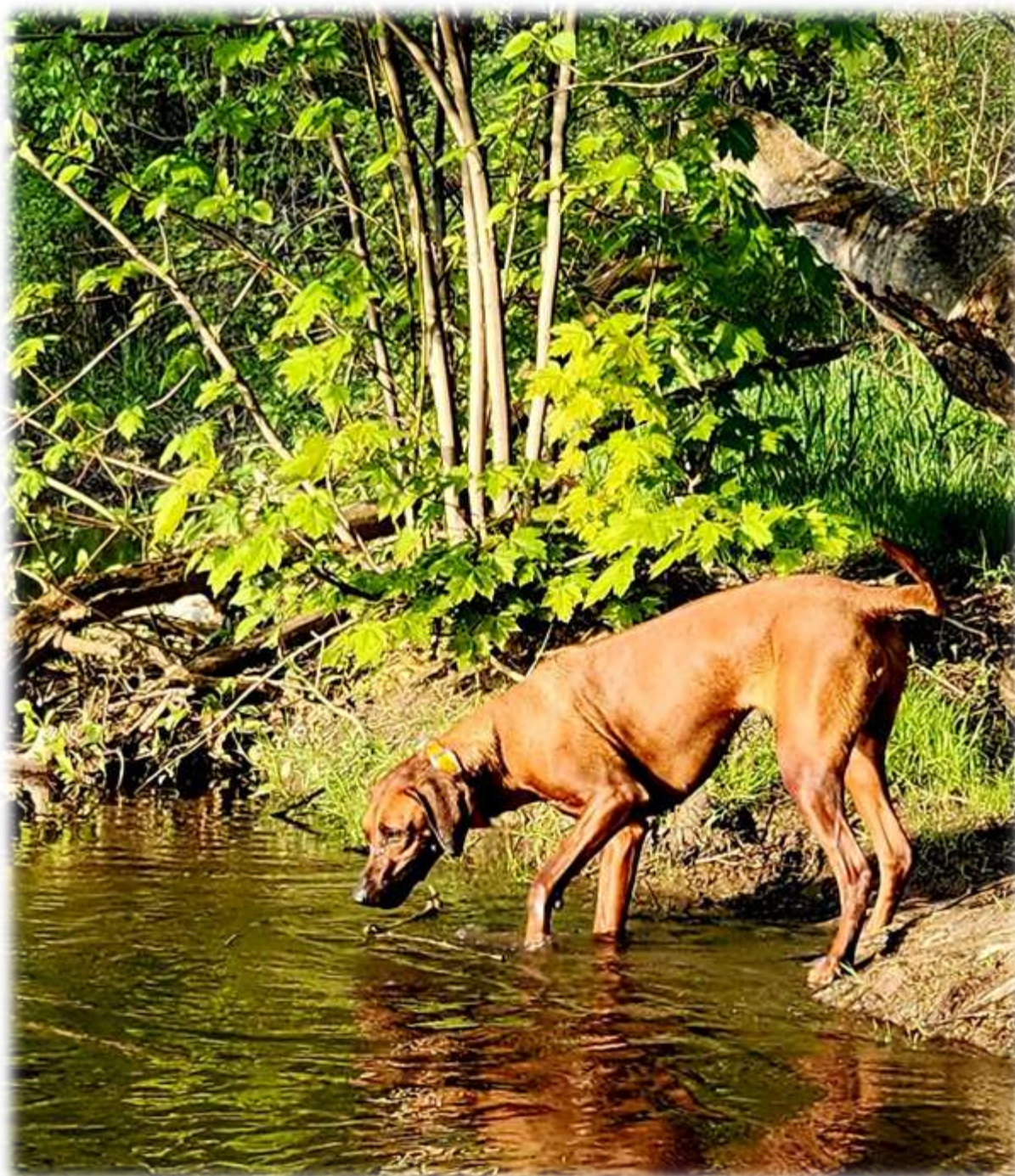


Ridgeback Roster

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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.

RRCEC Website <https://ridgebackcanada.com/>

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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

Summer is finally here, bringing with it plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors with our four-legged companions!

I invite you to stay connected to the Club's Facebook page and to share your stories, photos, and accomplishments with us. Our community is rich with dedicated people, exceptional dogs, and a shared passion that brings us together. Thank you to each of you for your continued involvement.

We've made the decision to cancel our Introduction to Tracking activity scheduled for June 7 in Smith's Falls due to low registration. We plan to reschedule this event in the fall, likely in October. Stay tuned!

I'm especially excited as we look ahead to our Breed Specialty, taking place September 5 to 7, 2025, in Jerseyville, Ontario, in conjunction with the Ridgeback National Specialty. This is the highlight event of our year—a chance to celebrate our shared passion, see outstanding representatives of the breed, and create unforgettable memories.

I can't wait to see you all again!

France



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

Time goes fast when you are having fun. It is summer. Time to get out with the dogs and go for a good walk or into the garden – not good for ones back!

So many of our members post photos on the Club Facebook page of their walks and/or the activities they do with their ridgebacks. We have members doing scenting and ridding, herding (limited), Obedience including Rally, agility, swimming, racing, sprinting, sled dog, and of course, Conformation! you name it I will guarantee there is a ridgeback owner out there somewhere trying this with their dog!

Please remember to post your photos on the Club Facebook page for everyone to see that a ridgeback is multi-faceted and can at least, be given the opportunity to learn new activities.

For those in Conformation RRCEC has a Booster Show at the Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry show (SD&G) August 22-24 at Maxville, eastern Ontario. The Club's Specialty Show is being held in conjunction with the National RR Club this year and is scheduled for September 5-7 at the Oakville Show hosted at the Jerseyville Fairgrounds. The National Club has its Specialty on Saturday and RRCEC's Specialty is on Sunday morning.

As I have mentioned in emails, we are selling off the Club's Library. The books will be at both ridgeback focused events above, at Maxville and Jerseyville. Come and watch the dog show and pick up a book for good measure!! As an aside I do have to note that Show regulations are such that non-exhibiting dogs are not permitted on the show site.

Keep well.

Diana

Letter from the Editor

It's officially Summer! Hope you all have plans for enjoying the season with your Ridgeback(s). Looking forward to seeing photos of your adventures this summer. If you have any ideas or suggestions for content in the next Roster be sure to drop me an email.

Dorian Chlopas RidgebackRoster@kos.net



Club News

WELCOME ABOARD!

Introduction from the New Webmaster

Dear Members of the Ridgeback Kennel Club of Eastern Canada,

I'm excited to introduce myself as the new webmaster for our club's website. My name is Lindsey, and I've been a proud Ridgeback enthusiast ever since I was introduced to the breed by George Whitney, owner of Shumbatsvuku Kennel. His passion quickly became my own, and today I share my life with my beloved Ridgeback, Kimali.

While I'm new to the role of webmaster and still learning the ropes, I'm deeply committed to this community and to making our website a helpful, welcoming space for members and newcomers alike. I look forward to growing into the role and am always open to feedback, ideas, and suggestions from you.

Thank you for the warm welcome. I'm truly honored to be part of this club and to contribute.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Whitney
Webmaster
Ridgeback Kennel Club of Eastern Canada
lindsey.whitney1@gmail.com





RRCEC Booster

Come One Come All

RRCEC will be hosting a booster in conjunction with SDG Shows and Trials on **Saturday August 23, 2025** at the Maxville Fairgrounds, Maxville, Ontario. Our Judge is Wayne Douglas from Victoria, Australia.

Whether you're showing or not, come and join in for a day of friendship, meet fellow owners and breeders and talk all things Ridgeback. RRCEC will provide prizes for the following Best of Breed, Best of Opposite, Best of Winners, Winners Male, Winners Female, Best Puppy in Breed, and Best Baby Puppy. For those competing, there is also a Group 2 Limited show.

Other activities for the weekend include Canine Good Neighbour testing, Obedience and Rally matches, Agility Trails along with Scent Detection. For more details on these, please refer to the Canuck Dogs website. <https://www.canuckdogs.com/>

More details will be made available as soon as confirmed. They will be broadcasted on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1667229000175059>

Hope to see you there!

Regional Group Events

SEPTEMBER

Intro to Tracking

intro to tracking in the morning with a group walk in the afternoon.

Smith Falls, Ontario

Time and Date to be determined

please contact Tina Andreatos glasspheres@hotmail.com

Tentative CGN (Canine Good Neighbour) 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



**RHODESIAN
Ridgebacks
JOINT SPECIALTIES**

SEPTEMBER 5 TO 7, 2025 **OAKVILLE & DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB**
ARCATER FAIRGROUNDS, 630 THIRTY RD S, JERSEYVILLE, ONTARIO L6A 1R2

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
NATIONAL SPECIALTY RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF CANADA JUDGES TO BE ANNOUNCED THE CLUB IS HOSTING A GOOD CANINE NEIGHBOUR EVENT FOR RIDGEBACKS ONLY!	REGIONAL SPECIALTY RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF EASTERN CANADA JUDGES TO BE ANNOUNCED A BEST RIDGE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AFTER THE SWEEPSTAKES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: WADE DABOLL, RRCEC ONTARIO CENTRAL DIRECTOR

Upcoming Events

ALL BREED TEMPERAMENT TEST

HOSTED BY THE ALASKAN MALAMUTE CLUB OF CANADA

Evaluated by the Temperament Test Associates of Canada

Date: **Saturday, August 2nd 2025**

Location: Paws In Time Dog Training (Outdoor Area)

Address: 2324 County Road 18, Kemptville ON



Dogs must be 1+ years to enter. Mixed breeds welcome.

Pre-entries Regular Fee: \$60

Pre-entries for AMCC Members: \$50

Day of Entries for all: \$70

Please contact Sam at

northernsongmalamutes@gmail.com

Notes:

- Please park in the designated area only
- Portable restroom available on site
- Please clean up after your dog
- Major coffee shops and local restaurants located only 5 minutes away from the test site



CZECH RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB

invites you to the
RR congress



CZECH
REPUBLIC

RRWC

2026

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK WORLD CONGRESS



MEETING OF RIDGEBACK FRIENDS
FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

When MAY 27 – MAY 29, 2026
+ PERFORMANCE EVENTS
ON MAY 30 & MAY 31, 2026

Where DUO HOTEL PRAGUE
CZECH REPUBLIC
EUROPE

Rhodesian Ridgeback World Congress 2026

For more info visit: WWW.2026RRWC.COM



In case you are wondering what the Rhodesian Ridgeback World Congress is all about:

Rhodesian Ridgeback World Congresses through history

- 1984: Johannesburg, South Africa
 - 1988: Hilleroed, Denmark
 - 1992: Warwickshire, England
- 1996: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
 - 2000: Garderen, Netherlands
 - 2004: Dallas, Texas, United States
 - 2008: Portumma, Ireland
- 2012: Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
 - 2016: Lund, Sweden
 - 2026: Prague, Czech Republic

For 40 years, the RRWC has served as a major engine for our international Ridgeback community. It gathers us together to discuss our breed, share information, and address any challenges that lie ahead. Meeting in person, exchanging ideas, and having a platform for discussion – and even arguing! – is essential, even in our global digital world.

A strong start

The first Rhodesian Ridgeback World Congress was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1984. It has since crisscrossed the globe, going five times to Europe, twice to North America, and once to Australia.

Congress presentations have varied in length and subject matter, covering everything from history to health. Some presenters have been respected Ridgeback breeders and judges; others are academics or subject matter experts with an interest in Ridgebacks.

Traditionally, at each Congress, bids from prospective host countries for the Congress eight years in advance are presented, and attendees vote on them. Also on the agenda is an update from the country that is hosting the next Congress in four years.

Typically, local breeders and fanciers from the host country make up the majority of Congress attendees. However, the gatherings also attract a passionate and committed knot of international followers, coming from every continent except Antarctica.

The Rhodesian Ridgeback World Congress had always operated without an official structure, trusting that the event – with its seminars, social events, and conformation show, always adjudicated by a breeder judge – would simply roll from one country to another, without any external over-sight or input.

That worked remarkable well for almost 40 years – until Covid.

Hurry up and wait

The ninth – and last – Rhodesian Ridgeback World Congress was held in 2016 in Lund, Sweden, a collaboration between the Ridgeback clubs of Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

In 2020, the RRWC that had been scheduled for Dortmund, Germany, was unavoidably cancelled due to global disruption from the COVID pandemic.

Eventually, as the world re-emerged from lockdown and returned to normalcy, Ridgebackers looked ahead to the next Congress, which was to be held in conjunction with the World Dog Show in Zagreb, Croatia. In April 2024 that event was postponed.

Concerned about the fate of the Rhodesian Ridgeback World Congress – and well aware that the longstanding method of having two Congresses in the works at any given time was now disrupted – members of its only standing committee, the RRWC Health Committee, convened to develop a plan to put the Congress back on track.

In early 2024, the committee issued an open letter to all previous RRWC attendees and national Ridgeback clubs, announcing a Zoom meeting at which stakeholders would convene to determine the future of the Congress.

We Have a Winner!

Several Ridgeback clubs worked diligently to see if they could organize an event of such magnitude in less than a quarter of the time required for previous congresses.

In the end, one club was able to present a bid at the April 14 Zoom meeting which was unanimously approved by the 48 attendees who voted.

The 2026 RRWC's seminars, presentations, and social events will take place Wednesday through Friday, May 27 through and 29, in or around the Czech Republic's capital city of Prague. Due to the very large entries of 200-250 dogs that the Czech club's regular show draws annually thanks to its central location and superb organization, the World Congress show will be held over two days – Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31.

Article by: Denise Flaim



BRAGS & WAGS

Dexter and James



Dexter



James



Ridgeville's Bebe



Ridgeville's Bebe first weekend out at 8 months of age, did great job and thanks Jeannette Warner for your help in the ring. BOB and Grp 4 under Can judge Ms Marilyn O'Neil at our local Seaway Kennel Club show. Ridgeville's Skyfall x Multi FCI Int Ch Harmakhis Wisdom Lynnard at **Thorold Arena**

Lincoln
 GCHB TIFARI'S JUST A LITTLE 96
 CD RN SC CA CGCA TKN ACT
 CHIC #175100
 Cleared through Embark
 DM, EQAD, EIC, Hemophilia B,
 Aversive Myoclonic Epilepsy
 Sire: GCHP Jolie Lee's Crown Gem
 Hda Your Future CD RN FOC III CA
 CGCA TKN ACT F178
 Dam: GCH Tifari's Just a Little
 Naugley CD RN SC CGC TKN ACT
 Clements Bice & Ryan Morris
 Pough Harlow, and Kipha Sue

Jamie
 AKC GCH / CHC GCH
 CATARAQUI MIDNIGHT GIRLINS
 CHIC #182176
 Cleared through Embark
 DM, FORD, EIC, Hemophilia B,
 Juvenile Myoclonic Epilepsy
 Sire: GCH Cataraqui Country Classic
 Dam: Mavis Bites GCH / LHC CH
 Cataraqui Buns in the Family
 CD NS HET CGN WB ROM
 Owner: Conale Carbell

LIMITED WAIT LIST SPACE AVAILABLE
 Contact Conale Carbell at conale@jerry@jerry.com for more information.

News from the Whelping box

On May 30, Jamie and Lincoln welcomed to the world 7 precious little nuggets – 6 girls (one ridgeless) and 1 boy.

All are doing well and growing by the second. They are starting to respond to their surroundings. I can't wait to see what adventures life will bring to them.

All pups currently have homes.

Duke and Leo



Duke and Leo at the Rat Canada Barn and Brush competition



Leo
Agility

Duke
Sprinter



RAINBOW BRIDGE



RIDGEVILLE'S HIGH FIVE

We said goodbye to Ridgeville's High Five on Tuesday this week (Nov 13 2013 - May 27, 2025.) She lived 12 1/2 years and was one of the best girls ever. She enjoyed the last few years as a companion to my mother Barbara (now 86) and her gentle soul was a perfect fit with her and her 13 great grandchildren who spent lots of time there. I thought this photo captured her character, you couldn't find a more gentle compassionate girl. Five will be sadly missed and am relieved she has gone to a better place now. She is survived by my boy Ray now 10 years old, and many other exceptional get that makes me think of her daily.



*Don't forget that somewhere between the Hello and the Goodbye,
there was LOVE. A lot of Love*

In Memory



The time we share with our dogs is a quiet treasure, often only fully recognized once it becomes a memory. They come into our lives for what feels like the briefest chapter, yet they leave an imprint that lasts a lifetime. With every wag of the tail, every soft nudge of the nose, every loyal gaze, they teach us the meaning of unconditional love, of presence, of joy found in the smallest, simplest moments. They never ask us to be anything more than ourselves, and in return, they give us everything they have, their trust, their hearts, their years. We measure their lives in dog years, but the truth is, they stretch time in their own way, filling ordinary days with extraordinary warmth. As they grow older, and their steps slow, we begin to understand just how sacred that shared time truly is. And when they are gone, it is their love that lingers, gentle, constant, and forever part of who we are. The time we have with them may be short, but its value is beyond measure. It is, simply put, a gift.

~ Spirit of a Hippie



Zinzi

Ridgeback Candids



Jamie Proud Mama

Freya Water Dog





James & Dexter try Sprinter



Ruby
Somewhere under the Rainbow



*Anyone else like chicken?
Just asking for a friend*





Sun bathing



Mom's knee makes the best pillow



Dexter & James go camping



Duke and friend hiking

Taking a Break



in the garden



in the lake



after a long walk

*Duke & Leo
and the chase is on*





Samsone



and his son Samson



Kiera & Mato with Samsone

Rainy Day Ridgebacks



we all know how much they love the rain!

BIRTHDAY WISHES



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Summer Ray

10 Years Young

Ridgeback Humour

Emily only rescues the same breed of dog so her husband doesn't notice when she gets a new one.
Be smart. Be like Emily.



"You are strong. You are fast. And you WILL catch that squirrel tomorrow."



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