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NWRC Quarterly Newsletter

May 15th, 2024



# Summer NEWSLETTER



*Racing into Summer (Betsy Metcalf)*



*Quincy, taking in the view at Snake*

Spring is here and Summer's around the corner - time to enjoy the green grass and sun again! And hey, how do you like our redesigned newsletter? What a BIG improvement! Let's thank member Bryony Walter for her excellent graphic design & content skills - thank you, Bryony!



*Loki tiptoeing through the tulips!*  
(Anneke Zwick)

## Issue Highlights

- Fun Days in June!
- Special Member Profile: Jillyn Myers
- 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: AUG 15TH**

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# CLUB NEWS

## Fun Day Weekend is fast approaching!

2 full days of fun activities to do with your dog. Come for just a day or for the whole weekend!

**When:** Saturday, June 8, 2024 8:00 AM to Sunday, June 9, 2024 5:00 PM

**Where:** Freeman Farm, 14750 S Macksburg Rd, Molalla, OR 97038

**\*\*Volunteers still needed\*\* contact Marykay Ligocki by email:**  
[javaridgebacks@gmail.com](mailto:javaridgebacks@gmail.com)

Click [here](#) to download and share the Fun Day Poster.

## Owner Handler Program Update

The Owner Handler Program is already 6 months into its second year! Time is flying. Just a reminder to all participants to get in your points now! They are still accepting accumulated points from December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Send them to Cindi ([socal54@sbcglobal.net](mailto:socal54@sbcglobal.net)) and Teri ([terikruse@gmail.com](mailto:terikruse@gmail.com)) as soon as possible!

They're working on some beautiful gifts for all the winners AND as before, EVERYONE will get a rosette and a prize.

OWNER HANDLERS ROCK???

## 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. Watch for an email in the near future about 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: July 2nd and September 3rd!

Board of Directors (BOD) Meetings: June 4th and Aug 6th.

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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# MEMBER BRAGS



Lauren Beyer's Sierra has earned 3 new titles since the last newsletter: MXP, MJP, T2B3 she is now HIT6 ComCH MACH3 ARR Sierra Mountain Dew, BN RA FDC SC MXB2 MJB2 MXP MJP MXF TQX T2B3 CA BCAT SCN SIN SEN RATO CGCA CGCU TKA ATT SSA ET.



Stacie & Jere Knudtsen's Frankie is now CH Jesmyster-Knudtsen's Frankly My Dear. Frankie was bred by Debbie Brower and Rawline Mann.



Aimee Hart's Billie earned her Fit Dog Bronze and is now Beaubijou's Ocean Eyes JC TKN FITB. Aimee's girl Rayne earned her Canadian CH and is now: CKC CH / AKC FC Beaubijou's Ayyv Rayne by Kumani SC.



Cindi Pike's Rhosin, has a new ADV Rally title, and is now: Highlander's Rowdy Bairn of Kandu TTA RA (left). And Declan, her boy, is a NEW AKC Champion, and is now: CH Pupukearidge Highlander's Sovereign CGC TKN (right).



Sharee Schreiner's Titus has earned his AKC Conformation Champion title, his Field Championship title, AND his Senior Courser titles! He is now DC Makonde's Rising Fever Titus RN, SC.

Holly Simon's Vivi earned her CGC and is now Makonde's Gives Me Chills CGC ATT.



Karen Sprague's Zuri earned her Novice Agility Preferred title, she is now Mwen-Yezi's Make Mine A Double NAP DCAT ACT2 ACT1J TKN.



Jojo earned her AKC Champion title and is now CH Atlass Down to the Wire By Aegis. Bred, owned and handled by Lorilee Torrey.

*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

## Remembering Jillyn

*NWRRC Member Profile: Jillyn Myers (1958-2020), Member from 2000 to 2020.*



*Jillyn Myers of Aegis Rhodesian Ridgebacks was an extraordinary friend to countless members of our Ridgeback community, one of our Club's most accomplished breeders (over 70 AKC Champions, including Best of Breed at Westminster, along with tens of dozens of other AKC titles), and simply a wonderful human being.*

Each year at the Cascade Hound Show, our Club honors Jillyn with memorial trophies and plaques. As I was thinking about how to even begin to write about her, it occurred to me that maybe the best way to profile Jillyn would be to ask those who perhaps knew her best and longest from within our Club and in the RR community at large. My hope is that those of you who never knew her will gain a better understanding of why the NWRRC honors her and that you might be inspired as well.

Learn more about our remarkable Jillyn below, from breeding partner Erin Coogan/Aegis Rhodesian Ridgebacks, dear friends Gale Severson/NWRRC Club Member and breeder of Mwen-Yezi Ridgebacks, Teri Kruse/NWRRC Club Member, Lisa Erickson/former NWRRC Club Member, Aubrey Beretta/NWRRC Club Member & PacNW Rescue Coordinator, Trish Wells, and me, Lorilee Torrey.



Jillyn and Cofia, GCHB  
CH Aegis Hazelnut  
Expresso



Running agility with Alta



Getting some liver love

## Erin Coogan

*Jillyn's breeding partner / Aegis  
Rhodesian Ridgebacks*

Jillyn and I met in Utah, where we both were living at that time, in a competition obedience class in 1992. She had rescued a Ridgeback, Samson, from the Ogden, Utah shelter, and had also acquired her first show dog, K.C., from Kivuli Kennels in Florida and showed her to her AKC Championship. We became fast



friends and trained together for several years. She introduced me to the sport of Lure Coursing where she competed regularly with K.C. and Sam in ASFA Trials. My Standard Poodles even got to be the practice dogs on occasion. In 1995, when the first Aegis litter was born, I joined the team. She chose the name Aegis due to its meaning and use as a "Protection or Shield". She was single at the time and enjoyed running and chose Rhodesian Ridgebacks as her breed due to their protective nature and athletic prowess.

Jillyn always had a vision of what she wanted in a dog and had a way of getting long time RR breeders to give her open and honest answers about pedigrees. With this knowledge, she was able to form the legacy of Aegis Ridgebacks by breeding directly to a Calico Ridge dog and then flying to New Jersey to breed to a Kimani dog. I was lucky to start my involvement in conformation with these great dogs, and together, we made breeding decisions over the next 25 years, based on what we wanted to improve in the next generation and what we saw when we traveled all over the West for shows. We rarely disagreed. That relationship served us well and pushed us to produce the 70+ champions that bear the Aegis name.

What's not to miss about Jillyn? Her open, honest, and direct personality? Her "to the death" loyalty to her friends? Her "let's do it" attitude? Or maybe it was her "better late than never" motto? Every day with Jillyn as my friend was a gift. Knowing you have a person in your life that always has your back is a treasure. I probably miss the "remember that time?" (always RR related) conversations the most. Ridgebacks and humans alike were well served by Jillyn Myers being on this

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# RESCUE UPDATE

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

The past few months have been exceptionally busy for Rescue, with over 16 dogs taken in. For context, a typical year brings in about 14 dogs. Volunteers have been working miracles, and the Ridgeback community has rallied to support this influx of dogs in need. This is a significant reason for celebration—mountains have been moved for our beloved breed, and we are very grateful and awed by the response. However, it also means that the foster list is depleted, and we desperately need more qualified foster homes to avoid turning away any new dogs that need our help.

## RESCUE IS IN NEED OF FOSTER HOMES!

Please 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*



## THE EARTHQUAKE LITTER

**In case you missed it:** RRRI PNW took in a litter of puppies and their mom in the last month. Their rescue story is one of seismic proportions, which inspired their names; Mom and pups have been named after faults and are collectively known as the Earthquake Litter.

The puppies will be ready for their new homes the week of Memorial Day, which is FAST APPROACHING! If you or someone you know could use a little “shaking up” in your lives, please fill out an application or share their story far and wide! Let’s get these puppies homed!

You can catch up on their story here:

already in the rescue database.

[Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#).

You CAN make a difference!

You can follow their story and keep up with what's happening in Rescue on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

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## RESCUE QUICK LINKS ?

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# MEMBER MARKETPLACE



## Repel-a-Pest Dog Spray

*From Bernie & Rhonda Montoya*

[Moon River Lavendar](#)

### Insect Repellent and Deodorizer

An essential oil blend to assist with repelling flies, bees, and mosquitoes, in addition to helping with flea and tick control. The side benefit of Repel-a-Pest dog spray is it makes your dog smell GREAT!

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## Canine Massage

*By Jennifer Pumpelly*

[Hands for Hounds](#)

Hands 4 Hounds Massage offers Mobile Massage for dogs and people serving the Greater Portland area.

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## Paracord Whelping Collars

*From Millie Taplin*

\$1/ea. + shipping, sold in pks of 6 or 12.

Email: [Taplinskydance@gmail.com](mailto:Taplinskydance@gmail.com)

## Pet Sitting

*By Kelly Wallace*

Lorraine Pederson highly recommends Kelly Wallace for in-home pet sitting!  
You can contact her by email here: [warrrescue@hotmail.com](mailto:warrrescue@hotmail.com)

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# MEMBER MOMENTS

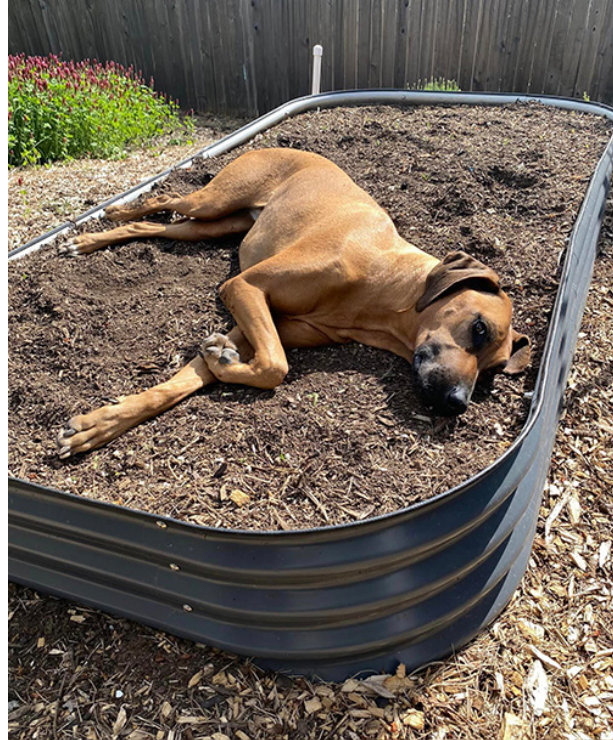
Sure we love our awards and titles, but we really love this breed for who they are around the clock. Check out this smattering of our Members' Ridgebacks and what they've been up to!



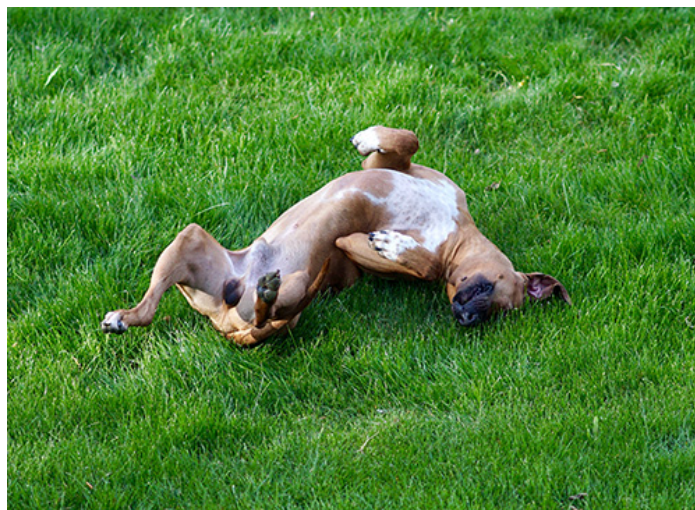
*Sierra & Kya camping in the woods  
(Lauren Beyer)*



*Ember & Ash basking in the lovely weather (Bryony Walter)*



*Ruthie "helping" garden (Suzanne Pratt)*



*Quincy enjoying the spring grass (Tinamaria Vanderhorst Charney)*

***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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