



Julie M Bates

GUNTHWAITE RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS

Being a farmers daughter I was brought up with the competitive spirit as showing livestock was a regular event in my family life. I saw my first Ridgeback in the 1960's and fell in love with the breed. My second RR was a male who I bought from the Ridinghill's Kennels and handled him through to his championship title. This male and two bitches were the foundation of the Gunthwaite Kennels and I have now been in the breed for over 40 years.

I have bred many champions both here in the UK and abroad and one of the most memorable was to breed the first liver nose champion to be bred in the UK to-date. Also my Ch Gunthwaite Action Man is the sire to the first Multi champion to be bred in the UK.

I have been awarding challenge certificates in Rhodesian Ridgebacks since 1988 and I have also been judging all other Hound breeds, the Hound Group and Best in Show at Open Show level for over 30 years.

I judged Crufts last year and was delighted to see my Best of Breed winner go Hound Group 4. I have also judged in Europe and most recently in Brazil and Australia. I am now looking forward very much to judging your RR's.

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DAVID H BATES

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I have lived with Rhodesian Ridgebacks all my life. I am co-owner of the Gunthwaite RR Kennels which is one of the oldest ridgeback kennels in the UK. We are primarily a show kennel and breed mainly when we want something ourselves. I have been handling the Gunthwaite RR's and the Burncote RR's, which is my sister's kennel for over 15 years taking many of them to their championship titles and many other top awards.

I award challenge certificates in the breed my next appointment being January 2012. I was invited to judge the II Rhodesian Ridgeback Club Speciality in Rio de Janiro and Sao Paulo Brazil December 2010 which I enjoyed very much and I am looking forward to seeing and judging your Ridgebacks.

David H Bates