

## *News 2008*

2008-12-28



*Such African Bravehearts Fouever Yours  
"Nike"*

*2:a Bästa tik på Guldhundslistan 2008*

*(12 starter varav 7 i championklass & 5 i unghund- & öppenklass.  
8 BTKI placeringar)*

*[www.ridgebackrules.com](http://www.ridgebackrules.com) & [www.ridgeback.se](http://www.ridgeback.se)*

We are very proud of our sweet girl Nike, SUCH African Bravehearts Fouever Yours! It was not our plan or a goal but in the end she placed as second best bitch at the Swedish Rhodesian Ridgeback Club's list over Top Winning Ridgebacks called "Guldhundslistan". Overall 4th place! Top winning bitch; SUCH FINUCH LTCH Ba Hiya Edeni Z Bielan. Congratulations to owners & breeder!

Top Winning Dog and overall winner; SUCH NUCH SV-07 NV-07 BISS-08 Djungelkattens Acuteridged Aramis. Congratulations to "Team Aramis"!

We are also proud over Akerons son; SUCH LPI Evergraces Gladiator Phoenix who placed third in Top Dog!

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2008-11-25

Finally our kennel prefix has been approved by FCI and registered!

Kennel RidgeRules will hopefully have a first litter within a few years.

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2008-11-24

Elmers x-rays came back with a very positive result! Hips A and elbows 0/0! That makes Elmer the 8th one out of 12 littermates that has A hips and 0/0 elbows!

Big thank you to Elmers "mom" Emelie who has listened to all my "rules" for Elmer :) But now you can go ahead with running/biking/swimming/hiking etc etc!

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2008-11-18

Navys daughter Kisangani Enjenje N'tombi is planned to be mated with Abutambu Aziz de Kiungwana! More info and pictures at [Kennel Kisangani!](#)

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2008-11-02

Int. KC Show, Växjö. Judge Paul Örnemark (Denmark), +60 entries.

After staying over at my sister beautiful place in the deep, deep forest of Småland, Caroline & I headed towards Växjö in the early hours. It was dark, minus 9 celsius and as we got closer to the city of Växjö.....snow!

This year the ring was of good size, in a calm corner and with an excellent type of floor.

Previous years at this site has proven hard for us with small rings, slippery floors etc! The judging started and it was exiting to see Eros enter juniorclass for his first time. I handled Eros and he was a good sport eventhough he longed for "mum" Caroline at ringside. First place in juniorclass with CK!



Eros & Maria winning juniorclass at Växjö Int. Show

Navy had a good day with lots of energy and managed a 3rd place in championclass with CK.

This was a suprise since the judge expressed that he preferred dogs of moderate size!

In the competition of Best Male.....Ch. Rex Ventors Ikaros won with Eros as reserv and Navy unplaced. A very good result for our youngster Eros!!!

Time for bitches.....It took a while until it was time for Nike in championclass. She ran very,

very nice and placed 2:nd in stiff competition. Minutes later it was time for Best Bitch competition.....that ended up with Ch. Rex Ventors Iving as No 1 and Nike in second place. Siss & bro Ikaros & Iving then competed for BOB and the lady won and later on placed BIG 3. Congratulations to owners & breeder!!!



Nike & Maria at Växjö Int.Show

Needless to say we where very content and happy with our results!!!  
We also had the chance to meet sweet Brandy aka Evergraces Brilliant Brandy to J and Caroline took a few shoot of father & daughter :)





Thank you for a good day at ringside!!!

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2008-10-22

Ring- & handler träning!

Veckorna har runnit undan och jag ber om ursäkt till de jag lovat att återkomma med tillfällen för träning!

Men nu, med mycket kort varsel, har jag dragit igång ett tillfälle för ring- & handlerträning!

Nu på söndag den 26 oktober i Enköping på Hundkompetens! ([www.hundkompetens.se](http://www.hundkompetens.se)),  
adress: Vallby håanningby 6, 745 48 Enköping.

Hos dem finns dels en utomhusplan, dels en inomhuslokal där vi ska vara. Om solen strålar & det inte blåser så kan vi vara ute.

Grupper & tider:

2 grupper om max 7 ekipage, varav en grupp med nybörjare & en med erfarna.

Nybörjargruppen 09:00-12:30 (2 anmälda, dvs 5 platser kvar!)

Erfarna gruppen 13:00-16:30 (1 anmäld, dvs 6 platser kvar!)

Obs! Tiderna är preliminära och kan komma att justeras utifrån hur många som anmäler sig!

Kostnad: 175:-/ekipage, betalas på plats.

Anmälan: Via mail ([akerons@hotmail.com](mailto:akerons@hotmail.com))! Jag har svårt att svara i telefonen pga mycket jobb!  
Först till kvarn!!

Välkomna!

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2008-09-24

Greetings from Niger, Africa and from Sheba aka Ridgebow's Radiant Reya of Navy who has moved there with her swedish "mom" Esther Garvi. Visit her "blogg" and follow little Shebas trip and life! <http://esthergarvi.com/>





Sheba aka Ridgebow's Radiant Reya of Navy enjoying a cool bath!

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2008-09-01

Great show news from Germany!

Lovely Navy kids Kisangani Ehombo Sango won res. CAC and sis Kisangani Enjenje N'tombi aka Peppa won CAC and BOB at a RR Specialty Show! Congratulations to owner/breeder Karin Van Klaveren!



"Peppa"



"Sango"

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2008-08-20



Ökensandens Intensive Ikko  
1997.02.20-2008.08.20  
Ikko...R.I.P and enjoy the rainbow!

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2008-08-16/17

Again.....What an amazing weekend we had...despite the rain!

Saturday: Norrköping Nat KC show. Judge Fernando M.Rodrigues, Portugal. Breed entry +50.

- First up...."Eros" BOB Puppy :) But his day had only started.....
- "Nike" first time in championclass showed off.....and earned reserve Best bitch after dear mum "Shona". Congratulations to owner/handler Jazmine and "Elmers" sister Rex Ventors Okalani to BOS and CAC from junior class. BOB and new champion Such SvCh Rex Ventors Maddox. Congratulations Tina!

We decided to stay for the finals to compete with Eros. Time for Best In Show Puppy final.....Judge Johan Juslin, Fin. 27 BOB puppies from different breeds entered the ring. Eros and coowner/handler Caroline both stretched their legs to the max. They did it so well that they won!!!! BIS Puppy!!!!



Eros & Caroline on the move!



Eros, Caroline & judge Johan Juslin winning BIS Puppy!



Sunday: Nyköping Int. KC show. Judge David Miller, USA. Breed entry +60  
Again "Eros" started off by winning BOB Puppy and again his day had only started.....

Aussie-cousin "Navy" was in his best behavior and won championclass! Moments later also Best Dog! Thus winning his second CACIB in Sweden! 2nd Best dog with CAC....Rex Ventors Orlando aka "Viggo", "Elmers" brother! Congrats to owner Christer!

"Nike" and mum "Shona" again placed mother and daughter, 4th & 5th in championclass. In competition for BOB, our lovely Navy won! It seems like he does it once a year :) BOS Ch. Norridge Hidaya.



BOS Ch. Norridge Hidaya

BOB S N Pl uch BISS 06 Rijstone Aussie Rules

The rain kept coming down...everything was wet....But we decided to stay and be brave :) A few minutes later the finals started...Again "Eros" and Caroline ran with long beautiful strides. Judge Tapio Eerola, Fin, had 18 BOB puppies to choose from. "Eros" behaved like a champ with the rain pouring down and won, again! 2 x BIS Puppypay at two back to back large all-breed shows! It has happened, but it is rare!



Eros, Caroline & judge Tapio Eerola BIS Puppy!

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2008-08-10

What a day we had!!! Rainy and wet but everyone kept the good spirits up!

Here are the results:

"Eros" was first in the ring! Got a very good critique and BIS Puppy!

"Shumba", Nikes brother, next up with 4th best dog and CAC!!!! Huge congratulations to owner/handler Jennie & Micke. Also other brother "Diesel" did a fab job in the ring! Such Zaxxon's Prince Bosco wn best dog and BOS.

"Nike" and I entered the openclass.....won and ended up 2nd best bitch after Ch. Shavanos Shanga Ninja, later on BOB. 3rd best bitch...Nikes mom "Shona". This meant that Nike won her last CAC to become Swedish Champion, SuCh!!!!

As this was a specialty we also had entered some non-official classes such as Siblingclass, Best Ridge & Best movement....

"Nike" and her brothers won Best Siblings, "Nike" where in the final cut of Best Ridge..congratulations to Djungelkattens Acuteridged Aramis. But....moments later Nike won Best movement in stiff competition :)

We are very proud and thanks to all congratulations! More photos will come.



Such African Bravehearts FOURever Yours

2008-08-08

I have put up some more photos from 2 shows. Enjoy these relaxed pics of family, friends and some dogs :)

Link to photos from World Winner Specialty Show day 1 : [Link](#)

Link to photos from World Winner Specialty Show day 2: [Link](#)

Link to a few photos from Nat. Show in Österbybruk 2008: [Link](#)

2008-08-06



\*A picture of "Shona", "Nikes" mother winning BISS Reserve at the WDS Specialty Show at Årsta Slott, judge Anna Lane (AUS)



\*"Shumba" aka African Bravehearts Double O´ Seven, second place intermediate class at WDS Specialty Show, Årsta slott.

2008-08-05

I have started to enter photos in a new gallery! First up is pictures from our National Specialty Show, judge Janet Wang, at Tånga Hed! Click [here](#)!

We had a very nice weekend with soooo hot weather!

Results:

- "Eros" third place in puppyclass 6-9 months
- "Elmer" reserve in juniorclass with brother "Owen" as nr 1!
- "Navy" excellent, bot not placed. Lovely handled by Tommy!
- "Akeron" excellent, 2nd in veteranclass and 3rd Best Dog!!!
- "Nike" excellent, picked ut for semifinal in a large openclass but not placed.

2008-08-04

\*Two new stacked pictures of Elmer in august at age 14 months in his gallery plus one of the gang :)



2008-07-30

Many thanks to Katka & Marek , [Kennel Tailor Made](#), for taking pictures of our lovely oldie Akeron. Here a [link](#) to photos of him!

AND....litter planned! Keep your eyes open for info under "Planned litters"!

2008-07-24

\*We send our good lucks to "dad", coowner of the dogs, my Robert and the Swedish National Team in flagfootball! We think of you and hope you will do well in the World Championship in Flagfootball in Montreal, Canada this coming weekend!

\*Some updates with new picks of lovely Eros in his gallery! [Look here!](#)

\*Nikes relatives photogallery updated! [Look here!](#)

\*New frontpicture with an R-puppy from Navys litter at Ridgebows.

\*We wish all Evergrace puppies good luck in life now that they are leaving for their new homes.

Follow them at [www.kennelevergraces.se](http://www.kennelevergraces.se)

\*Congratulations to Akerons son Evergraces Gladiator Phoenix aka Douglas & owner Frida to a some great suceses in the showing this year, approved apitudetest in tracking and second most winning RR male so far a the "Guldhundslistan"!

\*A new picture from the WDS Specialty at Årsta of me and Nike. Picture by [www.liberta.lv](http://www.liberta.lv)



2008-07-23

Upon reading Shumbas critique from the WDS.....He was not awarded a "very good".....On the critique the box for excellent is checked. So how come we where given a red ribbon?!?! Interesting!

2008-07-18

New picture at our frontpage...of lovely Jageger aka Veldtkammer Get Of a My Cloud. More info about Nikes daddy at: <http://www.veldtkammerridgebacks.co.uk/>



Puppy News!!!! Last day & night "Imma" aka Ridgebow's Imazi of Sauvage gave birth! Proud father is our Navy.

12 puppies, 8 bitches & 4 males. All corret ridges, so far no DS, no kinked tails, no excessive white. Congratulations to Sven & Bitte at Kennel Ridgebows! And also to "nurses" Ulrika & Jessica!

2008-07-14

New dates for handlingclasses in Skåne and Denmark! Info here: [Kalender/calender](#)

Also....we are planning the weekend at Inanda Mellberg Kennels with "Friskvård för din hund"/"How to get your dog in shape". Info here: [Kalender/Calender](#)

New pics of the Evergraces litter! 6 weeks of age and a joy to stack! Visit them here:

<http://www.kennelevergraces.se/>

Soon here....The litter by Navy at Kennel Ridgebow is due anyday. We are keeping our fingers crossed. Look out for info here: <http://www.ridgebows.nu/kennel/kennelStart.htm>

2008-07-09

An amazing weekend is over! We have waited for the WDS and worked for the Specialty and finally....A weekend full with friends, dogs, nerves & sun! Anna Lane, AUS judged intermediated to championclass and the BIS/BIR. Sue Simper, UK, judged juniors & veterans. +240 entries! On friday the World Winner Specialty Show started with the males and I entered the ring with "Shumba" aka African Bravehearts Double O´Seven. He was awarded excellent and second place! Second up where junior "Elmer"...excellent & second place after brother "Viggo" and "Owen" at third!



"Navy" was next in championclass and was also given excellent but not placed. "Akeron", excellent and won his class.

Time for competition for Best Male and this weekend we had the FCI rules that are different then what we usually has. So all classwinners competes for Best Male/Bitch. In the end "Akeron" ran the last lap deciding who to win against his grandson "Minos" aka African Hunters Baskerville. That was amazing and I was filled with love for my old boy who gave it all! Anna Lane decided that "Minos" where no 1!

Saturday and time for the girls...."Nike" and I entered the ring, where awarded excellent and a 3rd place. "Lani", "Elmers" sister competed in a huge juniorclass and won! Next we where keeping our fingers crossed for "Shona", "Nikes" mother in championclass.....owner/handler Caroline ran like she has never ran before and it payed off! Best championbitch and a couple of laps later....Best Bitch! Time for BIS/BIR and everyone where on their toes....."Minos" BIS and "Shona" Reserv BIS. Huge congratulations and well handled Caroline!! The specialty where over and time for the WDS....

Sunday at the World Dog Show started with "Shumba" again. This time a very good where given to us since the judge wanted him to measure in body.....BUT.....later on after the show looking at the critique Shumba was awarded an excellent?!

"Elmer" decided to play in the ring so he was awarded very good with the comment that he needed more practice :) "Nike" had a very special handler this day; Linda Park from Veldtkammer Ridgebacks. Lind bred & owns Nikes father and it was a true pleasure to see her with our little girl! They landed a excellent and a third place in a huge openclass. "Navy" left the ring after an excellent and the first cut. "Akeron" won the veteransclass with excellent and later on BOB Veteran and thus the title World Veteran Winner 2008! He had a blast in the ring and I thank everyone that clapped their hands for us. "Opal", Elmers sister won the junior bitches class and JWW 08. Congrats Ulrika!! BOB Emoyenis Grand Zuberi. Congratulations owner Tina & breeders Susanne & Peter Falk!

We had also entered "Nike" and bro "Shumba" in Brace class. A bitch and a male together that shall look alike and act alike and.....behave in the ring....all managed by one handler. In the breed ring we only ran one lap and got a rosett. Time came for the finals! We where going to enter the big finally ring and the competition was hard with +20 brace-couples! After some intense minuets I realized that we where still in the competition and the judge placed 4th.....3rd.....and we got BIS 2!!!! That was a great experience and I am so proud over Nike & Shumba who performed so great in the big ring!



Photo of Elmer & Maria by [www.omega.se](http://www.omega.se). Brace photo by [www.ridgeback.se](http://www.ridgeback.se)

The day ended after watching an amazing BIS final and the amazing weekend where over.

More photos will come! :)

2008-06-27

Ringträningarna över för denna gång! Jag tackar alla som vart med och hoppas återkomma till hösten med en ny omgång. Håll utkik här för datum, tid & plats!

2008-06-13

OBS! Ändrad dag för ringträning v. 25.! Onsdag 18 juni 19-21, samma plats. Dvs, ej torsdag 19 juni!

Sista chans för ringträning med "domare" i olika utstyrselar blir torsdag den 26 juni!

I will come back shortly with loads of new pictures and interesting news!

2008-06-01

On Friday the 30th of May, Soltoppens Batuuli By Hero gave birth to 10 lovely babies. Proud father is our Navy, Champ. Rijstone Aussie Rules.

6 girls, 4 boys. No DS, kinked tails or ridgefaults. All with ridge.

Mother Batuuli did a great job! Info & pictures at; <http://www.kennelevergraces.se/>

2008-05-12

Show news!

At international Show in Skara, Elmer's sis "Lani" and handler/owner Jazmine Ohgami did a superb job in the ring, winning the juniorclass with CK and later on placing 5th in Best Bitch.

Also, at the same show, Louise Rosengren och Backäckras Asadi Beta Kiowa 'Sessan', who participated at my handlingclass-weekend in Onsala won her first CAC and 2:nd Best Bitch! Congratulations!

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Ringträning i Stockholm!

Inför sommarens utställningar "leker vi utställning" ett antal torsdagar i maj & juni. Vi simulerar de moment som ingår så realistiskt som möjligt, med inpass av lite tips & råd.

- Torsdag 29 maj
- Torsdag 5 juni
- Torsdag 12 juni
- Ev torsdag 19 juni, om intresse finns.
- Torsdag 26 juni

More info [här!](#)

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2008-05-03

\*Some new pictures in all dogs galleries. I have organized the photos after headshot, stacked etc. So you have to go through all pages in order to find the new ones ;)

\*Lovely Eros with Caroline made their debut in the showing on Thursday. Judge Svante Frisk liked Eros very much, gave him a great critique and BOB!



\*Nikes brother "Diesel, African Braveheart's HOT Sixpack won his last first prize to become Swedish Tracking champion, SVCh on Friday! Congrats to owner Lena & Micke and to proud breeders Caroline & Mats!

\*Elmer's sis, Rex Ventors Okalani aka Lani and owner Jazmine passed their aptitude test in fieldtracking last Friday! Congratulations! [www.ohgami.se](http://www.ohgami.se)

\*Handlingclass weekend at Ridgebows is filled. A few spots left at the weekend in Stockholm 10-11 May.

\*"Imma" has started her heat! More info at [www.ridgebows.nu](http://www.ridgebows.nu)

\*Two weekends ago Caroline and I had a photo session at my parents place. Some of the results are up in each dog's photogallery and until I have a general photoalbum up, here are a few of the other photos we took....



2008-04-17

Spring is coming and with that some NEW pictures and also a handlingweekend is booked in Stockholm!

More info under "Akerons Re..." and pictures in Navy, Nike, Elmer & Eros photogalleries.

2008-04-09

Another weekend with handlingclasses! At Inanda Mellberg Kennel. Very nice arrangement, participants and dogs!

Some pictures and commenst will be added soon from both SRRS/Mellan and IMK!

2008-04-01

Info only in swedish!

Handlingkurs genomförd i Fellingsbro för medlemmar i SRRS Mellan. Jag tackar för en jättetrevlig helg med bra arrangemang, trevlig stämning och många skratt!

OBS! Två platser kvar på handlingkurs hos Kennel Inanda Mellberg nu till helgen!

OBS 2! Nytt datum för handlingkurs hos Kennel Ridgebow! Info under "Akerons Rehab- & Friskvård"

2008-03-16

The whole pack got in the car already on friday and we headed south to Malmö. Me with a fever and cold, Robert behind the wheel and Simon with computer and dvd's. Akeron, Navy, Nike and Elmer in the back! The plan was to hangout with the Månsson family at Kennel Ansiceros. Due to a small family crise we did not socialize as much as we had hoped for, but we did have some good meals and watched the "Melodifestivalen" together. Thank you for, as always, good time and food!!!

On sunday Elmer was first out making his debut in juniorclass. He did a good job and was awarded first place with CK! Next up where Navy who placed second in championclass with CK. Akeron enetered the ring and made the judge smile! He left with a CK. Time for Best Dog..... With great help from Jazmine Ohgami and a rare appearens of Robert we took out two of the five placements. Elmer where excused, Navy fifth and Akeron third! Best Dog where Ch Stenänga Great G's Chicory.

Time for the bitches! Nike where entered in youthclass and performed lovely! The judge gave her first place with CK. I started to get nervous.....Time for Best Bitch! And we where awared Best Bitch with CACIB and CAC!!! Amazing! A few minutes later BOB. One can say that we where very content with the day!



In the finals I had Akeron in BIS Veteran finals but we where not placed. Neither the Breeders Group.... With Nike I where a little bit nervous since this would be our first time in the big ring. Also the ring had green fake gras that I did not know what she would think of. But it only took her a few steps and then she loved it! I did not have to worry at all. We where picked out and later placed as BIG 4! What a weekend! :)

2008-03-15

Finally! Our latest addition and lovely souvenir from Australia has landed! Elangeni Braveheart Rules aka Eros has landed! He will reside at Kennel African Braveheart and be coowned by me and Caroline Graflund. Thank you Linda, Daryl and Emma of Elangeni Ridgebacks! We will treasure him!

2008-02-29

Akeron has become great grandfather! His grandson Matakima Ajani has sired a litter of 10 puppies, 9 surviving at Kennel Mara Simba in Germany.

2008-02-19

We have landed in Stockholm after 8 days of intense travelling in Australia. Giving me the chance to do this was Caroline of Kennel African Braveheart. Mor info will come soon....

2008-02-03

"Akeron" is 10-years old! Still going strong :)