

# Midlands & Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Club



## Potential Owners' details

Completion of this form does not in any way guarantee the offer of a suitable dog but it will assist in our efforts to match dogs and potential owners. All adoptions are subject to approval by an authorised representative and the necessary enquiries being made.

**PLEASE NOTE: RESCUE DOGS OR BITCHES CANNOT BE USED FOR BREEDING**  
Any registration papers will remain the property of the Midlands & Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Welfare

Name .....

Address .....

..... Telephone No.....

Members of Household: Husband ..... Wife ..... No of Children and ages..... Elderly Relatives .....

Which member of the household at home during the day .....

Accommodation: House/Flat/Other ..... Garden.....

Please give details of garden security .....

Where would you walk/exercise the dog? .....

Where would the dog sleep? .....

Do you have a dog now ..... Do you have any other pets (please give details) .....

Have you owned a dog before (if so what breed) ..... Have you any experience of a large breed .....

Do you have a preference for dog/bitch (please give reasons).....

Have you owned a Rhodesian Ridgeback before (if so from whom and where?) .....

Any additional relevant information.....

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### DECLARATION

**Are all members of your family/household prepared to accept the dog, all it entails; have the dog inoculated annually and do you undertake to take out and maintain insurance against third party claims**

Signature(s) ..... Date .....

Issuing Representative..... Date.....

The aim of the Midlands & Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Welfare is to find permanent, caring homes for Ridgebacks that have become unwanted for many reasons. Some are simply victims of circumstance: their owners have died; families split up or gone abroad; these dogs are usually problem free and settle easily with a new family. Others come from unsuitable homes where they may have developed bad habits: they may be boisterous; destructive; dislike other dogs; are not house trained.

If you agree to take on a rescue Ridgeback you may have some of these problems to deal with; also note Ridgebacks are hounds and require plenty of exercise - a young dog will need about one and a half hours each day with ample opportunity to run free so a small local park is not adequate. Being hunting dogs they also tend to chase anything that runs away from them and most things do, so exercise areas need choosing with care.

Each dog will usually have spent some time in kennels, being assessed by experienced people, before being re-homed. We try to find as much information as possible about the background of each dog, but in some cases we may know nothing at all about it. However we make every effort to match the characteristics and needs of each dog, to the requirements and circumstances of potential owners.

We will NOT re-home a dog known to be vicious.

We prefer males not to go where there are small children, unless we know they have already lived happily with children.

We do NOT allow males to go where there is another male of any breed, as jealousy and rivalry can lead to fighting.

You will NOT be able to breed from your dog and you will NOT receive any pedigree or registration documents.

Taking on an adult Ridgeback can be more demanding than buying a puppy; however, experience shows the vast majority of adoptions are happy and successful. Few dogs are untrainable and will respond to firm, sensitive handling; kindness and affection; once you have gained their confidence and respect they will reward you with affection, loyalty and a great deal of enjoyment.

If after reading the above you decide you would like a Ridgeback please complete the questionnaire overleaf and return to our representative, this will assist us in finding a dog suitable for you. When you take possession of the dog you will be asked to sign an adoption form.

If you need help or advice we are only a telephone call away and we will endeavour to introduce you to other owners in your area.