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President's Message

Dear Members,

First let me say, if you've never attended a National Specialty, you really should try to do so. After all, it's one of, if not *the* largest gatherings of Ridgebacks in the country. This year's National was held in late April/early May in Farmington, Utah, just outside of Salt Lake City. The site was outstanding, the educational speakers were top-notch, and the conformation competition was awesome. Hats off to the planners of the Top Twenty—it was a spectacular showcase of Ridgebacks.

And then came the OCRRC 20th Regional specialty, held on May 12, which also was an enormous success. It was the kind of event that will have people talking for a long time. Huge congratulations to all the winners and participants—we sincerely thank you for your support. Next, I want to thank the many people who worked for an entire year to plan this spectacular show. At the head of these troops were our Show Chairs extraordinaire, Jaymie Evans and Catherine Schock, to whom I will leave all the individual thank-yous. But I would like to reiterate that we absolutely could not put on these extravaganzas without each and every one of you.

I'm proud to be part of a club that can host events such as these, as well as celebrate 20

years of Specialty shows. Our founding members were certainly on the right track when they laid the groundwork for this club. Their vision and foresight got us to where we are today, but it's been the energy, determination, and hard work of our members throughout the years that have kept us motor-ing forward. That's why your help and volunteer work are needed at all our events, and your contributions at our General Meetings are crucial to our continued success as a club.

OCRRC has several events coming up later this year: Our Fall Match will be held on Saturday, September 30, at Irvine Regional Park; and a two-day Lure Coursing trial will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 15th and 16th, at the Whittier Narrows Regional Park. Make your plans now to attend, and if you can help in even the smallest way, please contact the event chairperson. Refer to "What's Happening..." on page 4, for more details on these events and other happenings.

On another note, it's been brought to our attention that RR Rescue has put out an SOS. The Rescue coordinator in our area, Kate Zimmer (kzimmer@ridgebackrescue.org), is in desperate need of volunteers to foster rescues, make shelter and/or home checks (in your area), transport dogs to and

from various locations (these are often done by relay), and help with many other important tasks. If you can help in *any* way, please contact Kate. Even if you don't know how you can help, ask Kate! These dogs deserve our assistance.

And last but not least, summer came in like a lion this year, and the extremely hot temperatures are a concern for all dog owners. Be aware of the dangers that heat can present, and take all available precautions. Research the subject so you'll be able to recognize the signs of heat stress in your dogs and will know how to treat it. A couple good websites are:

> www.thepetprofessor.com/articles

> <http://dogs.about.com/cs/generalcare/a/heatstroke/htm>.

You can find more information by doing a Google search for heat stroke in dogs.

Be safe, have a great summer, and most of all, enjoy your wonderful hounds.

Cheers,
Mike



Nutrition:

Be a Savvy Shopper

WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU READ THE label on your dog's food? Do you really know what it's telling you? You may think you're buying a "premium" dog food when you're actually paying for expensive advertising and cheap, low-quality ingredients. And after you've read the following information, you might even be surprised at what you find on the labels of foods sold in veterinary offices.

TOP-QUALITY INGREDIENTS

> *Whole, fresh meat or single-source meat meal* (e.g., chicken meal instead of unidentified poultry meal; these terms are defined in the Glossary on page 7).

> *At least one whole-meat source in the first three ingredients.* Keep in mind that whole meat contains a lot of water, and this added weight can boost a meat source to the top of the list. Therefore, if an ingredient list begins with chicken and is followed by three or more grains, the food probably contains much more grain than meat. There's no way to know for sure, though, because the law only requires manufacturers to list ingredients by

weight, not amounts or percentages.

> *Whole, unprocessed grains, vegetables, and other foods.* In addition to containing all the healthy benefits of whole foods, a lack of processing improves the chances that at least some of the nutrients will survive the food-making process.

RED-FLAG INGREDIENTS

> *Food fragments.* A few examples of these are brewer's rice, corn gluten meal, wheat bran, beet pulp, and tomato pumace. These are low-cost by-products with reduced nutritional value. They aren't necessarily harmful, but if you're paying top dollar, you're not getting a top-quality product. Also, watch out for several fragments of the same food (e.g., rice bran, brewer's rice, rice flour). Remember, manufacturers are only required to list ingredients by weight, so by using different forms of the same food, they can avoid having to list a nonmeat ingredient first. If a meat source is followed by three or more types of the same food (e.g., rice), the product probably contains much more of that particular food than meat.

> *Meat by-products.* The use of by-pro-

ducts as the lead protein source, while not necessarily harmful, indicates a low-quality product. And again, the source should be clearly identified, as in *chicken by-products* rather than the generic *poultry*—or worse yet *animal*—by-products.

INGREDIENTS TO AVOID

> *Generic fats or proteins.* "Animal fat" can be just about anything, from recycled restaurant grease to an unhealthy mystery blend. Instead, look for "beef" or "chicken" fat. Likewise, "animal" or "poultry" protein is of inferior quality to "beef" or "chicken" protein.

> *Artificial preservatives.* These include BHA, BHT, or Ethoxyquin. Your dog doesn't need a lifetime of exposure to yet more chemicals.

> *Artificial colors.* These are unnecessary, and come with the same concerns as given above.

> *Propylene glycol.* Yet another chemical added to keep foods moist.

> *Sweeteners.* Yes, dogs like sweets, too, but dietary sugars, such as corn syrup,

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In The Whelping Box...

June 1—Ch. Juba Lee's Estee Louder ("Estee"); 7 puppies (2 boys/5 girls), sired by Ch. Rivercitys Nobody Beats Bart, JC. *Congratulations to Kerry Williams, Roanoke, TX.*

June 3—Ch. Deer Ridge Dream Weaver ("Teva"); 8 puppies (6 boys/2 girls), sired by MBIS/MBISS Ch. Spring Valley's Great Gatsby, ROM. *Congratulations to Tom & Barbara Peach, Halliwa, HI.*

June 22—DC Stardust's Manzanita Blues, SC, NAJ, CGC, HIC ("Mia"); 12 puppies (7 boys/5 girls!), sired by Ch. Rivercity's Travelin Man ("Travis"), JC. *Congratulations to Art and Lyn Valdivia, Jamul, CA.*

July 1—Ch. Lady Roxanne of Rebelridge, JC ("Roxie"); 6 puppies (2 boys/4 girls), sired by MBIS BISS BIF Am/Can Ch. Camelot's Promise to Bakari ("Ruger"), SC. *Congratulations to Cynthia Cartwright, Valley Center, CA.*

July 2—Ch. Lexus She's Got Game by Tigris, SC ("Kaysi," pictured); 4 puppies (2 boys/2 girls), sired by Ch. Of Afrikka's Kumbayah ("Kumba"). *Congratulations to Mike and Lisa Patterson, Norco, CA; and to Bing and Deb Drastrup, Fallbrook, CA (Kumba's owners)—it's their boy's first litter.*

July 23—Ch. Ridge View's Amazing Gracie by Tigris, SC ("Gracie"); 5 puppies (2 boys/3girls), sired by NSBIF DC Ridge View's Cirque of the Towers ("Cirque"), SC, NA, NAJ, CGC, ET. *Congratulations to Steve and Sara Glasser, Altadena, CA.*



OCRRC Top Twenty through March 31, 2006

1. Ch. Freedom's Awesome Olivia by Tigris, JC ("Olivia")	Penny Weston	308
2. Ch. Rob Norm's The Mailman Malone ("Malone")	Myrna & Joe Berger	165
3. Ch. Of Afrikka Hoku O Pupukea ("Hoku")	Tom & Barbara Peach	162
4. Ch. Freedom's Five Star General by Tigris ("Tank")	Penny Weston	110
4. Ch. Koda'sleepoffaithbyfiredance ("Faith")	Mary Sorosky	110
5. Ch. Of Afrikka Spring Valley Dorian Gray ("Bruno")	Christina Wistrom	89
6. Pupukea Ridge Kekoa Koneli ("Connor")	Tom & Barbara Peach/Cory Bowers	65
7. Ch. Redskyes Santana Sundancer ("Santana")	N. Brandewie/D. Driza/L. Cannon/G. & P. Mirsky	50
8. Of Afrikka Spring Valley Ravenna ("Nikkei")	Christina Wistrom	42
9. FC Manzanita Just One Look, SC ("Shagoon")	Lyn Valdivia	40
9. Nashira's Zinfully Good Juba Lee ("Vinnie Vino")	Kerry Williams & Concetta Jez	40
10. Nguyet's Nyah of Pheron ("Nyah")	Catherine Schock/N. Chau/E. Brown	35
10. Ch. Rivercity's Everyone's Bwana ("Ramar")	Troy Abney/Olga Bicos/Aaron McGee	35
11. Ch. Choctaw Ridge Catori at Lacina ("Megan")	Brian & Vicky Swink/C & G Grammer	33
12. Ch. Juba Lee Kenya Hear Me Now ("Kenya")	Kerry Williams/J. Maly	29
13. Ch. Stardusts Cracklin Rosie ("Rosie")	J. & S. Adomian/R. & T. Witte	28
14. Ch. Rivercity's Nalu Kai, JC ("Kai")	Troy Abney/Lisa Adams	27
15. Ch. Lamarde Perro Can't Get No Satisfaction ("Naya")	Lanise McCracken	26
16. Van D Piers A Dazzling Run ("Dazzle")	Sharon & Jack Pierce	25
17. Lamarde Perro Luke O'Howl ("Luke")	John & Sally Cook	24
18. Freedom's Strike It Rich ("Rich")	Penny Weston	21
19. Archetype Hurricane Isabel, SC ("Isabel")	Elizabeth Moore/Craig & Sara Robinson	19
19. Redskyes Sunshine Legacy ("Saga")	N. Brandewie/D. Driza/L. Cannon/C. Tauer	19
19. Rivercity's Whodunit ("Hootch")	Troy Abney/J. Lindsey	19
20. Choctaw Ridge Raja of Ridgelea ("Raja")	Brian & Vicky Swink	14

The Honest Kitchen's Spring Cleansing Recipe

THIS RECIPE FOR SPRING CLEANSING WITH blended greens comes from The Honest Kitchen, a manufacturer of dehydrated raw dog foods. The recipe is formulated to flush toxins from your dog's system. Although we do what we can to help limit the amount of chemicals our pets are exposed to, life just isn't toxin-free. (Think fertilized park grass, as well as carpet- and car-cleaning agents.)

Use this mix of cleansing herbs/veggies with a fresh Honest Kitchen meal, your dog's regular meal, or (if you're strong) to aid in a one-day fast. (To learn more about The Honest Kitchen, go to their website, www.thehonestkitchen.com.)

Ingredients

(Organic, fresh produce is recommended.)

- 2 cups spinach (washed)
- 1 medium zucchini (chopped into chunks)
- 2 stocks of celery (chopped into chunks)
- 1 tsp. lemon zest
- 2 cup parsley
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 cups filtered water

Place water and herbs in blender; mix until evenly distributed. Add remainder of ingredients, puree for one to two minutes. Serve fresh, refrigerate remainder (it'll stay fresh for two to three days). You can alternate some of the veggies, for instance, try kale, chicory, and apples.

Add 1/4 cup of the mixture to your

dog's meal, twice/day for one week. Provide plenty of fresh filtered water and a healthy amount of exercise.

Benefits

Spinach: An antioxidant to aid in eliminating free radicals released in the cleanse. Raw spinach also aids in the removal of fat-soluble toxins.

Garlic: Helps remove excess hormones and drugs (toxins). Garlic should be used freshly chopped or mashed to facilitate oxidation, which is when the healing properties become most active.

Parsley: A diuretic that helps to flush out kidney toxins.

Lemon: Helps to neutralize liver toxins.



What's Happening...

CONFORMATION

What: Simi Valley KC

When: Fri.-Sun., August 25-27

Where: Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara

Judges: Fri., Dr. Francisco Chapa (MEX); Sat., Geoffrey Whitfield; Sun., Dr. Richard Meen

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

Closes: Wed., August 9, 2006

What: Prescott Arizona KC

When: Sat./Sun., Sept. 16-17

Where: Old Home Manor, Chino Valley, AZ

Judges: Sat., Mrs. Joan Anselm; Sun., Mrs. Isabell Stoffers

Contact: Onofrio Dog Shows, (405) 427-8181; www.onofrio.com

Closes: Wed., August 30, 2006

What: Sir Francis Drake KC

When: Sat./Sun., Sept. 16-17

Where: Marin Civic Center, San Rafael

Judges: Sat., Donovan Thompson; Sun., Ms. Joy Brewster

Contact: MB-F, (336) 379-9352, or www.infodog.com

Closes: Wed., August 30, 2006

What: Santa Ana Valley KC

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

Where: Cypress College, Cypress

Judges: Sat., Mrs. Bettyann Hale; Sun., Kenneth Miller

Contact: Jack Bradshaw; see 1st listing

Closes: Wed., Sept. 6, 2006

What: Burbank KC

When: Sat./Sun., Sept. 30-Oct. 1

Where: Van Nuy, CA

Judges: unavailable

Contact: Jack Bradshaw; see 1st listing

Closes: Wed., Sept. 13, 2006

What: Channel City KC/Santa Maria KC

When: Sat./Sun., Oct. 7

Where: Santa Maria Fairpark

Judges: Sat., Mrs. Sharon Krogh; Sun., Lowell Davis

Contact: Jack Bradshaw; see 1st listing

Closes: Wed., Sept. 20, 2006

What: Kachina KC

When: Sat./Sun., Oct. 21-22

Where: Empty Acres Equestrian Park, Buckeye, AZ

Judges: Sat., Mrs. Jeraldeen Crandall; Sun., Roger Hartinger

Contact: J. Bradshaw; see 1st listing

Closes: Wed., Oct. 4, 2006

AGILITY

What: Ups 'n Down Agility Club CPE Trials

When: Sat./Sun., Aug. 19-20

Where: Southwestern Comm. College, Chula Vista

Contact: Jean Eichenlaub, dixonsally@yahoo.com; for premium www.ups-n-downs.org/ or www.k9cpe.com

Closes: n/a

What: Keeshond Club of SoCal AKC Trials

When: Sat./Sun., Aug. 19-20

Where: Gabrieleno Equestrian Park, Lakeview Terrace

Contact: Lisa Marzban, (818) 996-2647, www.socalkees.org

Closes: Thursday, August 3, 2006

What: Which Cross When? Seminars with Debby Wheeler

When: Fri.-Sun., Aug. 25-27

Where: Martini's Ranch, Escondido

Contact: Debby Wheeler, (858) 722-2079, www.MartinisRanch.com

Closes: when time slots are filled

What: West Coast Cocker Spaniel Club AKC Trials

When: Sat./Sun., Sept. 9-10

Where: Butterfield Park, Corona

Contact: Lynda Tjarks, (661) 867-2773 or rougetervs@direcway.com

Closes: Wednesday, August 23, 2006

What: Dog Agility Club of Chino AKC Trials

When: Sat./Sun., Sept. 16-17

Where: Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, Irwindale

Contact: Jean O'Neill, (909) 593-9395, e-mail jmo@earthlink.net

Closes: Friday, August 25, 2006

What: Aztec Doberman Pinscher Club of San Diego

When: Sat./Sun., Sept. 30-Oct. 1

Where: Canine Sports Ctr., El Cajon

Contact: Lynda Tjarks; see contact info for W.Cst. Cocker Club @left

Closes: Wed., Sept. 13, 2006

What: English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Assoc.

When: Mon./Tues., Oct. 9-10

Where: LA County Fairplex, Pomona

Contact: Sarah Fitzell, (951) 776-2072 or flyingcorgi@earthlink.net

Closes: Wed., Sept. 20, 2006

What: So. Coast Agility Club

When: Sat./Sun., Oct. 14-15

Where: Tewinkle Park, Costa Mesa

Contact: Sarah Fitzell; see above

Closes: Friday, Sept. 29, 2006

LURE COURSING

What: Ibizan Hound Club of the U.S. LCTS/LCTR

When: Sat./Sun., Aug. 19-20

Where: Stuart Mesa Sports Field, Camp Pendleton

Contact: Justin Dannenbring, Event Sec., (951) 734-2559, or e-mail orionkennels.ofca@aol.com

Closes: Day of competition.

What: Pharaoh Hound Fanciers of Northern California

When: Sat./Sun., Sept. 30-Oct. 1

Where: Paicines, CA

Contact: Sara Beetz, (831) 673-6697

Closes: Wed., Sept. 27, 2006

What: OCRRC & IWHC Lure Coursing

When: October 14-15

Where: Whittier Narrows, S. El Monte

Contact: Trial Sec., Deb Driza, houndrat@aol.com; or Trial Chairperson, Troy Abney, rivercityrrs@yahoo.com

Closes: date unavailable; watch website, ocrrc.org, for details.

LOCAL CLUB ACTIVITIES

What: OCRRC General Meeting

When: Thurs., Sept. 14; dinner @7, meeting @8.

Where: Coco's, 1250 Imperial Hwy., Brea (57 Freeway & Imperial Blvd.,

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just past State College)

Contact: Sherri West, (951) 926-4881, or e-mail siriusfarm@aol.com.

What: OCRRC Fall Match

When: Sat., September 30

Where: Irvine Regional Park

Judge: Caroline Hensley

Contact: Match Chairperson Cory Bowers, e-mail corybowers@templeinland.com, or (951) 347-2033.

Note: CGC testing will be offered.

What: ARRF Fall Match

When: Sun., October 15

Where: Skye Dance Ranch, Oceanside

Contact: Jean Spengel, ridgebks@aol.com; or Deborah Adams, orangewoodrr@gmail.com.

Note: There will also be agility practice, a Howl O'Wen costume contest, a micro-chip clinic, and animal communicator Joy Mason to help you better understand your dogs' behavior.



Be a Savvy Shopper

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sucrose, ammoniated glycyrrhizin, and others, can aggravate health problems, including diabetes.

Other ingredients that are worth mentioning here are popular supplements. These include, but are not limited to, joint supplements (glucosamine, chondroitin sulfate, perna mussel, etc.), omega fatty acids (OFAs), digestive aids/probiotics, and vitamins C and E. The problem here is that the mention of these supplements makes the product seem healthier. However, in most cases the product contains so little of the touted ingredient that its benefit is insignificant, while the price is not. *Read the list of ingredients.* Conversely, if you are already giving your dog additional supplements, do be sure to consider all the sources.

INGREDIENT GLOSSARY

• *Meat (e.g., lamb/beef/chicken).* The clean flesh (from each animal), limited to that part of the striate muscle that is skeletal or that which is found in the tongue,

diaphragm, heart, or esophagus.

• *Generic poultry.* The clean combination of flesh and skin with/without accompanying bone.

• *Meat meal (e.g., lamb/beef).* The rendered (cooked, dried, and ground) product of these meats, exclusive of any added blood, hair, hoof, horn, hide trimmings, manure, stomach and rumen contents, *except in such amounts as may occur unavoidably in good processing practices.*

• *Meat and bone meal.* Same as above, but including bone.

• *Meat by-products.* These can include anything other than meaty muscle tissue, such as lungs, spleen, kidneys, brain, livers, blood, bone, stomachs, and intestines.

• *Poultry by-products.* The nonrendered clean parts of poultry carcasses, such as heads, feet, viscera, etc.

• *Poultry by-product meal.* The ground, rendered, clean parts of poultry carcasses, such as necks, feet, undeveloped eggs, and intestines; exclusive of feathers, except in such amounts...yada-yada-yada.

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Treasurer's Reports *(continued on page 8)*

BEGINNING BALANCE	2/18/06	\$ 6,599.23
INCOME		
Checking Account Interest	.61	
TOTAL INCOME		\$.61
EXPENSE		
Postmaster/Specialty flyer postage	117.00	
Maldonado Printing/Specialty flyer	783.34	
Trailer Storage Space/PVI RV & Boat Storage	95.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$ 995.34
BALANCE	03/17/06	\$ 5,604.50
Regular savings	03/17/06	\$ 3,537.41
CD savings	03/17/06	\$ 1,456.28
TOTAL	03/17/06	\$10,598.19
Specialty checking account	03/17/06	\$ 2,355.58
Lure coursing account	03/17/06	\$ 1,224.12
GRAND TOTAL	03/17/06	\$ 14,177.89

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – 4/13/06

VP John Rodgers calls meeting to order at 8:15 P.M. Attendees are: Sherri West, Catherine Schock, Jaymie Evans, Jerry Adomian, Brian Swink, John Rodgers.

First order of business: Previous meeting minutes have not been posted and, therefore, cannot be approved.

President's report: None.

Vice President's report: Nothing new to report. New Board member Deb Drastrup is welcomed.

Corresponding Secretary's report: Sherri West presents a vendor for medallion options.

Sherri reports receipt of a letter from the San Diego Fair regarding participation for pet expo/pet care for general public. Sherri to notify San Diego clubs to ensure they're aware of the event and determine if they'd like to participate since it's in their area.

Treasurers Report: Catherine Schock reports, as of 2/17/06—checking account, \$5,604.50; regular savings, \$3,537.41; CD account, \$1,456.28; for a total of \$10,598.19. Specialty checking account, \$2,355.58; lure-coursing account, \$1,224.12; for a grand total of \$14,177.89.

Catherine reports that OCRRC has received a thank-you from Susan Ralston of RRCUS for our \$100 donation to help sponsor the refreshment breaks at the National in Utah, in April 2006.

Catherine also reports the club has received an application from the American Dog Owners Association for dues renewal in the amount of \$35; OCRRC has been a member for the last three to five years. Catherine makes a motion that we renew; Jerry seconds the motion. The motion carries.

Discussion regarding renewal due for website hosting. The club has decided to work with Brian Swink and Bob Lambie; John Rodgers has offered to be the club's webmaster.

Committee Reports:

Spring Match—Date is set for Saturday, April 15. Joe Berger and Brian Swink will chair the match; judge will be

Teresa Witte. Site is reserved at Laguna Niguel Park.

Specialty—OCRRC 20th Anniversary, May 12, 2006. Judge for Best Ridge Competition will be Joe Berger.

John has put together a poster and web page of previous winners with number of years they've won.

Exhibitors' Appreciation Dinner will be in the Ridgeback Row Motorhome area after Specialty judging is completed. It'll be catered by Alex's Gourmet Catering, Inc.

Show committee brought to the Board's attention Board that Novice is included in the premium; updates have been made accordingly. Discussion of canceling May's General Meeting due to the specialty being the same week.

Fall Match—Proposal to schedule this event on 10/7 or 10/8.

Lure Coursing—Jaymie reports that a local site has been secured for the week-end of 10/14 and 10/15. OCRRC will be chairing the event along with the Inland Wilderness Hunt Club. BARRC is open to participating in future events perhaps in upcoming years, but is booked for 2006.

Old Business: Myrna suggests that OCRRC should place an ad in the National Specialty catalog.

In the interest of expediting club business, there is discussion about the Board communicating via e-mail to reach preliminary decisions, with final decisions/voting to be accomplished at meetings. Decision to be discussed at a later meeting, depending upon AKC rules.

New Business: Editor position is still open. Mike Suggests that an ad be placed in *The Ridgeback Rambles*. Lee Nudo is graciously continuing the position with help from members since her relocation.

Tabled items:

Previous recommendation for club/board members to present a portion of the Breed Standard for General Meeting programs. (The presenter would express an impression of what the Standard means, then facilitate an open session to promote discussion and opinion.) It is proposed to prepare for next General Meeting, September 14, 2006.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 P.M.



Thank-You Notes

Please thank the entire Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club membership for inviting me to judge your lovely Specialty. I had a great time—excellent dogs, wonderful site and hospitality, and delightful exhibitors. My only regret was not being able to hand out more trophies and ribbons for such an outstanding, high-quality entry. The breeders need to be praised for such excellent dogs. Again, please thank everyone for me.

*Best,
Linda Riedel*

Thank you for allowing me to judge your Sweepstakes. I had a wonderful time. The show was beautiful, with wonderful prizes and excellent food.

*Thanks again,
Karen LaFleur*

Oops...!

? In the "Spring Match Report," March '06 issue of *The Ridgeback Rambles*, Judge Teresa Witte's kennel name was erroneously listed as Wyndrunhr. Theresa's correct kennel name is Stardust. My apologies for this misprint.

? Please disregard the September Treasurer's Report on page 7 of the March '06 issue—it also appeared in the December '05 issue (where it belonged!).

? Please note that the Top Twenty on page 3 of the March '06 issue was actually the year-end stats—not the stats through August 31, 2005, as titled. Also the call name for Ch. Juba Lee Shadowridge Baby Got Back (#15) is not "XXXXXX" — it's "J.Lo."

Gads, that's a lot of humble pie. I'll try to do better.

— The Editor

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – 6/8/06

Meeting called to order at 8:03 P.M. Attendees are: Mike Patterson, John Rodgers, Sherri West, Deborah Drastrup, Catherine Schock, Myrna Berger, Cory Bowers, Jerry Adomian, Brian Swink.

First order of business: Catherine Schock makes a motion to approve the BOD meeting minutes of April 13, 2006 as amended. John Rodgers seconds the motion, and the minutes are unanimously approved.

President's report: Mike congratulates Orange Coast on a tremendous job, with special thanks to all those who helped to make the 20th Anniversary Platinum Party Specialty a success. He thanks the Show Chairperson, Jaymie Evans, and Assistant Show Chairperson, Catherine Schock, on an outstanding Specialty. In an effort to continue with the club's success, Mike adds that we need more members to contribute time and volunteer at club functions in the future.

Mike announces that Jaymie Evans has resigned from the Board of Directors as she and her husband are moving to Colorado. Mike thanks Jaymie for all her hard work on the Board, adding that she will be greatly missed.

Sherri West nominates Deb Drastrup to replace outgoing Recording Secretary Jaymie Evans. Brian Swink seconds the motion, and it is unanimously approved. Sherri West then nominates Cory Bowers to fill the vacancy on the BOD. Brian Swink seconds the motion, and it is unanimously approved.

Vice President's report: John Rodgers reports on the possibility of future presentations of the Ridgeback Standard at General Meetings. A committee consisting of Catherine, Brian, Myrna, and John will look into those future meetings.

Corresponding Secretary's report: Sherri reports the club's insurance and annual policy have been received. She also reports she's received a letter from AKC stating it has processed and closed out everything from our 2006 Specialty, indicating that all procedures of putting together the Specialty were carried out correctly.

Sherri has received notes from Judges

Linda Riedel and Karen LaFleur thanking the entire Orange Coast Club for inviting them to judge at our Specialty. The Board suggests that the notes be posted in the upcoming newsletter for members to read.

Sherri also has received a letter from Carole Hensley, who is looking for mentors from the club to educate her on the Breed Standard.

Sherri announces that AARF's Fall Match will be held October 15th 2006.

Treasurer's report: Catherine Schock reports, as of 4/20/06—checking account, \$3,219.68; regular savings, \$3,540.37; CD Account, \$1,461.17; for a total of \$8,221.22. Specialty checking account, \$7,490.57; lure-coursing account, \$1,224.12; for a grand total of \$16,935.91.

OCRRC 2006 Specialty Financial Report: Total income, \$8,685.87; total expense, \$7,422.79; net income from Specialty, \$1,263.08.

Catherine motions to transfer \$6,000.00 from the Specialty account to checking; Board approves the motion.

Catherine reports the club needs more medallions. She proposes ordering enough to cover the next three years, which would be 20 bronze, and three silver medallions, and to replace the BOS medallion that was lost at the Specialty. Motion is approved.

Committee Reports:

Specialty 2007—New dates and location are discussed for next year's Specialty. John motions to hold our Specialty on Friday, April 13th along with the two-day, back-to-back Hound Classic at Irvine Meadows. Brian seconds the motion, and it is approved.

Lure coursing—Discussions continue on upcoming lure-coursing events. Mike will look into Orange Coast holding a lure-coursing event in October.

Fall Match—The Fall Puppy match will be held September 30th at Irvine Regional Park. Cory Bowers will be the Match Show Chairperson; Catherine will assist Cory. Deb volunteers to organize the raffle table, and Myrna Berger volunteers to hold the handling class. Sherri will contact Carole Hensley as a possible Judge.

Old Business: Discussions continue on purchasing a new club trailer. SDRRC is still interested in buying the club's old trailer as soon as we've found a new one. The club is looking for a trailer that's approximately 16'L x 7-1/2'W. Brian has agreed to look into purchasing a trailer.

New Business: Rescue coordinator Kate Zimmer has forwarded an e-mail to Board members asking for help. She says Rescue desperately needs more foster homes. The BOD agreed to post a notice for Rescue in the upcoming Rambles issue. The information has been forwarded to Lee Nudo.

Catherine Schock will look into buying African motif trophies for the upcoming supported Long Beach and Beverly hills shows June 25th and 26th.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 P.M.



Be a Savvy Shopper

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• **Animal By-Product Meal.** The rendered product from mammal tissues, exclusive of any added hair, hoof, horn, hide trimmings, manure, etc., except in such amounts...you get the picture.

At this point, you may be saying, "Wait a minute. What's wrong with my dog eating those things? They do it in the wild!"

Well, there's probably nothing *wrong* with your dog eating most of the ingredients listed here, but he's not going to enjoy the overall health and well-being he deserves. He may live a long life, but will he thrive? A shiny coat, bright eyes, vibrant energy, and vigorous health doesn't just come from good genes, but also from top-quality nutrition. Your RR really is what he eats!

And last but not least, are you sure you're getting what you're paying for? Just for the heck of it, compare the list of ingredients for Eukanuba with that of Canidae, then compare the cost.

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Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE	3/18/06	\$ 5,604.50
INCOME		
KCBH Supported Entry Return	66.00	
Membership Dues	580.00	
Trophy Contribution	100.00	
Match Raffle	5.00	
Checking Acct Interest	.43	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 1,796.43
EXPENSE		
RRCUS Break Support	100.00	
Postmaster/Match flyer	39.00	
Match flyer printing/Linda Robbins	53.88	
Match rosettes/Linda Robbins	131.00	
Trailer storage space/PVI RV & Boat Storage	95.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$418.88
BALANCE	04/20/06	\$ 6,982.05
Regular Savings	04/20/06	\$3,38.91
CD Account	04/20/06	\$1,458.32
TOTAL	04/20/06	\$ 11,979.28
Specialty Checking Account	04/20/06	\$2,355.58
Lure Coursing Account	04/20/06	\$1,224.12
GRAND TOTAL	04/20/06	\$ 14,177.89



A Round of Applause, Please!

Here's a look at what some of our members have accomplished so far this year.

1/1/06 and 2/25/06 (respectively) @High Desert Agility Club and Silver Bay KC, **Novice Agility (NA), Novice Agility Jumpers (NAJ) titles, Ch. EchoRidge Spellbound by Tigris, SC, NA, NAJ, CGC** ("Hermani"), handled by Lisa Ganje-Patterson; proudly owned by Mike and Lisa Patterson.

4/30/06 @The 75th RRCUS National Specialty in Utah, under breeder judge Frank DePaulo, **New Ch. River-city's Everyone's Bwana** ("Ramar"), proudly owned by Aaron McGee, Leila Bicos, & breeder/handler Troy Abney.

5/01/06 @The 75th RRCUS National Specialty in Utah, under a 3-judge panel, **winner of Top Twenty competition, Ch. Freedom's Blast O Dynamite by Tigris** ("Boomer"), proudly owned by Juan and Lisa Gutierrez, and Mike and Lisa Patterson.

5/07/06 @Rio Hondo KC, under Dr. Donald Sturz, Jr., **New Ch. Lamarde Perro Can't Get No Satisfaction**

("Naya"), proudly owned/handled by Lanise McCracken.

6/3/06 @Flatirons KC, Longmont, CO., under David Peat, **New Ch. Stardust's Cracklin Rosie, JC** ("Rosie"), proudly owned by Susan and Jerry Adomian, and Teresa and Rick Witte.

7/1/06 @the Golden Retriever Club of San Diego Agility Trial, **Open Standard (OA) title, Ch. Oakhurst Abayomi Andazi** ("Dazi"), handled by Debra Madden; proudly owned by Debra Madden & Jean Spengel, DVM & Jennifer Hakeem.

7/09/06 @Coos Bay KC, Bandon, OR, under Eugene Blake—**New Ch. Ridgeview Bariki's Shaq Attaq, CGC, TT** ("Shaq"), proudly owned by Jimmy and Lee Nudo.

Please send news of your RRs latest accomplishments to the editor at the address shown on the last page of the newsletter.)

20th Anniversary Specialty Winners

Sweepstakes

Puppy Dogs

6-9 months: Kimani's Forward Motion, owned by Christopher & Dorothy Crinion

9-12 months: Lamarde Perro's Maximum Impact, owned by Martin Teves

12-18 months: Westwood All Riled Up, owned by Ron & Debbie Renz, David Bueno, Greg Castillo

Puppy Bitches

6-9 months: Firedance Petite Syrah by Westwood, owned by Mary Sorosky & David Bueno

9-12 months: Wild West Little Sure Shot, owned by J.A.A. Shirley

12-18 months: Oakhurst Covergirl, owned by Nicole Rupert-Deutschman, Barbara G. Rupert, Chase & Chad Deutschman.

BEST IN SWEEPS:

Westwood All Riled Up

BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN SWEEPS:

Firedance Petite Syrah by Westwood

BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPS:

Ch. Rivercity's Nobody Beats Bart, owned by Karen K. Brown & Troy Abney

BEST OPPOSITE IN VETERAN SWEEPS:

Ch. Rivercity Maggie's Images, owned by John & Mary Bernie.

Regular Classes

DOGS

6-9 months: Kimani's Forward Motion, owned by Christopher & Dorothy Crinion

9-12 months: Pumamere's Samesame Mshale, owned by Natalie Carlton & Tracy Turner

12-18 months: Westwood All Riled Up, owned by Ron & Debbie Renz, David Bueno, Gregory Castillo

Bred-by-Exhibitor: Kakily Shockwave of Pumamere-Copperridge, owned by Donald Blumenfield-Jones, Natalie Carlton

American Bred: Regulus Cloak of Gold, owned by Cynthia Kelly, Rob Isakson

Open Dogs: Berkridge's Ten Tenths, owned by Andriana & Greg Nichols

BITCHES

6-9 months: Camelot's Red Sunset, owned by Alexis D'Ambrosio, Darla Wolff, Clayton Heathcock

9-12 months: Pupukea Ridge Makamae O Spring Valley, owned by Cory & Jane Bowers

12-18 months: Oakhurst Covergirl, owned by Nicole Rupert-Deutschman, Barbara G. Rupert, Chase & Chad Deutschman

Bred-by-Exhibitor: Virtuous Summer Music, owned by Shawna Walters, Jim Purty

American Bred: Copperridge's Leap of Faith, owned by Keith & Jennifer House, Bob & Lin Hainlen

Open Bitches: Of Afrika Sprgvlly Joliba of Kamari, owned by Bing & Deborah Drastrup, Dr. Christina Wistrom

Veteran Dogs: BISS Ch. Tigris Nothing But Net from Masai, SC, NA,NAP, NAJ, NJP, ROM, owned by Mike Patterson, Lisa Ganje-Patterson

Veteran Bitches: Ch. Rivercity Maggie's Images, owned by John & Mary Bernie.

BEST OF BREED:

BISS/BIS Ch. Camelot's Promise to Bakari, SC, owned by Julie Schilling, Clayton Heathcock

BEST OF WINNERS:

Of Ofrika Sprgvlly Joliba of Kamari, owned by Bing & Deb Drastrup, Dr. Christina Wistrom

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX:

Ch. Triggerhill's Notorious Doubletake, JC, owned by Judy & John Kuplent, Elizabeth & Jennifer Scattini

AWARDS OF MERIT:

Ch. Rivercity's Travlin Man, JC, owned by Troy Abney

Ch. Freedom's Blast O'Dynamite by Tigris, owned by Juan & Lisa Gutierrez

BISS Ch. Tigris Nothing But Net From Masai, SC, NA, NAP, NAJ, NJP, ROM, owned by Mike Patterson, Lisa Ganje-Patterson.

Stud Dog: BISS Ch. Tigris Nothing But Net from Masai, SC, NA, NAP, NAJ, NJP, ROM, owned by Mike Patterson, Lisa Ganje-Patterson

Brood Bitches: Ch. Orangewood Doubletake at Triggerhill, OA, OAJ, owned by Betty, Jenny, and James Scattini, Phyllis Maddaloni

Brace: FC Archetype Sundance, RA SC, owned by Joan Carpenter, Elizabeth Moore; and Archetype Boomerang, JC, owned by Peggy & Julia Kodl, Elizabeth Moore

Junior Showmanship: Ronnie Bourguignon, Jr., handling Rebrldge N Star's Trix R for Kidz, owned by R. Bourguignon.

Obedience

Novice Class B: Ch. Rajataru Footprints in the Sand, CD, RN, JC, with 191 points; owned by Rachel Hays, Shawna Walters

Open Class B: Ch. Oakhurst Mountain Maverick, CDX, RN, VCD1, with 190.5 points; owned by Maril Sues.

Congratulations to all these winners, as well as all those who placed in these classes. And thanks to all who came the distance to show their dogs. We appreciate your support. See you next year!!





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HEADS UP...

... Ridgeback Rescue needs your help. See President's Message on page 1 for details.

... The Ridgeback Rambles is in need of an editor. (The old one has moved out of the area.) OCRRC will provide Microsoft Publisher. Contact Mike Patterson if you might be interested.

... Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the General Meeting on Thurs., September 14, and the Fall Fun Match, on September 30. See "What's Happening..." on page 4, for details.