

# Ridgeback Roster

60<sup>th</sup> Edition

Winter 2022



Walking in a *Winter  
Wonderland*






## ***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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- ❖ 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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### **Vice President's Report**

France is on a well deserved vacation. She wanted to send you all the warmest wishes for this holiday season and for the coming year. In the meantime, I thought I would take the opportunity to recap this year's events.

We had some fun filled activity days this year. We started out with an Introduction to Barn Hunt - the dogs had an excellent time, we had a great time watching them use their noses to find the hidden rats. There were group walks in the Maritimes, a Rally-O day and an intro to Sport Scent Detection day. It was great fun to see our Ridgies, and their humans, enjoying time together. I was happy to see so many of you out with your hounds, trying new things and having fun doing it! I am very much looking forward to 2023 and the activities it will bring. I encourage you all to get in touch if you have ideas, sports you'd like to try, or any events you'd like to help organize, or see happen in the coming year.

On the show front, there was a booster held in the Maritimes, as well as our Club's Specialty Show. I would like to congratulate all of this year's winners, and was glad that so many of you come out to show your dogs.



Before signing off on 2022, I'd like to mention that a couple of our members submitted versatility titles - watch for the first newsletter of 2023 for news about these Ridgebacks and the wonderful accomplishments they've achieved with their people!

Happy Holidays & All the Best for the coming year!

*Tina Andreatos*



## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

Time to look forward to 2023.

Your Executive works hard trying to plan for activities of interest to you ..... let's hear from you.

This year, we planned gatherings featuring ratting, scenting, Rally obedience, racing, agility and dock diving. Unfortunately, only three of these were well supported, there was insufficient interest for us to go ahead with the others. The disappointing responses raise the question as to whether the Club should continue to try to organise these large scale events or should facilitate groups of Club members who live in close proximity to organise local walks and other gatherings?

All membership fees are due and payable effective 1 January 2023. I shall be sending out individual emails by the end of December 2022. Your support keeps the Club going, we hope you will see your way to continuing your membership.

Have you looked at the new items in the Club Boutique? A winter jacket has been added, a lined fleece pullover is also there. Go to the Club website ([www.ridgebackcanada.com](http://www.ridgebackcanada.com)), click on On line Shop, click [rrcestore.itemorder.com/sale](http://rrcestore.itemorder.com/sale).

If there are other items you would like to see listed, please let me know. I must add and thank, Wade Daboll who is instrumental in working with Front Line Sports, so you can drop him a note if you prefer. Either way, we will ensure you get what you want.

Regrettably, interest in the Rhodesian Ridgeback print has not been great. It is no longer available on the website but until the end of December I will still have copies. There is a flyer in this newsletter, just in case you might change your mind! Hint Hint.

A report on the 2022 annual Specialty can found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please drop us a line and keep in touch. News about the goofy things your ridgeback does in the snow, or recent successes you have achieved. Keep well, keep warm and enjoy playing in the snow with your ridgeback(s).

Diana





## Letter from the Editor

Well another year has come and gone. It's been a busy year for the RRCEC with several events for your Ridgebacks. As we look forward to 2023 it would be helpful if you could send your suggestions to Diana Pethick or France Flibotte so that we can plan some exciting outings for next year.

I really enjoyed all the pet profiles that came in for this edition. Thank you to the members who send in photos, articles, stories and pet profiles it really makes the Roster yours. I am always delighted to get photos of your Ridgeback(s) and look forward to including them in upcoming issues.

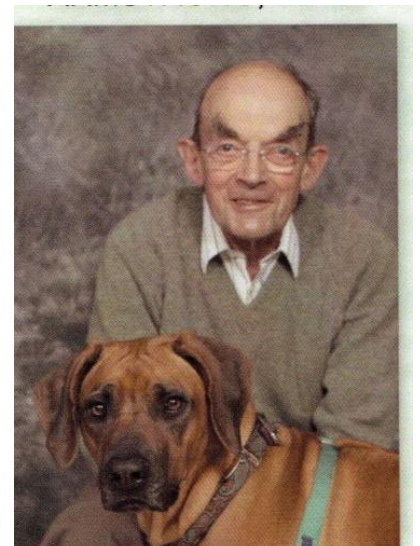
Happy Holidays and all the best in the New Year,

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## Treasurer's Report for 2021-22

Thankfully, this has been a more normal year so that we were able to hold several gatherings, including three seminar sessions. These sessions cost the Club but the participation fees very nearly matched the amount as can be seen in the table. One item in the table that may attract attention is the apparently high cost of the specialty in 2019-20, but please remember that there were two specialties in that fiscal year (October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>) although, in fact, the 2020 one was cancelled and the prizes purchased were carried over to the events in 2021 and this year,

Again, this year we benefitted from the sale of Club calendars thanks in great measure to Sabrina Gauthier who collected photos from members, collated them, organized the printing and handled the mailing. We are grateful to members who made donations; Rosemary Burdin to the general expenses and Diana Pethick to the prize fund for the specialty.



### Treasurer's Report 2021-2022

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
<b>INCOME</b>					
Boutique	107.78	18.51	894.53	790.34	865.00
Memberships	1140.00	1000.00	1140.00	1230.00	1530.00
Show Committee	1965.03	0	1582.00	517.58	220.35
Donations and interest	3.33	218.17	113.19	515.42	185.24
Breeder listing webpage	275.00	225.00	350.00	375.00	300.00
Events	233.71	0	120.85	60.00	1720.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3724.85</b>	<b>1416.68</b>	<b>4200.57</b>	<b>3488.34</b>	<b>4820.59</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Administration	175.90	232.74	506.82	249.05	214.85
Show Committee	1427.18	810.77	3243.01	535.53	826.17
Publicity	177.92	150.09	148.24	-	140.10
Insurance	853.95	837.00	837.00	837.00	856.44
Events	250.17	184.89	350.00	49.95	1753.39
Boutique	0	0	567.39	556.87	505.12
Equipment		220.28	345.79	-	114.98
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2885.66</b>	<b>2435.77</b>	<b>5998.25</b>	<b>2228.40</b>	<b>4411.05</b>
Income-Expenses	<b>839.19</b>	<b>(974.09)</b>	<b>(1797.68)</b>	<b>1259.94</b>	<b>409.54</b>
<b>BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>7856.39</b>	<b>6882.30</b>	<b>5084.62</b>	<b>6344.56</b>	<b>6754.10</b>

## 2022 Specialty Report

This year's Specialty Show, originally planned for St. Lazare, Quebec was moved due to Issues with the building at the chosen location. Nonetheless, we had a wonderful weekend at the SD&G Dog Association location on the islands in the St. Lawrence at Long Sault. There was a good turnout (24) of ridgebacks for the US Judge David Millar. Results follow:

Best of Breed & Canadian Bred	CH Kopera's Golden Gait SC
Best of Opposite	GCH Priderock's Aedan of Mobukhosi
Best of Winners & Best Puppy	Foxtrot's Lasting Legacy
Select Male	CH Foxtrot's Lethal Kiss
Select Female	CH Mountainridge's Uluzambezi
Bred by Exhibitor	Ridishia A Little bit Alexis
Award of Merit	- My apologies – missed this one -
Best Baby Puppy	Angelridge Fancy Like Applebee's on a Datenite

There were limited Sweepstakes and Best Ridge entries but nonetheless, the deserving winners are:

Best Puppy	Mardi Gras Hold My Beer Angelridge
Best Veteran	GCH Priderock's Aedan of Mobukhosi
Best Ridge	GCH Ridishia Closer to the Heart

Stay tuned for information on the location of the 2023 Specialty Show. However I will say 2023 is the alternate year for the national club to come east. We join with them to make this a great Rhodesian Ridgeback weekend, not only for the competition but to catch up with our ridgeback friends.

*Apologies to Lisa Conley – we missed Meg for the Award of Merit*



**Award of Merit**  
**Meg**  
***GCH FoxTrot's C'est La Vie***



# PET PROFILES



## WIMBI

Hi Everyone,  
My name is Wimbi or officially CH Niiroki's Riptide, but I am retired now  
so Wimbi is the only name I need.

I am 6 years old and spent the first 5 with Tina A, whom I love very much,  
but Tina told me about this couple Penny and Gary  
who really needed rescuing as they had lost their boy and were very sad.

So, I adopted them last September and it is going pretty well.  
Training has paid off. They now realize when I bring a toy to them and drop it  
they must give a treat. I started off small with one lion and now they are able  
to get up to give 5 different treats simply by me coming over spitting out that toy  
and sitting in front of the jar. Sometimes a small head cue is needed.

They are a work in progress. We will just keep on this until they are flawless.



## JASPER

Hello!

This is our Jasper.

He was still young in this photo but he still does that leg pose today (he just turned 4). Every time I see him do it, I think of Angelina Jolie.



He even has his own Instagram account: @jasper\_the\_ridgie

He's our best friend/baby and we couldn't imagine life without this silly guy.



Hi my name is Sloan.

Wait I'm not sure about you so not saying hi just yet. Give me some time to warm up to you and maybe I'll say hi. If you give me a treat the process goes faster.

I am a protector of all I love - my little sister, my humans, my day care, my run club friends.

Yep, I love running especially to my fave park by the lake. I also love hiking and camping in the new trailer where I can lounge without the bugs.

I understand lots of words and mainly don't listen to them. My signature move is through legs over and over. I really love food. Can you convince my humans to give me more?



Hi my name is Stevie.

- ♥ I dance and sing to my namesake Stevie Nicks a lot. Mom makes me.
- ♥ I love to cuddle and rub my face on Dad's beard.
- ♥ I am an excellent giver of hugs although apparently I need to give some warning before I wrap my paws around someone.
- ♥ I love playing with my day care friends.
- ♥ I really love my big sister Sloan and want to do everything she does, even if that involves eating things I don't want and she loves (ex. all the fruit).
- ♥ I often request spontaneous belly rubs.
- ♥ Even though I randomly lose my mind at some people & dogs, I am a big sweetheart.





## Momo

I CAN SHOW YOU A THING OR TWO ABOUT HAVING FUN!

Leslie calls us One Thing Two Thing. (After Dr. Seuss).

My name is Momoa "Momo" aka "Two Thing". I'm 16 months old.

I live with Kiana my maternal aunt aka "One Thing", Leslie and Walter, in Stoney Creek, Ontario.

I'm described as a Character NOT a Dog.

I have about 8 ways to get their attention including beeping the Subaru horn (Cool eh?).

I'm a bit shy when I meet strangers but I'M NOT SHY when I run in the woods or on the beach.

I look like a horse at full gallop when I run but I can stop (almost) on a dime.

I LOVE to play outdoors, with other dogs and any object I find.

THE BEST is chasing the big yellow basketball.

My pointy nose knows where it goes and because I'm tall it goes EVERYWHERE.

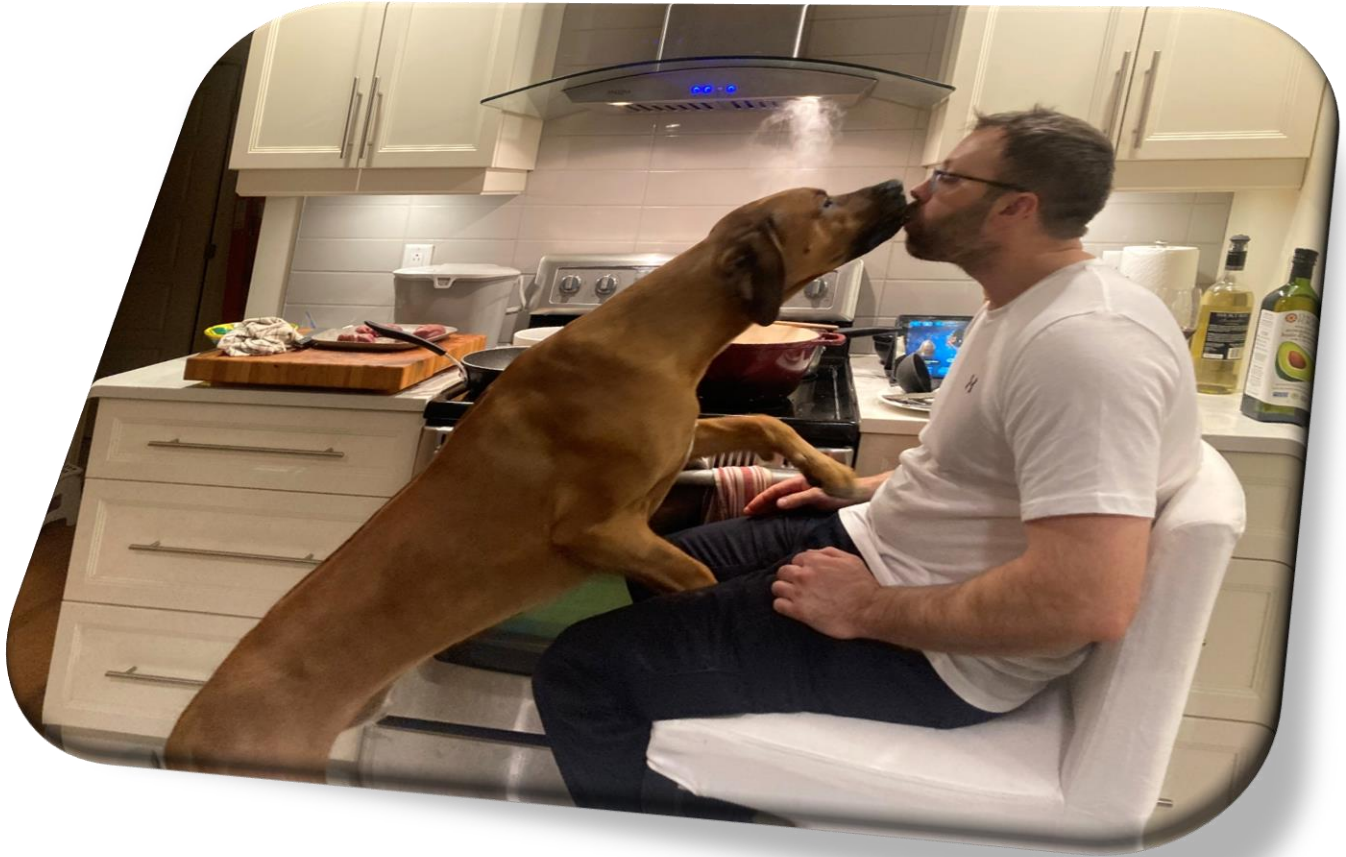
My goal for 2023 is to learn to drive.

My favourite Dr. Seuss quote:

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out!"

Love Always, Momo.

# Taiyo



Do you need an assistant cook daddy?

Taiyo, 2 years old, always involved when food is around





# RRCEC OnLine Store

**Have you checked out the online store at the RRCEC website lately?  
We have just added this new jacket to the collection**



**Core 365 Women's Softshell Jacket  
\$69.99**



**Get your order in for the RRCEC 2023 Calendar  
email Sabrina [zeniridgebacks@gmail.com](mailto:zeniridgebacks@gmail.com)  
with your order and she will let you know the cost.**





**CALENDAR 2023 CALENDRIER**  
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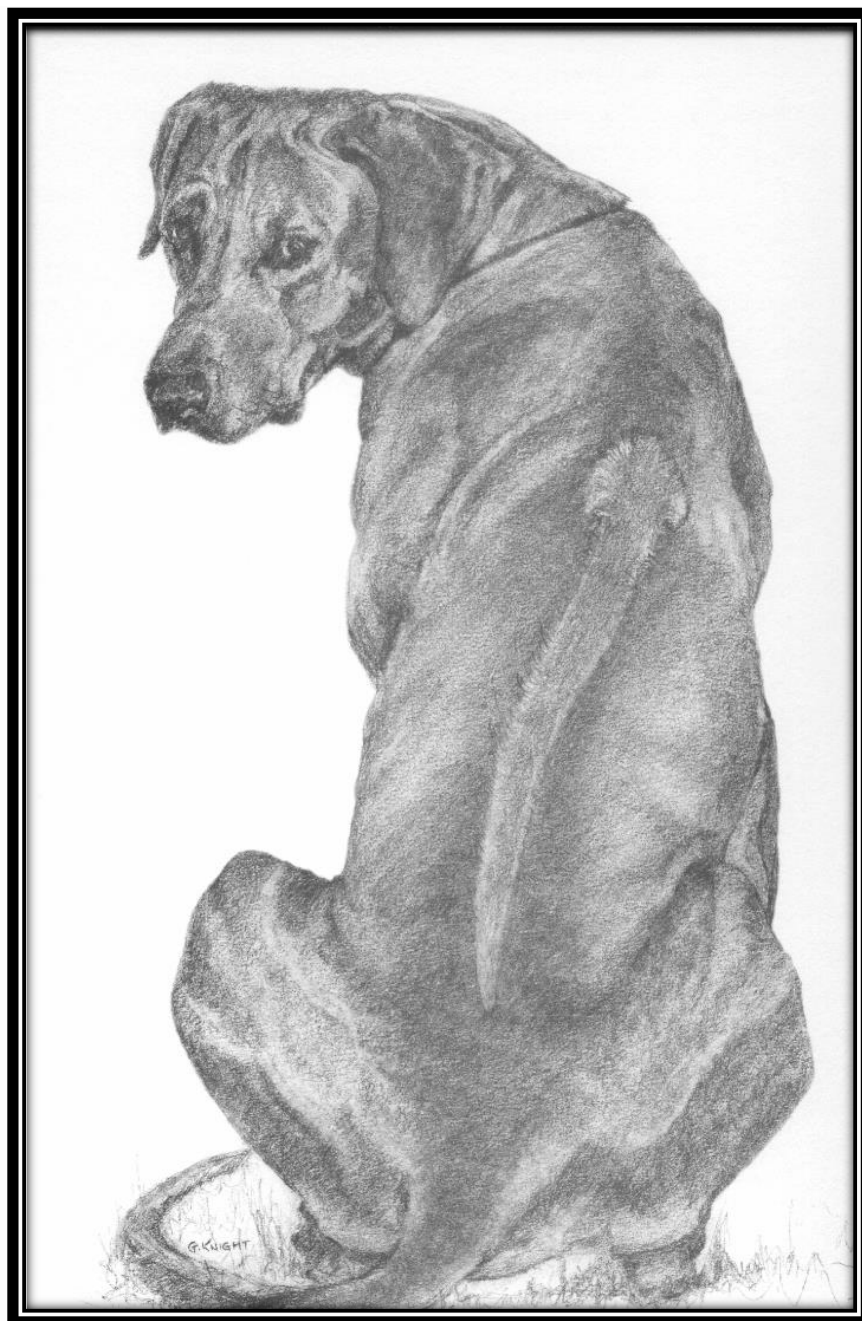
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## About the long-haired coat gene in the Rhodesian Ridgeback

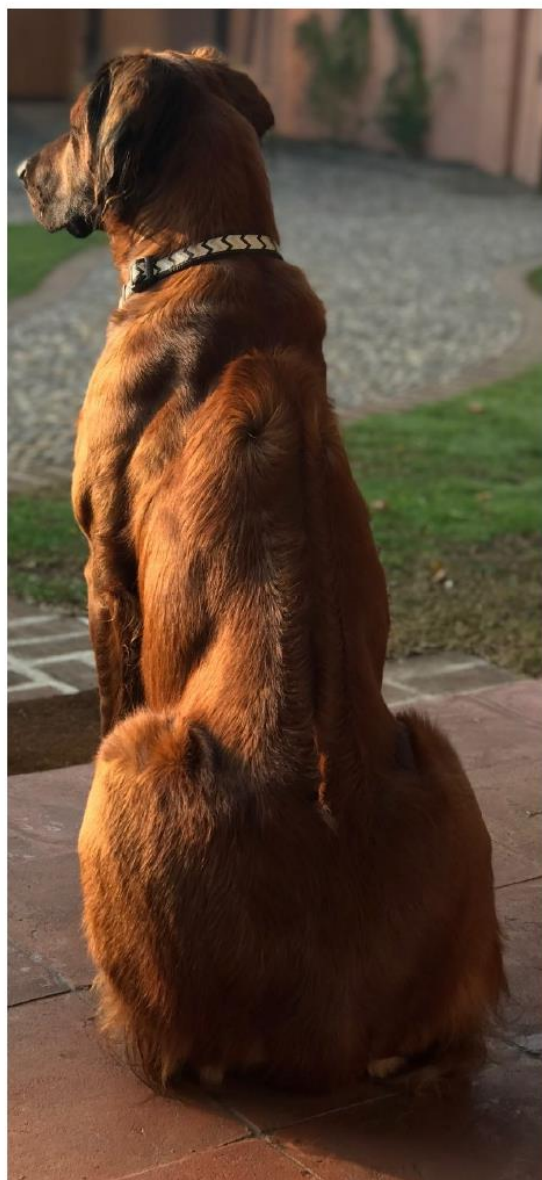


The long coat topic recently, has been subject of growing interest, probably linked to the diffusion, in social media, of images with dogs featured by this long coat, which is certainly uncommon for RR and far from the breed standard. In fact, as described in the breed standard, the coat should be: 'short and dense, sleek and glossy in appearance, but neither woolly nor silky' (FCI Standard N° 146 / 10.12.1996).

Notably these dogs have drawn the attention of many people, interested by this specific trait and wondering if they were coming from crossbreeding (e.g. English setter, Leonberger, etc.) or born by pure breed Rhodesian ridgeback parents. Let's clarify that it is about a topic concerning the breeding selection and the genetics which definitely deserves an accurate in-depth analysis in a field that RRCI, for some time, is investigating to provide, possibly, a technical contribution in the appropriate forums and in accordance with the mission of our Association (among the institutional purposes, we

remind, there is also the monitoring of the state of the breed under the morphological, genetic and health views, with particular attention on its evolution and related issues).

We are therefore talking about hereditariness: the "guilt" of the "long coat" is a recessive gene, guarded in the genetic heritage of our crested friends. Based on that, there is no doubt that the long-







having this characteristic and descending from parents registered in a recognized Book of Origin, are granted with the full right of obtaining the genealogical certificate (as a reminder this certificate does not prove the "quality" of the dog but its origins only), just like all their litter's brothers and exactly like puppies affected by dermoid sinus; At the same time, however, it is also required to find an official tool to formally specify the prohibition of use in reproduction, considering the hereditary transmissibility of such a trait.

This instrument can only be the **differentiated pedigree**. In the Code of Ethics of the ENCI breeder, that every breeder should well acknowledge and especially respect, it is directly recommended not to sell unregistered dogs and to breed healthy dogs only, without manifest

diseases or impediments to a correct functionality or carriers of detected hereditary pathologies.

It is therefore implicit that they should only breed dogs in compliance with breed 'standard' and free of both hereditary pathologies and morphological transmissible defects.

ENCI with the communication nr 6280FC/AP of April, 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, subject to opinion of CTC, has positively accepted this request and formalized the actions established in this regard. From that date, therefore, the dogs, declared by the breeder as long-hair coated, have the differentiated pedigree indicating the following statement: "dog not suitable for reproduction".

It is a valuable tool that we hope all the breeders could use for the protection of their dogs, both for those affected by dermoid sinus, and for those having long coat. Selling them without pedigree in fact, not only it is contrary to the current rules in the subject of breeding but relegates them to a secondary role and condemn to anonymity, with all the concrete risks that this involves.

Also by correctly providing these dogs with regular genealogical certification and declaring contextually the pathology they are affected (DS) or morphological defects (long hair) they are bearing,



it is a responsible and important gesture for the breeder, to protect his work and the one of his colleagues, but, above all, to protect the future of our breed, since it allows the traceability of these genetic characteristics even after generations and thus facilitates a transparent, informed and balanced selection program.

**Genetic test.** Always inside the breed monitoring plan, RRCI has contacted the accredited laboratory Laboklin to formalize an agreement, reserved for all the members, which allows the long-haired gene test at lower price, within the packaged reserved to Rhodesian Ridgeback. To access this lower fee it is necessary to be an RRCI member and communicate the valid number of your ENCI-RRCI card.

One of the main objectives of this research is the census of long-haired subjects, to better understand their numerical impact on the breed and therefore the evolution in the near future.

RRCI like to invite anyone who could contribute to this research to get in touch directly with RRCI veterinarian  
Doc Cristina Di Palma:

[veterinariorrcci@rrci.it](mailto:veterinariorrcci@rrci.it)





deviating from the standard – such as long hair - but they were also suffering from genetic transmissible pathologies (e.g. dermoid sinus, hips and elbows dysplasia).

Being hereditary characteristics and being dogs repeatedly used in reproduction, it appeared necessary, as well as highly recommendable for the breed protection, to try as much as possible to identify their progeny. As a result of this research, it was highlighted the presence of long-haired dogs (coming from that group of dogs) in the areas of Emilia Romagna, Tuscany, and Lombardy: one among them presented both long coat and dermoid sinus (not previously diagnosed and subsequently surgically eradicated with success). In 2018 - again through the Rescue service – another long-coated dog (a spayed female) from Tuscany was successfully rescued and adopted.

Based on first feedback coming from an international consultation (investigation currently in progress), it was reported a presence of long hair coated Rhodesian ridgeback dogs in France, Germany, the United States and Canada.

### **The request for a differentiated pedigree.**

Notably because of the genetic inheritance of this morphological trait and its deviation with respect to what indicated by the Breed Standard - in a concrete attempt to block its greater diffusion - in 2018 RRCI has filed an official request at ENCI to obtain the release of differentiated pedigrees for RRs with a long-haired coat, with the wording: "subject unsuitable for reproduction", this just mirroring what already requested and obtained a few years earlier for the Rhodesian Ridgeback suffering from dermoid sinus.

The rationale is the same: given that even for the long-haired coat we are in front of a transmissible hereditary factor (in this case exclusively linked to morphological traits and not pathological diseases), it is worth the general rule that these dogs,





haired ridgebacks exist, and they are by no means the results of imaginative crossbreeding between different breeds. On the contrary we can also say that a dog (phenotype) presenting the long-haired coat is certainly the son of two subjects carrying this gene.

Hence, the crucial issue would be the capability of identifying the carriers, to avoid passing on this feature to the progeny, thus limiting the risk of its greater spread in the breed.

The circumstance which led to the in-depth action undertaken by RRCI on the topic of long coat dates back to December 2016, when the Rescue service causally reached two dogs with long hair, during an operation conducted after a reporting of the zoophilic guards ENPA for rescue and relocation of a Rhodesian ridgeback group, kept in conditions

incompatible with their nature and generating serious suffering for the animals (undernourishment, detention in adverse and extreme environmental conditions).

In this group – we refer to dogs used for reproduction - there were also two dogs featured by such a long coat trait.

After that each of them was cared and adopted, in the following period of time it was tried to better understand the parents and descendants, and this not for sterile cognitive purposes, but in respect and compliance with the precise institutional tasks of the our specialized Association.





Unfortunately, in fact, as a result of the health and diagnostic investigations conducted on these dogs, it was found that some of them, not only had obvious morphological characteristics



# HEALTH MATTERS

## Winter's Coming

### How Cold is Too Cold?

 C°      F°		 20 lbs or less 10 kg or less	 21-50 lbs 11-25 kg	 more than 50 lbs more than 25 kg	<b>Key Factors</b>  <b>1 No evidence of risk:</b> Have fun outside!  <b>2 Risk is unlikely:</b> Have fun outside, but be careful.  <b>3 Unsafe potential,</b> depending on breed. Keep an eye on your pet outdoors.  <b>4 Dangerous weather</b> developing. Use caution.  <b>5 Potentially life</b> threatening cold. Avoid prolonged outdoor activity.
15°	60°	1	1	1	
12°	55°	1	1	1	
10°	50°	1	1	1	
7°	45°	2	2	1	
4°	40°	3	3	2	
1°	35°	3	3	3	
-1°	30°	3	3	3	
-4°	25°	4	4	3	
-6°	20°	5	4	3	
-9°	15°	5	4	4	
-12°	10°	5	5	5	
-15°	5°	5	5	5	
-17°	0°	5	5	5	



# *Ridgeback Candida*

*Momo & Kia*



*A walk in the woods*



*and a well deserved nap*



*Sloan & Stevie*



*Sabrina & Willow*



# Ridgeback Humour





Merry  
Christmas

The Ridgeback Roster will be published quarterly in 2023. 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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