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NEWSLETTER
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RIDGEBACK
CLUB

FALL
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Fun in the Sun: Fiesta Island Fun Day a Big Success



Over thirty Ridgebacks and their people gathered on the shores of Fiesta Island in late August for the now annual Fun Day and general meeting.

President's Message - Fall 2009

It has been a busy year for the club, and I've enjoyed meeting many of you at events this year. Our last event was the Fiesta Island beach day, which had a very large turnout of members and Ridgebacks. It is always very popular and enjoyable event. Some of our members also participated in the FIDO clean-up day at the island last month.

The economy has had an impact on many pet owners. We gave a \$200 donation to PAWS San Diego, an organization that helps the ill and elderly on limited incomes provide food and vet care for their pets. The board has also approved the purchase of some pet oxygen kits to donate to local volunteer fire departments. These kits provide the masks and accessories to resuscitate different sized pets affected by smoke inhalation. We are finalizing the recipients at this time.

Our second club lure coursing trial is scheduled for Oct. 31 and Nov. 1st. It will be held in a great new location in Ramona. Watch for the premium list on out any day now. Our fall B Match planned is Nov. 8th in Rancho Bernardo. This is conformation practice for the puppies, entertaining for all. We will also have the "Fun Classes" open to all ridgebacks, show prospects or not. These include best head, movement, and ridge. We are offering Canine Good Citizen tests this year, as well as a great lunch and time to visit with the members and dogs. Please mark your calendars for both events.

Hope to see you soon!
Art Valdivia

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Fun Day At Fiesta Island

by club member Mary Phelps



What a great day for the SDRRC Fun Day and club meeting at Fiesta Island on 8/23! Trying to count ridgebacks was a little tough since several of them spent most of the event running back and forth along the water's edge, but there were well over 25 at one point and at least 40 two-legged participants.

The weather was warm and breezy (70s) and the water lapped pleasantly at paws and toes while new members and old traded stories and news.

The business meeting was short and sweet, welcoming new members, noting the club's donation of emergency canine equipment and letting all know about the upcoming puppy match in November, which yours truly agreed to chair.

It was amazing to see how many RRs actually played in the water, considering how many had an aversion to getting their feet wet at high tide to get past the fence from the parking lot! There were a few non-ridgebacks too, from visitors in boats wondering what was going on, to folks just strolling through as they walked their dogs along the shore.

The food was plentiful and delicious, from the green mango couscous to the asian chicken

fingers, spicy baked beans and chicken wraps - diligent table "guards" successfully kept away all but one cunning surfer, who skillfully managed to get away with one measly wrap slice...

Once again, this event proved to be a successful venue for people and RRs to enjoy some fun in the sun!



Welcome New SDRRC Members!

Bob & Debbie Hexom

Anthony & Lene Lucio

Davide & Sharon
Musgrave

Mary Phelps

Kevin Epps

Casie Smith

Tom Paschen

Nominating Committee

San Diego Rhodesian Ridgeback Club Nominating Committee, consisting of Annette Reid, Chairman, Cynthia Cartwright and Lydia Clark, has proposed the following nominations:

President: Art Valdivia
Vice-President: Annette Reid
Recording & Corresponding Secretary: Lyn Valdivia
Treasurer: Jill Davis
Board Members: David Hayek, Jeanette Daigle and Michelle Cauble

Nominations can be made from the floor at the next General Meeting (November 8th) for anyone who would like to run for any of these positions.



SDRRC AKC Sanctioned "B" Match

& General Meeting (right after judging)

Sunday, November 8, 2009

Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center, San Diego

A Day of Fun for Ridgebacks and their people!

Conformation - preceded by handling class with Helen Hayek

*** Judge change. Jennifer Hakeem of Aboyami Ridgebacks will be our judge**

PLUS fun events for everyone:

Does your dog have a perfect head or ridge?



Enter the Property Class Event (after Conformation)

Does your dog have good manners?



Earn the AKC Canine Good Citizen certificate (see p.3)

Does your dog have TOO MUCH ENERGY?



Try a Lure Coursing fun run (logistics permitting)

Is your dog 7 years or older?



Join the Parade of Veterans: treats for all entries!

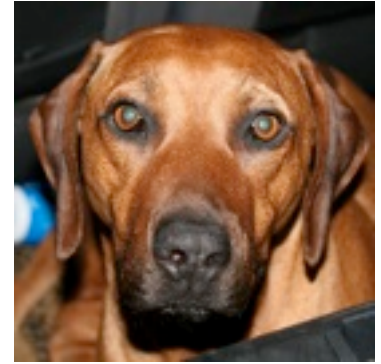
Handling class **9 am**

Conformation Judging **10:15 am**

Potluck Lunch following judging
(sandwiches & drinks by club; bring yummy side or dessert!)

CGC and coursing fun runs after lunch

Directions: Take the W. Bernardo Drive exit off 15, turn left (headed west), turn right at Rancho Bernardo Community Park Dr, follow past buildings to parking at end near gazebo.



HBC: Leading Cause of Death for Ridgebacks

The #1 cause of death in Ridgebacks surprises most owners, especially because it seems so preventable. It's being hit by a car or HBC. We all know that our Ridgebacks are sight hounds and many young dogs have bad cases of "selective hearing". A child on a bike across the street or a rabbit on the train tracks is all it takes to make a Ridgeback run and ignore your screams while the owner watches helplessly. A Ridgeback should never be trusted not to bolt and run or to come when called!

Another way some Ridgebacks are HBC is something owners would never expect from their dog: many Ridgebacks stress and want to escape when they are left in an unfamiliar place and their owner leaves them, like a friend's home or yard, a hotel room, or on vacation. They can tear/chew fencing down, break windows, climb fences and break open gates. They usually don't break out of homes but can do a lot of damage trying to escape. The best thing to do is crate your Ridgeback in the room. They will feel more secure and can be safely confined.

The Ridgeback pictured above, Tari, was rescued by Ridgeback Rescue. She escaped from her home and a samaritan saw her get hit by a car just after New Years and phoned Animal Control. Animal control picked her up and brought her to one of the county shelters where she was stabilized. When her owners came to claim her they learned that they would be responsible for thousands of dollars in vet bills to pay to repair her severely fractured pelvic bones and other injuries. They ultimately relinquished her to the county and Ridgeback Rescue got involved. Ridgeback Rescue was lucky to find a foster home that agreed to foster her through her extensive surgeries and rehabilitation. After her

surgeries she underwent more than three months of intensive physical therapy in order to fully recover. She's shown above with her new owners doing stretching and strengthening exercises shortly after her surgery. Tari is one of the "lucky ones" - she only lost her family and her home, not her life, after being hit by a car, but many more Ridgebacks HBC are not so lucky.

Still another way Ridgebacks are HBC is for the few Ridgebacks that are noise sensitive. For those dogs, thunder, gunfire and fireworks send them into a panic and many will bolt from home to get away from the noise. Make sure you know that your dog is NOT noise sensitive before you ever leave them alone on the 4th of July, New Year's Eve and during thunderstorms. Desensitizing a young pup is the best way to eliminate this problem for most Ridgebacks.

May we all learn from the Ridgebacks that have lost their lives from HBC to protect ours and keep them safe. Crate training is not cruel, it can save many dog's lives. Let's all work to make the #1 cause of death in Ridgebacks a medical issue and not a totally preventable one.

Jill Davis, Rainbow Hill

This article is dedicated to Diesel.

**SDRRC General Meeting
Minutes
April 19, 2009**

Called to Order 1:40

Members present: Art Valdivia, Lyn Valdivia, Dave Hayek, Helen Hayek, Cindy Cartwright, Mike Patterson, Lisa Patterson, Jeanette Daigle, Matt Geer, Carrie Krumme

Feb. 2009 Minutes approved
President's report: Agility event in March was successful, another planned for June
Feb. Meet the Breed booth at Silver Bay was well received

Secretary Report: Received 5 new applications; AKC correspondence regarding agility

Unfinished business: Coursing- Corey Bowers is making a stand for the equipment, still looking for a coursing field, possibly Bates nut farm? Lompoc coursing- SDRRC and OCRRC?

Raffle- we need a letter for vendors, Basket for Nationals to benefit Rescue- coursing Theme. Jeanette will get it together. \$200 from club, and ask for donations.

Adjourn 2:10

**SDRRC Board Minutes
May 29, 2009**

Meeting called to order 8:00
BOD Members Present- Annette Reid, Jeannette Daigle, Michelle Cauble, Lyn Valdivia, Art Valdivia

Minutes from March meeting approved.

New Member applications voted and approved: Bob and Debbie Hexom- Associate, Tony and Lene Lucio- Voting family, Mary Phelps- Voting single, Dave and Sharon Musgrave- Voting family, Kevin Epps- Associate. Secretary will send welcome letters

Old Business-
Events: Sunday November 8
Match Rancho Bernardo

Community Center. Michelle will schedule. We will include CGC test if possible.

Specialty report- Judge Michael Dougherty accepted, Blue Ribbon will be show secretary, AKC approved event, judges. Jill will order ribbons. Lyn is still working on trophies.

SDRRC Agility trials June 13/14- Kate in charge. SDRRC Coursing trial- June 21

New Business: Motion approved to make \$200.00 donation to Paws pending check by Michelle. Michelle will also pursue the pet oxygen masks donations to rural fire

SDRRC donated large basket to benefit Rescue. Board members assembled the items at this meeting. Lyn and Art will transport to Michigan.

Adjourn 8:51

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, November 8th

Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center, San Diego
18448 W. Bernardo Drive, San Diego

[http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?
address=18448+West+Bernardo+Dr&city=San
+Diego&state=CA&zipcode=92127&country=US](http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?address=18448+West+Bernardo+Dr&city=San+Diego&state=CA&zipcode=92127&country=US)

Meeting to follow match judging. Sandwiches and drinks provided. Bring a dessert to share.

Your Ridgeback (ANY!) can participate in the following: best head, best ridge, parade of veterans (Ridgebacks 7+), Lure Coursing fun runs & Canine Good Citizen testing

Save the Date!

1st Annual
Ridgeback Hike,
Holiday Breakfast
Potluck & SDRRC
General Meeting

Sunday morning,
December 20th
(flat out and back trail
- you can go 12 yards
or up to 12 miles)

Los Penasquitos
Canyon trail - near 15
& Mira Mesa Blvd

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

1 - SDRRC Lure Coursing
in Ramona

8 - SDRRC Match,
Rancho Bernardo Rec
Center

DECEMBER

12 - 13 AKC Eukanuba
Championships, Long
Beach

20 - Ridgeback Hike
and Breakfast, Los
Penasquitos Preserve

JANUARY

7th SDRRC Specialty,
Indio, CA

8 - 10 Hound Show &
KC of Palm Springs
Cluster, Indio, CA

SDRRC TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 2009

BEGINNING BALANCE

May 1, 2009 \$11,279.06

Income

Membership Dues	\$125
Rescue Basket Donation (Debbie Williams)	\$50
Hound Club Trophy refund	\$78
TOTAL	\$253

EXPENSES

Coursing Equipment (Cory Bower 11/8)	\$60
Specialty Basket	\$180.52
Lurecoursing AKC fee	\$25
" Judge's Motel (later refunded)	\$72
" " Airfare	\$291.80
Specialty AKC fee	\$50
Trailer Spare Tire	\$120.67
" Totes for supplies	\$58.73

TOTAL \$858.72

Pacific Trust CD \$5008.49

ENDING BALANCE \$10,681.83

July 1, 2009

Respectfully submitted by
Jill Davis
Treasurer

Does Your Ridgeback Love to Run?



*Have you ever wanted to try lure
coursing?*

*SDRRC to hold lure coursing tests
& trials**

Saturday Oct. 31st &

Sunday Nov. 1st

TD Dairy

2200 Dye Road in Ramona

**pre-entry required.*

See www.sdrrc.org for more info.

*Tests AND Trials filled very quickly!
Come to volunteer, watch or do fun
runs with your Ridgeback!*

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