



Dear Members,

The NERRC Summertime BBQ ~ BOD & Annual Meeting ~ Ridgeback Romp!

The date is Saturday, August 7, 2010. (raindate August 8th)

BOD meeting starts at 9am ~ BBQ starts at 11am – Annual Meeting at 11:30 am

The location is the home of Ulla-Britt & Don Ekengren , 532 Groton Road, in Dunstable Massachusetts.

If you have never been to the summer BBQ event, the Ekengren's have a lovely property in which our dogs are free to roam safely off leash. There is a beautiful spring fed pond for swimming, if the dogs are so inclined. The property is contained by fencing. There is plenty of parking. We had over 80 people attend in 2009 with around 60 dogs.

As a common courtesy to all attending the BBQ,

ALL DOGS must be crated or leashed during the general meeting, and during lunch.

*****Un-neutered male dogs over 12 months of age will NOT be allowed off lead *****

There will be delicious **Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Veggie burgers on the grill**. Ice cold soda and bottled water will be provided. A delectable assortment of pickies, salads and desserts provided by all. And time to catch up with fellow Ridgeback enthusiasts and sharing the day with our beloved hounds.

BBQ cost ~ \$5 per person ~ children under 10 are free

Please bring a dish to share according to your last name:

A-E - Salad & Side dishes ~ F-M - Dessert ~ N-Z - Appetizers, nibbles, Chips

We do need some help with the event. We need help at the Sign-In table, setting up food tables, setting up some tents and general organization of the event and selling merchandise at the Ways & Means Table. **If you can help in any way, please contact the event chairs.**

We are trying something different this year for the Rescue Raffle Table. We want to have larger prizes that will appeal to various people attending. We are going to be soliciting donations of baskets of goodies or themed baskets. Or you may bring new items and we will create baskets at the BBQ. The baskets will have a container in front of each one. You can then buy raffle tickets and place your tickets into whichever container you want for the selected basket that you would like to win. Then, one ticket will be drawn from each basket container, and that person wins that basket.

We will aim for grouping items by theme, such as dog toys and treats, coffee lover, wine lover, travel with dog or any other ideas you may have. **Contact Jean Gamble (jean.gamble@comcast.net) if you have any questions or ideas.**

So put on your thinking caps and come up with a theme basket, or please consider bringing a new item to be donated towards one of the baskets created that day. And if you cannot attend the BBQ, please consider sending an item to be included to Jean Gamble.

And we will have some new wearable merchandise at the Ways & Means table. New colors of T-shirts, sweatshirts, windbreakers and fleece tops in an array of sizes.

And on top of that, **we will have a SPECIAL ATTRACTION** - The Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue quilt being raffled off at the 2010 National in September, will make an *exclusive* New England appearance at the NERRC BBQ. Those of you not going to the National will have a chance to see it and purchase raffle tickets to win it. You do not need to present at the National to win it. Bring your return address labels so don't need to fill out all those raffle tickets. **It is really a beautiful quilt!! Pictures are on the RRRI site.**

<http://www.ridgebackrescue.org/quilt/2010quilt.html>

Hope to see you at the BBQ

For more information please contact Event Chairs:
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**Directions to Shadyridge Kennels
532 Groton Road, Dunstable Massachusetts.**

From Rt3/Everett Turnpike -North or South to exit 35 for Tyngsboro/Dunstable, Rt113 into Dunstable Center, at flagpole bear left, continue a half mile, Turn left onto Groton Road, follow about 2 miles to Shadyridge on left .

From 495 North to Rt119 west into Groton, beyond the Post Office in the center of town, turn right onto Hollis Street, continue 3-4 miles, after crossing Groton-Dunstable line look for Shadyridge sign on right.