

Dear ladies and gentlemen of the Irish breeder clubs,
Dear RR lovers and breed enthusiasts,

On June 10th and 11th, 2020, the next Rhodesian Ridgeback World Congress (RRWC) will take place in the middle of Germany.

In the past few months, we have already been able to attract many interesting lecturers for a top-class, two-day program. During the upcoming 10th conference, we want to take up the main topics of the last 35 years of the RRWC history and to deal with questions like:

1. To what has our breed evolved into?
2. What has been achieved in respect to hereditary diseases and their eradication?
3. What is our breeding goal, and how do international specialty breed judges interpret the standard of our breed today?

In addition, we will deal with the results of recent studies, such as:

- Diagnosis, Statistics, Therapies and Genetic Testing for Juvenile Myoclonic Epilepsy (JME), Lecturer Prof. Dr. med. Andrea Fischer, University of Munich
- The motion study by Prof. Dr. Martin Fischer, University of Jena, in reference to: How does the size of the RR affect its health and functionality? Which structure of the dog results to ideal movement?
- Prof. Dr. Ottmar Distl, University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover, reports on the state of genetic testing for the eradication of dermoid sinus. A study that has been ongoing since 2014 and eventually will be completed by 2020.
- Miss Dr. Cornelia Renczes reports on experiences and statistics of crossing ridged-ridgebacks with ridgeless-ridgebacks. Is it an option to eliminate DS?
- Prof. Dr. Peter Friedrich, President of the VDH, will report on current topics and FCI discussions.

Further presentations on other current topics are planned.

As in the previous conferences, the focus will naturally be on dialogs and discussions on the personal level, and furthermore there will be many opportunities for attendants to actively participate in the event itself and its development through workshops and discussions.

In conclusion of the two-day conference, the international "top winning dogs" will be presented at the RRWC 2020 in Dortmund on the 12th of June. In the vicinity of the conference, two more national exhibitions are still in the planning stage for the 13th/14th of June 2020. All current information and news is available on the website: www.rrwc2020.de and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rrworldcongress/>.

The organizer of the 10th RRWC in Germany is the Association for the Protection and Promotion of Health, Functionality and the Nature of Dog Breeds. The association, founded in 2018, serves the overall orientation and organization of the RRWC. The members of this association are breeders, stud-dog owners, breed judges and breed lovers from the German RR breeder clubs. The Association for the Preservation and Promotion of the Health, Functionality and Nature of Dog Breeds pursues common goals and serves solely to host the RRWC 2020 as a non-profit event. The active representatives in the planning and organization of the RRWC 2020 can also be found on the website.

We would be pleased, if you would inform your club members about the Congress through your club's web and Facebook sites, as well as in your publications. Enclosed is our logo, which you may gladly use in your correspondences and publications. If you have any questions, requests or suggestions, the RRWC team is always at your disposal.

Sincere greetings from the RRWC 2020 team

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P.S.: We already established a nice working contact to Dennis! Thanks so much, Dennis, for your help and your ideas so far! So much looking forward to meeting you personally!

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