



President's Message

After many years serving as OCRRC's president, the time has come for me to step aside and welcome a new slate of officers and directors with fresh ideas and a new vision for the club. Please join me in wishing our new president Myrna Berger all the best as she guides our club through the next year with wisdom, experience and a great love of the breed, and extending a warm welcome to incoming BOD members Linda Robbins and Lee Nudo. I'd also like to thank outgoing BOD members Leslie Walker and Lisa Patterson for their many years of dedicated service to the club. They have both been great assets on the BOD and their energy and enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

On December 3, 2003, history was made at the AKC/Eukanuba Classic in Long Beach as the Rhodesian Ridgeback "Meet the Breeds" booth won the coveted title of "Best Booth in Show" for the first time ever. A hearty thank you to the OCRRC club members who designed and built this spectacular booth, donated items to display and donated their time to staff the booth, including Sherri and HE West, Myrna and Joe Berger, Elsa Tipton, Catherine Schock, Debbie Drastrup, Lisa Patterson, myself, master carpenter and good friend to OCRRC, Jim McNulty, Jerry & Sue Adomian, Dana Steadley, John Rodgers, Lee Nudo, David Hayek and Helen Brunner (my apologies in advance if I missed anybody). Look for pictures of the winning booth at www.ocrrc.org soon.

Mark your calendar now to attend the premier Ridgeback event in the Western United States (if not the entire country) beginning May 6 with SDRRC's 1st Annual Regional Specialty, followed by OCRRC's 18th Annual Regional Specialty on May 7, the Western Hound Association show on May 8 and the Shoreline DFA all-breed show on May 9, all taking place at the beautiful Oaks/Blenheim Equestrian Center in San Juan Capistrano. This promises to be one of the most exciting show weekends ever assembled in Southern California. Look for more information in the Rambles and the specialty flyer due out in a few months. In the meantime, OCRRC show chairperson Catherine Schock is in the process of formulating her specialty committee and she needs your help: if you can donate the valuable gift of time, either on one of the show committees or on the day of the show, please contact Catherine and she will put you to work...no experience necessary!!!

Please plan to attend the annual dinner meeting at Coco's Restaurant in Brea on Thursday, January 15. Dinner will be at 7:00 pm and the meeting will begin about 8:00 pm. While there is no program scheduled, we do have some important club business to address.

I wish you and your hounds good health and great happiness in 2004!



Warm Regards,
Mike Patterson

General Meeting—January 15, 2004
Coco's Brea - 1250 Imperial Hwy just west of the 57 Fwy.

Hope to see you at the club's Annual Meeting and swearing in of
new Officers and Directors for 2004.

Dinner at 7PM with the meeting getting underway promptly at 8PM.

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"SEE SPOT SHRINK"

The Home Front

Nov. 14, 2003

The Wall Street Journal

"Owners try Zone, Fat Farms to
slim overweight pets.
But do they work? See the Fat-Pet Challenge
on page 5.

General Meeting Minutes—November 13, 2003

Meeting called to order at 9:40 PM after featured program.

John Rodgers motions to approve the minutes from the last General Meeting as published. Lee Nudo seconds the motion. Minutes approved.

President's Report: Mike Patterson

Thank you to Lee Nudo for publishing the latest issue of the Rambles.

Vice President's Report: Leslie Walker not in attendance.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Barbara Rupert not in attendance, report via email.

Off-lead training session offered on Dec 5-7 at Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Thank you received from Lorri Kazlauskas for having judged the match.

Treasurer's Report: Catherine Schock

As of Oct. 23, 2003: Checking Account - \$5,164.99; Regular Savings - \$2,510.51; CD - \$6,324.55; Total - \$14,000.05.

25 Dogs of Africa books ordered.

Committee Reports

Fall Match: Lee Nudo

In general a great time had by all in attendance. Judge Lorri Kazlauskas enjoyed herself and said that our dogs were in good condition.

Meet the Breed Booth: Booth design and construction well under way with Sherrie and HE West, Myrna Berger, Mike & Lisa Patterson, Elsa Tipton, Debbie Drastrup all contributing to the cause. We will need people to man the booth between the hours of 10-4 on Dec 3rd. Preferably 2 people and 2 dogs. Each team could work 1 to 2 hours. A secure area will be provided for dog crates for those working in the booth. Only those wearing the required armbands will be allowed in the area. Booth shall be set up during the hours of 2-7PM on Dec 2nd and 7-9:30AM the day of. RRCUS is donating \$200 for the creation of the booth. Joe Berger motions that OCRRC donates \$300 or covers the balance of what is needed to produce the booth. Motion carries.

Specialty 2004: Catherine Schock

Theresa Lyons produced a very nice ad for both The Ridgeback and The Ridgeback Register announcing our great Specialty weekend in conjunction with SDRRC's 1st Regional Specialty. Passed around the trophy sponsor sheet to those in attendance. Myrna and Lanise volunteered for Morning Hospitality. We need folks to step up and volunteer for the following committees: Raffle, Catalog Ad-

vertising, Sales Table, Lunch, Exhibitor's Appreciation Dinner, Obedience.

Specialty 2005: Lou Guerrero is asking us for a judge for the WHASC show; he suggests Jacqueline Quiros-Kubat who will be judging Whippets. She judged RR's at the Mission Circuit in May of 2001. Majority votes yes. Terry Stacy will also want suggestions for Shoreline 2005.

Supported Show Trophy Committee: Debbie Drastrup For Inland Empire Hound Club show – Jan. 2, 2004. Still working on acquiring the trophies. Having difficulty finding items within the allotted price range of \$100.

New Members: Catherine Schock

(2) new voting members: Jerry Adomian and Carol Ware; those in attendance voted to accept these applicants (1) new associate member: Chris Rhodes.

New Business

1. John Rodgers wants to discuss professional handlers being allowed to handle dogs in the Veteran Sweepstakes class at our Specialties. The National club does allow this. Should this stipulation be removed from the Specialty Premium lists? It is not a club policy. Joe disagrees: should be fun and for owners/breeders to show their dogs off. Others think that Veterans and their handlers should be allowed to remain a team in the Veteran Sweeps class. It is decided that for OCRRC's Specialty 2005 the premium list shall not the handlers may show dogs entered in the Veteran Sweeps Class.
2. AKC has a fund for fire relief for animals and families affected by the San Diego fires. Joe motions that OCRRC donate \$100 to this fund. John Rodgers seconds the motion. Mike Patterson will email the Treasurer with the pertinent info.
3. As of January the club trailer needs to find a new home. The Pattersons will no longer be able to house it.
4. Club needs to send a Thank You note to Reza Scott for his generous donation to Rescue offered at the Fall Match.

Joe motions to adjourn at 10:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Schock

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - December 11, 2003

Meeting called to order at 8:30PM.

Minutes from the last BOD meeting approved as published.

President's Report: Mike Patterson

Thank you to all involved with the Meet the Breeds Booth at the AKC/Eukanuba Classic. RRCUS will reimburse OCRRC for expenses. We need to gather receipts and present them for payment. RRCUS to cover around \$500. Lumber for the booth totaled \$116. Elsa Tipton made a video of the booth's creation from construction of the frame thru receiving the BIS award. We should have a get together with those who participated to view the video. Mike to make the arrangements.

Congratulations to Board Member Debra Driza and her new "show quality male" born to her and her husband in November.

Vice President's Report: Leslie Walker

Nothing to report at this time.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Barbara Rupert not in attendance, report via email.

Roger Inman has donated (2) of his prints to our club to be used as Raffle prizes for the 2004 Specialty. AKC is requesting our current club roster. Catherine to forward to Barbara.

Treasurer's Report: Catherine Schock

As of Nov 19, 2003: Checking Account - \$5,707.70; Regular Savings - \$2,511.04; CD - \$6,328.52; Total - \$14, 547.25. The Dogs of Africa books have arrived. Will bring to next General Meeting for sale to those interested.

Committee Reports

Specialty 2004: Catherine Schock

Suggest that we set up the "Window on Africa" Meet the Breed booth for the Specialty. It can be used as a picture back drop, a place to gather and also for educational purposes since we would also display the info board compiled by Myrna Berger and Catherine Schock. We are already collecting several trophy sponsorship donations. Discussion about holding lure coursing or not at this Specialty. Since Thursday thru Sunday is already quite busy it is suggested that we host a back-to-back trial on another weekend. Northern California lure coursers say they would attend such an event. Needs further discussion. But there will not be lure coursing at

the 2004 Specialty.

Commemorative Poster: We are holding on our donation from the proceeds of sales until the status of the Canine Health Fund study on Dermoid sinus is determined.

Supported Show (IEHS): Debbie Drastrup

Very nice trophies gathered from an African specialty store in Debbie's area. A variety of soap stone carvings.

Old Business

Bylaws Revision: Lisa Patterson has forwarded a hard copy to the contact at AKC. They will review after the New Year.

New Business

1. Terry Stacy is asking for judge suggestions for the 2005 Shoreline show.
2. Total expense for Meet the Breed brochure is \$382, reimbursed to Debbie Drastrup.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40PM

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Schock



OCRRC Top Ten Through August 31, 2003

| | | | |
|----|---|-------------------|-----|
| 1 | CH TIGRIS NOTHING BUT NET FROM MASAI NA | M & L PATTERSON | 569 |
| 2 | CH DEER RIDGE BLIXEN OF AFRIKKA | C WISTROM | 461 |
| 3 | CH OAKHURST WGASA MORGAN RUN | RUPERT/BOHERER | 401 |
| 4 | CH FIREDANCE REMEMBER WHO YOU R | M & J SOROSKY | 275 |
| 5 | CH RIVERCITY'S TEA FOR TWO SC | ABNEY/BICOS | 166 |
| 6 | CH PRIMETIME'S ELECTRIC LADY | J BELCHAMBER | 147 |
| 7 | CH RIVERCITY'S TRAVELIN MAN | T ABNEY | 145 |
| 8 | CH MASAI'S JOIE DE VIVRE | RODGERS/BERRY | 142 |
| 9 | CH CHOCTAW RIDGE HATEYA | J& M NUDO | 135 |
| 10 | CH ORANGEWOOD DBLETAKE AT TRIGGERHILL | SCATINI/MADDALONI | 111 |

OCRRC Top Ten Through September 30, 2003

| | | | |
|----|---|-----------------|-----|
| 1 | CH TIGRIS NOTHING BUT NET FROM MASAI NA | M & L PATTERSON | 600 |
| 2 | CH DEER RIDGE BLIXEN OF AFRIKKA | C WISTROM | 549 |
| 3 | CH OAKHURST WGASA MORGAN RUN | RUPERT/BOHRER | 401 |
| 4 | CH FIREDANCE REMEMBER WHO YOU R | M & J SOROSKY | 312 |
| 5 | CH RIVERCITY'S TRAVELIN MAN | T ABNEY | 198 |
| 6 | CH RIVERCITY'S TEA FOR TWO SC | ABNEY/BICOS | 179 |
| 7 | CH PRIMETIME'S ELECTRIC LADY | J BELCHAMBER | 147 |
| 8 | CH MASAI'S JOIE DE VIVRE | RODGERS/BERRY | 142 |
| 9 | CH CHOCTAW RIDGE HATEYA | J & M NUDO | 135 |
| 10 | CH WINDANA BAOBAB AFRICAN JEWEL | WALKER/WOODS | 125 |

Magazines for Dog Lovers

Fido Friendly

The Travel Magazine For You & Your Dog

www.fidofriendly.com

4 issues per year/\$15

Great source for dog friendly accommodations and travel accessories for your pooch.

Plus very informative articles and lots of internet resources.

The BARK

Dog is My Co-Pilot

www.thebark.com

5 issues per year/\$15

An award-winning magazine of modern dog culture - offering an entertaining mix of articles and stories that explore the special bond between dogs and humans. Founded in 1997, The Bark features articles on health, behavior, travel and recreation, as well as art and literature - all with a unique, canine perspective.

OCRRC Top Ten Through October 31, 2003

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|----|---|-------------------|-----|
| 1 | CH TIGRIS NOTHING BUT NET FROM MASAI NA | M & L PATTERSON | 669 |
| 2 | CH DEER RIDGE BLIXEN OF AFRIKKA | C WISTROM | 549 |
| 3 | CH OAKHURST WGASA MORGAN RUN | RUPERT/BOHERER | 420 |
| 4 | CH FIREDANCE REMEMBER WHO YOU R | M & J SOROSKY | 337 |
| 5 | CH RIVERCITY'S TRAVELIN MAN | T ABNEY | 198 |
| 6 | CH RIVERCITY'S TEA FOR TWO SC | ABNEY/BICOS | 195 |
| 7 | CH WINDANA BAOBAB AFRICAN JEWEL | WALKER/WOODS | 169 |
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The Fat-Pet Challenge (cont'd from page 1)

Do dog diets work? We decided to find out - rounding up willing owners and having their overweight pets try a range of weight-loss options. (We asked veterinarians first to make sure the regimens were safe.) Here's what happened.

Canine Zone
\$12.95/6.6# bag
www.healthypetnet.com

Fat-carbs-protein ratio helps dogs shed pounds

In 3 weeks, Australian shepdogs Pizza (68#'s) and Pasta (58#'s) lost a pound and gained a pound, respectively, on this special recipe kibble. Makers say the diet can take a while and Florida owners say they'll stick with it.

Dogs Can Dance
Cassette and video
\$45
www.dogscandance.com

Dancing with dog burns calories, makes it happy

We had West Virginia software developer Rod Llewellyn try this home program with his double-size dog. His take? Too much work. Seventy-eight # Basil lacked the necessary obedience training and has bad knees.

Swim and Trim Package
\$500/two weeks
www.petinnresort.com

Boarding kennel has daily swim, massage, diet meals

Retriever Dulcis shed 4#'s in 10 days at this Louisiana facility. ("She was a little mad at us," says owner Jennifer Mann, a New Orleans attorney.) Considering a crash diet? Pets shouldn't lose more than 5% of their weight a week.

Jog-a-Dog treadmill
\$1,095 and up
www.jogadog.com

No more freezing walks outside in January

Our 55# test bulldog, Sticker, first attacked the treadmill's moving belt, then threw up. But then he learned to run for five or ten minutes at a go - and lost 4#'s in three weeks. His owner, New York management consultant Bill Benton, says if he doesn't keep holding Sticker's leash, he'll just lie down and go right off the back end."

Treasurer's Report

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| <i>BEGINNING BALANCE</i> | 11/20/03 | \$5,707.70 |
| <u><i>INCOME</i></u> | | |
| Membership Dues | 310.00 | |
| Merchandise Sales | 43.00 | |
| Checking Acct Interest | .46 | |
| <u><i>TOTAL INCOME</i></u> | | \$353.46 |
| <u><i>EXPENSE</i></u> | | |
| CapitalOne – MS Publisher for Nudo | 156.00 | |
| Alpine Publications – Dogs of Africa | 691.65 | |
| Postmaster – Dues Renewal Notice | 37.00 | |
| The Copy Mill – Dues Renewal Notice | 8.30 | |
| AKC Awards Subscription | 69.00 | |
| AKC CAR Canine Support & Relief Fund | 100.00 | |
| <u><i>TOTAL EXPENSE</i></u> | | \$1,061.95 |
| <u><i>BALANCE</i></u> | 12/22/03 | \$4,999.21 |
| <u><i>REGULAR SAVINGS</i></u> | 12/22/03 | \$2,511.56 |
| <u><i>CD SAVINGS</i></u> | 12/22/03 | \$6,333.39 |
| <u><i>TOTAL</i></u> | 12/22/03 | \$13,844.16 |



Going to the DOGS?

The Dogs* Gallery is SoCal's first fine art gallery devoted to contemporary painting, sculpture, and photography of dogs (and other animals), including giclée prints and original commissions from each of our six internationally known artists.

Open Tuesday thru Sunday, 10:00-6:00

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www.thedogsgallery.com

Dogs of Africa

Sian Hall

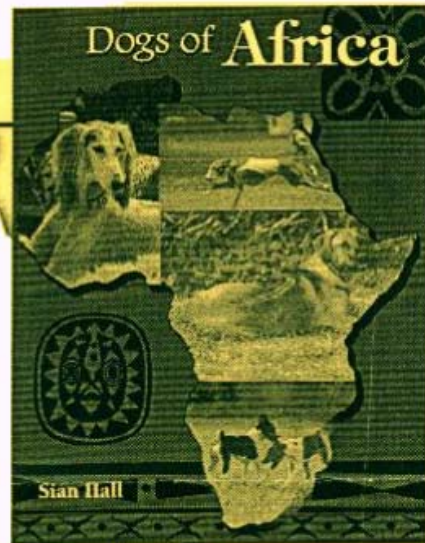
Many types of dogs of numerous breeds originated on the continent of Africa. Some have been recognized and bred in America or Europe for better than a century. Others are just now being accepted by the AKC and other registration organizations. Sian Hall has produced a fascinating resource for lovers of any of the African breeds. The native African dogs are divided into seven basic types:

- Pariahs
- Indigenous South African Dogs
 - Hounds
 - Desert Sighthounds
- Mediterranean Sighthounds
 - Mastiffs
- Small breeds raised as pets.

Maps illustrate where the dogs originated, and Hall delves deeply into the history, characteristics, temperament, similarities and dissimilarities of the various breeds. If your interest lies in any of the African breeds, you'll want this fully illustrated, beautifully designed reference.

HALL is a researcher and writer who lives in South Africa.

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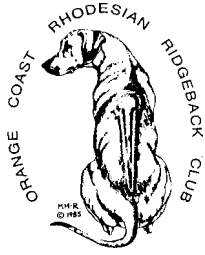


OCRRC Purchases Dogs of Africa for resale.

The books have arrived and will be available for purchase at the up-coming General meeting on January 15.

OCRRC has decided to sell the books for \$30 each (this is less than the retail price). We purchased 25 and hope to recoup our expense for the book with a slight profit.

The author, Sian Hall, will be a featured lecturer at the 2004 World Congress. Anthropologist Hall is a doctoral candidate in the Anthropology Department at Rhodes University, South Africa. She will lecture on the ridged dogs of Africa, with special emphasis on the ridged Khoisan dog that is thought to be the native ancestor of the Rhodesian Ridgeback - and which she believes still survives today.



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THE RAMBLES EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITY IS SHIFTING WITH THIS FINAL ISSUE FOR 2003. LEE NUDO - WHO IS JOINING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS TERM - WILL BE THE CLUB'S NEWSLETTER EDITOR AS SOON AS WE GET HER MS PUBLISHER INSTALLED. PLEASE SHARE ANY IDEAS, ARTICLES, BRAGS, LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC., WITH LEE SO THAT SHE CAN PUBLISH THE CLUB NEWS.

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE DEBRA DRIZA AND LINDA CANNON'S WORK ON THE RAMBLES FOR MOST OF THE YEAR. WITH THE BIRTH OF A NEW SON DEBRA HAS, UNDERSTANDABLY, STEPPED DOWN.

I APOLOGIZE FOR THIS "BARE BONES" ISSUE, BUT THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WAS A BLUR WITH NOT A MINUTE TO SPARE FOR EXTRACURRICULAR PROJECTS.

LOOKING FORWARD TO LEE'S FRESH APPROACH TO THE RAMBLES.

CATHERINE SCHOCK

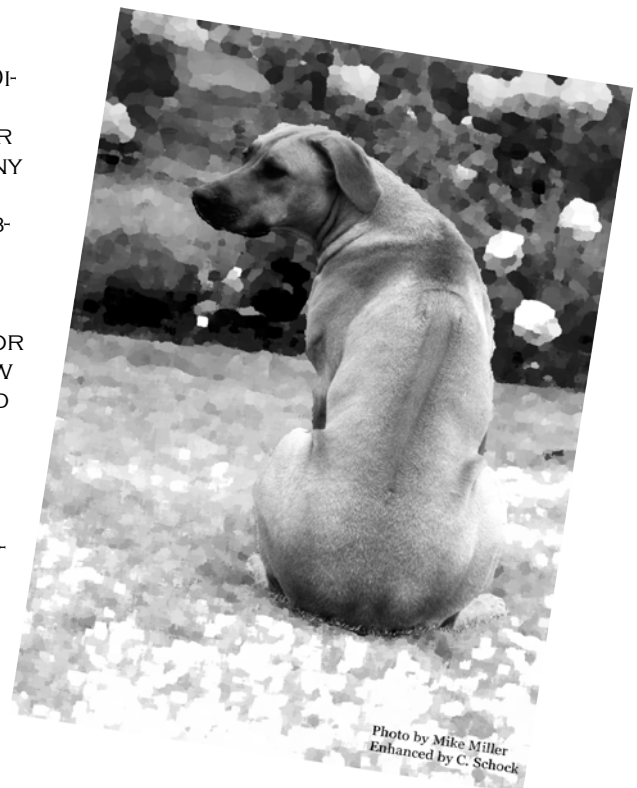


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