

Ridgeback Roster

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Season's Greetings

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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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- ❖ Photos must be identified.
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PRESIDENT'S PAWPRINT



I take this opportunity to send you my best wishes for love, happiness, and health. May 2025 be filled with new projects and precious moments with your four-legged companions.

Today, I would like to share with you an exciting activity that requires no training and taps into a natural instinct in our Rhodesian Ridgebacks: Sprinter racing. This is a straight-line race of 100 meters, where the dog chases a lure. Your Ridgebacks will love this game, which is an excellent physical workout and a way to stimulate their hunting instinct. To organize this activity, you need two people: one to release the dog at the start, and the other, positioned at the finish line, to call the dog so that it runs toward them and is caught at the end of the race. The best time to start this activity is in the spring, once the snow has melted, depending on where you live.

If you'd like to learn more or find events near you, feel free to check websites like Canuckdogs.com or ckc.ca.

France



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY



Where did 2024 go?

This summer the Club hosted successful Conformation events and a few local area activities. These events all take time to set up and run so a big thankyou to the responsible local area reps. There are many owners and their ridgebacks working in Obedience and Rally Obedience, Coursing and Scenting. So let's see more involvement and participation in different activities. Do not forget to send some photographs.

Our hard working Newsletter Editor will put them in the next issue of the newsletter for us all to congratulate you on your achievements.

Make sure you are aware of the contact information for your local Area Coordinator. If you are interested in getting involved with some training or local activities these people are good and would know who, what and where in your local area. Failing all else you can contact myself. I certainly will not have all the information but together we can dig around and get some answers.

All membership fees are due and payable effective January 1, 2025. I will be sending out individual emails shortly. Your support keeps the Club going, we hope you will see your way to continuing your membership in 2025.

Feel free to post photos, or ask questions, on the Club Facebook page. Drop us a line and keep in touch.

Keep well.

Diana



Letter from the Editor

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Roster and find some inspiration in the Bikejoring article and Things to Do With Your Ridgeback . Ridgebacks are so intelligent and versatile. They love a challenge and would be happy to do any of these activities with their people.

A special *Thank You* to the members who have submitted stories and articles for the Roster this year. They have been both inspirational and entertaining.

Happy Holidays

Dorian Chlopas RidgebackRoster@kos.net





Treasurer's Report 2023-2024

Another quiet year, in part because a number of planned activities did not come to fruition.

The cost of the annual Specialty Show continued to climb despite the generous support from Pat Roy (Best of Breed), Carole Cockell, Tina Andreatos and Diana Hogan.

	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
INCOME					
Boutique	894.53	790.34	865.00	754.05	110.00
Memberships	1140.00	1230.00	1530.00	1685.00	1420.00
Show Committee	1582.00	517.58	220.35	362.33	302.92
Donations and interest	113.19	515.42	185.24	76.13	75.24
Breeder listing webpage	350.00	375.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Events	120.85	60.00	1720.00	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	4200.57	3488.34	4820.59	3177.51	2208.16
EXPENDITURES					
Administration	506.82	249.05	214.85	252.21	259.27
Show Committee	3243.01	535.53	826.17	1161.74	1371.62
Publicity	148.24	-	140.10	-	151.82
Insurance	837.00	837.00	856.44	883.44	883.44
Events	350.00	49.95	1753.39	-	-
Boutique	567.39	556.87	505.12	1375.92	-
Equipment	345.79	-	114.98	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	5998.25	2228.40	4411.05	3673.31	2666.15
Income-Expenses	(1797.68)	1259.94	409.54	(495.80)	(457.99)
BANK BALANCE	5084.62	6344.56	6754.10	6258.30	5800.31

Club News

The *RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF EASTERN CANADA*
is pleased to present
'LEO' GCH Country Line's It Is Written in the Stars
and France Flibotte
with the *MASTER in VERSATILITY* certificate
December 16, 2024

Congratulations to France and Leo for completing all the requirements
to earn their Master's title in the RRCEC Versatility Awards program.



The RRCEC Versatility Award

There are four levels of awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Master) in the RRCEC Versatility Awards program. Versatility Awards are awarded on an annual basis to Club members and their dogs. Rhodesian Ridgebacks must either be CKC registered or have obtained a CKC Performance Event Number (PEN).

Each level of versatility requires the dog to achieve a specific number of points in a specific number of disciplines to receive the certificate. The points earned are cumulative over the lifetime of the dog. Disciplines include Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Lure Coursing, Field Champion, Sprinter, Scent Detection, Barn Hunt, and Trick Dog.

For more information on participating in this program please refer to the RRCEC webpage www.ridgebackcanada.com for details on the requirements or talk to the RRCEC Director in your area.



Club Events

Moncton Kennel Club Booster Show



An RRCEC booster show was held at the Moncton Kennel Club show on November 9, 2024 with 15 Ridgebacks entered. And the winners were:

- ❖ BOB - CH Sarjo's Hukuna Matata owned by Cindy Maurer
- ❖ BO - CH Sarjo's Kupiga Kambi Viazi owned by Rhonda Johnson
- ❖ BW and BP - Trumphill's A New Journey owned by Chantalle Twohig
- ❖ Best Veteran - GCHX Trumphill's Taking The High Road owned by Frank Hawkins
- ❖ Best Altered – GCH La Voiture Noire of Course

Junior Male



BO & BOB



Group Line Up



Things to Do With Your Ridgeback

Rally

Rally is a really fun obedience sport. But don't let the word obedience scare you off. It's fun for you and the dog. You may train with food, which works well for most Rhodesian Ridgebacks. You may also train and trial by talking to your dog throughout and use multiple commands. At the lower levels you may combine commands and hand signals. Just no begging- Lol I mean the owner can't beg the dog to perform which is sometimes tempting. Also all commands should be positive and no reprimands. The dog & handler team go to signed stations and attempt to perform the sign as described in the rule book. It may seem simple like stop, sit then forward. Other signs are right or left turn. In novice you may encounter weaving through pylons with your dog on your left side. My dogs really enjoy practicing the signs as well as going to classes or competitions. It is fun giving them your attention and encouragement and it's good to get them out of the house. Look for classes near you. Your dog just needs basic commands to start. Because you work in the ring individually even dogs who are timid or reactive can find their space in a Rally class.

Sprinter

Sprinter is a fun event open to all dogs to enjoy the challenge of running a 100-meter dash. All dogs entered will receive a handicap score based on their height, and their time to finish will be converted to kilometres per hour. Titles are awarded upon the dog accumulating a given number of points.

CKC Recognized Lure Coursing Clubs are approved to hold Sprinter Events. All other CKC Recognized clubs that are interested and have the resources available may apply to shows & trials to host the event. They must have the equipment, experienced lure coursing operators and the proper location to hold a safe event.

Other activities our club members have participated and competed in include Ratting (Summer Roster 2022), Scenting (Summer Roster 2021), Trick Dog (Spring Roster 2021) and Barn Hunt (Spring Roster 2022).

For more information on events in your area check out www.Canuckdogs.com



Photographer – Chase the Dog



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and now for something completely different

Freya's Adventures Bikejoring

Rhodesian Ridgebacks are excellent hunters, excel in many sports, and perform well in the conformation ring. But did you know they also love dryland mushing? Or at least mine does!

Bikejoring is a very exhilarating sport for the dogs and the riders. It is hard work and requires a lot of love, dedication, sportsmanship, and teamwork. I cannot describe how powerful and intense the bond is that you develop when you are out training or competing with your team. I have always had strong bonds with my dogs, but this is an entirely new level!

Eight years ago, I was unaware that dryland mushing sports even existed. A friend invited me to watch a race. All the dogs in the dog yard were excited and happy; the mushers cheered for each other and helped teams to and from the start and finish lines. As I watched in awe, it was obvious how much these people loved their dogs.

I was able to catch different races throughout the day: rigs, scooters, bikes and canicross. The energy and excitement was contagious. I had a lot of questions about training and dogs pulling; after all, I had just spent time and money teaching my dog to heel and stay. Everyone was very informative, happy, and eager to teach me. I quickly learned that a dog can tell and understand the difference between being in their collar versus in their harnesses. The following year, I returned to the race with one dog and competed in canicross. This is where the dog is in a pulling harness, tethered to you with a bungee, and you are required to wear a running belt. It was my first race. I could feel the excitement running through my veins and down my bungee line to my dog. We finished 3rd place in the novice category. I had never run so fast in my life, and in that moment, I was hooked. We were addicted.

A few years later, I got another dog, a bike, and a kicksled, and opened up more opportunities for pure enjoyment with my dogs, as well as to train, compete, meet and learn from amazing people! I now have a 3rd edition to my team, Freya. She is a perfect, beautiful, strong-willed, and powerful Rhodesian Ridgeback from Sarjo's Ridgeback and Misfits. Freya and I clicked immediately. She was eager to learn, watch, and participate with my team.

We started our training with a one-day-at-a-time mentality, working first with verbal cues during on-leash walks and familiarizing Freya with "Gee" (right), "Haw" (left), "let's go," and "Whoa!" We created understanding, boosted trust, worked through confusion, developed confidence, and got Freya comfortable with the feel of the harness. The most important part of our training sessions was always ending on a positive, happy note!

Freya attended many events in her first year but did not compete. She had plenty of time ahead of her, and there was no reason to rush it when she still had a lot of physical and emotional growth to do. That first year was all about the experiences and the exposure for us.

The next year, in April 2024, Freya and I were ecstatic to enter our first canicross race. It was amazing: we ran fast, learned about photographers on the trail, received lots of praise and attention from everyone, and had lots of laughs.

We continued our training throughout the year, doing different types of conditioning and having fun in the water all summer long.

Fall 2024 was the beginning of Freya's first official race season, and time to put our skills to the test! We entered two different two-day race events. Though we did not place in either race, we improved. Freya handled all the noise and commotion of a race with flying colours. We placed 11th in our first race weekend. Freya learned to be patient, wait for her turn, encountered an ATV on the trail, passed teams and had teams pass us, and learn that the people at the finish line cheering were fun. We had fast, clean runs and conquered distractions. Her commands were on point, and she performed well on "new-to-us trails". Even though we didn't receive a ribbon, those accomplishments are a win for us, and she is number one in my books. As an added bonus, one of the races fell on Freya's birthday, and wow, was she a princess about it. We made sure everyone knew and celebrated with us!

We recently attended a weekend Harness Sport Advancement Pulling Clinic Program with Abby Fallis, owner and coordinator of Northrunner Elite Canine – Harness Sport education. We reviewed the fundamentals, worked on passing distractions "on by" / "leave it," head-on passing of other teams and worked on scenarios that require dogs to think, go slow, and work away from their handler. We were given homework and will continue to work daily to build confidence, strength, cardio, speed, and commands.

I am excited to see what this season brings. Stay tuned for new adventures and the upcoming sled dog season. Don't forget, "RUN DOGS BE HAPPY!!"

Lisa Schnitker



*Photographer
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BRAGS & WAGS

Sarjo's Nairobi CD RM Rally
Master December 15, 2024



Ch Nashira's Duke of RidgePeak

Novice Sprinter

Great Lakes to Atlantic Whippet Club
November 2024

Group 3rd

Belleville & District Kennel Club October 2024



BRAGS & WAGS



Orlando Cluster and AKC National Championship report

RRCEC congrats the following dogs for so well representing the breed at the Orlando Cluster All Breed shows and AKC National Championship the week of December 10th – 14th. The event featured some of the top show dogs around along with invited top performance dogs (Obedience, Rally and Agilty).

Space Coast Kennel Club Of Palm Bay

7 Dogs, 7 Bitches, 19 Special Dogs, 17 Special Bitches

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS. Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Dogs. ROYALCITYRR'S CASHIN IN WITH MOBUKHOSI BY PRESIDIO. MJ 4324266. 05-08-24

By GCHS Aziza's High Roller By Presidio FDC BCAT RN - RoyalCityRR Pride's Bia. Owner: Christina Ayre & Leigh Bishop, Niagara-On-The-Lake, CN LOS1J1. Breeder: Doug Willows & Leigh Bishop.
Wins his class

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS. Open Dogs.

NASHIRA'S DUKE OF RIDGEPEAK. HP 69212705. 10-10-23

By GCHS CH Nashira's In My Daddy's Footsteps - CH Nashira's Turn The Paige. Owner: France Flibotte, Baie D'Urfe QC, CN H9X1P1. Breeder: Ms Concetta M Pio Jez.
Wins his class **Reserve winners Dog**

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS. Best of Breed Competition.

GCH CATARAQUI MIDNIGHT GIRL. HP 62844501. 03-13-20

By Catarauqui Country Classic - Catarauqui Runs In The Family. Bitch. Owner: Carole Cockell, Nepean ON, CN K2J 2G2.
Breeder: Carole Cockell & Valerie Michaud.

CH FOXTROT'S C'EST LA VIE. HP 66173201. 06-07-21

By Cedarpoint's Burning Spear - Foxtrot's Ahead By A Century. Bitch. Owner: Lisa Conley, Demorestville ON, CN K0k 1w0. Breeder: Lisa Conley.

Brevard Kennel Club

7 Dogs, 11 Bitches, 22 Special Dogs, 14 Special Bitches

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS. Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Dogs. **ROYALCITYRR'S CASHIN IN WITH MOBUKHOSI BY PRESIDIO.** MJ 4324266. 05-08-24

By GCHS Aziza's High Roller By Presidio FDC BCAT RN - RoyalCityRR Pride's Bia. Owner: Christina Ayre & Leigh Bishop, Niagara-On-The-Lake, CN LOS1J1. Breeder: Doug Willows & Leigh Bishop.

1st in Class, Winners and Best of Winner for a 5 point major

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS. Open Dogs.

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2nd in class

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS. Best of Breed Competition.

GCH CATARAQUI MIDNIGHT GIRL. HP 62844501. 03-13-20

By Catarauqui Country Classic - Catarauqui Runs In The Family. Bitch. Owner: Carole Cockell, Nepean ON, CN K2J 2G2.
Breeder: Carole Cockell & Valerie Michaud

Made cut in extremely competitive group

CH FOXTROT'S C'EST LA VIE. HP 66173201. 06-07-21

By Cedarpoint's Burning Spear - Foxtrot's Ahead By A Century. Bitch. Owner: Lisa Conley, Demorestville ON, CN K0k 1w0. Breeder: Lisa Conley.

Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.

7 Dogs, 13 Bitches, 22 Special Dogs, 16 Special Bitches

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS. Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Dogs

ROYALCITYRR'S CASHIN IN WITH MOBUKHOSI BY PRESIDIO. MJ 4324266. 05-08-24

By GCHS Aziza's High Roller By Presidio FDC BCAT RN - RoyalCityRR Pride's Bia. Owner: Christina Ayre & Leigh Bishop, Niagara-On-The-Lake, CN LOS1J1. Breeder: Doug Willows & Leigh Bishop.

Wins his class, Winners and **Best of Winner for a 5 point major**

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS. Open Dogs.

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Wins his class **Reserve winners Dog**

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS. Best of Breed Competition.

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Breeder: Carole Cockell & Valerie Michaud.

Made cut in extremely competitive group

CH FOXTROT'S C'EST LA VIE. HP 66173201. 06-07-21

By Cedarpoint's Burning Spear - Foxtrot's Ahead By A Century. Bitch. Owner: Lisa Conley, Demorestville ON, CN K0k 1w0. Breeder: Lisa Conley.

Sunshine State Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
11 Dogs, 23 Bitches, 28 Special Dogs, 19 Special Bitches

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS. Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Dogs **ROYALCITYRR'S CASHIN IN WITH MOBUKHOSI BY PRESIDIO**. MJ 4324266. 05-08-24

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Wins his class

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Wins his class and **Winners Dog for 5 point Major**

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS. Best of Breed Competition.

GCH CATARAQUI MIDNIGHT GIRL. HP 62844501. 03-13-20

By Cataraqui Country Classic - Cataraqui Runs In The Family. Bitch. Owner: Carole Cockell, Nepean ON, CN K2J 2G2. Breeder: Carole Cockell & Valerie Michaud.
Made cut in extremely competitive group

CH FOXTROT'S C'EST LA VIE. HP 66173201. 06-07-21

By Cedarpoint's Burning Spear - Foxtrot's Ahead By A Century. Bitch. Owner: Lisa Conley, Demorestville ON, CN K0k 1w0. Breeder: Lisa Conley.

2024 AKC National Championship

ROYALCITYRR FOREIGN EXCHANGE BY PRESIDIO PLUTO. MJ4324276. 05082024. BREEDER: Not Available By Not Available -Not Available **OWNER: Christina Ayre & Leigh Bishop**

Wins his class

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS. Open Dogs.

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2nd Award of Excellence

Ridgeback Candids

DEXTER



Dexter & his new bro



First Canicross Race



Learning to play with my human



Trying out Sprinter



Spud ready for 10k run



Remi Halloween



Ruby helps Sophie with her art project



So Proud of her!



Leo & Duke Halloween



Summer Ray watching over grandpups

Season's
Greetings



Happy Holidays



The Gang's all here



MERRY
Christmas
FROM OUR
HOUSE
to
Yours



Dexter

So Dexter met Santa and told him "Get off my throne! After making himself comfortable, he took the opportunity to ask him for a brother for Christmas. We went to meet this cute adult RR and he will be home December 21st.



Wimbi

Treats! All I want is more people trained for treats. I have worked hard this year to improve my cause. But, so much more work to be done.



BIRTHDAY WISHES



Happy Second Birthday Freya



★ ★ ★
**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO YOU**
★ ★ ★

Tau





Oban's First Birthday



Happy Birthday!



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Ridgeback Humour



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