

POLICY- RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK REGIONAL SPECIALTY CLUBS

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Background:

There are two (2) categories of Rhodesian Ridgeback Regional Specialty Clubs: 1) Regional Clubs who have applied to RRCUS and have been accepted as a RRCUS Regional Specialty Club and separately applied to the AKC and have been approved to hold point-awarding shows, and 2) Regional Clubs who have applied to RRCUS to be accepted as a RRCUS Regional Specialty Club but do not intend to separately apply to the AKC to hold point-awarding shows (e.g., they may or may-not even hold matches). The AKC will require written approval of the Parent Breed Club (e.g., RRCUS for Rhodesian Ridgebacks) before recognizing a Regional Club.

This policy addresses categories 1 and 2 (above), and defines the requirements for a Regional Rhodesian Ridgeback Club to be recognized as a RRCUS Regional Specialty Club.

Regional Specialties will only be approved if sponsored by a RRCUS recognized Regional Club.

Requirements:

These apply to all category 1 and category 2 clubs seeking recognition by RRCUS as a Regional Specialty Club:

- 1) The Code of Ethics (COE) for the Regional Club must meet or exceed the COE published by RRCUS. A copy of each Regional Club's By Laws and Code of Ethics must be on file with the RRCUS Corresponding Secretary.
- 2) The President, Vice-President and Show Chair of the regional club must be RRCUS Members in good standing.
- 3) If the Regional Club has a website they must:
 - a. Include a valid URL link to the RRCUS Website (www.rrcus.org)
 - b. Include a valid URL link to the RRCUS Membership application form
 - c. Add a page (or a link to the RRCUS webpage) showing the benefits of belonging to RRCUS
 - d. All Web sites must be kept up to date and current links sent to RRCUS and the AKC
- 4) The Regional Club shall use RRCUS approved education and training materials.

In addition to the 4 requirements listed above, Category 1 clubs must implement the following additional requirement:

- 5) The Regional Club must offer a RRCUS approved Judges Educational Seminar **AND/OR RINGSIDE MENTORING** at their point-awarding shows. This MUST be included in the Premium List.
- 6) During this seminar or ringside mentoring RRCUS approved educational materials shall be used and the presentation will be conducted by a RRCUS approved Mentor (at no cost to the Regional club).
- 7) All Regional Clubs must offer the RRCUS Bronze Medallion for Best of Breed. This Medallion shall be obtained from the RRCUS web site. There will be no charge for the medallion.

These requirements must be met prior to receiving RRCUS approval for the Regional Specialty by April 1 of the preceding year.

Benefits to being a recognized Regional Specialty Club

- 1) A managed link from the RRCUS Website to their local website (if one exists)
- 2) Regional Clubs will receive a full B&W page advertising in the Ridgeback Magazine prior to their show at no cost to the Regional Club

THIS POLICY WILL BE IN EFFECT ON Jan 1, 2015