



THE RIDGELINE

Newsletter of the New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club

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President's Message

Spring is coming soon - not that winter was too bad this year. If it keeps up like this we can course year round soon.

Our upcoming event this month is nose work in Franklin, MA which is great fun for most dogs. What could be more fun than finding stinky treats with all their friends!

We are in need of a Ways and Means volunteer for the club. This is the person that maintains our club inventory of logo clothing and other items to offer to the membership and others who attend events. You would be responsible for bringing the inventory to events, working with the Board on the inventory and possibly expanding to online sales. If you're interested you can reach out to me or anyone else on the Board for more info.

See you all later this month!

Bonnie Johnson

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Welcome New Member!!

Mike Chandler

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Spring is nature's way of saying Let's Party!
~ Robin Williams

NERRC's Spring Event—Please come and show your support!!

What a fun way to spend an afternoon with your hounds and support your club at the same time!



K9 Nosework Try-Its

An Introduction to the Sport of Canine Scent Detection

Sunday, March 29 / 11am - 3pm

(Board Meeting to take place 10am - 11am)

The Dog's PACE

(29 Kenwood Cir / Franklin, MA 02038)

\$20 NERRC Members / \$25 Non-Members / \$10 Additional for Multiple Dogs



Nosework is a canine sport which allows your dog to use their natural desire to hunt by harnessing their unique ability to detect scent and determine the source of odor. The dog must locate the hidden target odor and alert the handler. The handler then rewards the dog with something of great value to the dog - usually a favorite treat or toy.

The best thing about this sport is that ANY dog can do this! Big or small, young or old, purebred or mixed breed, shy or aggressive, blind or deaf - if your dog has a nose, he can do Nosework! This sport is fun, builds confidence, and promotes bonding between owners and their dogs. **Come give it a try!**

What You Will Need:

*Your canine partner(s)

*LOTS of STINKY treats (chopped up hotdogs, meatballs, chicken, anything yummy and smelly that your dog will love and be interested searching for) or a high value toy

*Portable Crate - if you do not have one, expect to work your dog from your vehicle. There are limited wire crates available at the facility and are first come first serve.

Contact: Meghan Terwilliger / mterwill@gmail.com for more info and to register



History of the Rhodesian Ridgeback

Hunting

Guard

Companion

THE RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK

Historical Data

In November, 1955, the American Kennel Club admitted the Rhodesian Ridgeback to its Stud Book as the 112th breed to be accorded American Kennel Club registration facilities. The Rhodesian Ridgeback is shown in the Hound Group. Since this recognition of the Rhodesian Ridgeback by the American Kennel Club, intense and greater interest has developed in the breed in this country.

The Rhodesian Ridgeback is a native of South Africa. The breed's long history dates back to early in the 16th century when the first white men explored the interior on the Cape of Good Hope and found with the Hottentot tribes a domesticated dog with the hair on his spine being turned forward, which condition we now term the ridge. The only other known dog which has the peculiarity of such a ridge is found on the island of Phu Quoc in the Gulf of Siam. It has never been definitely determined as to whether the peculiarity of this ridge originated in South Africa or on the island of Phu Quoc, but the evidence available seems to indicate it originated in South Africa and that specimens of dogs with the ridge were transported from South Africa to the island of Phu Quoc.

It is not known where the Hottentots first obtained these dogs. It is common knowledge that the hottentot has pronounced Asiatic features and that his ancestors probably hailed from the East. If this is so, it may be assumed that the ridgebacked dog accompanied him on his peregrination until he finally reached Africa.

Hunter, Guard and Companion

The foundation stock of the Rhodesian Ridgeback was developed by the first white settlers in South Africa to fill their specific need for a servicable hunting dog in the wilds. The Dutch, Germans and Huguenots who migrated to South Africa in the 16th and 17th centuries brought with them Danes, Mastiffs, Greyhounds, Bloodhounds, Terriers and other breeds, but for 100 years from 1707, European immigration was closed and consequently, the importation of additional dogs of these or other breeds was not possible. Consequently, good hunting dogs were hard to come by and their value was high. The settlers needed a dog that could flush a few partridge, pull down a wounded buck and guard the farm from marauding animals and prowlers at night. He also needed a dog that could withstand the rigors of the African bush, hold up under drastic changes in temperature from the heat of the day to nights below freezing and go a full 24 hours or more without water. He required a short-haired dog

that would not be eaten by ticks. In addition, he needed a companion that would stay by him while he slept in the bush and that would be devoted to his wife and children. Of necessity then, these settlers developed, by selective breeding between dogs which they had brought with them from home countries and the half wild ridged dog of the Hottentots tribes, a distinct breed of the African veldt, the Rhodesian Ridgeback.

The Hottentot dogs played the most important part in the development and ultimate characteristics of the new breed. Throughout all of the inter-breeding and cross breeding between these dogs and those of the settlers, the ridge of this native dog was respected and retained and in due course, this Hottentot dog established the foundation stock of our present day Rhodesian Ridgeback.

There is no doubt that the Rhodesians have developed the breed, as we know it today, from the original foundation stock. In the year 1875, the intrepid missionary, Rev. Charles Helm, undertook a journey from his home in Swellendam in the Cape Province of South Africa to Rhodesia. He was accompanied by two of these dogs. While the Rev. Helm was in Rhodesia, Van Rooyen, the big-game hunter, borrowed the two dogs to take along on a hunt. Van Rooyen soon concluded that they possessed excellent instinctive hunting qualities and thereupon pioneered the breeding of a pack of the species as hunters of big game for his own use. They have since been bred on an extensive scale in Rhodesia and were given the name of that country.

In 1922, the first Ridgeback Club was founded at a show in Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, and a standard of points for the breed was set, which differs little from the standard prevailing today. In 1924, the Ridgeback was also recognized by the South African Kennel Union as a distinct breed and the first dog was registered with that organization. Only two dogs were registered with SAKU in that year, followed by four in 1925 and not less than eleven in 1926. Today, the Rhodesian Ridgeback is one of the most popular dogs in South Africa.

Breed Recognized By AKC

It is not known definitely when the Rhodesian Ridgeback was first brought into the United States. A few were imported prior to 1940, possibly as early as 1912. However, after World War II, between 1946 and 1955, when the breed was recognized by the American Kennel Club, quite a large number of Rhodesian Ridgebacks were

imported, not only in the United States, but also in Canada and England.

The hunting characteristics have also proved to be useful in hunting native game in other parts of the world. Intelligent and ever alert, their heads are held high with pride and with a set of feet that will carry them over any sort of country, they are the only breed of dog in the world that can keep a lion at bay for the hunter's kill—and live! The Rhodesian Ridgeback has also been used very successfully for hunting bobcat, mountain lion, bear, coyote, deer, wild boar and racoon in Mexico, the United States and Canada. There have also been reports of Rhodesian Ridgebacks having been trained to point upland game and retrieve upland game and ducks.

Keen Sight and Smell

The Rhodesian Ridgeback has the advantage of having keen sight and an excellent nose for scent. Because of the terrain in South Africa, the habits of the game to be hunted and the techniques required to hunt the game in such terrain, the Rhodesian Ridgeback was developed as a silent trailer. This characteristic is an advantage where silent hunting is desired, and where baying is desirable the pack can be supplemented with baying hounds.

Because of its temperament and quiet disposition, the Rhodesian Ridgeback is easily trained, either as a companion dog, for hunting, or for obedience work.

In 1949, a group of enthusiastic Rhodesian Ridgeback owners organized the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America for the primary purpose of accumulating the data and preparing the docu-

ments and pedigrees of the Rhodesian Ridgebacks in the United States that is required for obtaining recognition of the breed by the American Kennel Club. Their activities were rewarded in 1955 by official recognition of the breed.

U. S. Clubs Combined

After this recognition, which made possible the showing of Rhodesian Ridgebacks in shows for championship points, there was organized by Rhodesian Ridgeback owners and breeders throughout the United States, the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States for the purpose of encouraging the showing of Rhodesian Ridgebacks in shows and for the purpose of sponsoring American Kennel Club sanctioned matches and licensed Rhodesian Ridgeback shows. Both of these organizations were actively engaged in promoting the Rhodesian Ridgeback by nationally advertising the breed.

Many Rhodesian Ridgeback owners and breeders were members of and supported both of these Clubs. In order to combine the activities of the two Clubs, which partially similar and partially different, the Clubs were on March 6, 1959, combined into one organization under the name of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States. The program of the combined Clubs contemplates the promotion of the breed and the publicizing and popularizing of the breed in the United States and forming a close association with the Rhodesian Ridgeback breed clubs in South Africa, England and Canada.

The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
of the United States

HISTORY OF THE RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF AMERICA

The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America was founded in 1950 with 8 Charter Members, through the efforts of Mr. William H. O'Brien, its first President at Millis, Massachusetts.

The Club was formed for the purpose of promoting the showing of Ridgebacks, to keep records of dogs imported, record progeny resulting from these imported dogs within the United States, and to work toward the eventual recognition of the Breed by American Kennel Club.

The success of the work of this organization is shown by the entry of 11 Ridgebacks in the Boston, Massachusetts Show in 1952, and of 17 Ridgebacks in 1953.

The interest in the Breed, through the efforts of the Club is demonstrated by an increase from the original 13 dogs recorded in 1950 to over 300 in 1955.

During this same period, the Club grew from the 8 Charter Members in 1950 to a Membership of over 350 in 1955.

The efforts of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America and its President, Mr. William H. O'Brien were finally rewarded with American Kennel Club Recognition in 1955.

The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America continued to be active in promoting the Breed until its merger with the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States in 1959.

No history of the Rhodesian Ridgeback in the United States would be complete without Recognition of the splendid work done by Mr. William O'Brien and the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America.

James J. Fanning

HISTORY OF THE RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES

The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States was formed on July 10, 1957 at the home of Col. M. B. DePass in Pass Christian, Mississippi. The first meeting held on that date resulted in the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws and the election of the first Board of Directors which consisted of: Col. M. B. DePass as President; Mrs. Julia F. Minotto as Vice-President; Mr. Julius Szodomka as Treasurer; Miss Margaret C. Lowthian as Secretary; and Mrs. Leigh Bishop, Mr. L. L. Gordon and Mr. Charles W. Allen as Directors.

The By-Laws provided for an annual meeting to be held each year in New York City at the time of the Westminster Kennel Club Show. By the time of the Westminster Kennel Club Show. By the time of the first annual meeting, which was held on February 9, 1958, there were 61 members.

At the time that Ridgebacks were recognized by the American Kennel Club, there was in existence a Club known as the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America which had been organized several years before by a small group of Ridgeback owners in Massachusetts. The purpose of this organization was to promote the breed and to take the steps necessary for the recognition of the breed by the American Kennel Club.

The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America had solicited membership and a large number of Ridgeback owners throughout the country became members anticipating that this club would be the breed Club for the promotion of the Rhodesian Ridgeback. However, after the breed's recognition by the AKC, it developed that this organization would not give approval for a sanction match to the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America as it was constituted at that time. As a result, a new club, the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States was formed. Spearheading the formation of this new club were Julia and James Minotto, Margaret Lowthian, M. B. DePass and E. L. Freeland all members of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America.

Subsequently, through negotiations between Mr. William O'Brian, President of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America and members of the Board of Directors of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States these two organizations were consolidated into one club in March 1959 with the resulting club continuing under the name of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States.

The American Kennel Club regulation require that any new breed club localize its activities in one community for the purpose of holding its qual-

ifying shows. Therefore the new Board of Directors of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States decided to centralize its activities in San Diego, Calif., since there was a large number of registered Rhodesian Ridgebacks in that area.

Immediately after the formation of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, application was made to the American Kennel Club to hold its first sanction match on December 15, 1957. The approval was granted and the match was held in San Diego, California, with an entry of 21 Rhodesian Ridgebacks.

American Kennel Club regulations further stated that before a Specialty Show with championship points could be held, a new Club was required to hold at least two successful Sanction matches at least six months apart. The Directors, therefore, made application for a second Sanction match to be held in San Diego on June 23, 1958. There were 33 Rhodesian Ridgebacks entered in this match.

The Board of Directors, hoping that the two sanction matches had been successful, then made application for the First Specialty Show to be held in San Diego on October 12, 1958. The application was approved and the show was held with an entry of 47 Rhodesian Ridgebacks.

The Club, however, was still under the American Kennel Club requirement that its activities be localized, but upon request to AKC, permission was granted to hold Specialty Shows outside of San Diego but within the State of California. This resulted in the Second Specialty Show being held at Richmond, Northern California on June 14, 1959; the third Specialty Show in Pasadena in Southern California on October 4, 1959, and the Fourth Specialty Show in Long Beach, California, at the Harbor Cities Kennel Club show on June 25-26, 1960.

The Board of Directors, feeling that all of these Specialty Shows had been successful and held in accordance with American Kennel Club requirements, then made application for the holding of Specialty Shows nationally. This resulted in the Fifth Specialty Show, held in New York City, on February 11, 1961, at the time of the Annual Meeting and immediately before the Westminster Kennel Club show.

The Club was now underway nationally. A Specialty Show has been held each year starting in 1961 on the East Coast in New York City at the time of the Annual Meeting, and on the West Coast in conjunction with the Harbor Cities Kennel Club show in June.

Margaret Lowthian

New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
Board of Directors Meeting
January 26, 2020
Home of Helen McCune, E. Bridgewater, MA

Meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by Bonnie Johnson

Attendees: Alan Fraser, Helen McCune, Nikki Newton, Evelyn Strawn, Meghan Terwilliger, Bonnie Johnson
Absent: Barbara Ferguson

Secretary's Report:

We have two new reads:

- Griffin Haviar, Single Membership
Glastonbury, CT
Sponsor: Bonnie Johnson
- Levi & Veronica Kline, Family Membership
Beverly, MA
Sponsor: Bonnie Johnson

AKC requested updated contact information for board members. Evelyn reviewed the list with the board and will send the requested information.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Fraser

Available upon request.

Alan stated that the club has a healthy balance as we begin the new year.

There have been 68 renewals. Alan will send out another reminder to past members.

There was a discussion of fund raising opportunities. Helen has some valuable Danny Quest sculptures. It was agreed that "Courage", which is sold out and has been valued at \$1500, should be auctioned at the Regional Specialty in September. Details will be announced in advance of that event.

Regional Specialty Show: Barbara Ferguson:

Cranberry Cluster will be September 10 – 13 this year. The Regional Specialty will be held on Saturday, September 12. The location continues to be at the Cape Cod Fairgrounds in E. Falmouth, MA.

Due to health issues, Barbara was unable to attend the board meeting. A committee has been formed to assist her with the Regional this year. Members of the committee are Cheryl Fraser, Bonnie Johnson, Helen McCune and Evelyn Strawn. Other members would be welcome.

The committee members will meet with Barbara and determine the tasks with associated deadlines that need to be accomplished.

Mass Fed – Chris Greeley

Mass Fed is not currently following any proposed legislation. There was a recent notification of 40 dogs coming from Puerto Rico to the Northeast as a means of easing the over crowded shelters since the earthquakes. But no action was called for.

Historian – Cathy Ford—No report.

Membership Care – Jack and Trish Hamilton—No report.

Board asked that Evelyn contact Jack and Trish and ask them to send flowers to Barbara Ferguson once we know her current address. The Board wants to acknowledge her long term commitment to NERRC and efforts on the club's behalf as she deals with health challenges.

Rescue – Cheryl Fraser

Mara would love a home to call her own - Mara has been in foster care for 2 years. As previously reported, Mara is a special needs Ridgeback.

A young female, 2 years old, named **Lucy** has come into rescue in Vermont. She is in foster care and being evaluated. Contact Faith Martin for more information fmartin@ridgebackrescue.org

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED - Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. (RRRI) remains in great need for **foster homes**. We continue to scramble when a dog is in need to find a foster home willing to provide foster care. Please consider giving back to our beloved breed by volunteering to be a foster home.

HOME CHECKS – If you would be able to perform home checks for potential adoption applicants, please let us know. We have a checklist of questions to ask applicants while visiting them in their home. Help is always needed to vet adoption applicants.

Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc (RRRI) will be hosting a booth at the Save A Dog 20th Annual Paws in the Park, being held Sunday, May 17th from 10am-3pm, once again among the beautiful surroundings of Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA. Ridgeback enthusiasts are encouraged to join in the fun for the day. Those wishing to help staff the RRRI rescue booth, can contact Cheryl Fraser for more details and times.

A Tisket-A-Tasket – Time to call for a Basket! There is plenty of planning time for any club members, breeders, and the club itself to organize a Silent Auction Basket(s) to benefit RRRI at the upcoming RRCUS National Specialty being held in Fredricksburg, Texas the week of November 8 – 14, 2020. NERRC has enthusiastically supported this endeavor in the past, having submitted fabulous themed baskets. Transportation of basket donations to Texas is available. If anyone is interested in leading a basket drive this year, please contact Cheryl Fraser – chaza@pobox.com 508-393-6966

NERRC Website – Meghan Terwilliger & Cheryl Fraser

The Website will be updated after this board meeting once the dates have been set for 2020 events.

NERRC Policy & Procedures – Cheryl Fraser

Nothing to report.

Ridgeline – Helen McCune

Four issues were sent out in 2019.

The board discussed the formatting of the Ridgeline. After considering the options, the consensus was to continue to send it out as a PDF. It is also available on the NERRC website.

Ways and Means – No report

The chair of this committee is open. One member has volunteered to serve on the committee. Helen will confirm this person's interest. Bonnie to reach out to two other potential members, one of whom might take on the leadership role.

This is a priority since new items that could be sold at events need to be identified and ordered.

By Laws – Alan Fraser

AKC requested some additional statistical information about the meeting at which the new by laws were adopted. Alan will respond to that request.

Social Media – Meghan Terwilliger

Will be updated with the dates of events scheduled in 2020.

Regional News (for The Ridgeback Magazine) – Helen McCune

Nothing to report.

Lure Coursing – Nikki Newton

Nikki reported that the CAT Test is set for June 20 and 21 at the same field that has been used in the past in Sunderland.

She said that she would be interested in having a spring trial this year. Tentative dates of May 2 and 3 were agreed upon. There is the possibility of using a field in Brattleboro, VT. Helen will contact the owners about the date. Helen, Bonnie, Alan and perhaps Trish Thompson will make a site visit to confirm that it is appropriate for a field trial.

The fall lure coursing trial will be held on October 24 & 25 at the same location in Dartmouth. The club will pay to have the field mowed the week before.

There was a discussion of the lure coursing equipment that the club owns. There was agreement that it should be evaluated and repairs made if warranted. The club would then need to consider the purchase of a small trailer to transport it. There is an immediate need for a ladder and Nikki was authorized to purchase one.

It was moved by Nikki and seconded by Meghan to have the club's Lure Coursing equipment evaluated and serviced by a professional. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

The board set the dates for following events:

March 29	Nose Work Clinic Location to be determined Board Meeting after presentation
May 2 & 3	Possible Lure Coursing Trial in Vermont
May 31	Board meeting following judging at Wrentham Show
June 20 & 21	CAT Test, Sunderland
August 2	BBQ; Annual Meeting and Board Meeting, Washburn Park, Marion, MA
September 12	Regional Specialty, Cape Cod Fairgrounds, E. Falmouth, MA
September 13	Board meeting following judging at Cranberry Cluster
October 24 & 25	Lure Coursing Trial, Dartmouth, MA
November 15	Holiday Party, Fireside Grille, Middleboro, MA Board meeting prior to Holiday Party

Next Meeting: March 29.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Strawn
NERRC Secretary

On-line motions:

On January 29 Evelyn moved and Helen seconded to accept the minutes of the BOD held on January 26. Alan, Bonnie, Helen, Meghan and Evelyn voted in favor. Nikki did not vote. Barbara absent. Motion passed.

On February 5th Helen moved and Alan seconded to approve the following for NERRC membership: Mike Chandler, Cumberland RI, associate, sponsor: Bonnie Johnson. voting Yes - Helen, Barb, Evelyn, Alan, Meghan, Bonnie No Vote – Nikki Motion passed.

Mass Fed update from our liaison, Chris Greeley

I have tried to simplify some of the information available on bills currently under review in Massachusetts but I found the best way seems to be to copy the information provided by the AKC.org.

Many of the recently proposed bills were sent to study and will not reappear for several months. Those that are of immediate concern are included here. Please see below:

[AKC GR is grateful that concerns have been heard by the Massachusetts Joint Committees reporting yesterday and would like to thank the Joint Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Chairmen and their staff in particular, for their significant work.](#)

WHAT'S NEXT:

Both AKC and MassFed have submitted written testimony opposing or expressing concerns with H.1774 and S.114 (personal kennel restrictions), H. 1757 (expanding oversight over commercial kennels), H.1758 (increasing fines), H. 1822 (arbitrary confinement restrictions), and H. 1823 and S.1204 (potentially overbroad consumer protections, as written).

Massachusetts residents, especially those living in Worcester and West Boylston, are strongly encouraged to contact the Joint Municipalities and Regional Government Committee members to express their concerns with these remaining bills.

Comments in opposition should note that:

- 1774 and S.114 result in disparate impacts on personal kennels and have unreasonably low thresholds (five intact females) for dogs kept under a municipal personal kennel license specifically for the betterment of their respective breed and/or for show, trialing, or other sports or purposes.
- 1822 significantly restricts the time periods in which a dog may be securely confined in a fenced-in yard, among other arbitrary confinement measures.

Joint Municipalities and Regional Government Committee members and their contact information are listed below:

Representative Jim O'Day, Chair – James.O'Day@mahouse.gov
Senator Becca Rausch, Chair – becca.rausch@masenate.gov
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Representative Matt Muratore – mathew.muratore@mahouse.gov
Representative Michael Soter – michael.soter@mahouse.gov
Senator Dean Tran – dean.tran@masenate.gov

For more information on these or other legislative issues in Massachusetts, contact AKC's Government Relations Department at [919-816-3720](tel:919-816-3720) or doglaw@akc.org; or MassFed at info@massfeddogs.org.

I'm really not sure how to manage this better. I tried reading each of the proposed bills but don't feel that my personal opinion should influence how people interpret the legislation. I am open to suggestions on how to handle this better!



2021 Ridgeback-a-Day Calendar

Now Accepting Photos! Submit Yours Today!

20+ Years of Rhodesian Ridgeback Calendars
by Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.

Show off your talented Ridgebacks and support rescue dogs in need at the same time. The Ridgeback-a-Day Calendar is the biggest annual fundraiser for Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc., and your support is important.



Features...

- 365-day, desktop-style calendar with a different Ridgeback picture each day
- Spiral-binding, suitable as a memento or collectible
- Request preferred days for displaying your dogs
- All Rhodesian Ridgebacks are eligible – not just rescue dogs

Want to see your Ridgeback in a calendar?

It doesn't matter if you have one, a ton, or even none. Everyone can have their own Rhodesian Ridgeback calendar with 365 gorgeous ridgies and friends! What are we talking about? The Ridgeback-a-Day Calendar, of course! Now's the time to submit photos of your Ridgebacks and their buddies.

Don't miss out. Submit your photos early.

The calendar fills up quickly! Submit early to ensure your Ridgeback is included. You have until June 30 to submit your pictures, pre-order your discounted calendars, and show off your photographic skills, all in one fell swoop!

Please remember that any and all other animals may be in your pictures, as long as at least one dog is a Ridgeback. And, **please, no people in the photos**, except for children five (5) years old or younger.

Find out more and read all the rules for submitting photos at www.RidgebackRescue.org/calendar

Just want to order your 2021 calendars? We are accepting pre-orders now!

I am thrilled to welcome Evelyn Strawn, Cheryl Fraser and Helen McCune to the Regional Specialty Committee. The show has grown through the years into a major show for Rhodesian Ridgebacks and, with 16 dogs entered in Sweeps & 85 dogs entered in the classes last year, Ridgebacks were the largest entry in the show! We were able to award 5 point majors across the board to the winners! There were even 2 Ridgebacks entered in Obedience!

As always, we provide a potluck lunch after judging and have terrific items in our raffle & one of a kind items in the Silent Auction.

This year please save the date and join us **September 12, 2020** whether with a dog or without for another great day on Cape Cod with all your crazy Ridgeback friends!

Barbara Ferguson, Regional Specialty show chair

Think Spring Everyone—It's almost here!!!

If anyone would like to send me photos of their Ridgebacks doing what they love I would like to make a photo collage to include in our next newsletter. Email them to me at kanzih@comcast.net.
~ Helen

