

MIDLANDS & NORTHERN RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK SUPPORT & RESCUE TRUST

Registered Charity 1146704



Potential Owners Form

Terms and Conditions of Adopting

The aim of the Midlands & Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Support & Rescue Trust 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 rehomed. 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 we find a suitable dog, we will contact you to arrange a home check. This is carried out to ensure that your home is suitable for one of our rescue dogs.

The Rescue Trust is funded entirely by voluntary contributions and a condition of the adoption is that you will make a donation towards our expenses which include kennelling, veterinary fees, transport and administration etc. As many of our dogs have to remain with us, whether in Kennels or in their own homes for some time until a suitable home can be found for them, we would respectfully suggest a **MINIMUM** donation of £150 for all dogs under 5 years of age and £100 for dogs over 5 years of age if you are successful in adopting one of our dogs.

PLEASE NOTE: All adoptions are subject to approval by an authorised representative and the necessary enquiries being made. Prior to taking possession of the dog you will be asked to sign an adoption form and make a donation.

Should 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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: RESCUE DOGS OR BITCHES CANNOT BE USED FOR BREEDING

Registration papers will remain the property of Midlands & Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Support & Rescue Trust

Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....Telephone No.....Email.....

Members of Household

No of Adults (over 18 years of age)..... Relationship to applicant.....

No of Children..... Age(s) of children.....No of Elderly Relatives.....

Which member(s) of the household are at home during the day.....

No of hours per day dog will be left alone.....

Accommodation:

House/Flat/Other Garden.....Owner Occupied/rented.....

Note: If rented we will need a letter from your landlord to confirm your rental agreement allows you to keep a dog at the premises.

Please give details of garden security.....

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

Where would the dog sleep.....

Your Pets

Do you have a dog now..... If so how manyWhat breed(s).....

Gender(s).....Age(s).....

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).....

Would you consider 2 dogs together (as we often get pairs in).....

Any additional relevant information.....

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If you have seen a dog on our website that you are interested in please provide the name.....

DECLARATION

- **I/We confirm that all members of the family/household are prepared to accept the dog, all it entails; have the dog inoculated in line with current veterinary advice and will undertake to take out and maintain insurance against third party claims.**
- **I/We understand that the Rescue Trust is a voluntary organisation and as a condition of adoption I/we will complete an adoption form and make a donation to the Trust in advance of adopting a dog, should we be successful.**

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: If you haven't heard from us within a 6 month period could you please resubmit a form as we only keep a 6 month active waiting list.