



RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.

Proudly Welcomes Our Championship Show Judge

Mrs Kim Hodge

Colkerinin Rhodesian Ridgebacks

Derbyshire, England



A PASSION BORN IN THE ARIZONA DESERT

Rhodesian Ridgebacks have been at the heart of Kim Hodge's life for many years. Her journey with the breed began while living in the spectacular Sonoran Desert of Arizona, USA, where she was searching for an active and loyal companion to enjoy an outdoor lifestyle.

Encouraged to compete in both AKC conformation and lure coursing, Kim's Rhodesian Ridgebacks quickly established an outstanding record, earning Grand Champion, Conformation Champion, Dual Champion, Field Champion, Mexican Champion and Pan-American Champion titles, together with Junior Courser and Senior Courser awards.

SUCCESS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC

Following her return to the United Kingdom and the establishment of her Colkerinin Rhodesian Ridgebacks in the beautiful Derbyshire Dales, Kim's dogs have continued to achieve outstanding success.

Their many accomplishments include:

Three UK Champions

Twenty-seven Challenge Certificates

Twenty Reserve Challenge Certificates, including two at Crufts

Multiple Best in Show, Best Puppy in Show and Best Veteran in Show awards

Adult, Puppy and Veteran Group wins

Three Junior Warrant title holders

Junior Warrant Competition Finalist

Nine Stud Book Numbers

Joint Top Rhodesian Ridgeback (2011)

Top Rhodesian Ridgeback (2012)

Top Rhodesian Ridgeback Puppy (2025)

THE NEXT GENERATION

Kim's most recent litter has already begun making an outstanding impression in the show ring.

Her keeper bitch gained her Junior Warrant title within just two months and was awarded Reserve Best Puppy in Show from the Minor Puppy Class at an all-breeds Championship Show with an entry exceeding 5,400 dogs.

Another litter sister, exported to the United States at seven months of age, is already well on the way to her AKC Championship and won Best Puppy at the 93rd Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States National Specialty Show in Ocala, Florida.

AN INTERNATIONAL JUDGE

Kim has judged Rhodesian Ridgebacks since 2013 and awarded her first set of UK Challenge Certificates in 2022, followed by a second appointment in 2024, where her Best of Breed Winner went on to win Hound Group.

Her Best of Breed winner went on to win Hound Group 1, while her Best Veteran in Breed was awarded Veteran Group 1 and her Best Puppy in Breed achieved Puppy Hound Group 3 under three of the United Kingdom's leading judges.

Kim has also judged internationally in the Czech Republic and Italy, officiating at specialist shows with record entries, and is honoured to have further Championship appointments already scheduled.

JUDGING PHILOSOPHY

“Balance, condition and absolute soundness are my three cornerstones whenever I judge”

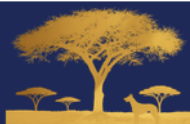
Kim believes judging is both a privilege and a responsibility. She strives to reward the exhibit that best represents the Rhodesian Ridgeback Standard on the day, always judging with fairness, integrity and respect for both exhibitors and their dogs.



A WARM AUSTRALIAN WELCOME

The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Victoria Inc. is delighted to welcome Mrs Kim Hodge to Australia and sincerely thanks her for accepting the invitation to judge our 2026 Championship Show.

We wish Kim an enjoyable visit and hope all exhibitors have a successful and memorable day under her experienced and knowledgeable eye.



“The Ridgeback is not just a breed to me – it is a way of life. Their loyalty, dignity and spirit continue to inspire me every single day”

Kim Hodge

