

Ridgeback Roster

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Yahoo Spring



photographer Missy Wilson




RRCEC - Mission Statement

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

We do not condone breeding for profit.

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



WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- ❖ Photos must be identified.
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PRESIDENT'S PAWPRINT

Spring 2022 has arrived and with it, renewed optimism as the club looks forward to being able to return to our usual activities. This return is a work in progress but the Club is proud to announce that our first activity on April 10th: An introduction to Barn Hunt in Ile Perrault, QC, filled in record time!

We have several other activity days in the planning stage, among them, An Introduction to Scent Detection and An Introduction to Rally-O. There are a few more activities that we are planning that we hope you and your hounds will enjoy and we are very much looking forward to seeing you out with your Ridgebacks this year!

France Flibotte, President.



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

This is a busy time of the year as we seek to develop plans for local Club activities. The ridgeback Conformation community is getting into the show circuit mode and generally, all of us look forward to seeing one another again at local dog parks and in various activities at our local dog clubs. The challenge is as always, location, location, location, and the need to spread these initiatives around the membership area.

If you have been following the Club Facebook page you will know about our first Club event of the year The Introduction To Barn Hunt that is being held in early April on the west end of Montreal island. This is where we held that race day two years ago. In the future plans are topics such as scenting, agility, racing and rally obedience – all activities that require space and/or equipment. We will get there and you will be informed through the Club website, Facebook page and an email.

I have been touch with those of you who have not yet paid your membership fees for 2022. This issue of the newsletter is the last one you will receive. Non-payment means no more newsletter. Please re-join if you are able. If you have questions, contact me and I will do my best to help or find someone who can.

Diana



Letter from the Editor

Conservation Areas are a great place for a hike with your Ridgeback, they are conveniently located all over the province and have trails for all abilities. This year I will feature different Conservation Areas in the Roster and hope you will take advantage of the Conservation Areas in your area this spring/summer/fall to get out for a hike. A walk at a Conservation Area in the Kingston area is planned for May. Perhaps you will join us!

Dorian Chlopas

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



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



The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Eastern Canada
&
The Sport Ratier Club du Quebec
are hosting

Introduction to Barn Hunt

Sunday, April 10, 2022

10.00 a.m.

16 spots available

Priority given to RRCEC members
until March 22
thereafter spots available to general
membership of both clubs

1st Group 10.00 a.m.

2nd Group Noon

**Location: 2633 Boulevard Perrot,
Notre Dame Ile Perrot
Quebec J7V 8P4**



Please arrive at the location at least 15 minutes before your approved Group time.
Give yourselves time to unload and settle dogs before the activity commences.

Any questions should be directed, via Messenger, to France Flibotte

Cost: RRCEC Members \$25.00
Non-members \$40.00

Payment in advance (e-transfer) is required to secure a spot
to: France Flibotte at savoieaf@videotron.ca
Password: Hunt (Note capital H).



Mark Your Calendar

Don't sit on the sidelines...Get involved!

April 9, 2022

Oceanside Walk (Martinique Beach, NS) and Social
Gathering at Sarjo's Ridgebacks
RSVP Cindy Maurer beardog@gmail.com

May 14, 2022

Conservation Area Walk - Kingston area
Contact Dorian RidgebackRoster@kos.net



To the beach, to the beach!



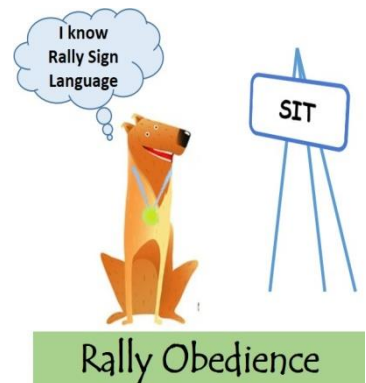
Things to Do With Your Ridgeback

Rally Obedience with Rhodesian Ridgebacks

Rally Obedience is my favourite dog sport. It's positive training, fun and challenging. Unlike Formal Obedience competitions you can talk to your dog, use praise, encouragement and it is interesting for you and your dog. Rhodesian Ridgebacks are notorious for being stubborn hounds. The truth is they are just intelligent and don't like too much repetition. Rally is the perfect sport for them. It is made up of a course of signs that the handler must learn and teach to the dog. Depending on what level you are in there average about 12 signs on a course. As you approach the sign with your dog you must perform what is indicated at each station. You can use several commands and praise as needed and at the lower levels if you make a mistake you may repeat a station. You avoid any reprimands of your dog and a tight leash. I find that my ridgebacks are very into the training and competitions as they are oriented to "what's in it for me?". What is in it for them is lots of praise, treats for training, fun interactions with their owner/handlers. They may not be Border collies or Labradors in their approach but they do enjoy the mental stimulation and connection with their owner.

At first you may feel intimidated by the signs but the directions are clear in the rule book. A class with a good instructor is fun and motivating. There is comradery, and encouragement with others learning the levels regardless of what breed you are working with. The novice and intermediate levels are always performed on leash. Advanced, Excellent and Master are off leash and include jumps. The jump heights are not too high so even older dogs can complete the course. Although each competitor is scored there are not real failures, just not ready yet. The real competition isn't with the other entries, it is with yourself. Can you guide your dog successfully through the course? Intermediate can be entered at any time if you want to put your dog back on leash and help your confidence or work through your nerves. Each level requires three passing scores under at least two judges to earn a title.

You can do this! Rally On!





So you are interested in Agility!

This activity is a lot of fun for both you and your ridgeback. Dog agility is a dog sport where a handler (you) directs their dog through an obstacle course in a race for both time and accuracy. Dogs run off leash with no food or toys as incentives, and the handler cannot touch the dog or any of the obstacles. You are running

together over a series of obstacles (well the dog does the obstacle!) and you need each other! Your dog for instructions on where to go next and do the obstacle correctly, and you, to give clear and quick direction.

Agility is a great way to get rid of your dog's excess energy. Running through a course that involves passing over or through a variety of obstacles will challenge the dog's mind and body. Dog agility will help to strengthen muscles, improve coordination, keep fit and increase endurance and help with obeying you!

Dog agility courses comprise a series of obstacles including jumps and tunnels, weaves (6 or 12), a teeter, dog walk and tyre, to name a few. There are also spread jumps and double jumps. They are all set at specific heights and difficulty taking into consideration the height and age of your dog.

One might assume a dog knows how to jump, run up a ramp, or along a plank. You need to teach them the rules, where to put their feet on a teeter, or ramp and watch it carefully, as you take on a raised narrow plank 4-5 feet off the ground.

Dog training for agility is a bit slow at the beginning. One teaches them what to do on each obstacle with safety (i.e. slowly to begin with), and not only to jump away from you, but to go to the back side of the obstacle and know to jump towards you as you negotiate the course in the quickest possible time. On the teeter, dog walk and A frame obstacles there is a marked off area at the foot of the down ramp that a dog's paws (all 4 of them) MUST hit as they complete the obstacle. You'd be surprised how many dogs try to jump off, or over, this! Back to training – instead of running at first, take it slowly by walking and then when your dog does this correctly and with confidence, begin to jog or run.

Remember too, a dog's attention span, for learning a skill, is probably a maximum 2-3 minutes. After 3 tries, go off and do something more fun -a tunnel for instance, or a jump.



If you are interested in pursuing agility you will find that often training clinics, or dog trainers, offer agility training. If you know someone participating in agility near you, ask them who or where they trained. This activity is great fun, often quite humbling and good exercise for both you and your dog.



Eventually you might wish to compete competitively in agility, there are three organisations running in Canada. The CKC (Canadian Kennel Club), the AAC (Agility Association of Canada) and UKI (United Kingdom International). There are different levels in each organisation but basically, the categories are all similar Starters, Advanced and Masters with varying degrees of difficulty in the courses and requirements for achieving success. Rules do vary a bit.



Trick Training for your dogs

The idea of engaging your dog to perform tricks may seem insignificant. Actually it has great value for bonding, socialization and enriching your dog's life to name a few. Essentially everything we teach our dog can be thought of as a trick. Sit, lay down, stay, come when called are valuable life skills but require the same basic training as any other trick. The more things you teach the better understanding that develops between you and your dog. The greater the dog's repertoire the more you can show off to friends and increase your dog's social interaction. Or maybe you just want to have fun.

Now you can also earn certificates and titles to add to your dog's registered name.

Check out the website: domorewithyourdog.com

Listed are trick suggestions for novice, intermediate and advanced, and more. Food rewards may be used and tricks may be on leash for novice. You may also give and repeat verbal commands and hand signals. Each trick is assigned a point value. Check out the website for details.

Once you have your tricks planned and trained you video tape them. Then your videos are sent to an evaluator. They will approve or perhaps offer suggestions for resubmission.

Evaluators are listed on the website and you may use whoever you would like. Some may be free some charge \$10-20.

I have an evaluator who has offered to evaluate all RRCEC submissions for free for the next year.

Dawn McMurray-Heuckroth at info@k9perfectiontraining.com

So start video taping! Have fun working with your dogs

If you have any questions I will find the answers: beadog@gmail.com

Cindy at Sarjo Rhodesian Ridgebacks.



Name is rewarded for touching the button with her nose or her paw. Sometimes I start with a larger target like the white dish in the background. Behaviour is marked by a clicker or the word yes.

Followed by a treat. After a few repetitions of correct response give it a command like “touch”.



Welcome New Puppy Members

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



KAMILA



Feeding Time

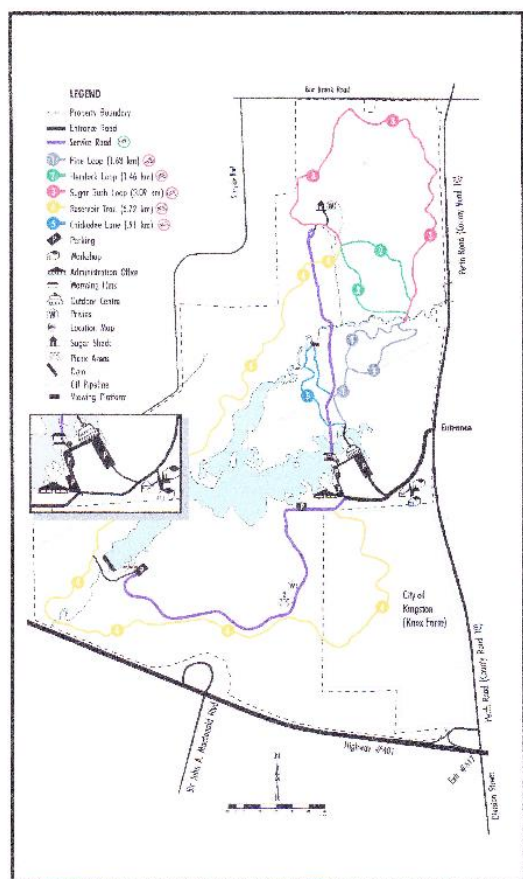




Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area

Kingston, Ontario

The Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area is situated just north of Kingston and is easily accessed from Hwy 401. The conservation area offers hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on 14 km of looped trails through marshlands, fields and forested areas. The Outdoor Centre, open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm, has a snack bar and washrooms. The conservation is popular for its Maple Madness program which happens in March each year and includes displays, wagon rides and of course pancakes & maple syrup. Educational programs and Forest Therapy walks are also featured in the conservation authority activities. Day use fees are \$5.00/adult, \$3.50/child or \$15.00/vehicle. For more info please visit their website www.crca.ca or call 613-546-4228.





Lemoine Point Conservation Area

Kingston, Ontario

Lemoine Point Conservation Area is located in the west end of Kingston and runs along the shore of Lake Ontario. The conservation area offers a stone beach and 2.5 km of shoreline for hiking. Privies are located at the north and south ends of the park. There are 11 km of trails that meander along the shoreline and through forested areas and fields. Rotary Park at the north end of the conservation area has a 1.5 acre dog park, playground, washrooms and beach area. For more info please visit their website www.crca.ca or call 613-546-4228.

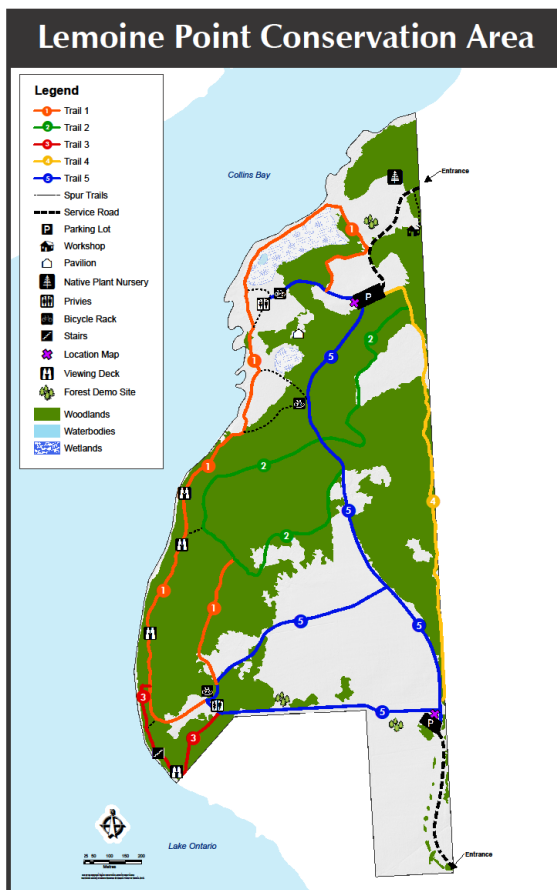




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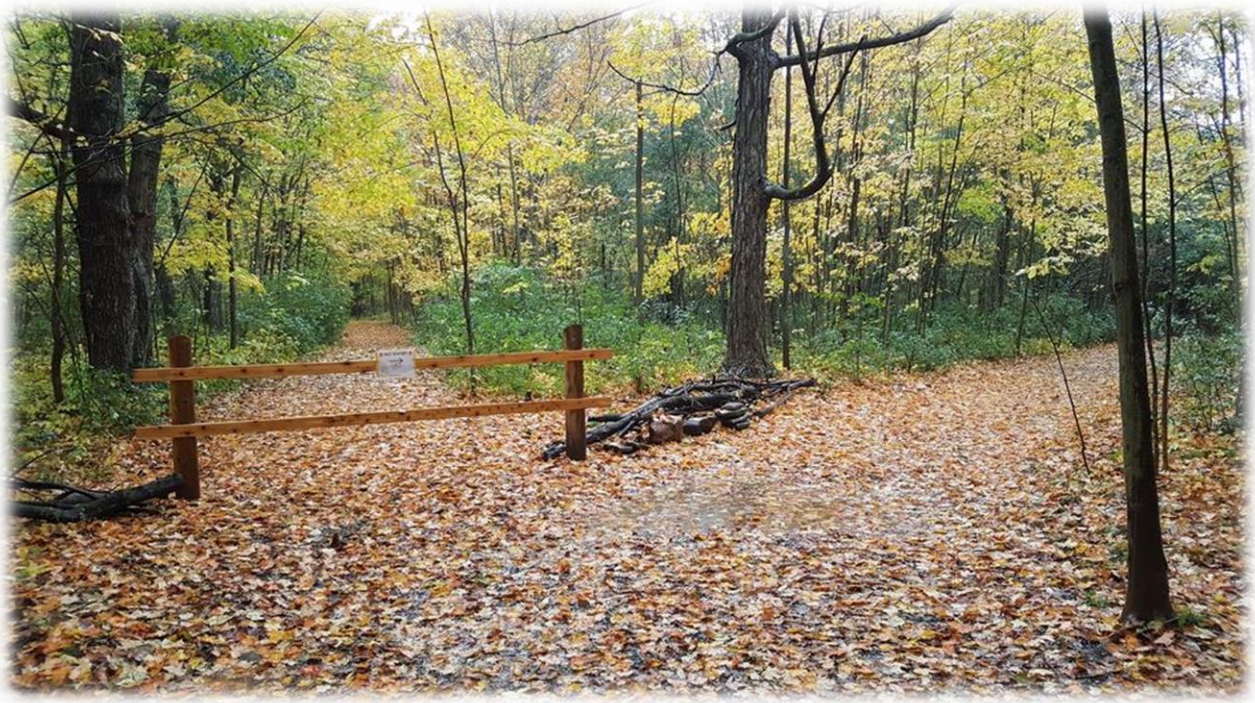
Rotary Park Dog Park Rules

Rules and regulations signage with hours of operations and emergency contact numbers must be posted at the entrance of each off-leash area:

1. Owners must clean up after their dog's waste;
2. Dogs must be kept on-leash until inside the double gated area;
3. Dog owners and handlers are subject to Ontario Dog Owner's Liability Act and the City of Kingston Animal Control Bylaw;
4. Park users and dog owners assume all risks related to off-leash dog area usage;
5. Owners must have dog tags indicating that their dog has been vaccinated and the dog is currently licensed;
6. Dogs must be removed by owner or handler from the off-leash dog area if dogs are in heat (female), sick or aggressive;
7. No more than two dogs may be brought into the off-leash dog area by an individual at the same time;
8. All children under 12 years of age must be supervised by an adult attendant while inside the off-leash dog area;
9. No food (this applies to both the human and canine variety), is permitted in the off-leash dog area;
10. Off-leash areas are smoke free areas;
11. Choke, spike, chain or pinch collars are not allowed in off-leash area;
12. Dogs must be under control;
13. Professional dog trainers are not permitted to use the off-leash areas to conduct their business;
14. All pit bulls must be muzzled.

The rules and regulations above do not include off-leash areas etiquette which shall be developed in collaboration with the Committee and promoted with the users of off-leash areas.





Conservation Area Rules & Regulations

Help us protect our conservation areas and make sure all visitors have an enjoyable experience.

- Conservation Areas are open during daylight hours only.
- No camping or overnight parking.
- Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times. This is for the safety of your dog and consideration of our visitors and for the wildlife that lives in our conservation areas. Free-running dogs can be intimidating to other visitors and can also chase and disturb wildlife. They can also have unpleasant encounters with other dogs or with wildlife such as skunks and porcupines.
- Dogs are not permitted at beach areas.
- Please stoop and scoop and dispose of waste properly.
- Do not litter. Pack it in and pack it out - leave only footprints, take only photos.
- No off trail use, stay on the marked trails. This helps prevent damage to sensitive areas and soil erosion. Do not walk off trail, we are trying to encourage natural regeneration of the forest.
- Do not damage, disturb, or remove any structure, rock, plant, animal, or other property, living or dead. Picking or digging up wildflowers or other plants is prohibited.
- No fires, hunting or alcohol.
- No ATV or motorized vehicles are permitted on trails.
- Cycle only on the designated cycling trails. Our other trails are too narrow to accommodate both walking and cycling.
- Please do not leave food for the wildlife. They have all they need in the forests of our conservation areas.
- Releasing animals for your back yard or property into a conservation areas is prohibited.

Ridgeback Tales



Although Ridgebacks are in the class of Hounds and originally bred to hunt, their brains can supersede their predatory instincts. This became apparent to me last fall.

I hiked on one of my properties with my one year old bitch, Anoona. It is well over 1 km from where I park to the hunt camp and she and I happily walked there, through a heavily forested area. Rounding the corner, the hunt camp came in sight and to my surprise, Anoona suddenly stopped and didn't go further. I kept walking towards the camp and sat on the deck, enjoying the sunshine. Anoona still had not moved further and sat there, staring at me. I called "come" and obediently she bounded over, gave me a shove with her nose and ran back to the spot she came from. Somewhat puzzled, I called her again. She ran up to me again, repeated with the nose bump and ran back. I called a third time. This time she gave a little whine and refused to come and looked back over her shoulder in the direction we came from. I had no idea why she was acting so strange.



After a few minutes, I got up and decided to walk back. Anoona was overjoyed to see me leave the camp and off we went. She acted totally normal on the way out. When we arrived back, I checked my cell phone which had been left in the truck and there was a recent message from my son.

It said "this is what's behind the hunt camp right now" and the trail cam that's connected to his phone showed a picture of a big, male black bear. Yikes! I had just been there, completely unaware that this bear was right behind me. Anoona, however, knew. Rather than run up like an idiot and start barking at the bear, or hightail out of there, she chose to quietly sit a distance from it, watching me and calmly tried her best to warn and lure me away. She must have been thinking "my human is so oblivious and slow witted".

Needless to say, I'm very impressed with the intelligent way Anoona handled the situation.

submitted by Frances Hawkins



ANOONA

**You're my
Superhero**

Ridgeback Candids



**Mya hiding her nails
nothing to see here!**



and enjoying a sunbeam

Ridgeback Candids



Ruby & Anoona



**There is nothing like the sweet gentle soul
of an old dog**

Ridgeback Humour



WHEN YOU SAY "SIT"

YOUR DOG



RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS



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