek yogurt. Freeze for one hour. Next, fill the remaining mold with watermelon puree. Freeze overnight or at least 4 hours.
4. For the dog bone mold, add a piece of parsley to the bottom of mold and spoon in a layer of watermelon puree. Freeze one hour. Next, add a layer of plain Greek yogurt. Freeze one hour. Finally, add another layer of watermelon puree and freeze overnight or at least 4 hours.
5. Keep frozen until ready to serve.

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