

NOMINEES FOR 2021 SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE

DAVID BUENO, WESTWOOD

My name is David Bueno. I have lived my whole life in Northern California. I attained my first two Ridgebacks in 1990 from Deer Ridge Kennels. After they became Champions, I started breeding Ridgebacks under the kennel name Westwood. I have bred over 50 Champions to date. I have also finished and shown top winning Ridgebacks for others. I have judged several sweepstakes around the country and very much enjoy being on the other side looking in. I have a good hand on puppies. I am honored to be nominated to judge sweepstakes at the 2021 RRCUS Nationals in Virginia.



MARIE GLODOWSKI, ZAREBA

I am honored and excited to be nominated as Sweepstakes Judge for our incredible breed. One of the most fun events at the National Specialty is the Sweepstakes competition. With each assignment comes new opportunities and responsibilities for finding the dog (or bitch) that best embodies the breed we all love. When you see the Ridgebacks that pull together everything you're looking for, they can't be denied. The excitement of finding the special puppies with a bright future, or the delight in seeing the greatness in the veterans is truly an honor.



Ever since I met my first Ridgeback in 1993 then co-owned my first Ridgeback Juniors dog in 1995, this breed has been my passion. Over the past 25 years, my dogs and I have participated in conformation and various performance activities like lure-coursing, obedience and nose work. I titled my first dog, Ch. Zareba's Midnight Runner, CD, RN, JC, FCh, CGC, TT, VC (Captain), to a VC. Over the past 10 years as a breeder-owner-handler, I've finished many dogs and enjoy competition with them in conformation. Most notably, GChG. Zareba's Baddest Bess (Bess) was campaigned as one of the dogs in 2012-2013, breeder-owner-handled and every time I step in the ring with her, now a veteran, I am proud of her. Today, being in the ring with her offspring brings me the same joy I felt competing as a Junior.

Continuous education of our standard and its elaboration is something I enjoy and something I've taken seriously. I have attended judge's education seminars given by the Education Committee at various specialties and always find myself gaining new insight. I am also a RRCUS Breed Mentor. Previous sweepstakes judging assignments over the years have taken me to the San Diego Rhodesian Ridgeback Specialty in Palm Springs, to Perry, GA, Lexington KY, among others, the Michigan Hound Association where I judged all hound puppy and veteran sweeps, and also judged for the Dalmatian Club of Greater Detroit.

Additionally, I've handled many breeds to their championship and won the Breed at Westminster in 2013 with a Belgian Malinois. One thing I've learned about handling other breeds is how they have rounded my knowledge of the Ridgeback breed and standard. Learning about and discussing the standards of other breeds has helped to enhance and further form my understanding of the Ridgeback standard.

Thank you for the nomination as a sweepstakes judge for the National Specialty. If I am fortunate enough to judge sweepstakes at our National Specialty, it will be a memory that I will always cherish. As a breeder-owner-handler, I look forward to the privilege of seeing the dogs in action. I thank you for putting your trust and support in me as a nominee and if voted in, it would be my absolute pleasure and joy to judge the Sweepstakes assignment.

TAMMY LYNCH, ADILI

I want to sincerely thank the RRCUS Membership for nominating me for National Specialty Sweepstakes Judge for 2021. It is an honor to be considered for this task! I have been a member of the Ridgeback Community for 49 years. I am a longtime RRCUS Member, a Club Breed Advisor, and a Member/ Director of Lexington KC.



As a child, my parents bred under the Amberidge prefix. Amberidge developed my passion for this Breed since I was able to handle a poop scoop. As a family we bred and showed several Top 10 Ridgebacks. I contributed to choosing Sires and Dams for our litters. I happily helped whelp and was instrumental in choosing puppies to go forwards with in our Breeding Program. We successfully campaigned a bitch to Top Ten Rankings, and later her puppies and grand pups. My most youthful accomplishment was in 1974 - when I helped choose and show "Sir" (Ch Amberidge's Samantha's Sir) to #1 Ridgeback All Systems (1976). This was a time when Ridgebacks were rarely recognized in the Groups and he was a multiple Group Winner/ Placer. Next, my mother and I chose Guy (NSBISS BIS Ch Amberidge's A Touch of Class). In 1978 he became the third Ridgeback to win a BIS and went on to be #1 Ridgeback All Systems in 1979. He held my heart and I couldn't have been prouder of choosing him!

Since then, I have chosen several other Best In Show and Best In Specialty winners from the whelping box. Kiki Courtelis and I proudly breed under the Adili prefix est.1996. We are AKC Breeders of Merit Silver Level. Adili has produced over 50 Champions, Dual Champions, Grand Champions, Field Champions and Therapy dogs. Our dogs/ bitches have contributed over 100 more through other people's breeding programs. We have bred and campaigned many to Top Ten Rankings. Most notably Spirit, whom I proudly handled to Best in National Specialty Show in 2011. This was the first time in over 20 years a Breeder/ Owner / Handler won NSBISS. This was the highlight of my Lifetime in dogs! Vomba has also provided many highlights for us: 2 x Top Fifteen All Systems, BISS, Multiple Regional Specialty WB & BPISS, National Specialty RWB, 2x National Specialty AOM, Top 25 People's Choice Winner, Multiple Group Winner/Placer and 2015 #1 NOHS RR with Multiple BIS-OH Wins. It is my passion to be in the ring with great dogs we have bred. Seeing generations of our Breeding Program rise to the Top has been quite rewarding, and we thank all the Breeders who have had a part in our successes.

I've been fortunate enough to travel to Africa to see firsthand the terrain that our breed was bred to traverse, and I believe it has given me another perspective to our Breeding Program. It certainly has impacted my understanding of form following function! Breeding to the Standard while taking into account new developments in Health Testing has been my mission. We consider ourselves to be Guardians of our Breed.

It was my honor to be Breeder Judge for the 2004 Top 20

ELIZABETH MASK, HIGHLAND RIM

The back story is that I was meant to live my life among dogs. My father's family has bred, raised, exhibited and judged "Bird Dogs" (American Pointers and English Setters) in Tennessee and throughout the eastern United States since the early 1800s. As a young woman under the mentorship of several revered Master of Hounds, I bred working Fox Hounds and maintained my own pack. Those mentors taught me to judiciously consider line breeding for type and to search diligently for outcrosses that would match type while adding hybrid vigor. I owe a debt of gratitude to my father and grandfather and to each of the Huntsmen who taught me how to work dogs in open country, how to train scent hounds, how to build a breeding program and how to assess the strengths and weaknesses of our hounds. I was also taught when evaluating our hounds not to simply "pick parts", but to "picture the whole dog" and to look for matches that would strengthen weaknesses without losing the essential and best elements that the dog already possesses.



For many years I read the literature on our Breed, studied the breeding practices and followed the development of lines that I respect, in the US, Canada, Germany, Finland, Norway and Australia. Once my life allowed me the time to devote to what I knew would be an all-consuming endeavor, I began the search in earnest for the Ridgeback bitches that would be worthy of being the foundation of a novel kennel line. I selected three bitches from kennels I admired and spent the next five years proving our girls in the conformation ring and on the field. All three girls moved easily through their Championships and Grand Championships. Meanwhile, my love of the field and my desire to build hounds who could still perform many of the functions they were originally bred for, kept us involved in performance. All three girls are Coursing Hounds and trained Tracking Dogs who have executed the search and recovery of multiple lost dogs. Our kennel, The Ridgebacks of the Highland Rim, is the realization of a long-held dream.

Since 2013, through judicious breeding with six outstanding sires, our three foundation bitches have produced 23 champions, including multiple Grand Champions and several in the Bronze, Silver and Gold categories. Selena was awarded "Brood Bitch of the Year" in 2016, which led to my recognition as "Breeder of the Year". Our Salome puppy, "Zuma", was 2016 RRCUS National Specialty Best of Opposite and 2017 RRCUS National Specialty Select Bitch. Selena puppy, "Sugarman", was 2018 RRCUS National Specialty Select Dog. Selena puppy, "Duke", started his career by winning the Bred By Exhibitor Class at the 2015 RRCUS National Specialty going on to be the #3 AKC NOHS Ridgeback. Sugarman and Duke each received AOMs at Westminster in 2018 and were both RRCUS and AKC Top 25 Ridgebacks. The Boys are currently ranked #4 & #6 ALL BREED Ridgebacks.

Aside from my great passion as a breeder, I am in my second year as Editor of *The Ridgeback*, a challenge that has dramatically expanded my exposure to the greater Ridgeback community.

I thoroughly enjoyed judging Sweepstakes for the Greater Valley Forge Rhodesian Ridgeback Regional Specialty at Bucks County last year and I am sincerely honored to be considered as a nominee and candidate for the 2021 National Specialty Sweepstakes.

KAREN R STEWART

I got my first Rhodesian Ridgeback in 1992 from Oakhurst Rhodesian Ridgebacks. That is when I fell in love with the breed, and when I first met Barbara Rupert. I met Barbara at the very first dog show I ever attended. I wondered by the ring and saw this breed of dog I had never seen, and this German lady was walking out of the ring with her dog, so I asked if she would please talk to me for a few minutes about this breed. She graciously accepted my request! I knew I had to learn more about this breed, so I promptly went to the book store to find whatever information I could on the Rhodesian Ridgeback. Five interviews later, I was going to get my first Oakhurst Rhodesian Ridgeback! CH. Oakhurst Jewel of The Nile (“Niles”) lived to be 14 ½ years old. In 2005 I got my 2nd Rhodesian Ridgeback from Oakhurst, CH. Oakhurst Alafin Son of a Princess (“Fin”). Fin met uncle Niles at the Rainbow Bridge in 2017.



27 Years later and 5 litters whelped, I have 3 generations living under my roof! Fiona, Sangria, and JoJo.

I have been a member of the Bay Area Rhodesian Ridgeback Club and Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of The United States for 14 years. I have served on various committees with both clubs. In May of 2018 I was invited to judge Sweepstakes at the RRCUS supported Trenton Kennel Club Dog Show.

I would be honored to be selected to judge the 2021 RRCUS National Specialty!