

# Ridgeback Roster

Special Edition December 2019



## *RRCEC Specialty Show*



*November 9, 2019  
Lindsay, Ontario*




## ***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 it's 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.rtrrescue.org](http://www.rtrrescue.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/>

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# Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Eastern Canada

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## **IN THIS ISSUE**

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### ***PRESIDENTS PAWPRINT***

Dear Members:

I am honoured to have been elected by you, to be president of RRCEC. With 25 years of experience in management, I am confident that I will be able to foster a positive atmosphere and provide our members with opportunities to spend quality time with each other and our Ridgebacks.

I know that I have a lot to learn, but I accepted this position due to the great support of many of our members, who are both competent and experienced. On this note, I want to take the time to thank you all for your advice and guidance. I also want to thank our dedicated group of volunteers, that put a lot of time and effort into RRCEC events.

Whether you are simply seeking to have a socialized dog, or you want to compete at the highest level, we are here to help you achieve your goals. The members who compose the backbone of this club have a wide range of experience that can benefit both you and your Ridgeback.

We have had some wonderful and successful activity days in 2019, and the plan for 2020 will include similar activities. We are looking forward to organizing regular events such as walks, picnics, seminars, races, and more. My intention is to try and satisfy the interests of our members, so please send along ideas and activities you'd like to participate in this coming year.

In summary, know that I will use the best of my abilities to bring about a meaningful contribution to this Club. I am excited and eager to meet you all!

***France Flibotte***





## Notes from the Secretary

It is that time of the year again, membership fees for 2020 are now due and payable.

For single members \$25, and for families \$35. You do not need to complete a renewal membership form if your contact information has not changed.

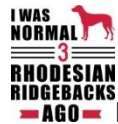
It is important however, that we have your up to date contact information. Emails do change as do telephone/cell numbers. Please ensure we at least, have this correct information for you.

The membership form for 2020 is on the Club website ([www.ridgebackcanada.com](http://www.ridgebackcanada.com)) under Membership. If this does not work, let me know and I can email a copy to you.

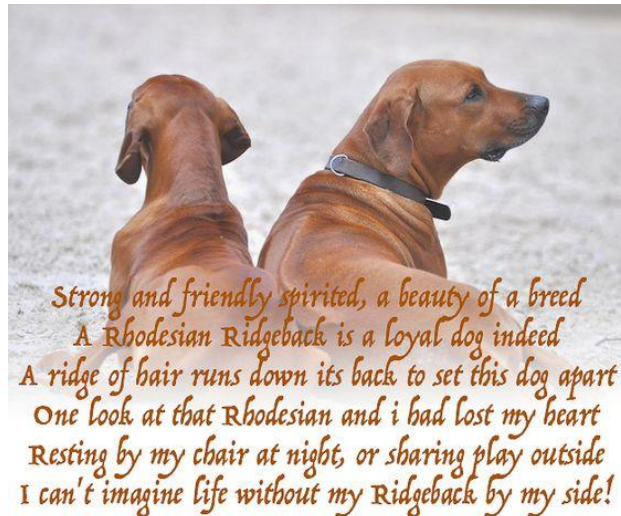
Why don't you consider adding a Club Calendar for 2020 to your membership renewal fees this year? (\$10 members, \$15 non-members). It makes a great Christmas present or, for yourself. You deserve it and it will make you smile everytime you look at the great photos of our members ridgebacks. Go to the Club Facebook page for details. (...../groups/RRCEC).

Treasurer would like your membership fees e-transfer to [becketti@ripnet.com](mailto:becketti@ripnet.com).

Diana, Club Secretary



Letter from the Editor



Strong and friendly spirited, a beauty of a breed  
A Rhodesian Ridgeback is a loyal dog indeed  
A ridge of hair runs down its back to set this dog apart  
One look at that Rhodesian and i had lost my heart  
Resting by my chair at night, or sharing play outside  
I can't imagine life without my Ridgeback by my side!

Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season and an exciting New Year.

Dorian Chlopas

# CLUB NEWS

## 2020 Membership Dues

Just a friendly reminder that membership dues for 2020 are due by the end of December.

A copy of the membership form is attached to the email for your convenience.

## Benefits of Membership in RRCEC

Quarterly newsletter with tips and educational articles

Access / advice to and from other Ridgeback owners and breeders

Area Group Walks and/or local events

Opportunity to learn about different activities you can undertake with your family and ridgeback (obedience, rally, tracking, agility, therapy dog, showing, herding, scenting, herding, racing and coursing to name a few activities)

Photo competitions / Prizes

New friends

Club website & facebook page

## REMINDER

2020 RRCEC Calendars still available - Get yours before the New Year



The advertisement features a circular logo for the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Eastern Canada (RRCEC) at the top left, showing a dog's head. Below the logo is a grid of 12 small images representing the months of the year. To the right of the grid, the text reads: '2020 RRCEC CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE! LIMITED QUANTITIES'. Below this, it says 'PAYMENT BY ETRANSFER AT BECKETTJ@RIPNET.COM'. Further down, it asks 'YOU KNOW RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK LOVERS? GET THEM A RIDGEBACK CALENDAR FOR CHRISTMAS! SEND AN EMAIL AT CERVAUDORCITDESIGN@GMAIL.COM WITH YOUR ORDER AND COMPLETE ADDRESS. PAYMENT MUST BE MADE AT BECKETTJ@RIPNET.COM BEFORE YOUR CALENDAR CAN BE SHIPPED.' At the bottom, it lists '\$10 FOR MEMBERS' and '\$15 FOR NON-MEMBERS', with a note 'SHIPPING COST IN CANADA, PER UNIT: \$5.' and a final line: 'IF YOU WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER, FILL THE FORM AT RIDGEBACKCANADA.COM/JOIN-US-AT-RRCEC/'.

## Minutes 2019 Annual General Meeting

November 9, 2019 Lindsay, Ontario

1. The Vice President called the meeting to order, called for adoption of the agenda and gave a brief report on last year's activities. Notable successes were the race day in July on the west end of Montreal Island, Cindy Maurer's picnic in mid-September and a turnout of 39 ridgebacks at the Specialty.
2. In commenting on this report the Treasurer noted that expenses exceeded income by \$1,000.00. This was mostly due to paying expenses for the Specialty (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>) in 2018/2019 while the income would be received in 2019/2020. The Club's financial year begins October 1<sup>st</sup>. Most of the other increased costs were for social events. The Treasurer thanked Cindy Maurer for the huge contribution of time and effort for the silent auction this weekend which resulted in income of \$727.00.

Membership is down. Probably as a result of not holding as many social events as in the past (lack of Board members to help with planning & execution). The Club does require firm commitments from participants before we can go ahead and expend money. Comments coming back from the membership include the distance of travel from the Toronto area, insufficient planning time, etc. It would seem that further discussion is required on conditions of membership and breeder responsibilities.

3. The Vice President circulated an updated document on the Club's existing Versatility awards program which includes changes as a result of the addition of new/other activities. Everyone is encouraged to read this over and send comments to the Vice President. The new program will be posted on the website as soon as possible, and definitely before the end of the year.

With respect to the Website it was felt that this needs updating. Tabs should be more obvious. Yashraj Khale offered to work with the website manager. He has skills in this area but wishes only to work behind the scenes.

Facebook page is good and working.

4. The results of the ballots on the location of the 2020 annual specialty show confirm that the 2020 Specialty should be held in conjunction with the national club, RRCC, at the Oakville & District KC show, 11-13 September 2020.

Subsequent to the meeting, and after separate discussions with the Executive, it was agreed that RRCEC would seek the Portuguese judge, Jose de Mello from the show judging panel as the Specialty judge. Second choice was Roberta Parrish, B.C. a saluki breeder and licensed only for Groups 2 & 3. A booster will also be offered by RRCEC at this show.

In addition, after further consultations, it was decided not to proceed with the Obedience specialties at the same time of the Conformation Specialties. However steps are underway to solicit alternative locations for the obedience specialties during 2020.

It has been confirmed by the Oakville & District KC that Mr. De Mello will be our specialty judge on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at no charge to the Club. We are requested to provide our own Ring Steward.

5. New Board members from 2019-2020 were approved:

President – France Filboutte

Directors:

Quebec – Sabrina Gauthier

Ontario West – Diana Hogan

Vacancies remain for Directors – Ontario Central and East

6. New Business – Pukka Combined Coursing Award

A proposed to establish a Canada-wide combined coursing award was outlined but the meeting considered that it should receive approval and support from the National Club first. RRCEC would be prepared to assist and support this initiative.

Meeting adjourned.

### **Treasurer's Report for 2018-2019**

*Jim Beckett, Treasurer*

This past year was one during which we did not hold a Specialty during the fiscal year (ends 30<sup>th</sup>. September), the 2018 event having been held in the previous fiscal year and the 2019 version scheduled for November. This means some distortion of the accounts as some expenditures relative to the November Specialty have been incurred already but none of the anticipated income has been received, other than donations from Ridgeville and Mountainridge kennels towards the prize fund. Thank you to them. I would like to acknowledge also, a donation from Rosemarie Burdin.

	<b><u>2016-17</u></b>	<b><u>2017-18</u></b>	<b><u>2018-19</u></b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Boutique	15.00	107.78	18.51
Memberships	1645.00	1140.00	1000.00
Show Committee	1064.00	1965.03	0
Donations and interest	4.76	3.33	218.17
Breeder listing webpage	225.00	275.00	225.00
Social	632.00	233.71	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3585.76</b>	<b>3724.85</b>	<b>1416.68</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Administration	116.68	175.90	232.74
Roster Expenses	90.68	0	0
Show Committee	1798.87	1427.18	810.77
Publicity	202.68	177.92	150.09
Insurance	853.20	853.95	837.00
Social	645.10	250.17	405.71
Boutique	0.00	0	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3707.21</b>	<b>2885.66</b>	<b>2435.77</b>
Income-Expenses	<b>(121.45)</b>	<b>839.19</b>	<b>(974.09)</b>
<b>BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>7017.20</b>	<b>7856.39</b>	<b>6882.30</b>

### **2019 Membership Report**

The current voting membership is five Life, 10 Family, 14 Single. In addition, three breeders sponsored a total of 30 puppy (non-voting) memberships; thank you Elevage Cataraqui, Sarjo and Mountainridge.



## **Proposed Amendments - VERSATILITY AWARDS**

There are four levels of awards. The award is a certificate and a medal. Versatility Awards are awarded on an annual basis to Club members & their dogs.

Rhodesian Ridgebacks must either be CKC registered, or have obtained a CKC Performance Event Number (PEN). A copy of registration certificate and/or PEN certificate must accompany first set of certificates for versatility titles.

### **Awards:**

Versatility Dog Bronze  
Versatility Dog Silver  
Versatility Dog Gold  
Master Versatility Dog

### **Requirements (see list of activities and point schedule below):**

**Bronze:** At least 15 points total, in at least 2 disciplines

**Silver:** At least 25 points total, in at least 3 disciplines

**Gold:** At least 40 points total, in at least 4 disciplines and must have a Ch. in at least 2 disciplines (ex. Conformation Ch & OTCh...)

**Master:** At least 50 points total, in at least 5 disciplines and must have a Ch. in at least 1 discipline and a GCh or equivalent in another discipline

Please note that points are cumulative over the lifetime of the dog. Example: you earn 10 points in one calendar year, and 20 points in the following year and you meet the requirements of those points being earned in at least 3 disciplines means your dog is eligible for the Silver Versatility Dog title. If the following year, you earn another 10 points in at least 4 disciplines your dog earns it's Gold Versatility title.

### **Conformation**

Champion= 8 points

GCh= 10 points

Anything higher than GCh=15 points

### **Obedience**

PreNovice= 2 points

CD= 5 points

CDX= 7 points

UD/OTCh= 10 points

OTChX or higher= 15 points

### **Rally Obedience**

Novice= 3 points

Advanced= 5 points

Excellent= 7 points

Master= 9 points

RCh= 12 points

### **Agility**

Title in Novice= 3 points

Title in Intermediate= 5 points

Title in Excellent= 7 points

Title in Master Excellent= 9 points

Agility Master Ch= 10 points

Anything higher than AG MCH= 15 points

**Lure Coursing (CKC or ASFA or UKC equivalents)**

Novice Courser= 3 points

Advanced Courser= 7 points

Field Champion= 10 points

Anything higher than FCh= 15 points

**Tracking**

TD= 5 points

TDX= 10 points

UTD=5 points

UTX=10 points

TCh=15 points

**Sprinter**

Novice Sprinter= 3 points

Sprinter= 5 points

Advanced Sprinter= 7 points

Sprinter Excellent= 9 points

Anything above Sprinter Excellent= 12 points

**Scent Detection (CKC or equivalent titles with SDDA)**

Scent Detection Instinct= 2 points

Scent Detection Novice= 5 points

Scent Detection Open= 7 points

Scent Detection Excellent= 10 points

Scent Detection Master= 15 points

**Barn Hunt**

Novice= 3 points

Open= 5 points

Senior= 7 points

Master= 9 points

Anything higher= 12 points

\*If there is not an actual Ch. Title in a discipline the highest level will equal a Ch. status. Example:  
Scent Detection Master title would count as a Ch. in that discipline.

**Other:**

An instinct certificate (ex. Herding Instinct, Barn Hunt Instinct, etc. = 2 points and would count as a separate discipline)

CGN or CGC or TT= 2 points (doesn't count as a discipline)

All other CKC performance titles will be considered for points. Please contact Tina/Diana to find out how many points those titles will earn your dog.

Please see examples below to calculate points:

Dog obtains the following titles in 2019:

Ch. + CD + CGN = 2 disciplines, and  $8+5+2= 15$  points and is a bronze level.

Now say the same dog earns the following in 2020:

Scent Detection Instinct+ Novice Courser + CDX:  $2+3+7= 12$  points + 15 points from 2019 for a total of 27 points in 4 disciplines and is now at the Silver level.

And then if the same dog completes the following in 2021:

Advanced Courser + FCh, it would have earned  $7+10=17$  more points, be a Champion in 2 disciplines and so would move up to Gold level.

Send photocopies of your certificates, titles and other proof of success to the Club Secretary, Diana Pethick, 10425 Hyndman Road, Mountain, Ontario K0E 1S0, as soon as you & your Ridgeback have earned enough points in the number of disciplines necessary to fulfill the requirements of any Versatility level. We very much look forward to hearing of your success with your hound(s)! We would also like to share these accomplishments with our members so please send along a photo of you with your dog for publication in the newsletter!



# CLUB EVENTS

## 2019 Specialty Show Results

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Georgina and District Kennel Club  
Lindsay, Ontario  
Judge Janet Lobb

### Report – Specialty Show

This year's Specialty was held in conjunction with the Georgina & District Kennel Club Dog show in Lindsay, Ontario at the beginning of November. The entry for the Specialty was amazing 39 ridgebacks! This has to be the best entry for RRCEC ever! With the exception of two breeders, all ridgeback breeders from Ontario and Quebec were present along with at least, on average, three dogs of their own and many of their puppy/ridgeback owners. It was great to see such a huge entry winding itself in circles in the main show ring.

Our judge, Janet Lobb, took her time in judging and was impressed with what she saw in the ring. At dinner in the evening, Ms. Lobb, spoke about what she thought about the dogs presented to her, some weaknesses and where attention should be considered for the future of our breed never forgetting the basic question she asks herself, when judging, can this dog in front of me do what they were bred for? Certainly dinner had some stimulated debate!

The results and photos follow and of course, they have all been listed on various internet apps. including our Club website and Facebook page. Congratulations everyone.

Enormous and sincere thanks must go to Heather Allison (Priderock) who stepped into the breach at the very last minute and came up with fabulous placements signs (see photo)! in less than two days. In addition, she made and decorated the cake (see photo).

Ridgeville Kennels, Nirokii Ridgebacks and Mountainridge all contributed substantial financial donations to the trophy fund. Purina gave us bags of dog food and towels to augment the Specialty prizes. Special thanks to Cindy Maurer-Albert (Sarjo Ridgebacks) for running the silent auction and for the snacks in our crating area. This is a huge effort and we are grateful to her, especially as at the same time she was showing three of her dogs. Hidden genius here. The silent auction incidentally, raised \$727.00 for the Club.

Two very special members, our newsletter editor, Dorian Chlopas and member Rosemarie Burdin, came out to support and help us with any job that needed to be done – marking catalogues, decorating the trophy table, running messages, climbing ladders – back stopping us all. They were thrown in at the deep end and survived!! You were marvelous – thank you. Huge thanks to France Flibotte. Didn't you all notice those huge decorated tubs at the entrance to the show ring with the ridgeback cutout and the pretty lights?! Her idea. This lady is good, she has ideas and then does them! Brilliant.

Last but not least, Sabrina Gauthier, master graphic designer (Facebook doesn't know what hit it) thank you for the notices about the show, the dinner, the best ridge competition and lots more – oh yes, Club calendar !! for next year. Order one everyone! Sabrina - you are brilliant. Thankyou.

Next year – the RRCEC Specialty Show will be held in conjunction with the National Club which is coming east to Ontario, in 2020. The site will be announced when CKC approval is received. .

*Diana*



## Best of Breed and Canadian Bred in Specialty



**CH Nirokii's Code Black**  
Owner Tina Andeatos

## Best of Opposite



**CH Priderock's Sword in the Stone**  
Owner Heather Allison



**Best of Winners Dog**

Ridishia Lonestar Ranger  
Patricia Roy

**Best of Winners Bitch**

Cedarpoint's Juicy Lucy  
Stuart Dankner & Jacquie Raidl

**Best Veteran Dog**

GCH Priderock Mythology Tail Zeus  
Doug Willows & Leigh Bishop

**Reserve Winners Dog**

Royalcityrr Mshindaji's Duker  
Doug Willows & Leigh Bishop

**Reserve Winners Bitch**

Mountinridge Kila La Heri  
Cindy Maurer-Albert

**Best Veteran Bitch**

CH Nirokii's Red Riot  
Tina Andeatos

**Select Dog**

CH Kopera's Redgee or Not  
Diana Hogan

**Select Bitch**

CH Nirokii's Soliloquy  
Tina Andeatos

**Award of Merit**

CH Royalcityrr Primo Lambe  
Doug Willows & Leigh Bishop

**Award of Merit**

CH Mythology Tail Zeus  
Doug Willows & Leigh Bishop

**Best Puppy**

CH Angelridge Legend of my Pheonix  
Ellen Ceccanese

**Best Baby Puppy**

Redstone's Seize Your Moment  
Christine and James Cone



### Stud Dog

CH Priderock's Sword in the Stone owner Heather Allison  
with Beezi and Kila

### Brood Bitch

CH Nirokii's Red Riot owner Tina Andeatos



### Best Ridge



## Silent Auction

Thank you to everyone who donated to the silent auction  
The Silent Auction raised \$727.00 for the club



Just a few of the items up for auction at the specialty show



Enjoying a drink from the feeding station  
made & donated by Joanne Gentile



## Show Prizes

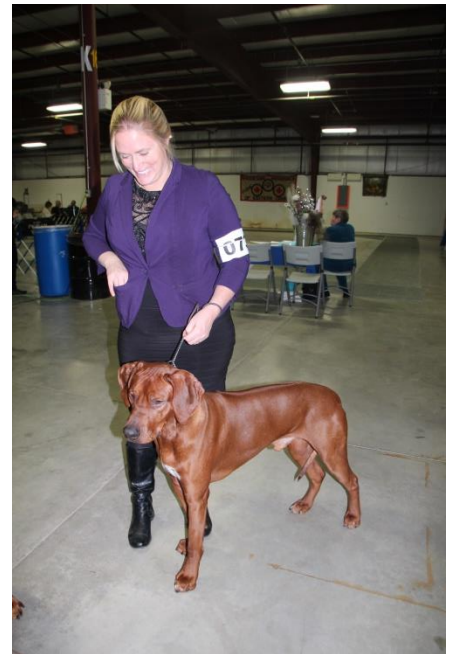




## CANDIDS FROM THE SHOW



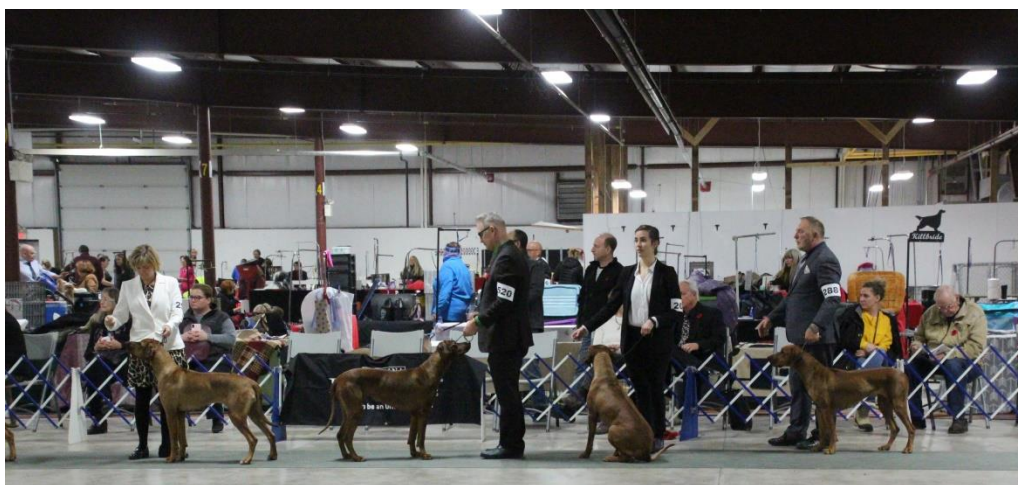
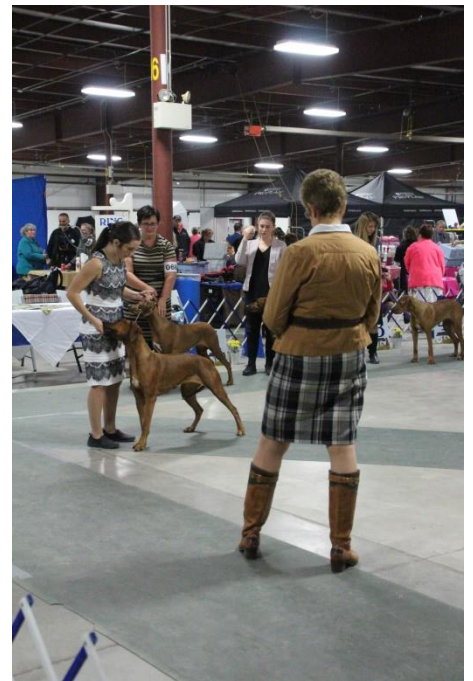
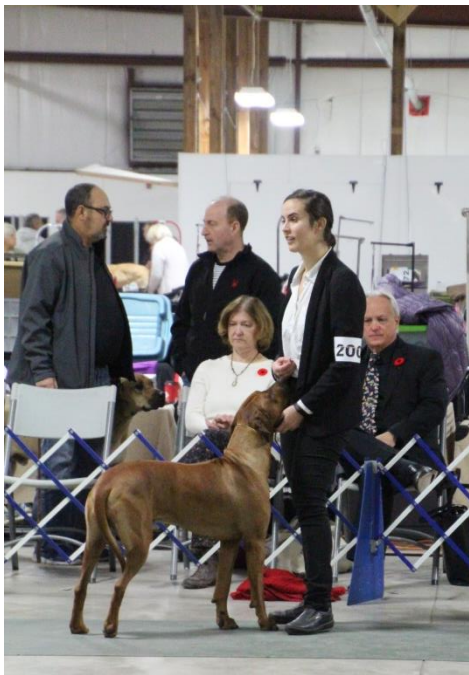












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The Ridgeback Roster will be published quarterly in 2020. Submissions for the next issue are encouraged and can be sent to the editor in MS Word or WP. Pictures are always welcome and can be emailed in JPEG format or sent by regular mail to be scanned. 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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- ❖ 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.

***Please note: the deadline for submissions for the next Ridgeback Roster is January 31, 2020***

#### **A Dog's Rules For Christmas**

1. Be especially patient with your humans during this time. They may appear to be more stressed-out than usual and they will appreciate long comforting dog leans.
2. They may come home with large bags of things they call gifts. Do not assume that all the gifts are yours.
3. Be tolerant if your humans put decorations on you. They seem to get some special kind of pleasure out of seeing how you look with fake antlers.
4. They may bring a large tree into the house and set it up in a prominent place and cover it with lights and decorations. Bizarre as this may seem to you, it is an important ritual for your humans, so there are some things you need to know:
  - a. Don't pee on the tree
  - b. Don't drink water in the container that holds the tree
  - c. Mind your tail when you are near the tree
  - d. If there are packages under the tree, even ones that smell interesting or that have your name on them, don't rip them open
  - e. Don't chew on the cord that runs from the funny-looking hole in the wall to the tree
5. Your humans may occasionally invite lots of strangers to come visit during this season. These parties can be lots of fun, but they also call for some discretion on your part:
  - a. Not all strangers appreciate kisses and leans
  - b. Don't eat off the buffet table
  - c. Beg for goodies subtly
  - d. Be pleasant, even if unknowing strangers sit on your sofa
  - e. Don't drink out of glasses that are left within your reach
6. Likewise, your humans may take you visiting. Here your manners will also be important:
  - a. Observe all the rules in #4 for trees that may be in other people's houses. (4a is particularly important)
  - b. Respect the territory of other animals that may live in the house
  - c. Tolerate children
  - d. Turn on your charm big time
7. A big man with a white beard and a very loud laugh may emerge from your fireplace in the middle of the night. **DON'T BITE HIM!!**

