



# Puppy Application

Help us match the right Rhodesian Ridgeback with the right home.

Thank you for your interest in a Rhodesian Ridgeback. This athletic, intelligent, and sensitive breed thrives when puppy and household are thoughtfully matched.

**PLEASE NOTE**

Submitting this form does not guarantee placement. Information is used only to evaluate a potential home.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Full name

Street address

City  State  ZIP

Phone  Email

Preferred contact ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ Text

**Occupation and typical work schedule****HOUSEHOLD****Everyone living in the household, including ages of children**

Does everyone in the household support getting a puppy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Animal allergies in the household? ☐ Yes ☐ No



# Your Household

Tell us where and how your Ridgeback will live.

## HOME ENVIRONMENT

Home type ☐ House ☐ Apartment ☐ Condo ☐ Other

Housing status ☐ Own ☐ Rent

If renting, does your landlord permit a large dog? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Landlord/property manager contact

Securely fenced yard? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Fence type and height

Pool, livestock, nearby wildlife, shared spaces, or other property considerations

## DAILY RHYTHM

Describe a typical weekday in your household

Describe your weekend activities and lifestyle

Hours the puppy will typically be alone each day

Plan for vacations, business travel, or other extended absences



# Experience With Dogs

Past experience helps us understand what support will be most useful.

## BREED EXPERIENCE

Have you previously owned a Rhodesian Ridgeback?

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Yes

☐

No

What interests you about Rhodesian Ridgebacks?

What research have you done about the breed?

## PET HISTORY

Current pets: species, breed, age, sex, and temperament

Dogs owned during the past ten years and what happened to each

Have you ever surrendered, returned, or rehomed a pet?

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Yes

☐

No

If yes, please explain



THE MATCH

# Plans for Your Puppy

Temperament and lifestyle fit matter more than color, markings, or birth order.

## PREFERENCES

Primary reason

☐

Companion

☐

Conformation

☐

Sports

☐

Therapy/service

☐

Breeding

☐

Other

Sex preference

☐

Male

☐

Female

☐

No preference

Preferred timeframe

Open to an older puppy or adult dog?

☐

Yes

☐

No

## CARE PLAN

Where will the puppy stay during the day?

Where will the puppy sleep at night?

Primary caregiver

Plan for daily exercise and mental enrichment

How will you manage prey drive, off-leash safety, and reliable containment?



GROWING TOGETHER

# Training and Care

Ridgebacks thrive with patient, consistent, reward-based guidance.

## TRAINING

Do you plan to use a crate? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Training methods you intend to use

Will you attend puppy socialization or obedience classes? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

How would you respond to destructive behavior, excess energy, or difficulty with recall?

## HEALTH AND RESOURCES

Prepared for food, training, routine veterinary care, and emergencies? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you currently have a veterinarian? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Veterinarian or clinic

Clinic phone

May we contact your veterinarian for a reference? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What questions or support would help you prepare for a Ridgeback puppy?



SHARED COMMITMENT

# Placement Agreement

Please read and initial each statement.

## APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- Initial**  I understand that Ridgebacks need consistent training, socialization, companionship, and exercise.
- Initial**  I understand that the breed may have strong prey drive and may be unreliable off leash.
- Initial**  I will provide veterinary care, appropriate nutrition, identification, and a safe environment.
- Initial**  The dog will not routinely live outdoors, be chained, or be left in unsafe conditions.
- Initial**  Breeding rights, if any, must be expressly granted in writing by the breeder.
- Initial**  I will follow the purchase agreement, including applicable health and ownership provisions.
- Initial**  If I cannot keep the dog, I will contact the breeder before surrendering or rehoming it.
- Initial**  I understand that the breeder may match puppies based on temperament and suitability.

## REFERENCES

- Reference 1 - Name**  **Relationship**
- Phone or email**
- Reference 2 - Name**  **Relationship**
- Phone or email**

## CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate. I understand that submitting this application does not guarantee approval or puppy availability.

**Applicant signature**  **Date**

**Anything else you would like us to know?**