



Ridgeback Rambles



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The club has put to bed some changes that were a long time in coming and I'm quite proud of all those involved who made this happen. Our website has gotten a new address and face lift, and our Club documentation (by-laws, policies and code of ethics) has also been re-addressed and published within for your keeping. And, the Rambles has been brought back to life! Our club is so very dependent on those within it to make things happen. We cannot have newsletters, matches, agility trials, lure coursing events, or our wonderful annual Specialty without all the people that spend hours BEFORE the events pulling things together. I would like nothing more than for our club to be as well-rounded as possible with events and interesting speakers at our meetings. Having said this, the truth must be told that there have been events that were well attended (e.g. Herding Instinct Test) and would likely be again if there were more involvement. I am always willing to hear ideas for events and topics for our meetings and I am especially excited when those ideas are accompanied with volunteerism.

Some of the things on the horizon of possibilities for our club is another Herding Test and also a guest speaker who is a veterinarian to discuss Titters verses vaccinations. The club is looking for a support system to monitor and maintain the website and volunteers would be greatly appreciated. It is the hope that we can have a few people "watching" the site so that no one person is overburdened. Our Specialty is coming up in April and there are committees that could use support; such as; morning hospitality, raffle, ring set-up or tear-down, and sales table to name a few. There is also the LC trial that could use helpful hands to keep everything moving smoothly. Please consider contacting the committee chair person listed in the premium, or anyone on the Board of Directors to offer support. And, please remember the next time you are unhappy with ring decor, location, the lunch menu, the size of the ring, or whatever the issue, be gentle - these events are planned and brought to light by people that work for a living and have lives outside of the Ridgeback world.

Here is hoping for a wonderful and fulfilling 2013.

Lisa Adams



"Drive, George, drive! This one's got a coat hanger!"

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!!! A ROUND OF APPLAUSE PLEASE !!!

**BEST IN MATCH @ OCCRRC PUPPY MATCH
FEBRUARY 9, 2013 PVRR's TIGERSHARK, UNDER
JUDGE MICKEY POLIMENI. "KITTEN" IS OWNED AND
HANDLED BY LISA ADAMS**



**LAMARDE PERRO SAMSON JABALI WAS BEST OF OPPOSITE IN MATCH
@ OCRRC PUPPY MATCH FEBRUARY 9, 2013. "SAMSON" IS OWNED
AND HANDLED BY FRANK SMOUSE**



!!!CONGRATS TO YOU BOTH!!!

**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY BRAGS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO
SHARE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!! SHOWDOGS@COX.NET**

IN THE WHELPING BOX

Stardust Kennels is proud to announce the birth of 6 healthy perfect little girls on 2/9/13. GCH CH Saberidge Can'T Keep A Good Dog Down x GCH CH Stardust And All That Jazz SC . Serious inquiries may contact stardustr@me.com.



**"Who run the
world? Girls!"
-Beyonce**

OCRRC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 10, 2013

Called to order by V.P. Jerry Adomian at 8:00pm

Present: Mike Patterson, Joe Berger, Frank Smouse, HE and Sherri West, Dorothy Crinion, Linnea Post, Jerry & Susan Adomian, Myrna Berger.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: We have about 30 trophy sponsorships, no performance classes are sponsored yet. We will be disseminating the trophy sponsorship list to the membership. The Match application was sent in to AKC. Kim Tucker may not be available. There was a discussion about other match judges. There was a discussion and motion made to send 2 club medallions to Lou Guerrero as gifts to the German RR clubs. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The total amount in all club accounts is reported and available upon request, as of December 2013. This excludes expenses and intake from the recent agility and lure coursing trials.

Puppy Match: Linnea Post has volunteered to be the match chairperson. Dorothy will ask the membership for raffle donations. Myrna will do the handling classes. We will need prizes. We will do an inventory of the trailer on the day of the match.

Specialty Committee: There was a discussion about ordering the same size hospitality tent as last year vs. ordering a different size. It was decided to order the same size as last year. The club owns several EZ Ups that can be utilized if needed. Re Best Ridge, we will charge \$5 and donate the money to Rescue. We can use a sash for the prize and possibly a copper plate trophy. This will need to be in the premium list. We will ask Penny Weston to judge Best Ridge. Jennifer will check on the status of the RRCUS Medallion. Dorothy has the club medallions. Lisa Patterson will work with Doris Bandoian on the premium. Sherri will check with last year's winners about trophy sponsorship. Per Lou Guerrero, we will need to supply our own trophies for the supported shows that weekend, at the Hound Show.

Web Page Committee: The web designer is working on our new website.

By Laws, Policies Committee: There was a discussion about adopting the newly revised bylaws and policies. It was decided to defer the vote until the next meeting.*

Elections: Our Corresponding Secretary cast the vote for the slate of officers and board members as previously published: President – Lisa Adams; Vice President – Jerry Adomian; Corresponding Secretary – Sherri West; Treasurer – Dorothy Crinion; Recording Secretary – Jennifer Gysler; Board Members – Susan Adomian, Allison Karnoff, Mike Patterson, Linnea Post.

New Business / Old Business:

Meeting Dates for 2013:

January 10, 2013 - General

February 9, 2013 – BOD Meeting

March 14, 2013 – Specialty / General Meeting

June 13, 2013 – General Meeting

August 8, 2013 - General / BOD Meeting

October 10, 2013 - General/BOD Meeting

December 12, 2013 – BOD Meeting (telephonic)

New Business:

Newsletter: Dorothy Crinion has volunteered to be the new editor for the Rambles.

There was a discussion about a new rule which allows for the Reserve WD or WB to earn a three point major under certain circumstances. This is likely only at the Nationals. Joe Berger will contact the national club to clarify this.

Meeting adjourned - 9:21pm.

* Revised bylaws were approved by Board members vote via email on Feb 25, 2013

Club Policies

Members

1. All prospective Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club, (OCRRC) members must attend one OCRRC function before applying for voting membership.
2. Members shall obtain approval from the Board of Directors (herein "the Board") before embarking on any action that would require a change to OCRRC's Bylaws.
3. Members shall obtain approval from the Board before soliciting proposals from other dog clubs that would require a change to OCRRC's independent specialty status and/or show site.
4. Associate members who want to become voting members must submit a new application to any OCRRC board member signed by two voting member sponsors. The submitting member must also follow requirements set forth for voting membership.

Matches

5. OCRRC will hold one B-OB match each year.
6. All OCRRC matches and specialties will be held in Orange County unless otherwise approved by the American Kennel Club (AKC).
7. OCRRC may hold any or all of the following at the annual B-OB match:
 - Parade of champions
 - Top ten presentation (conformation and/or performance)
 - Rescue parade
 - Parade of veterans
8. Pointed Rhodesian Ridgebacks may be shown at OCRRC matches.
9. Professional handlers may show only their own dogs at OCRRC matches.
10. The Board must approve the type and cost of all match trophies.

Specialty Shows

11. Club specialties shall remain independent until otherwise approved by the voting membership.
12. The OCRRC specialty show chairperson and committee members may show at OCRRC specialties.
13. The Corresponding Secretary will place a congratulatory ad from OCRRC in the annual RRCUS specialty catalog.
14. The Corresponding Secretary will retain one "marked" catalog from each OCRRC specialty for the club's records.
15. The Corresponding Secretary will contact the dog clubs holding shows after the OCRRC specialty to solicit written commitments to use OCRRC's chosen conformation judge to help defray the judge's expenses.
16. An OCRRC lapel pin will be presented to all judges and ring stewards at OCRRC specialties.
17. Non-regular obedience classes may be offered at OCRRC specialties

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UC DAVIS NEWS & INFORMATION -2/13/13



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Hiroki Nakamura

GOLDEN RETRIEVER STUDY SUGGESTS NEUTERING AFFECTS DOG HEALTH

Neutering, and the age at which a dog is neutered, may affect the animal's risk for developing certain cancers and joint diseases, according to a new study of golden retrievers by a team of researchers at the University of California, Davis.

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The study, which examined the health records of 759 golden retrievers, found a surprising doubling of hip dysplasia among male dogs neutered before one year of age. This and other results were published Feb. 13 in the [online scientific journal PLOS ONE](#).

"The study results indicate that dog owners and service-dog trainers should carefully consider when to have their male or female dogs neutered," said lead investigator Benjamin Hart, a distinguished professor emeritus in the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

"It is important to remember, however, that because different dog breeds have different vulnerabilities to various diseases, the effects of early and late neutering also may vary from breed to breed," he said.

While results of the new study are revealing, Hart said the relationship between neutering and disease-risk remains a complex issue. For example, the increased incidence of joint diseases among early-neutered dogs is likely a combination of the effect of neutering on the young dog's growth plates as well as the increase in weight on the joints that is commonly seen in neutered dogs.

Dog owners in the United States are overwhelmingly choosing to neuter their dogs, in large part to prevent pet overpopulation or avoid unwanted behaviors. In the U.S., surgical neutering — known as spaying in females — is usually done when the dog is less than one year old.

In Europe, however, neutering is generally avoided by owners and trainers and not promoted by animal health authorities, Hart said.

During the past decade, some studies have indicated that neutering can have several adverse health effects for certain dog breeds. Those studies examined individual diseases using data drawn from one breed or pooled from several breeds.

Against that backdrop, Hart and colleagues launched their study, using a single hospital database. The study was designed to examine the effects of neutering on the risks of several diseases in the same breed, distinguishing between males and females and between early or late neutering and non-neutering.

The researchers chose to focus on the golden retriever because it is one of the most popular breeds in the U.S. and Europe and is vulnerable to various cancers and joint disorders. The breed also is favored for work as a service dog.

The research team reviewed the records of female and male golden retrievers, ranging in age from 1 to 8 years, that had been examined at UC Davis' William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital for two joint disorders and three cancers: hip dysplasia, cranial cruciate ligament tear, lymphosarcoma, hemangiosarcoma and mast cell tumor. The dogs were classified as intact (not neutered), neutered early (before 12 months age), or neutered late (at or after 12 months age).

Joint disorders and cancers are of particular interest because neutering removes the male dog's testes and the female's ovaries, interrupting production of certain hormones that play key roles in important body processes such as closure of bone growth plates, and regulation of the estrous cycle in female dogs.

The study revealed that, for all five diseases analyzed, the disease rates were significantly higher in both males and females that were neutered either early or late compared with intact (non-neutered) dogs.

Specifically, early neutering was associated with an increase in the occurrence of hip dysplasia, cranial cruciate ligament tear and lymphosarcoma in males and of cranial cruciate ligament tear in females. Late neutering was associated with the subsequent occurrence of mast cell tumors and hemangiosarcoma in females.

In most areas, the findings of this study were consistent with earlier studies, suggesting similar increases in disease risks. The new study, however, was the first to specifically report an increased risk of late neutering for mast cell tumors and hemangiosarcoma.

Furthermore, the new study showed a surprising 100 percent increase, or doubling, of the incidence of hip dysplasia among early-neutered males. Earlier studies had reported a 17 percent increase among all neutered dogs compared to all non-neutered dogs, indicating the importance of the new study in making gender and age-of-neutering comparisons.

Other researchers on this UC Davis study were: Gretel Torres de la Riva, Thomas Farver and Lynette Hart, School of Veterinary Medicine; Anita Oberbauer,

Department of Animal Science; Locksley Messam, Department of Public Health Sciences; and Neil Willits, Department of Statistics

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 10, 2013-ARRF Spring Fun Match

Rancho Bernardo Community Park, Rancho Bernardo, CA

Judge, Mrs. Lyn Valdivia more info visit arrfsd.com

March 23 & 24, 2013—California Coursing Assoc. All Sighthound Coursing

Glen Helen Park, San Bernardino, CA

For more info contact www.socalcoursing.com

April 11, 2013 - OCRRC Lure Coursing Test & Trial

Prado Dog Activity Center, 17505 Euclid Ave., Chino, CA

Judge Claudia Miller. For more information contact Jennifer Gysler-jenni.fergysler@gmail.com

April 12, 2013— OCRRC 27th Regional Specialty

Oak Canyon Park, 5305 Santiago Canyon Rd, Irvine, CA, 82676

Conformation, Junior Showmanship & Best Ridge Judge— Mrs. Paula Nykiel

Sweepstakes Judge— Ms. Penny Weston

Obedience and Rally Judge— Shirley Indelicato

Show Secretary—www.bandoian-butler.com

April 13, 2013— Western Hound Association of So Cal

Oak Canyon Park, 5305 Santiago Canyon Rd, Irvine, CA, 82676

Sweeps Judge—Ms. Kerry Williams

Conformation Judge—Mr. Ian Douglass Rasmussen

Show Secretary—www.jbradshaw.com

April 14, 2013- Western Hound Association of So Cal

Oak Canyon Park, 5305 Santiago Canyon Rd, Irvine, CA, 82676

Sweeps Judge—Mrs. Erin Coogan

Conformation Judge—Mrs. Valerie Hamilton

Show Secretary—www.jbradshaw.com

April 26, 2013-OCRRC Agility Trial

Industry Hills Exposition Center, 1620 Temple Ave., City of Industry, CA

Show Secretary—www.lyndatjarksagility.com

June 13, 2013— OCRRC General Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Millie' s Restaurant, 297 S. Randolph Ave., Brea, CA

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Judges

18. The Board will select all match judges. Preferably, the conformation judge will be a Rhodesian Ridgeback breeder or an individual applying to judge Rhodesian Ridgebacks. The conformation judge may not be a member of OCRRC. At the discretion of the Board, a club member with suitable experience may be selected to adjudicate the property classes only.
19. OCRRC will solicit names for OCRRC specialty conformation, obedience, and sweepstakes judges from members and prior specialty exhibitors. OCRRC will request that specialty judges not adjudicate Rhodesian Ridgebacks during the 6-month period preceding the specialty and within a 500-mile radius of it. Specialty judges will not be repeated for a period of five (5) years.
20. OCRRC members will not adjudicate sweepstakes, conformation, lure coursing, obedience, rally, or agility at any OCRRC-sponsored event, with one exception: at the discretion of the Board, an OCRRC member with suitable experience may be selected to adjudicate the property classes at an OCRRC match.

Medallions

21. The OCRRC silver medallion will be awarded to Best of Breed at OCRRC specialty shows. The OCRRC bronze medallion will be awarded to Best of Opposite Sex, Highest Qualifying Score in Obedience, Best in Field at lure coursing trials, Highest Qualifying Score in Agility at the annual 3-day OCRRC-sponsored agility trial, and Best of Breed at OCRRC-supported shows provided major points are awarded.
22. The OCRRC Treasurer will retain all OCRRC medallions.

Supported Shows

23. The Board must approve the type and cost of all supported show trophies. The minimum trophies that must be provided are: Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Winners, and highest Qualifying Score in Obedience.
24. The OCRRC President will appoint a trophy chairperson for each supported show.
25. The Corresponding Secretary may request a 10:00a.m. ring time for Rhodesian Ridgebacks at OCRRC-supported shows.
26. The Corresponding Secretary will retain the title page and "marked" Rhodesian Ridgeback catalog pages from OCRRC-supported shows for OCRRC's records.

Funds

27. The Board must approve monetary transfers or expenditures in excess of \$200.00.
28. The OCRRC Treasurer will contact any person whose check to OCRRC is not honored by their bank. That person will be responsible for any additional charges incurred by OCRRC.

Correspondence

29. OCRRC information may be distributed to club members via USPS, social media (e.g., website, Facebook, Twitter, etc.), or electronic mail. At a minimum the club roster, Code of Ethics, and Club Policies will be made available annually.

Miscellaneous

30. The Nominating Committee Chairperson will notify committee members of their appointment. All Nominating Committee members must sign the final report before the Corresponding Secretary can accept it.
31. At OCRRC lure coursing events, dogs will be confined or on lead unless participating in a course. Any dog showing or known to have shown aggressive tendencies will be muzzled at the discretion of the Field Committee.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB™

February 20, 2013

Subject: **Eligibility to Participate in Singles Stake**

This correspondence is to inform your club of a recent change in the Lure Coursing Regulations regarding dogs that are eligible to participate in Singles Stakes. Effective April 1, 2013 dogs that have been disqualified by a judge for being aggressive to another dog while coursing will be eligible to participate in Singles Stakes. DQed by Judge is explained in Chapter IV, section 11 of the Regulations. Single Stakes are non-titling classes that may be offered at the option of the host club. Single Stakes are explained in Chapter VIII, section 5 of the Regulations.

Please note that dogs disqualified by an event committee (explained in Chapter IV, section 12) are not allowed to participate in Single Stakes.

Comments may be sent to Coursing@akc.org.



2013 OCRRC Spring Bling Specialty!

We are gearing up for our annual independent specialty - number 27! Join us for some Spring Bling! We will have a specialty lure coursing trial on April 11, 2013, followed by our Specialty on April 12, 2013 - with sweepstakes, junior showmanship, conformation, obedience and rally . As always we will provide a fabulous complimentary lunch for exhibitors, not to mention our famous raffle! The premium and online entries are available at www.bandoian-butler.com.

Please remember to bring a fabulous item for the raffle table.
OCRRC will be providing a laptop computer as the Grand Prize!!

For more information please visit our website at www.ocrrc.com. We hope you'll stay the weekend and enjoy the Western Hound Shows, April 13 & 14 at the same location.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with any of these events, please contact co-show chair Jennifer Gysler, jennifergysler@gmail.com



WE'RE ON THE WEB
WWW.OCRRC.COM OR
WWW.OCRRC.NET

We invite you all to check out our new website!. Please note our new website address: www.ocrrc.com ! We would love to hear your comments and suggestions as we build our new website. Please beware that our old website, with the .org suffix is now used by an unknown individual - although it has RR's on it, it is not associated with our club. Our website clearly shows "Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club" with our club logo along the top.



“ IT TAKES A VILLAGE ”

IN ORDER FOR OUR CLUB TO CONTINUE TO PUT ON OUR PRETIGIOUS & SUCCESSFUL EVENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP!

JUST A LITTLE BIT OF YOUR TIME WILL HELP TO MAKE THIS A MORE ENJOYABLE EVENT FOR ALL!!!

TO VOLUNTEER FOR OUR SPECIALTY ON 4/12/13 PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER GYLSER –jennifergysler@gmail.com or LISA ADAMS-pvrr.ladams@gmail.com

TO VOLUNTEER FOR AN UPCOMING AGILITY TRIAL PLEASE CONTACT LISA ADAMS-pvrr.ladams@gmail.com

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