

Background:

There are two (2) categories of Rhodesian Ridgeback Regional Specialty Clubs:

- 1) Category 1 Clubs: Regional Clubs who have been accepted as a RRCUS Regional Specialty Club and have applied to the AKC and have been approved to hold point-awarding shows, and
- 2) Category 2 Clubs: Regional Clubs who have been accepted as a RRCUS Regional Specialty Club but have not been approved to hold AKC point-awarding shows.

Only Category 1 Regional Clubs are allowed to hold point-awarding Regional Specialties. All Applications for AKC shows **MUST** be sent to the Corresponding Secretary prior to sending to the AKC for approval.

Category 2 Clubs can hold RRCUS Supported Shows as they work on getting AKC licensed to be able to hold Regional Shows under their name and license. Category 2 Clubs can not hold Regional Specialties until they are licensed by the AKC.

Your show chair for the Regional must be a RRCUS member.

The AKC requires written approval from RRCUS before being recognized as a Regional Club. The AKC requires written approval from RRCUS to allow all Regional Clubs applying for Regional Specialties.

Regional Specialties will only be approved if sponsored by a RRCUS recognized Regional Club and those Clubs that can hold point-awarding shows and are licensed by the AKC to hold points awarding shows..

The Regional Specialty is given by the Regional Club and can be one of the following possible Specialties. It is not the policy of RRCUS to allow Regional Clubs to use the RRCUS license and name to hold a Regional Specialty.

All Regional Clubs make an application to the AKC to hold a show using their name and club license number. Following that, the Regional Club will send in for a Supported Show. RRCUS does support the Regional entry.

Requirements of the RRCUS Regional Specialty Clubs:

These apply to all category 1 and category 2 clubs recognized 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:

The Regional Club must offer a RRCUS approved Judges Educational Seminar **AND/OR RINGSIDE MENTORING** at their point-awarding shows. The following text **MUST** be included in the Premium List.

"Formal observations (Ringside Observation Form) will be allowed with parent club approved mentors at National or Regional Specialties where formal ringside mentoring is organized by the host club. (Mentors will be permitted to participate on days they are exhibiting up to the class in which they have an entry. They will be allowed to participate thereafter.) "

This text is also available from the 2nd Vice President and shall not be altered without RRCUS approval. If the approved text does not appear in the premium, it may affect RRCUS approval for the Regional Specialty Club's show for following year.

Reservations for Judges Educational Seminar and ring side mentoring must be made to the 2nd VP of RRCUS prior to the time of closing

- 1) Wording or altering of the aforementioned cannot be made without RRCUS approval
- 2) 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).
- 3) 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 (Specialty or Supported) at no cost to the Regional Club.
- 3) The Regional Club will receive a Supported Show Medallion at no cost to the Club.

Links to help you:

AKC show application: <http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/AEVT02.pdf>

Supported show application: http://rrcus.org/supported_show_app.php

If you need any help with any of the forms or you have any questions, please reach out to the Board of Directors. The RRCUS President is also the liaison for the Regional Clubs. We also have the wording required for the Premium lists and Catalogs.

POLICY - REGIONAL BREED CLUB REQUEST TO ATTAIN AKC MEMBERSHIP

Date 06/06

RRCUS will not entertain the request from Regional clubs to attain AKC membership.