

Ridgeback Roster

50th Edition

SUMMER 2020



Summer Days






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.

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.

Many members have their Rhodesian Ridgebacks in agility and obedience training. Some members have Ridgebacks that are also very active in Therapy Dog programmes.

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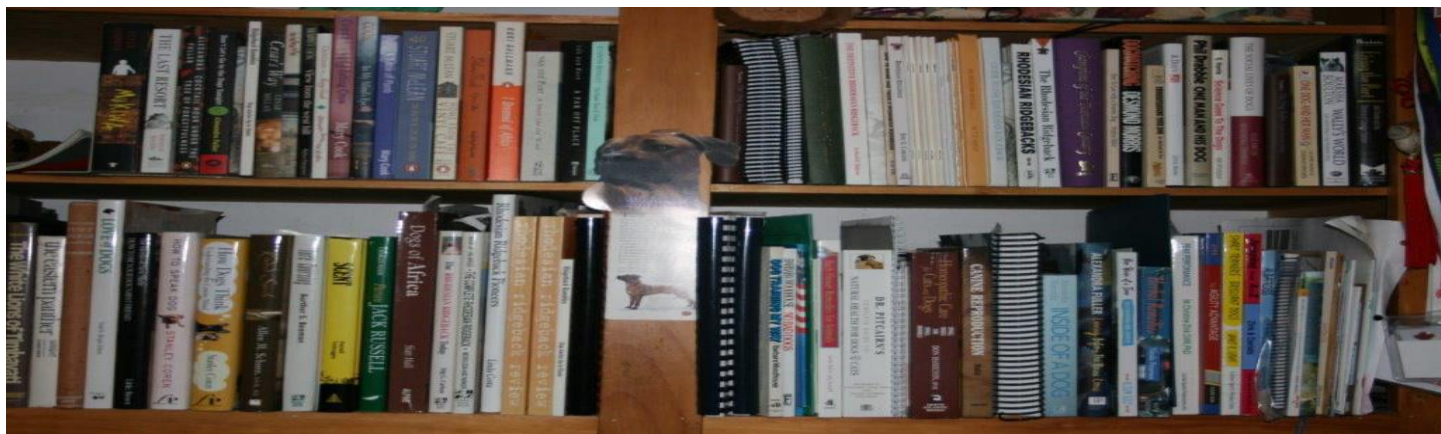
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RRCEC POLICY – Use and Identification of PHOTOS for the RRCEC Newsletter, Website & Calendar January 1, 2007

- ❖ 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 members 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 nd 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 th 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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PRESIDENTS PAWPRINT

I hope you are all doing well during this difficult time. We are currently living through unprecedented times and like everyone else, we have had to make changes to our activities schedule. Some planned events have been cancelled, but we hope that the ones we have postponed will be able to happen while following government guidelines during this pandemic. We will be closely following regulations for group activities and very much hope that we will not have to cancel the rest of our planned events this year.



For some of us, this pandemic has given us an opportunity to spend more time with our 'fur kids'. I would very much like to hear about the new things you may have done with your dogs during this time. I encourage all of you to share photos and/or videos of you and your dog(s) doing something during this pandemic, on our RRCEC Facebook page. Maybe it's just a long and peaceful walk, or obedience practices. Maybe it's a new litter of pups, or a trick. 'A photo's worth a thousand words'.... feel free to add a description to your photo or video, or simply title it 'Pandemic Challenge'. I have used the opportunity of more time at home to practice obedience and teach my dogs new tricks. I will post my activities on Facebook and hope you

will all join me in sharing moments spent with your dogs.

Also, after requests from several of our members, we are happy to announce that we have put together an online boutique on our website: www.ridgebackcanada There you will be able to browse and order quality made clothing, at competitive prices, all bearing our beautiful new logo, of which we are all very proud!

Sending a Warm Welcome to all our new puppy members.

Very much looking forward to seeing you all soon,
France Flibotte



Letter from the Editor

Just want to say a big Thank You to everyone who contributed photos, articles and ideas for this edition. Keep the photos and stories coming! *Dorian Chlopas*

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COMING EVENTS



A good source for dog related events in your area is **CanuckDogs.com**

<https://www.canuckdogs.com>



POSTPONED

10TH RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK WORLD CONGRESS

has been postponed indefinitely due to the Corona Virus Pandemic

In it's place the following webinars from the congress are being offered

Webinar 1:

Degenerative myelopathy- The disease and the genetics behind it with a spotlight on the breed Rhodesian Ridgeback

Date: 11th of June 2020, 7.30 p.m. in English language

Speaker: Dipl. Biol. Hubert Bauer, Laboklin

Webinar 2:

One Health: Infection Diseases in Dog Husbandary - Zoonoses and Hygiene

Date: 18th of June 2020, 7.30 p.m. in English language

Speaker: Dr. Malte Regelin, ViPiBax

Thanks so much to our two sponsors for making this possible!
Both webinars are free for formerly booked RRWC participants and DZRR club members.

For more information: <https://www.rwvc2020.de/>

CLUB EVENTS

The RRCEC Club Specialty is TENTATIVELY proposed to proceed in September.

Stay posted to our web site and facebook page for updates.



2020

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS

JOINT SPECIALTIES

HOST CLUB
OAKVILLE & DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW
ANCASTER FAIRGROUNDS
630 TRINITY ROAD S., JERSEYVILLE, ONTARIO

SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2020

TWO RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CANADIAN SPECIALTIES

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ACCUMULATE 5 SETS OF POINTS
TOWARDS YOUR CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

THERE WILL BE SUPPORTED ENTRIES ON BOTH DAYS – RRCEC ON SATURDAY & RRCC ON SUNDAY

INCLUDES ALL REGULAR CLASSES IN ADDITION CANADIAN BRED AND BRED BY EXHIBITOR CLASSES. PUPPY & VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES, BRACE, STUD DOG & BROOD BITCH AND BEST RIDGE COMPETITIONS.

DINNER/SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL LECTURE
RRCC & RRCEC are pleased to hold a dinner/social after the show on the show grounds on the evening of saturday the 12th. We have a room rented and there will be dinner catered in and a lecture by Dr. Brenda Bonnett, DVM PhD CEO, International Partnership for Dogs for exhibitors, club members and friends. A Separate info flyer will be available when final details are complete. Pre-registration is recommended. There will be a charge for the dinner, water/soft drinks included.

JOINT CATALOGUE & PREMIUM LIST
CATALOGUE available for pre-order. ALL ads must be in B&W and camera ready. Full page 8.5" x 11" \$25, half page \$15 Ads should be sent to Jacquie Dankner at cedarpoint.ridgebacks@sympatico.ca no later than July 1st. A few copies will be available for purchase at the show. PREMIUM LIST can be found at info@mjndogshowservices.com.

HOTELS
COMFORT INN | 58 KING GEORGE ROAD, BRANTFORD, ONT. N3R 5K4. - 519-753-3100 (Ridgeback Dog Show Booking)
BEST WESTERN | 19 HOLIDAY DR, BRANTFORD, ON N3R 7J4 - 519-753-8651 1-877-341-1234 (RRCC Dog Show Booking)

NATIONAL CLUB (RRCC) RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF CANADA	REGIONAL CLUB (RRCEC) RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF EASTERN CANADA
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
<p>JUDGES PANEL CONFORMATION: Mr Jeff Horswell, UK* SWEEPSTAKES: Dr. Brenda Bonnett, Ontario* BEST RIDGE COMPETITION AFTER BISS: Laurie Rusticus* * PENDING CKC APPROVAL.</p> <p>ROSETTES AND PRIZES RRCC is offering rosettes and prizes to the highest scoring Rhodesian Ridgeback in Obedience on Friday.</p>	<p>JUDGES PANEL CONFORMATION: Jose Homen de Mello, Portugal* SWEEPSTAKES: Laurie Rusticus* BEST RIDGE COMPETITION AFTER BISS: Laurie Rusticus* * PENDING CKC APPROVAL.</p> <p>ROSETTES AND PRIZES RRCEC is offering rosettes and prizes to the highest scoring Rhodesian Ridgeback in Rally on Friday and to the best junior Rhodesian Ridgeback Handler in the Junior Handling competition.</p>

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Local Activity Days - 2020

Due to the social distancing restrictions for the Covid 19 Pandemic, Club Activities scheduled for spring-early summer will be postponed until further notice. We are hoping to be able to resume activities by late summer-early fall. Looking forward to seeing you when things get back to normal.
Until then keep well, stay home and stay safe.

<u>Month/Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Point of Contact</u>
postponed	Racing – Ile Perot, Montreal, Que	France Flibotte/Jim Beckett
September 20	Agility – Iroquois, Ont	Diana Pethick
October	Activity Day – Scenting/Tracking/Straight Racing Alexandria, Ont	Tina Andreatos/Jim Beckett
October	Walk & BBQ, Douglas, Ont.	George Whitney

In the works:

July 11 – 12 tentative	Muddy Paws Wine Festival arrangements not yet confirmed includes a 20 minute hike between 2 wineries contact Wade for more info if you are interested	Wade Daboll
Walk in a remote Conservation Area between Kingston & Belleville		Dorian Chlopas
Racing – in association with a coursing event		Diana Hogan/Tina Andreatos

The above indicates club activities planning is underway. There is a lot to arrange and other activities may pop up. 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

The Club is excited to announce the launch of our
New Online Store



**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

- 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

- 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/>

to see what we have to offer!



Welcome New Puppy Members

RRCEC is pleased to welcome the new members sponsored by
Wade Daboll, Ridgeville Rhodesian Ridgebacks and Lisa Conley, Fox Trot Kennels.

New members include Pheobe, Kaleesi, Togo, Zuri, Truffle, Dozer, Watson, and Fancy from Ridgeville Rhodesian Ridgebacks and Indie, Freddie, Nahla, Leo, Euie, Nya, Zobuhle, Ellie, Trixie and Bosch from Fox Trot Kennels.



Pheobe

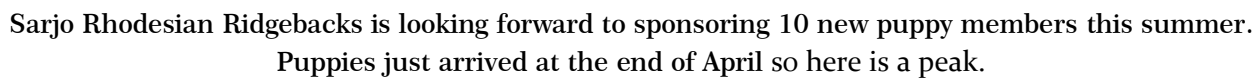


Togo

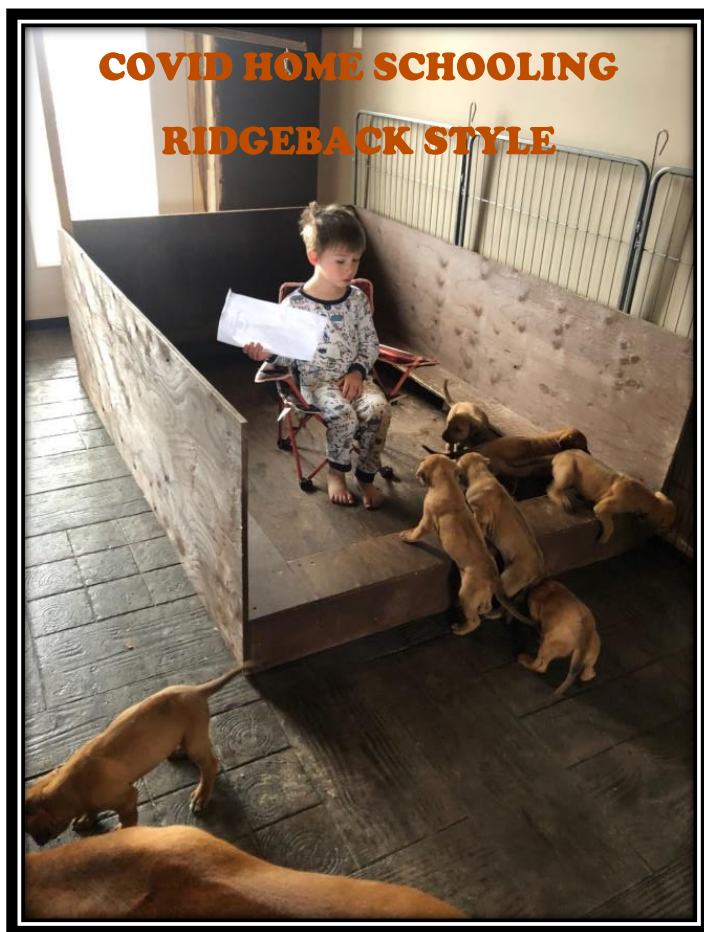


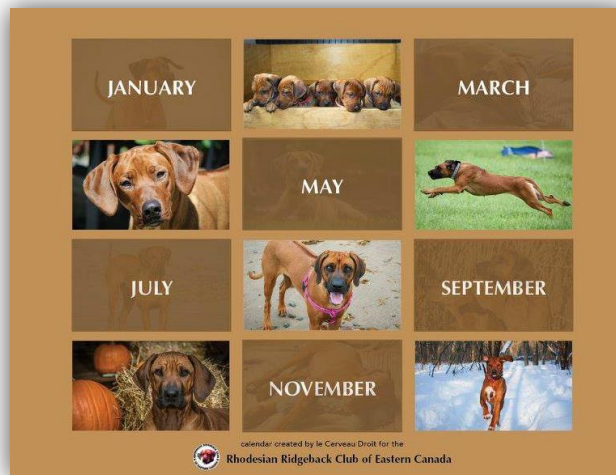
Kaleesi





More photos and puppy names to follow in the Fall Roster.





The club is looking for photos for the

RRCEC 2021 Calendar



**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 CERVAUDROITDESIGN@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 CERVAUDROITDESIGN@GMAIL.COM.
UNE SEULE PHOTO PAR PERSONNE SERA SÉLECTIONNÉE.

RRCEC Life Members



Jo Dunn
First Life Member of the Club



From childhood I have always had a great interest in Africa. I had family connections going back to the late 1800's; my aunt had lived in Pretoria during the Boer War, there was an uncle who fought in the First World War in Africa and a brother who worked in Kenya. My sister went to live in South Africa at the beginning of the Second World War and still lives there.

I've had a lifelong interest in dogs and breeding and learned about Rhodesian Ridgebacks from my relatives in Africa so it seemed quite appropriate that amongst my crowd of dogs, collected by myself and my children, I should have a Rhodesian Ridgeback. When I became involved in ridgebacks I was running a boarding kennel, named Heronhill Kennels. My dogs at that time included an Irish setter, two dachshunds, a Yorkshire terrier – and then a Rhodesian Ridgeback came to live with us.

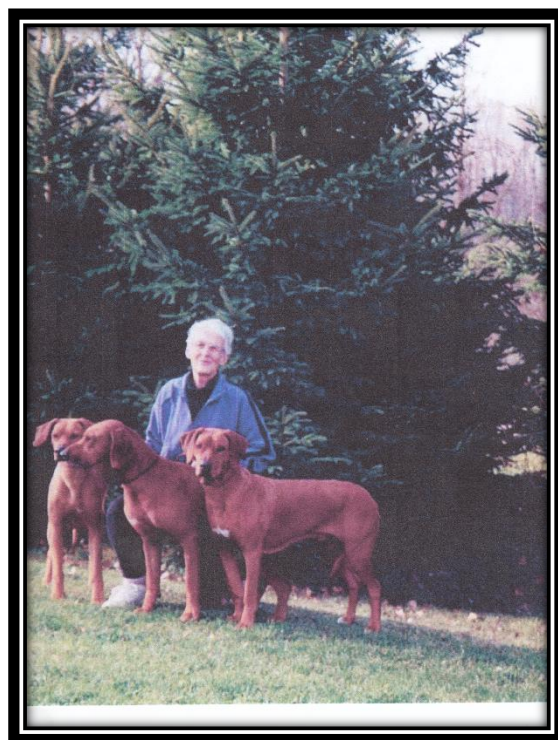


I became involved with and belong to several Rhodesian Ridgeback Clubs, and was the first president of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Eastern Canada. I am also a member of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Canada. When Liz and Brian Megginson invited me to attend the assembly of Rhodesian Ridgebackers in Johannesburg in 1984 I jumped at the chance to at last go to South Africa, the land of my dreams, not only to see my sister and her family but to meet so many ridgeback people and hear their thoughts and memories of the breed.

So, over the years I have always had a great interest in the past and the present of our great dogs. It was a huge honour to have been the first president of the Club. In the early days this magazine, the Ridgeback Roster, kept this club going with information and news of local activities.

When I became involved in the dog world in 1972, obedience and tracking were already a part of the “dog scene” in Canada. I have always thought that ridgebacks needed a better challenge to show off their skills. These days Agility, Coursing, Racing, Scenting and numerous other sports have come to the fore. I continue to believe it would be nice to have a particular Field Trial test just for ridgebacks – after all they are exceptional dogs!

- Jo Dunn currently lives in long term care. This biography was taken from her writing in two of her books, was reviewed and edited by her son, Dave Dunn, Cindy Maurer-Albert and Diana Pethick. It was read to her prior to publication – Jo approves!



New Director Bios



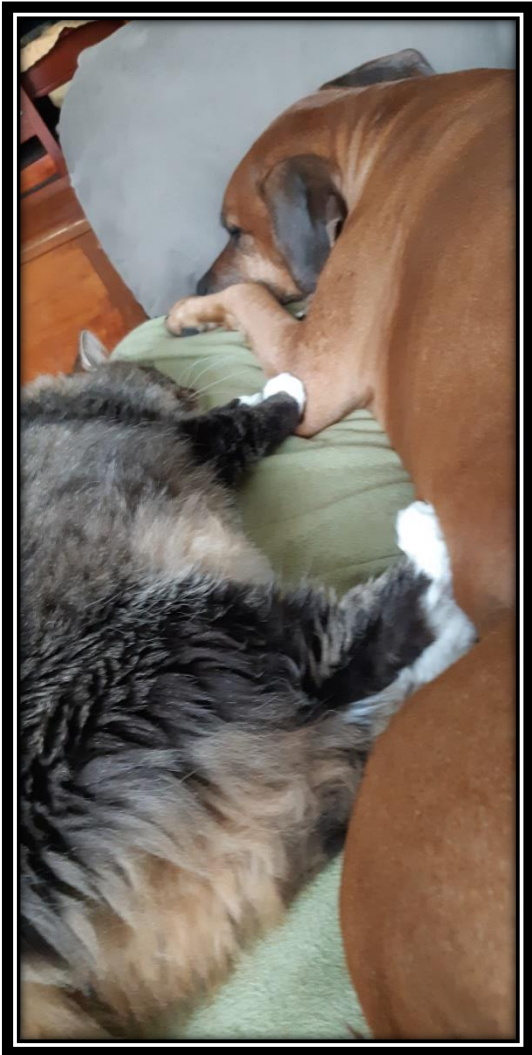
Diana Hogan – Ontario West

I have always wanted to be active in the dog world, and took 2 years of researching before we found the breed for us. We started our kennel in 1993. We have brought in different backgrounds from all over North America and beyond. To date we have had 17 litters. And including the dogs we have brought in, we have earned over 40 Championships (including AKC). We have also had dogs excel in Obedience and Agility. None of this would be possible without the amazing owners that have cared for our hounds! We recently started lure coursing, and really enjoy it and recommend other to try it!

My daughter Leah was added to our kennel name when she was 18. And we proudly show our dogs as owner/breeder/handlers.



PET PROFILES



My name is

**Mountainridge Masai Mara
(Mazi)**

I live with Checkers (Cat) and my human (Mike)

I dislike rain the most but I also prefer to not get my nails trimmed and have baths. This is funny because I love to roll in mud and wade in the creek when we go to that dog park.

I Love treats. I am particularly fond of... wait a minute, I love them all. I also love it when Mike is eating. It allows me to stare at him and hope he drops something on the floor.

Kianga

Woof, woof, grrrr, woof!

Ready
Set



GO ...

Sorry, I forgot you humans speak English. Ok. My secret name is Kianga, my humans call me Kia (unless they need me to comeback right away) but other dogs call me Tank.

I'm supposed to be a Rhodesian Ridgeback with a ridge but the Dog Master in heaven didn't give me a ridge! But I still think I'm a great RR. I run like the wind for hours. I love to have other dogs chase me with a stick and most of them can't catch me except those show off Visla's and Weimaraners!

When I can, I'll go for a short swim but otherwise I love to run in the sand. Sand traps on the golf course are great because they're banked and I can pretend I'm a Porsche and run in circles on the banked sand.

I might not be a very good RR on second thought, because I love all humans and dogs, (except those two Blue Great Danes that are always in my face) and I don't scare people at the door. Maybe when I'm older but not now.

I'm really cool too because I'm a RR; just ask Ricky Gervais in his Humanity comedy set! Also I'm glad I really don't have to hunt lions because that's scary and dangerous. Just squirrels, geese and other dogs with sticks.

Gotta run! There's another dog with a stick I have to get!

RUAH

Interview with a Ridgeback



How old are you? 6 years

What's your favorite human food? Liver brownies, chicken, toast, actually almost anything Mom eats except shrimp!

What are you scared of? Anything that beeps in the house and the noisy fan above the stove.

What is your favorite thing to play with? Anything that Kuli has I want.

What is something you don't like? Getting my nails done and going to the Vets.

What is your favorite thing to do? Go to the beach with Aunt Mayla, I love her.

Have you any other furry siblings? Yes a little sister. I wasn't happy about it at first but she is growing on me.

What is something you get in trouble for? Digging & walking in the flower bed and picking on Kuli, Mom says I'm too rough sometimes.

Where do you sleep? Anywhere in my house that I want and at night I have to share the bed with Mom and Kuli.

Do you go to a groomer? Yes to get my nails done. Thought I was going to get a reprieve because of this virus going around but NO, Mom tied me to the deck and did my nails. FYI no amount of whining or pulling stopped her.

Do you like car rides? Sure do! Been on many road trips to Ontario.

Do you snore? No, but Mom says I talk in my dreams.

KULI

Interview with a Ridgeback

How old are you? 22 months

What is your favorite human food? Chicken or cheese or toast with peanut butter, so hard to pick just one

What are you scared of? Mom having a nightmare

What is your favorite toy to play with? I like to play fetch with my kong ball or tuffy ring. I also like to try and get Moms slippers off her feet.

What is something you don't like? I don't like getting my nails trimmed or going to the Vet.

What is your favorite thing to do? Get treats

Have you any other furry siblings? Yes. I have a brother who is 6 yrs old.

Something you get in trouble for. Digging in the flower bed but the yard seems to be OK, it's fun watching Mom fill in the holes.

Where do you sleep? At night on the bed with Mom and Ruah, during the day the couch or chair or a dog bed.

Do you go to a groomer? I did before this virus thing just to get my nails done.

Do you like car rides? I sure do!

Do you snore? No



DELLY



Hello Ridgeback Lovers!

My name is Delly, I am three years old and live with my Mom, Dad and little brother Tau.

My favorite outings are walks at the local conservation areas and at the dunes. I love to look out the patio doors and survey my kingdom and whenever possible I chase rabbits and squirrels that venture into my kingdom. I'm not allowed to do that when I'm on leash for walks. I don't understand why. It's so much fun!

I know that Ridgebacks are classed as either sight or scent hounds but I am neither. I am a Food Hound. I love all foods and especially home baked goods. I like to stick my head in the oven when my Mom opens it to get the cake/cookies/etc. out of the oven. It really freaks her out! Ha ha!

My little brother Tau is one and a half now. At first he was a real pain with those sharp teeth but we get along great now and love to rough house in the living room or chase around the yard.

My name is Ridishia Wind in the Willows aka Willow aka Goofy girl and I live with Walter the basenji and my 3 Japanese Chins brothers and sister. My parents are crazy dog humans!

I dislike going out to do my business when it rains and I also dislike when my humans don't give me attention!

I love
running
freely,
eating,
being
petted
by my
lovely
humans
and oh,
did I
mention
eating??

I also
love
making
sure
they
know I
am
around
by
either
whining

until they give me attention or poking my nose on them, so they neeeeeever forget to love me!

My mom is Sabrina and my dad Serge, they love me dearly! How can they not... I am soooo loveable!



Willow

Breed Info

The Rhodesian Ridgeback: Form follows function

When I evaluate the parents of a prospective litter, I always consider whether the pair can perform the functions for which the breed was originally developed.

That is the theme of this short article and it begins long ago with a Boer hunter and farmer named Cornelius van Rooyen (Nellis) who lived in the western part of Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) during the 1800s. As a hunter and live game capturer he did so on horseback with a pack of around a dozen prototype dogs which were field tested for the traits he wanted. He continually modified the genetics of his pack with 8 or more breeds, one African ridged type and 7 or more European breeds.

He selected his breeding stock for the following functions:

Hunting game, and more properly, baying or holding game until the hunter could arrive.

Protecting his large trek wagon, family, staff and oxen span from predators.

Endurance to follow the wagon on long hunting treks in dry, hot weather over very rough terrain which lasted several months each year.

Ability to do well on whatever food was available which was probably cornmeal mush (mielie pap) and game meat.

And companionship. From the few photos we have of him, he appeared to have a close bond with his dogs.

At first, these dogs were known as "Van Rooyen's" dogs. Subsequently, as cattle ranchers and hunters cleared the countryside of lions that were regarded as vermin at that time, they became known as "Lion dogs" as they were effective at baying and holding lions until the hunter arrived.

The breed proliferated on farms and ranches throughout Rhodesia and South Africa as protectors of properties from both animal and human interlopers. And as loyal family companions.

For a much more in depth insight into the evolution of the breed, I would suggest reading:

- Ridgeback Pioneers by Linda Costa
- The Definitive Rhodesian Ridgeback by David Helgesen

both books are available through the club library

George Whitney
Shumbatsvuku Kennels



Rainbow Bridge

A Tribute to

SARULA ETOSHA

August 1994 to March 2002

submitted by George Whitney



Etosha is the name of a National Park in Namibia. But to me, Etosha will always be a particular female Rhodesian Ridgeback. Amongst her human admirers, she was known affectionately as "Tosh".

A French-Canadian friend of mine impishly dubbed her "The Tall, Cool, Red One" and the description fit. At maximum Standard height for a bitch, she was stand-offish, self-possessed, unflappable, and in her prime, her coat was a deep mahogany red. "Handsome", not "pretty", her breeder told me. She was, unforgettable.

As a puppy, she was never inclined to play with my other Ridgebacks, preferring to keep to herself and hang about with me. She was a constant fixture in my Land Cruiser and she grew to think of it as her first home in my migratory life-style, rather than in the most recently acquired house. When she reached the age of 11 months, she decided it was time to assert herself and bring some order to the pack and seize the mantle from my senior bitch who was 6 at the time. I thought she was too young to run the pack, and thus began a battle of wills between she and I that was to last for 2 years. Ridgebacks don't fight for fun, and this was especially true with Etosha and we had some horrific dog fights which Etosha always engineered and almost always emerged from unscathed. The senior bitch meanwhile, acquired many stitches. Finally, I realized Etosha's will was stronger than mine and I relented and re-homed the senior bitch with my sister-in-law and Etosha took over the pack and ruled with a

stern paw until the end.

My travels take me to many rural areas in Zimbabwe and Mozambique. Often, they are so remote that camping out is the only accommodation so Etosha and I became "happy campers" for many years. She never liked dog beds, so we compromised: she took the lower portion of my mattress and I slept on the top portion. This caused me to assume the natal position and I suppose I owe my absence of lower back pain to her! On our many field trips, dog kibbles were not safari food for her. So again, we compromised with me buying double portions of T-bone steaks and only the best tinned canine fare. Game meat was relished, especially buffalo biltong with its distinctive gamey odour or joints of antelope. We had to gird our loins some nights and eat sadza and gravy, but generally we did better. We always shared the fat and the lean.

She never ceased to "wow" the crowds of African kids and adults who would gather around the Cruiser to gawk at her size, since village dogs were generally about one half her height and $\frac{1}{4}$ of her mass. Never did I fear for the security of my possessions or self when Tosh was around. Other dogs were not allowed near and strange people were treated with studied disinterest. She got lots of respect.

She began her show career with a bang and took admiring looks and points in stride until one day she decided this was a BORE and despite vast amounts of free advice from other handlers, she steadfastly remained unhappy in the show ring.



At the 75th Anniversary of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club Show in Harare, I changed my tactics, however, since I wanted to show off Zimbabwe's best for the international crowd of RR fanciers that had gathered for the event. It was quite an event. Champagne and smoked salmon for breakfast, Ian Smith, our patron was present, and the entries exceeded 70 dogs, a record in recent years in a beleaguered country. I entered and showed several dogs, but my centrepiece was Etosha. I asked an Oz RR breeder to show her. She shone like polished Rhodesian mahogany. She moved like silk. But in the end, her sister caught the eye of the judge, and rightly so. She was stunning. And so was Tosh. A testament to the line and the breeding, and in my eyes, they both won.

But as a hunter she was keen and energetic; hunting was a serious job like everything she enjoyed. I think that hunting was as close to “fun” as she could allow herself, though she never ran off in mindless abandon, she pursued with serious intent. One day a friend and I were driving in the Zambezi Valley with his male Ridgeback Bikko and Etosha in the back seat of the Cruiser when we all spotted a herd of impala near the road. The dogs whined with excitement, so with a glance at each other, we set them loose. From the beginning, it was clear that they were no match for the impala, but the dogs didn’t know. Leaping antelope bounded back and forth, zigzagging through the bush while the dogs went full out. Back and forth across the road and through the bush they went until finally the impala disbursed and the dogs came panting back to the truck with a look that said, “After a short rest, let’s do it again!”

Baboons were her favorite and most dangerous fun. I think she knew that baboon chasing was the ultimate sport. Even leopards regard the baboon with respect. As a potential meal, it is very hard-won meat. As co-operative, social animals, they are well-equipped to thwart any external threat. But Tosh had them figured out.

One day she and I were out for a walk in my wilderness concession on the Mozambique-Zimbabwe border when she heard a troupe of baboons foraging in the thick bush along the river. I’ve always been concerned about the “nasties” in the African bush and how they could easily do in one of my dogs. Snakes in the form of mambas or adders, leopards looking for a gullible meal, crocs intent on a swimming banquet. Baboons en masse and on the defensive. But, I need not have worried about her.

She boiled into the centre of the troupe and kept charging. She singled out one large female ape and ran it down quickly, bowled it over, ass over tea kettle, with a breast charge, then retired from the fray. It happened so quickly that I heard myself calling her off after she was finished. She came prancing back, ears folded back, tongue hanging out and grinning from ear to ear saying “Good job done, eh?”. And I hugged her, relieved that she was OK.

Etosha had it all figured out. Countless generations of her forebearers had either produced progeny or died before they could. On the anvil of the African bush, the best metal emerged, forged to shape the breed. Tosh was a survivor, no; *a player*, with all of the instincts and formidable physique she inherited. A domesticated African animal.

I was a bit worried the first time I took her elephant hunting. You just don’t take dogs elephant hunting. There are so many things that can go wrong without a dog along. They can cause no end of needless trouble in a game that is extremely difficult as it is. In my experience, elephant hunting is the most physically-taxing, and frustrating hunting there is. Add into the equation the fact that clients expect to get their bull without the added aggravation of a yapping dog, adds to the odds-off equation.

I need not have worried. She knew that she was not hunting elephants. She knew that elephants were not her concern. She actually ignored the elephants. We were just going for a trek, right? And these barnyard-smelling, slow moving koppies were not fun like baboons anyway.

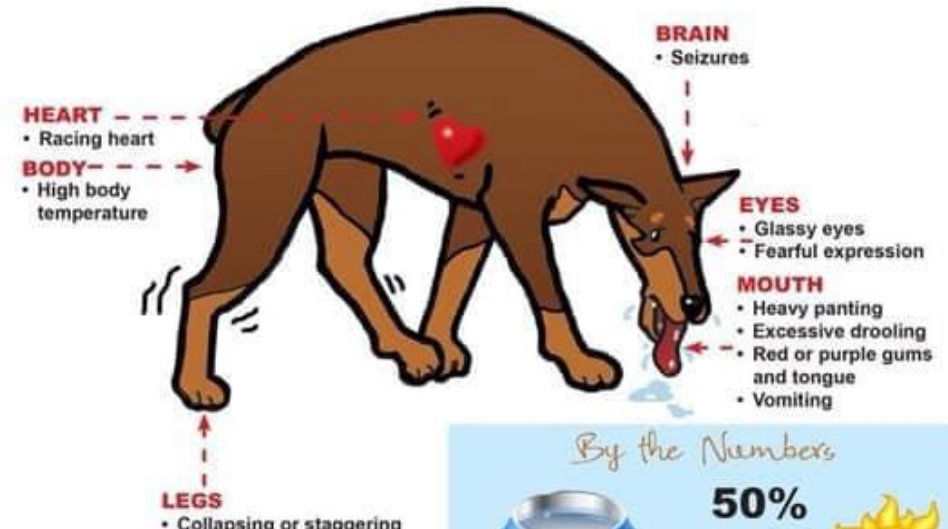
We had many more adventures in her homeland over the years and although she loved the bush and the adventures there, she was always quite glad to return home to “her” pack and assume the mantle of senior bitch. But, when it came down to it, she was happiest when she was with me, in the truck, rambling to the next campsite. To the next adventure. And so was I. And I will always remember her as one of Africa’s finest children and her sons and daughters are carrying on the tradition.

Vet's Corner

Summer days and high temperatures are just around the corner. Know the signs of heat stroke and keep your pet cool and hydrated during the summer months.

HEAT STROKE

Know the Signs



HEART

- Racing heart

BODY

- High body temperature

BRAIN

- Seizures

EYES

- Glassy eyes
- Fearful expression

MOUTH

- Heavy panting
- Excessive drooling
- Red or purple gums and tongue
- Vomiting

LEGS

- Collapsing or staggering

How to keep your dog cool on hot days

- Restrict exercise
- Never leave in car, hot room or sun trap
- Ensure drinking water and a cool, shaded spot is always available
- Walk early in the morning or later in the evening
- Spray with cool water

Steps to take if you're worried your dog has heat stroke

- Move somewhere cool
- Offer small amounts of tepid water
- Using wet towels, douse with cool (but never, ever cold) water
- Place in the breeze of a fan
- Contact your vet, or after hours, your nearest Vets Now pet emergency clinic immediately.

By the Numbers

50%
Average survival rate of dogs diagnosed with heat stroke

3°
This small increase in a dog's body temperature is all it takes for heat stroke to set in

60
Amount of days it can take for dogs to acclimate to temperature changes

15
Minutes it can take for a dog to die of heat stroke

101°
Dog's normal body temperature

6°
Average temperature difference between white cars (cooler) and black cars after an hour in the sun

109°
At this body temperature, a dog's organs begin to fail

Ridgeback Humour

Fridge Rules



(according to my Ridgeback)

If you drop it, the '3 second rule' applies.
If I can reach it, then it was meant for me.
If it's edible, I'm pretty sure I will like it.
If it's Cheddar Cheese, I know I'll like it.
If I've never had it before, I'd like to try it.
If you don't want it, seems silly to waste it.
If it's out of date, that adds to the flavour.
If it's still wrapped, that's extra roughage.
If I look lovingly at you, I deserve a treat.
If you have Pork Sausages, I can do tricks.
If I can open the fridge door, I'm clever.
If you leave the fridge door open, *Thanks!*



I think it's time I had a chat with the dog about "personal space"...

Tasty Treats

Liver Brownie Birthday Cake

submitted by Rhonda Johnson



1 pound (454 Gms) beef or pork liver
1 cup cornmeal
2 eggs
½ cup flour
2 tbsp. oil or bacon fat

Blend all ingredients in a food processor until well mixed and liver is mush.
Grease two round cake pans, put in mixture, spread out and bake for 20 min. at 400 degrees F.
Cool and ice with cream cheese and make a number out of cheese slices.



Yummy!

Liver Brownie Option - Cheese Burgers

Wrap a cube of cheese in the Liver Brownie mixture and bake at 400 °F for 20 minutes.



Frozen Strawberry Banana Dog Treats

Serves: 30 large treats



Ingredients

- 2 cups Frozen Strawberries
- 2 Bananas, sliced & frozen
- 1½ cups Greek Yogurt, plain non-fat
 - ¼ cup Skim Milk
 - 2-3 Tbl. Honey

Instructions

Place all ingredients in the blender and blend until smooth and creamy. It should be the consistency of a milkshake. Pour into desired silicone molds or ice trays. If desired, add a couple of bits of strawberries for additional texture and tastiness. Freeze overnight. Let the pups enjoy!

recipe from Miss Molly Says at <https://missmollysays.com>

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