

Ridgeback Roster

66th Edition

Summer 2024



DOG DAYS 🐾
of SUMMER! 🌾

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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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- ❖ For the website home page and annual calendar the photographs should be those taken by club members and of their dog(s) only.
- ❖ 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



Welcome to the Summer newsletter.

One important announcement featured in this newsletter is the invitation for additional members to join the Board of Directors for the term 2025-2027. All the nomination will be more than welcome, we aim to encourage members beyond breeders and those interested solely in showing their dog(s) to step forward and join the board.

Directors are encouraged to promote activities in their respective areas, whether it be walks, picnics, lectures (such as health topics), or demonstrations of engaging activities like Rally Obedience, agility Scenting, and more. There is no obligation to do all this, it's according to your abilities and preferences, if you have any interest in our breed and a bit of time to spare, we need you.

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NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

Summer is normally a great time for relaxing, thinking about “what ifs” during walks with the dogs, or gardening, hiking or camping whatever is your best outdoor experience. This year I have found the intense heat wave and humidity drained me completely, even the dogs agreed. So the little grey cells got to work doing some necessary catch-up house keeping with respect to the Club.

You will note that we have called for nominations to the Executive, and we plan more and better communication with you through the use of RRCEC’s Facebook page. You tell us what you want and expect from the Club. We can make this work together.

In this issue you will find a call for Nominations to the Board and information on the layout of the Regional Specialty Show at the SD&G Dog Show being held at Maxville, Ont. August 23-27th weekend. This later information maybe more applicable to our conformation members. However, if you own a Ridgeback and would be interested in coming to the show you may BUT you are not allowed to bring non-competing dogs onto the show site. So unfortunately you will have to leave your Ridgeback at home.

Please keep in touch, let us hear from you either directly or through your Area Director. In order for members to be kept informed of all area activities, there will also be greater use of Facebook to keep the membership informed.

Diana



Letter from the Editor

Once again, **Thank You** for all the wonderful pictures and to Lisa for the article on her and Freya’s adventure in competition. Don’t forget to submit birthday pics for your dog(s) and let us know about any exciting activities you have participated in with your dog(s). Even just a hike in the woods or a day at the beach.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for the Fall Roster (September 2024) please drop me an email.

Dorian Chlopas

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Club News



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

RRCEC BOARD MEMBERS

It is time to attempt to revert to normalcy in the running of RRCEC. There is no doubt that COVID disrupted our lives, and the RRCEC.

We are seeking nominees for any and all positions for new two year terms. These two year terms commence on or after October 1st, 2024.

We should also note that we are well aware times have changed and lives are different. We are seeking nominations from the membership.

In the event no nominations are received, a Nomination Committee of three (3) is selected. This committee shall solicit names of members who are willing to stand for election. The slate of nominees will to be published in the September newsletter. Ballots are emailed to members following the publication of names and are returned, electronically, to the Secretary. The election process requires that each member receive a ballot. A Family membership receives two ballots.

Diana Pethick, Secretary

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**Do you know someone AWESOME?
*Nominate Them Today***

Upcoming Events



RRCEC PARTY

For all Ridgebacks and their families

Sat. July 27, 2024 11am- 7pm

152 West Lawrencetown Road, (Rhonda's Home) NOVA SCOTIA

Obedience games and socializing. Prizes for kids and dogs, Ugliest Christmas Sweater Contest for your dog.

Hot dogs provided by Sarjo Kennels. Potluck salads and desserts.

R.S.V.P. Sarjokennels@gmail.com or 226-230-0679 or 902-469-1697

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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Information – Regional Specialty – Saturday, August 24

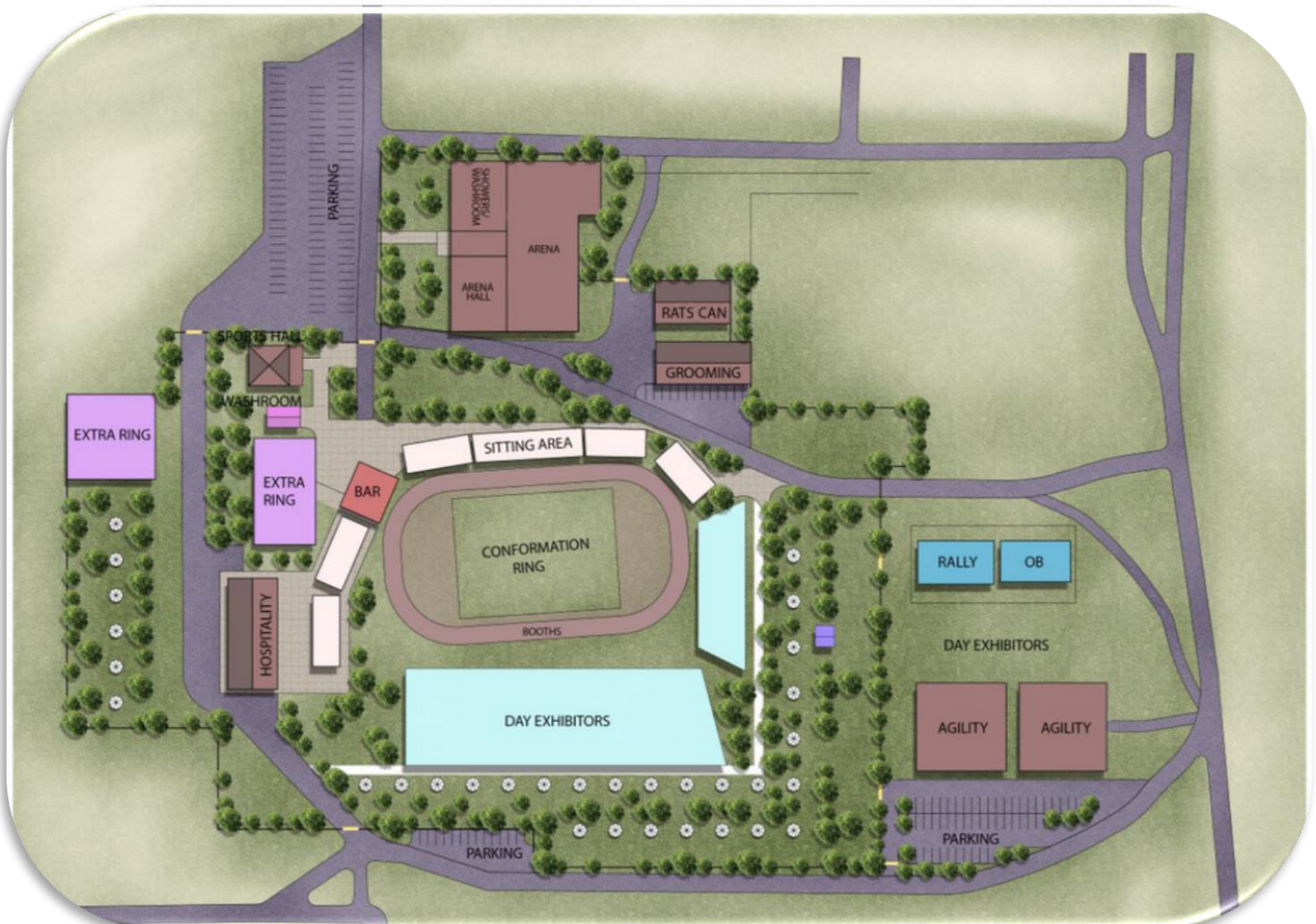
SD&G Show, Maxville Ontario.

All members might like to have an idea of what is involved with the running of a Conformation show. For the Conformation members, this is for you!

Here is a map of the Show site. The Specialty will be in one of the two “Extra Rings” to the left of the main conformation show rings, behind the bar & hospitality area, close to the Show Secretary, washrooms and with lots of parking. Don’t be fooled by all the little trees, decorative artists license, apparently this is open space for parking.

RRCEC has requested the show sponsors SD&G, that we may have our RRCEC gathering area there, in the larger of the two rings. We have this space all weekend with 2 extra tables so please, bring your pop tents with you so we can all gather together. There will be other large breed Specialty Shows also using these rings.

If you have questions please contact myself (skyridge03@outlook.com) or Carole Cockell (sandridgerrs@gmail.com).



RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS SIGHTHOUNDS OR SCENT HOUNDS???

I have been asked to write an article on why Ridgebacks are not sighthounds. Personally, I have always viewed them as a Dual-Purpose hound, using scent first, then sight, and equally their hearing when they are not able to locate a scent. Living with this breed for over 30 years and watching them as a pack I have also experienced that subtle body language they use with each other for each individual's role when trying to catch a prey.

Here is a description of sighthounds and scent hounds according to the encyclopedia.

✚ **Sighthounds** (also called **gaze hounds**) are a type of hound that hunts primarily by sight and speed.

Whereas a scent hound relies on scent and *endurance*.

Sighthounds rely on their eyesight to spot motion from a considerable distance and their impressive speed to chase their prey. They are typically very athletic and lean, small heads, deep chests and narrow waists.

Sighthounds are dolichocephalic. Meaning the width of the head is less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the length. A longer muzzle means they're that much closer to prey, they also have longer nasal passages and can intake more air. As well as they are more aerodynamic with that shape of head.

✚ Scent hounds rely on their sense of smell and *endurance* to hunt down and track their prey. Stamina is key to their physical attributes instead of the speed of the sighthounds. Scent hounds were also bred to hunt in packs.

The CKC (CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB) defines the general appearance of a Ridgeback as.

- The Ridgeback should represent a strong muscular and active dog, symmetrical in outline, and capable of *great endurance* with a *fair* amount of speed.

Below is the FCI (FEDERATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE) description of the general appearance.

- The Rhodesian Ridgeback should represent a well balanced, strong, muscular, agile and active dog, symmetrical in outline, and capable of *great endurance* with a *fair* amount of speed. The emphasis is on agility, elegance and soundness with no tendency towards massiveness.

The takeaway from the Ridgeback descriptions is great endurance. A sighthound that is known and built for great speed will not have the endurance to track a prey over a long distance as they have short bursts of speed. Ridgebacks are amazing dogs, but they are not sighthounds, just simply due to their conformation and hunting style differences.

Now, do Ridgebacks like to lure course? Yes, some do when they have a good prey drive. But some don't. The same can be true for other breeds and mixes. I have had a couple earn a JC (junior courser, AKC), and FCH (field championship, CKC and AKC). I have also had dogs that won't lure course, and just run back to the car. I have witnessed when a few Ridgebacks course at the same time, that they start to hunt the lure with one going one way while the other goes after the lure, so the one dog anticipates where the lure is going and tries to ambush it. An unfortunate run for lure coursing, but an interesting view of how they hunt in a pack. I encourage anyone interested in lure coursing with their Ridgeback to give it a try. It can be a great way to spend the day with your dog(s)!

submitted by Diana Hogan, Kopera Rhodesian Ridgebacks, RRCEC Director for Ontario West



Upcoming CDC Dog Importation Rule

Now Includes Options for Frequent Travellers to U.S.

We continue to advocate on behalf of our members, to support those who legitimately import and travel with their dogs to the United States, and who will be impacted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) new dog importation rule, **effective August 1, 2024**.

Most recently, CKC met with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), including the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) and Pets Canada, to discuss the impact of the new CDC rule on CKC members and other groups. We learned that since CDC consultations occurred in 2023, CFIA has been working with U.S. regulators to share the impact of the rule on Canadians. Due to the relationship CKC built with CFIA over the past 2-3 years, CFIA shared specific concerns on CKC's behalf to the CDC and the impact it would have, highlighting the importance of allowing some movement of dogs less than 6 months of age for legitimate reasons.

Since the CDC announced the new rule, CFIA acknowledged that there has been little time to develop new processes and communicate the changes to the affected parties. The Agency shared that they recognize the resource burden the new certification process will place on the veterinary community, including CFIA veterinarians, and is working with CDC to explore solutions to simplify the certification process.

CFIA also shared that they have consulted with CDC and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to address these concerns. Further, they shared that the following changes have been made to reduce the burden on CKC members who frequently travel with their dog(s) to the U.S. for shows, events or veterinary/emergency appointments.

The Certification of Dog Arriving from Dog-Maintained Rabies Variant Virus (DMVV)-free or Low-Risk Country into the United States form has different entry requirements depending on whether and where the dog was vaccinated.

This includes:

- ✚ A single entry into the U.S. for 30 days (after being issued) if it does not contain information about rabies vaccination administered in a dog rabies-free or low-risk country. (Note: CDC states in the Travel Checklist for dogs that have been ONLY in countries that are dog rabies-free or low-risk in the 6 months before entry that rabies vaccination is not required if the dog has been only in dog rabies-free or low-risk countries for 6 months, but is strongly recommended. It may also be required by the U.S. state or territory to which the dog is traveling).

OR

- ✚ Multiple entries into the U.S. for the duration the rabies vaccination is valid (1 or 3 years) if the rabies vaccination was administered in a dog rabies-free or low-risk country (Note: Canada is considered a DMRVV-free and a low-risk country)

This means that frequent travellers will not have to complete the Certification of Dog Arriving from Dog-Maintained Rabies Variant Virus (DMVV)-free or Low-Risk Country into the United States form again until the rabies vaccination expires.

You may complete the CDC dog import form 2 to 10 days in advance, and you can also submit the form online while in line at the border crossing, if you have internet access.

We are encouraged by the recent changes made by CDC that will benefit CKC members who travel frequently to the U.S. We also remain committed to working with CFIA, the American Kennel Club (AKC) and other stakeholders, to try and obtain special consideration for CKC members who remain unduly impacted by the new rule. We are optimistic about further changes and will provide an update following our next meeting with CFIA mid-June. Additionally, we are still exploring taking some steps with our partners at the AKC.

For more information about the new CDC dog importation requirements, including CDC forms required, please visit the CDC Website. <https://www.ckc.ca/en>



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BRAGS & WAGS

Sarjo's Ruffin it "FREYA"



Photographer *Carol Redford*

I'd like to introduce myself and the newest addition to my pack and family. I'm Lisa and Freya (Sarjo's Ruffin it) is my first Rhodesian Ridgeback. We are over the moon in love! I may be biased but I find her extremely beautiful, strong and intelligent.

Last spring we graduated from obedience training and I wanted to get her involved in more. I am currently involved in a dryland racing sports club. SSASO (Sled dog Sports Association of Southern Ontario) which includes canicross, bikejoring, scooter, rig and sled time trails and races.

Freya competed in her 1st dryland canicross race April 6, 2024. We placed 4th! After the race the club announced they would be hosting a "Fun Sled Dog Showcase" on May 25, 2024. This was open to all dogs in the club. There would be purebred Northern Breed and open categories which included Huskies , GSP, Greysters and a variety of

mixed breeds and other purebred dogs. I had never done any type of showing and was very intrigued so I signed Freya up. We practiced lots and received advice from friends. I felt we were ready!

There were some amazing judges. Jennier Frecking – Manitou Crossing Kennel; Breeder/Misher/Racer/ DMV / US Showcase Judge. Abby Fallis – Northrunner kennel: Breeder / Musher/Racer/IFSS & CAHDS dryland Race Judges /CKC Siberian sled dog specialty & sweeps judge. Jim Cunningham – CedarPaws Kennel: Breeder/Musher/Racer/IFSS Race Marshal/ Showcase Judge. We entered into the “Open class” category of the show. At the end of the show we got called back into the ring. They gave awards to fourth, third and second placements. I was not expecting to be presented with a first-place ribbon. We placed 1st in open class and had the highest score of the day out of 81 sled dogs from all over Ontario and the USA.

I was extremely ecstatic and proud! Dog sports and competition work is extremely exhilarating. I can hardly wait to see what the future brings. New goals, achievements and hopefully more awards! 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.





Leo and Duke

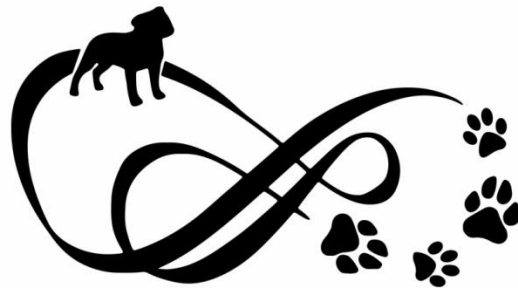
Hit the Shows 2024



Ridgeville's Jody of Harkamis Wisdom



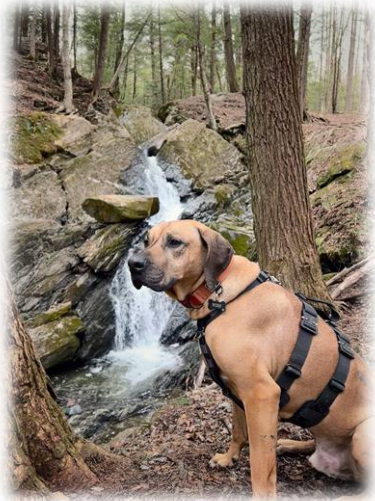
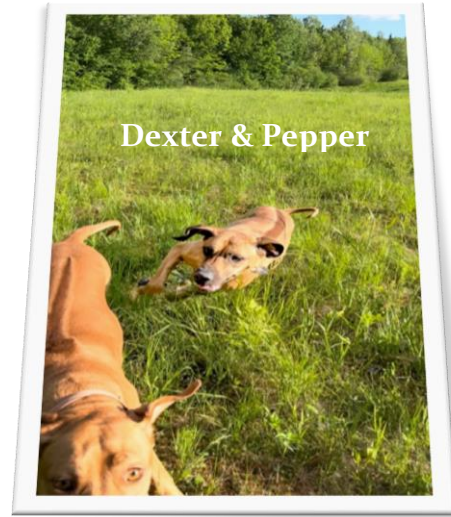
**Jody takes 3rd place in the Open Class
at the World Dog Show**



Ridgeback Candid



Duke
out standing in his field



Dexter



Enzo
Sunset at Cox Bay Beach,
Tofino, BC



Wimby
Staying out of the Rain!

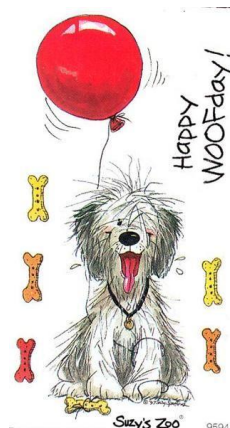
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BIRTHDAY WISHES



**Happy First Birthday
Freya**





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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
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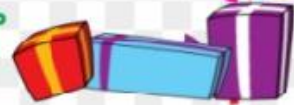
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Shumbatsvuku Enzokuhle

3 YEARS
July 26th, 2024



Happy Birthday!



Leo

7 Years Young
(in the blue hat)

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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