

Rhodesian Ridgeback Welfare Trust

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Newsletter May 2017

Dear Ridgeback Lover

PEOPLE: We are very glad to say that **Clive Higgins'** health continues to improve and he continues to play his enormously important part in placing our Rescues in their forever homes. Meetings of Trustees have greatly benefited from the presence of **Cath Davis** and **Rachel Tredwell**, both committee members of the Rhodesian Club of Great Britain. **Tracy Beswick** who is taking over our merchandising ran a survey of the kinds of goods our supporters like to buy and is planning a re-stock, so watch out for this at forthcoming events. We are glad to say that **Kelly Ashton**, who runs a dog-walking business and is interested in canine behaviourism, tells us she has completed a house move and will now be able to devote more time to helping the Welfare Trust. We are very much in **need of an IT enthusiast**, to monitor web postings and alert us to what else is going on, and to provide timely news of our doings to a wider audience. All offers to help us will be very gratefully received, so let's hear from you.

*Our motto: **EVERYBODY DESERVES A SECOND CHANCE***

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING: In November the Welfare Trust manned a stand at the **Interclub Grand Challenge Match** hosted by the RRCGB. Our **Christmas party** at Shipton-under-Wychwood in December was a bit of a disappointment in terms of numbers, but those who did come thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Please note that this year it will take place on **Sunday 10th December**, and not as given in the WT calendar – someone else nicked our usual date. In February the Welfare Trust attended a seminar on **Juvenile Myoclonic Epilepsy** (also put on by RRCGB), a new and serious scourge of juvenile ridgebacks, the genetics of which have been unravelled by interested continental European breeders. It is disappointing that some very notable British breeders failed to attend the seminar, and people need to be warned to pay attention to the details of ridgebacks that have already been scanned and certified either clear, carrier, or sufferer from the JME condition. In March the Welfare Trust manned its usual **ringside stand at Crufts** where we welcomed old friends and made many new ones. And in April, **David Coleman completed the Manchester Marathon** in 3 hours 50 minutes (thank you so much David!) and raised over £320 for us.

THE RESCUE SCENE: As ever, the numbers remain far too numerous. During 2016 the Trust rehomed 28 individuals, and 27 others whose owners had got as far as completing the surrender form had been found an alternative solution. Something like 2 applications a week are made on behalf of crossbreeds, mostly following a biting incident. Please, all you who take on a Rescue – remember to take out insurance, to cover you in case something untoward happens.

DO COME TO THE ROSEHILL JAMBOREE, SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER – JOINT EVENT WITH THE RRCGB. FUN, FROLICS, FOOD – AND LOTS OF HAPPY RIDGEBACKS TO BE SEEN.



Agility

Bikkie Catching

Bring & Buy

Chieveley Summer Rally 2017

Sunday 2nd JULY - 12 noon ~ 4.00pm
CHIEVELEY RECREATIONAL CENTRE,
Chieveley, Berkshire, RG20 8TE.

Rescue Parade

Raffles

Come & join in the fun at our Annual Summer Rally. 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.

Prizes

Rosettes

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

Fastest Recall

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.

Fun Races

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

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 and the Bring & Buy stall.
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

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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 October 2016 through April 2017 are:

	First	Second	Third
Oct.	Mrs I Cook	David & Daphne Walch	Julie Coleman
.Nov.	Mrs Judy Bell	Jenny Sharp	Emma Meadows
Dec	Vikki Cook	Brenda Griffiths	Graham Harper
Jan.	Gary Dennis	Sue Johnson	Geoff Pinkney
Feb.	Pamela Maisey	Jim Oakley	Sheila Cooksey
Mar.	Mr & Mrs Jagger	Mrs Linda Thompson*	Anne Stratton*
Apr.	Carol & Gordon Gillett	Mr & Mrs Svoboda	Glen Chapman

* 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

The RRWT needs



They're here!!! Well not unless we get your photo's



Please please please, provide us with your photo's of your rescue so they can be included in the 2018 calendar.

Email Clive Higgins
Clive.Higgins@rrwt.org

The RRWT is seeking volunteers who can help in all areas of the Trust's work, including;



- Helping out at events
- Merchandising
- Social Media (Facebook administration)

If you are able to donate some free time to assist then please contact Tracy Beswick

Email: tracy.beswick@gmail.com



And don't forget!
We look forward to seeing you at Chieveley