



NWRRC -
Newsletter

November 15,
2023

Fall–Winter Happenings



Pardon me for the earlier faux paw :-)
but this is the one you should be
getting... all errors are mine so know
that I appreciate your forbearance!

It's our Fall-Winter issue, and our dogs



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like nothing more than to either run through that leaf pile you worked all afternoon on OR to snuggle up by the fire. How about BOTH?!

Issue highlights include:

- Member profile of Kathy Thompson of K-Tai RRs: a founding member of our club and a widely known and respected breeder since 1980!
- Training - Trifecta Part 3 - Walking on a Leash - by Lorraine Pedersen
- Club News and Announcements
- Member brags: rack 'em up, members!

ALSO: be sure to check out the **NWRRC Owner-Handler Program!** This is a member-only program designed to recognize and reward owners and their dogs who enjoy competition and/or everyday activities together. [Learn more here!](#)

Our cover Girl is Kirsi Larjava's Odessa up in BC, followed by Lorraine Pedersen's Zak facing off with foster, Bella, and then there's Stacie & Jere Knudtsen's Frankie, using her Great Dane brother, Dex, as a pillow (what else is a girl to do?), and lastly, Jeanette Ennis' Hedy Lamarr out rocking the tractor during Fall clean-up at her home. Thanks, members, for your pix!

The Northwest Rhodesian Ridgeback Club [NWRRC] was founded in 1989. The Club's goal is to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Rhodesian Ridgebacks and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection through activities such as lure coursing, tracking, obedience, agility, temperament testing, herding and conformation showing.

SPECIAL NOTE: in the next week, you'll be receiving a 2nd enews - that's right! - on "**The NWRRC Does South**



Dakota" which will showcase our members' participation and awards at the national specialty held last month. We'd hoped to get it out today and apologize for the delay!

Thanks for reading!

We'd LOVE to use your pix! Please send us news, events and images you'd like us to include by 1/31/24 for the Feb. 15th enews: info@atlassmarketing.com

Club News & Information

NWRRC Owner Handler Program! ATTENTION NWRRC OWNER HANDLERS
The new 2024 year for the Owner Handler Program is about to start. Get your applications in now and start collecting points. **New members:** click [HERE](#) for more info - this is NOT a "show dog only" program - earn points for MANY activities! Fill out an application and send it in along with your \$10 program fee.
Returning members: just put your name, dog's call name, write RENEWAL somewhere on the application and send with your \$10 program fee

GREAT GIFTS AND ROSETTES FOR ALL
QUESTIONS? We've got the answers!! EMAIL US! Teri: terikruse@gmail.com or Cindi: socal54@sbcglobal.net

2025 NWRRC Specialty: it's REALLY gonna happen! It will be held Sunday, July 6th, 2025, in Puyallup, WA in conjunction with the Seattle Kennel Club All Breed Show. Our first Specialty will be conformation only - this will expand at future specialties! Please stay tuned for more details & 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: Dec 5th and Feb 6th/BOD; Jan 2nd and Mar 5th/Membership.

NWRRRC has meetings on the first Tues of each month. Odd months are general membership meetings and even months are BOD meetings

Litter Announcement!

Debbie Brower, Jesmyster Ridgebacks, has a litter due Dec 7th! The Sire is Drew, GCh Ch Jesmysters Tux & Tails, CGC, BCAT, TKI and the Dam is Sophie, GChB Ch Jesmysters Lady Sophia, CGC, BN, RN, BCAT. Debbie welcomes inquiries so please email or call to learn more jdbrower@owt.com Ph 509-366-8368 (below is pic of a past Jesmyster litter)



Member Brags – New Titles!



Rayne, is now FC Beaubijou Ayvy Rayne by Kumani SC. Congratulations Aimee Hart!



Zak and his momma Lorraine



Titus, is now AKC CH Makonde's Rising Fever Titus JC. He is owned by Sharee Schreiner and bred by Holly Simon. Congratulations!



Lauren Beyer's 2 RRs are tearing it up. **Kya** [see above] is now IntCH Roka Heartland Ridge Kya By Aegis at Sierra Ridge - and Lauren's **Sierra** [see below] is now HIT6 ComCH MACH3 ARR Sierra Mountain Dew, BN RA FDC SC MXC MJC MXF T2B2 CA BCAT SCN SIN SEN RATO CGCA CGCU TKA ATT ET SSA. **WOW!!!!!!**

Greta, above, is a **DUAL CHAMPION!** She earned her AKC CH and then wham, earned a FC as well. Greta is now DC K-Tai Sirius Impact BCAT SC. Congratulations to Kathy Thompson!

Kris Grant's **Steve** GCH K-Tai Teyana's Lion Hunter FDC now has his ATT, CGC, and TKI!

Cindi Pike's **Declan** is now Pupukearidge Highlander's Sovereign CGC TKN and her **Rhosin** earned her Rally Intermediate title and is now Highlander's Rowdy Bairn of Kandou, ATT RN RI

Way to go NWRRC Members!

Pedersen earned his OA title! Zak is now UCD GCh Jesmyster Exactly Right Kito, HIC, BN, CGC, CD, RE, ACT1, ACT1J, RE, TT, BCAT, NAJ, OA Way to go, team!



NOTE on "Braggs": for new titles and special awards. Annually, we will highlight placements and wins at Specialty and National shows.



Betsy Metcalf's **Zenyatta**, is now a Detective Dog! Her full - and VERY impressive AKC name is: FC Int'l CH Arr Zenyatta Dew, RA, TDX, SC, AX, AXJ, NAP, NJP, BCAT, SWE, SCM, SIM, SEM, SHDE, RATS, CGC, TKA, VC.



The Training Trifecta Part 3 WALKING on LEASH

Our last column dealt with Training Trifecta Part 2 - Recall. This issue our subject is Walking on a Leash.

Walking a dog should be an enjoyable activity, but with a dog that pulls, lags or runs all over the place, it is no fun at all and can even be dangerous. When your dog doesn't know how to walk properly on a leash, you can trip



RESCUE IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF FOSTER HOMES.

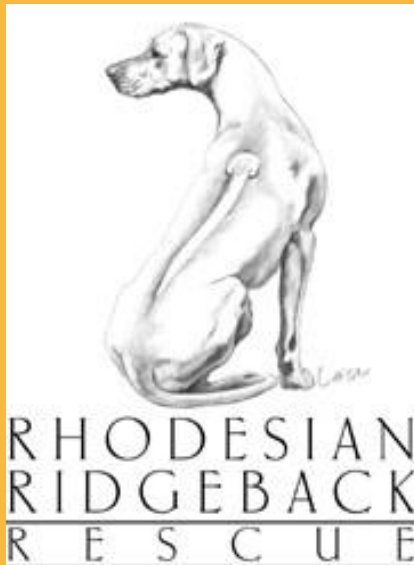
We also need volunteers for home checks, dog evaluation (breed identification and temperament), transport of dogs or equipment. Donations of items such as dog beds, collars, leashes, coats and other RR-sized items are always welcome as well.

Please reach out to our regional volunteers if you can help!
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over your dog, get pulled over or even dragged.

So how do you get your dog to walk correctly on leash? Training!! And when you are ready to start working with your dog, the first thing you need to do is look at your equipment. (con't on NWRRC.net - click on the link below to see the entire article and complete "Training Trifecta")

[See Parts 1, 2, and 3 here..](#)



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

Spotlight on Bella
(one of the "PacNW 10')

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Even if you think you are in our system, please contact your State Coordinator if you are interested or want to learn more. **We CAN make a difference!**

**Rhodesian Ridgeback
Rescue: Pacific
Northwest Region on
Facebook!**



MEMBER PROFILE:

Kathy Thompson, founding member, 1989!

Kathy Thompson, of K-Tai Rhodesian Ridgebacks, was a founding member of our Club, which was formed in 1989. She has served on the board at various times and was a two-term Club President.

Kathy says, "I don't think the club has changed much except for the increase in numbers and the Facebook group. The club still makes education a priority and welcomes new Ridgeback owners. We also still have hard workers and great enthusiasm."

Kathy has been a resource for untold numbers of RR people in the Pacific Northwest and her dogs' pedigree can be found nationwide. Kathy has been breeding Ridgebacks since 1980 - her foundation bitch was "Tai,"

Submitted by Lorraine Pedersen: I just wanted to share how much better my foster dog, Bella, is doing. She came to me in early May this year - overweight, sick, shut down, skittish (see pic above). She has lost a little over 20 pounds, is active and playful and showing and asking for affection (see "after" at top of column on the right). This girl would not let me touch her and she would run into her crate and absolutely NOT come out. She now gets excited when she sees the leash and will let me attach it. She lets me dremel her nails and I recently treated her for an ear infection. She loves to ride in the car and she is an excellent traveler.

The only way you can create and enjoy such a transformation from a sick, unhappy, shut down dog who has never been in a house and is afraid of everything to a dog that runs and plays, loves car rides, wears pajamas at night and generally loves life now - FOSTER A DOG IN NEED!! I have been fostering for decades and I never fail to be amazed at the changes I see in dogs. Bella is ready to go to a new home - just the right home, and I will be picky!! She will make a fabulous loving pet for her new adopter and she does need another dog. You can find out more at <https://www.ridgebackrescue.org/dogs/available.php...>

Ch Askari's Tai of DeGeare CDX TD and a weight pull champion. Yes, you read that correctly: a weight pull champion. Kathy has done a wide variety of things with her dogs, and in addition to weight pull, there's everything from truffle hunting to lure coursing, obedience, and conformation.

Kathy says that, "I retired about five years ago from my career as a registered nurse, primarily in the area of Public Health. Having never been married or had children, Ridgebacks became my family. I also trained horses for a couple of decades, most recently teaching my neighbor's two horses to drive. I now have the honor of caring for my Mom, who is almost 98 years old, so each day is a gift. The dogs love her. If they get too rambunctious, Mom just shakes her walker at them!"

(con't on NWRRC.net - click on the link below)

To learn more about Kathy and to see other Member Profiles:
<https://www.nwrcc.net/memberprofiles>

Know a member you'd like to see profiled? Please email info@atlassmarketing.com

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

LURE COURSING AND FAST CATS: We had a fantastic year this year which included supporting two National Specialties - we have a great reputation for being the best at hosting Fast CAT's and Lure Coursing. However, **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!!!!** Volunteers get very well fed by our fantastic chef Larry and have the opportunity to learn a lot about the sport they are volunteering for and meet more club members and dog people of many different breeds. Currently, due to a shortage of volunteers, we only have 3 events set up for 2024 - Lewiston April

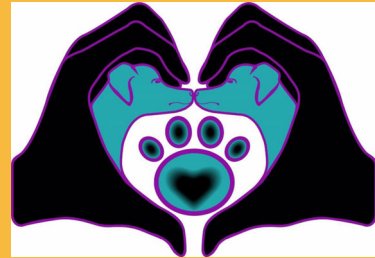
19-22, Lynden May 17-20 and Sequim July 26-28. Fast CAT's are our club's big moneymaker - if we can't put on these events, we will lose a big part of our income. So please consider volunteering - it's fun and educational and you don't have to be there the whole day. You can sign up for half a day, a couple of hours or just show up and say you want to help and we can put you to work! Contact Jamie if you would like to find out more or help! Jamie's email is whitewingz@aol.com

[See the NWRRC website for more info, premiums, etc.](#)

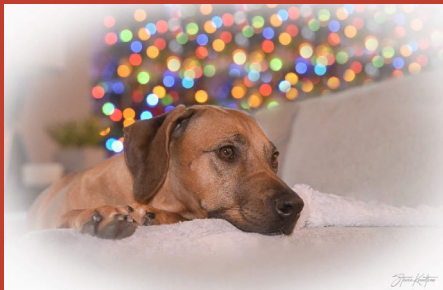
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- Canine Massage [humans, too!] by our own Jennifer Pumpelly! See her beautiful logo at right and for more info, see Hands 4 Hounds on FB at <https://www.facebook.com/Hands4hounds>
- Paracord Whelping Collars! \$1/ea. + shipping, sold in pks of 6 or 12. See pic at the right! Contact Millie Taplin: Taplinskydance@gmail.com
- Petsitting in your home!: Lorraine Pederson highly recommends Kelly Wallace - you can reach her at warrrescue@hotmail.com
- Selling or Seeking? Send us a pic, your contact info and the price



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



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