

# HiBear Ridge Homestead Rhodesian Ridgeback Puppy Placement Questionnaire

This completed questionnaire will be retained for two years.

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Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Web site: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part I: Your Interest in the Rhodesian Ridgeback Dog Breed

1. How did you first find out about us?

Referral from an acquaintance \_\_\_\_\_

Referral from another breeder \_\_\_\_\_

Found web site in a web search using key words: \_\_\_\_\_

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

2. Have you been in contact with any other Rhodesian Ridgeback Dog breeders? Please explain.

3. Have you been in contact with breeders of other Large Guardian Dog breeds (e.g. Akbash, Anatolians, Pyrs)? Please explain.

4. Why are you interested in owning a Rhodesian Ridgeback Dog?

5. Have you visited the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States website and educated yourself on this magnificent breed?

<https://www.rrcus.org>

6. Do you prefer a male or female, and why? How important is gender to you?

7. Do you want a working dog or a companion dog or both?

8. Please provide a brief description of your home or farm (if applicable):

9. When will you be ready for a dog? \_\_\_\_\_ How long are you willing to wait for a dog?

10. Have you owned a Rhodesian Ridgeback or another Large Guardian Dog before?

## Part II: Your Dog Owning History

1. Do you own a dog or dogs now? Please describe.
2. Please fill in all the blanks below for all the other dogs you own/have ever owned (as fully as possible). We're mainly interested in a dog(s) you've had in adulthood.

Dog's breed

Male/female?

Your age  
when dog  
obtained...

Was dog spayed,  
neutered, intact?

If intact,  
was dog  
ever bred?

What happened to the dog? Give details.

3. Do you have any other pets now? (list)
4. What is the worst behavior problem any of your dogs has ever displayed?  
Were you able to correct that problem and if so, how?
5. Have you ever taken an obedience course or other kind of training with your dog? Describe.

### **Part III: General Environment for Your Rhodesian Ridgeback Puppy/Dog**

1. Please explain what role(s) you expect your Rhodesian Ridgeback Dog to fill, in order of importance (e.g. companion dog, livestock guardian, family/household protector, show dog, obedience or agility competition, etc.).
2. Will the dog live primarily in the house, or outside?
3. How will you confine your dog when it is outdoors? Please describe details about yard/farm, type of fencing, height of fencing, and size of fenced area.
4. Do you foresee additional members joining your household (e.g., babies, adopted children, elderly parents) during the life span of your dog? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is anyone in your household allergic to animals? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Does anyone in your household have asthma? \_\_\_\_\_
7. For companion dogs, how many hours per workday/school day is your house empty of people? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you currently own or rent your home? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you are renting:  
Do you have permission to have a dog? Yes or No  
Landlord's name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Are you likely to be moving in the next five years? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Part IV: General Training and Socialization**

1. List names and ages of all household members that will have any interaction with the dog.

2. How much time each day will your dog generally be around people (not including sleeping)?

Weekdays, \_\_\_\_\_ hours/day

Weekends, \_\_\_\_\_ hours/day

3. How much time will you spend actively training/ relating to/involved with your dog ?

Weekdays, \_\_\_\_\_ per day

Weekends, \_\_\_\_\_ per day.

4. How much, how often, and what kind of exercise will your dog get? Where?

5. Do you have any other kinds of activities you plan to do with your dog?

6. On a scale of 1-5 (1 being "most important"), how likely is it that you will teach your Rhodesian Ridgeback Dog the following:

\_\_\_ Come when called in the house with distractions (other people, doorbell)

\_\_\_ Come when called outdoors, from 10 ft away, with distractions

\_\_\_ Come when called outside, reliably, every time

\_\_\_ Stop barking on command

\_\_\_ Allow you to remove a bone or chew toy from its mouth

\_\_\_ Walk on a leash without pulling

\_\_\_ "Stay" on command without distractions

\_\_\_ "Stay" on command with distractions

\_\_\_ Greet other dogs without aggression

\_\_\_ Fetch and return to you

\_\_\_ Bond with and protect livestock

\_\_\_ Other needs. \_\_\_\_\_

7. What do you plan to feed your Rhodesian Ridgeback Dog?

### **Part V: Formal Training for Your Dog**

The independent nature of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Dog can make them challenging in obedience training. Working dogs can occasionally take 2 to 3 years to reach maturity.

1. We require a commitment to attend at least 1 group training series of classes with your dog (private lessons are an option). What training facility do you plan to use? (Name and phone number.)

2. Summarize the training methods you would use to train your dog, and to correct behaviors that you don't like.

3. What sort of general training (formal or informal) do you plan to do with your Rhodesian Ridgeback Dog?

4. Who would you contact if you needed help with a behavior problem with your dog?

5. Will you agree to have us assist in re-homing the dog or returning the dog to us (HiBear Ridge Homestead) if you ever reach the decision that you cannot keep it yourself?

### **Part VI: If you obtain a Rhodesian RidgebackDog from us:**

1. We recommend puppies that are going to be used as companions or working dogs (i.e. not for breeding) to be spayed or neutered. This is in the best interests of you as the owner, and for the dog (who will be less likely to escape, get injured, or become attacked by or be aggressive with other dogs).

Yes, that's fine.

No, I want an intact dog because: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Under what circumstances would you not keep this dog? (divorce, move, new baby, dog's illness, owner's illness, other)

3. Are you interested in breeding Rhodesian Ridgeback Dogs? If yes, complete the following:

a. Explain your previous experience and your reasons for wanting to breed:

b. If we agree to sell you a breeding dog, will you agree not to breed your dog until she has reached full maturity? Yes or No

c. If you breed your dog, how do you plan to obtain homes for the puppies?

d. We require future breeders of our dogs to adhere to the RRCUS Code of Ethics for breeders ([www.rrcus.org/pdf/RRCUS\\_Code\\_of\\_Ethics.pdf](http://www.rrcus.org/pdf/RRCUS_Code_of_Ethics.pdf)) Can you agree to this? OR is there some reason you would be uncomfortable with this?

4. Will you agree to keep in touch with us, the breeders, as necessary, for the life of your Rhodesian Ridgeback Dog, to consult us or a trusted veterinarian or another RR Dog Owner promptly about problems (even if embarrassing or difficult), to share pictures and stories, and be available to talk to other prospective Rhodesian Ridgeback Dog owners in your area? OR is there some reason you would be uncomfortable with this?

**Please list your veterinarian(s), primary vet first:**

NAME

FULL ADDRESS & PHONE

How long you've known this vet