

# 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, Boosters and Sanction Matches. The Club offer perpetual trophies, which are awarded at our annual Specialty Show. If the winner lives outside of Canada, the trophies are retained by the Club. In all instances keeper trophies are given to the winners. We also have specially purchased gifts awarded at our Booster shows. At Sanction Matches we offer simple gifts as well.

The Club operates an information breed booth at various shows and events with the purpose of educating and promoting the breed. Club members volunteer their own and their dogs' time at these booths.

Many members have their Rhodesian Ridgebacks in agility and obedience training. Some members have Ridgebacks that are also very active in Therapy Dog programmes. Racing (lure coursing, straight racing and Uval racing) is quickly becoming a new and popular activity for the pet owner.

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.

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. A club Boutique allows ridgeback fanciers to purchase unique ridgeback paraphernalia.

## **RIDGEBACK RESCUE - RRCEC ROLE**

Our Club, RRCEC works in close cooperation with **Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue (RRR)** Inc., an arm of the US Rhodesian Ridgeback Club. RRR Inc.'s mandate is North America. There are Directors or Coordinators in every State and Canadian province. The overall individual who holds the RRR authority in Canada is Carole Bradley-Kennedy.

Within RRCEC we answer the call for help for ridgebacks in distress or in need of re-homing. The first action taken is to ascertain if possible, who the breeder is. All details about the dog and its immediate situation are provided and discussed with Carole and appropriate action is agreed upon. All follow up action is the responsibility of the appropriate Regional Rescue Coordinator.

For more information on the process, go to [www.rrrescue.org](http://www.rrrescue.org) . Click on Canada, your province and you will see if there are any dogs available; their details and the name and contact information for the regional coordinator.

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

Join us on Facebook RRCEC Facebook Page: RRCEC Group

# Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Eastern Canada

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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.

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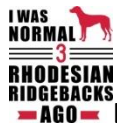
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### ***PRESIDENTS PAWPRINT***

*"Dogs have a way of finding the people who need them"*

Thom Jones



### **Letter from the Editor**

Just wanted to introduce myself as the new editor of the Ridgeback Roster. I live in Prince Edward County and have been a member of the club since we got our first ridgeback in 1998. We have been blessed with five ridgebacks over the years. Our current dogs include Delly, a 2 ½ yr. old female and Tau, a 4month old male.

The Roster has always relied on the contributions of members be it photos and stories about your ridgeback(s) or interesting articles on the breed and announcements of club events and dog shows. I encourage you to submit photos and stories of your ridgebacks achievements and any suggestions for articles on subjects of interest to you.

You can contact me at [RidgebackRoster@kos.net](mailto:RidgebackRoster@kos.net)

*Dorian Chlopas*



Delly and Tau



## ***SECRETARY'S REPORT***

Membership renewals this year have been slow, perhaps because of the lack of feedback, particularly the long gap since the last newsletter. In this connection, many people do not appear to know about the Club or our activities, perhaps as they are not comfortable with accessing information through Facebook or the Club website. We are very grateful to Dorian Chlopas for volunteering to take over the Newsletter, and now we have to revitalise the activities of the Club.

We are planning “activity days” for everyone, members and non-members, where you can try an activity you are interested in or have heard about and wonder what is involved. Come out and join us if you can. Local Board members are taking on the running of these “activity days”, so please give us some feedback and tell us what you like, or don't like or indeed, what you might like to try with your ridgeback. We will attempt to set it up.

### **Welcome New Members**

We wish to acknowledge the generosity of  
**Catarqui Ridgebacks** and **Mountainridge Ridgebacks**  
who have supported the following puppy membership:

The following new puppy owners have been given puppy memberships in the Club:

from **Catarqui Ridgebacks**

Guillaume Cloutier & Nawel Merouche with Stash; Azra Sabanovic & Adam Mayo with Markus; Milan Jurga & Joadie Yurgova with Maggie; Sharon Jefferson with Winnie; Jeff & Stephanie Duffey with Emmy; Ashley Coulombe with Abby; Matthew Margoglia with Raven; and Amanda Wilson with Tsion.

from **Mountainridge Ridgebacks**:

Leslie Born & Walter Schaible with Kia; Lisa Fordham & Darcy DeSutter with Jack; Johneen Manning & Neil Melanson with Marvel; Marie Verdon with Zola; Rebecca Taylor with Kings; Adam Wynat & Tracey Sullivan with Finn and Sarah & Mike Currie with Jasper.

We look forward to meeting all the new puppies and dogs (and their people) at our upcoming events!

Check us out on Facebook RRCEC (Administrator Carole Cockell) and  
on our Website: [www.ridgebackcanada.com](http://www.ridgebackcanada.com) (Website Manager Cindy Maurer).

***Diana***





## COMING EVENTS



### 10<sup>TH</sup> RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK WORLD CONFERENCE

June 9 – 11, 2020 GERMANY

For more info and latest updates  
check out the website [www.rrwc2020.de](http://www.rrwc2020.de) or  
Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/rrworldcongress>



## RRCEC PICNIC

Sat. Sept. 21, 2019

### SARJO RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS

542 Bruce Road 28

Mildmay, On

11am-3pm

Walk and Picnic for Rhodesian Ridgebacks from all Kennels and their Families.

Agility and Obedience games and socializing after lunch.

Barbeque Hamburgers and Hot dogs provided by Sarjo Kennels.

Potluck salads and desserts.

Hosted by Sarjo Rhodesian Ridgebacks

R.S.V.P. [sariokennels@gmail.com](mailto:sariokennels@gmail.com) or 226-230-0679

All intact males must be kept on a leash.

## **UPCOMING LURE COURSING EVENTS**

**June 22 – 23, 2019**

**Sighthound Only Field Trial – Ontario Lure Coursing Assoc.**  
Ancaster Fairgrounds, 630 Trinity Rd. S., Jerseyville, ON L0R 1R0

**July 6 – 7, 2019**

**Sighthound Only Field Trial – Whippet Club of Eastern Canada**  
Chesterville, ON K0C 1H0

**August 17 – 18, 2019**

**All Breed CAP Event – Ontario Lure Coursing Assoc.**  
**Sighthound Only Field Trial – Ontario Lure Coursing Assoc.**  
Saint Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

**October 5 – 6, 2019**

**Sighthound Only Field Trial – Ontario Lure Coursing Assoc.**  
Ancaster Fairgrounds, 630 Trinity Rd. S., Jerseyville, ON L0R 1R0

*Courtesy of Ontario Lure Coursing Assoc. <https://ontariocoursing.com/>*

## **UPCOMING AGILITY EVENTS**

**June 22, 2019 10 AM – 3 PM**

**Out Back Agility**  
Marine Station Road, Iroquois, Ontario

**October 12, 2019 10 AM – 3 PM**

**Out Back Agility**  
Marine Station Road, Iroquois, Ontario

Contact for both events: Diana Pethick  
phone 613-989-2860 or email [skyridge@ripnet.com](mailto:skyridge@ripnet.com)

## **LURE COURSING EVENT JULY 6/7**

CKC Coursing Event  
Chesterville, On

## **TENTATIVE LURE COURSING EVENT JULY 20/21**

2633 boul. Perrot, Notre-Dame de Ile Perrot, QC  
Contact: France Filbotte by phone 514-892-7595 or PM on Messenger or

## CLUB NEWS

### Update RRCEC 2019 Specialty Show

Saturday November 9, 2019

Lindsay, Ontario

Georgina District KC Show.

Time: *To be Determined*

#### ***Judges***

Janet Lobb (Can) Specialty – hound breeder

Mike Teeling (US) Sweepstakes and Ridge classes

There are Sweepstakes as well as the Specialty show.

There will be NO Junior Handlers.

#### **ACCOMODATIONS**

- **ADMIRAL INN** – 1754 Highway #7

5 rooms – motel type – are blocked under Rhodesian Ridgeback and will be held until October 8<sup>th</sup> for us.

\$120 + HST (pet fee included). NOTE: One queen bed only.

1-705-328-1743 Toll free 1-866-328-1743

Note: The Admiral does have a lot of other rooms but not ground level “motel type”. It is a two storey hotel and has a restaurant which does take out.

- **THE DAYS INN** - 134 Angeline Street S. (very close to the show site) doesn't have a lot of green space  
\$135.+ HST



## Meet Your RRCEC Executive and Directors

*The RRCEC Executive and Directors work hard every year to bring RRCEC members exciting events and opportunities to meet with fellow ridgeback enthusiasts. Depending on your interests and where you live, you may not have had the opportunity to meet all of these dedicated individuals. It is always nice to put a face to a name so the Roster is providing a brief bio on our Executive and Directors in this issue.*

### ***TINA ANDREATOS – VICE-PRESIDENT***

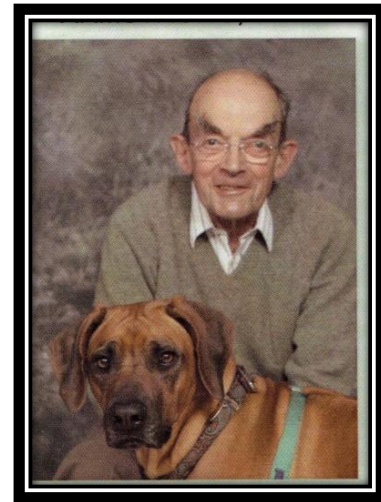
I fell in love with the breed when I was about 8 years old and on a trip to visit my grandparents, who lived in Barbados. There were 4 Ridgebacks living on the plantation my grandfather managed, and not having a dog at home but desperately wanting one, I 'adopted' Rusty for the two and a half weeks that I was there. He was my shadow and constant companion for that entire vacation and I was sure that one day, that was the kind of dog I would have...

I finally purchased my first Ridgeback in 2000, from Gordon Petrie of Bardonridge kennel. Owen was a lovely dog and everything a Ridgeback should be. He was my first show dog, my first obedience dog, and humoured me through many other activities, like agility (not his thing but he followed along at a trot and made it through our classes). He loved lure coursing and even managed to get a herding instinct certificate. He was Ch. Bardonridge Msikiaji CD CGC SC HIC

My foundation bitch, Safi, was purchased from Tumomak kennels in Massachusetts from Sue Rexford. I had fallen in love with Sheikh, a male imported from Finland and waited for what seemed like forever, for one of his female pups. She was Ch. Tumomak Nirokii Safi Kianga CDX RN CGN. She had Nirokii's first litter in 2008, and the rest, is history as they say. I currently share my home with 5 ridgebacks, and at the moment, participate in conformation, lure coursing, and tracking.



***DIANA PETHICK – SECRETARY & JIM BECKETT – TREASURER***



We both grew up in England with dogs as part of our families. In Diana's case there were always the house / farm dogs but also with Labradors and field spaniels as Gun dogs and for Jim, a variety of breeds and then lurchers (welsh sheep dogs crossed with whippets) the traditional poachers dogs. We grew up close geographically but did not meet until we were in Canada when we met we rented a house in the Gatineau Hills north of Ottawa and planned to acquire a dog. As it happened our landlord was looking for somebody to look after her dog as she was planning some extensive travels. She asked whether we would look after Rosie which is how we met a ridgeback for the first time and the rest they say is history.

That started us on a 45 year association with breed. Within a year we added our second ridgeback and have usually had at least two and as many as five ridgebacks ever since. We moved to Mountain in 1989 and after we retired we started breeding under the name of Mountainridge Kennel.

While the ridgebacks have been a central part of our life we have been very active in a variety of areas, not only the large flower and vegetable garden around our 1860s farm house ( which in itself requires a lot of attention ) but also in the community including therapy dog work.

With respect to the ridgebacks we been very active in RRCEC, Diana joining the Board as a Director and becoming President for a number of years and Jim, also joining the Board as Treasurer . Whilstour dogs have featured In Conformation, Rally Obedience and agility. We have tried hard to promote activities for the pet owners who after all are the vast majority of RR families in the Club, through walks, picnics, racing/ lure coursing and educational sessions (scenting and agility). On a wider front we have participated in the last eight World Congresses which are held every four years in different countries and have been active participants in many of the discussions about the breed in that forum. In fact attending these Congresses has been very rewarding in itself in providing the opportunity to meet so many enthusiasts from around the world and to see ridgebacks from different countries at each of the World Congress Championship shows.



### **GEORGE WHITNEY – ONTARIO NORTH**

I am a graduate of Utah State University and a Professional Wildlife Biologist. I worked for 26 years with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources as a biologist and resources manager and in 1990 moved to Zimbabwe to direct an environmental and natural resources management program on behalf of CIDA, for the Government of Zimbabwe.

While in Zimbabwe, I acquired my foundation dogs and successfully campaigned a number of my dogs to Zimbabwean champion status during a 15 year period. I have been a Director of the Zimbabwe Kennel Club and I served with the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Zimbabwe (the Parent Club), most recently as President.

After retiring from the government, I remained in Zimbabwe and managed a large wildlife concession and a game ranch where my dogs lived in the bush with me and hunted as they were designed to do. I am one of the few recent ridgeback breeders to have tested his dogs in the art of lion baying.

I returned to Canada in 2008 with my kennel of ridgebacks. I currently live on a small farm in eastern Ontario, where I continue to breed dogs of African lineage and campaign them in the show ring.

I try not to play favourites, but of the two dozen or so dogs I have owned two bitches stand out. Both were dark wheaten, one in Zimbabwe and the other I currently own. Both were/are very independently minded, tough and self-contained. In the African bush, both would excel. Etosha, my Zim girl could deal with all things African. My current Shasha is the better mother though.



**ZIMBABWE DOGS**



**SHASHA**



### ***LISA CONLEY – ONTARIO EAST***

My name is Lisa Conley and I am the breeder that started FoxTrot Ridgebacks. I originally was involved with terriers and after losing our white shepherd we wanted a large breed for the country which would fit in well with the terriers. We educated ourselves, asked questions and read quite a bit and fell in love with the Rhodesian Ridgeback. Our first ridgeback was amazing, her name was Morgan, purchased from Kopera and she never put a foot wrong. That was just less than 20 years ago. I was involved in showing & doing lure coursing with my terriers previously and wanted to continue with my ridgeback. Today we still show in conformation & am looking forward to doing more lure coursing events and we are looking forward to sharing this love for such an amazing breed with our son.

One thing I have learned about Ridgebacks is whatever you are going through they seem to know and sense it and they seem to be at sometimes your best support system.

Brendon, Lisa & Benjamin



## ***FRANCE FLIBOTTE – QUEBEC***

A few years ago, I was looking for a hobby and a passion. During a trip to Antigua, we saw for the first time three beautiful Ridgebacks and both my husband and I fell in love with the breed. When both my children reached adulthood, the timing sounded right. As soon as we returned to Quebec from our trip we started looking for our first Ridgeback.



Markus will soon have 6 years old and he is the perfect dog to learn the Ridgeback lifestyle. He is a very calm dog, yet he is very dominant. We quickly had to teach him discipline. We followed a few behaviour classes, conformation classes, lure and agility. Markus loves lure above all else. I suspect even a female in heat wouldn't take his attention away from it!

Four years later, we were so in love with our first dog and the breed that we decided to get a second Ridgeback. So we got Leo and got amazed by how different both dogs are. We were a little worried about getting two males under the same roof but everything turned out well. Both dogs live in respect of each other and free under our roof.

Leo is very special, being our youngest dog; he is "mama's boy". He follows me everywhere and seems to have made protecting me his first priority. He always keeps me in sight and has a very protective temperament. He also has a very developed sense of smell. He is the first one that detected I had cancer, even before the doctors did! We are very connected.

Both dogs are now a very big part of our lives and we love them very much. We continually have fun activities with them such as lure, agility and we recently tried barn hunting. We love the breed so much, who knows, maybe we have room for a third one under our roof? Only time will tell.



Markus Lure Coursing



France & Leo



France & Markus Agility



## *RHONDA JOHNSON – ATLANTIC CANADA*



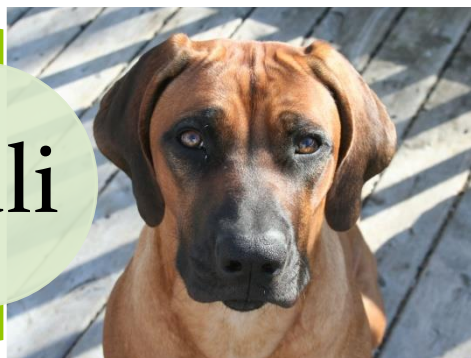
My name is Rhonda Johnson and have been a member of RRCRC for many years. Started off being secretary, then Director Ontario East and currently Director Atlantic Canada. I became interested in RRs because growing up we had a dog whose mother was a Saint Bernard and father was a RR, she was a great dog so when I wanted a dog of my own I researched RRs. I contacted Jo Dunn and in Nov. 1989 I got my first RR and the rest as they say is history. I now have RRs no. 7 & 8, Ruah and Kuli, 5 yrs old and 10 mths old. Ruah and I have tried Rally-O ( neither of us liked it ) agility (Ruah had fun but I'm not a competitor), did a herding seminar and took scenting classes which Ruah was good at so we may keep up with that but took a break because Kuli came along. So far Kuli has only done puppy class and first level in obedience. Our favorite place to walk is the beach. Kuli likes to dig in the back yard and chase her tail. Ruah plays for so long then he becomes a couch potato and get grumpy if Kuli keeps pestering him to play. They both love food and are food motivated and that is great for training. I love my kids and don't know what I would do without them.



Ruah



Kuli





***CAROLE COCKELL – OBEDIENCE & RALLY and FACEBOOK ADMINISTRATOR***

Carole is the administrator for the RECEC Facebook page and organizer for obedience and rally events for the club. Carole first became interested in ridgebacks 30 years ago and has owned a ridgeback for the past five years. Carole likes to participate in showing, obedience, rally, ratting, scent detection, agility and racing. Carole participated with her dog Xenia to the Crufts competition this year and says Xenia is her good luck charm. The qualities that she values most in ridgebacks are their honesty, entertaining personality and fidelity.



*Xenia in Wales*

***CINDY MAURER-ALBERT – WEBMASTER***

Cindy is busy this month with a new litter of pups. We hope to have a bio for her in our next edition.

## BRAGS & WAGS



### **What does it take Crufts my non-bucket list dream!**

*submitted by Carole Cockell – Show Chair Obedience & Rally and Facebook Administrator*

My journey started 6 years ago when I contacted Valerie Michaud, Cataraqui for my first RR and the adventure began. My requirements were simple - health, temperament and brains. Showing was not important. As they say the rest is history! Never in my wildest dreams was Crufts even on my radar! It's only one the world's oldest, largest and most prestigious competition for the canine fancy!

What did it take for a Canadian dog to qualify for Crufts 2019?

The top five dogs from each breed according to the Top Show Dog point system, as well as the Best of Breed, Best of Opposite, Select Dog, Select Bitch and Award of Merit Winners at the National Specialties agreed by the Canadian Kennel Club qualify. Additionally All Group Placement Winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th in each group) at pre determined show are eligible. The Renaissance Dog Association held on Saturday April 14 2018 was the qualifying show for this year's competition. The qualifications for Crufts 2020 have yet to be advertised for Canada.

Last summer was Xenia's second time competing at Nationals. Her first time she went Select Bitch. I knew that she had qualified for Crufts then but I never entertained the idea of entering. But this year something was different. Having such a large contingent in the ring meant that I could actually have time to watch Xenia do her thing while she was lead around the ring by my coach/mentor and friend, Noreena Seery. All along all I could think was she really has a chance at this! Our judge kept an eye on her the entire time. I had never been more proud of her! That's when Judge Rui Oliveira chose Xenia as Best of Opposite. I was so proud of the team. I was starting to come down from all the excitement when Noreena dropped the news! "You do know what Xenia just did?" I looked quizzically at her. "You've qualified for Crufts!" I had never been at such a loss for words! Wow Crufts! For some reason this really felt real! That was it! During my time with Judge Oliveira when taking our multiple win pictures, I thanked him again for the win and that it qualified her for Crufts. I then learnt that he had recently had a Crufts assignment and that he felt that she would be very competitive. He became a cheer leader and hoped that she would go!

A few weeks later, I finally came down to reality and started researching the ins and outs of Crufts. Not once did I even think that I wasn't going! So much to do! The most prevalent comment was to book your hotel early as rooms fill; very quickly! So on I went to book my room!

Timeline of this to do:

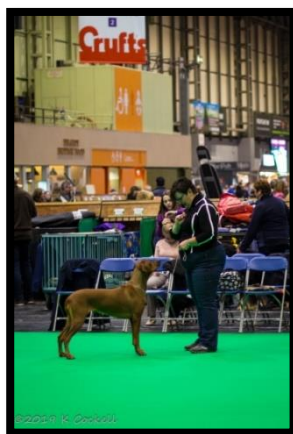
- September: book room (made sure no change cancellation)
- Early October: Applied for her ATC ( Authority to Compete) # with Kennel Club
- October: Contact CFIA for all relevant information regarding travelling with a dog to the UK and return and make appointment for Federal Vet sign off
- October: Contact Animal Reception Centre (ARC) (UK) for requirements -wow overwhelming!
- November: received Xenia's ACT # this is really coming together!
- November: research flight options and weigh them out. Booked Ottawa Heathrow direct (seamed like the smart choice at the time) Lesson don't book on the weekend when staff are not capable of completely answering question re travelling with a pet. Called air Canada Cargo for more info and book Xenia's spot on the flight! NO can do. Cargo (pets ) are only booked 28 max before departure date!
- December: booked van
- December complete ARC paperwork and send
- January: send in my entry
- February: reserve Xenia's spot on the plane
- February: Schedule vet appointment Fit to Fly certification and Tapeworm treatment
- February: Find UK vet and schedule appointment for Fight to Fly certification for return trip
- February 20: entries confirmation arrives
- March 2: appointment with Vet, have completed CFIA paperwork signed
- March 3: Show prep- bath and pedicure, pack tack bag
- March 4: D-Day- 8:30 am appt CFIA vet appointment for their sign off; minor errors need to redo and have my vet resign paper work; call clinic give Rob, my vet, heads up that I need him to resign. He held up his surgery for me! Paperwork refilled and signed. Back to CFIA for 2:30 appointment. Got the official seal; Xenia is now ready to go!. Now I can relax! Signed Xenia in with AC Cargo. Paid the fees. Now off to check ourselves in.
- March 5th: Arrived at Heathrow 3 hours behind schedule due to incident at Pearson that delayed the arrival of our plane in Ottawa. Picked up van. Get call from ARC asking if my dog was in season as there was evidence of blood on her bedding! No not in season! "Oh maybe she cut her gums chewing on her crate!" Can you say panic time! And I was not allowed to see her before she was checked over by their vet! Arrived early at ARC with hopes to be able to get more information about her "injury". During our wait, I was informed that I had not completed her VAT form (taxes) before arrival! Now I have to pay taxes! So much for understanding that dogs coming to show weren't taxed. The taxes are now reimbursed once the dog has landed in country of origin. 17hrs later we are all back together! And the injury, from what I could decipher was a minimal poop spray!

Now to let the adventure begin! It's becoming ever more real the next few days. Crufts is a huge deal! For the first time, I felt out of my league. So many beautiful dogs! Everything revolved around dogs and their owners and handlers. 23,000 plus entries this year over 4 days of competition including Obedience, Agility and Freestyle entries - 197 of these are Rigdebacks!

Fast forward a few days, March 9th Show Day for Hound and Terrier Groups. Sun is shining and it's a nice walk to the site. Off we go.



We're welcomed by exhibitors' security



Took Xenia for a quick warm up run on the green



26 Entries for Open Bitches

The Kennel Club shows are run slightly differently than CKC. Just like us, the sexes are divided by age but also be divided by prizes/placements/points earned at All Breed or Breed Specific shows. Open class is our Specials but includes dogs titled champion from any Kennel Club. Ring procedure is so different. If I hadn't taken time to talk to many and watch several classes I would've been so lost! One very large carpeted surface was made into two rings with chairs for the spectators which entry point at all four corners and centre of opposite sides. No fencing anywhere. When your class was ushered in, you entered from any of these and set up in no specific order! Ring steward then went in with the judge to mark attendance. Our judge opted to do the exam first send us around 1/2 the ring before looking over the next entry. While watching the boys, several of us agreed that she based lots of her judgement on how well your dog could hold a stack and her exam. Movement didn't seem to be as important to her. Judge made her selection 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, Reserve and VHC (similar to Award of Merit) in each class including Open class. Then from there Top dog, Veteran dog and Good Citizen Scheme dog were chosen.

Then just as in CKC, the girls are next. Regular classes are done. It's our turn! Open Bitches had an entry of 26. In order to simplify judging, we were placed in numerical order. The judge kept the first four and asked for the reminder to exit the ring and to pay attention. Just as she had done in the morning with the males, her routine was exam then go around but this time we would exit so that the next in line could enter therefore always having 4 girls in the ring at a time. Once the last one had gone around, we all returned back in order. The judge quickly selected 4 from the later group of the females that she had seen and had two more to select. She struggled between Xenia and two others as it was not to be but oh so close.

What an honour it was to represent Canada on such a huge stage. Someone mentioned that Xenia may be the first Canadian Bred competing in Crufts history. I have to say that I have made so many new friends in the breed, fanciers, breeders and judges. Some of which search me out! I love this RR family of ours.



Carole and Xenia



## Vet's Corner – Lyme Disease Update

Well spring has arrived and with it tick season. Did you know that in Quebec the number of reported cases of Lyme disease in people quadrupled between 2011 and 2016 and in southeast Ontario the chance of contracting Lyme disease from tick bites is 60%. Lyme disease is transmitted by the black-legged or deer tick (*Ixodes* species) and tick season generally runs through spring, summer and fall. Due to warmer climates ticks are becoming more prevalent and the tick season is getting longer in many areas in eastern Canada.

### BLACK-LEGGED TICK HOT SPOTS IN EASTERN CANADA

ONTARIO	QUEBEC	NEW BRUNSWICK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>along the north shores of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario</li> <li>parts of Thousand Islands National Park</li> <li>Kingston and surrounding area along the St. Lawrence Valley to the boarder with Quebec and northeast toward Ottawa</li> <li>northwestern Ontario in the region of Lake of the Woods</li> <li>Pinery Park on the shore of Lake Huron</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monteregie (south of Quebec)</li> <li>southwest of Mauricie et Centre-du-Quebec</li> <li>north and west of Estrie</li> <li>southwest of Outaouais</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>areas of Charlotte County</li> <li>areas of Saint John County</li> <li>areas of Kings County</li> <li>areas of Albert County</li> <li>areas of Westmorland County</li> <li>areas of York County</li> </ul>
Ontario Lyme Disease Map 2018 <a href="https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/lyme-disease-risk-area-map-2018.pdf?la=en">https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/lyme-disease-risk-area-map-2018.pdf?la=en</a>	Quebec Lyme Disease Map 2018 <a href="https://www.inspq.qc.ca/sites/default/files/documents/zoonoses/carte-maladie-lyme-juillet2018.pdf">https://www.inspq.qc.ca/sites/default/files/documents/zoonoses/carte-maladie-lyme-juillet2018.pdf</a> Institut National de sante publique website <a href="https://www.inspq.qc.ca/zoonoses/maladie-de-lyme">https://www.inspq.qc.ca/zoonoses/maladie-de-lyme</a>	New Brunswick Public Health Website <a href="https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/vectorborne_andzoonotic/Tick-Borne_Diseases/risk.html">https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/vectorborne_andzoonotic/Tick-Borne_Diseases/risk.html</a>
NOVA SCOTIA	PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	NEWFOUNDLAND
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all of Nova Scotia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>none confirmed by PEI Public Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>currently no areas believed to have permanent populations of the black-legged tick</li> </ul>
Nova Scotia Public Health website <a href="https://novascotia.ca/dhw/CDPC/lyme.asp">https://novascotia.ca/dhw/CDPC/lyme.asp</a> Nova Scotia Lyme Disease Map 2018 <a href="https://novascotia.ca/dhw/CDPC/images/LymeDisease_County_Web_201903-1000.png">https://novascotia.ca/dhw/CDPC/images/LymeDisease_County_Web_201903-1000.png</a>		Newfoundland Labrador Public Health website <a href="https://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/lyme_disease.html">https://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/lyme_disease.html</a>

As dog owners we often walk our dogs in areas where ticks are prevalent and should take precautions to protect both our dogs and ourselves from tick bites. Ticks can't jump or fly so they wait on grass, bushes or shrubs for an animal or human to pass by and then they crawl onto the person/animal. Common precautions for reducing the chance of being bitten by a tick include:

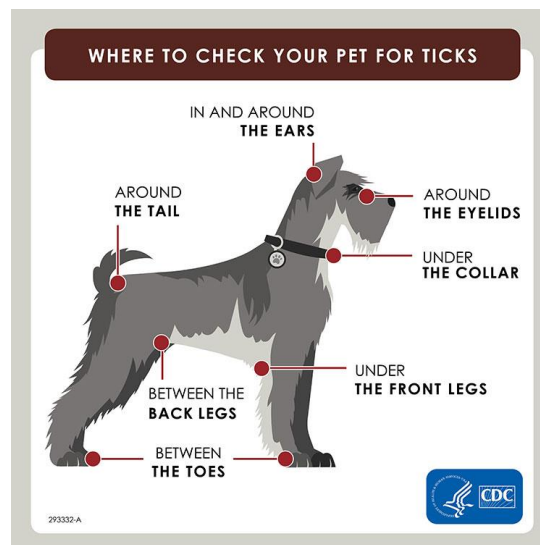
- avoid wooded and brushy areas that contain high grass and leaf litter;
- if you go into wooded areas, walk in the center of cleared paths;
- wear light colored long-sleeved shirts and long pants to spot ticks more easily. Tuck your shirt into your pants and pull your socks over your pant legs;
- use an insect repellent such as DEET or Icaridin;
- check yourself, your family and pets after being in an area where ticks may be present; and
- shower or bathe within two hours of returning from outdoor activities to wash away loose ticks.

Newfoundland Labrador Public Health website [https://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/lyme\\_disease.html](https://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/lyme_disease.html)

The following prevention methods are also recommended for dogs:

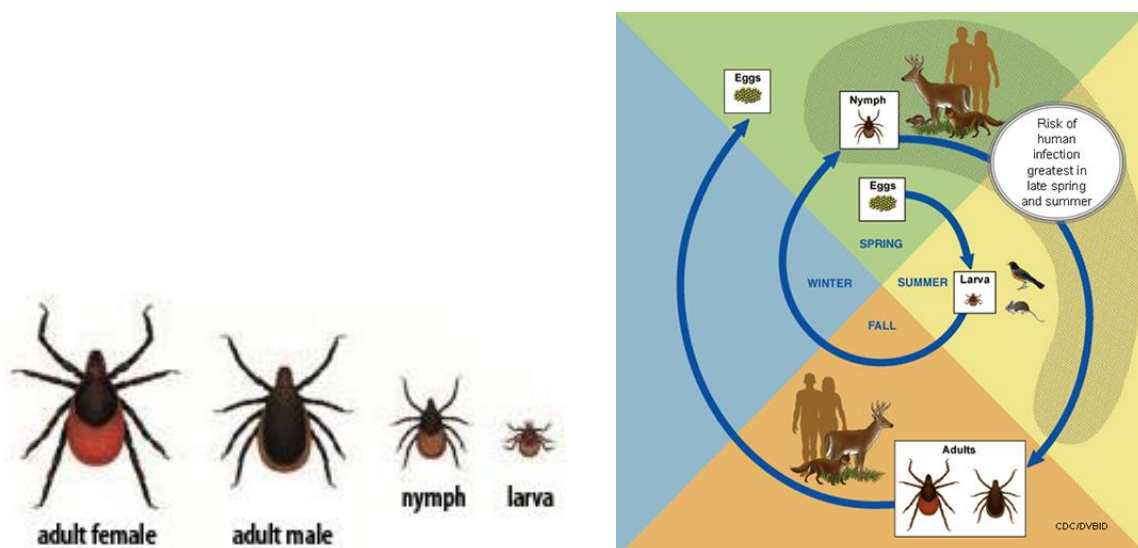
- dogs should be treated regularly with a readily available, effective, tick-control product. Your veterinarian can recommend the best product for your pet.
- in areas where Lyme disease is common, ask your veterinarian about whether vaccination is recommended.
- dogs should be routinely checked for ticks after they have been outside, especially if they have been in tall grass and brush during the spring, summer, or fall.
- remove any ticks by using fine-pointed tweezers to grasp the head of the tick (right where it enters the skin). Pull the tick straight off, making sure not to grasp or squeeze its body.
- dogs should be brushed regularly. Watch carefully for any ticks that are removed and capture and dispose of them before they can either reattach to the dog or migrate to other pets or people in the household.

MERCK Veterinary Manual <https://www.merckvetmanual.com/generalized-conditions/lyme-borreliosis/overview-of-lyme-borreliosis>



[https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/prev/on\\_pets.html](https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/prev/on_pets.html)

### **BLACK-LEGGED TICK IMAGES AND LIFE CYCLE**



[https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/prev/on\\_pets.html](https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/prev/on_pets.html)



## LURE COURSING UPDATE

### A WHOLE LOT OF FUN, AND A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY...

*submitted by: Tina Andreatos, Vice-President & Conformation*

Rhodesian Ridgebacks were included in the list of breeds allowed to compete in CKC Lure Coursing Trials as of January 1st, 2019. It seemed as though the snow would never melt, and spring would never get here! The dogs and I, couldn't wait for the first lure coursing trials within driving distance, to arrive.

On May 4th and 5th, I loaded the dogs into the 'dog-mobile' and headed off to an ASFA trial held by the Northern Azawakh Association. We had a fabulous weekend, had a blast watching all the dogs run and were warmed up and ready for our very first CKC Lure Coursing trial the following weekend.

After a long overnight drive, we arrived at the field bright and early Saturday May 11th. This time, we weren't the only Ridgebacks present. I had Jesse, Pippen & Riot, Diana Hogan with Gemma, Jackie McWilliam with Major, and a lovely couple with a male Ridgie named Drax.

Jesse & Pippen ran in the open stake as they were already certified, and the others ran in the singles stake (open to all eligible coursing breeds certified or not). All the ridgebacks ran well and it was such a pleasure to watch them chase 'the bunny'... The 3 newcomers all passed their certifications and so could enter the open stake the following day.

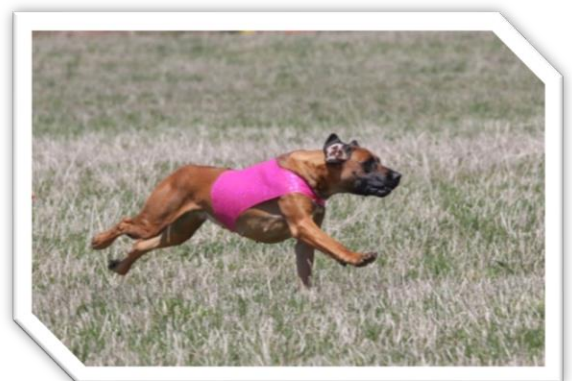
To the best of my knowledge, Jesse (Ch. Nirokii's Code Black) is the first Ridgeback in Canada, to have earned a CKC lure coursing Best of Breed, when she came in first on Saturday...

On Sunday we had another fabulous day of coursing with 5 Ridgebacks entered in the Open Stake. All the dogs had a blast running, and we had so much fun watching our dogs do something they love.

I want to thank Gazehound Ontario, for making us feel welcome, and for encouraging us to talk to others and get more Ridgebacks out on the coursing field. I for one, am very much looking forward to hopefully seeing many of you out on the field with your hounds at Lure Coursing Trials this summer!!!



Gemma, Major, Jesse, Riot, Pippen, Drax  
*photo by Siri Thompson*



Jesse  
*photo by Clint Ellery*

## Ridgeback Humour

A Doberman, a Labrador and a Rhodesian Ridgeback cross the rainbow bridge together and come face to face with God. God asks them what they believe in.

The Doberman replies: I believe in discipline, training and loyalty to my owner. Good, God says, you may sit on my right side.

The Labrador answers: I believe in love and affection for my owner and in world peace. Wow, super says God, you can sit on my left side.

Then God turns to the Rhodesian Ridgeback and asks: And what do you believe in? The Rhodesian Ridgeback looks at God and answers: I believe you are in my seat

## Yummy Homemade Treats

### LIVER BROWNIES

1 lb beef or pork liver  
1 c corn meal  
2 eggs  
1/2 c flour  
3 tbsp garlic powder  
2 tbsp oil

Blend all ingredients in a food processor until well mixed  
And liver is mush. Grease a 9" x 13" pan, put in mixture, spread out  
And bake for 20 minutes at 400 ° F. Cool and cut into small squares.  
Refrigerate or Freeze

*We hope you have enjoyed this latest edition of the Roster.  
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