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Special points of interest:

- If you're planning to breed your bitch, be sure to read "Progesterone Testing," below.
- We have some exciting events coming up, see "What's Happening..." on page 4.
- The new Club roster is inside. Don't forget to save it for your future reference.

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President's Message

Dear Members,
I'm proud that OCRRC had a very successful Regional Specialty, greatly orchestrated by our Show Chairpersons Jaymie Evans and Catherine Schock. Of course all could not have been accomplished without the help of their hard-working Committees: ring décor, Barbara Dickson; morning hospitality, Lanise McCracken and yours truly; lunch, Meredith Wisniewski and Steve and Sara Glasser; raffle, Deb Drastrup; sales table, Linda Robbins, Lee Nudo, and Leslie Walker; set-up committee, Mike Patterson, John Rodgers, Joe Berger. (I apologize if I left anyone out!) We're fortunate to have so many talented members in our club.

We also all enjoyed the camaraderie at our yummy Mexican exhibitors' appreciation dinner, which was arranged by Lisa Patterson and Lee Nudo, and included Joe's famous margaritas.

OCRRC has become well-known for putting on one of the most enjoyable Specialties. Now we turn our focus to our 20th Regional Specialty next year, and we welcome everyone to join in and help us make it another grand celebration.

Right now, though, we have an exciting new event coming up: OCRRC's 2005 Canine Health & Well-Being Seminars on August 27 (see page 4 for more information). It's going to be fun and educational, so I hope

to see you there.

And finally, RRCUS has produced a Power Point CD on the Standard of the Rhodesian Ridgeback, which I'm looking forward to receiving for our Club. When it's available, please, please, make time to see it and feel free to ask questions. It's productive to know what you have on the end of your lead. Plus, if you're planning a breeding, you need to know what you want for your bitch, or what your dog can contribute. In the meantime, a highly respected and helpful book is *Canine Anatomy*, by Dr. Harold Spira.

Enjoy your dogs,
Myrna Berber
President

Progesterone Testing

by Brian E. Greenfield, DVM

A Successful Breeder's Best Friend

DO YOU WAKE UP IN A COLD sweat fearing you've missed a breeding date? Are you feeling stressed as your bitch's due date approaches? Worried that you're going to waste the last vial of frozen semen from your champion stud? (Or maybe you're just a wreck about the prospect of breeding your first champion bitch!)

A successful breeding program doesn't have to consist of one panic-laden situation to the next, but all too often this oc-

curs. As a veterinarian working in a practice that annually sees over 900 dogs for artificial insemination (AI) and performs over 250 cesarean sections, I've learned to rely on and have confidence in the value of accurate and timely progesterone testing in the bitch.

Although it seems that some people thrive under stressful conditions, replacing panic with informative scientific data invariably results in larger, healthier litters and happier owners.

In today's era of co-ownership of valuable stud dogs and breeding bitches, it's not uncommon to have four or six differing opinions on the timing of a breeding.

And indeed, there are a lot of options. One breeding or two? Should it be a natural, vaginal, transcervical, or surgical breeding? The questions mount and the stress can build, but if you're armed with a basic working knowledge of your bitch's

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reproductive system, and accurate progesterone tests, you can make good decisions. The progesterone test is your best friend.

The ABCs of Reproduction

Prior to coming in season (estrus), your bitch's serum progesterone levels are low, less than 2ng (nanograms). As her cycle continues, her progesterone levels slowly climb to a level of 5ng, upon which ovulation occurs. The ovulation date can be as early as day seven, and as late as day 27 of the estrous cycle, emphasizing the importance of this blood test.

Once your bitch hits 5ng and ovulates, subsequent serum progesterone levels can vary greatly. For example, at three days postovulation we routinely see progesterone levels ranging from as low as 10ng to as high as 60ng, depending on the bitch. For ovulation purposes we're only interested in the day she exceeds 5ng.

I commonly get the question, "Doc, we only ran one progesterone test on my bitch and it was 15ng. When did she ovulate?" The answer is impossible to know based on one test. I've seen bitches at 15ng one day after ovulation, as well as 5, 10, 20, or 40 days postovulation. You must have one test below 5ng and one above 5ng to determine ovulation day.

For most bitches we start testing 6 days after the onset of vulvar swelling and bleeding, and we test every one to three days until ovulation, depending on the situation. After ovulation, your bitch's serum progesterone levels will remain elevated, regardless of whether or not she's pregnant, for approximately two months, at which point the levels return to near 0ng.

It's important to note that vaginal bleeding, swelling, "flagging," and receptivity to males is predominantly a response to estrogens in the bitch's bloodstream, and not a reliable indicator of progesterone and consequently ovulation. She may or may not be receptive at the proper time. The use of physical indicators alone

for breeding may not be a chance worth taking, especially with valuable semen.

Now What?

So what does knowing the ovulation day do for us? It tells when the eggs will be fertile, which is important with all breedings, but especially so when using fresh-chilled extended semen or frozen semen. Once ovulated, your bitch's eggs take approximately 48 hours to become fertile. They will then remain fertile for approximately 48 hours. The idea is to maximize contact time between viable semen and fertile eggs, which requires a brief discussion on semen longevity.

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Fresh semen can remain fertile in the bitch's uterus for three to five days, and in some cases even longer, depending on quality. Fresh-chilled semen, because of energy lost in the cooling and subsequent warming process, may live only 24 to 48 hours in the uterus. Frozen semen, due to the stress of the freezing process and energy lost, may live only 12 to 24 hours in the uterus. Clearly, the shorter the sperm's life span, the more paramount it becomes to know when it should be inseminated to allow for maximum contact time with fertile eggs.

In the case of fresh semen, there's more flexibility for two reasons. First, there's usually not a limited quantity, and secondly, it lives a long time. We routinely recommend breeding on days one and three, or days two and four postovulation, though one breeding is usually sufficient.

With fresh-chilled extended semen, because of a 24- to 48-hour life span, we recommend breeding two days after ovu-

lation. As we discussed earlier, your bitch's eggs are just becoming fertile at this point, so we should have one to two days of good contact time.

In the case of frozen semen, we recommend waiting three days after ovulation to do the breeding. This may make our clients worry that we're waiting too long, but it ensures that all a bitch's eggs are fertile when we put semen into her uterus that may live only 12 hours. We don't have the luxury of waiting around for her eggs to become fertile.

We've found the highest levels of success with frozen semen following surgical insemination and recommend it exclusively. Our levels of success using the above timing recommendations have been excellent; however, the manner in which a bitch is bred—natural, vaginal insemination, transcervical insemination with an endoscope, or surgical insemination—must be carefully considered depending on such factors as reproductive history, age, physical characteristics, and semen quality.

The Birthday Payoff

Having an accurate ovulation date at the beginning of your bitch's pregnancy is also very important at the end of her pregnancy. A bitch's due date is 63 days from ovulation, regardless of breeding days. This is extremely valuable for planned C-sections, due to such factors as breed conformation, litter size, prior medical history, or complications arising during the pregnancy. It's also very helpful when whelping.

Knowing an exact due date not only helps you prepare for the arrival of a litter, but more importantly, can also alert you to a premature or overdue labor, allowing for prompt medical intervention if indicated.

Progesterone monitoring can also be important during gestation. Some bitches have a problem maintaining adequate levels of progesterone during

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pregnancy, usually resulting in resorbed or aborted fetuses. Monitoring progesterone levels is critical in bitches with such histories, as progesterone supplementation at the proper times could mean the difference between live or dead puppies.

Often we're confronted with owners who have difficulty "catching" their bitch's heat cycle. This is usually due to minimal outward physical signs, such as vulvar swelling and bleeding. Remember, progesterone levels stay elevated for approximately two months after ovulation in all bitches, whether pregnant or not. Obtaining an elevated progesterone level in such an animal at the very least indicates she was in season in the last two months, which can help you determine approximately when to expect the next cycle. Conversely, a low progesterone level, less than 2.5ng, means there have been no eggs ovulated in the past two months. This may

alert you to an upcoming cycle, or, if the level remains chronically low, your veterinarian may be alerted to begin a thorough medical workup.

The usefulness of accurate and timely progesterone testing shouldn't be underestimated. It's a valuable tool and in some cases of critical importance in helping you and your veterinarian choose the proper course of action. Proper use and interpretation of these tests will result in not only more pregnancies, but also larger, healthier litters, fewer complications, insight into potential problems, and, as I've experienced, fewer panicky phone calls at three o'clock in the morning.



This article appeared in Issue 1—2005 of The Ridgeback, and is reprinted for those who aren't RRCUS members. Dr. Greenfield is an associate in the reproduction practice headed by Robert Hutchinson, DVM. He can be contacted at the Animal Clinic Northview, in North Ridgeville, OH, (440) 327-8282.

Look What My Dogs Did...

? A dynamic duo of mother and daughter (RRs, that is) finished their AKC championships two months apart! They are: Ch. Lamarde Perro Christine (Ch. Neema H Kapenzi Baba Mzaa x Ch. Lamarde Perro Nancy), and her daughter, Ch. Lamarde Perro Rose Bud (x Ch. Rainbow Hill's Bronson).

Congratulations to John and Sally Cook, who are very proud of their girls!

Memorabilia...

? **OCRRC pins and year bars**, 1999 to 2005. Colorful collectibles—put them on your show bag, or...? Pin with year bar—\$5; year bar only—\$3. To order, make your check payable to OCRRC and send it to: Joe Berger, 12564 Huston St., Valley Village, CA 91607. For questions, call (818) 985-8617, or e-mail robnormrr@sbcglobal.net.

In The Whelping Box...



3/16/05 — Ch. Freedom's Faith By Tigris, JC ("Faith"), 9 puppies (4 boys, 5 girls); sired by Ch. Tropaco Sangiovese of HPK, SC ("Gino"). *Congrats to Penny Weston, Leeds, UT.*

4/29/05—Ch. Van D Pier's Razzle Dazzle'em ("Dazzle"); 7 puppies (5 boys, 2 girls—5 liver nosel!), sired by BISS Ch. Tigris Nothing But Net From Masai ("Kobe"), SC, NA, NAP, NAJ, NJP, CGC, ROM. *Congratulations to Sharon and Jack Pierce, Simi Valley, CA.*

6/17/05—Ch. RiverCity's Gypsy Golddust, JC ("Gypsy"); 6 puppies (3 boys, 3 girls), sired by Ch. Wyn-drunhr Skywalker, JC ("Coby"). *Congratulations to Troy Abney, Riverside, CA, and Anie Moran, Las Vegas, NV.*

6/30/05—Ch. Firedance's His Amazing Grace ("Grace"); 15 puppies (9 boys, 6 girls; shown at left); sired by MBIS/BISS Ch. Spring Valley's Great Gatsby, ROM ("Gatsby"). *Congratulations to Mary and John Sorosky, Roseburg, OR.*

Mid-July—Ch. Deer Ridge Dream Weaver ("Teva"), sired by MBIS/BISS Ch. Spring Valley's Great Gatsby, ROM. *Good luck to Tom and Barbara Peach, Haliwa, HI.*

Mid-July—Ch. Of Afrikka's Donga Uitlander ("Donga"), sired by MBIS/BISS Ch. Spring Valley's Great Gatsby, ROM. *Good luck to Christina Wistrom, Perris, CA.*

Late July—Ch. Lamarde Perro Nancy ("Nancy"), sired by Ch. Freedom's Blast O'Dynamite by Tigris ("Boomer"). *Good luck to John and Sally Cook, Shadow Hills, CA.*

Late July—Ch. Lamarde Perro Mia of Mojave ("Mia"), sired by Ch. RiverCity's Shock and Awe ("Titan"). *Good luck to John and Sally Cook, and to Sue Hall, Sparks, NV.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

What: OCCRRC General Meeting

When: July 14, 2005; dinner @6:30 P.M.; speaker 7:30-8:30 P.M; followed by a brief meeting.

Where: Coco's, 1250 Imperial Hwy., Brea (57 Fwy. & Imperial Hwy., just past State College); (714) 990-0671

Speaker: Julie Hamilton of Wolf Creek Ranch, Lake Elsinore; home of Whispering Winds Wholistic Animal Sanctuary

Topics: Natural pest/parasite control; allergies; weight management

Contact: Catherine Schock (714) 985-9253, or schockers@dslextreme.com.

What: Conejo KC (conformation/obedience)

When: Sat./Sun., July 23-24

Where: Pacifica High School, 600 E. Gonzales Rd., Oxnard, CA

Judges (conformation): Sat., Mrs. Robt. D. Smith; Sun., Robt. J. Moore

Contact: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, (323) 727-0136; www.jbradshaw.com

Closes: Wed., July 6, 2005

What: Dog Agility Club of Ventura (agility)

When: Sat./Sun., July 23-24

Where: University Prep School, 500 Temple Ave., Camarillo, CA

Contact: Lynda Tjarks, Show Sec., 12707 Rolling Oaks Rd., Caliente, CA 93518-2801

Closes: Sun., July 10, 2005 (*Note:* Entries for Sun., 7/24, close on Wed., July 6.)

What: Journey Through The Performance Sighthound (seminar)

When: Sat./Sun., July 23-24

Where: La Salle HS, Pasadena, CA

Speakers: Dr. James E. Radcliffe, Town & Country Animal Hosp., Wheeling, W. VA; Dr. Elizabeth A. Coney, North Elkhorn Vet. Clinic, Georgetown, KY

For information: go to www.saluki.cc/symposium/jtpps.html; for registration form go to www.saluki.cc/rc.pdf.

What: Lompoc Valley KC

(conformation)

When: Sat./Sun., July 30-31

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

Judges: Sat., Mrs. Helen Lee James; Sun., John Wade

Contact: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows (see first listing)

Closes: Wed., July 13, 2005

What: Agility Club of Santa Barbara (agility)

When: Sat./Sun., July 30-31

Where: Hobert Park, Telegraph Rd. and

WHAT: OCCRRC'S HEALTH & WELL-BEING SEMINARS—"THE HOLISTIC REVOLUTION"

WHEN: SAT., AUGUST 27, 9:15 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

WHERE: Yorba Linda Community Center, 4501 Casa Loma Ave., Yorba Linda, CA; (714) 961-7181.

SPEAKERS/TOPICS: Dr. Cynthia Williams/chiropractics; Dr. Thomas Van Cise/acupuncture and holistic medicine; Lucy Postins (The Honest Kitchen)/balanced nutrition.

CONTACT: Lisa Patterson, (951) 738-0726, or e-mail tigrisrr@aol.com; for more information go to www.ocrrc.org.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 12, 2005 (space is limited)

Petit, Ventura, CA

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

Closes: Wed., July 13, 2005

What: Mt. Palomar KC (conformation)

When: Sat./Sun., August 6-7

Where: Rancho Buena Vista HS, 1601 Longhorn Dr., Vista, CA

Judge: Sat., Dr. Eric Liebes; Sun., Mrs. Gloria Reese

Contact: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows (see first listing).

Closes: Wed., July 20, 2005

What: Simi Valley KC (agility)

When: Sat./Sun., August 6-7

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., July 20, 2005

What: IWHC All-Breed ASFA Lure

Field Trial/AKC Lure Coursing Test/Trial

When: ASFA—Sat., Aug. 6 (certification runs at end of competition); AKC—Sun., Aug. 7

Where: Tejon Ranch Equestrian Ctr./Sweet Iron Ranch, 1401 Crane Canyon Rd., Lebec, CA

Judges: ASFA—Barbara Allen; AKC—Christie Beetz

Contact: Della Sehm, Field Sec., 8223 Essex Ct., Bakersfield, CA 93311

Closes: (pre-entries) Wed., August 3, 2005, 6:00 P.M. (For entry form, go to www.iwhc.info.)

What: South Coast Agility Club (agility)

When: Sat./Sun., August 13-14

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

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

Closes: Fri., July 29, 2005

What: South Bay KC (conformation)

When: Sat./Sun., August 13-14

Where: North HS, 3620 W. 182nd St., Torrance, CA

Judges: Sat., Dr. Lee Reasin; Sun., Mrs. Neena VanCamp

Contact: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows (see first listing)

Closes: Wed., July 27, 2005

What: South Bay KC (rally obedience)

When: Sun., August 14

Where: North HS; see above

Contact: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows (see first listing)

Closes: Wed., July 27, 2005

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What: Keeshond Club of So. Calif. (agility)
When: Sat./Sun., August 20-21
Where: Gabrieleno Equestrian Park, 11126 Orcas Ave., Lakeview Terrace, CA
Contact: Lisa Marzban, Show Sec., 6115 Melvin Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356-1025
Closes: Fri., August 5, 2005

What: Simi Valley/Santa Barbara KCs (conformation and rally)
When: Conformation—Fri./Sat./Sun., August 26-28; Rally—Sun., August 28
Where: Earl Warren Showgrounds, Exhibit Bldg., Las Positas Rd., Santa Barbara
Judges (conformation): Fri., Mrs. Kathy Forbes; Sat., Mrs. Susan Carr; Sun., Mrs. Patricia Mowbray-Morgan
Contact: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows (see first listing on page 4)
Closes: Wed., August 10, 2005

What: Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles (agility)
When: Sat./Sun./Mon., Sept. 3-5
Where: Gabrieleno Equestrian Park, 11126 Orcas Ave., Lakeview Terrace, CA
Contact: Lynda Tjarks, Show Sec., P.O. Box 159, Caliente, CA 93518-0159
Closes: Wed., August 17, 2005

What: Dog Agility Club of Chino (agility)
When: Sat./Sun., Sept. 17-18
Where: Santa Fe Dam Rec. Area, 15501 E. Arrow Hwy., Irwindale, CA
Contact: Ms. Jean O'Neill, Show Sec., 3354 Camero Ave., La Verne, CA 91750-3909
Closes: Fri., August 19, 2005

What: Dachshund Club of Santa Ana Valley (obedience and rally)
When: Sat., Sept. 17
Where: Hotel Claremont, 840 So. Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont, CA
Contact: Eileen Parr, Show Sec., P.O. Box 1626, Victorville, CA 92393-1626
Closes: Wed., August 31, 2005

What: Prescott AZ KC (conformation/obed./rally)
When: Sat./Sun., Sept. 17-18
Where: Chino Valley Pk., Perkinsville Rd. & First East St., Chino Valley, AZ
Judges (conformation): Sat., Col. Joe Purkhiser; Sun., Col. Robt. Booth
Contact: Onofrio Dogs, (405) 427-8181, or www.onofrio.com.
Closes: Wed., August 31, 2005

What: Santa Ana Valley KC (conformation/obedience/rally)
When: Sat./Sun., Sept. 24-25
Where: Cypress College/Athletic Field, 9200 Valley View Ave., Cypress, CA
Judges (conformation): Sat., Dr. Richard Hilderman; Sun., Howard Yost
Contact: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows (see first listing on page 4)
Closes: Wed., September 7, 2005

What: Golden State Rottweiler Club (agility)
When: Sat./Sun., Sept. 24-25
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., September 7, 2005

What: Burbank KC (conformation)
When: Sat./Sun., October 1-2
Where: LA Valley College, 5800 Fulton Ave., Van Nuys, CA
Judges: unavail as of 6/29/05
Contact: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows (see first listing on page 4)
Closes: Wed., September 14, 2005

What: Hollywood Dog Obedience Club (agility)
When: Sat./Sun., Oct. 1-2
Where: Gabrieleno Equestrian Pk., 11126 Orcas Ave., Lakeview Terrace, CA
Contact: Jean O'Neill, Show Sec., 3354 Camero Ave., La Verne, CA 91750-3909
Closes: Wed., September 14, 2005

What: Channel City KC (conformation/

obedience/rally)
When: Sat./Sun., Oct. 8-9
Where: Santa Barbara Cty. Fairgrounds, 937 S. Thornburg, Santa Maria, CA
Judges (conformation): Sat., Mrs. Lesley Hiltz; Sun., Mrs. Betty Stites
Contact: Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows (see first listing on page 4)
Closes: Rally, Thurs., Sept. 15, 2005; conf/obed., Wed., Sept. 21, 2005.

What: Simi Valley KC (agility)
When: Sat./Sun., Oct. 8-9
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., September 21, 2005

What: Obedience Club of SD (obed./rally)
When: Sat., Oct. 15
Where: Markim Pet Resort, 4939 Carmel Valley Rd., San Diego, CA
Contact: Ms. Lynn Spears, Show Sec., 1799 So. Point Dr., Bonita, CA 91902
Closes: Wed., September 28, 2005

What: So. Coast Agility Club (agility)
When: Sat./Sun., Oct. 15-16
Where: Tewinkle Park, 970 Arlington, Costa Mesa, CA
Contact: Mrs. Sarah Fitzell, Show Sec., 21600 Gold Valley Rd., Perris, CA 92570-8565
Closes: Fri., September 30, 2005



**Save this date:
 Oct. 15, 2005...**

...for OCRRC's Fall Match, at Irvine Regional Park, in Orange. We'll post more information on the Web site (www.ocrrc.org) as it becomes available. See you there!

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2005

Meeting called to order at 8:10 P.M. Attendees are: Sherri West, Deborah Drastrup, John Rodgers, Catherine Schock, Jayme Evans, Myrna Burger, Lee Nudo, Jerry Adomian, Mike Patterson.

First order of business: Role call and approval of minutes from March 10, 2005 General Meeting completed.

President's Report: No news.

Vice President's Report: Lee Nudo reports we're looking into renting a meeting room at a Double Tree Hotel in Orange County for our health fair.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Sherri West reports she received a letter from the San Diego Fair encouraging entry in their animal-booth fair. Board members agree the letter should be forwarded to the San Diego Ridgeback Club.

Sherri also received a letter from the AKC regarding a Legislative Alert for a California State Bill that would prohibit ear cropping.

Treasurer's Report: Catherine Schock reports: Savings account—\$3,520.33; checking acct.—\$5,326; CD—\$6407.21; total for regular

accts—\$15,254.22; Specialty acct—\$1,008; lure coursing acct—\$1,281.12; for a grand total of: \$17,544.02.

Committee Reports:

Specialty—Catherine will check with Lou Guerrero as to whether we can have alcohol at the Specialty dinner.

Specialty Chair Jamie Evans reports plans are moving along for the Specialty.

Catherine motions to purchase from GW Crystal 24 Ridgeback hologram paper weights and 24 Ridgeback hologram key chains to sell at the Specialty. Lee Nudo seconds the motion; motion passes unanimously.

Lure Coursing—No report.

Membership Applications—Bob & Jan Roybal submit application for associate membership.

Old Business: Discussion took place regarding By-Law revisions:

- *Section 2.3:* Add **agility** after "lure-coursing trials."
- *Section 3.2:* No new membership renewals will be accepted after March 1st without a **new** membership application.
- *Section 4.1:* Shall leave in the following text: "**They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the**

election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his or her successor in office all properties and records relating to the office within 30 days after the election." Under Club Meetings...we will use **notification** instead of "written notice." Include: "**Voting membership requires 1 year associate membership."**

- *Section 4.1 & 4.2:* Reduce the percentage required for a quorum from 20 percent to **15 percent**.
- *Section 4.3:* Board meetings will be held in the second week of Feb, April, Aug., and Dec. **Notification** of each such meeting shall be **made** by the corresponding secretary.
- *Section 4.4:* Under Special Board Meetings: "Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President **or can be called...."**
- *Section 5.1:* Section VI...**of** these by-laws.... Receipt or payment **previously...."**
- *Section 8.1:* Any member suspended, expelled, or denied membership in RRCUS shall be suspended or denied membership to this Club.

Meeting adjourned 10:35 P.M.



General Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2005

Meeting Called to Order at 8:04 P.M. Attendees are: Sherri West, Catherine Schock, Jaymie Evans, Myrna Berger, Joe Berger, Lee Nudo, Jerry Adomian, Mike Patterson, Lisa Patterson, Marco Solario, Tom Peach, Barbara Peach.

Welcome to members Tom and Barbara Peach from Hawaii, and to guest and future member Marco Solario.

First order of business: Role Call is completed, but minutes from April 7 Board Meeting cannot be approved as they haven't yet been published.

Tonight's program will be postponed due to low attendance.

Presidents Report: Myrna thanks all

our members, our Show Chair Jaymie Evans, and Assistant Show Chair Catherine Schock for an outstanding job putting on our 19th Annual Specialty. Thanks to Barbara Dickson for our wonderful show décor, Meredith Wisniewski, Sara and Steve Glasser for putting on a great lunch; Debra Drastrup for coordinating the raffle; Linda Robbins, Lee Nudo, and Leslie Walker for manning the sales table; John Rodgers for his assistance with set-up and tear-down; Lisa Patterson, Lee Nudo, and Sherri West for our terrific exhibitor's dinner. Thank you also to Joe Berger for issuing our pins; Lorraine Mendoza and Rebecca Eastman for their assistance in the obedience ring. And an extra thanks to Lorraine Mendoza for loaning

OCRRC her golf cart for the weekend.

Vice President's Report: No report.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Sherri West makes a motion to insure the trailer and its contents for \$10,000. This will add \$250 to our premium of \$391. Motion is approved.

Treasurer's Report: Catherine Schock reports: Savings acct.—\$3,521.25; checking acct.—\$4,999.17; CD—\$6,413.27; total for regular accts.—\$14,933.69; Specialty acct.—\$96.68; lure coursing acct.: \$1,269.12; for a grand total of \$16,299.49.

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Committee Reports:

Fall Match—Lee Nudo reports notifying the Tuckers and they will not be able to Chair this year's Fall Match. Potential dates—9/10/2005 and 9/17/2005. Lee will check into possible dates in Oct.

Lure Coursing—No report.

Health Fair—Health Fair Committee has been identified as Lee Nudo, Sherri West, Rebecca Eastman and will be meeting. Yorba Linda Community Center may be a potential site – Sherri checking into the site.

Membership Applications: None.

Old Business:

Rescue situation—Myrna reports that OCRRC has been asked by RRCUS to find people to help with rescue dogs on the West Coast. Mary Sorosky has offered to

house rescue Ridgebacks at her kennel in Santa Barbara. A West Coast coordinator is needed; a posting will be placed in the next newsletter to solicit a coordinator.

Club Trailer—Jaymie makes a motion that Sherri West and Mike Patterson have the board's approval to make the buying decision on purchasing a club trailer. Motion is approved.

Jerry Adomian makes a motion to put a dollar range in the amount of approximately \$4,000. Motion is approved.

The board approves selling our current trailer to SDRRC.

By-Laws—Jerry Adomian brings up that the changes have been agreed upon except for two, which are:

- *Section 2.5* – AKC has not approved changing the word "inure" to **be used for**. By-Laws will be changed back to the wording "inure to."

- *Section 4.1* – AKC requests that the wording be left as it was voted on at the last Board Meeting.

Jerry Adomian makes the motion that he will make corrections, Lee Nudo will proof read for accuracy, then they'll be sent out to membership. Sherri West seconds the motion; motion approved.

Joe Berger has requested a copy of original exemption certificate in order to deal with bank charges for checking account and lure-coursing account. Sherri to check her records for a copy.

New Business: Joe Berger makes a motion that OCRRC put a 4year limit on breeder judges starting in 2006. Catherine Schock seconds the motion; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:39 P.M.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2005

Meeting Called to Order at 8:10 P.M. Attendees are: Sherri West, Catherine Schock, Jaymie Evans, Myrna Berger, Lee Nudo, Jerry Adomian, Mike Patterson, Deborah Drastrup, John Rodgers.

First order of business: Role Call and minutes for the May 19 General Meeting are completed, and approved.

Presidents Report: Myrna reports the Specialty for next year 2006 will be held at the San Juan Capistrano Venue.

Vice President's Report: The OCRRC contact person for lure coursing that's listed on the IWHC Web site needs to be changed from Deb Driza to Jaymie Evans.

Corresponding Secretary Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Catherine Schock reports – Savings \$3,522.70 Checking Acct \$4,999.17; CD: \$6,419.75; Total: \$13,087.62; Specialty Acct: \$5,213.49 coursing: \$1,286.12 Grand Total: \$19,587.23

Committee Reports:

Specialty—Discussion regarding keeping the hospitality tent available for the specialty dinner and ways to keep the tent available for OCRRC only.

We'll contact Artist Jennifer about possible trophies for next year

Lure Coursing—Jaymie reports IWHC..July 2nd & 3rd ASFA & AKC Lure Coursing event to be held at the Tejon Ranch in Lebec.

Health Fair—The name is officially 2005 Canine Health & Well-Being Seminars, and it will be held August 27, 2005. A room has been secured at the Yorba Linda Community Center for \$30/hour. Attendance fee will be \$35, which will include morning hospitality and lunch. Rebecca Eastman has suggested giving attendees a gift bag of goodies, such as samples of The Honest Kitchen food, and Ultra-Oil for Pets. Topics on the agenda are acupuncture, holistic medicine, chiropractics, and nutrition,

Catherine revised a motion to donate a majority of the net proceeds from the health fair to the Canine Health Foundation. Motion approved.

Fall Match—Marco will Chair the Fall Match; Jaymie will contact Linda Robbins to see if she'll assist Marco. Judges in order to be considered are Katrina Ham-

ilton, Diane McCormick, Arlene Davis, and Louis Krocovier.

Membership Applications: None.

New Business: Myrna suggests the club look into supporting the Long Beach shows. Mike makes a motion to support the winter Long Beach Circuit in 2005 & 2006, as well as the Long Beach and Beverly Hills 2006 summer circuit. John seconds the motion; motion Approved.

Mike makes a motion to allow the San Diego Ridgeback Club to hold their Specialty the day before OCRRC Specialty. Sherri seconds the motion; motion approved.

Myrna asks Jaymie to write a letter to Lou Guerrero advising him of our Specialty plans for May 12th 2006.

Executive session: The Board entered executive session at 10:00; completed at 10:10 P.M.

Meeting adjourned 10:15 P.M.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



OCRRC YEAR-END TOP TWENTY thru April 30, 2005

| | | |
|--|---|-----|
| 1. Ch. Freedom's Blast O'Dynamite By Tigris ("Boomer") | Juan & Lisa Gutierrez/Mike & Lisa Patterson | 361 |
| 2. Ch. Jubalee's Lonestar Over Kei River ("Riley") | Kerry Williams/D. Binswanger | 209 |
| 3. Ch. Of Afrikka Hoku O Pupukea ("Hoku") | Tom & Barbara Peach | 178 |
| 4. Ch. Windana Baobab African Jewel ("Jewel") | Leslie Walker/Renee Woods | 169 |
| 5. Ch. Blue Nile Sent By Isis ("Rocket") | Sherri Todd | 139 |
| 6. Ch. Bayou's Primo Archtyp 4 Pheron ("Primo") | Catherine Schock/Jay Dalphin | 132 |
| 7. Ch. Primetime's Kelly of Coventry ("Kelly") | D. Snow | 130 |
| 8. Ch. Freedom's Awesome Olivia by Tigris, JC ("Olivia") | P. Weston | 124 |
| 9. Jubalee's License to Fly, JC | K. Willilams | 120 |
| 10. Ch. Of Afrikka's Kumbayah ("Kumba") | Bing & Debbie Drastrup | 81 |
| 11. Zuludawn Sunnys Harley ("Harley") | C. Rhodes | 80 |
| 12. Ch. Zuludawn Chateau Lafite ("Coach") | P. & T. Tennigkeit | 52 |
| 13. Ch. Firedance's Saving Grace by Westwood ("Savvy") | Mary Sorosky | 51 |
| 14. MBIF FC Choctawridge Halili Walk With Pride ("Zane") | Vickie Marx | 50 |
| 15. Manzanita Double Espresso ("Rowan") | Lyn & Art Valdivia | 49 |
| 16. Pherons Zuludawn Halle Berry ("Halle") | J. & J. Le Clainche/Catherine Schock | 49 |
| 17. Ch. Desert Ridge Rainy Day Dreamer by Tigris ("Dreamer") | Elsa Tipton | 43 |
| 18. Ridgeview's Amazing Gracie by Tigris ("Gracie") | S. & S. Glasser/L. Ganje-Patterson; S. Ralston, VMD | 43 |
| 19. Manzanita One Handsome Devil, RN, SC ("Ruger") | Linnea Post | 42 |
| 20. Ch. Freedom's Five Star General by Tigris ("Tank") | Penny Weston | 41 |

MATCH REPORT

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A MATCH! THOSE WERE MY THOUGHTS AS I stepped out of my car at 7:30 A.M. on Saturday, April 9, 2005. Nobody else had arrived yet, everything was so fresh, with dew on the beautiful green grass and the sun coming up over the hill. That lasted about three minutes and the activity began. Troy arrived and started setting up her crates, like she's done a hundred times before. Then the club trailer arrived; Catherine Schock is so generous (and brave) to agree to tow that trailer for us.

It's so amazing to watch the process and be a part of it. For all of you new folks who haven't been there in the morning to help, you should come along and give it a try! The trailer is opened up, then those who've been doing this for a while climb in and start pulling out boxes, bags, poles, tables, tablecloths—all the supplies you could ever need. People start assembling the rings—no easy task without some of our regulars. The entry table is set up and ready to go (thank you Barbara and Meredith). Catherine makes the hospitality table look yummy; John Rodgers arrives to act as our expert ring steward, ensuring that the classes flow smoothly. (Thanks to you both.)

Then you start to see the puppies.... Despite the responsibilities of running a Match, I have to stop and watch the puppies and their proud owners arrive. A pup will see his breeder and look like he's going to wriggle right out of his skin! Some will be shy, quite a few will play with new friends, a few will grumble because they just aren't sure. It's so wonderful to see all the beautiful promise for the future of our breed.

A lot of these folks don't realize how fortunate they were to have Troy Abney teaching the handling class. Thank you so much Troy, you did a wonderful job.

Our obedience judge Veronica Barker, started running our well-behaved obedience entries through their paces. Veronica is so patient and understanding of our Ridgebacks, thank you so much. And the winners

were:

1st place/CDX (open): Ch. Oakhurst Mountain Maverick ("Spencer"), CD, SC, TDI, HIC; owned/handled by Maril Suess

2nd place/CDX (open): Ch. Echoridge Unbridled by Tigris, JC, CD., CGC ("Clarence"); owned/handled by Lorraine Mendoza.

Our conformation judge, Maureen Kenton, had approximately 35 rascal-y puppies to judge. She made efficient work of it, and awarded the following:

Best in Match/Best Puppy in Match: Of Afrikka Sprgvy Joliba of Kamari; owned/handled by Deborah Drastrup

Best Opposite in Match: Red Skyes Santana Sundance, owned by Gary Mirsky, Debra Driza, Linda Cannon, Nancy Brandewie; handled by Deb Driza

Best Movement/Best Male Head: Red Skyes Santana Sundance

Best Ridge/Best Female Head: Number 113 (so sorry—tell us who you are, and we'll publish it in the next issue)

Congratulations to all!

And not to be forgotten, thanks to the following: Rebecca Eastman and our wonderful BBQer Tony Robbins for their hard work on the lunch; Lee Nudo for providing the meat; Lisa Patterson for making the lovely Top 10 certificates; Mike Patterson for delivering the trailer back to Orange County. I'd also like to extend a very special thank-you to Maril Suess for her informative seminar on tracking.

I hope the members who are breeding these wonderful litters are educating their puppy people on how important these Matches are. How this club is run by volunteers and we could use new folks to volunteer. That the money we raise at these Matches goes towards putting on our huge Regional Specialty, supporting rescue, and donating to many charitable groups every year.

—Respectfully, Linda Robbins, Match Chair

Treasurer's Reports

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|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE | 03/23/05 | \$5,326.68 |
| INCOME | | |
| Checking Acct Interest | .41 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | \$.41 |
| EXPENSE | | |
| Misc. expenses/Lisa Patterson | 110.93 | |
| Challenge Trophy engraving/Barbara Rupert | 121.99 | |
| Trailer storage/PVI RV & Boat Storage | 95.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | | \$65.65 |
| BALANCE | 04/21/05 | \$ 327.92 |
| Regular savings | 04/21/05 | \$3,521.25 |
| CD savings | 04/21/05 | \$6,413.27 |
| TOTAL | 04/21/05 | \$14,933.69 |
| Specialty checking account | 04/21/05 | \$ 96.68 |
| Lure coursing account | 04/21/05 | \$1,269.12 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 04/21/05 | \$16,299.49 |
| BEGINNING BALANCE | | |
| | 04/22/05 | \$4,999.17 |
| INCOME | | |
| 2005 Specialty revenue | \$2,000.00 | |
| Membership Dues | \$ 180.00 | |
| Checking Acct Interest | .30 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | \$2,180.30 |
| EXPENSE | | |
| RRCUS National Specialty catalog Ad | \$55.00 | |
| SDRRC Specialty catalog Ad | \$45.00 | |
| Trailer storage space – PVI RV & Boat Storage | \$95.00 | |
| Spring Match ribbons/rosettes -- Neslo Farms | \$78.30 | |
| Sales Merchandise—GW Crystal | \$375.73 | |
| Sales Merchandise—HB Embroidery | \$2,348.79 | |
| Specialty judge air fare—Jay Hyman | \$434.80 | |
| Specialty OB judge—Dorothy M. McCauley | \$556.68 | |
| Deposited item returned/fee | \$45.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | | \$4,034.30 |
| BALANCE | 05/20/05 | \$3,145.17 |
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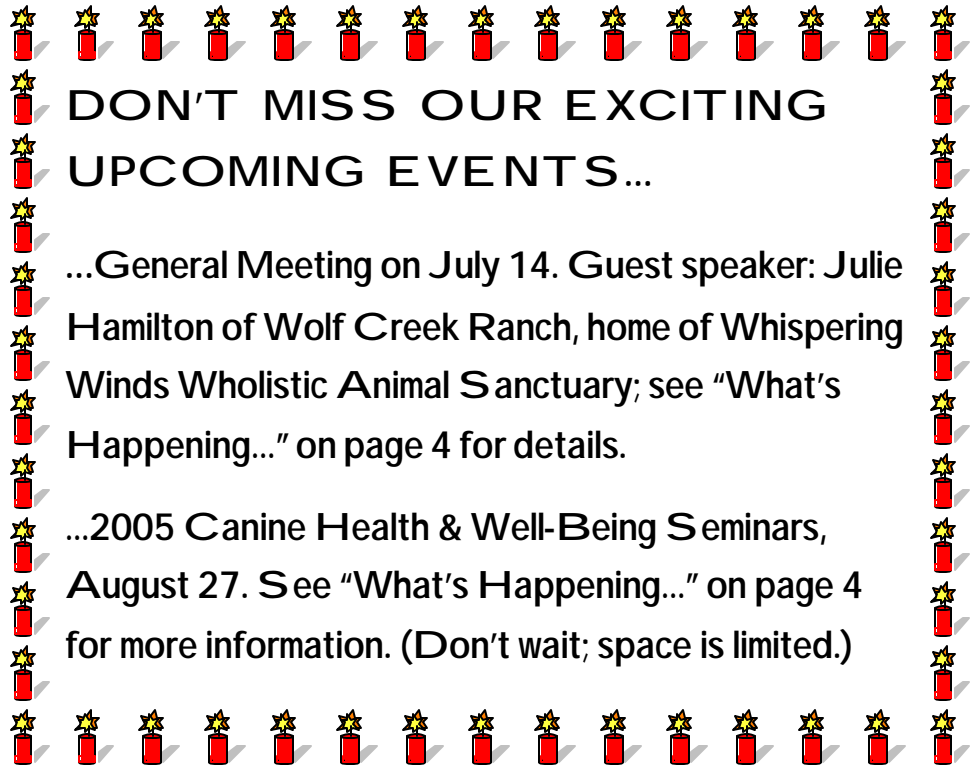
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**DON'T MISS OUR EXCITING
UPCOMING EVENTS...**

...General Meeting on July 14. Guest speaker: Julie Hamilton of Wolf Creek Ranch, home of Whispering Winds Wholistic Animal Sanctuary; see "What's Happening..." on page 4 for details.

...2005 Canine Health & Well-Being Seminars, August 27. See "What's Happening..." on page 4 for more information. (Don't wait; space is limited.)