

Ridgeback Roster

71st Edition

Fall 2025



and all at once,
summer collapsed
into fall.
-peter wilde



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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PRESIDENT'S PAWPRINT



We recently held our Conformation Specialty in Jerseyville, in conjunction with the National Club, and what a fantastic weekend it was! The atmosphere was full of fun and camaraderie, and it was wonderful to see everyone come together again.

The weather was nearly perfect—despite Saturday's strong winds—and it made the event even more enjoyable.

A huge thank you goes out to our dedicated volunteers, Rosemarie Burden, Diana Pethick, James Beckett and Jacquie Dankner, whose efforts made this Specialty possible, and to Doug Willows and Royal Canin for their generous sponsorship.

🐾 Congratulations to all the winners and a special thank you to our Sweepstakes judge, Christine Hyatt Cône, for her excellent judging.

Thank you so much for your wonderful work putting this together.

France Flibotte, President.



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

It has been a busy summer despite the lack of rain and the unforgiving heat. I seem to have spent an awful lot of time not achieving a great deal outside – just looking and praying for rain. My dogs as well, they seem to be the other side of the door from where I am but they too, are not great heat lovers. My lawn looks like an old scrappy door mat, the dogs roll about this and then demand to be let inside and consequently, spread the little bits of dried grass on to the carpet!! The joys of dogs ! Love them.

You will find, in this edition of the newsletter, information about the Club's annual Championship Ridgeback show. This was held at the Jerseyville Fairgrounds earlier in September. The show was held in conjunction with the national RR Club, it was a great weekend with many ridgebacks!!

In the meantime what is going on locally in your region? Good question. Granted the weather this year has not been the greatest but when local events are planned there appears to be little or no interest. We cannot run activities with only one response of interest. Please let your area director know what appeals to you and see if it is possible to organise some local activities. I personally, am learning all about Scenting. If there is interest from within the Club we might be able to run a series of classes for ridgebacks. I recall a day-long session a year or so ago which was well attended and a lot of fun. However, interest and commitment have to be made. I recognise you probably have a work schedule to adhere to as well and quite how this would work with our membership that is spread out throughout Ontario.

If you have a moment, let your Area Director know what interests you and let's see if we can get some local groups undertaking a series of activities.

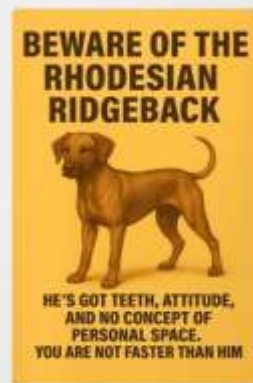
Diana

Letter from the Editor

Another amazing Specialty Show with beautiful Ridgebacks from Canada and the USA. Thank you to the participants and organizers. If you haven't been to a dog show I highly recommend that you attend at least once. It is truly something to see so many Ridgebacks together.

Thank you to everyone that submitted photos to Lindsey and I for the website and Roster. We love to see and hear the stories about your dog(s).

Enjoy, *Dorian Chlopas* RidgebackRoster@kos.net





2025 RRCEC SPECIALTY SHOW

**Oakville & District Kennel Club
Ancaster Fairgrounds, Jerseyville, Ontario
September 5 to 7, 2025**

**Judge: Juan Carlos Vasconsellos (Parguay) and
Sweepstakes Judge Christine Hyatt Cone (USA)**

What a weekend! Once again this year, we held our Specialty Show in conjunction with the national club (RRCC) at the Oakville & District Kennel Club's annual show held at the Ancaster Fairgrounds. This year the show attendance was even larger than in previous years. My congratulations to the Oakville organizing team parking, camper parking and ring layouts were busy but clearly visible to all – competitors and visitors.

Thank you to everyone who came to support the two Clubs. A very special thanks to Doug Willows, Royal Canin representative, nothing was too much trouble for him and his team. Once again we were able to set up a RRCEC meeting area close to the main building. The show schedule was tight, I really do not think many competitors had much time to sit and chat, after all one is there to compete! The very windy weather on the Friday certainly added to the term "think on your feet and think fast!" Tents, chairs, etc., and competitors – were quickly removed. Outside rings were abandoned and exhibitors somehow, continued the show in fine style, inside!

I want to give very special thanks to both Rosemarie Burdon, and Jim Beckett both, they are always there for me, whether it is running for packed tote boxes, sorting rosettes and prizes at the table, taking notes and just being there when it looks as if chaos is about to drop by. Thanks so much to both of you.

Thank you to everyone who came out to both RR Shows and for participating in the raffle -thank you Jackie!! It was a great weekend, great location and great to see friends and their ridgebacks.

Thank you everyone. Diana

RRCEC Specialty Show Results 2025

Judge: Juan Carlos Vasconsellos (5-9-6-8)



Best of Breed

GCH NASHIRA'S DUKE OF RIDGEPEAK

B: Concetta Pio-Jez O: France Flibotte

GCHC Nashira's in my Daddy's Footsteps x Nashira's Turn The Paige



Best of Opposite & Canadian Bred

GCH ROYALCITYRR ALPHA DOROTHEA

B: Doug Willows, Leigh Bishop O: Leigh Bishop

Ch Royalcityrr Mishindaji's Ranger x CH Royalcityrr Primo Lambe



Best of Winners/Winners Female Best Bred by Exhibitor/Best Puppy
ANGELRIDGE TIMELESS ERA

B/O: Ellen Ceccanese

GCHB Angelridge The Puck Stops Here x Ch Angelridge Fancy Like

Applebee's on a Datenite

Select (M)/Best Veteran in Specialty GCHG PRIDEROCK'S AEDEN OF MOBUKHOSI

B/O: Heather Allison, O: Christina Ayre

Ch Primetime-Copper Ridge Axle X Ch Priderocks's Absolutely Fabulous



Select (F)

GCH ROYALCITYRR PRIDE'S BIA

B/O: Doug Willows, Leigh Bishop

GCH Priderock's Mythology Tail Zeus x CH Priderock's Face Value

Award of Merit

FOXTROT'S BOOMER'S LEGACY

B/O: Judith Benson-Jones, Lisa Conley



Best Puppy

KOPERA'S LITTLE BIG MAN

B/O: Diana Hogan



Reserve Winners (M)

ANJARI AND FISHER'S ARE YOU READY FOR IT

B/O : : Jamie Hesselschwardt, Annette Ernst O : Sara Menif-Tenreiro
Kamaay N Fisher Strom the Castle x Anjari's Going to be Starting Something
With Orion

Reserve Winners (F)

GLASSCREEK MOON SHADOW

B/O: Mary Hodges, O: Sheila Jones
Kibo's Purple Rain of Kwetu x Vyrtruous Cameo Performance

Sweepstakes

Judge: Christine Cone

Puppy Sweeps (6)

Bet Puppy in Sweeps

Ch ROYALCITYRR'S CASHIN IN WITH MOBUKHOSI BY PRESIDIO



Best of Opposite in Sweeps
ANGELRIDGE TIMELESS ERA

Veteran Sweeps (3)
Best Veteran in Sweeps
CATARAQUI RUNS IN THE FAMILY

Best Opposite Veteran Sweeps
GCHG PRIDEROCK'S AEDEN OF MOBUKHOSI



YOU DID IT!
Congratulations

RRCC 2025 National Specialty Winners

Judge: Jans Van Den Berg (5-9-6-8)



RRCC 2025 National Specialty Winners

Best of Breed/Best Canadian Bred

NIROKI DA VINCI CODE AT KOPERA

B: Tina Andreatos O: Diana Hogan, T. Andreatos

Juba Lee's Comin Better Hide Your Heart x GCH Niroki's Code Black

Sd-D FCH TD SDN ETD



Best of Opposite

GCH ROYALCITYRR ALPHA DOROTHEA

B: Doug Willows, Leigh Bishop O: Leigh Bishop

Ch Royalcityrr Mishindaji's Ranger x CH Royalcityrr Primo Lambe



Best of Winners/Winners Male

ANJARI'S MR. BRIGHTSIDE OF ACK

Best of Bred by Exhibitor

B: Jamie Hesselschwardt, Kiki Courtelis, Annette Ernst

O : Jamie Hesselschwardt, Annette Ernst

Courages Judge of Gideon Spotted Ridge x Anjaris & Adili's Private Eye

Select Male

FOXTROT'S BOOMERS LEGACY

B/O: Lisa Conley, O: Judith Benson-Jones

Priderock's Sword in the Stone x Foxtrot's Kilcooly Abbey



Select Female

PRIDEROCK'S LYRICAL LYNLEE

B: Heather Allison, O: Kathy Lewis

Ch Foreign Affair with Priderock and Cieply Dom x Ch Priderock's Face Value

Award of Merit

ANGELRIDGE BUSHWACKER

B/O: Ellen Ceccanese

Ch Mardi Gra Hold My Beer Angelridge x Ch Angelridge Jack N Coke

Best Puppy/Winners Female

ANGELRIDGE TIMELESS ERA

B/O: Ellen Ceccanese

GCHB Angelridge The Puck Stops Here x

Ch Angelridge Fancy Like Applebee's on a Datenite

Best Veteran In Specialty

ANJARIS & ADILI'S AMAZING RACE

Adili & Mystiko Maker's Mark V Karhiba x Anjari's Cira of Sudan

Reserve Winners Male

ANJARI AND FISHER'S ARE YOU READY FOR IT

B/O: : Jamie Hesselschwardt, Annette Ernst O : Sara Menif-Tenreiro
Kamaay N Fisher Strom the Castle x Anjari's Going to be Starting Something
With **Orion**

Reserve Winners Female

ANJARI N FISHER WHO'S AFRAID OF LITTLE MI?

B/O: Annette Ernst B: Ronald Hatch
Kamaay N Fisher Strom the Castle x Anjari's Going to be Starting Something
With Orion

Best Brace

CATARAQUI RUNS IN THE FAMILY AND CH CATARAQUI MIDNIGHT GIRL

Owned and Handled by Carole Cockell

Sweepstakes

Judge; Jeff Burtch

Puppy Sweeps (6)

Best Puppy in Sweeps
ANGELRIDGE TIMELESS ERA





Best Opposite in Sweeps
Ch ROYALCITYRR'S CASHIN
IN WITH MOBUKHOSI BY
PRESIDO

Veteran Sweeps (3)
Best Veteran in Sweeps
GCHG PRIDEROCK'S AEDEN OF
MOBUKHOSI



Best Opposite Veteran Sweeps
CATARAQUI RUNS IN THE FAMILY



CONGRATULATIONS!
Winners!

Specialty Show Candid's

Thank you to Judy Benson-Jones for sharing





UPCOMING EVENTS



2025 CKC National Championship Dog Show!

Saturday, November 22, 2025
International Centre, Mississauga, Ontario

The National Show is a special feature of the Crown Classic National Championship Dog Show weekend, happening November 20 – 23, 2025, presented by Royal Canin, Canadian Pet Expo, Aurora and District Kennel Club, and the Canadian Kennel Club.

Le National Show est un événement spécial organisé dans le cadre du Crown Classic National Championship Dog Show, qui se tiendra du 20 au 23 novembre 2025, présenté par Royal Canin, Canadian Pet Expo, Aurora and District Kennel Club et le Club Canin Canadien.

Best of Breed Winners at the 2025 CKC National Championship Show
Now Qualify for Crufts 2026

In Memory

Diane Waters

Wheatenridge Kennel

1941 - 2025



It is with sadness that I write of the passing of one of the club's founding members.

Diane Waters of Wheatenridge Kennel left us suddenly on August 4th 2025. Born in St. Albans, England in 1941 she married her childhood sweetheart in 1963 before moving to Canada in 1967. Diane was a career elementary school teacher and her passion for teaching and education spilled over into her passion for purebred dogs. Diane was always willing to invite new people into the breed and always eager to share her love of Rhodesian Ridgebacks.

A long time Canadian breeder of Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Diane obtained her first Rhodesian Ridgeback in 1967, later purchasing her foundation bitch in the early 80's from Dianne Miller and John Glover (Roughrider). Diane and Rob (known to many of as Bob) established Wheatenridge Kennel, breeding many champions over the years. Rob passed from cancer in 1994, and Diane then moved to Iona Station. She continued breeding for a few more years, briefly breeding whippets as well, before retiring to the village of Strathroy for her remaining years.

Over the decades Diane volunteered countless hours to both her breed and all breed clubs in various roles, and also was dedicated to organizing and supporting junior handling. She held many picnics, obedience and sanction matches, and truly enjoyed bringing people together to socialize, play team games and have fun with their dogs on her acreage.

The RRCEC Best of Breed trophy is the Wheatenridge Perpetual Trophy. Donated by Diane and Rob it will hopefully continue to keep their memory alive and their enthusiasm to continue to celebrate this wonderful breed in the club in years to come.

Godspeed Diane, may you find Rob waiting for you with all your dogs at the Bridge.

Laurie Rusticus (Vrymeer)





Puppy Socialization

contributed by: Lisa Conley, Fox Trot Kennels

Socializing puppies with kids properly is essential for both the safety of the children and the healthy development of the dog. Here's why it's so important:

- 1. Builds Positive Associations**

Early, positive experiences with children help puppies associate kids with fun, affection, and safety. This reduces the risk of fear-based behaviors like growling, hiding, or snapping later on.

- 2. Prevents Aggression**

Dogs that aren't socialized with children may see them as unpredictable or threatening. Proper socialization reduces the chance of future aggression or defensive behavior.

- 3. Teaches Puppies Boundaries**

Socialization gives puppies a chance to learn how to behave around small, energetic humans. They learn not to nip, jump, or play too rough.

- 4. Teaches Kids Respect and Handling**

Children also learn how to approach and handle a puppy gently and respectfully. This helps prevent accidental injuries to both the dog and the child.

- 5. Encourages Adaptability**

Well-socialized puppies grow into dogs that are more adaptable in family environments, including homes with children or visiting nieces, nephews, or friends. They're less likely to be stressed in loud or busy situations.

- 6. Supports Mental Health and Confidence**

Exposure to children during the puppy's critical socialization period (usually up to 16 weeks) helps build a confident, well-adjusted dog. Lack of exposure during this window can lead to anxiety and fearfulness.

Tips for Proper Socialization:

- Keep interactions supervised and positive.
- Use treats and praise to reward calm behavior around kids.
- Start with calm, gentle children before introducing to louder or more energetic ones.
- Teach kids how to approach dogs calmly, pet gently, and respect the puppy's space.

BRAGS & WAGS

We proudly present to you
Ridgeville's Jody of Harmakhis Wisdom

Bred by Ridgeville's Kennel – Wade Daboll

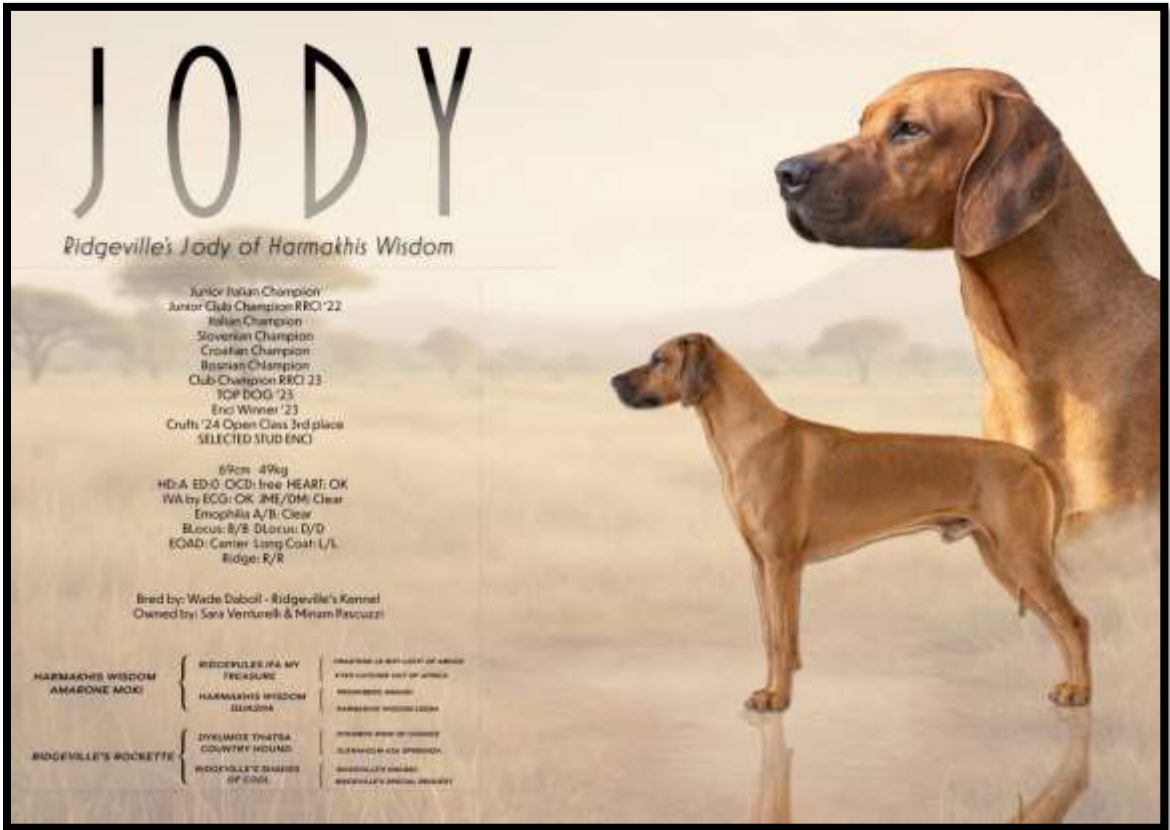
Proudly owned by Sara Venturelli Harmakhis Wisdom & Miriam Pascuzzi

A dog that embodies elegance, strength and character. With a palmarès that speaks for itself, Jody has won prestigious titles all over Europe:

- Junior Italian Champion
- Junior Club Champion RRCI '22
- Italian, Slovenian, Croatian & Bosnian Champion
 - Club Champion RRCI '23
 - TOP DOG '23 – Enci Winner '23
 - 3rd place Crufts '24 Open Class
 - 3rd place WDS '24 Open Class
 - ENCI Breeder Champion
 - ENCI Selected Stallion

Impeccable health, complete exams and tested genetics. 69 cm – 49 kg

Jody is so much more than a champion: he's the perfect balance of structure, health and temperament.





Freya

Wins 2nd place for largest animal in size
at the Annual Fair



Ridgeville's Mato

(Ch Ridgeville's Laanie x Ch Ridgeville's Sansone of HW)
13 months old winning BOB at the St Catherines Kennel Club Show



Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry
All Breeds Show

NASHIRA'S DUKE OF RIDGEPEAK



Royal City Ridgebacks



GCH ROYALCITYRR ALPHA DOROTHEA "Dottie"

RRCC National – Best of Opposite

RRCEC Regional – Best of Opposite + Brest
Canadian Bred

Oakville & District Kennel Club All Breed (Sun) –
Best of Breed

GCHB ROYALCITYRR PRIDE'S BIA CGN

RRCEC Regional – Select Bitch

CH ROYALCITYRR FOREIGN EXCHANGE BY PRESIDIO TYCHE

Oakville & District Kennel Club All Breed (Sat) –
Best of Opposite

Summer Fun Days



Sprinter



Waiting for my turn



Lure Coursing

Nothing quite like a litter of puppies ❤️





Couch Potatoes

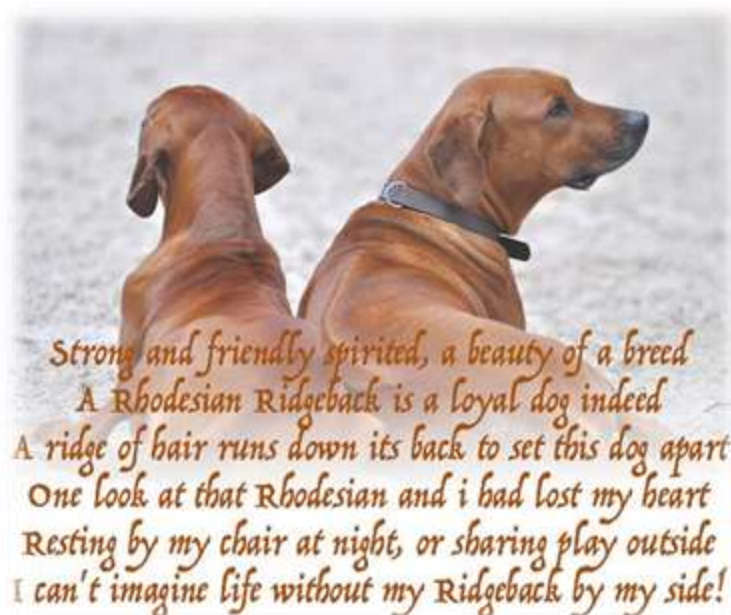


Handsome Boy



Glenaholm Courage

Birthday Wishes



Ridgeback Humour



ARMPIT SURPRISE

The sudden appearance of a hound's nose and/or head under one's armpit.

Typically occurs at mealtimes, but can occur at any opportunity when food is being consumed by a human.

The Ridgeback Roster will be published quarterly in 2021. 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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