



RRCUS' First Match Shows

AS SEEN IN THESE RECENTLY DONATED AND NEVER BEFORE PUBLISHED HISTORICAL PHOTOS

The Rhodesian Ridgeback was officially recognized by the American Kennel Club in 1955. But it wasn't until October 1958 that the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States held its first Specialty Show.

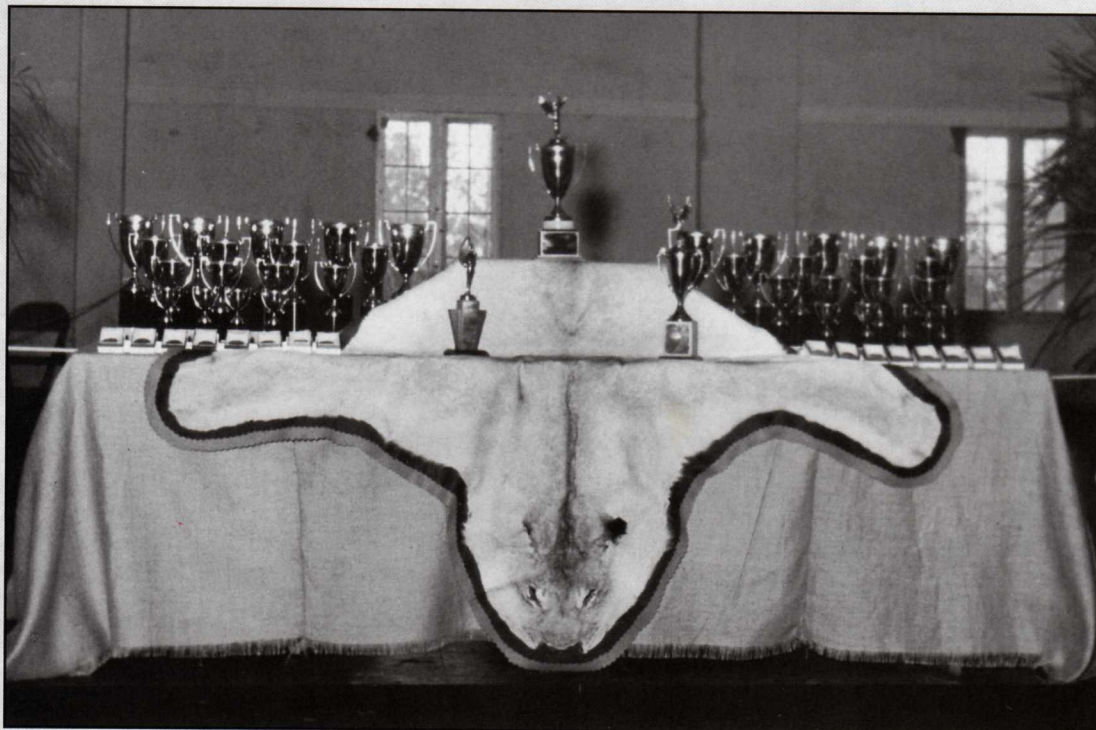
In the interim, like any fledgling dog club that wanted to be AKC sanctioned and licensed, RRCUS had to hold two match shows. The first, which was benched, was held indoors in San Diego in December 1957. The second was an outdoor show, also in San Diego, in June 1958.

Until recently, RRCUS had no visual records of either of these events, save for a montage in the catalog for the first Specialty. But thanks to the generosity of Jo Dunn of Heronhill Ridgebacks in Canada, a cache of original photos has been donated to the RRCUS archives. The photos are reprinted here. Only one is from the second outdoor match show; all the rest are of the earlier indoor show. Where possible, dogs have been identified.

Surveying these images from more than a half-century ago, several thoughts come to mind. First, important chunks of our Ridgeback history are out there, waiting to be discovered. Second, the elaborate trophies and African pelts in the photos show us a club that was serious and proud to be the guardian

of the Ridgeback in a new land. And finally, looking at the embryonic gene pool from which American fanciers began, we have come a very, very long way.

– Denise Flaim, RRCUS Historian



ABOUT THE PHOTOS

These photos were donated to the RRCUS Archives by Jo Dunn of Heronhill Ridgebacks in Canada. They are an important piece of American Ridgeback history, and we are grateful to Jo for her generous donation.





1ST MATCH - BEST IN MATCH - LITTLE JOHN OF GAZELEY



BEST OF OPPOSITE TO BEST IN MATCH - RHANI OF SWAHILI

1ST RRCUS PLAN A SANCTIONED MATCH

Electric Building – Balboa Park
San Diego, California
Sunday, Dec. 15, 1957

Judge was Mr. Lewis H. Starkey of Pasadena, Calif.
Steward was Curtis M. Brown

BEST IN MATCH

Mission's John of Gazeley
Owned by Lamarde Perro Kennel, Reg.
Handled by Harry Sangster
Bred by Julia F. Minotto
Ch Marco Polo of Gazeley x Vaal de Gazeley

BEST OF OPPOSITE TO BEST IN MATCH

Rhani of Swahili
Owned and bred by Col. M.B. DePass
Ch. Swahili's Jeff Davis x Swahili's Dixie Victoria

BEST PUPPY

Lamarde Perro's Disa
Owned and bred by Lamarde Perro Kennel, Reg.
Handled by Margaret Lowthian
Am/Can Ch. Swahili's Simba of Columbia x Morland's Tanganyika Kopje

1ST PLACE 6-9 MONTH PUPPY

Stranger

Owned by John F. Reardon
Bred by John S. Lindsey, jr.
BIS Ch. Bimbo Ponjola of Kaybar, CD x Kaybar Konakri Juba
Note: The sire of this puppy was the first-ever Best in Show Ridgeback.



BEST PUPPY - LAMARDE PERRO DISA





LAMARDE PERRO CHUPA



LAMARDE PERRO DINGAAN

1ST PLACE 9-12 MONTH PUPPY DOGS

Lamarde Perro Chupa

Owned by Richard E. and Rita A. White

Bred by Lamarde Perro Kennel, Reg.

Ch. Chipinga of Zimbabwe x Ch. Rhani van Rosenhof of Swahili

3RD PLACE 9-12 MONTH PUPPY DOGS

Lamarde Perro Dingaan

Owned and bred by Lamarde Perro Kennel, Reg.

Handled by Margaret Lowthian

Am/Can Ch. Swahili's Simba of Columbia x Morland's Tanganyika Kopje

1ST PLACE NOVICE DOG

Lamarde Perro Botha

Owned by Mrs. L.L. Gordon

Bred by E.L. Freeland and M.C. Lowthian

Am/Can Ch. Swahili's Simba of Columbia x Ch. Rhani van Rosenhof of Swahili

Note: According to personal correspondence from Col. DePass, "Botha" was a surgeried dermoid dog.



LAMARDE PERRO BOTHA



