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NWRRC -
Newsletter

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2024

Is It Spring Yet?



It's our hopefully, completely corrected, "*almost Spring*" issue... and except for one, loooooong, very cold week or so, we're not really sure if we ever had winter. In any case, let's get to our favorite topic: OUR DOGS!



NWRRC



Issue highlights include:

- Meet New Member Bryony Walter (pronounced like “Brian-knee”) who joined in 2023. We'll be alternating these with our longer form Member Profiles. **Special Note: Bryony is a graphic designer and will be assuming all layout in future newsletters so keep an eye out for a greatly improved reader experience. Thanks, Bryony!**
- "Using Treats in Training, and How to Wean Them Off!" by member, Lorraine Pedersen
- Club News and Announcements
- Member brags with a special shout out to Lorraine Pedersen & Zak, who earned his RRCUS Versatility Certificate!
- Rescue - meet Bella and Lozi!

Our cover Girl is once again Kirsi Larjava's Odessa up in BC, in a field of spring color, giving us all something to look forward to. Just below that is Patrick Smith's Maddie, in a typical, "how can that be comfortable," RR chillaxing pose. For inspiration, check out Tinamaria Vanderhorst Charney's Quincy, in agility class! Then, see Bryony & Josiah's Ash and Ember out near Portland.

**Thanks, members, for your pix!
PLEASE SEND MORE!**

The Northwest Rhodesian Ridgeback Club [NWRRC] was founded in 1989. The Club's goal is to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Rhodesian Ridgebacks and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection through activities such as lure coursing, tracking, obedience, agility, temperament testing, herding and conformation showing.

Thanks for reading!

We'd LOVE to publish your pix & info! Please send us news, events and images you'd like us to include



by April 30th for the May 15th
enews: info@atlassmarketing.com

Club News & Information

NWRC Owner Handler Program! ATTENTION NWRC OWNER HANDLERS
The new 2024 year for the Owner Handler Program just started so it's NOT TOO LATE! Get your applications in now and start collecting points. This is NOT a "show dog only" program - earn points for MANY activities! Fill out an application and send it in along with your \$10 program fee. Click [HERE](#) for more info

GREAT GIFTS AND ROSETTES FOR ALL!

QUESTIONS? We've got the answers!! EMAIL US! Teri: terikruse@gmail.com or
Cindi: socal54@sbcglobal.net

2025 NWRC Specialty: it's REALLY gonna happen! It will be held Sunday, July 6th, 2025, in Puyallup, WA in conjunction with the Seattle Kennel Club All Breed Show. Please stay tuned for more details & volunteer opportunities.

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

Email the Board/Corresponding Secretary

Club Meetings: Mar 5th and our Annual Club Meeting May 15th! BOD: April 2nd and July 2nd. NWRC has meetings on the first Tues of each month. Odd months are general membership meetings and even months are BOD meetings

Litter Announcements!



Jennifer Annell/Inland Ridgeback is expecting a very exciting Spring litter with Pyro x Laila!

Sire: Pyro, AOM Multiple Group winning GCHB CH Inlands Setting The World On Fire CGC ATT TKN BCAT X
 Laila, AKC CH Mutare N Inlands Dancing By The Light Of The Moon, CGC BCAT

Both sire & dam are CHIC Certified. Contact Jennifer - inquiries welcome!
Inlandridgebacks@yahoo.com



Siivi Baker's "Love is in the Air" litter was just born! Sire: Jakari, Glenaholm Jakari Duke of Juluka, TKN Dam: Honey, UKC CH, IntCH Bold Move Honey B Thrilling, CGC

Both sire & dam have their CHIC Certifications. Contact Siivi for more info and to see if she has availability! siivibaker@gmail.com

Member Brags – New Titles!

Zak and Lorraine have earned his RRCUS Versatility Certificate!



Zak is now UCD GCh Ch Jesmyster Exactly Right Kito HIC, BN, CGC, CD, TKN, ACT1, ACT1J, RE, NAJ, TT, BCAT, OA, VC - **WOW!!!!** Below are pix of Zak running FastCAT and below that is Zak on the move in Conformation.



Mary Mattix' Finn got his RAE title at the December performance weekend at Ridgefield at the ripe age of 10.5years old. Not the fastest, but completed 7 out of 7 qualifying runs! He's a good boy!



Karen Sprague's Zuri obtained her ACT2 title, and Zuva obtained her ACTJ1 title! Zuri is now Mwen-Yezi's Make Mine a Double, DCAT, ACT1, ACT1J, ACT2 and Zuva is now Mwen-Yezi's Sunlit Lady on Z Rocks, ACT1



Holly Simon's bred-by girl Vivi is now Makonde's Gives Me Chills ATT having earned her temperament test title in December!

Lauren Beyer's Sierra earned her TQX title, which is an agility title for getting 10 Triple-Qs - WOW!!! She got a Q in Master Standard, Master Jumpers, & Master FAST in the same day, 10 times! Lauren says that, "Double QQs are hard enough, but Triple-Qs even harder - I'm super proud of this!" Sierra is now HIT6 ComCH MACH3 ARR Sierra Mountain Dew, BN RA FDC SC MXB2 MJC MXF TQX T2B2 CA BCAT SCN SIN SEN RATO CGCA CGCU TKA ATT SSA ET

It takes YEARS to achieve this, requiring titles in many different fields. As the title suggests, it showcases the versatility of our fabulous breed. The purpose of the RRCUS Versatility Program is to encourage owner participation and acknowledge the accomplishments of Rhodesian Ridgebacks as a versatile breed. Here is the link to the requirements for a VC - and a person does have to apply for it, it's not automatically awarded:



Way to go NWRRC Members!

<https://www.rrcus.org/page-18177>

We are SO PROUD of Zak and Lorraine for achieving this goal! (special note: in 2022, only 6 RRs were awarded this certificate - one of them being our own Betsy Metcalf and her RR Ariat!)

NOTE on "Braggs": for new titles and special awards. Annually, we will highlight placements and wins at Specialty and National shows.

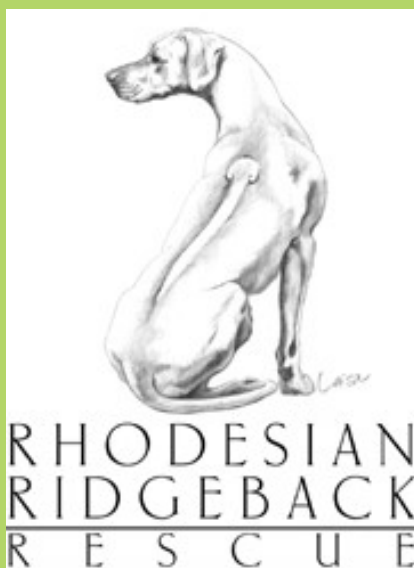


Using Treats in Training & How to Wean Them Off

There are two elements to rewarding your dog - the treat you give your dog and the timing of when it is given. By far, the timing of the reward is the most important element here - any reward must be well-timed or it loses its meaning. In order to be able to reward quickly and easily, you need to have plenty of treats in your pockets or in an easily accessible treat bag/bait pouch. If your dog tends to focus too much on a bait pouch, wear a vest with pockets and make sure BOTH pockets are loaded so you can get a treat quickly with either hand. Fumbling around or dropping the reward ruins the effect, so practice getting treats quickly and smoothly out of your pockets without your dog around if you feel you need to.

A comment I hear a lot from people is, "My dog is great when I have treats, but when I don't have anything, s/he won't do anything." how *do* you get your dog to do stuff without an instant treat?

[To see the entire article and other helpful training advice, click here.](#)



RESCUE IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF FOSTER HOMES.

We also need volunteers for home checks, dog evaluation (breed identification and temperament), transport of dogs or equipment. Donations of items such as dog beds, collars, leashes, coats and other RR-sized items are always welcome as well.

Please reach out to our regional volunteers if you can help!

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Even if you think you are in our system, please contact your State Coordinator if you are interested or want to learn more. **We CAN make a difference!**

**Rhodesian Ridgeback
Rescue: Pacific
Northwest Region on
Facebook!**



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: *Bryony Walter, member since 2023*

Bryony Walter (pronounced like "Brian-knee") is originally from South Africa and had two Rhodesian Ridgebacks growing up! Cassie and Amber can be seen standing watch above while Bryony was playing with her brother.

Bryony first came in contact with the



NEWS from The Pacific Northwest region of Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc (RRRI).

Available for adoption: Lozi & Bella!

Lozi is a 4-yo purebred spayed female Rhodesian Ridgeback who is a compact 62 pounds. She has been in foster care since May, is a happy Ridgeback, and her tail is always wagging. Currently Lozi is being fostered in a household with a female person and a 10-yo male Ridgeback. A good home for Lozi would be a family with a strong daily/weekly routine where someone is gone no more than 4hours at a time. She will do best with another dog in the home.

Find out more here and learn about Bella (see Bella in the pic below), who is also available, by clicking the link below:

<https://www.ridgebackrescue.org/dogs/available.php?regioncode=nw&view=nocon>



NWRRC club when she attended one of the Ridgefield shows in 2023. There she met NWRRC members Kathy Thompson, Cindi Pike, and Mary Mattix who explained more about conformation here in the U.S. and after, they all went to lunch. She was also encouraged to check out more about NWRRC. Bryony said that, "Since then we've tried FastCATs, Lure Coursing, and Barn Hunt. It was while trying these that I thought I would like to be part of the club."

Bryony joined the Club with husband Josiah Cabang. They live in Portland. She is a graphic designer and will be taking over the design/layout of this newsletter - yay!!!



Above is Bryony with Cassie and below are Bryony, Josiah, and their first RR here in the U.S., Ember. They have also since adopted Ash from Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue.



Upcoming Events — [click for the latest event premiums \[news and info about each event\]](#)

LURE COURSING AND FAST CATS: WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!!!!

Volunteers get very well fed by our fantastic chef Larry and have the opportunity to learn a lot about the sport they are volunteering for and meet more club members and dog people of many different breeds. Fast CAT's are our club's big moneymaker - if we can't put on these events, we will lose a big part of our income. So please consider volunteering - it's fun and educational and you don't have to be there the whole day. You can sign up for half a day, a couple of hours or just show up and say you want to help and we can put you to work! Contact Jamie if you would like to help! Jamie's email is whitewingz@aol.com

June 14-16 - Entries open 4/24 - Cascade Hound Show/RRCUS Supported Entry & Jillyn Myers Memorial Trophy Sweeps Awards!!!!

<https://www.dogzibit.com/project/2024-cha/>

[See the NWRRC website for more info, premiums, etc.](#)

Member Marketplace

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- Check out Lauren Beyer's [dogs.BluSkye.net](https://www.dogs.BluSkye.net) - it's a place for people to track, display, & share their achievements with their dogs — it's a virtual log book!
- Canine Massage [humans, too!] by our own Jennifer Pumpelly! See her beautiful logo at right and for more info, see Hands 4 Hounds on FB at <https://www.facebook.com/Hands4hounds>
- Paracord Whelping Collars! \$1/ea. + shipping, sold in pks of 6 or 12. See pic at the right! Contact Millie Taplin: Taplinskydance@gmail.com
- Petsitting in your home!: Lorraine Pederson highly recommends Kelly Wallace - you can reach her at warrrescue@hotmail.com
- Selling or Seeking? Send us a pic, your contact info and the price



Note: no puppies/dogs/live animals! This is for gear/items of interest ONLY. Thanks!



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