

BY-LAWS (As at 19/06/25)

1. MEMBERSHIP FEES:

- a) Membership Fees will be determined at the Annual General Meeting each year and will be for the financial year from 1st September to 31st August. (*Refer to RRCV Rules of the Association Rule 5*)
- b) If persons join between 1st September and the 31st May, a full year's membership fee will apply.
- c) If joining between the 1st June and 31st August, a full year's membership fee will apply and membership will be for 15 months, ie up to 31st August the following year.
- d) No joining fee will apply.
- e) Where Member Breeders sponsor membership for puppy purchasers for all pups in one litter, the new member will receive a complimentary 12 month membership (as per 1a) to 1c) above).

2. GENERAL MEETINGS:

- a) The Annual General Meeting of Members shall be held in the month of October in each year and Members shall be given notice, in writing or by electronic transmission, at least fourteen days prior to such meeting.
- b) The President of the Club shall be the Chairman at all General Meetings. Should they not be present within ten minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, then one of the Vice-Presidents shall be elected to the Chair by the members present, and if no Vice-President be present, the Members shall elect one of the Members of the Committee to take the Chair. If at any General Meeting there is no quorum within thirty minutes of the time appointed for the meeting, then the meeting shall lapse.

3. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

All notices of Committee meetings shall, unless supreme urgency arises, be in writing or by electronic transmission and posted to Members of the Committee at least seven days prior to the date of such meeting unless advised before conclusion of the previous meeting.

4. MEETING FREQUENCY:

- a) Committee meetings - To be held quarterly or as deemed necessary by the President, or three members of the Committee.
- b) General Meetings - General Meetings are held every four months, with one of these being the Annual General Meeting.

5. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:

The Committee may, at any time, appoint any person to be an Honorary Member, Patron and/or Life Member of the Club in recognition of services rendered in promoting the objects of the Club. This appointment to be confirmed at a General Meeting.

6. NEWSLETTER:

Members will be updated with coming events or important matters through:

- a) email
- b) the club webpage – www.rrcv.org or
- c) the Club Facebook page – Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Victoria.

7. HONOUR ROLL:

The Club may inscribe, at its discretion, the name of any dog and owner on an Honour roll.

8. PROPERTY CLASSES:

BRACE – Two exhibits six months of age or over, each of which has competed in at least one ordinary class at the same exhibition, is the property of the same owner and is handled in the judging ring by the same person.

BEST HEADED DOG/BEST HEADED BITCH – This class is to be judged on the interpretation of the head as per the standard.

BEST GAITED DOG/BEST GAITED BITCH – This class is to be judged on the interpretation of the gait as per the standard.

BEST RIDGED DOG/BEST RIDGED BITCH – This class is to be judged on the definition of the ridge as per the standard.

BEST RIDGE OVERALL – The Best Ridged Dog and the Best Ridged Bitch will be judged together and the best ridge will be determined as per the standard.

SIRE'S PROGENY/DAM'S PROGENY – The Sire and Dam are not required to be in the ring. There must be a minimum of two progeny and a maximum of five progeny from at least two litters, permitted in the ring. This class is judged on the uniformity of the progeny as per the standard. Baby puppies are not allowed to enter as progeny.

BEST BROWN NOSE – This class is limited to brown nosed ridgebacks and is to be judged on the overall quality of the animal (dog or bitch) as per the standard.

NEUTER – This class is open to any dog or bitch that is desexed and on the ANKC Neuter Register.

PARADE OF VETERANS – This class is not judged as a class but is a parade of exhibits seven years and older.