

Ridgeback Roster

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2021 RRCEC SPECIALTY SHOW



BIS BISS MRBIS GCh Trumphill's Taking the High Road
Breeder Hazel Parker Owners Frank Hawkins and Hazel Parker




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.

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PRESIDENT'S PAWPRINT



For most of us, summer saw us getting back to many of the things we enjoy doing, and a feeling that a kind of normal has returned, despite a few restrictions. Let's keep our fingers crossed that this trend continues!

The National and Regional Specialties were held September 11th-12th and we were finally able to share a wonderful dog show weekend with our like-minded friends. We had a wonderful time! The shows were flawlessly organized, the temperature and weather was perfect and the company was excellent! A huge thank you to everyone that helped make our specialty weekend such a success. None of it would have been possible without the tireless efforts of Diana Pethick and Jacquie Raidl-Dankner, both of whom worked together to pull off a wonderful show weekend-Thank You both!

I believe we might be able to organize some activity days this fall-I am working on a day to introduce you to Barn Hunt, at Guides Canins in St-Lazare, QC. I will keep you posted.

We will be once again organizing a Ridgeback calendar for 2022. It's a calendar that is filled with fabulous photos and makes a great gift for Ridgeback folks. Details for photo submissions will be on our facebook page.

As Halloween approaches, I invite you to post your photos of Ridgebacks in costume, on our facebook page, so we can all enjoy some fun and laughs!

Until the next time,

France Flibotte, President.



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

With the current year's Show Specialty over there still remains work to be done in this year. Our thoughts are turned to local club activities in different regions of our membership area, and to holding an AGM that will include discussion of planning for 2022, using some convenient communication means.

In the Club we have a huge "membership at large" of ridgeback owners – we really want to hear from you. What interests you? A walk in a local conservation area, at a beach (out of the summer season), a demo by a club member of a particular activity that you might be interested in trying? (e.g. Rally Obedience, Agility, Scenting, Barn Hunt, Coursing, etc.) Perhaps learning a little about Conformation and hearing from one of our experienced showing members – what judges look for, how to present your ridgeback, etc. We have regional directors who will help with local activities but YOU have to let US know what you might like to try. So email me (skyridge@ripnet.com) and I will ensure your comments are communicated to the appropriate regional director and we will see what is the art of the possible.

If you have a change of address, or change in contact information, please remember to let me know so we can be sure to continue to keep in touch with news. This edition of the newsletter seeks your best photo of your ridgeback for our 2022 Club calendar.....this is a small fund raiser and makes very good Christmas presents – hint hint!! What is nicer to see – “see September – that is my (whoever)!...” Get your best photos in and soon.

Keep in touch we love to hear from you and, more to the point, what you want from your Club!

Diana



Letter from the Editor

The 2021 Specialty Show was a great success! Wish I could have been there – the weather was beautiful and the show photos are gorgeous. Thank you Sabrina!

Keep the great Ridgeback photos coming and if there is anything you would like to see in upcoming Roster's please drop me an email.

Dorian Chlopas

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CLUB EVENTS

2021 Specialty Show Report

At last, it was “Show Time”! I have to say it was a wonderful feeling just seeing all the ridgebacks and their owners, handlers, and dogs out again. It has been a long time. I think we all felt the same spirit of “here we go at last” and we had a good time too.

Yes it is hard work putting on the “big event “. This job is made a lot easier with a solid crew of Ridgeback supporters. The Oakville & District Kennel Club did an outstanding job not only with the facilities, the huge outside rings, the parking, etc., but added on top of everything ensuring that the appropriate COVID protocols were followed. Their members were friendly, happy, informed and a lot of fun to work with. Thankyou Oakville.

I think we hit the jackpot with our “Ridgeback tent/parking area” right outside the main building where the show was being held. We were a hop step and jump away from the huge outside rings for all of the specialties and the vendors. The only problem we had was the wind which continually battered the tents. Kept us on our toes anyway.

The Obedience and Rally matches were held under very strict access rules. It was a pity that no one was permitted to enter the hall and watch the ridgebacks competing. There were successes and failures but the ridgeback teams showed that, with determination, it is possible to compete and do well in these two disciplines.

RRCEC sponsored a prize for the best junior handler, handling a ridgeback. This was great fun to watch. My only comment here was that there could have been more support for the juniors. Admiring parents are of course, there, but where were the regular show participants. We all started somewhere sometime ago!!

I want to give a very special shout out and thanks to Jacquie Dankner who worked so hard on both Specialties AND has the template for our joint RR catalogue. Everywhere you looked there was Jacquie with what you wanted in her hand, always smiling and supportive. Thankyou Jacquie.

Thank you too, to my backup Rosemarie Burden. Club member and multiple ridgeback owner, who drove 7 hours plus, from north of Montreal to help me. This is dedication and demonstrates the true meaning of friendship. We had fun. And not to forget, Kathy Lewis, a long time Club member who showed up, asked to help and took over managing the chaos at the end of the show, running the memorial trophies to the photo booth for winners photographs AND bringing them back, neatly packed up for transporting home. Thank you so much Kathy, for taking control. I owe you for this.

Thank you too, to Nestle Purina Pet Care who generously supported the winners (BB, BOS, WD, WB, Puppy & Veteran) with additional gifts. We also received generous support from Breeder members - Kopera, Nirokii, Ridgeville, Sarjo, Angelridge and Mountainridge as well as from individuals France

Flibotte and Tammy Fillion, all contributed generously, giving prizes or contributions to the Club trophy fund. Thank you all, so much.

We will meet again next year wherever the Specialty will be held.....but to everyone thank you, thank you for your support and help.

Here once again, are the results of the 2021 Specialty Show:

BEST OF BREED & CANADIAN BRED
GCH Trumphill's Taking the High Road
Owners: Frank Hawkins & Kathy Sweet, Hazel Parker



BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX
CH Foreign Affair with Priderock and Cieply Dom
Owners: Heather Allison & Allan Murray



WINNERS BITCH
Royal CityRR Pride's BIA
Owners: Doug Willows & Leith Bishop



BEST OF WINNERS (& Winners Dog)
Kopera's Reggie
Owners: Melissa & Scott O'Neil



BEST PUPPY
Nirokii Da Vinci Code at Kopera
Owners: Diana Hogan & Tina Andreatos



SELECT DOG & BRED BY EXHIBITOR

GCH Kopera's Redgee or Not

Owner: Leah Hogan

STUD DOG

GCH Kopera's Redgee or Not

Owner: Leah Hogan



SELECT BITCH

CH Skaduwee's Open Throttle

Owners: Jody Leboeuf & Rene Tammings



AWARD OF MERIT AND BEST VETERAN
GCH Priderock's Maeve of Mobukosi
Owners: Christina Ayre & Heather Allison

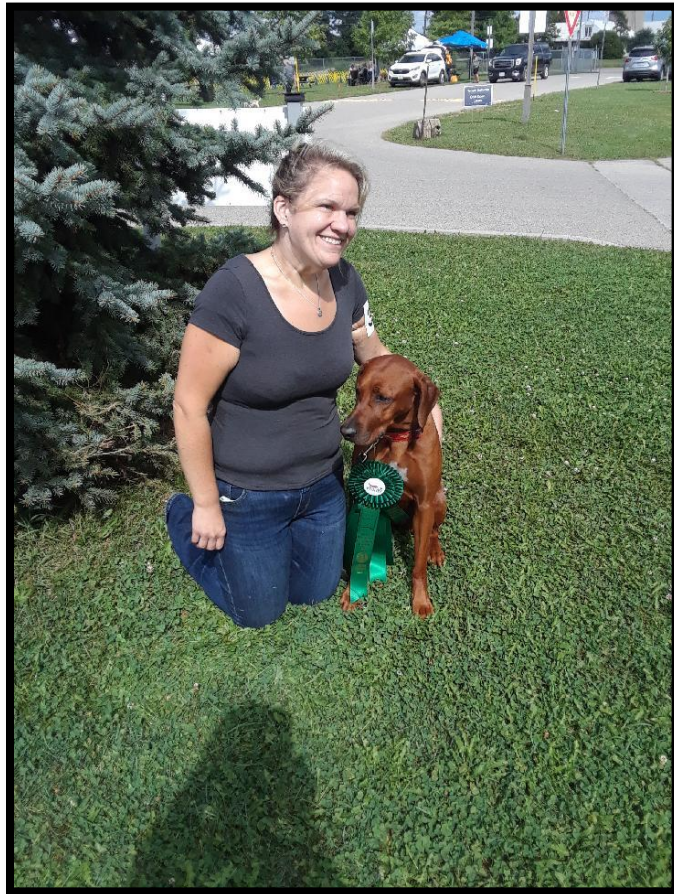


JUNIOR HANDLERS – Sponsored junior handling a ridgeback
Paisley Guimond with Angelridge's Maybe it is Maybeline.
Owner: Ellen Ceccanese



RALLY OBEDIENCE
GCH Sarjo's Quinterissance Cleopatra CGN – Beginner's – PASS
Owner/Handler: Sarah Mackenzie

BEST OVERALL RIDGE & FEMALE RIDGE
GCh Sarjo's Qunitessance Cleopatra
Owner Sarah MacKenzie



BEST RIDGE – MALE
Ch Catarqui A Little RNR
Owner Brian Bowering

Show Candids

Junior Handlers 2021

compliments of Ellen Ceccanese Guimond



In The Ring

Show Photos provided by Sabrina Zeni Gauthier, Cerveau Droit Design







Judging







Quiet Moments



Stay tuned to our Web and Facebook pages for updates on club activities





RRCEC
2022 CALENDAR
CALENDRIER 2022

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IN OUR CALENDAR!**
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CLUB NEWS

In Memory

Stephanie Rendle (Taylor)

August 2021



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".

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.



Welcome New Puppy Members

RRCEC is pleased to welcome the new members sponsored by
ANGELRIDGE and SHUMBATSVUKI

Love
is a wagging tail



RUBY



DRAY



BRAGS & WAGS

LEO



Leo gets his
Expert Barn Hunt
title

and
Sprinter
Titles



BRAGS & WAGS

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**Ch Ridgevilles Highland Rogue (Toby) wins Select Dog
in the All Breed Show**

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**Ridgevilles Sansone of HW wins BOS in Sweeps and
WD in Oakville All Breed**



Ridgeback Tales



Therapy Dogs

Jo Dunn

Ridgebacks seem to do very well as therapy dogs and I personally did this work with my ridgebacks for many years.

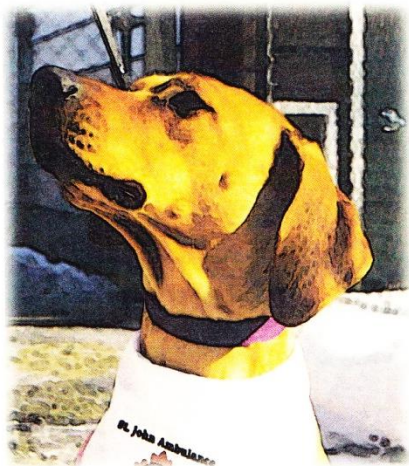
They seem to know those people who like a little bit of fussing and those who prefer just to look or give a gentle pat. Of course anyone who offers them food is a special friend – after all they are ridgebacks!

They are a convenient height for those in a wheel chair and do not seem worried by the wheels or by people walking with a cane or walker.

I have taken my dogs in to many nursing homes and retirement homes and know how much the occupants enjoy their visits. They always ask questions about the ridge, which brings up a lively discussion while the residents recall their pets.

It seems like the dogs enjoy being the center of all this attention. They have to be quite calm and not alarmed by loud voices or, at times, fairly rough treatment. I have had patients grab the dogs and have had difficulty getting them to release them, so they need to be very steady and reliable.

Some years ago I was visiting at a nursing home in a small town in my area. We went into a room where several seniors were sitting in wheel chairs. One lady burst into tears. We were most distressed, as it was not our intention to upset anyone. However, the nurse quickly figured out that this lady had been a professional dog handler all her life – her tears were those of joy at seeing the dogs. I am sure many of you breeders and dog people will remember Lorna Jackson, who handled dogs for many years and helped many newcomers to the dog show scene.



My ridgeback, Kumba, became her special friend and we visited her up to the end. Both Lorna and Kumba are gone now but, I like to think

they are enjoying one another's company in those green pastures up above.

Kumba's granddaughter, Skooza, was also a great therapy dog. Skooza and I were kept busy visiting at both the local hospital and a seniors' residence. Skooza was a natural when it came to visiting. She seemed to know those people who need a little bit of extra comfort. At the hospital, her head was just on a level with the side of the bed and she would walk up and slip her nose under a patient's hand. This always got a great response and even if the patient could not sit up they would roll over and see Skooza.

Skooza knew that she was not allowed to put her feet on the bed. However the lady we were visiting had been in hospital for several weeks and was always happy to see Skooza. On this day she was unable to raise herself, so Skooza promptly but gently, reared up and put her feet on the rail along the side of the bed. The lady was delighted to see her doggy friend.

Another day we went into a room with all four beds occupied by patients. Skooza went straight over to one bed and jumped up onto it. I was astounded. Skooza knew she was not allowed on beds! The lady in the bed let out a cry and threw her arms around Skooza's neck. It turned out that she had a ridgeback at home which she missed very much. How did Skooza know that?

When we went to the seniors's centre, they had a social hour every afternoon. Skooza loved this, because there were cookies! Officially, she was only allowed a small piece of cookie, but as soon as my back was turned someone slipped her some extra treats. I caught one lady scooping butter onto her finger – only to have Skooza obligingly lick it off!

She also had a couple of tricks she would perform, but I did not encourage this as I feel her most important job was to give comfort. However, she would shake hands, sit up and beg, and say her prayers, which always delighted the residents.



Skooza always enjoyed these outings so much that she would come and remind me when it was visiting day. When the weather was too bad for us to venture out, she would be quite disturbed and would keep coming to look at me as if to remind me that it was time to go. Both Skooza and I found therapy work most rewarding.

The St. John's Ambulance provides testing for their therapy dog programme. Go to www.St.JohnsAmbulance and click on Community Services, Therapy Dogs comes up. There is a lot of good relevant information there.

As a first step one should have a solidly docile, dependent dog who has achieved basic obedience instruction in addition to having succeeded in the Good Neighbour test (CGN). Perhaps not a puppy but a mature adult dog would be a preferable candidate for this work. As the owner/handler you must be prepared to make the commitment of regular visitations. Principal areas of work are hospitals, seniors homes, long term care facilities, schools and universities. Personally, I have done this work in seniors homes. It is rewarding but emotional and exhausting for both the dog and yourself. One has to limit the time spent doing the sessions AND the number of treats that are quietly snuck into the gentle dog!

Diana Pethick

TASTY TREATS

PUMPKIN DOG TREATS

2 ½ cups whole wheat flour
2 eggs
½ cup pureed pumpkin
2 Tbsp peanut butter
½ tsp salt
½ tsp ground cinnamon

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Whisk together the flour, eggs, pumpkin, peanut butter, salt and cinnamon in a bowl.
3. Add water as needed to help make the dough workable, but the dough should be dry and stiff.
4. Roll the dough until it is ¼ inch thick. Cut into ½ inch pieces.
5. Bake in a preheated oven until hard, about 40 minutes. Store in airtight container.



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Ridgeback Humour



The Ridgeback Roster will be published quarterly in 2021. Submissions for the next issue are encouraged and can be sent to the editor in MS Word or WP. Pictures are always welcome and can be emailed in JPEG format or sent by regular mail to be scanned. The dog(s) and photographer in/of each picture must be identified in your email or covering letter. (See below for additional information regarding club policy on use of photographs.)

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