

Rhodesian Ridgeback Welfare Trust

Registered Charity No. 1042184

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Newsletter June 2018

Dear Ridgeback Lover

Well, the Beast From the East has duly retired whence it came, and we've now at last got something like a decent summer going on outside, together with cuckoo calling and the swallows dive-bombing into the stables. So, what's news on the Ridgeback scene?

People – *we have a new Trustee, Maggie Higgins, who has long looked after our Rescues at her Rosehill Kennels in leafy Bucks. Over the years she has absorbed and put to good use an enormous amount of knowledge of our breed, and we are indeed lucky to have her formally "on side". We have also had a meeting with Katy Perry of Pegasus Dog Psychology and Training, who has a Diploma in Dog Psychology and is Sirius Academy trained. Katy has owned Ridgebacks for over 20 years and is offering a free Starter consultation to Ridgeback owners. She lives in the Berkshire area and can be contacted on 07989 741973.*

What we did – *since our last Newsletter in October we've had a social rebuff from the weather which turned on the snow and made us cancel our Christmas party in early December. The Trust manned its usual ringside stand at Crufts, where we did a modest trade in merchandise and, more importantly, raised awareness of Rescue. Trustees also attended the RRC of GB's AGM in March and the SRRA's autumn show. We feel that all those truly interested in our breed would do well to join the Club and benefit from the collective wisdom of longstanding members.*

Our motto: EVERYBODY DESERVES A SECOND CHANCE

Rescues – *in the last 6 months we have taken in some 14 animals needing new homes. Their ages and conditions varied enormously, but the one salient fact remains the considerable ignorance of the breed among the general public, many of whom seem to purchase a dog on a whim (or out of pity). Perhaps the saddest case is that of Milo, now 10 months old, who came to the Trust because his owners said they couldn't cope. He is unsocialised and very shy, which can probably be overcome, but the conformation of his legs is very poor and his jaw is very badly undershot. This is a fellow who needs a lot of kindly understanding.*

What we've got on – next to come is our Chieveley Rally, scheduled for Sunday 1st July close to the Newbury showground and the M4 exit 13. Come and join in the fun and games, socialise your dogs on the lovely open field and scoff the lunch with friends.

Then on Sunday 2nd September we have our Rosehill Jamboree at Maggie's kennels. As last year, we will again be joined by members of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Great Britain to enjoy Maggie's Chilli lunch, work with our Ridgebacks and talk things over with our friends. We also think Katy Perry will be attending, to give us an idea of her methods of dog psychology. And thinking of the future, now is the time to let Clive clive.higgins@rrwt.org have the photos of your happy Rescues printable quality, for the 2019 Calendar please!



RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK WELFARE TRUST

The Rhodesian Ridgeback Welfare Trust "100 Club" is operated in aid of Rhodesian Ridgeback welfare.

To participate you make a donation of £12, or multiples thereof, this covers membership of the 100 Club for one year. Each £12 will give you a set of 4 numbers which will be allocated in numerical order on receipt of each application, for the year. Each month, on the last day of the month, 3 numbers will be randomly selected by computer and prizes distributed to those 100 Club members with the matching numbers. 50% of every donation will be used for Ridgeback welfare and the remaining 50% will go in prize money. Full 100 membership results in the following monthly prizes: -

1st £25 - 2nd £15 - 3rd £10.

100 Club Results

September 2017 - Suzanne Smith*. Kerry Davis. Mr and Mrs Clothier.
October 2017 - Lucy Strickland. Jennifer Singleton. Mrs Maria Roberts.
November 2017 - Emma Meadows. Anne Beesley. Bill Bensusan.
December 2017 - Glen Chapman*. Dave Clout. Glynis Dewhurst.
January 2018 - Mr and Mrs Svoboda. Val and John Hole. Lesley Pinney*.
February 2018 - Janice Thirkettle. Pamela Maisey*. Ian Tattershall*.
March 2018 - Mick Dawe. Mrs Judy Bell. Julie Holder.
April 2018 - Emma Meadows. Sheila Cooksey. Dr MH Draisey. * Donates given back to trust.

Until the full 100 membership is reached, prizes will be issued pro rata. If, as we hope, we get more than 100 members it may become a 200, 300 or even a 400 Club and the prize money will be increased, as will the benefit to the Ridgebacks needing our help.

Please make your donation by cheque, payable to "RRWT", and post to **Mrs. Maggie Higgins, Rosehill Farm, Steeple Claydon, Buckingham, Buckinghamshire. MK18 2HH**, accompanied by the tear off slip below.

THE RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK WELFARE TRUST 100 CLUB

I would like to start / renew my membership of the RRWT 100 CLUB,

I enclose my cheque for £..... being my entry for sets of 100 Club numbers.
(nb £12 gives an entry for one set of numbers).

You will be notified of your numbers by email if possible or in writing. Prizewinners will be notified in writing each month.

Name -----

Address -----

Postcode -----

Email ----- (please write clearly)
We could let you know your numbers by email and save the cost of a stamp.

Signature ----- Date -----

(PLEASE USE CAPITALS TO COMPLETE).

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CHIEVELEY SUMMER RALLY 2018 Sunday 1st July

12 noon – 4:00pm

CHIEVELEY RECREATIONAL CENTRE

Chieveley, Berkshire, RG20 8TE

Come & join in the fun at our Summer Rally in aid of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Welfare Trust.

If you've been before, you'll know how much fun it is and if you haven't, we'll be delighted to welcome you & you'll very quickly find yourself among friends.

Bring the whole family, your dog(s) & some money for a great day out in the sun, if we can arrange it with the weather man

If we can't, bring wet weather gear, brollies etc. as we'll carry on outdoors unless it really tips it down, in which case we can retire inside the centre.

We look forward to seeing you at Chieveley, the day will feature:

Rescue Parade - Fun Classes - Fastest Recall – Raffle - Bikkie Catching – Agility - Rosettes - Fun Races – Ploughman's Lunch - Fantastic RR Merchandise - Picnic Area

For your comfort, don't forget to bring your folding chairs/rugs etc. Tea, coffee & soft drinks will be available from 12.00 noon.

Admission is £2.50 per adult (pay on the gate), children & dogs are free

All dogs are regarded as Honorary Ridgebacks for the day.

Please email us ridgebackwelfare@rrwt.org or **telephone 01296 730696** to let us know you're coming. If you would like to help the Trustees by being part of the Rally Support Team, please indicate in your email which team you would like to volunteer for and then we will contact you a week before the event to arrange: -

- **Set up Team** (commitment: -about 1 hour before the start of the rally)
- **Merchandise Team** (commitment: -1 hour during the day on a pre-arranged rota)
- **Clear up Team** (commitment: -about 30 mins at end of the rally)

DIRECTIONS: -

Leave M4 at Junction 13 & take A34 towards Oxford. Almost immediately, take slip road **signposted**

"Chieveley, Beedon & Hermitage". Keep to the left & turn left at top of slip road **into Graces Lane.**

Pass Red Lion pub on left. Graces Lane then becomes High Street. The Recreational Centre is about ¼ **mile on right past Red Lion.** Total distance from M4 under 1 mile. **Postcode RG20 8TE.**

TRUSTEES

Jan Grimwood (Chairman), Clive Higgins, Maggie Higgins, Jenny Maitland-Jones, Mick O'Reardon, Richard Watts

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Cordially invites you & your hounds to join us for a fun afternoon at the

Rosehill Jamboree 2018

Rosehill Farm, Steeple Claydon, MK18 2HH.

Sunday 2nd September

12 noon - 4.00pm

- High Jump
- Raffle
- Agility Obstacle Course
- Scurry against the Clock
- RRWT Merchandise
- Free Tea, Coffee & Squash
- All Dogs Honorary Ridgebacks for the Day
- RRC of GB Fun Dog Show

Plus, for a small donation, Wonderful homemade Chilli-con-carne, with jacket potato or rice.

every penny we raise will help Ridgebacks in need.

So please bring a hound or two, a huge smile & some money & we'll do the rest.

Take the opportunity to walk with your dogs around about 30 acres of the normally private parts of Rosehill and talk to other Ridgeback owners, the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Great Britain and the Trustees of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Welfare Trust

Look forward to seeing you there!

* Many of our rescued RRs are kenneled with Maggie at Rosehill whist we look for suitable forever homes for them, so there may be a number available for you to meet on the day.

Yes please, I/we'd love to come to the Rosehill Jamboree on Sunday 2 September 2018

Name No. of Adults No. of Children No. of Dogs

Address

Email Telephone

P.S. I/we would love to help the Trustees by being part of the Jamboree Support Team.

Please tick which team you would like to volunteer for and then we will call you a week before the event to arrange:



Set up Team (commitment: - approx. 1 hour before the start of the Jamboree)

Clear up Team (commitment: - approx. 30 mins at end of the rally)

**Please post to: - Maggie Higgins - RRWT, Rosehill Farm, Steeple Claydon, Bucks, MK18 2HH
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