

Ridgeback Roster

65th Edition

Spring 2024



Spring is here



FREYA

Ready for Spring Walks




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



With the arrival of summer just around the corner, it's time to start planning for an exciting season ahead filled with outdoor adventures and memorable experiences for you and your furry companions!

Your input is invaluable to us, so we encourage you to share your preferences with me at savoieaf@videotron.ca. Whether you're keen on participating in an action-packed BBQ or simply prefer a leisurely group walk or an introduction in agility, rattling, tracking, rally obedience, we're here to accommodate your interests. Remember, these gatherings provide excellent opportunities for both you and your furry friend to socialize and strengthen your bond.

Even if you're not actively involved in Conformation, we invite you to join us at our regional Specialty Show on Saturday, August 24th, at the Maxville Fairgrounds. It promises to be an exciting event showcasing the beauty and talent of various breeds. Please note that while spectators are welcome, non-competing dogs are not permitted on-site.

As we gear up for a summer filled with sunshine and laughter, let's make the most of every moment and create cherished memories with our beloved canine companions. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Warm regards,

France



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

Thank you to all those members who have renewed their memberships for 2024. For those who have not submitted the appropriate fees for your membership renewal, this is it, this will be the last newsletter you will receive.

This summer working in cooperation with the Area Directors, we are hoping to offer some specific activities that you are interested in. It is important that you let us know what activity(ies) you would like more information on. Or, if your preference is the occasional walk (socialisation) with other local ridgeback owners near you, then so be it and we hope the Area Director can help you out.

Once the weather improves and we can all get out and about more easily, it will make planning activities a lot easier. I am aware that there are tentative plans underway for a ratting activity with hopefully, some racing, Rally Obedience and a pot luck BBQ! Of course, all outside and thus, weather dependent!

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information on our 2024 Regional Specialty Show being held this year, in Maxville, Ontario at the end of August. Interested in showing? Then come on out and see what "Conformation" is all about. Just one note of caution, should you think you might like to attend this event, pet owners dogs are not encouraged. So leave your ridgeback at home.

Diana

Letter from the Editor

Thank you to those who responded to my request for photos and birthday wishes. I really enjoy seeing the great pics of your ridgebacks! If you have any ideas or suggestions for the Summer Roster (June 2024) please drop me an email.

Our Area Directors will be organizing a variety of events and outing for the spring/summer. If you participate in an activity this spring/summer a few pics and a brief write up would be a great addition to the Roster.

Dorian Chlopas

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Club News

The club is pleased to announce our newest
Lifetime Member

Ellen Ceccanese

Ellen has also agreed to be the Ontario North Director



Best Baby Puppy 2022 Specialty Show

Carole Cockell

New Ontario East Director

Carole is also our webmaster for the Facebook Page



Upcoming Events

2024 Specialty Show



RRCEC
REGIONAL SPECIALTY

JUDGES
SWEEPSTAKES
ALAIN GIGUÈRE
PUPPY & VETERAN SWEEPS CLASSES

SPECIALTY
LUIZ FERNANDO RIBAS SILVA
(BRAZIL)

BEST RIDGE COMPETITION
ALAIN GIGUÈRE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024
MAXVILLE FAIRGROUNDS
35 FAIR ST, MAXVILLE, ONTARIO K0C 1T0
HOSTED BY THE STORMONT, DUNDAS & GLENGARRY
DOG ASSOCIATION SHOW

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REMINDERS



*It's that time!
Annual Membership
fees for 2024
are Past Due*

2024 Membership Fees

\$35.00 Family

\$25.00 Single

Pay by E-Transfer or Cheque

e-transfer to beckettj007@outlook.com

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RAINBOW BRIDGE

MARKUS

July 28, 2013 to November 10, 2023



Markus, a cherished member of our family, graced our lives from July 28, 2013, to November 10, 2023. He wasn't just a beloved pet; Markus was our confidant, our source of strength, and our loyal protector.

As our first Ridgeback and my inaugural show dog, Markus and I embarked on an incredible journey of learning and growth together. He wasn't just a companion; he was my therapist, offering solace and understanding in times of need. Markus was our Rock, providing unwavering support and love throughout the years.

Though he had a penchant for food, Markus's true passion lay in lure coursing. With remarkable agility and intelligence, he swiftly navigated through courses, often outsmarting us all by anticipating the path of the lure. His joy in these moments was palpable, bringing laughter and light to our lives.

As we bid farewell to Markus, we reflect on the immense joy and love he brought into our home for ten beautiful years. The memories we shared will forever hold a special place in our hearts. Run free, dear Markus, and may you find solace and companionship with Jackie in the realm beyond.

Until we meet again, our beloved friend.

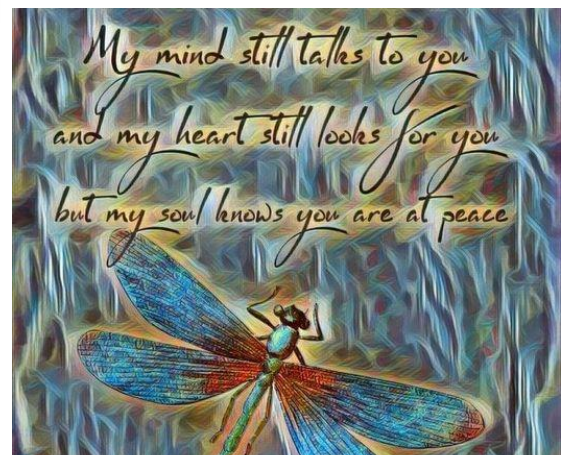


In Memory



Chloe
14 Years

Gone But Not Forgotten



BRAGS & WAGS

Ridgeville's Jody of Harmakhis Wisdom



Placed 3rd in a class of 33 open males at **Crufts**, and his Group.

Thanks to judge Mrs P Blay for picking him out of an outstanding entry, expertly presented by Miriam. He is an Italian Champion, a Slovenian champion and a Croatian Champion.

He was born in my kennel on October 24th, 2022 out of Ridgeville's Rockette sired with frozen semen Harmakhis Wisdom Amarone Moki and at 5 months of age I delivered him to Sara Venturelli in Soprazocco di gavardo Italy in place of Moki's stud fee.

He is co-owned by Sara and Miriam Pascuzzi. He has a great life there with Miriam in the city of Milan Monday to Friday and on the mountain in Soprazacco on weekends were Miriam spends her time when not at work or at shows.

They piloted him to the top Rhodesian Ridgeback in Italy in 2023 and #4 hound in the ENCI. His next show appearance will be at the World Dog Show on April 27th.

Sara has been wonderful to work with over the past decade helping contribute to my success with her varied gene pool of dogs. Jody is an outcross with a very low COI, Ridge dominant and clear health testing which includes many DNA tests as well. Did you know to become an Italian ch there is a prerequisite health clearance requirement for DM, JME and cardiac clearances before receiving your championship certificate.

Jody has sired one litter so far resulting in 13 correct puppies. He was just used a second time as stud hoping for a similar outcome.



LEO and DUKE

Scarborough Kennel Club



Leo - First in Show



Duke - Best Baby Puppy

Things to Do With Your Ridgeback

Some Fun games with my Ridgebacks!

Lately when my 6 yr old granddaughter Sophie visits, you can hear shrieking sounds of delight in the house. That means the ridge girls, Anooona & Ruby have found her.

So the game is "SEARCH SOPHIE". Sophie hides somewhere in my big, old farmhouse and the ridgebacks are then told to SEARCH for Sophie. Sophie takes 2 little treats with her to give to the dogs when she's found. Well, the dogs have totally caught on to this game and the scrambling up and down stairs and around furniture begins once they get the command. In short order they find her and all three are ecstatic. This game is played again and again. Soon we will play this outside and I'll never have a moment's worry that Sophie gets lost. Not that she could, as the dogs never leave her side.

I have not taken the ridgebacks to a tracking class yet, but this is how our own home fun games started. I took them each to a Scent Detection course. As most of you probably know, one box has a pungent wintergreen smell in it and the dogs have to find the box that smells. At first there are only a few boxes out; if they stop at the wintergreen box, they get lots of treats. Being highly treat motivated, after a few weeks, they were confidently walking in a maze of 24 boxes and always found the smelly one.

The command I used was "SEARCH".

Then at home, I thought to continue, but with objects and would hide something and say SEARCH and the object's name. So with two words, the fun begins. For example, I say SEARCH and TOY and they bring a toy. They know a lot of words like Coat, Collar, Mitts etc. So I found combining two words they know, brings fantastic results.

Just now Anooona and Ruby were out for a run in the bush with dense undergrowth. They never run far from me, but were doing loops and zig zags. Then to my dismay, I saw that Anooona had lost her beige Carhart coat. It must have snagged on something and was pulled off. How to find that coat in a mess of branches, rocks, shrubs and well, you can imagine. I was looking and looking and kinda grumbling to myself that I'd have to buy another one at Peavey Mart.

I said to Anooona, "where's your coat?" and 'SEARCH COAT'. Off she went, while I kept looking also. I saw her leap high into the air, a similar movement like a fox does when it jumps at a mouse, and then she pounced down. She had her coat! It got a shake as if it was a varmint and then she came happily running over, to present it to me. Sadly I had no treat for her, only profuse praise, but her face was one of immense pride which was as good as a treat.

This winter, Ruby also had a chance to show off her skill. My son and I went to look for antlers where the deer hang out. There was still snow on the ground and we had no luck. Ruby picked up on the word ANTLER, and knew we were looking. Right beside me, she scratched at the snow, then delicately took the tip of a small antler, pulled it out and presented it to me. She was so pleased with herself. My son is now thinking that they

would be useful in hunting season to track blood. I'm not sure about that, but we will practice with antlers for next year.

Other words that have been very fun and useful are TAKE, HOLD and PICK UP.

It's pretty easy to get them to take an object and learn TAKE. It was a bit harder to get them to HOLD it and not drop it. Then PICK UP was a version of TAKE on the ground and soon they caught on. Now they hand me my hat, mitts, socks, towels, etc. Very handy for a senior! Again it's the easy combo of words "PICK UP HAT" for example. Oh, and they know "GIVE" to hand it over, but I don't say it so much as they automatically give it to me.

To get them to carry the mail, it's "TAKE" to hold the letter and "HOLD" and they walk along with the letter. Then I added "HOUSE", so they bring it to the house. If my son is in the yard I say give to "WILLIAM" and they bring it to him.

Anoona is the over achiever and does many tricks, consistently well. She is the older sister and loves to show off. Ruby does things for treats and tags along behind her sister. Usually Ruby is good, but she might, for example, drop her letter and then grab Anoona's at the destination for the treat. So she's still learning, although I suspect she fully knows the game, but is just more cagey.

Both girls really enjoy the games though and when I announce we're doing "TREATS and TRICKS", they can't come fast enough and Ruby quickly does a warm up repertoire of BOW, SIT, DOWN, STAND, PAW and WOOF in quick succession to get the first treat. They make me laugh.

In any case, it is a lot of fun and easy to teach your dogs these games and even somewhat useful.

Cheers,
Francesca

You've got Mail

Anoona



*Ridgeback Candid*s



Willow



*Teya
Spa Day Pedicure*



Freya





Poppy

Willow

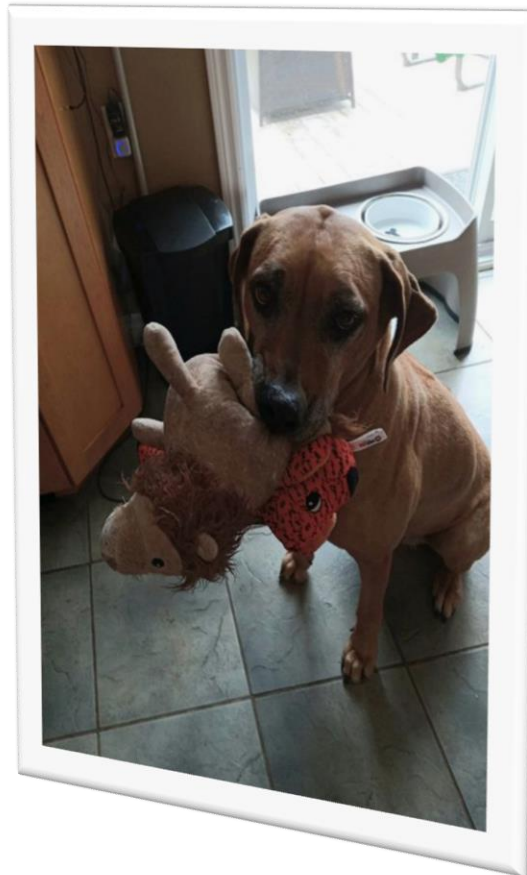


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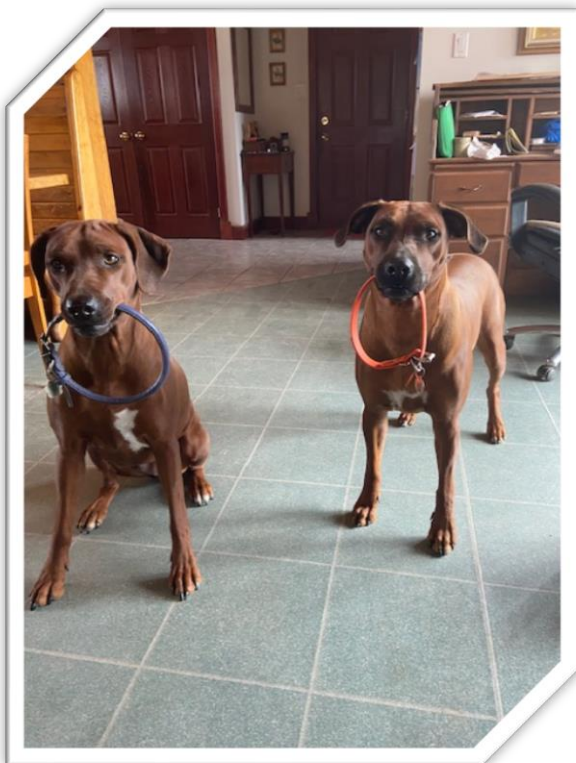
Willow "Smells Like Spring"

WIMBI
2 Toys = 2 Treats
Right!!!



BEWARE
OF DOG
he will steal your
heart

www.etsy.com/shop/WildHoneyCollections



Anoona & Ruby
Ready to Go



Pretty Please
Ruby really wants the Gingerbread House



Every once
in a while
A dog enters
your life
And changes
everything

A photograph of several dark brown paw prints on a light-colored sandy surface.

Memories of Markus



*Leo missing Markus
and with his new BFF Duke*



Training Tips

THE ENGAGE-DISENGAGE GAME

A training game for dogs who are FEARFUL, ANXIOUS, or FRUSTRATED around a specific trigger such as another dog, person, or sound. The goal is to first decrease the dog's fear/anxiety/frustration and then to teach the dog a new safe and appropriate behavior to do instead.

- PREP:**
- High value treats
 - Clicker (or verbal marker)
 - Humane harness or collar
 - Practice fast u-turns by luring your dog with a treat on his nose, or tossing "find-it" treats on the ground as you both walk away quickly in the opposite direction.
 - Take a break if you see subtle stress signals (displacement behaviors) such as excessive lip licking, yawning, or scratching.



PLAY FOR 1-5 MINUTES. TAKE A BREAK. REPEAT.

LEVEL 1: ENGAGE



Start at a safe distance away from the trigger, where your dog is not reacting. Be quiet and still so your dog notices the trigger on his own.



At the precise moment your dog ENGAGES by looking at the trigger, CLICK!



When your dog turns his head towards you after the click, feed a treat.
If your dog reacts or is not turning back to you after the click, move further away from the trigger to reset at an easier distance.

LEVEL 1 GOAL:

To do at least 3-5 repetitions in a row at the same distance before moving on to LEVEL 2. A successful repetition is when your dog immediately turns back to you after the click.

If the trigger is moving or changing in intensity, keep playing LEVEL 1 until your dog has calmly looked at (or engaged with) the trigger from every direction. Then move on to LEVEL 2.

LEVEL 2: DISENGAGE



Let your dog notice the trigger again, but now wait 1-5 seconds to see if he will offer to LOOK AWAY from the trigger on his own.

If your dog is fixating on the trigger for longer than 5 seconds, GO BACK to LEVEL 1.



At the precise moment your dog DISENGAGES by looking away from the trigger, CLICK!



After the click, feed a treat.
If your dog reacts or is not turning back to you after the click, move further away from the trigger to reset at an easier distance.

LEVEL 2 GOAL:

To do at least 3-5 repetitions in a row before moving 1-5 steps closer to the trigger. A successful repetition is when your dog comfortably disengages with the trigger on his own.

As you move closer, keep playing LEVEL 2 if the trigger is not moving or changing in intensity. If the trigger is moving or changing in intensity, go back to LEVEL 1 at the new distance.

Health Matters

OFA Thyroid Testing

- OFA Thyroid testing your dog a few things I have forgotten about sample submission:
- The veterinarian or owner must obtain the [**Application for Thyroid Database**](#).
- Overnight fasting prior to the blood draw is preferred.
- Severely lipemic or hemolyzed specimens are also unacceptable. (Milky looking)
- Female dogs should not be tested during an estrus cycle.
- The date of last routine vaccination should be noted on the OFA application, and dogs should not be tested within 30 to 60 days of their last vaccination. (dogs tested immediately following a rabies vaccine for example could result is a +ve TgAA DVM Jean Dodds))
- Test results will be mailed or faxed only to the submitting veterinarian and the OFA. Results will not be available from the laboratory by telephone. The OFA will send a report to the owner.
- The source of this info is from the OFA database online, under Thyroid sample Submission.

I just wanted to include this in our newsletter as my recent experience with testing my girl gave me a positive TgAA, first one in over 10 years, she had received her rabies vaccine 3 days prior to testing.

The other thing is that not all vets charge the same amount for this test. In March my repro vet gave me a total cost of submitting the OFA thyroid test of \$287.00 they explained to me that they did the test just slightly above cost in order to encourage breeders to perform it. My regular local vet was \$590 plus OFA submission costs when I went there for the test. I ended up paying \$50 for a blood draw and made the drive to my repro vet, so it is worth it to shop around.

Cheers Wade

Ontario Central Director



BIRTHDAY WISHES



Willow

*Elder & Wiser
4 Years - March 29*

Birthday Treats



Time to Sleep

Willow

8 years - February 25



Happy Birthday!



Kaya

Queen of the Mountain

3 years - November

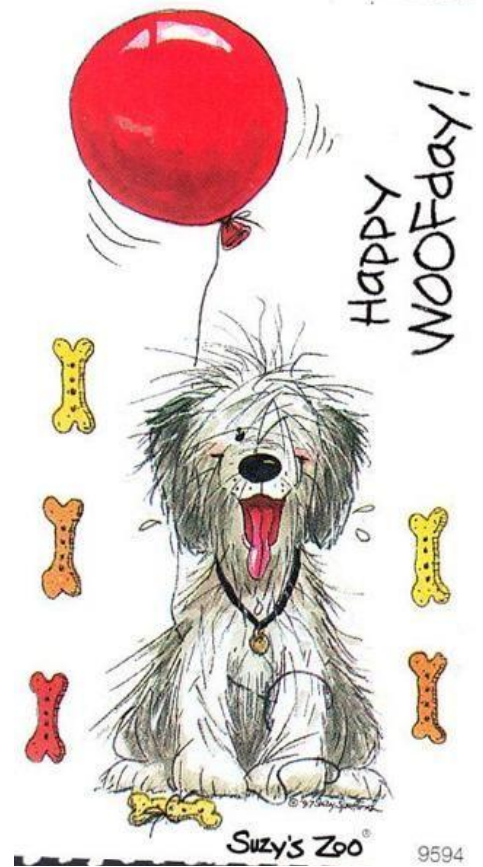




ASHER

Happy
Birthday

2 years March 15

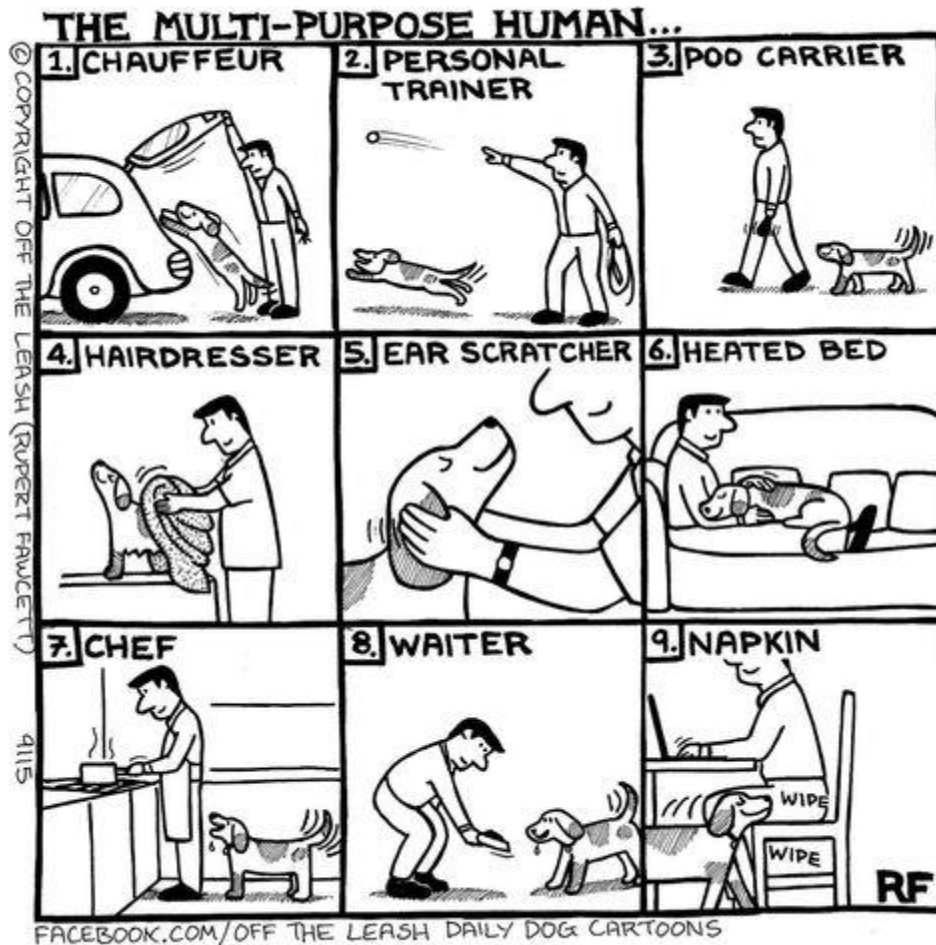


I'll tell you a secret

Spring on the Mountain



Ridgeback Humour



The Ridgeback Roster will be published quarterly in 2024. 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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