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NWRRRC Quarterly Newsletter

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# Fall NEWSLETTER

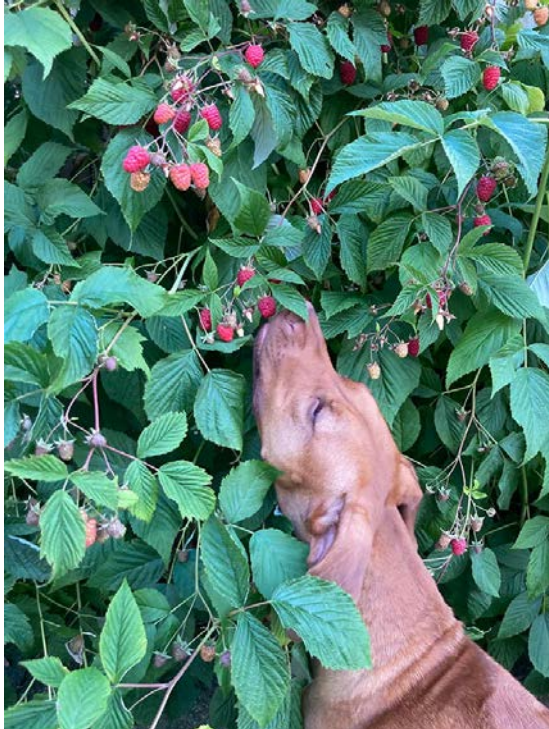


*Glenaholm Jakari enhancing the view on a hike near Mount Rainier this Summer (Simone Cook)*

What did you and your RRs do this Summer? Apparently A LOT! Check out our cover boy, Jakari, and our other "member-casual" pix and don't forget to send yours in for our next edition, which will be out Nov. 15th (please



*Taking a break from hunting rodents.*



*Zhora eating raspberries (Teri Kruse)*

send by October 31st). Also, WTG members on all the new titles! And, if you missed this past June's Fun Days, put the 2025 Fun Days on your schedule (June 14 and 15, 2025). Please also see our Member Profile on Gale Severson, a Club member since 1990 and the breeder behind Mewn-Yezi Ridgebacks. Thank you, Bryony Walter, for your excellent graphic design & content skills, and thank YOU, members! *Lorilee Torrey, Editor*

### Issue Highlights

- RRCUS National Specialty Oct 20th - 26th in South Jordan Utah
- Member Profile: Gale Severson
- Club News and Announcements
- Member Brags
- Rescue Update
- Member Marketplace

Members, we love sharing your brags, your pix, and your member marketplace items so send them to us!

**NEXT ISSUE: NOV 15TH**  
**SUBMIT BY: OCT 31ST**

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# CLUB NEWS

**RRCUS 92nd National Specialty**



Oct. 20 - 26th, 2024, at the Bastian Agricultural Center in South Jordan, UT. Come to see some of our breed's most beautiful and accomplished dogs compete in everything from Rally and Fast CATs to endurance, agility and conformation. Many Club members will be there competing, volunteering and cheering!

[Learn more here](#)

### **Owner Handler Program Update**

The Program is now 9 months along and you know what's missing??? Your POINTS!!!

We know many of you have been competing and doing well. Hey, we read FB too! You just need to sit down and compile all those winnings and OH points. Then send them to us. If you can't figure out how to figure points, we are here to help.

We have really awesome prizes for the first place winners in each venue this year. But you might miss out if you don't get those points in.

**Remember:** we will accept all points from Dec 1, 2023 to Nov 30, 2024.

PLEASE send your info to:

TERI: [terikruse@gmail.com](mailto:terikruse@gmail.com)

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### **2025 NWRRC Specialty: Sunday, July 6th, 2025, in Puyallup, WA!**

It will be held in conjunction with the Seattle Kennel Club All Breed Show. Show Chair is Aimee Hart and Asst Show Chair is Annie Wickham.

### **Board Members:**

Jeanette Ennis/Pres, Annie Wickham/VP, Jamie Eggleston/Treas,  
Lorilee Torrey/Corr Sec, Lorraine Pedersen/Rec Sec, Marykay Ligocki/Dir,  
Cindi Pike/Dir

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### **Club Meetings: September 3rd and November 5th!**

Board of Directors (BOD) Meetings: Oct 1st and Dec 3rd.

**NWRRC has meetings on the first Tues of every month:**

- Odd months are General Membership meetings.
- Even months are BOD meetings.

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# **NWRRC'S FUN DAY WEEKEND**

The Fun Day Weekend was a BIG success!



Annie Peterson & Nellie

Thanks to Marykay and all that volunteered, NWRRC's Fun Day Weekend, held in Molalla, OR, June 8-9 saw a huge increase in participants. From PeeWee to Trick Dog, to games and meals shared, the event was fun for all.

Marykay says that for 2025, the Molalla venue will be able to accommodate some running events [think FastCATs and lure coursing practice!].

Thanks again, Marykay, and all who volunteered!



Fun Day activities & games sign-up



Getting some cavaletti practice



PeeWee Conformation



Costume Contest

# MEMBER BRAGS



Debby & Carlos Atencio's girl Meeka earned her first agility title - she is now Omega'Z Kinetic Energy CGCU CGCA BCAT TKI FITS NJP



Lauren Beyer's Sierra has earned her PACH (Preferred Agility Championship, like the MACH, but at Preferred jump height), her PAX, and 5 more agility titles (MJP2, MJPB, MXP2, MJP3, MXPB) - WOW!! Sierra is now: HIT8 ComCH MACH3 PACH ARR Sierra Mountain Dew, BN RA FDC SC MXB2 MJB2 MXP2 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX MXF TQX T2B3 CA BCAT SCN SIN SEN RATO CGCA CGCU TKA ATT SSA ET.



Lauren Beyer has been busy and earning titles on her younger girl, Kya, as well! Kya earned her CGC and TKN in February, her first agility title (ACT1) in April, and her AKC Temperament Test title (ATT) in July. Kya is now: IntCH Roka Heartland Ridge Kya by Aegis at Sierra RRidge, FDC ACT1 CGC TKN ATT. We're very sorry for missing these achievements in our previous issue!



Debi & Ron Colton's Lucy achieved her Grand Champion Bronze award. She is now GCHB CH Sweet Creek Flavia De Luce



"Huck," bred by Marykay Ligocki and Jeanette Ennis, finished his AKC championship and is now CH Java's Mandalorian Secret at R3



Annette McNair's Rune earned his Field Championship title and Senior Courser title and also won Best In Field. Rune is now BIF FC Mssani's Best Kept Secret SC.

And, her girl Quinn earned her Senior Courser title. Quinn is now Mssani's Quinn Alichagua Mimi SC CGC.



Betsy Metcalf's Zenyatta, has now achieved her Scentwork Handler Discrimination Masters title! This multitasking girl is now FC Arr



Sharee Schreiner's Titus won a Best In Field at the ASFA Lure Coursing trial in July and is now BIF (ASFA) DC Makonde's Rising Fever Titus RN,

Zenyatta Dew RA, TDX, AX, AJX,  
NFP, DCAT, SC, SWD, SWM, SHDM,  
RATS, TKA, CGC.

SC.



Holly Simon's Tally was awarded her Superior Gazehound Racing Champion (SGRC) title and is now BIF DC Makonde's Tally Marks SC SGRC CGC ATT NW1 L1I L1C.



Millie Taplin's Merlin earned his RN (Rally Novice) title and finished his EWN (scentwork novice title) and is now GCH Skydance Wizard's Fire RN, BCAT, SWN, CGC, TKN.



Karen Sprague's Zuri is now Mwen-Yezi's Make Mine A Double NAP NJP DCAT ACT2 ACT1J TKN.

And, her girl Zuva earned her Novice Standard Preferred and is now Mwen-Yezi's Sunlit Lady On Z Rocks ACT1J TKN.

***Don't be shy about sending in your Member Brags! Submit them to [info@atlassmarketing.com](mailto:info@atlassmarketing.com). Include the dog's call name, the title that they earned, and their registered name including the new title.***

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# MEMBER PROFILE

## Gail Severson, Mwen-Yezi Ridgebacks

*NWRRRC Member Profile - Member since 1990*



Gale Severson, of Mwen-Yezi Ridgebacks, joined our Club in 1990, just a year after it was formed. She has been on the board a few times, has contributed a ton to supported entries over the years, is widely respected as a breeder, and is known for her warm, authentic, and kind character. Gale joined RRCUS in 1995 and has been in charge of rosettes at the National Specialty since 2021. To know Gale is to love Gale so we are thrilled to be able to share a little bit about her with all of you.

[Read More](#)

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# RESCUE UPDATE

## It's All About the Fosters!

From the “PacNW 10” that were surrendered with 41 others from a USDA licensed breeder, who is no longer in business, back in Spring 2023, to the “Earthquake Litter” in Spring 2024, with a large number of other rescues in between, our Region has been super successful at helping Ridgebacks in dire need... and that’s thanks to our tireless volunteers and donors, but perhaps even more, because of our Fosters! We really cannot do this without them.

As always, we are looking for foster homes - and where better than in our own Club? We need to have as many foster homes on tap as we can, because we never know when or what we will get in. Lylah, the mom of another litter born in the Sacramento area is looking for a foster home and we have a way to get her here if someone will step forward to take her.

### Interested in fostering?

Contact your local coordinator or [sign up to volunteer/foster here](#) if you’re able!

**Aubrey Beretta in OR also Regional Coordinator**

[aberetta@ridgebackrescue.org](mailto:aberetta@ridgebackrescue.org)

**Jeanette Ennis in WA**

[jennis@ridgebackrescue.org](mailto:jennis@ridgebackrescue.org)

**Lisa Acton in ID**

[lacton@ridgebackrescue.org](mailto:lacton@ridgebackrescue.org)

*Please contact your State Coordinator if you are interested or want to learn more, even if you're already in the rescue database.*



*Are you able to foster sweet Lylah?*



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# TRAINING CORNER

## How to Prevent Mommy-itis

For this issue of the newsletter, we're thrilled to share with you a piece written by Georgia Hymmen, of Daynakin Great Danes. Georgia is a highly respected breeder and handler of Great Danes; she handles other breeds as well, including RR's, in the show ring. This article of hers is very timely, with all the litters recently and people with new puppies. Georgia was gracious enough to let us use this - please see the attached pdf on "Mommy-itis" - something that affects our Ridgebacks as well!

A little bit about Georgia:  
My involvement with Great Danes began with the purchase of a pet fawn male, "Jake" in 1974. Much of my focus on education can be attributed to him--I was SO unprepared for Dane ownership when I got him. Much of the "think before you get a Dane" and care literature I have since authored stemmed from my experiences with Jake. Five years after getting Jake, I was sharing my life with four Danes, active in the local Dane club, involved in rescue, and trying my hand in both the conformation and obedience show rings. While my involvement in obedience ended, I was more successful in conformation.

I've owned, bred and/or co-owned numerous AKC and CKC champions, along with obedience and agility-titled Danes, Honor Roll and Register of Merit holders and Top Twenty contenders, therapy dogs and movie stars (in the Marmaduke movie). One of my most memorable weeks was when "Troy" (Am. Can. Intl. BIS Ch. Penadane Daynakin Solitary Man) went Best in Show, and then won the GDCA's 2000 Top Twenty a little over a week later. He was piloted to those wins by the late Jane Chopson. (I will always be grateful for her help, advice and mentoring.)

However, the most important thing is the joy, love and companionship these wonderful gentle giants have given me over the years. Through all the good times and bad, I hope to continue to share my life with Danes for as long as I live.

Georgia

[DaynakinGreatDanes.com](http://DaynakinGreatDanes.com)

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*AKC Breeder of Merit*

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# MEMBER MARKETPLACE



## Dog Powered Scooter

*From Marykay Ligocki*

Marykay is selling a dog powered scooter similar to the one pictured here. She recommends it is used with only two dogs and on paved trails or relatively smooth surfaces. For more information text (425) 402-4026 (preferred) or email [javaridgebacks@gmail.com](mailto:javaridgebacks@gmail.com)

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## Repel-a-Pest Dog Spray

*From Bernie & Rhonda Montoya*

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By Jennifer Pumpelly

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# MEMBER MOMENTS

Sure we love our awards and titles, but we really love this breed for who they are around the clock. Check out this smattering of our Members' Ridgebacks and what they've been up to!



*Really big bird, Ridley, getting a drink  
(Teri Kruse)*



*Zak on a training break at Lake Stevens,  
WA (Lorraine Pedersen)*

***Have casual pics of your pup? We'd love to feature them in the next issue!  
Send them to [info@atlassmarketing.com](mailto:info@atlassmarketing.com)***

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*Thanks for reading!*

*See you in the next issue!  
~ Bryony & Lorilee ~*

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