



The Nominating committee consisting of Marie LaPointe (chair), Linda Brosnan and Richard Brosnan select the following slate for the November Election for the 2011 – 2012 term:

- **President: Jean Gamble**
- **Vice President: Cheryl Fraser**
- **Treasurer: Alan Fraser**
- **BOD Position: Richard Brosnan**

Jean Gamble, Candidate for President, NERRC 2011-2012 term

My family had a Ridgeback when I was born, and as an adult I obtained my first Ridgeback in 1985. My husband and I joined NERRC in 1986 and have been members ever since. I have been lucky enough to put Championships and Companion Dog obedience titles on all four of the Ridgebacks that we purchased, one of which we co-bred. For almost 24 years, I have been active with the NERRC as well as Yankee Weimaraner club, where I served as president and rescue coordinator for multiple years. I have been on the NERRC board for a few terms and I am committed to supporting the versatility, health and temperament of the Rhodesian Ridgeback breed. I currently serve on the NERRC board and as the NERRC representative for Mass Federation of Dog clubs. At present we have one 11 year old Ridgeback "Scully", Ch Mshindaji's X Phile of Bijoux, CD, RN, OA, OAJ, and two Weimaraners.

Cheryl Fraser, Candidate for Vice President NERRC 2011-2012 term

My husband Alan and I have been active members of NERRC since 1995, the same year we got our first Rhodesian Ridgeback. We currently share our home and paychecks with 3 Ridgebacks; 2 of which are rescue dogs.

I have served on the NERRC Board since 2003, most recently as club President. I also serve as the current club newsletter editor and club webmaster. I have been a member in good standing of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States (RRCUS) since 1999. And currently serve as the Advertising Editor for the RRCUS magazine, The Ridgeback.

In my rescue capacity, which is my passion, I am the New England Regional Rescue Coordinator for Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. (RRR, Inc). I have served on the board of directors of RRR, Inc for a few years and now serve as the President of RRR, Inc.

Along with complete support from Alan, we sponsor and participate in 5 or more Rescue events where we answer questions from the general public regarding Rescue and the Breed. I am a volunteer for the Central Massachusetts Disaster Animal Response Team (CMDART) & (NEART) Northborough Emergency Animal Response Team.

If elected, I look forward to serving as your club Vice-president. I Thank You for your consideration.

Alan Fraser, Candidate for Treasurer NERRC 2011-2012 term

I first saw Ridgebacks in Southern Africa in 1974 when I was visiting my mothers family in what was known then as Southern Rhodesia. My next meeting with them was many years later here in the USA, Cheryl and I had got married and we went to a number of dog shows looking at various breeds and we fell in love with the Rhodesian Ridgeback; we have owned a number of ridgebacks (Chaza, Bowmore and Neo), adopted rescue dogs (Troy, Robin, Ruby, Kayco and of course Pickles) and fostered rescue dogs as well.

We joined NERRC in 1995; I have served as president of NERRC for a one term. I rejoined board as treasurer in January 2005 and I have been treasurer of NERRC for the past six years. I have always strived to provide efficient service to the club (prompt depositing of checks, reimbursing expenses etc.) I have enjoyed my tenure as treasurer and I look forward to continuing to serve the New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club as its treasurer.

Richard Brosnan, Candidate for Board of Directors, NERRC 2011 – 2012 term

I have been involved with Rhodesian Ridgebacks for nearly 15 years. Our first ridgeback introduced me to the show world as owner/handler and he was my best pal. I have had profound respect and admiration for the breed since the first day he came into our home and hearts. Aside from genuine fondness for the breed, I have other experiences that I feel would contribute to the board of our club.

Eagle Scout, was elected to the board of my union, was a school teacher for 7 years, owner/handler, N.E.R.R.C. and R.R.C.U.S. member, and a profound commitment to our breed through ongoing experiences and learning via education and training. We have had ridgebacks and continue to have ridgebacks and honestly, can't see not having ridgebacks!!!!

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From the NERRC Bylaws:

Article IV; Section 4. Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated. By July 1, the board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committee and alternates of their selection. The board shall name a Chair for the committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held by the 1st of August.

- (a) The committee shall nominate from the eligible membership, one candidate for each office and position on the board which is up for re-election and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing. No person may be a candidate for more than one position. The committee will ask each nominee accepting this nomination to provide a brief resume (no longer than 250 words) to the Secretary.
- (b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall, by September 15th, send written notification to the membership of the candidates so nominated and their resumes.
- (c) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition to the Secretary by no later than October 15th. Petitions must be signed by 3 members in good standing and include a signed acceptance of the nomination by the proposed candidate and a brief resume. Petitions may not be made electronically.
- (d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in this Section.
- (e) If no valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary on or before October 15th, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no balloting will be required.
- (f) If additional nominations have been added to the slate, the Secretary will compile, the final ballot including all nominee resumes. The final ballot will be mailed, to the eligible membership by November 1st. Ballots must be returned to the Secretary by December 1st. The Secretary will notify the membership of the results of the election by December 15th. Elected Officers and Directors shall take office according to the provisions of Section 1 of this Article IV.

NOTE: Due to the delay in the nomination process this year, additional nominations from the eligible membership is extended to DECEMBER 17th. Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition to the Secretary by no later than December 17th. Petitions must be signed by 3 members in good standing and include a signed acceptance of the nomination by the proposed candidate and a brief resume. Petitions may not be made electronically.



The Ridgeline

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President's Message:

I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits.

We had a fantastic turn out for the Summer BBQ. There were 109 people in attendance and

there must have been 70 Ridgebacks. We tried a different kind of raffle this time and it was very well received. We had baskets of items and canisters for raffle tickets to be deposited into. And one lucky winner was drawn. We also had some great new Ways & Means merchandise available. And we sold a huge amount of raffle tickets for the Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue Quilt.

We have the NERRC Holiday Part coming up Sunday, November 21st. There is still time to R.S.V.P. We are hoping for a few more members to attend. We need a minimum of 25 people and are almost there. Contact Alan Fraser to RSVP, his email is chaza@pobox.com. The cost is only \$10.00 per person for an Italian Lunch Buffet. More information inside this newsletter.

NERRC will be sponsoring a supported entry at the Springfield cluster, on Saturday, November 27. We are planning for a great turnout.

It is Membership Renewal Time!! Please make sure you select areas that you can volunteer for, for various events and happenings within the club. Please consider getting actively involved in some club event. We cannot continue to rely on a small number of members to do the work of many. We need to avoid burnout. I would encourage you to lend a hand.

Hope to see you at the Holiday Party and Supported Show...

Cheryl Fraser

New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club Board meeting Karen Heine' house Barrington, RI February 6, 2010

Board Members present were: Cheryl Fraser, Alan Fraser, Karen Heine, Charlotte Matteson and Jean Gamble. Club member present was Lure Coursing Chairperson Sue Ann Leslie

The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm

Secretary's report - Alan Fraser made a motion to accept the previous board meeting minutes as published, Jean Seconded the motion and the reading was waved.

Secretary Marie LaPointe had submitted the following new members to be voted on:

- Chin, Tony ~ Cambridge MA ~ Associate ~ sponsor: Cheryl Fraser
- Duarte, Anthony ~ Lowell MA ~ Voting Single ~ sponsor: Ulla-Britt
- Foley, Janice ~ Quincy MA ~ voting Single ~ sponsor: Helen McCune
- Gerraughty, Michael & Debra ~ Mansfield MA Associate ~ sponsor: Ulla-Britt
- Grater, Kate & Ralph Cafiero (rejoin) ~ Sudbury MA Associate ~ sponsor: Helen McCune
- Hubbard, Stephanie ~ Jamaica Plain MA ~ Associate ~ sponsor: Barb Ferguson
- Matheson, Emily & Chris ~ Chatham MA ~ Voting Family ~ sponsor: Barb Ferguson
- Pichette, Dawn & Rich ~ Nashua NH. ~ Voting Family ~ sponsor: Ulla-Britt
- Sorosky, Deb & Joel ~ Glastonbury CT ~ voting Family ~ sponsor: Sue Ann Leslie
- Ungen, Jack & Kathy ~ Wrentham MA ~ Voting family ~ sponsor: Barb Ferguson

- Donna Marie Baribeau; Weston CT ~ voting single ~ sponsor: Helen McCune
- Scott & Susan Denisevich; Tyngsboro MA ~ voting single ~ sponsor: Alan Fraser
- David & Rebecka Evans; Medford MA (rejoin) ~ voting family ~ sponsor: Cheryl Fraser
- Karen & Krista Ferrante; Ayer MA ~ voting family ~ sponsor: Julie Paul
- Sandy & Stu Kesting (rescue) ~ Associate ~ sponsor: Cheryl Fraser
- Matthew Lyons, Millis MA ~ voting single ~ sponsor: Diana Barrie
- Paul & Toni Sousa; Carver MA ~ voting single ~ sponsor: Diana Barrie
- Robin & Phil Ronca, Braintree MA ~ voting single ~ sponsor: Ulla-Britt Ekengren

Cheryl Fraser made a motion to accept the applicants as new members, Alan seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the new members were accepted unanimously.

First reads for new membership applications as follows:

Sweeney, Brandon & Jilma—South Dennis MA. Voting Family—Sponsor: Ulla-Britt

Treasurer’s report: Alan Fraser provided a summary of income at \$10,362.95, expenses at 12,158.47 and total funds at 10,209.99 (rescue at 3483.60 and general funds at 7356.39). A complete report is available upon request.

Lure Coursing: Sue Ann reported the following dates:
June 12/13, VT possible judges: Denise Como and Rich Whitenhour

Sept 4/5 tests, 6 trial, Starkville, NY judges: Sally Fineburg , Don Ewing.

Oct. 23/24 Griswold, CT

Food Vendors: Road Side Doggers. For June and Oct. trials.

Historian Report: Mary Wickwire had nothing to report.

Mass Federation of Dog clubs: Two dog related bills in Massachusetts that were scheduled for review on Jan 28th are listed below: The first one related to dog training areas is supported by Mass Fed and the second one related to collecting damages for injuries to pets should be opposed. (On the surface, you may think you would support this bill, but reading the explanation clarifies why we should not support it). There were no updates on the hearings yet.

SUPPORT SB1578 (Sen. Brewer) & HB1401 (Rep. Gobi)

An Act Relative to Dog Training Areas in the Commonwealth PROBLEM:

Responsible dog trainers have purchased and developed property for the purpose of training sporting dogs. Urban sprawl has encroached on their land, with new neighbors complaining about the noise involved in dog training.

OPPOSE HB1250 - An Act Relative to Damages for the Malicious Injury to Pets (Rep. Arciero)
Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary
PROBLEM: This bill equates loss of animals with loss of people by calling for damages for emotional distress or loss of companionship in cases of injury or death of an animal. Animals are often kept as cherished pets but they are property and should not be given legal status equal to humans.

Membership Care: Cheryl Cote had nothing to report.

Ways and Means: Linda Koch, was not present, but Alan Fraser asked if we need to purchase any more merchandise. This will be evaluated before the next meeting.

The Ridgeline: Cheryl Fraser had nothing to report.

Rescue: Cheryl Fraser reported that on Feb 1, rescue took in 2 female Ridgebacks, aged 5&6.

Their names are Koda and Kya, and upon initial evaluation, they are well adjusted girls with good behavior.

Webmaster: Cheryl Fraser had nothing to report

Policy and Procedures: Kenn Walker had nothing to report

Supported Show Committee: Barbara Ferguson, Permission seeking to hold a Supported Show was sent to RRCUS along with a check for \$15.00. Barbara has contacted Helyne Medeiros and they are aware NERRC will be supporting the Cranberry Cluster Sunday show again in September. We are waiting to hear from South Winsor Kennel Club regarding the Saturday Show in November.

Unfinished Business: We discussed the need to decide the best time for the board meeting to coincide with the NERRC CGC event on Sunday March 28 at Sirius Fun dog training in Plymouth, MA. We also decided to provide a deli platter and some sides for lunch at this event.

The new awards program was discussed and Pam will provide a cover letter introducing the event, which will be going in the mail shortly.

Other business: Wachusett Kennel Club has a blood draw clinic on Saturday March 6 and samples are sent to Hemopet (Dr. Jean Dodds) for testing. Jean sent the info to the board.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:47pm.

New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2010**

Sirius Fun Dog Training – Plymouth, MA

Board Members Present were: Cheryl Fraser, Alan Fraser, Charlotte Matteson, Jean Gamble, Pamela Shattuck and Marie LaPointe.

Guests Present were: Sue Ann Leslie – Lure Coursing Chairperson.

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm.

Secretary's Report-

Marie LaPointe had submitted the following First Reads for new membership applications:

Bachman, Marilyn & John— Amherst NH Associate— Sponsor: Cathy Ford

Collins, Joe & Jo Ellen - Medfield, MA Voting Family - Sponsor: Cheryl Fraser

Sweeney, Brandon & Jilma— South Dennis MA. Voting Family— Sponsor: Ulla-Britt Ekengren

These First reads can be voted on by the Board, after April 3, 2010.

As of March 11, 2010, there were 105 memberships and 155 individual members.

state	# of individual members	# of club membership
CT	18	13
MA	94	63
ME	2	1
NH	28	18
NY	3	2
RI	5	4
VT	5	4
totals	155	105

Treasurer's Report –

Alan Fraser provided a summary of income at \$1,363.42, expenses at \$1,120.68 and total funds of \$10,452.73. Total funds were broken out as \$3,322.25 for Rescue, \$7,760.48 in the General fund and (\$630.00) for Health & Genetics. A complete report is available upon request.

Committee Reports –**By-Laws –**

Anita Craven had nothing to report at this time.

Lure Coursing Committee – Sue Ann Leslie

Sue Ann Leslie reported that they are in NEED of other members – they currently have 3 members. We currently have 5 trials yearly. One weekend/two days in June, one day in Sept. and one weekend/two days in October. She asked to put this out to the club members to try and drum up membership for the committee to help staff the 5 events they sponsor each year. We really need the help to continue holding the lure coursing trials. We have a lot of fun and there are many great people to get to know!

They need to have at least five club members at each event to meet the regulations of the AKC and have been operating in violation of AKC regulations due to the fact that they only have 3 members currently at each event. Committee must have 5 members and a minimum of 3 need to be on the field at each event.

Sue Ann asked the Board to consider making several people, who have other breeds, but are always there to help at our trials, honorary members. They are Ben Brodeur, Moe Brodeur and Colleen Thiboutot but with hesitation because she

feels that the people who help do it from the Kindness of their hearts and the love of the sport. If they were to become honorary members, this might make them feel obligated to help at the trials. It is up to the club and its members to step forward. Lure Coursing brings in money to the club. Probably the single most money of any event. We also discussed the possibility of doing a straight run participative demonstration at the picnic to drum up interest and see if any attending members would be interested in joining the committee.

Lure Coursing Events:

Trial information will be posted on NERRC's web page.

June 12 & 13 Jacksonville, VT. Everything is all set for this weekend. We have AKC approval and the premium is posted. Our food vendor, 'Road Side Dogger' will be at the event, serving breakfast and lunch. QC's and JC's are held on Sat.

Sept. 4 & 5 QC's and JC's only, along with a trial on the 6th. These are held in Starkville/Ft.Plain, NY

Oct. 23 & 24 trials with QC's and JC's.

Sue Ann asked for permission to purchase 2 batteries this year. They cost approximately \$80 each. (\$160). Cheryl Fraser made a motion to allocate up to \$200 for the purchase of these batteries, Jean Gamble seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Historian Report –

Mary Wickwire had nothing to report at this time.

Mass Federation of Dogs – Jean Gamble

Jean Gamble submitted the following Report:
The number of NERRC Members was provided to Mass Fed indicating that the majority of the board agrees to oppose HB344.

We were all requested to contact our senators to voice our opinion to oppose HB344, the de-vocalization bill.

Mass Fed Lobby day is April 1, 2010 at Nurses Hall at the state house from 9:30 until 11:30 am. Please contact MASS Fed to sign up to attend this meeting.

Membership Care –

Cheryl Cote had nothing to report at this time.

Ways & Means –

Linda Koch had nothing to report at this time.
Linda will be asked to take an inventory of our stock to determine what needs to be ordered.
Report will be delivered at next board meeting.

The Ridgeline –

Cheryl Fraser reported that the first newsletter of 2010 was published on March 8, 2010. The second issue of the newsletter is planned for publication in June. Please submit any reports or articles by June 1st.

Rescue –

Cheryl Fraser reported that on March 14th, an 11 year old dog was returned to Rescue. This boy's name is Kayco. He is an active senior dog, that runs wild with the pack. He is being fostered by Cheryl & Alan Fraser. Kayco would make a very nice companion.

Webmaster –

Cheryl Fraser reported that the website is up to date with club events.

Policy & Procedures –

Kenn Walker had no report

Supported Show Committee –

Barb reported that she was having trouble getting in touch of her contacts in Springfield and they do not return calls. Barb's experience has always been that the Springfield committee is not very helpful at all and she proposed doing 2 days at the Cape in lieu of Springfield in future years as the Cape club is much more helpful and cooperative. Barb is to send in permission to the AKC for sponsorship of the Cape show and solicit donations for trophy sponsorships. Trophies will be similar to last year's which were pewter and she will give last year's winners first dibbs on sponsoring trophies for this year.

Unfinished Business –

No unfinished business was discussed.

New Business –

The Board declined the solicitation for logo placement on the Specialty Tote Bag and decided that it would be better to sponsor a trophy as the logo placement was not felt to be worth the money and it would be better to do an advertisement in the catalogue.

On_Line Motion: On April 9, 2010—Cheryl Fraser has moved to accept Karen Heine's resignation from the Board of Directors of NERRC as tendered by Karen via e-mail Thursday, April 8th. This motion was seconded by Jean Gamble. Motion Passed

New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 6, 2010

**Cracker Barrel Show Grounds—Wrentham,
MA**

Meeting was called to order at 10:30am

In attendance were

BOD members: Cheryl Fraser, Alan Fraser, Charlotte Matteson, Pamela Shattuck and Marie LaPointe;
Apology received from Jean Gamble for being unable to attend.
Club Members: Barbara Ferguson

Review of the last BOD minutes – Cheryl stated that she had sent corrections to Marie. The secretary will re-issue the minutes to the BOD for their approval

Secretary's Report – this was reviewed and accepted;

The BOD then voted to accept the New members into the club; Cheryl Fraser proposed the motion, Charlotte Matteson seconded; there was no further discussion and the BOD voted unanimously to accept the new members as listed in the secretary's report.

Treasurers Report – Alan Fraser presented the current state of the NERRC accounts, he noted that little activity has occurred this past few months, but that expenditures related to the June LC event were starting to be paid (it was noted that the income from the event will be seen next month)
Total all funds (as of June 2nd, 2010) \$9,367.84
Rescue: \$2,868.51
General funds: \$6,499.33

Committee Reports

By-laws – nothing to report.

Lure Coursing – no report submitted, but Cheryl noted that preparations for the June LC were well in hand.

Historian – no report submitted

Mass Federation of Dogs – nothing to report

Membership Care – nothing to report

Ways & Means – An inventory of all items was submitted, it was noted that the majority of the clothing were single items (size, color); The BOD requested Barbara Ferguson to get prices for T-Shirts, Sweat Shirts and Fleece's and report back to the BOD. It is intended to purchase some new items before the August BBQ.

The Ridgeline – the next issue will be published in late June.

Rescue – Three dogs are currently being fostered in New England (Kayco – 11 year old male, Kya 5 year old female and Koda 6-year old female) and two other potential surrenders may happen this month!. Foster homes are needed.

Website – up to date

Policy and Procedures – no report submitted

Support Show Committee – Barbara Ferguson reported status for both the Cranbury Cluster (September) and the Thanksgiving Classic (November); all trophies for the Cranberry Cluster have been sponsored, AKC and RRCUS approvals are in place; Barbara stated that the trophies are hand blown glass items made by a local artist David McDermott.

Unfinished Business

Performance Award Program - Pamela reported on the small number of applications received; the program will be advertised at the August BBQ in an attempt to increase participation next year (year 2 of the program). The BOD established a budget

of \$100 for gifts to be provided to the recipients. Awards will be given to the 5 members who actively volunteer the most each year as a way to entice more members to take a more active role in the club.

New Business

Unfilled position – Karen Heine has resigned from the BOD. The BOD asked Barbara Ferguson to complete the vacant term (through the end of 2010); Marie LaPointe proposed the motion; Pamela Shattuck seconded; there was no further discussion and the BOD voted unanimously in favor.

Nomination Committee – the BOD held a discussion as to the membership of the committee; Marie LaPointe will be the representative from the BOD and Sue Ann Leslie, Richard and Linda Brosnan and Helen McCune will be asked to serve.

The BOD positions for consideration are:

President
Treasurer
BOD position

Raffle baskets at BBQ – Jean to handle the coordination of raffle table at the BBQ and grouping of items into themed baskets.

Holiday Party – discussion was held; it was agreed that the BOD must be prepared to decide at the August meeting where (restaurant, private house, function hall?) as well as the format (pot luck, catered etc..) for the November event. One suggestion was to have the party at Barb Ferguson's with either pot luck or using a local Italian restaurant to cater.

Charlotte moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30; Marie LaPointe seconded; no further discussion ensued and the meeting was adjourned.

New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club Board meeting held at Waters Farm, Sutton MA October 3, 2010.

Board Members present were: Cheryl Fraser, Alan Fraser, Charlotte Matteson and Jean Gamble.

Secretary's report: The previous board meeting minutes from August had not yet been submitted.

Treasurer's report: Alan Fraser provided a summary of income and expenses. The balance as of 9/30/10 was \$9659.44. With \$3085.90 in rescue funds and \$7203.54 in general funds. Alan reported that NERRC had made money at the Lure Coursing event and for the first time, we were not in the red from the BBQ.

Lure Coursing Committee: Sue Ann Leslie The Sept 4&5 tests and Sept 6 trial in Starkville, NY went well. We had 63 trial entries and 29 QC/JC entries.

Our next trials and tests will be October 23 & 24 in Griswold, Ct at Kinnie Farm. The premium is posted on the NERRC website, www.neerc.org and has also been sent to those on the mailing list. Two motors have been repaired at a cost of 133.56. Ribbons have also been ordered at a cost of \$75.75. Bills have been submitted to the Treasurer. In the near future Lure coursing committee would like to purchase pulleys and battery boxes. The approximate cost will be \$200 for pulleys and \$65 for boxes.

Lure coursing committee (Sue Ann) is looking for one or two people interested in learning the duties of field trial secretary. Sue Ann would be willing to do the work prior to the trial if she could get assistance at the event. Contact Sue Ann if you are interested in helping.

Ways and Means: Linda Koch, Membership sales at the summer BBQ were successful. Sales totaled \$771.00. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Merchandise sales at the Lure Coursing event in Sept. in NY and at the NERRC supported Cape show resulted in additional sales as well. The total for these two events was \$503.00.

Jean will bring the NERRC Ways and Means to sell at the Dog Walk in Plymouth on October 16th.

There is a need for someone to bring Ways and Means merchandise to the October 23/34 Lure coursing event in Griswold, Ct. Contact Jean Gamble if you can attend this event and set up a sales table.

The Ridgeline: Cheryl Fraser

The next issue of the Ridgeline is underway, but Cheryl needs board meeting minutes and nominations for the newsletter.

Rescue: Cheryl Fraser

- Kayco remains in foster care. He is 11 years old. Kayco is being fostered by Cheryl & Alan Fraser.
- Nala remains in foster care. Nala is just over 1 year old and has bilateral hip displaysia. She is a very sweet girl and get on well with other dogs. Nala is being fostered by Anne & Donna Rezendes.
- Valentina, a 3 month old female puppy, is in foster care. She is very sweet and easy going. She will make a wonderful companion. Valentina is being fostered by Karen DeMoura.
- Recent placement of 5 (five) Rescue dogs includes; Chief a 4 year old male who was adopted by a family in VA. Also, Rescue placed 4 (four) RR puppies, all to families in MA. They are Saba, Gracie, Maggie and Emelia.
- Sales of raffle tickets at the summer BBQ, for the 2010 Rescue Quilt, **generated more than \$800.00**. Huge THANKS to all who bought tickets. The quilt was won by Sue McNeill of Mendocino, CA.

Webmaster: Cheryl Fraser

The website is up to date with club events

Supported Show Committee: Barbara Ferguson

Barbara reported that there were 40 entries at the supported show and two absentees. We awarded the RRCUS Medallion and the weather was spectacular. The Cape Cod crew are the best. Thanks to all those who attended and brought their best homemade recipes to share. Barbara also reported the winners.

The November supported show in Springfield is Saturday November 27th. Celia Hoffman is the Sweeps Judge and Breed judge is Sulie Greendale-Paveza. Donations were needed for trophies and Barbara requested help at the trophy table.

Unfinished Business:

Nominating committee still needs to provide the slate for publication

Holiday Party venue needs to be determined

Dog Walk in Plymouth is on schedule for October 16th

New business:

We discussed possible events, such as another Canine Good Citizen test/training, dog walk, intro to Rally or later in the spring maybe a tracking event. It was suggested we ask Helen McCune about a place in Lakeville that may be large enough for an intro to tracking event.

Pat Hoffmaster wanted to suggest a possibility of having a National in the Newport area. The polo fields at Glen Farm are beautiful and are rented out for different things. There are numerous hotels and restaurants in the area and the climate is lovely in the late or early summer for an outside dog show. If you would care to pass this on at the meeting I would appreciate and also be willing to do any research that might be needed, if there is a serious interest.

Next board meeting will be a the Holiday party, November 21, 2010

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Additional First Reads:

Mark & Kathy Abbott
Ashburnham, MA
Membership: Family
Sponsor: Marie LaPointe

Camille & Stew Campbell
Hollis, NH
Membership: Family
Sponsor: Cathy Ford

Mr. & Mrs. James T. Claffey
Reading, MA
Membership: Family
Sponsor: Marie LaPointe

Theresa & Mike Conza
Canton, MA
Membership: Family
Sponsor: Marie LaPointe

Mija Cyphert
Northbridge, MA
Membership: Associate
Sponsor: Lillian Ho

Abrabron & Alan Dibos
Cambridge, MA
Membership: Associate
Sponsor: Tony Chin

John & Khristine Field
Littleton, MA 01460
Membership: Associate
Sponsor: Cheryl Fraser

Amy & Steve Golas
Norwich, CT 06360
Membership: Family
Sponsor: Cathy Ford

Cathy Horwitz
Cambridge, MA 02141
Membership: Associate
Sponsor: Cheryl Fraser

Ed Johnson & Eliza Menniyeer
Bedford, MA
Membership: Family
Sponsor: Cheryl Fraser

Kevin & Nancy O'Brien
Concord, NH
Membership: Family
Sponsor: Marie LaPointe (rejoin)

Elizabeth O'Brien & Bryan Stephan
Dover, NH
Membership: Family
Sponsor: Diana Barrie

Anne & Donna Rezendes
Avon, MA
Membership: Single
Sponsor: Cheryl Fraser

Thomas Stoken & Venetia Guerrasio
West Newbury, MA
Membership: Associate
Sponsor: Ulla Britt

"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog.

You are his life, his love, his leader.

He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart.

You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion." –Unknown

Cape Cod Supported Show Results

Submitted by Barbara Ferguson

The Cape Cod Cluster was again a huge success. There were 38 beautiful dogs in attendance. I want to especially thank the very generous friends and members of NERRC who supported this show by sponsoring trophies:

Sue Kafka & Billy Mobley, Alan & Cheryl Fraser, Sheila McNamara, Jackie Harte, Marie LaPointe, Helen McCune, Bill & Jean Gamble, Don Clark & Jeanne Courtney, and Evelyn Strawn. Without their kindness NERRC would not be able to Support this Show.

Also, a big thank you to Alan & Cheryl Fraser for lugging the tables and tents, to Jean Gamble and Evelyn Strawn who expertly stewarded the Breed and Sweeps Ring. And to all those who brought samplings of their favorite side salads and deserts.

Judge Dr. Dana Massey

Best in Sweeps:

Tophat's Rockn Rolling Hoochie Koo at Springvalley SC

Clay & Sue Ann Leslie

Best Veteran in Sweeps:

DC Tophat's Chaminuka of Tumomak MC

Clay & Sue Ann Leslie

Best Opposite Veteran in Sweeps:

Ch Mzazi's That's Why

Pat Hoffmaster

Judge Dr. Donald Sturz

Winner's Dog: 3 point major

Omega's Bello Mobley

Sue Kafka & Billy Mobley

Winner's Bitch: 5 point major and new Champion

Dromkeen's All Eyes on Me

Beth Oneppe

Best of Breed:

GCH CH Mzazi's Beau De Soleil

Pat Hoffmaster

Group 4

Best Opposite:

Ch Mzazi's That's Why

Pat Hoffmaster

Select:

Ch Shabani's Royal Fortune

Bonnie Johnson

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Don't forget NERRC's next Supported Show November 27 in Springfield, Ma.

Babe,

A Special Girl Rescued From The Horrors Of A Missouri Puppy Mill

Submitted by Garry & Linda Koch

I was inspired to write this story about my rescue girl Babe. I want to share with folks that think they may want to foster a Ridgeback rescue. Especially if they come from a puppy mill.

This is our story that we felt we needed to share because of Babes setbacks, limitations and accomplishments. Garry and I took in two beautiful girls that came from a puppy mill in Missouri about 4 yrs ago, Babe and Briar.

This was a difficult task but we soon realized that these two girls, a 3 and 4 year old, had nothing in life to be proud of. They learned and understood nothing about a good life. They simply existed for the purpose of breeding.

We received the girls in July. Soon realizing that we could not get them into our house, because they didn't know what a house was. They didn't even know what grass, cement, steps or a bed were.

Nutritious food, a kind hand, a hug and kisses, or a treat, were all things they didn't know. They simply stared into space, with fear in their eyes.

They would not even come out of their crates, as this was their comfort zone. It's all they knew, a small wired space.

But Babe & Briar were comfortable with each other. They depended on each other. But still we could not get them into the house. Luckily, it was summer time and comfortable for them to stay in the garage.

By the time October rolled around, we knew we had to figure out a way get them inside without making them anymore traumatized than they already were. But the question was how we were going to do this. Neither one of us had ever been up against a situation like this before so we had no idea what to do.

Then on a chance discovery, we found out that Babe loved bananas. So we began cut up slices of bananas and place them onto each step in the garage that led into the house.

After a month of doing this she was slowly eating the bananas off the steps. Briar was much more advanced and was willing to come inside without much coaxing.

By November we got finally got Babe into the house but only to the hallway, she would go no further. So again we used food to get her into the kitchen area. This took another month of patience from us and trust from her.

Walking Babe on a lead was also a challenge in the beginning. She would not walk on grass because

she had never felt it on her paws. But with the advancements of Briar, she soon followed. It was impossible to let Babe run in the yard without a lead. We knew that getting her back into the house would be a hard thing to do. On top of everything else, she was also afraid of going through doors. So we knew this was all we were going to get from Babe for the time being, and that was okay too.

As far as her health concerns, Babe also suffered from re-occurring parasites in her stomach. There also were lung parasites that had to be addressed. Her teeth went untreated for years so those to had to be taken care of. Over all, she was a mess of a dog that needed love and attention.

Our Briar was adopted 2 yrs ago by Rob & Miriam & Caroline Muller. That family gave Briar the most wonderful home and another playmate Kobi.

Briar was a more confident dog. Separating Babe & Briar was the most unselfish thing we could have ever done for those two, as they had developed a strong dependency for each other.

I want to thank the Mullers for coming into our lives and giving Briar a well loved home with their patience. Briar has overcome so much and now lives a normal happy life.

But still I had Babe and I just could not get her to advance. She just existed and would constantly hide as if she were in shame. She cowered a lot of the time and would only eat if no one was looking. She would not even bark and would starve rather than accept a treat from us.

Then came another angel girl, Nala. She was also neglected and used for private breeding. Nala was quite a character. We called her Nala Jean. She was spirited and smart. She knew something about Babe that we did not.

Babe had a real fear of steps inside the house, and the furniture. Our little Nala Jean taught Babe just by going up and down the steps and getting on the furniture herself and soon Babe was doing the

same. Needless to say now, that I can't keep Babe off of any beds or couches and she runs up and down the stairs with no fear. In the evenings, it was Nala Jean, Babe & Simba all cozy on the couch side by side.

Next came Guzna & Sani. A brother and sister team that were two amazing and smart dogs. They were somewhat neglected by their former owner but still took the time to teach my Babe something new.

We have an enclosed screened porch and Babe under no circumstances would go back there. It's a small area that she had her fears about. But in the evening Garry and I would sit back there with our Guz and Sani and our own Simba while babe would just look threw the door way.

Then one day Guz got her to go onto the porch. Not only did she enjoy the porch but she would lay down right between Guz and Sani. So now we can't keep her out of there as she enjoys the porch at anytime. Guz & Sani were adopted by another wonderful couple; the Hansen's of Brunswick, Canada and are also living a wonderful life.

Next came little Buck. He was a five month old handful but Babe really took to this little guy. Buck was purchased from a dog auction in Arkansas, along with his dad, Mac.

Babe really showed her mothering skills. She would lick Buck's ears and followed him everywhere. One day they were on the floor, paw to paw and nose to nose when Buck just started barking at Babe as if to tell her to bark back. I could not believe my ears, Babe barked and loud too. She learned how to growl, and basically talks to us now. Buck was adopted by the Johnson family and is also doing very well.

Soon we had Kya & Koda, two sisters that came into our lives and they were amazing. Kind, bright and pretty much to themselves. They wanted to get involved with Babe but were not sure know how too.

Kya & Koda loved playing with tug ropes, so every day, the girls would shove a rope tug into Babe face as if to say, it's okay to pull on this rope. It didn't take long before I had all three of them playing with the rope. Babe would also never jump on anyone, Koda would take Babe outside and show her how to jump and run through the yard.

Kya taught Babe how to line up for a treat in the evenings. They all had to sit and give up their paws to get their treats. Soon Babe was in the middle of the pack, sitting down with her paw up. Kya & Koda were adopted by a wonderful lady in Prince Edward Island and added these two beauties with her ridgeback Lucy. They are all doing very well. In fact, Justine Caudill, Kya & Koda's new Mom, inspired me to write this story.

Soon after Kya & Koda left, busting threw the door came Gingee. She is a one year old sweetheart that is full of endless energy and yet mature for a young girl. She taught Babe how to be calm when needed. Gingee would lie on the floor and roll on her back as if to say, it's okay to play and jump on me. Now Babe gets on the floor, roles on her back and Gingee jumps on her to play.

Without all these rescues coming through our home, I really don't feel Babe would have come this far. She has advanced greatly and uses all that she has learned daily. Garry and I have since adopted Babe. I call her my Blue rose, because she is special and very rare. I would never have imagined her coming this far and there was no way we could ever let her leave us. It's been a real honor to have her. She has showed us patience and that no dog is impossible or hopeless.

With a little love and caring, they can overcome anything that was ever wrong in their life. But in return, we had to prove ourselves to Babe. She is a trusting girl now, though still shy with strangers, she is very comfortable with her own kind.

Even though all my rescues have moved on to forever families, they all have left a part of them-

selves in my Babe for us to cherish.

My thanks to my Briar, who we miss so much, for giving Babe comfort & security when they arrived. We so miss your big brown eyes.

Thank you Nala Jean for teaching Babe how to have spirit and to say furniture and steps won't hurt. You were such a funny girl with huge character.

Thank you to Guz & Sani for teaching Babe how to jump into a vehicle and letting her enjoy a sun room without any fears. Sani was such a gentle girl and Guz had a personality larger than life.

Thanks Buck for getting my Babe to bark, and to let us know if she hurts. She now has a voice, you taught her to talk.

My dearest Kya & Koda Bear, thank you for teaching Babe how to play with toys and rope tugs and add to her security

To my sweet Gingee, I thank her for teaching my Babe it's okay to be calm and not be on guard all the time.

I couldn't imagine how our Babe would be today without all our fosters coming into her life. It has been a wonderful learning experience for all of us.

Garry & Linda Koch
New England foster team

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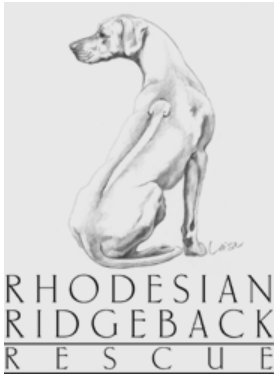
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Ridgeback Rescue:

We have placed 5 Ridgeback puppies recently. They were turned over to rescue from a family that found themselves overwhelmed with puppies, that they could not provide homes for.

The Calendar Project

Begun in 2000, the Ridgeback-a-Day calendar is an annual fundraising project for Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. It is a 365-day, desktop-style calendar, with a different Ridgeback each day. The Ridgebacks featured include rescues, show dogs, and beloved family pets! The calendar is spiral bound and suitable as a memento or collectible.

The 2011 are ready! The deadline for ordering 2011 calendars for delivery by Christmas is Friday ~ November 19th.

Calendars are \$24.95 (US and CDN) plus shipping. Order online at <http://www.ridgebackrescue.org/calendar/index.html>

All forms of payment are accepted (checks, credit cards, PayPal and Interac e-payment in Canada). All proceeds from the sale of these calendars go to helping ridgebacks in need. Please send any questions that you have about the 2010 calendar to calendar@ridgebackrescue.org

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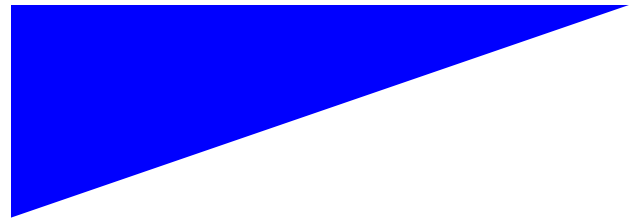
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Upcoming Club Events

Sunday-November 21—NERRC Holiday Party

The holiday party will be held at George's Caffe & Ristorante , 228 Belmont St., Route 123, Brockton, Ma. 02301

www.georgescafebrockton.com/

The cost is only \$10.00 per person - Children under 10 \$5.00

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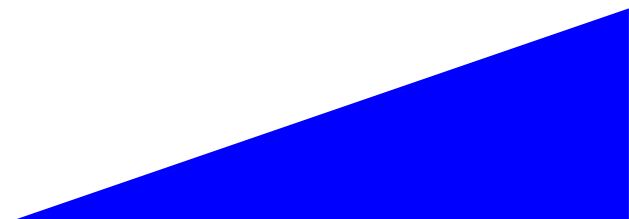
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Check the website for calendar updates

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Thursday 11/25/10 --Holyoke Kennel Club

- Breed Judge Enrique Jorge Filippini

Friday 11/26/10 Windham County Kennel Club

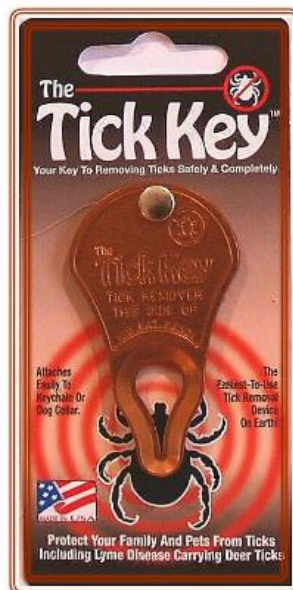
- Breed Judge Gloria Geringer

Saturday 11/27/10 South Windsor Kennel Club

- **Puppy and Veteran Sweeps Judge Celia Hoffman**
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Sunday 11/28/10 Springfield Kennel Club

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Italian Luncheon Buffet

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We will have our traditional Yankee Swap.

If you would like to participate please bring a wrapped dog related gift.

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Donations to a basket of Cheer are welcome.

We need to let the restaurant know ahead of time how many people will be attending. We will have a private banquet room with our own private buffet, so a head count is needed in order for the restaurant to prepare our buffet. Payment ahead of time is appreciated as well.

The restaurant has plenty of room for us, so don't be shy. If you are new to the club, come and see what the Holiday party is all about. And for you seasoned pros, won't you join us again?

PLEASE RSVP to Alan Fraser as soon as possible

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