



Welcome

Dear Ridgeback Lover,



Once again it is spring Newsletter time, and we are looking forward to a really good year celebrating the 25 years that have passed since this charity was set up. None of the original founders could have foreseen the Trust's future in terms of the scale of the challenges we face, and the degree to which our social and doggy worlds have changed. Of our founder members, only **Jan Grimwood** remains as Trustee (and she has recently stepped down from the Chair). But on a very positive note, we have recently been lucky to attract new Trustees with new ideas, and a bequest from the estate of the late **Hilary Maddox** means we are in a much less precarious monetary state than most of us remember from years gone by. Just as well, in view of the increasing number of Ridgebacks needing our help.

People: **Jan Grimwood** tendered her resignation as Chair of the charity at our AGM in February, but we are glad she still remains a Trustee. In her place Trustees unanimously elected **Rich Watts** to the Chair. At the same time **Sheila Cooksey** was elected as a Trustee, and brings dedication and expertise to our efforts.

Our doings – in December last year we held our last Christmas party. Originally designed to thank our supporters for all they do, it had become apparent that fewer people were turning out to come to it, and regretfully we decided it should no longer take place and have decided to focus our attention on our summer events. In February we held our AGM and were pleased to welcome **Mike House**, secretary of the Southern Rhodesian Ridgeback Club, to discuss SRRA participation in our Chieveley rally in July. In March we took our usual ring-side stand at Crufts, and later the same month attended the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Great Britain's AGM. In May by invitation we attended the SRRA's Championship Show.

Rescues...

Our Motto: EVERYBODY DESERVES A SECOND CHANCE

During 2018 the Trust **rehomed 11 bitches and 14 dogs**. Since the New Year we have helped Sonny, Stanley, Poppy and Zorro into their new homes, and now have Lenka, Chyulu, Blue and Len in kennels waiting for their new lives to start.



Stanley; was a 12 year old dog who'd been abandoned on the streets. We were able to step in and Pauline, one of our supporters fell in love with him and well.... The rest is history.

Stanley as he was handed to the Trust

Stanley with his new best pal Pauline, he really has become a lap dog!!!



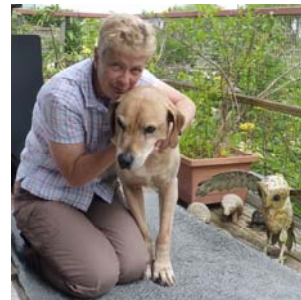
New Trustee takes up the lead. . .

At its recent meeting, the Rhodesian Ridgeback Welfare Trust elected a new Trustee, Sheila Cooksey.

Sheila has supported the Trust since owning her first Ridgeback, in fact a Ridgeback x Border Collie. Until recently she had had only girls, however when her late friend, Hilary Maddox, whom many of you will know as a trustee and staunch advocate of the Trust, was in her last days nearly five years ago, she agreed to take on her male MToto. She has since learned what a different kettle of fish these boys are! He is now 12 years and 6 month old, and was lucky enough to survive GDV (Bloat) in Feb 2018. Sheila is also a dog trainer, with over 10 years' experience and her moto for owners is "never give up and never despair!" Especially true of the young Ridgeback.

In Sheila's own words "I have supported the RRWT since owning my first girl, and feel very honoured & privileged to be asked to become one of their Trustees. I know personally just how much they care and look out for the breed, and this is especially true when they stepped in to help my adopted boy last year."

Sheila pictured with MToto



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The RRWT needs

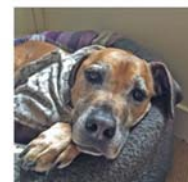


They're here!.....Well not unless we get your photos

So please please please, send us your photos for inclusion in the 2020 calendar.

Email Clive.Higgins@rrwt.org


Rhodesian Ridgeback
• WELFARE TRUST •



Calendar 2019

What's Next?

What's Next: the Trust will attend the **RRCGB's Open Show on Sunday 2nd June**. The **Chieveley Rally on Sunday 7th July** is expected to attract a lot of people, as it will for the first time combine the Trust with members of the SRRA as well as the customary supporters from the RRCGB. A special programme of attractions is being composed, and there is to be a return to the traditional barbecue lunch together with salads and cheese. Should be good! And advance warning, don't forget to put **Sunday 1st September** in your diary, the date of the **famous Rosehill Jamboree** and a chance to view Maggie's happy kennels.

SEE YOU THERE!



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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 Club membership results in the following monthly prizes:-

1st £25 - 2nd £15 - 3rd £10

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, Bucks. MK18 2HH

accompanied by the tear-off slip below.

Winners for May 2018 through April 2019 are:

First	Second	Third
May 2018. David Thirtle,	David & Daphne Walch*.	Mr Fieldhouse *.
June 2018. Vikki Cook,	Mr & Mrs Jefferson*,	Linda Thompson*.
July 2018. Claire Kapma- Saunders,	Emma Meadows,	Caroline Thompson.
Aug 2018. Mr & Mrs Jagger,	Dave Clout,	Julie Coleman*.
Sept 2018. Mrs Judy Bell*,	Mrs Peggy Wilson,	Bill Bensusan.
Oct 2018. Mrs A Goodman.	Janet Warren-Dunford.	Mrs A Humphries.
Nov 2018. Mrs A Pielaki.	Helen Hedger.	Mrs I Cook.
Dec 2018. Glen Chapman.*.	Mike & Karen Roberts.	Vivienne Morris.
Jan 2019. K&M Jefferson.	Caroline Seymour.	Sue Stock.
Feb 2019. Peggy Wilson.	Kerry Davies.	Michael Daw.
Mar 2019. Ronald Mitchell.	Nicola Lelliot.	Daphne Walsh*
Apr 2019. Emma Meadows.	Valerie Hole.	Otto & Elizabeth Svoboda.

* denotes donation given back to the Welfare Trust

THE RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK WELFARE TRUST 100 CLUB

I would like to join/renew my membership of the RRWT 100 Club.

I enclose my cheque for £.....being my entry forsets of numbers.

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

Name (caps. please)

Address (caps. please)

PostcodeEmail(save us a stamp please!)

Signature..... Date

Some of you have enquired about the cost of merchandise and we have included a selection of items together with their cost below. Merchandise can be purchased at our events or via mail order. We also have a new range of ladies and men's long sleeve and short sleeve t shirts. Please contact Tracy Beswick for further details

[Email: tracy.beswick@rrwt.org](mailto:tracy.beswick@rrwt.org)



New – Ladies T-shirts (short sleeve)	£9.50
New – Ladies T-shirts (long sleeve).....	£10.50
New – Men's T-Shirts (short sleeve).....	£11.00
New – Men's T-shirts (long sleeve)	£13.50
Polo shirts navy, wine or pale blue S,M,L & XL...	£15.00
T-shirt Natural - puppies print .XS, S & M	£12.50
Grey marl T-shirt with Brutus print S,L,XL & XXL..	£12.50
Ridgeback Puppies canvas shopper	£5.00
Spiral Note Book.....	£4.00
Yo Yo	50p
Rhodesian Ridgeback Birthday Cards (Singl.....)	£1.85
Fridge Magnets	£4.50
Car window sticker	50p
Smelly Dogs - air freshener	£2.99
Brutus Pen	£1.50
Ridgeback Roller ball pen	£3.99
Ridgeback Plaque	£9.95
Silver & Gold RR zip/phone charm	£6.99
Tea Towels ..	£5.00
RRWT Bath Towel.....	£13.00
RRWT Hand Towel.....	£8.00
RRWT Face Cloth.....	£3.00
Twool Dog Leads.....	£17.00



Agility



Bikkie Catching

Chieveley Summer Rally 2019

Sunday 7th JULY - 12 noon ~ 4.00pm

CHIEVELEY RECREATIONAL CENTRE,
Chieveley, Berkshire, RG20 8TE.

Raffles

Rescue Parade

Rosettes

Prizes

Fun Races

Fastest Recall

Come & join in the fun at our Annual Summer Rally, as it will for the first time combine the Trust with members of the SRRA as well as the customary supporters from the RRCGB. . 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

And 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.

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

Fun Classes

Picnic Area

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

All dogs are regarded as Honorary Ridgebacks for the day.

The Rally is in aid of The Rhodesian Ridgeback Welfare Trust, so please bring any gifts you can for the Raffle.

Please let us know you're coming. We look forward to seeing you.

Fantastic RR Merchandise

Meet up with Friends

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.

Please let us know if you can come
(Including number of adults/Children & dogs)

Contact: Rich Watts

Richard.watts@rrwt.org

We look forward to seeing you there

P.S. And I/we would love to help the Trustees by being part of the Rally 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 rally)
- **Merchandise Team** (commitment:- 1 hour during the day on a pre-arranged rota)
- **Clear up Team** (commitment:- approx 30 mins at end of the rally)

Please email to :- Richard.watts@rrwt.org



Rosehill Jamboree 2019

Sunday 1st September - 12 noon ~ 4.00pm

Rosehill Farm, Steeple Claydon, MK18 2HH.

PLUS

The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Great Britain will host a Fun Dog Show



- The Jamboree is a social event for Ridgebacks and their owners, during the afternoon there will be entertainments including a competitive high jump and obstacle course
- Food:** - A chilli con carne lunch will be available, plus tea & coffee for you to sit and chat with other Ridgeback owners
- Treasure Hunt;** - We'll be running our popular treasure hunt, around some 40 acres of Rosehill, including 3 acres of Woodland. This year you'll have to guess some well known catchphrases
- Merchandise;** - You'll be able to buy our RRWT merchandise, including some new items that will be on sale for the first time

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