

THE RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB

(The Parent Club — Founded 1922) c/o Mrs. M.G. Wallace, Hon. Sec.
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Dear Club Presidents & Secretaries,

re: COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE STANDARD - RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK

At a time when the doggy world is intent on following a format by FCI on the standard of our great breed, it should be pointed out that Kennel Union of Southern Africa are not correct in stating they are the country of origin of the standard. Interested parties in our great breed know for a fact that the standard was formulated in a country named Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), hence the name of the dog. Many years ago, there was no kennel control, such as British Kennel Club you have in Britain, in this country, and we came under the jurisdiction of Kennel Union of Southern Africa, but we are two entirely different countries, and always have been. Due to Independence in 1980, and political pressures, Zimbabwe Kennel Club was formed and accepted worldwide by various controlling bodies. Zimbabwe Kennel Club are also affiliated to British Kennel Club and we fall under Z.K.C. ruling.

The proposed Standard is based on a format by FCI in Europe, and we here in this country, do not see why we should adhere to a format by FCI. It is only a few years ago that British Kennel Club were trying their best to simplify standards generally, not lengthen them. The format presented to all of us, in our opinion, is too long winded, complicated and a bit nit-picking. The Standard at present in operation in your country and ours, at this stage is ideal and is adequate for this breed. What judge would want to chance placing an RR in groups, when he has to consider all the degrees given in this format - 90°, 45°, 30°, just to mention a few.

It is hoped that your clubs will liaise with each other and your Kennel Club in our struggle to retain the Country of the Origin of the Standard.

We look forward to hearing from you in this matter.

Kind regards,

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