

# Ridgeback Roster

53<sup>rd</sup> Edition

SPRING 2021



Nothing says Spring like a Pile of Puppies!




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

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

*We do not condone breeding for profit.*

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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



Greetings Everyone,

Now that a new year has started, and with challenges on the horizon, there is much to do, and I am starting 2021 with confidence, and a positive spirit.

I feel that one of my roles as president of the club, is to encourage all of our club members to fully participate in our dog's adventures, despite the continued presence of the pandemic. We will be coming up with a calendar of events for the year, and will just have to adjust accordingly, as we go along, depending on how the Covid 19 situation evolves.

My goal is to plan a day where there will be lure coursing, and an introduction to Barn Hunt, followed by a BBQ in Ile Perrault, QC. Details will be announced as soon as they're firmed up.

It's been a tough winter, with a holiday season that felt anything but festive, but I found a way to keep a positive outlook, and to motivate me & the dogs. I decided to challenge myself to obtain Trick Dog Titles. I can promise you that you are all capable of obtaining the Novice title with your Ridgeback(s). At this first level, the tricks are simple in nature, and I am sure most of your dogs can already perform some of them, and easily learn the rest. To earn a Novice Trick Dog Title, you must complete 15 Novice tricks (some of the tricks include: Sit, Down, Shake a Paw, Stay, Sit Pretty, Jump, etc.). There is a long list with a variety of tricks, and there are also demonstration videos that show you what each trick should look like. Best of all, you can do it all from the safety of your home. Video you & your dog completing the tricks, put them all together and send them to an approved Trick Dog Evaluator, and you're good to go!



Because I am “technologically challenged”, I found a Trick Dog Evaluator that was ok with me sending one short video clip for each trick. If any of you are interested, have questions, or would like more information, please don’t hesitate to send me a note via Messenger. I would be more than happy to give you a hand.

I would also like to take a moment to share a bit about the sport of Barn Hunt:

Barn Hunt is a sport where rats are securely hidden, for the dogs to hunt. It simulates the hunt of vermin that terriers were kept on farms for to control and eliminate rodents. Barn Hunt is an entertaining activity for dogs and humans alike, and accessible to all dogs, small and big dogs, young and old, as well as fit dogs, or dogs with physical handicaps. The safety of both the dogs and rats are always the top priority in the sport.

The goal of this sport is for the dog to find the hidden tube that contains a rat, and to indicate to his/her handler of the found cache. I encourage all of you looking to participate in a new activity with your Ridgeback, to give the sport of Barn Hunt a try. It allows your canine companion to use their hunting/tracking instincts that are generally under used in their everyday lives. This sport encourages a good working partnership between the dog and its handler by training and competing in this sport. Markus, Leo & I have had great pleasure and lots of laughs while participating in this activity-Barn Hunt will be on the agenda for the Ile Perrot activity day.

I look forward to seeing you all soon,

*France Flibotte, President.*



*Summer's Coming*

*Ronan*

## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

To everyone who has renewed their membership fees for this year – Thankyou and thank you for supporting your Club. Welcome as well, to the new puppy members whose breeder has nominated you to the Club's puppy programme. If you have not paid your membership fees by 30 March 2021 your name will be removed from the active membership list. This applies particularly, to those of you who have been puppy members in past years at no charge, if you wish to continue in the Club you now need to pay dues.

Looking forward to this coming summer is like looking into a bowl of green jelly! It is hard to plan activities with any certainty. However the Board and Area Directors will do their best – so far plans are moving along for a racing and tricks day in western Quebec close to Montreal (May/June) and we also plan to run the agility and racing day towards the end of the summer (late September/October) south of Ottawa. Other events are under consideration. News will be posted both on Facebook and directly via email.

For the Conformation & Obedience people plans are underway for the joint national and regional Ridgeback Specialty shows hosted by the Oakville & District KC in early September (10-12th). The host Club has taken steps to re-apply to the CKC for the required approvals to proceed with this event. Suffice to say NOTHING is for sure. However, what is for sure is that we are proceeding with booking a number of rooms for RRCEC participants.

Keep an eye on the Club's website ([www.ridgebackcanada.com](http://www.ridgebackcanada.com)) and Facebook page (...../groups/RRCEC) for news.

*Diana, Club Secretary*



### Letter from the Editor

As a Ridgeback owner there are many things I might like to get out and do with my dogs if only I knew what was available and how to get started. So I thought that for this year the Roster would include a section on “**Things to Do With Your Ridgeback**” to help members get started on new activities that they can share with their dog(s). For each Roster, one of our Directors or members will do a brief write up on their experience with different sports/activities and I will provide a ‘How To’ to help you get started. Trick Dog is covered in this spring issue. If any of you are involved in an activity and would like to contribute to an upcoming Roster please contact me. Let me know if there are any specific activities you would like me to cover in upcoming issues.

*Dorian Chlopas*

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# CLUB EVENTS

Due to Covid restrictions it is difficult for the club to plan too far ahead for Club events and activities however we are hoping to have group walks at local conservation areas and parks. There are some Annual Club Events that are planned for this year including:

- Lure Coursing and Intro to Barn Hunt at Ile Perrault, Quebec date to be determined
- Agility and Racing Day tentative for late September/October in Eastern Ontario
- Intro to Tracking and Scent Detection tentative for May/June in the Ottawa area
- Group walk and picnic in the Ontario North Region

*Stay tuned to our [Web](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for updates on club activities*



planning is underway for the  
**2021 Specialty**  
**Oakville & District Kennel Club**  
**September 10 – 12, 2021**

*pending CKC approval*



# VERSATILITY

Bye Bye Winter.... Hello Spring!

Well, winter is definitely on its way out, and tracking season is right around the corner! I sure am looking forward to getting Jesse's tracking harness out and hitting the fields. The first track of the season brings much anticipation for a long season of being outdoors and doing something Jesse and I both love!

It's been a trying year-to put it mildly-and although it seems that Covid is not going anywhere in a hurry, tracking was and continues to be, an activity that we can safely participate in and continue doing, no matter what is going on with the pandemic. It's also the kind of activity that consumes 100% of my attention, and so for a while, I can entirely forget that the world has 'turned upside down'.... I would love to see more Ridgebacks out tracking, they love using their noses and nothing's more fun for Jesse than getting to use her nose and having me encourage her to do it!

As for this past winter, Jesse & I kept busy by going to obedience classes when we could, and obtaining Trick Dog Titles. I didn't think I'd have so much fun teaching her a bunch of new things, but it has deepened our bond and there have been so many laughs along the way (Jesse has a way of putting her own personal spin on anything new, and she has a very healthy sense of humour!).

We got our Expert Trick Dog title done just in time-less than a week before she decided to take a break from training, and have a few puppies. We will be spending the last bit of this winter, and the beginning of spring, playing with puppies, and then we'll be back to our favourite activities.

I am planning on an Intro to Tracking and Scent Detection day for our club this year and will provide details for that activity as soon as the date is confirmed. It will take place in Ottawa, and I hope to see many of you there.

I encourage all of you to try a new activity with your Ridgeback this year, be it tracking, scent detection, trick dog titles, lure coursing or barn hunt-doing something new, and doing it with your best buddy is always time well spent, I think. And so good for the mind and soul to be able to concentrate on something positive and fun, especially during a time when so many of us have had struggles & challenges and have had to make a big effort to continue to find ways to keep ourselves in a good frame of mind.

And I know the CKC has been very slow with performance title confirmations, but remember our Versatility Program is up and running, send in your titles so we can start sending out Versatility Certificates!

Please also share your new activity stories with the rest of us-it's so great to hear about all the new things our members are doing with their hounds!

Stay Safe & See you in 2021!  
Tina.





# Things to Do With Your Ridgeback

## Trick Dog

Your dog enjoys nothing more than spending quality time with you. Working with your dog to learn and master new skills is fun for both you and your dog and strengthens the bond between you. Many of our Directors and members have completed certification in a number of different activities including Trick Dog, Tracking & Scenting, Agility, Rally & Obedience, Lure Coursing and Barn Hunt. They will all be quick to tell you how rewarding and enjoyable the experience has been. This year the Roster will feature a different skill/activity in each edition and give you some tips to get started. For the Spring Edition we have chosen **Trick Dog** which is something many people have been working on during the Covid lock downs and is a skill that counts toward the RRCEC Versatility Awards (please refer to the website for details about the Versatility Awards). Here are some tips for getting started on the Trick Dog Titles.

The Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) is recognizing the following titles:

- Novice Trick Dog (NTD)
- Intermediate Trick Dog (ITD)
- Advanced Trick Dog (ATD)
- Expert Trick Dog (ETD)
- Trick Dog Champion (TDCH)

For your dog to obtain a CKC Title and Certificate, your dog must have the following:

- A CKC Registration Number, or
- a Performance Event Number, or
- a Canine Companion Number, or
- a Miscellaneous Certification Number or
- an Event Registration Number.

In addition, a completed CKC Do More With Your Dog!® Title Application Form and a fee of \$20 plus applicable tax must be provided to CKC.

Here's a link to the on-line form:

<https://www.ckc.ca/en/Files/Forms/Shows-Trials/Exhibitors/Trick-Dog-Title-Application-Form-No-150-00-53>

For more information on **Do More With Your Dog!**®, visit the following website: <http://www.domorewithyourdog.com/trickdog/>

## Novice Trick Dog

There are 4 steps to obtain your Novice Trick Dog certificate:

1. Print out the Checklist <https://www.domorewithyourdog.com/DogTricks/images/titles/NTDapp.pdf>
2. Teach you dog 15 tricks from the checklist. For the Novice title, the tricks do not have to be perfect.
3. Video tape and show your tricks to a Certified Instructor.
4. Submit your application (<https://domorewithyourdog.com/DogTricks/product/trick-dog-title-ntd-itd-atd-etd/>) to **Do More With Your Dog** and pay your fees. Fees for the Novice certificate are \$22 US for an email certificate or \$27.50 US for a paper certificate & ribbon.

The **Do More with Your Dog** website offers a couple of options for completing the training:

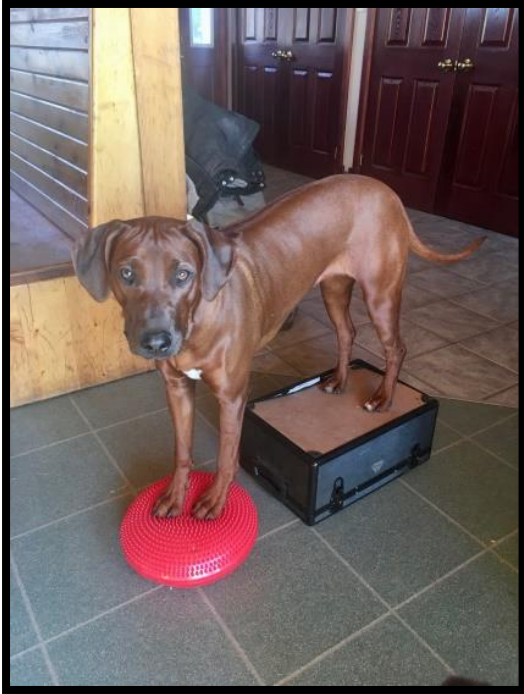
- **FREE** Spark Team Facebook sites (<https://domorewithyourdog.com/DogTricks/list-of-spark-team-classes/>) offer free classes and certification by a Certified Instructor. There are several sites available including a couple of French speaking sites.
- Kyra Sundance on-line mini courses area also available for a fee of \$15 US/course which includes 4 to 5 tricks per course.

*Leo*

Find the Treat



## *Anoona*



Paws Up & Balance



Maildog



Ring the Bell to go out



Anoona Benched



# CLUB NEWS



## Jo Dunn

As many of you will have heard,  
the RR community has lost a giant of our breed in Canada.  
Jo Dunn, Heronhill Kennels, died on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
We will carry an obituary in our next issue.

## Generous donation to the Club Library

Through the generosity of an older ridgeback breeder, who is no longer in the breed, RRCEC has received a donation of a number of valuable reference books on the Rhodesian Ridgeback. These books will be added to the Club Library and are available on loan to members only. To see the entire list of books available from our library please check out the *Members* page on our website ([www.ridgebackcanada.com](http://www.ridgebackcanada.com))

**The Complete Rhodesian Ridgeback** (1991)

Peter Nicholson and Janet Parker

**How to Raise and Train a Rhodesian Ridgeback**  
(2 copies) 1966 & 1983

Frank C. Lutman MD

**Rhodesian Ridgeback** (1990)

Frank C. Lutman MD

**Handbook of the Rhodesian Ridgeback in Australia and New Zealand** (1996)  
Published by the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Victoria

**The Rhodesian Ridgeback – The origin, history and standard** T. C. Hawley  
(2 copies) 1984 (4<sup>th</sup> edition)

**Handbook of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club** (The Parent Club – Founded in 1922)  
includes an introduction short History of the Breed and the Club by the late Mylda Arsenis

**Dog Tales – From Home and Abroad** (1987)

Janet Murray

**Out of southern Africa – Into the World - An Omnibus of Rhodesian Ridgebacks**

Janet Murray

**At Home and Abroad – Dog Tales** (edited)

**A Rhodesian Ridgeback Handbook**

*(The above 3 books were reprinted for the RRWorld Congress in Melbourne, Australia 1996)*

**In search of the Phu Quoc Dog**

R.CH.E Mersmann

**The Monks of New Skete – How to be your dog's best friend**





**FINAL  
REMINDER**

**Membership dues for 2021 are due NOW!**

Please refer to the website ([www.ridgebackcanada.com](http://www.ridgebackcanada.com)) or contact Jim Beckett [beckettj@ripnet.ca](mailto:beckettj@ripnet.ca) for directions on how to submit payment.

*Still Available*

***Rhodesian Ridgeback print***

*Unique, limited edition print.*

*11 ins x 15 ins*

*On 80lb. acid free paper*

*\$55.00 plus postage*

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

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

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



## Welcome New Puppy Members

RRCEC is pleased to welcome the new members sponsored by  
FOX TROT, NIROKII and RIDGEVILLE RHODESIAN  
RIDGEBACKS



**ARGOS**



*Daphne*



**DUKE**



*Sadie*





**DUSTY**



**KOBE**



# BRAGS & WAGS

## TRICK DOG

Novice, Intermediate & Advanced  
January 2021





## BARN HUNT

First Canadian Ridgeback to obtain Barn Hunt title in August 2020  
followed by Advanced Barn Hunt in January 2021



Leo with proud owner France Flibotte



# BRAGS & WAGS



## **ANOONA** with her **Polite Puppy, Introduction to Scenting and Basic Obedience Certificates**

Shumbatsvuku Anoona is pictured at 5 mth with her certificates. She had just passed Polite Puppy, Introduction to Scenting and Basic Obedience courses.

Anoona is now 8mth and knows 40+ tricks. Once we get around to videotaping her, she will get her Trick Dog title. Below is a photo of her holding her leash. She can pick up and bring her collar, her leash and then heels, carrying the leash in her mouth. Another example of her many tricks is being a courier. You can give her mail or an object and send her off to bring it to someone.

Presently she is enrolled in Agility Fundamentals.

Anoona is so calm, intelligent and willing to please, that it's a joy to take her out for adventures or train her. I couldn't be happier or more proud of my Rhodesian Ridgeback!





Can you guess which Puppy became which Dog?

## Then & Now



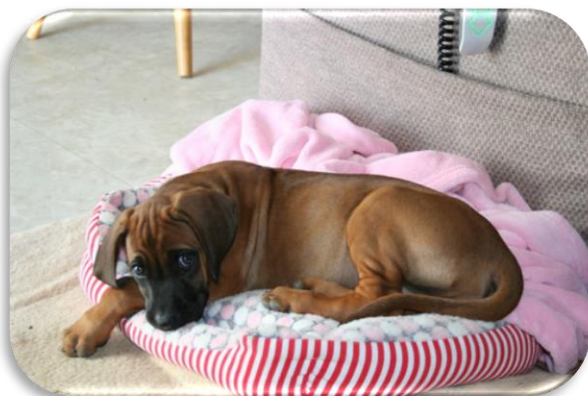
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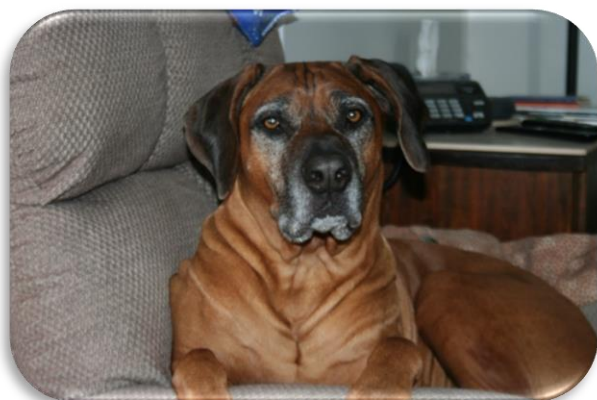




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(D)



(E)





(F)



(H)



(G)



(I)



(J)

**Answers to Then & Now**

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# Mother and Daughter

Then & Now

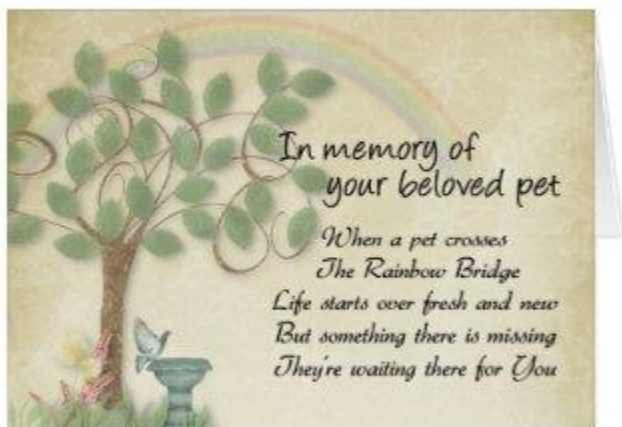


Baby Jesse with Momma Riot  
August 2017

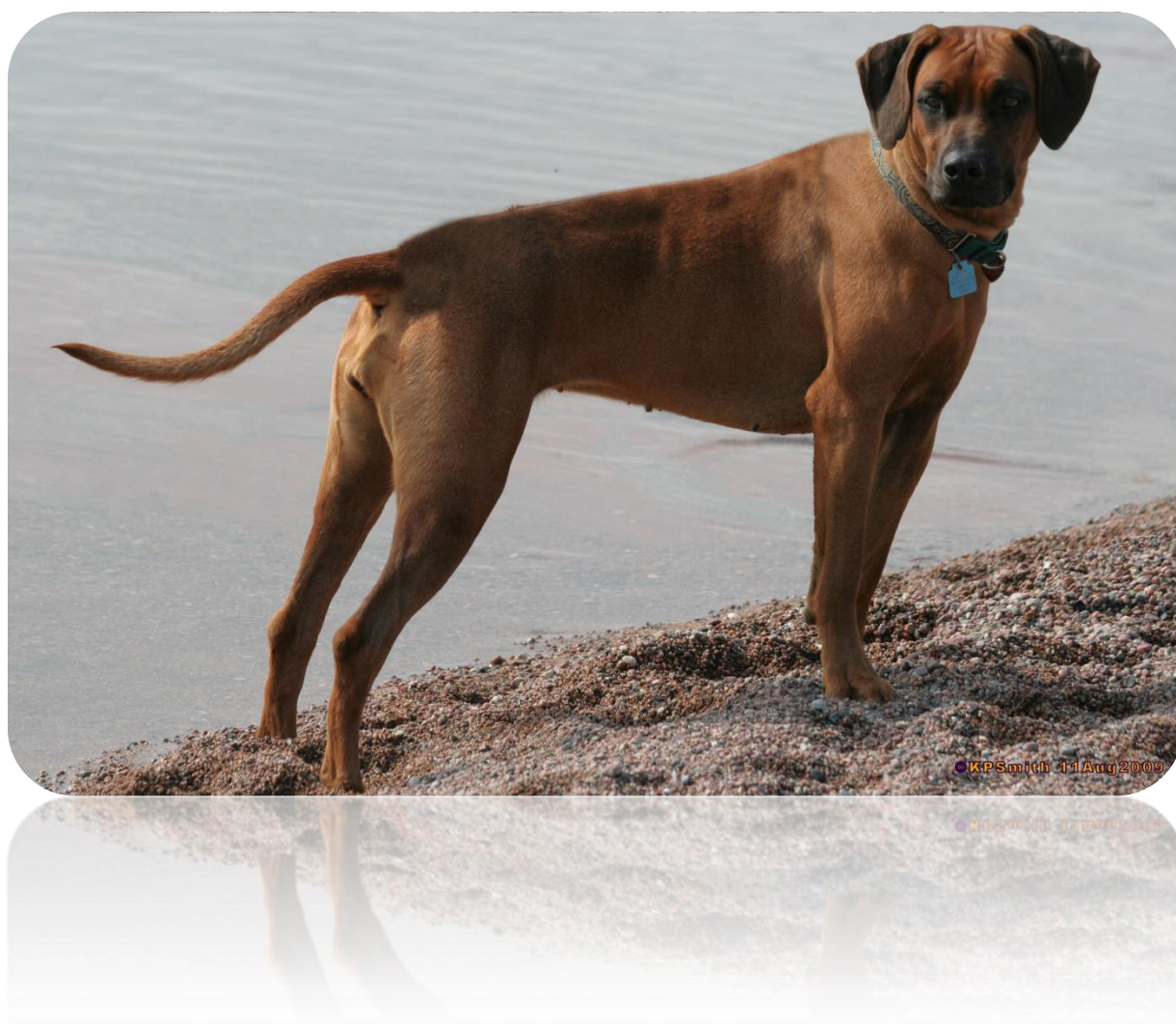


A grown up Jesse with her Momma in August 2020  
Jesse 4 yrs, Riot almost 9 yrs





# RAINBOW BRIDGE



**CH. Mountainridge's Mkuzi CGN RE (AAC) ADC**  
**11 May 2007 – 8 Feb 2021**



# KUZI

Our beloved Kuzi, passed away at 13½, well nearly 14 really. Our first puppy from our first litter – she was the dream ridgeback. She had a great loving and curious temperament and was the favourite of many knowledgeable ridgeback owners. She loved everyone and their dogs (and cats!). Was great fun to be with and was interested in everywhere we went. She was a good mother, grand-mother and great grandmother. I think she enjoyed the various litters of puppies that appear from time to time around here. There was nothing nicer for Kuzi than to run around our property, chasing squirrels, attempting to defeat the barrier to the compost bins and then long sleeps in the sunshine in the greenhouse on the heated floor.

Best Bitch at the national RR Club of Canada Specialty Show in Winnipeg (2009); Top RR in Rally Obedience Excellent (2015) and agility AAC Starters title –Agility Dog of Canada. (2014)

Here is a collage of photos of my wonderful Kuzi. Rest in Peace my love, until we meet again.





# Health Matters

Following is an excellent article with advice on mitigating allergies in dogs and puppies. Please do note however, that this article is intended for dogs and puppies with a likelihood of developing allergies. While there are incidences of allergies in Ridgebacks, the percentage of Ridgebacks with seasonal and/or food allergies is, on the whole, relatively low in comparison to other breeds/dogs in general. Conscientious breeders and their breeding practices should continue to keep allergies in our breed at a fairly low level.

The second and perhaps most important point, is to keep in mind that a proper puppy vaccination series is essential to keeping our puppies safe. Parvovirus and Distemper are both very real, and are very often, the deadly consequence of not vaccinating. Especially during this pandemic, when everyone has decided it's a good time to get a canine companion, puppies it seems are everywhere. Many of these puppies have not come from reputable sources, and because of the difficulty of getting a vet appointment (demand for vet visits has increased considerably during Covid), a lot of these pups have been late getting booster vaccines, if they get them at all. There have been outbreaks of parvovirus and distemper, and we cannot emphasize enough, the importance of a proper puppy vaccination series.

Here is a synopsis prepared by Wade Dabol, of a paper,

## **"Atopic Dermatitis in Dogs and Puppy Recommendations"**

published by Dr A Yu, Guelph Veterinary Dermatology  
and presented July 16-19, 2019 at the World Small Animal Veterinary Association Congress.

Atopic dermatitis includes skin conditions caused by any allergic reaction, be it to food or environmental factors.

As responsible breeders we all strive to produce pups with exceptional health, temperament and conformation but in an imperfect world things don't always go as planned. There are, however, things we can do to improve our success.

One step is to be careful when breeding dogs that have displayed dermatitis. Multiple studies in genetics has shown that breeding two allergic individuals can result in 70-80% of the offspring being affected with allergic dermatitis, while breeding an allergic dog to a non-allergic one will result in only 30-40% of the pups being predisposed to developing allergies.

***Practical Tip:*** Outcross, and ensure that individuals used in breeding programs do not have generalized allergies.

Environment plays a large role and allergens can be introduced to the body in four ways: inhalation, injection, ingestion, and percutaneous absorption. Rook et al (2003) came up with a theory called "Old Friends Hypothesis" that focused on "friendly" microbes that interact with the bodies regulatory systems and help

keep our immune system in balance. An example, a study on children whose parents sucked on their infants soothers rather than boiling them or rinsing them with tap water, showed that it helped to establish "old friends microbes" in their immune environment, shifting them away from allergic tendencies. Similar to humans, it was found that puppies with microbe rich environments both in their diet and the dam's diet had a reduced risk of developing atopic dermatitis.

**Practical Tip:** Avoid sterilization of our pet's environment during puppy hood and consider a later date of weaning so that natural mechanisms of immune defence can be passed along via lactation and maternal grooming. If this is not possible, consider the use of probiotics to help mature the gut barrier. Use only mild soap with cool to cold water for cleansing.

Vaccinations stimulate the production of protective antibodies, unfortunately the stimulation of the immune system at the time of vaccination can also result in sensitization to food allergens in dogs with allergic tendencies.

**Practical tip:** Vaccinate adult dogs outside the pet's allergy season when possible (e.g. mid- summer or winter time when allergen load is lowest). If unable to do this, if possible give the different vaccine injections at 4 week intervals, giving a rabies vaccine by itself and follow 4 weeks later with the next set of vaccines, or vice versa. If vaccines are given during the peak allergy season we could try limit exposure to allergens by maintaining a clean environment, for example with no carpet, plants etc.

Currently the top foods producing allergens in North America include beef, dairy, lamb, wheat, corn chicken and rice. Potential reasons why our pets are recognizing these common ingredients found in commercial foods may be a result of vaccine induced sensitization during the puppy booster series. Studies have shown that antigens stay elevated for a period of at least 3 weeks post vaccination.

**Practical tip:** During puppy hood if, after discussion with the breeder, there is concern about the potential for developing allergies, we can during the vaccination period and a few weeks afterwards feed a home cooked protein that is different from the regular diet so that, should an allergy develop it will be to that temporary food and hopefully disappear when the diet is switched back to the regular one.. Under such a regime, the substitute protein should be constant so that there are no diet (protein) changes during the vaccination period. Omega 3 and 6 fatty acids (dietary supplements) are helpful. Probiotics from a reliable veterinary source are found to be helpful in minimizing allergic effects-be aware however, that a balanced diet for a large breed puppy during its peak growth phase is critical-speak to your vet to come up with a balanced, home cooked diet for your pup if you decide to go this route during the vaccination series.

If clinical symptoms of allergies develop, the earlier a treatment protocol is started, the better the long term outcome usually is for your pet.

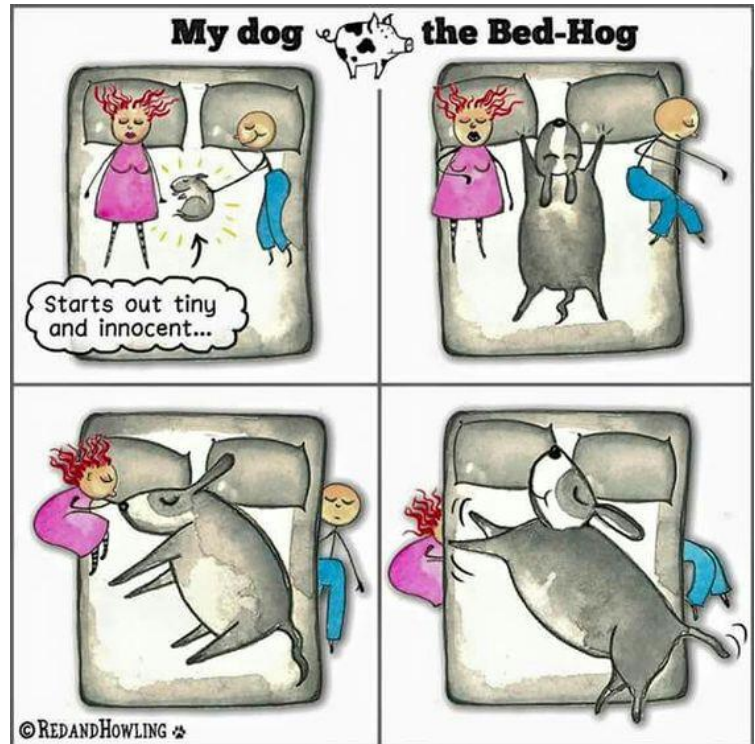
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## Ridgeback Humour

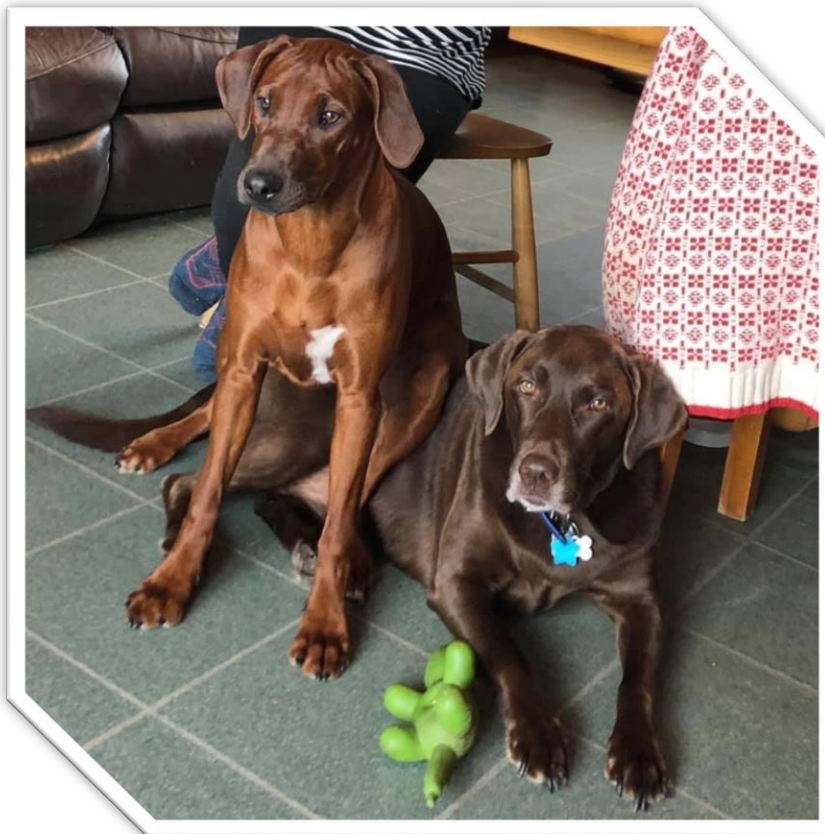


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