

SOUTH AFRICAN RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB

First Quarter

January - March 2011

Well here we are with the first SARRC quarterly newsletter of the year. This is *your* newsletter, members - we'd love to hear from you! Give your dog his or her well-earned moment of fame - send us the details of your dog's success in the show ring, or other disciplines. Herding has become popular in the USA and we are discussing the possibility of bringing it here.

Tell us what you enjoy about your Rhodesian Ridgeback; let's hear the stories, both amusing and serious.

Let us know about recent, expected or planned litters, exports, imports and whatever else you'd like to share with other RR devotees.

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SHOWTIME

Yup, it's Showtime! The first of the KUSA championship shows have taken place and our annual SARRC specialty show takes place on Sunday 10 April 2011. Time to show off our special breed, to share news and to indulge in our favourite pastime - enjoying our breed. Whether or not you are showing, come along, support all the Ridgebacks and your club and enjoy a snack and a glass of Ridgeback wine with the committee.

Getting ready for the show

Time to clean those leashes and wash out the brushes, if you haven't already done so and get the show boxes and bags ready.

For the newcomers and novices amongst us and even those who have been showing for ages but still have those "Uh oh, did anyone remember to bring the leads?" moments, here's a checklist from "The Rookie's Corner" to help smooth the way:

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Gazebo, (plus tent pegs and mallet) or umbrella for shelter
Chair/s
Dog Crates and covers
Dog blankets
Water bowls and bottle of "home water"
Flask, coffee/tea
Money for cold drinks
Treats/bait
Strong leads and collars
Show leads and collars
Grooming gear for you and the dogs
Poop bags
Jacket (preferably waterproof)/show clothes
Hat/cap
Number clip
Sunglasses
Sun block and lip salve
Safety pins/sewing kit
Tissues
Cell phone
Camera
Copy of entry form and proof of payment
Pen and notepad

...and most importantly - your canine partner!

It goes without saying that you should *always* take with you a warm and genuine smile and a professional and sportsmanlike attitude!

Make sure your car has plenty of fuel - you won't want to be hunting for a petrol station on the way to the show.

If you can get all this together the night before and most of it packed into your car too, you'll be far more relaxed on the day (as will your dog).

Arriving at the show

When you get to the show, make sure your car is locked, with alarm and immobiliser on, before you leave it in the parking area for the day. Despite the car guards, there have been several car thefts.

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The car guards have been standing in the hot sun/pouring rain all day, so drop them a few coins on the way out. R5 + is the usual tip.

Take the dogs for a short walk around to relieve themselves and give them some water.

Get yourself set up and your dogs settled and out of the sun, before you meet and greet your friends and fellow competitors.

Put bags, cell phones and wallets out of sight. Preferably take the latter two with you.

Ask someone to keep an eye on your dogs while to go to the office to enter (open show) or collect your numbers/catalogue (championship show).

The following classes are usually available:

Minor puppy (6 months to 9 months old)

Puppy (9 months to 12 months old)

Junior (12 months to 18 months old)

Graduate (18 months to 24 months)

Novice (dogs that have never been placed first in a class)

Veteran (dogs of 7 years and over)

Open

Champion (dogs that have been registered at KUSA as a

Champion, having attained the required 5 points)

Pin your number to your number clip and wear it on the left side of your chest. Armbands are frowned on, as they are difficult for the judge to see. Keep your dog well away from other dogs both in and out of the ring, even those that have never shown any sign of aggression - incidents happen so quickly and can cause no end of bad blood (if you'll excuse the unintentional pun).

A young or inexperienced dog especially will benefit from an early walk around the show area (again - out of reach of any other dogs) to familiarise it with the strange sights, sounds and noises. Don't overdo it though, or you risk ending up with a bored or tired dog. Remember, your

dog needs to enjoy the experience if you want it to show with the "presence" that sets aside the outstanding dogs from the average dogs.
Next Issue – Ring Procedure.

SHOW RESULTS – Championship Shows

26.02.11 Kennel Association Judge Mr J Peden (Tvl)

Dogs

CC Nomvuyo Mr Williamson Owner J Wang

Bitches

CC Village Dogs Ice on Fire(Imp Bel) Owner J Wang

BOB Village Dogs Ice on Fire(Imp Bel) Owner J Wang

Res BOB Ch Kangalani's Go for Gold at Nomvuyo(Imp Nor) Owner J Wang/K Heller

27.02.11 Liesbeek Park KC Judge Ms D Hansen (KZN)

Dogs

CC Nomvuyo Mr Williamson Owner J Wang

Bitches

CC Village Dogs Ice on Fire(Imp Bel) Owner J Wang

BOB Ch. Kangelani's Go For Gold at Nomvuyo (Imp Nor) Owner J Wang

Res BOB Village Dogs Ice on Fire(Imp Bel) Owner J Wang

Ch. Kangelani's Go For Gold at Nomvuyo Group 1-Judge Ms D Hansen and won BEST IN SHOW-Judge Mr G R Eva

19.03.11 Vereeniging & Dist KC Judge Mr R Forsythe (TVL)

Dogs

CC Dykumos Deives Editon to Afrika of Gondwana(Imp USA) Owner C Jacobs

BOB Usakose Air of Success at Gondwana(Imp Aus) Owner C Jacobs

Res BOB Dykumos Deives Editon to Africa of Gondwana(Imp USA) Owner C Jacobs

Ch Usakose Air of Success at Gondwana Group 1

Dykumos Deives Editon to Africa of Gondwana Junior Group 4

25.03.11 Pretoria KC Judge Mrs C Davis Aust)

Dogs

CC Dykumos Deives Editon to Africa of Gondwana(Imp USA) Owner C Jacobs

RCC Gondwana Kofii Ka Jukati(AI) Owner H Fox/C Jacobs
Bitches

CC Nomvuyo Kitjima Owner Springer

RCC Ch Gondwana Star Dust Owner C Jacobs

BOB Ch Usakose Air of Success at Gondwana(Imp USA) Owner C Jacobs
Res BOB Dykumos Deives Editon to Afrika of Gondwana(Imp USA) Owner
C Jacobs

Ch. Usakose Air of Success at Gondwana Group 3

Dykumos Deives Edition to Afrika of Gondwana Junior Group 3 & Reserve
Best Junior in Show

Gondwana Kofii Ka Jukati Puppy Group 3

26.03.11 Transvaal Midlands KC Judge Mrs M Shoreman (Canada)

Dogs

CC Dykumos Deives Edition to Afrika of Gondwana(Imp.USA) Owner C
Jacobs

RCC Gondwana Kofii Ka Jukati(AI) Owner H Fox/C Jacobs
Bitches

CC Nomvuyo Kitjima Owner S Springer

BOB Dykumos Deives Edition to Afrika of Gondwana(Imp USA) Owner C
Jacobs

Res BOB Ch. Usakose Air of Success at Gondwana(Imp USA) Owner C
Jacobs

Dykumos Deives Edition to Afrika of Gondwana Group 3; Junior Group 1 &
Reserve Best Junior in Show

27.03.11 Witwatersrand KC Judge Mr R Shoreman (Canada)

Dogs

CC Dykumos Deives Edition to Afrika of Gondwana(ImpUSA) Owner C
Jacobs

RCC Gondwana Kofii Ka Jukati Owner H Fox/C Jacobs
Bitches

CC Nomvuyo Kitjima Owner S Springer

BOB Ch Nomvuyo Kayin Owner K Heller

Res BOB Dykumos Deives Editon to Afrika of Gondwana(Imp USA)

Dykumos Deives Edition to Afrika of Gondwana Junior Group 3

Gondwana Kofii Ka Jukati Puppy Group 4

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

South African Rhodesian Ridgeback Show, Sunday 10 April 2010,
Goldfields KC, Boeing Road, Besfordview.

RESCUE FEEDBACK

February saw a lovely Rhodesian Ridgeback bitch being flown to her new forever home in the Cape, from Petermaritzburg SPCA, where she had spent quite a while. Special tailwags to her kind and generous new owners, to Dianne Verlaque for paying for her flight from PMB to Cape Town and to all those involved in her adoption, as well as to PMB SPCA!

In March a fatal motor vehicle accident took 2 year old Ridgeback male Chabu and 8 year old female Tara's owner away from them. Their plight was made public on the Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue's Facebook site as well as via emails. They have settled in well at their new home with Sandy Springer. This accident led us to include the following article in this newsletter:

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR DOGS IF YOU'RE NO LONGER HERE?

Many dogs in the situation our three rescue dogs above found themselves in, are unfortunately not so lucky. This really highlights the importance of making provision for your pets, to ensure that they will be taken care of, if you are no longer around. This is particularly important in the case of older animals and those that require ongoing medical treatment.

Create a pet file (tell someone where it is kept) with all your pets' details in it i.e. names, photo/description, age, sex, microchip number, medical history, vet's details and KUSA registration details and possibly a signed letter transferring ownership and stating if your pets should be euthanased, given to a breeder (stating a limit on litters/studs), or spayed/neutered and placed in a pet home.

Remember that whilst they are all individuals to you, someone else might not be able to tell them apart, especially if they are all the same breed. Detail any distinguishing features.

Remember to update these details at least annually - people's circumstances change, as do their contact details.

Make sure that you leave financial provision for the costs of your pets' keep and care, including possible medical expenses. Their costs should not be a financial burden for the people kind enough to give them a permanent home for the rest of their days.

Your canine treasures such as books, magazines, photos, articles that you have collected over the years would probably be greatly appreciated by your breed club or alternatively by a fellow exhibitor, breed fancier or pet owner.

Having attended to what may at first appear to be a rather macabre matter, you'll have earned peace of mind knowing that you have in the most responsible manner, ensured that your pets would continue to benefit from your loving care even if you were no longer around.

BARKING MAD?

A draft by-law about to be issued by the City of Cape Town, stipulates that "Owners may not keep any dog which barks for more than six minutes in any hour or more than three minutes in any half hour, causing disturbance to inhabitants of a neighbourhood" and "An official may order the owner to take steps to effectively stop such nuisance and keep the dog under proper control".

The by-law, which is apparently a revised version of a heavily criticised earlier draft, would allow Cape Town pet owners to keep up to four dogs and four cats per property, although automatic approval would be granted for the existing number of animals on a property at the time of implementation of the bill. Permits could be applied for, by those wishing to keep more than the stipulated maximum number of animals.

The by-law also stipulates that if a dog defecated in any public place, the person in control of the dog would be required to "immediately remove the excrement and dispose of it in a litter bin" (Don't responsible dog owners do that anyway?)

HEALTH WISE

On Tuesday 11/03/09, Anne Wiid annewiid001@gmail.com wrote:

If you have a dog...PLEASE read this and send it on.

If you don't have a dog, please pass along to friends who do.

Written by:

Laurinda Morris, DVM

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Danville, OH

"This week I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at MedVet. My patient was a 56-pound, 5 year old male neutered lab mix that ate half a canister of raisins sometime between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Tuesday. He started with vomiting, diarrhoea and shaking about 1 AM on Wednesday, but the owner didn't call my emergency service until 7 AM.

I had heard somewhere about raisins AND grapes causing renal failure but hadn't seen any formal paper on the subject.

We had her bring the dog in immediately. In the meantime I called the ER service at MedVet and the doctor there was like me - had heard something about it, but... Anyway, we contacted the ASPCA National Poison Control Center and they said to give IV fluids at 1 & $\frac{1}{2}$ times maintenance and watch the kidney values for the next 48 - 72 hours.

He started vomiting again overnight at MedVet and his renal values continued to increase daily. He produced urine when given Lasix as a diuretic. He was on 3 different anti-vomiting medications and they still couldn't control his vomiting. Today his urine output decreased. Again his BUN was over 120, his creatinine was at 10, his phosphorus was very elevated and his blood pressure, which had been staying around 150, skyrocketed to 220...He continued to vomit and the owners elected to euthenase.

This is a very sad case - great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin. Please alert everyone you know who has a dog, of this very serious risk.

Poison Control said as few as 7 raisins or grapes could be toxic. Many people I know give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats, including our ex-handlers. Any exposure should give rise to serious concern."

Onions, chocolate, cocoa, avocados and macadamia nuts can be fatal too.

Even if you don't have a dog, you might have friends who do. This is worth passing on to them.

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK MERCHANDISE

Look out for the exquisite Rhodesian Ridgeback jewellery and other new items (some of which will be awarded as prizes) available at the SARRC show on Sunday 10 April 2011!

RIDGEBACKS OVERSEAS

Australia - Queensland's No. 1 Hound in 2010 was a Rhodesian Ridgeback dog, Aust Gr. Ch. *CHILOLO EB SHOW NO MERCY*. Owner bred by Rosemary Green. He is by Gr, Ch. *CAPRIVI AS GOOD AS IT GETS* out of Ch. *CHILOL SXH ENYA GOLD*.

He was also No. 26 on the Show Dog Of The Year (Final) 2010 Top 50 Leaderboard - all breeds - Australia.

EXPORTS

Off to fly the South African flag high in Ghana. *GONDWANA MINT JULEP* (bitch puppy) left South Africa in March 2011, to meet her new owner, who had been patiently awaiting the arrival of his special puppy for two years since the litter was first planned!

GONDWANA SAHAARA ROSE (bitch puppy) flew to the USA in January 2011, ending an eighteen-month wait for her delighted new owners.

IMPORTS

DYKUMOS DEIVES EDITION TO AFRIKA OF GONDWANA (dog puppy) arrived in South Africa from the USA in April 2010, followed by *YAW ADYUBA ROYALTY BY FLAIR FOR GONDWANA* (bitch puppy) from the Netherlands, in January 2011, to complement Cheryl Jacobs' carefully planned future breeding programme.

Please let us know about your imports and exports so that we can include them in the next newsletter - many of our members have a keen interest in following the progress of our South African dogs overseas, as well as that of the new bloodlines coming into South Africa.

RAINBOW BRIDGE

We were saddened in March to hear of the death of Willie Viljoen, from Centurion. He was an army officer and bred Ridgebacks for many years, some of which were exported to Germany. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife and family.

There cannot be any one of us whom has not been deeply and profoundly affected by the death of a beloved pet. "Rainbow Bridge" (author unknown) is probably familiar to many of us and the pictures it evokes of a final reunion between owner and pet, has been of much comfort to so many. So here it is again: -

Just this side of Heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all our special friends so they can run and play together.

There is plenty of food, water and sunshine and our friends are warm and comfortable. All the animals had been ill or old are restored to health and vigour; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; his eager body quivers.

Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling to each other in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together...

Author unknown

Commemorate your pets in the "Rainbow Bridge" column in the quarterly newsletter.