

Ridgeback Roster

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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 obedience. This trophy is awarded at the annual general meeting of members. Ther club also offers a Versatility Award with medals and certificates 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



Spring is just around the corner, and plans are coming together for activities with our beloved four-legged friends. Stay tuned and keep an eye on our Facebook page for upcoming events and the titles to achieve as part of our versatility program!

Receiving CKC certificates is very rewarding but for me, earning a Master Versatility certificate from my club, the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Canada, is an honor and a great source of pride! Achieving a level for a versatility title is not necessarily difficult, as there are several activities/options that can be reached. Visit the Club website, www.ridgebackcanada.com for more information. Everything you need to know is there and is set out in detail. We can show that our breed has the ability to be a versatile dog.

France





NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

To everyone who has renewed their membership in the Club, thank you and thank you for supporting the Club. If you have not paid your membership fees by March 31, 2025 your name will be removed from the active membership list. This applies particularly to those of you who have been puppy members in the past years at no charge, if you wish to continue in the Club you now need to pay dues.

Looking forward to the coming summer and local activities is rather like looking into a bowl of green jelly! It is hard to plan activities with any certainty. However the Board and Area Directors will do their best in keeping you informed of plans but be sure to keep an eye on the Club's Facebook page. The Quebec region has sponsored Canine Good Neighbour testing on April 19th in Sherbrooke. Que. For any questions, contact the Quebec Area Director, Sabrina Gauthier. For the Conformation people, be sure to mark your calendars for the joint RR Specialty Shows being held at the Oakville & District Kennel Club annual show in Jerseyville, Ontario September 7-9th.

The Board of Directors has agreed to a decision to dismantle the Club library. These days no one appears to be reading books very much and if one wants a book, a quick click onto the internet and the book is on its way! About the only way we can handle this task fairly, so all members have the opportunity to consider adding good reference material on the Rhodesian Ridgeback to their own personal library, is via Silent Auction. Further on in this newsletter you will find a list of the books available. What I am suggesting is that you let me know your bids and each book will have a sheet indicating this information. I think we can keep this running all summer, the final push will be at the Specialty Shows in September in Jerseyville. If anyone has a better idea of how to handle this task, let me know and quickly please. With many thanks.

Keep an eye on the Club's website (www.ridgebackcanada.com) and our Facebook page (...../groups/RRCEC) for news.

Keep well.

Diana

Letter from the Editor

As we emerge from winter into spring I hope you are all looking forward to getting out and trying new activities with your Ridgebacks. This spring several of our Regional Directors are offering group outing for you to get out and meet other Ridgeback owners and their dogs. Please get out and support your Regional Directors by attending an event in your area.

Dorian Chlopas RidgebackRoster@kos.net

Club News

RRCEC LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Club holds a small reference library of excellent books on our breed, the Rhodesian Ridgeback. These books are written by well-known names in our breed. Due to the lack of interest from club members in borrowing the books, the club has made the decision to no longer maintain the library. Therefore we are offering these books for sale on a bid basis. If you are interested in purchasing any of these books please email the club secretary, Diana Pethick at skyridge03@outlook.com to submit a bid for the book.

The bids will be displayed anonymously on the Club Facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/RRCEC

Bidding will close on 30th September 2025.

Bids are not limited to Club members.

Prior payment plus postage will be required.

BOOKS

- The complete Rhodesian Ridgeback (1991) (3 copies) Peter Nicholson and Janet Parker
- The Rhodesian Ridgeback Today (1991) (3 copies) Stig Carlsson
- The Definitive Rhodesian Ridgeback (2nd edition revised) (1991) David H. Helgesen
- The Rhodesian Ridgeback – The origin, history and Standard 1984 (4th edition) (3 copies) T. C. Hawley
- The Rhodesian Ridgeback Indaba (1979) in poor condition Janet Murray
- The Rhodesian Ridgeback 1924 – 1974 Janet Murray
- Dog Tales – From Home and Abroad (1987) (2 copies) Janet Murray
- Out of southern Africa – into the world - An Omnibus of Rhodesian Ridgebacks Janet Murray
- Rhodesian Ridgeback Review 1945-1989 (2008) Jo Dunn
- Ridgeback Rambles (4 copies) Jo Dunn
- A Guide to the Rhodesian Ridgeback in Canada (2012) (5 copies) Jo Dunn & George Whitney
- Ridged Dogs of Africa Mylda Arsenis
- Rhodesian Ridgeback 1986 Ann Woodrow
- How to raise and train a Rhodesian Ridgeback - 1966 & 1983 (2 books) Frank C. Lutman MD
- Rhodesian Ridgeback 1990 & 1995 editions (2 books) Frank C. Lutman MD
- A Rhodesian Ridgeback Handbook (reprinted for the RRWorld Congress in Melbourne, Australia 1996)
Published by the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Victoria
- Handbook of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (The Parent Club – Founded in 1922) includes an introduction
short history of the breed and the club. Mylda Arsenis
- Handling your Own Dog for Show, Obedience and Field Trials (1979) Martha Covington Thorne
- Lure Coursing (1994) Arthur S. Beaman
- In search of the Phu Quoc dog R.CH.E. Mersmann
- The Monks of New Skete – How to train your dog to be your best friend.



RRCEC 2024 Versatility Awards

YOU DID IT!
Congratulations

Breeder

Register Award of Merit ROM
Leah Hogan
Nirokii Jewel of Kopera

Versatility Silver

Leah Hogan
Nirokii Jewel at Kopera



“Gemma”

GCH Nirokii Jewel at Kopera RI FC
has earned her Silver Versatility Award

ROM Breeder Register of Merit achieved by
GCH Nirokii Jewel at Kopera RI FC

She has 3 offspring who have Championships

GCH Kopera's Reggie

BISS GCH Kopera's Golden Gait SNC

CH Kopera's Toscana RN

Congratulations to Diana and Leah Hogan



Versatility Master
 France Flibotte
 County Line's Its Written in the Stars



Versatility Bronze
 Cindy Maurer
 Ave Ceasar Singing in Harmony

Versatility Silver
 Cindy Maurer
 Sarjo Nairobi



Rhodesian Ridgeback Charitable Foundation

The club has received a request from the Rhodesian Ridgeback Charitable Foundation (RRCF) for a donation to support scientific research for Rhodesian Ridgebacks. In response, we are proposing to launch a Go Fund Me page to collect donations for this valuable research in the next week. In any event, we will send you an email when the Go Fund Me page is set up and running. Alternatively, you could contact Diana Pethick, RRCEC Secretary at skyridge03@outlook.com if you wish to donate.

Here's some information on the RRCF and their work to support scientific research on the Rhodesian Ridgeback breed.



Rhodesian Ridgeback Charitable Foundation

PROMOTE

With the goal of increasing the health and longevity of our beloved ridgebacks, RRCF, in partnership with such respected organizations as the Canine Health Foundation, funds specific research into the most pressing illnesses facing the breed today. Your donation will help in the search for causes and treatment of both genetic and non-genetic diseases.

EDUCATE

Through sponsorship of seminars, educational events and literature, both within and outside the RR community, RRCF provides information about the care, health, development, training and ownership of the Rhodesian Ridgeback, as well as the role responsible breeding programs play in the future of the breed.

PROTECT

People fear what they do not understand. RRCF is invested in the study of the history and character of the Rhodesian Ridgeback and seeks to promote an accurate portrayal of the breed to the public, as well as encouraging the awareness of and involvement in the many activities that enhance the lives of our companions and ourselves.

The RRCF sponsors a number of scientific research projects that are related to the health of Rhodesian Ridgebacks including two research programs that are particularly relevant to our area

- **Lyme Disease in Dogs: Prevalence, Clinical Illness, and Prognosis, and**
- **Broad-Range Detection of Canine Tick-Borne Disease & Improved Diagnostics Using Next-generation Sequencing**

Lyme disease (or Borreliosis) is a bacterial disease of dogs and humans that is transmitted by tick bites. In people, Lyme is the most common tick transmitted disease in the US with over 25,000 cases in 2014. While most

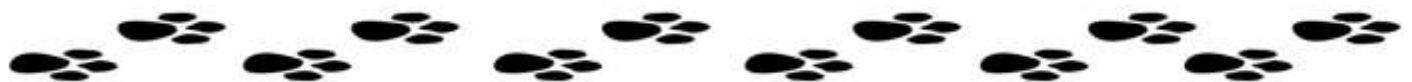
common in the northeastern coastal states and the upper Midwest, Lyme disease is moving into other regions of the U.S. and Canada. Dogs infected with Lyme disease rarely show signs of illness (typically lameness), but can also be severe (e.g. kidney disease). Diagnosis, treatment and prevention of Lyme disease in dogs are complicated by limited research and conflicting professional guidance. Current practices may place dogs at risk for unnecessary illness and negative outcomes.

For the **Lyme Disease in Dogs: Prevalence, Clinical Illness, and Prognosis** study the investigators will follow a group of dogs from different regions of the U.S. and Canada. During this period the investigators will determine how often healthy dogs test positive for Lyme disease (meaning they have been bitten by an infected tick), and assess their risk of developing a Lyme related illness. The risks and management strategies for Lyme-positive dogs will identify potential obstacles for effective prevention. These findings will help identify unmet pet owner education needs, and will likely improve best practices for prevention and control of Lyme disease across geographic regions.

Diagnostic tests based on the detection of DNA of infectious organisms from clinical samples have revolutionized veterinary medicine in the last decades. Currently, diagnostic panels for several tick-borne organisms are available through universities and private laboratories in the USA and abroad. However, the vast majority of results from clinically ill dogs are negative for tick-borne diseases, which frustrates veterinarians and dog owners trying to reach a definite diagnosis and improve treatment options. These panels are based on the detection of previously known DNA sequences of each pathogen, with limited capacity to detect new organisms.

The **Broad-Range Detection of Canine Tick-Borne Disease & Improved Diagnostics Using Next-generation Sequencing** study using an innovative approach, the investigation will employ next-generation sequencing (NGS) to overcome the limitations of the current diagnostic technology and generate millions of individual genes sequencing reads from clinical sample, allowing for the identification and characterization of multiple organisms from a single sample. Testing samples from dogs naturally exposed to tick-borne diseases, NGS will detect not only new organisms but also characterize genetic differences among known organisms. The establishment of a dataset with a large number of DNA sequences of known tick-borne organisms and previously undetected organisms in naturally-infected dogs will support the development of diagnostic tools to simultaneously advance canine and human health.

For more information on the Rhodesian Ridgeback Charitable Foundation (RRCF) please refer to their website www.rrcfus.org



Upcoming Club Events



Event approved by the Canadian Kennel Club

CANINE GOOD NEIGHBOUR

ORGANIZED BY  HOUND HAVEN

 3415 Dunant street, Sherbrooke, QC J1N 0B5
Saturday, April 19, 2025
Judge: Josée Godbout
Event secretary: Catherine Laramée
Reservation: catherine.laramée@live.ca
PAYMENT BY INTERAC TRANSFER
\$40 per dog

HOST CLUB  RRR CEC

SPONSOR  **Inukshuk**



Événement approuvé par le Club Canin Canada

BON VOISIN CANIN

ORGANISÉ PAR  HOUND HAVEN

 3415 Rue Dunant, Sherbrooke, QC J1N 0B5
Samedi, 19 avril 2025
Juge: Josée Godbout
Secrétaire d'événement: Catherine Laramée
Réservation: catherine.laramée@live.ca
PAIEMENT PAR VIREMENT INTERAC
40\$ par chien

CLUB HÔTE  RRR CEC

COMMANDITAIRE  **Inukshuk**



RHODESIAN Ridgebacks JOINT SPECIALTIES

SEPTEMBER 5 TO 7, 2025

OAKVILLE & DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB
ANCASTER FAIRGROUNDS, 630 TRINITY RD S, JENSEYVILLE, ONTARIO L0R 1R0

SATURDAY	NATIONAL SPECIALTY RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF CANADA JUDGES TO BE ANNOUNCED THE CLUB IS HOSTING A GOOD CANINE NEIGHBOUR EVENT FOR RIDGEBACKS ONLY!	SUNDAY	REGIONAL SPECIALTY RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF EASTERN CANADA JUDGES TO BE ANNOUNCED A BEST RIDGE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AFTER THE SWEEPSTAKES.
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FOR MORE INFORMATION: WADE DABOLL, RRCEC ONTARIO CENTRAL DIRECTOR

Regional Group Events

April - There will be a group walk held a Guides Canins in St-Lazare in April.

Time and Date to be determined, all information will be posted in the Rhodesian Ridgeback Quebec facebook group as well as on the RRCEC facebook page.

Guides Canins charges \$8.00 per walk per dog to be paid at the front office before the walk to get the forest pass.

I am excited to see you all this spring and share about our wonderful Ridgebacks

Sabrina Gauthier, Quebec Director

May 19, 2025 - 11:00 am to ? 152 West Lawrencetown Road, Nova Scotia

Walk on the Trail for those who wish to join in

Potluck lunch hotdogs provided by Sarjo Rhodesian Ridgebacks

Social time and games

June – Intro to Tracking in the morning with a group walk in the afternoon.

Smith Falls, Ontario

Time and Date to be determined

Tina Andreatos

September – Tentative CGN Testing

September 7 – 9, 2025 at the Oakville & District Dog Club Show

Fairgrounds in Jerseyville

Open to non-show dogs

If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity please contact your local area ridgeback representative or Diana Pethick (skyridge03@outlook.com), Secretary of RRCEC for more information.



A Dog Lovers Weekend!

Are you looking for a weekend full of fun, friendship and a chance to learn something new or brush up on skills with you pooch?

Check out Cricket's Camp Merrywoof fundraiser for Camp Merrywood - Easter Seals camp. The camp is hosted by Crickets Canine Country Club. Next camp dates are **May 23-25**, (yep same weekend as OKC show ☐). Located on the Big Rideau Port Elmsley, Ontario between Smith Falls and Perth. Kevin and I have been attending/supporting this amazing cause for 7 years now. Come join us and have a blast. There is talk of possibly having Caro Rally trial for the campers and trick testing. Stay tuned on those opportunities.

If you have any question please reach out to me Carole Cockell sandridgerrs@gmail.com.

As a special offer to our club, Donna and Lyn (organizers) have given us rebate of \$25.00. Please use code "Cockell" when registering. Hope to see you there.

BRAGS & WAGS

“Duke”

AM/Can/Ch Nashira's Duke of RidgePeak
at Sunshine State RR Club Specialty in Orlando



Ridgeback Candids

Sharing some memories as we say goodbye to winter



Sabi & Taiyo

Taiyo & Sabi



Taiyo sticking his tongue out to the winter

Freya Sledding



Ruby & Anoona



sporting their winter hoodies



hanging out at the barn

Teya



*Good Girl Teya!
No foul play with footwear, for now.*



Adorning the furniture



Freya - we're all Irish on St. Pat's

Kiera



I Scream
You Scream
and
Ridgebacks
Whine for
Ice Cream



Enzo & Jorja



Thandi



Leo & Duke supervising France



BIRTHDAY WISHES



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

"Lucy"

Hooz Next of the Best at Foxtrot
1 year March 7, 2025

1 year April 2025



Happy Birthday!

Vita





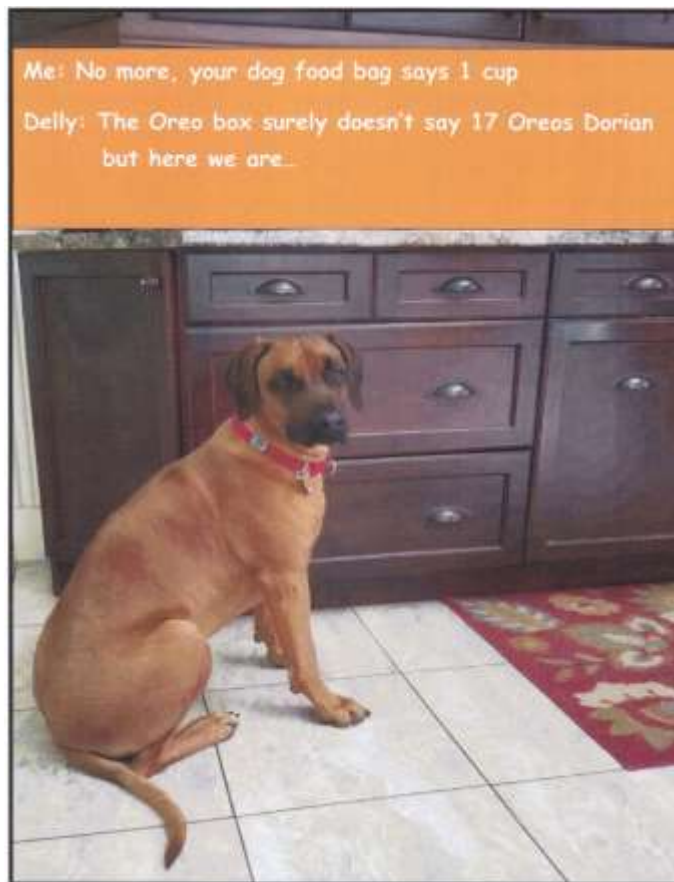
Ch. Foxtrot's Duncan's Castle
"Duncan"



Ch. Foxtrot's Kilcooly Abbey



Ridgeback Humour



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