



Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club

# Ridgeback Rambles

Volume 7, Issue 3, June/July 2004

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

OCRRC Top Twenty	2
Treasurer's Report	3
General Mtg. Minutes	3
What's Happening...	4
BOD Meeting Minutes	5
"COME!" Part I	6
Pam Lambie Thank-you	6
What's CHIC?	6
<b>2003 Member Survey</b>	<b>7</b>
In the Whelping Box...	9
New CGC's	9

## A Note From the Editor's Den

Dear Members,

Since our President, Myrna Berger, is under the weather and unable to write to you, I'd like to share some thoughts of my own.

As I launched into this new endeavor, I laid awake at night thinking about it...and still do. The conclusion I've come to is this: I absolutely can't do it without you! In my humble opinion, *The Ridgeback Rambles* should do more than just relay information from the board about the club, it should also relay information from/about its members.

Our club newsletter is a terrific way for us to share things we've learned, to seek solutions to problems, and to simply revel in each other's accomplishments.

It's my hope that through *The Ridgeback Rambles* we can come to know each other better, and through greater friendship do the

best we can to better serve our wonderful breed.

So, here are some ideas for departments that will rely on your input:

• *In the Whelping Box...* News of litters—both those that have arrived and those that are planned. I've started this one, but now you guys have to pick it up from here.

• *The Winner's Circle.* Brags about your dogs' successes—all types, even puppy graduations! (Note: I'd love suggestions for a better name. "Guess What My Dog Did..."? Or, "RRs in the News"?)

• *Rainbow Bridge.* A special place where you can share the passing of a beloved Ridgeback, and celebrate his/her life.

• *Event Calendar.* I'm doing my best to list upcoming events (see "What's Happening...," but I need your help on the extracurricular events I can't find at Info Dog,

such as matches/fun days, lure-coursing fun runs, and tests for special titles, such as Canine Good Citizen, Tracking, etc.

If there's anything else you'd like to see in *The Rambles*, let me know. And if you'd like to share an opinion, a cookie recipe, or your favorite Web site, send it to me at Mnudo@aol.com. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

All the best to you and your wonderful RRs,

Lee Nudo  
Editor

Note: In the April/May "President's Message," *Sunday's Lure Coursing Specialty* (on May 9th) was referred to as a "first." It was not OCRRC's first lure-coursing specialty; it was an editing error, and, unfortunately, not my first!



Betty Stites on...:

## OCRRC's 18th Regional Specialty

Impressive! The OCRRC Specialty on May 7, that is! Everything about it was impressive. The dogs, the site, the organization, the food, and the people.

Frankly, I had never before seen 177 beautiful Rhodesians all in one place. It was not only im-

pressive, it was absolutely unbelievable! I found the overall quality very high, and while that delighted me, it also made my job far more difficult, as in each huge class there were dogs I couldn't place that I would've killed to have in my ring at most shows.

Rhodesian Ridgeback breeders, in my opinion, have done a great job of taking the breed toward a more uniform type, as was certainly evidenced by this entry. In other areas of the country I've found entries that made me feel the breed was getting too big, too

overdone, or too tall. I didn't find many of those dogs in this entry. For the most part, the balance and symmetry was outstanding.

In this breed there's always been the drag of the mastiff type at one extreme, coupled with a tend-

(Continued on page 2)

## OCRRC TOP TWENTY through March 31, 2004

AKC Registered Name	Owner's Name	Total points
1. Ch. Windana Baobab African Jewel	L. Walker/R. Woods	213
2. Ch. Freedom's Blast O'Dynamite By Tigris	J. & L. Gutierrez	156
3. Ch. Masai's Joie De Vivre	J. Rodgers/N. Berry	89
4. Oakhurst I Am The Princess	B. & R. Rupert	72
5. Lexus She's Got Game By Tigris	M. & L. Patterson	71
6. Ch. Freedom's Faith By Tigris	P. Weston/W. & G. Woodhall	64
7. Ch. Orangewood Doubletake at Trigrhill	E. & J. Scattini/P. Maddaloni	61
8. Ch. Deer Ridge Blixen of Afrika	C. Wistrom	54
9. Shadoridge N Jubalee Wild E'motion	K. Williams/Rhodes & Helling	48
10. Oakhurst Abayomi Andazi	J. Hakeem/D. Madden/J. Spengel	47
11. Ch. Freedom's Awesome Olivia By Tigris	P. Weston	46
12. Freedom's Five Star General By Tigris	P. Weston	41
13. Ch. Jubalee Uzuri Archetype Redsand	E. Moore/M. Solorio	40
14. Ch. Echordage Unbridled By Tigris	L. Mendoza/L. & M. Patterson	36
15. Ch. Archetype Arrow	E. Moore/A. & G. Wells	35
16. Bayou's Primo Archtyp 4 Phern	C. Schock/J. Dalphin	34
17. Pheron's Sanyati of Kariba	M. & S. Miller	34
18. Trigerhill's Notorious Doubletake	E. & J. Scattini/J. & J. Kuplent	33
19. Of Afrikka Airborne Envoy	C. Wistrom	30
20. Ch. Wyndrunhr Red Skys Reap Th Wld Wind	N. Brandewie/D. Brandewie	30

### Betty Stites on...

(Continued from page 1)

ency to embrace the greyhound look at the other. With the inclusion of the Ridgeback in ASFA competition, the speedier, more agile, but lighter-boned, greyhound type gained some acceptance, sometimes to the point of very long legs, and shelly bodies. While as a sighthound owner, I would never be one to encourage a return to mastiff emphasis, I'm glad to see that the proper middle ground is returning. This is a dog of endurance, adequate speed and agility, coupled with the necessary bone and substance to stand off a lion.

I was also glad to see, at least in this entry, more uniformity of heads. Over the years, breeders I've talked with differed widely in their opinion of what the desired head should be. In this entry, I found what I considered to be classic Ridgeback heads,

(Continued on page 9)



OCRRC Specialty winner, Ch. Tigris Nothing But Net From Masai, NA, NAJ, SC, ROM, and owner/handler Mike Patterson, with judge Betty Stites, left, and Show Chair Catherine Schock, right.

# Treasurer's Report

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	5/21/04	\$4,858.39
<b>INCOME</b>		
Member Dues	55.00	
Checking Acct Interest	.26	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		\$ 55.26
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Mike Patterson—EZ-ups	<519.90>	
HB Embroidery—Merchandise	<1,814.38>	
Joe Berger—Date Pins	<64.51>	
Lee Nudo—Rambles (Feb/Mar and Apr/May)	<215.20>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		\$2,131.99
<b>BALANCE</b>	6/22/04	\$2,299.66
<b>REGULAR SAVINGS</b>	6/22/04	\$2,514.70
<b>CD SAVINGS</b>	6/22/04	\$6,359.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	6/22/04	\$11,174.04

## General Meeting Minutes — May 24, 2004

BOD members present: Myrna Berger, Catherine Schock, Meredith Wisniewski, Debra Drastrup, Lee Nudo, Linda Robbins, Mike Patterson.

Members present: Joe Berger, Leslie Walker, John Rodgers, Rebecca Eastman, Jerry Adomian, Lisa Patterson. Meeting called to order at 8:21 P.M.

**First order of business:** Minutes will be approved at a future date

**Presidents report:** The Ruperts could not attend, but a letter was received by Barbara that May 15, 2004 lure coursing needs to be applied for. Discussion follows regarding date, and no date is approved at this time.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Nothing to report

**Corresponding Secretary:** Not in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of May 20, 2004, checking was \$4,858.70; savings \$2,514.17; and

CD \$6,355.10; for a total of \$13,727.97.

**Committee Reports:**

**Specialty —** The specialty ran on its own power and made money.

**Fall Match —** Match date will be October 23, 2004. Lee Nudo will chair. Question of microchip or tattoo to be done at match. Discussion follows. Lee will research what microchip is most reliable, and find someone to do this service. We'll find out if Elizabeth Moore will judge the match. Potential Obedience Judge, Laura Christianson, Paula Cimgota. Possible straight run, volunteer needed to run.

**New membership —** Eric Karsgor, sponsored by Catherine Schock and Lanise McCracken; Tim and Patty Tennigkeit, sponsored by Janet LeClainche and Catherine Schock; Linnea Post, sponsored by Mike Patterson and Lisa Gutierrez.

Catherine Schock motions to vote on the

above mentioned; Mike Patterson seconds; all in favor. Motion carries.

**Old Business:**

**Lure Coursing and Agility —** People in charge not present.

**Donations —** RRCUS RRR, Inc. standing for donations to rescue. Mike Patterson was involved in a conference call and RRR, Inc. still wants to be official club for RRCUS. They have always had a spot for the RRCUS BOD, but that position has been empty for a while. This group of 6 (3 from RRCUS and 3 from RRR, Inc.) will make new guidelines of accountability for RRCUS RRR, Inc. OCRRC will wait to donate to RRCUS RRR, Inc. The \$5.00 check mark on membership form is the only amount donated by RRCUS.

Rebecca Eastman would like OCRRC to have a percentage allocated and reads the by-laws. Discussion follows. A motion is made by

(Continued on page 5)

# What's Happening...

## What: OCRRRC GENERAL MEETING

**When:** July 8, 2004; dinner at 7 P.M.; meeting promptly at 8 P.M.

**Where:** Coco's, 1250 Imperial Hwy., Brea (57 Freeway and Imperial Hwy).

**What:** Malibu KC/Conejo KC (conformation)

**When:** Fri., 7/16; Sat., 7/17; Sun., 7/18

**Where:** Newbury Park High School, 456 N. Reino Rd., Newbury Park, CA

**Judges:** Fri., Mr. James R. White; Sat., Mrs. Jeannette McGinnis; Sun., Mrs. Paula H. Hartinger

**Contact:** Jack Bradshaw  
Closes: 6/30/04

**What:** Lompoc Valley KC (conformation)

**When:** Sat., 7/24; Sun., 7/25

**Where:** Ryon Park, Ocean Ave. and O St., Lompoc, CA

**Judges:** Sat., Col. Joe Purkhiser; Sun., Mrs. Patricia Trotter

**Contact:** Jack Bradshaw, phone (323) 727-0136; fax (323) 727-2949

**Closes:** 7/07/04

**What:** Mt. Palomar KC (conformation)

**When:** 7/31/04; 8/01/04

**Where:** Rancho Buena Vista High School, 1601 Longhorn Dr., Vista, CA

**Judges:** Sat., Mrs. Dixie Howell-Hirsch; Sun., Mrs. Linda Riedel

**Contact:** Jack Bradshaw (above)  
**Closes:** 7/14/04

**What:** Simi Valley KC (agility)

**When:** Sat., 7/31; Sun., 8/1

**Where:** Woodley Ave. Park, 6350 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, CA

**Contact:** Jean O'Neill, Show Sec., 3354 Camero Ave., La Verne, CA 91750-3909

**Closes:** Wed., 7/14

**What:** So. Bay KC (conformation)

**When:** Sat., 8/7; Sun., 8/8

**Where:** North High School, 3620 W. 182nd St., Torrance, CA

**Judges:** Sat., Ms. Mara Lynn Mercer (provisional); Sun., Dr. Daniel Dowling

**Contact:** Jack Bradshaw (see Lompoc Valley

KC)

**Closes:** Wed., 7/21

**What:** Southwest Obed. Club of LA (obed)

**When:** Sat., 8/7

**Where:** Mas Fukai Park, 15802 Brighton St., Gardena, CA

**Contact:** Scotty Latham, Show Sec., 2501 W. 155th St., Gardena, CA 90249-4607

**Closes:** Wed., 7/21

**What:** So. Coast Agility Club (agility)

**When:** Sat., 8/7; Sun., 8/8

**Where:** Tewinkle Park, 970 Arlington, Costa Mesa, CA

**Contact:** Sarah Fitzell, Show Sec., 21600 Gold Valley Rd., Perris, CA 92570-8565

**Closes:** Sat., 7/24

**What:** Santa Cruz KC (conformation)

**When:** Sat., 8/14, Sun., 8/15

**Where:** Harvey West Park, 326 Evergreen St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Judges:** Sat., Eduardo Arozamena (Mexico); Sun., Stephen Hubbell.

**Contact:** MB-F, Inc., phone (336) 379-9352; fax (336) 272-0864.

**Closes:** Wed., 7/28

**What:** SoCal Portuguese Water Dog Club (agility)

**When:** Fri., 8/20; Sat., 8/21; Sun., 8/22

**Where:** Civic Recreational Industrial Authority Equestrian, 16000 Temple Ave., City of Industry, CA

**Contact:** Lynda Tjarks, Show Sec., 30473 Mulholland Hwy., Spc. 194, Agoura Hills, CA 91301-6210

**Closes:** Wed., 8/4

**What:** Simi Valley KC; Santa Barbara KC (conformation)

**When:** Fri., 8/27; Sat., 8/28; Sun., 8/29

**Where:** Earl Warren Showgrounds, Exhibit Bldg., Las Positas Rd., Santa Barbara, CA

**Judges:** unavailable @this time

**Contact:** Jack Bradshaw (see Lompoc Valley KC, on page 4)

**Closes:** Wed., 8/11

**What:** Gold. Ret. Club of Greater LA (agility)

**When:** Sat., 8/28; Sun., 8/29

**Where:** Arroyo Verde Park, Day & Foothill Rd., Ventura, CA

**Contact:** Lynda Tjarks (see SoCal Port. Water Dog Club, at left).

**Closes:** Wed., 8/11

**What:** Dog Agility Club of Chino (agility)

**When:** Sat., 9/11; Sun., 9/12

**Where:** Santa Fe Dam Rec. Area, 15501 E. Arrow Hwy., Irwindale, CA

**Contact:** Lisa Dewey, Show Sec., 12221 Peoria St., Sun Valley, CA 91352-2928.

**Closes:** Fri., 8/20

**What:** Aust. Cattle Dog Club of America (agility)

**When:** Sat., 9/11; Sun., 9/12

**Where:** Del Mar Horse Park, 14550 El Camino Real, Del Mar, CA

**Contact:** Lynda Tjarks, (see SoCal Port. Water Dog Club, at left).

**Closes:** Wed., 8/25

**What:** Prescott Ariz. KC (conformation)

**When:** Sat., 9/11; Sun., 9/12

**Where:** Chino Valley Comm. Ctr. Ball Pk., Perkinsville Rd. & RD I East, Chino Valley, AZ

**Judges:** Sat., Mrs. Patricia Gellerman; Sun., James E. Frederiksen.

**Contact:** Onofrio Dog Shows, phone (405) 427-8181; fax (405) 427-5241.

**Closes:** Wed., 8/25

**What:** Aust. Cattle Dog Club of America (herding test/trial)

**When:** Thurs-Sat., 9/16-18

**Where:** Del Mar Horse Park (info above)

**Contact:** Barb Witte, 11704 Capehart Rd., Springfield, NE 68059-5281.

**Closes:** Wed., 8/25

**What:** Santa Ana Valley KC (conformation)

**When:** Sat., 9/18; Sun., 9/19

**Where:** Cypress College, Athletic Field, 9200 Valley View, Ave., Cypress, CA

**Judges:** Sat., Nicholas Kay; Sun., Mrs. Claire K. Steidel

**Contact:** Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows (see Lompoc Valley KC, on page 4)

**Closes:** Wed., 9/01





## General Meeting Minutes

(Continued from page 3)

Rebecca that OCRRC appoints a committee to look into what will be a most beneficial way to streamline the donation process with the potential for using a percentage basis. Leslie Walker seconds. Vote: those in favor 5; those not in favor 4. Committee will consist of Rebecca Eastman and Jerry Adomian.

Distribution of donations: After discussion we have the profit of \$200 from the Commemorative poster to be donated to the RRDAF for dermoid sinus research, and \$300 will be donated to the RRDAF; ADOA \$125; Morris Animal Foundation \$100; Nat'l Disaster Search Dog Foundation \$100.

Discussion about rescue groups follows. \$500 is allocated to Elizabeth Ackers RRR of No Cal.; Canine Companions for independence, \$100.

Lisa Patterson motions to approve the above donations; Catherine Schock seconds. All in favor.

## The club trailer needs a new home!

(Do have space for it? Do you know of an inexpensive storage facility?)

Lisa requests a committee to look into purchasing a new trailer. Motion made by Linda Robbins to find a place to store a trailer, which OCRRC would pay for. Seconded by Rebecca Eastman. All in favor.

### New Business:

**OCRRC Survey** — Rebecca asks if we should do another survey, and discussion follows. Comments are that this might not be needed. Discussion is that Rebecca is willing to do it for us through *The Rambles* via a separate sheet that could be sent back to Rebecca and tallied. This will be done for the August newsletter.

A motion is made and carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M. The next General Meeting will be July 8.



See ya!

## Board of Director's Meeting Minutes — June 10, 2004

Quorum reached. Meeting called to order at 8:02 P.M. Board Members absent: Linda Robins, Meredith Wisniewski, Barbara Rupert. Changes to previous minutes—the next BOD meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup>, not May 27<sup>th</sup>. Deborah Drastrup makes a motion to approve the previous BOD meeting minutes with the above change. The motion is seconded, and carries unanimously.

**Vice President's Report:** Meredith is not in attendance.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Barbara is not in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:** No change since the last meeting.

**Match Report (Lee Nudo):** The match is on October 23 at Irvine Regional Park. Elizabeth Moore will be the judge. We still need an obedience judge. We might like to offer temperament testing, which Paula Cimgota can do, if she can judge obedience. We'll offer a microchip clinic with Dr. Lorrie Boldrick. Nancy Amanti will give the handling class.

We'd like to offer a fun run, too. Discussion followed re: temperament testing.

**Lure coursing:** Need to look for dates for an OCRRC all-breed trial in November, as there's a show on the October dates we'd picked. Debra will check to see if there's an IWHC trial on the weekend of 10/23 and 24.

### Old Business:

**Specialty**—We haven't received the bills from Shoreline yet. Will table the final Specialty report until next meeting. We need a Specialty Show Chair for next year. Discussion followed.

**Trailer storage**—We need to check for a cheaper storage facility than \$75/mo. Put an ad in *The Rambles* that we need a new storage place. We need to vote on buying a new trailer at the next general meeting.

**Stanley Fund**—We received a letter regarding the Stanley fund. They're working on having the fund legalized. Discussion followed on waiting until the fund has a tax-exempt status before donating. Tabled until next general meeting.

**New Business:** RRCUS asked us to support a trophy for the World Congress. Mike makes a motion for OCRRC to send \$35 to RRCUS to support a trophy for the World Congress; Lee seconds; motion carries unanimously.

Mike makes a motion to sell 30 of our "Meet the Breed" brochures to Judy Kuplent for educational purposes at the price of 50 cents each. Debra seconds the motion; motion carries unanimously.

Barbara Rupert needs to order more medallions, per Catherine Schock. Mike makes a motion to order 3 silver and 5 bronze OCRRC medallions, so we can have a three-year supply on hand. Deborah seconds; motion carries unanimously.

Discussion followed re: OCRRC's regional report for *The Ridgeback*, regarding our Specialty.

Debra offers to look into finding a free source of canine related newsletters as a source for *The Rambles*.

Mike makes a motion to adjourn; Lee seconds; motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

## “COME” is NOT a Four-Letter Word! Part 2

**Editor’s Note:** In the last issue, this article contained copy at the end that was incorrect. I’m still learning this program, so please forgive me. Part I should’ve ended with: “Continue playing COME games even as you advance to more formal training. It reinforces the command, and both you and your RR will have fun!” Now here’s the rest....

### OFF LEAD? YOU CAN DO IT!

After a few sessions of the different COME games, your RR will know what the word COME! means. Now, make the training a little more formal. Use at least a six-foot leash and your training collar. Sit your dog and tell him to stay, then back away to the end of the leash. (Do not put any tension on it.) Then say “[dog’s name] COME!” and move backwards quickly, about eight to 10 feet. Your dog should get up and follow you almost immediately. If not, as you step backwards, he’ll get a correction/tug on the collar. When he gets to you, give him praise, then have him sit in front of you and give him more praise. Do this several times and then quit. The next time you do this, use a light line and increase the distance between you. Continue to increase the distance, doing so gradually, and slowly add some distractions, such as another dog in the area. When your RR comes to you without you having to run backwards, or give a correction, then you’re ready to try COME! off lead.

For off lead, you need to be in an enclosed area, whether in the house or the yard. Start with a fairly small area and be sure there are few distractions. Sit your RR and back up about six feet. Say your dog’s name and COME! as your dog gets to his feet, move backwards a couple of feet and stop. When your dog comes to you, do as before—give him lots of praise. Do this exercise a couple of times and end the session for the day. Play with your dog; give him a belly rub, whatever. You want him to enjoy these special times with you. If he doesn’t understand what you want right away, that’s okay, you can try again tomorrow, or the next day. He will respond, it just may take a while.

### PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT...well almost!

COME is a good exercise to practice in a training group. Training classes or groups offer lots of distractions and your RR will learn he must focus on you and come when you call him. Often times, groups will play a game similar to the kids’ game “Red Rover.” Remember? “Red Rover, Red Rover, send Timmy right over!” There would be two lines of kids with hands linked, and the child who was called would run at the opposite line and try to break through. With dogs, the handlers sit them in a line, have them all stay, and then walk about 20 feet away. Each dog is called in random order and must go to his handler while the rest of the dogs remain sitting. It’s a great way to work on both the STAY and COME exercise, and it’s fun for both handlers and dogs.

Will your RR come each and every time he’s called? Probably not. *But*, the more you practice, the more you make coming to you fun, the more distractions you can add and still have your RR come to you, the greater the chances are that he will.

So, let’s start playing! 🐾

*This training piece was written by Kathy Chapman, and submitted by Barbara Rupert. Kathy has judged our obedience classes several times. While it was originally written for Saluki owners, according to Barbara, “it works for Ridgebacks, too!”*

### Dear Orange Coast Members –

Thank you so much for inviting me to judge your sweepstakes classes in May. It was an honor and a thrill to have such a sizeable entry, along with such beautiful animals! If what I judged that day was typical (and I believe it is), your majestic breed is in great shape! Kudos to you breeders!

Thanks so much again for this opportunity. It was my pleasure!

Sincerely,  
PAM LAMBIE

### WHAT’S CHIC?

If you’ve noticed the acronym CHIC that’s starting to appear in RR ads, and have wondered what it means—you’re not alone! CHIC stands for Canine Health Information Center, a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC and OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals).

What makes this database unique, is that it tailors its genetic-screening requirements to each breed, based on the inherited diseases of greatest concern. For RRs these include clearances for hips, elbows, eyes, thyroid, heart (opt.), and hearing (opt.).

The results of these tests are made public only if authorized, but is available to researchers for studies.

For more information on CHIC, go to [www.caninehealthinfo.org](http://www.caninehealthinfo.org). Even if you own a spayed or neutered RR, consider getting CHIC, and do your part to help advance the health of our breed. It’s up to all of us.

## Betty Stites on...

(Continued from page 2)

of the type that are presented both by Major Hawley (Ch. Wendy of Gazeley) and in the recent RRCUS Illustrated Standard. Again breeders are coming to more agreement.

Though in the U.S. the Ridgeback is rarely called upon keep a lion at bay, the function of the breed should always be uppermost in breeders' minds. Emphasis on legs, bone, and running gear should never be forgotten. I was pleased to find good substantial feet, strong legs with proper bone and flexible pasterns. Without them a "working" dog is useless. I've always remembered the wonderful quote, again from Major Hawley, that applies not only to Ridgebacks, but to all sighthounds:

**"No matter how good the dog, if he has Not good legs and feet, buy him a pair of roller skates."**

There are, indeed, "roller skate" dogs out there, but there were few in this entry.

Individually, I loved all my winners, as well as many dogs who didn't win. I was delighted to hear that both my WD and WB finished their championships on the day. To me, my BOB dog was tremendously impressive. He was an honest dog who happily lacked all exaggeration and fad. He looked as if he could not only do the "stand off" job, but also as if he had the necessary requirements of agility and speed. By chance, he and several of my eventual AOM dogs were grouped together way down at the end of the line. I kept glancing down to that end, and even though the dogs were just standing at ease waiting their turn, they never lost their correct balance or toplines. Rare in today's showdog.

My BOS Bitch was a beautifully balanced, sound youngster, whom I assume is just getting into a successful show career.

My thanks to the club for their invitation, hospitality, and kindness; to my steward for his incomparable help in keeping me on time in a huge entry that might've continued into darkness; and for the outstanding breeders and exhibitors who allowed me the privilege of seeing and judging their dogs. It was a great pleasure. 🐾

## In the Whelping Box...

...5/27/04, MBIF DC/Int'l Ch. Wyndrunhr Sunni Skyes of Gold, SC, FCh, HIC ("Sunni," shown at right), by BIF DC Lionridge's Remington ("Remy"), SC, FCh, LCM; 9 puppies (4 boys, 5 girls); congrats to Nancy Brandewie, Linda Cannon, and Debra Driza, Mission Viejo, CA.



...5/20/04, Ch. Stardust Pacesetters Allegra, SC ("Allie," shown at left), by BISS Ch. Tigris Nothing But Net From Masai ("Kobe"), NA, NAJ, SC, ROM; 8 puppies (5 boys, 3 girls); congrats to Sue and Jerry Adomian, Los Angeles, CA.

## New CGC Title Holders

The following dogs earned their Canine Good Citizen certificates at the OCRRC Specialty on May 7, 2004.

- **Ch. Echoridge Unbridled by Tigris, JC**, owned by Lorraine Mendoza, Mike Patterson, and Lisa Ganje-Patterson.
- **Triggerhill's Notorious Doubletake**, owned by John and Judy Kuplent, and Elizabeth and Jennifer Scattini.
- **Ch. Primetime Raizuli Never Say Never**, owned by Michelle Urpsis.
- **Desert Ridge Rainy Day Dreamer by Tigris**, owned by Elsa Tipton.
- **Ch. Rajataru Kumari of Choctaw Ridge**, owned by Brian and Vicky Swink.
- **Ch. Stardust's Manzanita Blues**, SC, HIC, owned by Lyn Valdivia.
- **Ridge View Bariki's Shaq Attaq**, owned by Jim and Lee Nudo, and Susan Ralston, VMD.

*Congratulations to all these dogs and their owners for being good ambassadors of the breed. And a big thank-you to OCRRC's resident trainer/behaviorist Vickie Marx for putting on this test.*

# 2003 OCRRC MEMBER SURVEY

PLEASE CHOOSE ALL RESPONSES THAT BEST DESCRIBE YOUR HOUSEHOLD IN **2003**:

1) Indicate the number and membership status of OCRRC members in household in **2003**:

- Voting member(s) in California
- Associate member(s) in California
- Associate member(s) out of state
- Voting/ Board member

2) Indicate the number of Ridgeback(s) by age group in your household in **2003**:

- 1 dog
- 2-4 dogs
- 5-8 dogs
- 9+ dogs

3) Indicate the number and status of the Ridgebacks(s) in your household in **2003**:

- Female/Intact
- Male/Intact
- Female/Spayed
- Male/Neutered

4) Indicate the number and age of the Ridgeback(s) in your household in **2003**:

- 3-12 months
- 1-4 years
- 5-8 years
- 9+ years

PLEASE MARK QUESTIONS 5 AND 6 WITH ALL RESPONSES THAT BEST DESCRIBE YOUR HOUSEHOLD IN **2003**.

5) What OCRRC activities did you participate in, in **2003**?

- Read newsletter (hard copy)
- Read newsletter (online)
- Visited OCRRC Web site
- Entered/attended OCRRC Fall or Spring Match
- Entered/attended OCRRC Regional Specialty (Long Beach)
- Attended more than one OCRRC General Meeting
- Attended Fall Club BBQ (Dany Canino presentation)
- Entered 2003 OCRRC Specialty Lure Coursing Trial (Long Beach)
- Entered an all-breed or other RR lure coursing test/trial in 2003

6) What NON-OCRRC activities & classes did you participate in with your dog(s) in **2003**?

- Agility
- Breeding or raising a litter
- Conformation competition
- Canine Good Citizen or temperament testing
- Lure coursing
- Obedience
- Other (Circle activities: Rescue, therapy dog, hiking, herding, purchased a puppy, LGRA sprints, rattlesnake avoidance, search and rescue, tracking)

7) Choose **FOUR** educational seminars that you would attend if OCRRC offered them the next two years?

- Breeding
- Responsible dog ownership and good dog manners
- RR structure, movement, and temperament
- Vet-med presentations by licensed veterinarians
- Alternative medicine (e.g., chiropractic, acupuncture, T-Touch)
- Nutrition, including raw-food diets
- Other (Circle prospective seminars: DNA, geriatric dog care, nail care and grooming, pet loss)
- Additional suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

8) Choose **FOUR** activities or classes that you would attend if OCRRC offered them in the next two years?

- Agility
- Canine Good Citizen or obedience training
- Dog show handling
- Mentoring (ring stewards, match chairs, lure operators, agility assistants)
- Lure coursing fun runs and tests
- Rattlesnake avoidance training
- Temperament (TT) certification
- Tracking
- Other (Circle activities: Evaluating a litter, therapy-dog training, positive-motivation dog training, herding, microchip or tattoo I.D., triathlon training, animal communicators)
- Additional suggestions \_\_\_\_\_



Remove from newsletter, fold in half, and secure with a staple or tape.



Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club  
c/o Editor—*The Ridgeback Rambles*  
630 Rancho del Cerro  
Fallbrook, CA 92028-8498

POSTAGE

TO: OCRRC SURVEY  
c/o REBECCA EASTMAN  
1330 LELAND WAY  
ESCONDIDO, CA 92026



Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club  
*Ridgeback Rambles* – Editor  
630 Rancho del Cerro  
Fallbrook, CA 92028  
e-mail Mnudo@aol.com

We're on the Web!  
[www.ocrrc.org](http://www.ocrrc.org)



## DON'T FORGET TO...

... attend the General Meeting on July 8th, at Coco's in Brea (see "What's Happening..." on page 4 for info). Dinner at 7 P.M.; meeting starts promptly at 8.

... fill out the OCRRC member survey and return it by August 15, 2004. (*Don't forget to affix your 37-cent stamp.*) The results will appear in your next newsletter.

Thank you for helping OCRRC to better serve its members!!