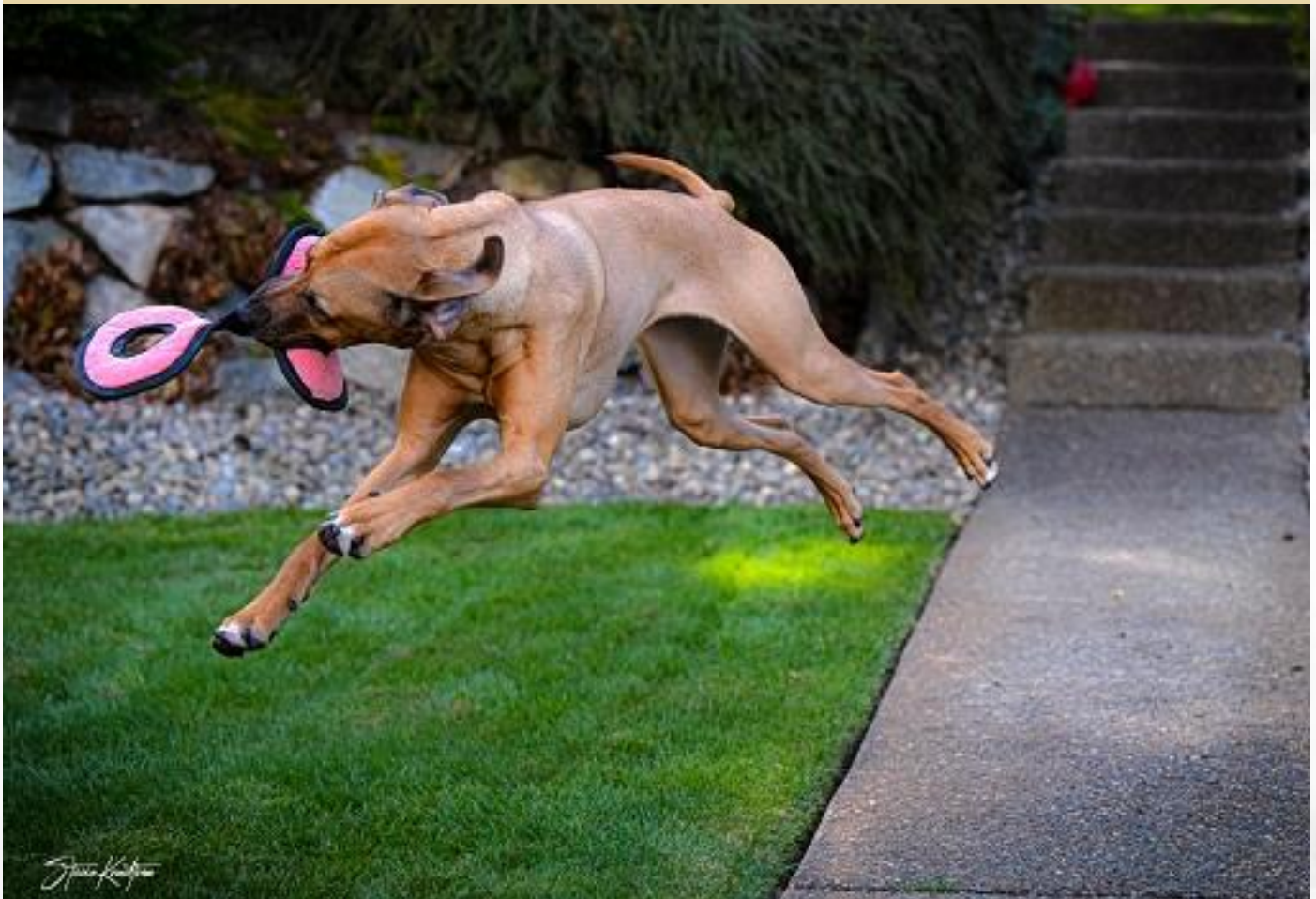




NWRRC -  
Newsletter

Apr. 15,  
2022



Yay, it's SPRING!

Welcome to the Apr 15, 2022 issue of our club newsletter. For the second issue in a row, our cover girl is Frankie, photo taken by her talented human mom and NWRRC member, Stacie Knudtsen. Thank you, Stacie!

The image at left is Jim Osborne's Kali and Zeva: wow!

We'd LOVE to use your pix! Please



## NWRRC

This issue includes a "Health" section, and we're starting it off with information about INHERITED ARRHYTHMIA submitted by breeder-member Kathy Thompson.

Our next issue will include a Training article: "Proofing Your Dog" from our very own Lorraine Pedersen.

We need your input and feedback! You're invited to submit information for our next issue - and we ask that you please do so by July 1, 2022 via email: [info@atlassmarketing.com](mailto:info@atlassmarketing.com)

send us news, events and images you'd like us to include by July 1st for the Jul 15th enews.

This newsletter is sent out to the entire current membership list of the Northwest Rhodesian Ridgeback Club [NWRRC].

NWRRC started in January 1989 and as a regional club, covers Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. If you know a Ridgeback owner in our area, and would like to encourage them to join our club, please forward this newsletter to them and encourage them to join! [Click here to get an application](#) OR email [nwrccorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:nwrccorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com)

Thanks for reading!

Lorraine and Lorilee

## Club News & Information

### Board & Committee Members

### Email the Board/Corresponding Secretary

**Next Club Meeting:** May 3rd/Membership; June 7th/BOD. (The NWRRC Club Meeting Schedule: First Tuesday of every month - odd months are general membership meetings and even months are BOD meetings)

# Member Brags



**NEW CHAMPION!** "Tia," shown with owner/handler Jamie Eggleston, bred by Debbie Brower, is now CH Jesmyster's Mystical Once Upon A Time RN DCAT ATT SC.



**NEW CHAMPION!** "Teya," shown above with handler Mary Mattix, is now Ch K-Tai Teyana from Kandu [breeder/owner Kathy Thompson]



**NEW CHAMPION!** "Coco," shown here with breeder/owner/handler Laura Bussard, is now CH Sweet Creek's Truly Scrumptious. Coco is co-owned and co-bred with Andrea Wickham.

**NOTE on "Brag"**  
**Submissions:**  
**Please limit to special awards and new titles only.**



## Member Marketplace

- Do you have RR related items for sale or trade?
- Are you looking for used crates or specialty items?
- Selling? Send us a pic, your contact info and the price
- Seeking/Want-to-buy? Tell us



## Max's Story, cont:

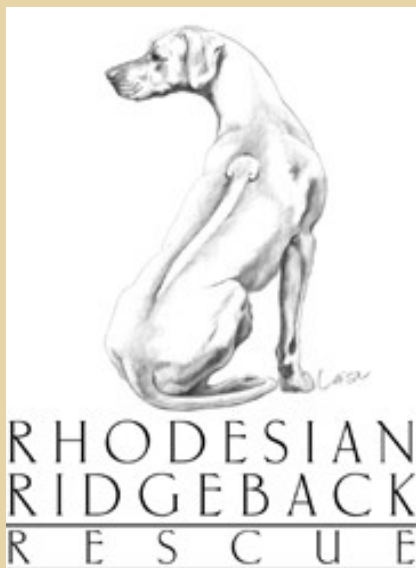
Things were going ok - Max was overweight, they were working on getting his weight down, however they were having a hard time getting him to eat - he was not overly interested in anything they tried. Max really got attached to Laurie and became her shadow!

When Lorraine met Max, she found it odd that he had such a sagging stomach but could feel his ribs easily. She noticed he seemed to have some sort of lump on his lower left abdomen and his stomach didn't feel right. Talking to the Todds about it, it was decided that when Max was under for his neuter, to

what you're looking for and provide contact details that you want published

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

Submit marketplace items and wanted items here



**NEWS from The Pacific Northwest region of Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc (RRRI), the official rescue for the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States:** click on the image below to submit an image to [Rescue's 2023 Ridgeback-a-Day Calendar](#) - the biggest annual Rescue fundraiser!

have vet investigate the lump and stomach.

Max started passing black tarry stools a week later. The Todds contacted their vet, the vet was concerned enough that they suggested Max head to urgent care. The news was not good - there was a mass on his liver, likely a mass in his chest and his lungs had collapsed. Which the vet had noticed he was having trouble breathing upon exam. Rather than see him suffer, the decision was made to put Max to sleep. The Todds had had him for just two months. Though it is a sad ending, at least Max felt unconditional love once again. This is the bittersweet part of rescue.

**WE ARE 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.

Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue: Pacific Northwest Region on Facebook!

**HEALTH:** RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK INHERITED ARRHYTHMIA, submitted by breeder member Kathy Thompson

If you were attending the last shows in Albany, you may have seen some Ridgeback people attaching a strange object to one of the pups following the show. You may have also heard some of us talking about the Holter monitor that is making the rounds of several breeders and their puppy people in the Northwest.

The holter monitor we were attaching

**2023 Ridgeback-a-Day Calendar**  
**Now Accepting PHOTO and calendar ORDERS!**  
*Submit yours today to ensure your Ridgeback is included!*

**Features...**

- 365-day, desktop-style calendar with a different Ridgeback picture each day
- Spiral-binding, suitable as a memento or collectible
- Request preferred days for displaying your dogs
- All Rhodesian Ridgebacks are eligible – not just rescue dogs

Show off your talented Ridgebacks and support rescue dogs in need at the same time. Submit your pictures, pre-order your discounted calendars, and show off your photographic skills, all in one stop shopping!

And the calendars make great gifts!

The Ridgeback-a-Day Calendar is the **biggest annual fundraiser** for Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc., and your support is important.

20+ Years of Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue by Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.

Calendar delivery is anticipated in late fall 2023!

Want to see your Ridgeback in a calendar?  
<https://www.ridgebackrescue.org/calendar/orders/order.php>

It doesn't matter if you have one, or a ton. Everyone can have their own Rhodesian Ridgeback calendar with 365 gorgeous Ridgebacks and their friends!

Now's the time to submit photos of your Ridgebacks and their buddies.

Find out more for submitting photos at  
<https://www.ridgebackrescue.org/calendar/>

## Max's Story:

Max came into rescue just shy of his 7th birthday. He had been with an owner who adored him and took him everywhere, but that owner passed away, and Max ended up with family members who did not want him.

Lisa Acton, our ID Coordinator, managed to talk the family into turning him over to us rather than euthanize him, which is what they intended to do. When Lisa met the family to turn Max over, they had administered ACE and was so heavily dosed, he could not walk and did not regain his normal faculties for over 29hrs.

The family let Lisa know that they disciplined Max with an oversized butterknife - they would show it to him when he was displaying unwanted behavior and if he didn't stop, they would hit him with it, apparently on his head.

Several people were involved in Max's transport from Idaho to Edmonds, WA - thanks to Lisa, Jennifer Annell & Andy Hilzer and Jeanette Ennis to get him from Point A to Point B - to his foster home, Tom & Laurie Todd, in Edmonds WA. The Todds have adopted several dogs from us over the years (including a middle aged pair that Norm and Teri Kruse transported to WA a few years ago). [see top of next column]

to the pup obtains a 24 hour EKG reading which is then sent to a lab which does a reading to see if an arrhythmia exists. If it does, then that pup is known as "affected". A pup who does not have an arrhythmia is known as "clear".

Below is a description of the condition for which we are testing:

Information from NC State Veterinary Hospital that provides genetic testing for Rhodesian Ridgebacks:

<https://cvm.ncsu.edu/genetics/rhodesian-an-ridgeback-inherited-arrhythmia-rr-iva/>

A RRCUS club member found that the DNA test doesn't seem to be predictive of the arrhythmia so Holter monitoring has become our default test. At present the four breeders who have gone in together to buy a Holter monitor are just collecting initial data. A couple of other breeders have been testing for several years. We don't know yet how many Ridgebacks are affected although it has been estimated that as many as 80% of Ridgebacks may be affected.

If anyone with further questions may find answers at the Rhodesian Ridgeback Inherited Arrhythmia (RR IVA) Facebook group.

## Upcoming Events — [click for the latest](#)

04/22-04/25/22: NWRRC AKC FAST CATs in Lewiston

05/03/22: Club Meeting on Zoom - all members are welcome to attend!

05/07-08/22: WWKC & RKC FAST CATs in Kennewick, WA

05/21-22/22: MBKC & BVKA AKC FAST CATs in Lynden, WA

06/04-05/22: NWRRC AKC Lure Coursing Trials

07/16-17/22: NWRRC AKC Lure Coursing Trials

**See the NWRRC website for more info, premiums, etc.**



## Northwest Rhodesian Ridgeback Club

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**Email Us with Your Brags,  
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to be in the July 15th issue!**

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