



# APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION

## Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue

Thank you for your interest in Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue. Please complete this form as thoroughly as possible in order to assist us in finding the right dog for your needs. All dogs are spayed/neutered and microchipped before placement.

### About You

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

May we call you at work?  yes  no

Number of adults in household \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in the house \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to teach your children the proper way to respect and handle a live animal?  yes  no

Do you have a regular veterinarian?  yes  no

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**References** Please list two references (your vet, a trainer, or a friend who has knowledge of your current and/or previous relationships with animals)

1 NAME \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

2 NAME \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**About Your Home**

If you rent your home, please provide proof that you have your landlord's permission to keep a dog

LANDLORD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced-in yard?  yes  no If yes, how high? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a park nearby?  yes  no

Do you have a dog run (or space to put one)?  yes  no

Where, exactly, will your dog sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to buy a crate for your dog?  yes  no

Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

For what period of time will your dog be crated? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will your dog eat? \_\_\_\_\_

What will your dog eat? \_\_\_\_\_

How often will you feed your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feed your dog table scraps? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you estimate what you think this dog will cost each month in terms of food, veterinary care, equipment? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have other animals?  yes  no

**ANIMAL 1**

TYPE (DOG / CAT / ETC) \_\_\_\_\_ BREED \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

Gender  male  female Neutered/Spayed?  yes  no

**ANIMAL 2**

TYPE (DOG / CAT / ETC) \_\_\_\_\_ BREED \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

Gender  male  female Neutered/Spayed?  yes  no

**ANIMAL 3**

TYPE (DOG / CAT / ETC) \_\_\_\_\_ BREED \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

Gender  male  female Neutered/Spayed?  yes  no

Do you have livestock in your area?  yes  no

If yes, what? \_\_\_\_\_

**Pet Ownership  
Questions**

Please list the activities and/or hobbies you and your family enjoy and tell us how the dog will fit in with same \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want a Ridgeback? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you owned Ridgebacks before? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many dogs of any breed have you had in your lifetime? \_\_\_\_\_

List breeds of dogs \_\_\_\_\_

Please share your experience with the breed and with specific dogs \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where did you learn about Ridgebacks? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where did you learn about Ridgeback Rescue? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What makes a good pet owner? (Include how you would handle any behavioral problems, e.g. barking, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How would you discipline your dog? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How will you respond if your dog chews? (e.g., shoes, furniture, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will you have the dog vaccinated and licensed regularly?  yes  no

Will you enroll the dog in obedience classes?  yes  no

Or, if your dog has some training, will you continue same?  yes  no

How much time each day can you devote to training your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Exercising your dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use pinch or prong type collars?  yes  no

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your dog be left alone for extended periods of time?  yes  no

If so, how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your dog ever be chained up?  yes  no

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Pet Ownership  
Questions,  
continued**

Where will your dog be kept while you're away? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you plan to do with your dog if you go on vacation? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If traveling with your dog, where and how will the dog travel? (e.g., crated, back seat of car, pick-up bed, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you are unable to keep your dog, What will you do with it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you considered that the dog will live for an average of 12-14 years, and are you willing to commit to the care of the dog in his/her old age? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Rescue Dog  
Preferences**

Do you want a:  male  female  gender not important

Would you consider a:  mixed breed  only pure-bred dog

What is the age range you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_

**Agreement**

Would you consider volunteering for Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue?  yes  no

In which areas:

Transporting animals  Foster care  Making telephone calls

Computer/printing assistance  Fundraising

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPTION FEE: between \$300-\$400 + Veterinary fees depending on the dog.**

**Please ask about the fee for the specific dog you are interested in.**

By signing this application, I agree that I will return the dog to Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue if ever I decide to relinquish ownership of the animal. I specifically agree and affirm that I will not transfer ownership, or permanent possession to another person, nor surrender the dog to an Animal Shelter, County pound facility, or any similar individual or organization. We assume no responsibility for this dog. Unless otherwise stated, we have no knowledge of the prior life or disposition of this dog.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**PLEASE RETURN TO:** Elizabeth Akers | Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue

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