

## **MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE BAY AREA RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB**

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The Bay Area Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (BARRC) is a non-profit club with the proclaimed intent to:

- ❖ encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure-bred Rhodesian Ridgebacks and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- ❖ assist in Rhodesian Ridgeback rescue;
- ❖ urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club (AKC) as the only standard of excellence by which Rhodesian Ridgebacks shall be judged;
- ❖ do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, tracking tests, field trials, and other dog-related events;
- ❖ conduct specialty shows and matches, obedience trials, field trials, and other dog-related events. AKC shows, matches, trials and other events will be held under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club;
- ❖ seek cooperative action among members, owners, breeders and exhibitors of Rhodesian Ridgebacks in advancing the welfare of the breed and to cooperate with other breed clubs and associations in advancing the welfare of pure-bred dogs generally.

To this end, BARRC is working to:

- ❖ obtain AKC sanction to hold conformation matches, with the eventual goal of obtaining AKC sanction to hold a regional conformation specialty show (goal - 2 years);
- ❖ become a full member of the American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA), with all privileges for voting and participating in policy decisions (goal - 2 years);
- ❖ obtain AKC sanction to hold "fun" lure trials, with the eventual goal of obtaining AKC sanction to hold lure trials (goal - 1 year);
- ❖ obtain AKC sanction to hold obedience matches, with the eventual goal of obtaining AKC sanction to hold specialty obedience trials (goal - 4 years);
- ❖ support the parent Rhodesian Ridgeback club (RRCUS) by hosting a National Specialty show (goal - 5 years);

- ❖ support rescue efforts, both locally and at the national level, by contributing funds and by member participation (ongoing);
  - ❖ support breed-specific health research by contributing funds to programs that target health issues relevant to the breed (goal - annual);
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- ❖ support education of the public and of breeders of Rhodesian Ridgebacks on the unique characteristics and requirements of the breed (ongoing - Cow Palace benched show, website, club events, .....).

Other possible specific goals:

- ❖ support RR training activities by initiating RR-specific agility, obedience, lure coursing, and tracking classes in the Bay area;
- ❖ expand RR and general breed education by holding regular seminars on genetics, health problems, breeding (reproductive and to-the-standard), elaboration of the RR standard, raising RR puppies, training, etc. Sponsor judges' training.
- ❖ poll the membership on what activities, goals they would like to see the club pursue.

The mission statement and specific goals should be reviewed at least biannually, concurrent with the election of officers, for updating as needed based on the interests of the current membership.