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President's Message

Dear Members,

OCRRC's members have worked well together in the past, and most recently a special group brought a prestigious award to our club when they put together the Best in Show-winning booth at the Eukanuba "Meet the Breed" and Invitational Show. We're especially proud of those who worked so hard on this effort, but this feat could not have been accomplished without the support of all you.

Which brings me to the matter of our General Meetings—I'd like to see

better attendance, as this will give all of you an opportunity to share your ideas, which in turn will help us make our club one that strives to offer something for all its members.

We have a busy schedule this year, which includes the planning and organization of our Regional Specialty; a lure-coursing specialty to be held in conjunction with our Specialty; an agility fun day; and a doubly exciting fall match (to make up for not having our spring match).

To make all these events possible we'll need volunteers. Our Specialty Chairman, Catherine Schock is diligently at work arranging plans for the Specialty. Please offer your help wherever it's needed.

And finally, as your new President, I'd like all of you to know that I'll do my very best to maintain the continuity and high standards established by our past President, Mike Patterson.

Thank you,
Myrna Berger

Did you know...

You Can "Catch" Brucellosis From Your Dog!

Human *B. canis* infection is a result of exposure...to dogs; dogs are the only natural reservoir of the organism. Human disease occurs sporadically among pet owners, laboratory workers, veterinarians, and animal caretakers. Transmission is by aerosolization of or direct contact with canine abortion products or

infected vaginal discharges. The possible role of transmission to humans from contact with infected dog urine is unknown. The majority of human *B. canis* infections in the United States have been reported east of the Mississippi River, and 70% of these were in the South (31 of 43 cases reported to the CDC from 1968 to 1984).

Possible factors influencing this distribution of cases include increased prevalence of the disease in dogs in the South, climatic differences, and differences in reporting and surveillance.

Brucellosis caused by any of the pathogenic species is a febrile [feverish] systemic illness.... The in-

cubation period varies from 2 to 8 weeks, or more. Acute symptoms include fever, sweats, malaise, anorexia, abdominal pain, headache, myalgia, backache, and lymphadenopathy [abnormal enlargement of the lymph nodes]. The undulant [or recurrent] form of the disease

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OCRRC TOP TWENTY		
Through November 30, 2003		
AKC Registered Name	Owner's Name	Total points
1. Ch. Tigris Nothing But Net From Masai, NA — "Kobe"	M. & L. Patterson	828
2. Ch. Deer Ridge Blixen of Afrika — "Blixen"	C. Wistrom	571
3. Ch. Firedance Remember Who You R — "Cooper"	M. & J. Sorosky	450
4. Ch. Oakhurst Wgasa Morgan Run — "Morgan"	B. & R. Rupert/M. Bohrer	437
5. Ch. Windana Baobab African Jewel — "Jewel"	L. Walker/R. Woods	295
6. Ch. Riversity's Travelin Man — "Travis"	T. Abney	198
7. Ch. Rivercity's Tea For Two, SC — "Tia"	T. Abney/O. Bicos	195
8. Ch. Orangewood Doubletake at Trigrhill — "Kate"	E. & J. Scattini/P. Maddaloni	172
9. Ch. Primetime's Electric Lady — "Emma"	J. Belchamber	147
10. Ch. Masai's Joie de Vivre — "Joey"	J. Rodgers/N. Berry	142
11. Ch. Choctaw Ridge Hateya — "Kizzy"	J. & M. Nudo	135
12. Archtype The Red Baron — "Baron"	E. Moore/C. & S. Robinson	126
13. Ch. Primetime's Never Been Kissed — "Drew"	J. Belchamber	123
14. Ch. Ouridgenal Red's Badge of Courage — "Cappy"	D. & L. Robins	109
15. Ch. Echoridge Unbridled by Tigris — "Clarence"	L. Mendoza/M. & L. Patterson	104
16. Ch. Primetime Tropaco River Goddess — "Daphne"	H. Brunner	101
17. Ch. Archetype Arrow — "Arrow"	E. Moore/A. & G. Wells	98
18. Ch. Doubletakes Starlet of Zanzibar — "Star"	P. Maddaloni/S. Gozdiff	93
19. Rivercity's Man to B R'kondwith — "Toby"	T. Abney/O. Bicos	91
20. Ch. Firedance River Song By Kwetu — "Lulu"	M. Sorosky/E. Kliszewski	90

Brucellosis

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develops within one year of acute symptoms in untreated patients and is characterized by recurring fevers, severe weight loss, and orchepididymitis. *Brucella* spp are not thought to be abortifacient [abortion-inducing] in humans.

Humans are relatively resistant to infection with *B. canis*, and the disease is mild compared with infections caused by other *Brucella* spp.... Diagnosis of *B. canis* infection in humans is often delayed because of the nonspecific clinical presentation of the disease, a low index of suspicion on the part of physicians, and difficulty with diagnostic laboratory confirmation.

Blood culture provides the most specific results, but patients are intermittently bacteremic [a transient presence of bacteria] and *B. canis* organisms grow slowly and are mildly fastidious. The culture may be discarded before the organism is recognized. Also, *Brucella* spp are difficult to distinguish from each other and from other gram-negative bacteria....

Conclusion

B. canis is pathogenic [capable of causing disease] in humans. When the diagnosis is delayed, patients may suffer significant illness, but they respond well to antibiotic therapy...[and] are less likely to develop very serious or fatal complications than are patients with classic brucellosis. *B. canis* infection is not considered to be a significant zoonosis [disease passed from animal to man] under normal circumstances, but standard precautions, especially the use of gloves, should be followed when assisting with whelping or handling blood.

Human *B. canis* infection is probably rare, but the true incidence is unknown. The disease is likely underdiagnosed because of a low index of suspicion, lack of a serologic screening test, and difficulties in culturing and identifying the organism.... As we better understand the burden of disease caused by *B. canis*, it will become clearer whether changes should be made in animal disease control regulations to limit spread among dogs and to protect human health.

—reprinted from *Compendium*, Nov. 2003

Hope for K-9 Bone Cancer

A primary problem in treating dogs with bone cancer (osteosarcoma) is it often develops resistance to chemotherapy. Through a Morris Animal Foundation-funded study, Dr. G Neal Mauldin is using gene therapy to stop the growth of cancerous bone tumors.

Typically, cancerous tumors grow slowly. However, if they form new blood vessels—a process called angiogenesis—the resulting influx of nutrients and oxygen causes rapid growth. Using a non-toxic form of therapy specifically targeting the blood vessels, Dr. Mauldin is trying to block the blood supply to tumors, halting their growth and sending cancer into remission.

In this Louisiana State University study, the investigators worked with small animal models. In nine to 18 months, they plan to start clinical trials specifically for dogs with bone cancer. Dr. Mauldin thinks this type of gene therapy could prove effective in other small animals as well. "The genes we're working with now are part of the normal makeup of just about every species," he says.

To learn more about this and other canine health studies, please visit MorrisAnimalFoundation.org.

Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE	12/23/03	\$4,999.21
INCOME		
Checking Acct Interest	.38	
TOTAL INCOME		\$0.38
EXPENSE		
Meet the Breed Info Board – Myrna Berger	44.25	
Meet the Breed Brochure – D. Drastrup	382.00	
IEHC Supported Entry Trophies – B. Drastrup	156.00	
Rambles Dec/Jan Postage	25.53	
Rambles Dec/Jan Printing	35.58	
Barbara Rupert – postage	111.00	
Challenge Trophies Engraving – J. Berger	95.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$849.36
BALANCE	1/22/04	\$4,150.23
REGULAR SAVINGS	1/22/04	\$2,512.09
CD SAVINGS	1/22/04	\$6,337.95
TOTAL	1/22/04	\$13,000.27

General Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2004

Meeting called to order at 8:27 pm. Nineteen club members were present..

First order of business: Approval of minutes as printed in the Rambles. Leslie Walker noted a typo under New Business. Under veteran sweeps, it should have read "shall note that handler's may...." A motion was made by Catherine to approve the minutes with the above amendment. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

President's Report: This is Mike's final report as President, an office he took over in 1999. He thanks the club for allowing him to serve in that capacity. Myrna Berger is the new President.

If anybody in the club has an issue with something, they should contact a Board Member about it.

Vice President: Nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary: A letter was re-

ceived from Linda Cannon, which was read to the group. It expressed her disappointment with the club's plan not to offer an AKC RR lure-coursing trial along with the Specialty this year.

The club needs to send a new BOD list and new roster to AKC.

We received an e-mail concerning a site deposit for the Specialty. It's due by April 1st. The insurance certificate is due at the same time.

A letter was sent to Riza Scott for the donation.

A letter from the AKC was received approving Pam Lambie as our Sweeps judge. Permission was also granted to offer a Parade of Veterans.

Treasurer's Report: As of 12/2, checking was at \$4,999.21, savings \$2,511.56, and CD at \$6,453.39, for a total of \$13,844.64.

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T is sweet to hear the honest
 watch-dog's bark
Bay deep-mouthed we come,
 as we draw near home;
'T is sweet to know there is
 an eye will mark
Our coming, and look brighter
 when we come.
 –Don Juan
 Lord Byron

What's Happening...

What: OCRRC General Meeting

When: March 11, 2004; dinner @7 pm, meeting begins promptly @8.

Where: Coco's, Brea, CA

What: Lure Coursing Tests/Trial

When: March 20/21

Where: Bakersfield, CA

Contact: Event Sec. Deborah Butler, (661) 823-0820, or borzoigirl2002@yahoo.com.

Closes: March 17, 2004

What: Kern County KC

When: March 27/28, 2004

Where: Kern County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield, CA

Judges: Mrs. Robt. Smith (Sat); Mrs. Thos F. Powers (Sun)

Closes: March 10, 2004

What: Silver State KC

When: April 3/4, 2004

Where: Dog Fanciers Park, Las Vegas, NV

Judges: E. Rigden (Sat); D. Welsh (Sun)

Closes: March 17, 2004

What: Lure Coursing Tests/Trial

When: April 10/11, 2004

Where: Los Alamitos, CA

Contact: Event Sec. Dixie Howell-Hirsch, (714) 649-0102, or go to cca@sunstag.org.

What: Aztec RR Fanciers Spring Match, to include property classes and agility.

When: April 16, 2004

Where: Dogpatch, San Marcos, CA

Contact: For information, go to arffsd.com.

What: Lake Mathews KC

When: April 24/25, 2004

Where: Prado Regional Park, Chino, CA

Judges: Miss Lyne (Sat); Mrs. James (Sun)

Closes: April 7, 2004

What: Rio Hondo KC

When: May 1/2, 2004

Where: Cal Poly Univ., Pomona, CA

Judges: Dr. Judith Newton (Sat); Mr. Stephen Wailes (Sun)

Closes: April 14, 2004

What: SDRRC 1st Regional Specialty Show

When: Thursday, May 6, 2004

Where: The Oaks, San Juan Capistrano, CA

Judges: Breed—Mr. Charles Keith Thornton;

Puppy Sweeps—Mrs. Elizabeth Demery

What: OCRRC 18th Annual Specialty Show, Obedience Trial, & Lure Coursing; also featuring Parade of Veterans, Junior Showmanship, and Canine Good Citizen Test

When: Friday, May 7, 2004

Where: The Oaks, San Juan Capistrano, CA

Judges: Breed—Mrs. Betty Stites; Puppy Sweeps—Mrs. Pam Lambie; Obedience—Mr. Robert Margolis.

What: WHASC All Hound Match

When: May 8, 2004, after the Hound Show

Where: The Oaks, San Juan Capistrano, CA

Contact: Michelle Pauline-Brown, chairperson; ahrankennels@aol.com; (909) 514-0558.

What: Western Hound Association of Southern California (OCRRC Supported)

When: Saturday, May 8, 2004

Where: The Oaks, San Juan Capistrano, CA

Judges: Breed—Mrs. Lesley Hiltz; BIS—Mrs. Joan Frailey; Puppy Sweeps—Ms. Carol Chittum.

What: Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association (OCRRC Supported)

When: Sunday, May 9, 2004, after Shoreline judging.

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General Meeting Minutes

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Committee Reports:

Specialty — Professional handlers will be allowed to show in Veteran Sweeps, which will be offered in 2005. The Best Western is almost sold out.. It's been suggested that we combine our Specialty catalogue with SDRRC. Discussion followed. Joe Berger made a motion to combine catalogues, which was seconded. Discussion followed. Two were in favor, sixteen opposed, and Debra Driza abstained. The motion did not carry. We still need a caterer and committee chair for the exhibitor's dinner. Debbie Drastrup has volunteered to head up the Raffle Committee again. Rebecca Eastman volunteered to help with the Obedience trial. We will not be combining flyers with SDRRC for the Specialty. We decided that we don't need to secure an additional judge for overflow at the Specialty. In case of overflow, we will take away nonregular classes and find a different judge for them. We'll be supporting both Shoreline and Western Hound.

Lure Coursing — We could possibly offer it the Monday following the Specialty, or have a Sunday run following conformation judging. Debra Driza volunteers to be the Trial Secretary and Linda Cannon is nominated to be the Trial Chairperson. We need to find a site immediately.

We'll plan on having a two-day AKC trial sometime this year. We need to look up potential dates. We propose to have one day an RR-only trial, and the next day an all-breed trial.

Website — We need to decide if there's anything else we'd like to see on the website.

Match — San Diego has set their match date for April 17th. Dick Rupert makes a motion to skip the spring match because our Specialty is earlier than usual this year. The motion is seconded, and carries with 0 nays, 15 yeas, and Lisa Patterson and Barbara Dickson abstaining.

Old Business: We need names for Sweeps judges for Shoreline 2005. Nominated are: Jan Shermer, Kathy Thompson, Scott Price, Ross Jones, and Bill Sahloff. Jan Shermer receives the most votes. The nominees for regular judges are Dana Klein, Donald Sturtz, Betty Stenmark, and Skip Herendeen. Dana Klein receives the most votes.

Pins for Specialty: Linda Robbins makes a motion that we include a free-pin order in the Specialty flyer so that people can order them if they want them; the first pin would be free extra pins would be \$5. The motion is seconded. The motion carries with 1 nay vote and 18 yeas. Joe will order the pins for the Specialty.

The floor is yielded to Barbara Rupert. With no opposition to the new proposed BOD and officers, she casts 1 vote to approve the nominees for 2004. The new president is Myrna Berger, Vice President Meredith Wisniewski, Treasurer Catherine Schock, Corresponding Secretary Barbara Rupert, Recording Secretary Debra Driza, and BODs Deborah Drastrup, Marilee Nudo, Mike Patterson, and Linda Robbins.

Mike is thanked for his service to the club as President, and Leslie Walker and Lisa Pat-

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The Dirt on Dishes

"Never feed your dog (or yourself or anyone in your family) out of ceramic dishes made in a foreign country, unless you know for certain the dishes are lead-free. Picking up traces of lead from such dishes can lead to poisoning. When in doubt, use glass or stainless-steel dishes for your dog."

From "Hands-On Dog Care"
By Sue M. Copeland
and John A. Hamil, DVM

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erson are also thanked.

New Business: (Myrna Berger) We received a letter from the National Club, which wants a liaison from our club to report what's going on with OCRRC for publication in their publication, *The Ridgeback*. Myrna asks Lee Nudo and she accepts.

Debra Driza received a letter from the AKC asking for two people from the club to be nominated to serve on a new Field Advisory Committee for lure coursing. Debra Driza and Linda Cannon are nominated.

Motion is made and carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting is adjourned at 9:37 pm.

What's Happening...

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Where: The Oaks, San Juan Capistrano, CA
Judges: Breed—Ms. Shelley Hennessey; Group— Mrs. Susan St. John Brown; BIS—Mr. Freeman Claus.

What: AKC Specialty Lure Coursing Trial, hosted by OCRRC

When: Sunday, May 9, 2004, following Shoreline judging

Where: Irvine Lake Park, Irvine, CA

Judge: Mr. Patrick Abaravich

Contact: Trial Sec. Debra Driza; hound rat@aol.com; (760) 597-9383.

Be a part of "The Ridgeback Rambles." Send information on events, what's happening in your RR life, or questions about anything you'd like to know (I'll find an expert to answer 'em), to: Lee Nudo, 630 Rancho del Cerro, Fallbrook, CA 92028-8498.

Specialty Raffle Basket Donations

Come join in the fun to help make this year's Specialty Raffle the best ever! If you'd like to donate a Ridgeback-related theme basket for the raffle...or if you have another item you'd like to donate, please contact:
Deb Drastrup, Raffle Chair,
at bdrastrup@aol.com, or
760/730-3364.

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2004

Meeting is called to order at 8:20 pm. All Board members are in attendance. The previous board minutes are approved unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary: The Inland Empire Hound Club gave us a check for the supported entry. They want judge suggestions for regular show and sweeps by February 16th. We ordered letterhead and envelopes. The AKC sent us their approval for the Specialty.

Mike came across two marked Specialty catalogs from the show superintendent for the last two Specialties. He also has the slick logos, which he passed to Barbara Rupert.

Treasurer: As of 1/22, we have \$4,150.23 in checking, \$2,512.09 in savings, \$6,337.95 in the CD, for a total of \$13,000.27. Catherine Schock reports that she just deposited \$1,200 from membership renewals and book sales.

Committees:

Specialty — The premium list was submitted to Garvin on 1/26. We're waiting for a proof. The desired mailing date is 3/17. We sent off supported entry trophy fees to Western Hound and Shoreline. Western Hound increased the fee to \$95 for offering a High in Trial trophy. Thank you's have been mailed.

Linda Robbins is thanked for taking care of the trophies. We've made a change on the grand raffle prize—we don't have anything

picked out yet. Discussion followed on possible grand raffle prizes, including a personalized quilt made with RR photos. Catherine will donate the RR throw and tote that Lisa Hoffman sold to us for a grand prize, but will use it instead as a regular prize.

We're planning to get the Specialty flyer out the first week in March.

Lure Coursing — We're going to use Irvine Lake Park again; it's convenient to the show site. We have one judge, Patric Abaravich, so far, and are looking for one more from out of state. We're going to hold the trial Sunday afternoon, following the BOB judging that day.

Old Business — Mike has forwarded judges' names to Lou Guerrero and Terry Stacy. Mike attended the RRCUS BOD meeting and brought them a brochure from our Meet the Breed booth. They're going to reimburse OCRCC for their costs. They would like a disc/electronic report of this made available to them so they can offer it to other clubs to use. Discussion followed.

We need to find a date for our future lure-coursing trial weekend. Debra Driza and Linda Cannon are assigned to do this.

Discussion about holding an agility fun day followed. Debra will check on a Riverside site.

New members: Danny and Karen Carver from Santa Clarita, CA, associate members;

sponsored by Janet LeClainche.

New Business: We need a conformation and sweeps judges for the 2005 Inland Empire show. Nominated for conformation are Chris Abraham, Dana Klein, Lou Guerrero, Robert Frost, Joyce Brewster, Betty Orseno, and Lisa Warren. Nominated for sweeps are Tammy Lynch, Lynn Soloman, Troy Abney, Michele Bohrer, Concetta Jez, Susan Hamil, and Susan Ralston. Discussion followed on nominees. Discussion followed on nominees and on tabulating the ballots. It was decided the ballots would be tabulated at a meeting.

As VP, Meredith is in charge of arranging programs for future general meetings.

Vickie Marx and Tess Franzen are both certified to perform CGC tests. They propose to offer certification tests at the Specialty for \$12—\$4 of which would go back to the club. We need to double check with Lou to see if we have the space.

Catherine says she has been housing two car batteries and keeping them maintained for the coursing. Do we still need them? Discussion followed, and it was decided to keep them for now.

Linda Robbins asks for requests for embroidery items for the Specialty sales table.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.



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We're on the Web!

www.ocrrc.org



**DON'T FORGET . . . be sure to attend our
General Meeting on March 11. Look inside
("What's Happening...," on page 4) for details!!
Good food . . . good company . . . good times!!**

