



## The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Wisconsin Application for Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print. If this is a joint membership, please list all applicants' names and have each sign below.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Area code & Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_ Would you be willing to serve on a committee? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Not necessary but will be listed in our directory)

I (we) own #Ridgebacks \_\_\_\_\_ Call Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Acquired From: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) agree to abide by the rules of The American Kennel Club and by the Constitution and Bylaws of RRCOW.  
I (we) also agree to abide by the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States Code of Ethics (PRINTED BELOW). I (we) am (are) at least 18 years of age or older and in good standing with The American Kennel Club.

### Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States CODE OF ETHICS

This Code of Ethics is presented as a guide for members whose foremost aims should be the welfare and improvement of the Breed. The purpose of these guidelines is to set forth minimum principles of practice to which the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc. would have its members adhere as they strive to accomplish the goals and purposes set forth in the constitution and bylaws of RRCUS. These guidelines are presented with the realization that ethics are difficult to regulate and that most individuals desire and intend to do what is right. Education and communication are the preferred methods of obtaining compliance to this code; however, flagrant, serious and/or repeated disregard of this code may result in charges. When in doubt of any of the following points, an ethical owner is encouraged to consult with authorities such as experienced, reputable breeders or the Ethics committee.

#### I. HEALTH

1. All dogs shall be kept in a clean, healthy, and safe environment.
2. Dogs will be provided with all socialization, vaccinations, worming, and anti-parasite treatments necessary to provide maximum mental and physical well being.
3. When a Ridgeback must be euthanized the procedure should be humanely performed.

#### II. BREEDING

1. A breeder's aim and foremost responsibility shall be to produce the healthiest and best representatives of the breed possible.
2. Each litter shall be the result of conscientious planning, including consideration of health, soundness, temperament and conformity to the official standard of the breed.
3. Only healthy, mature adult dogs shall be used in a breeding program. Additional precautions, including a veterinarian consultation, should be taken when breeding a bitch over seven (7) years and under 18 months of age.
4. Only dogs screened and certified clear of hip and elbow dysplasia by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals or similar registry shall be bred. Breeders are encouraged to screen for all appropriate hereditary disorders.
5. Only purebred, American Kennel Club (AKC) [or equivalent] registered Rhodesian Ridgebacks shall be used for breeding.
6. Breeders and stud dog owners are held responsible for the progeny of their dogs. Both are required to assist in the placement and care of any dog in rescue that is either bred by them or sired by a dog that is owned, co-owned or leased by them. "Breeder is defined as the owner, co-owner or lessee at the time of whelp. Stud dog owner is defined as the owner, co-owner or lessee at the time of the breeding."

#### III. SALES

1. Breeders must be particularly concerned with the proper placement of puppies; both pet and show potential. Puppies should not be displayed in public places for the sole purpose of immediate sale.
2. Breeders shall urge purchasers to spay or neuter any dog which is not considered breedable quality and make use of limited registrations where appropriate. If puppies with serious defects or faults (dermoid sinus, ridgelessness) are sold rather than culled, the breeder must take the extra responsibility to see that the dog is spayed or neutered. Dermoid surgery should be performed prior to placing the pup in a new home.
3. Members will not knowingly furnish puppies or adult dogs for wholesale, pet shops, or dispose of them as "Give away" prizes; neither will they sell puppies to nor breed to dogs owned by those whom they have reason to believe may do so.
4. Members will not dispose of dogs or puppies by giving them to the local animal shelter, pound, humane society or any organization of that type.
5. Registration papers or a bill of sale stating sire, dam, and date of birth shall accompany puppies as they go new homes.

