



KUSHINDA RHODESIAN RIDGEBACKS

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New Puppy/Dog Owner's Interview/Application Form

To be used exclusively by parties interested in **Kushinda Rhodesian Ridgebacks**.

Thank you for your interest in becoming the new owner of a **Kushinda Rhodesian Ridgeback** puppy or dog. Providing the following information will assist us in understanding your requirements and in selecting the right **Kushinda** puppy/dog for you and/or your family. Please use a pen to print your answers or directly type in your answers by editing this file in **blue**. You are encouraged to provide additional information on separate paper or by inserting additional text, attaching pictures, your resume, etc. Please circle or **bold** answers where appropriate and be sure to answer all questions or mark N/A when Not Applicable. Previous **Kushinda** owners should complete a separate Application Form for each puppy/dog. Please mail your completed Application Form to one of the addresses above, or email it to **Kushinda@pobox.com**. We will contact you ASAP to verify its receipt. **If you have any questions please call or email us**. Thank you again for your assistance!

Date: _____, 2001

A. Your Personal Data =>

Your Name(s): _____ Age(s): _____ Gender(s): _____
Nationality: _____ Race (optional): _____ Are you a US citizen? Yes No

Home/Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone # w/area code: _____ Home email address: _____

Fax # w/area code: _____ Cellular # w/area code: _____

Do you have an answering machine or voice mail? Yes No

At what number? w/area code: _____

Your home page url: _____

Do you rent or own your home? Rent Own If you Rent, does your lease permit dogs? Yes No If Yes, are there any special conditions you must comply with? _____

If you are a full-time college student, please fill out the following section with your current local information.

College: _____ Address: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____ Rank: _____ GPA: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Local Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Local phone # w/area code: _____ Local email address: _____

Employer: _____ Job Title: _____ # Years _____

Job Description: _____

Employer Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work phone # w/area code: _____ Work email address: _____

Is it permissible to contact you at work by phone and/or email? Yes No Are you attaching your resume? Yes No

(Application Forms without Employment information will not be processed.)

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Will you be taking the puppy/dog to work with you? Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

Please indicate the best #, time, and place to contact you: _____

Please indicate the best place to mail you Newsletters, special announcements, etc.: _____

The **Primary Care Giver** of the puppy/dog should respond to the remainder of the Application Form. If other individuals will be involved in the direct care of the puppy/dog, they should fill out a separate Application Form. Other family members (who will interact with puppy/dog) should participate in the process. *Kushinda encourages children that will be directly involved with the puppy's/dog's care to assist in completing this Application Form.*

B. Primary Care Giver Personal Data =>

Are you currently? Single Have a Significant Other Married Divorced Widowed/Widower

Do you work? Full-Time Part-Time How much time daily will you have to devote to the puppy/dog ? _____ hrs

Do you have any physical/emotional limitations that we should be aware of? Yes No If Yes, please elaborate

Kushinda does not discriminate against limitations, conversely we strive to match a puppy/dog to meet your needs.

How would you describe your personality (i.e., submissive, dominate, shy, scientific, artistic, easy going, demanding, A, procrastinator) _____

Do you have children? Yes No If Yes, indicate Name(s) & Age(s)/Gender(s): _____

Are any individuals/children diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)? Yes No

Does anyone who will be in contact with puppy/dog have allergies? Yes No If Yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever had a cedar dog bed in your home? Yes No

Are you a member of RRCUS? Yes No If Yes, when did you join? _____ Who sponsored you? _____

Kushinda recommends you visit the [RRCUS](http://www.rrcus.org) web site @ <http://www.rrcus.org> for further information.

Are you on rr-folk? Yes No N/A If Yes, how often do you participate in the discussions? _____

What topics are of interest to you? _____

Are you a past/present member of any other breed-related club? Yes No If Yes, please specify: _____

If you consider yourself an active dog "fancier," are you in good standing with the AKC? Yes No N/A

C. Your Current Puppy/Dog Search Status =>

How soon are you looking at to obtain a *Kushinda* puppy/dog? _____

If not Soon, please indicate the time period when you are looking at to obtain a *Kushinda* puppy/dog:

Later: Spring Summer Winter Fall or Month _____ & Year _____

Are you willing to travel to Chambersburg, PA (1 hr 45 min from Washington, DC) for pick up? Yes No

Are you willing to travel to Fairmont, WV (1 hr 45 min south of Pittsburgh, PA) for pick up? Yes No

Kushinda has experience in flying puppies/dogs over great distances and may be willing to meet you half way?

Are you currently working with another breeder(s) to obtain a puppy/dog? Yes No If Yes, please indicate breeder(s)'s name: _____

Are you currently on a waiting list with another breeder(s) to obtain a puppy/dog? Yes No If Yes, please indicate the breeder's name and when you expect to obtain a puppy/dog: _____

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How did you learn about **Kushinda** puppies/dogs?

- Saw an informational flyer Please specify location: _____
- Saw **Kushinda** in The Ridgeback Please specify issue: _____
- Saw **Kushinda** in The Ridgeback Quarterly Please specify issue: _____
- Saw **Kushinda** in The Ridgeback Register Please specify issue: _____
- Saw **Kushinda** in the Top Ten Standings Please specify publication/issue: _____
- Saw an article about **Kushinda** in the newspaper Please specify publication: _____
- Heard about **Kushinda** from a friend Please specify name: _____ & when: _____
- Referred to **Kushinda** from another Breeder Please specify name: _____ & when: _____
- Contacted AKC's Breeder Referral Program Please specify when: _____
- Met you at therapy session, agility trial, dog show, or lure coursing trial.
Please specify who, when & where: _____
- Saw a **Kushinda** dog(s) doing agility, conformation, obedience, therapy, or lure coursing.
Please specify who, when & where: _____
- Found us on the Internet

- Kushinda** web site RRCUS web site rr-folk membership list
- RR web ring Canine Connections rr-folk posting
- coursing-l posting sighthound-l posting find-a-dog
- Breeder's Web Info Dog (MBF) other

Which search engine did you use? AltaVista, DirectHit, Google, GoTo, Infoseek, LookSmart, Lycos, Internet Keywords, Thunderstone, FindWhat, Sprinks by About, Kanoodle, NorthernLight, Metacrawler, AOL, DogPile, Yahoo! Other: _____

What keywords did you use? _____

Have you visited our [Kushinda On-Line Kennel Book](http://www.kushinda-ridgebacks.org) web site @ <http://www.kushinda-ridgebacks.org>? Yes No

Have you visited our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page on the Kushinda Web Site? Yes No (you should)

If Yes, please provide comments on your thoughts about our site: _____

Kushinda has provided a comprehensive set of materials and pictures about our puppies/dogs on our web site for your information. Most all of your questions can be answered by visiting our entire web site.

After visiting our web site, and/or personally speaking with us are you willing to make a \$300 non-refundable deposit to be put on a waiting list for a **Kushinda** puppy/dog? Yes No

*Applications accompanied by a deposit will be given **first priority** in processing.*

*Your deposit **will be refunded** 100% if there is no Kushinda puppy/dog available for you in the near future.*

D. Your Puppy/Dog Training Experience =>

Please indicate your puppy/dog training experience level: None Novice Intermediate Very Experienced Expert

Are you a previous dog owner? Yes No If Yes, please elaborate (call name, sex, current age, how long you have had, where you got the dog (origin/breeder's name, pet shop), type of training completed (basic obedience, CD), where was the puppy/dog kept indoors/outdoors, what happened to puppy/dog (do you still own?)):

Please list other breeds of dogs that you have previously owned (or your parents owned while you lived with them):

Call Name	Sex	Age	How Long	Origin/Breeder	Training Level	Indoor/Outdoor	Status

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Have you read any books on puppy/dog care and training? Yes No If Yes, please list: _____

Kushinda recommends Super Puppy - How to Raise the Best Dog You'll Ever Have! by Peter J. Vollmer \$6.95 available from SuperPuppy Press PO Box 463030 Escondido, CA 92046-3030 or 619 489-1818.

Have you ever attended a(n) (mark all that apply): _____ agility trial _____ dog show _____ obedience trail
_____ pet therapy session _____ lure coursing trial _____ other: _____

Have you ever had to euthanize (put to sleep) a pet? Yes No If Yes, please explain why? _____

Who is/will be your veterinarian (name, address, phone # w/area code): _____

Kushinda requires that your veterinarian be [American Animal Hospital Association \(AAHA\)](#)-accredited.

Are you sure this veterinarian is familiar with the Rhodesian Ridgeback? Yes No *If No, please initiate a search to locate a veterinarian who is familiar with Ridgeback.* Can I use your veterinarian as a reference? Yes No

Who is your local AKC Kennel Club? _____

Kennel Club Point of Contact: _____

DO you watch Animal Planet? Yes No

E. Your Ridgeback Experience =>

Are you a previous Ridgeback owner? Yes No If Yes, please elaborate (call name, sex, current age, how long you have had, where you got the dog (origin/breeder's name, pet shop), type of training completed (basic obedience, CD), where was the puppy/dog kept indoors/outdoors, what happened to puppy/dog (do you still own?)):

Please list Ridgebacks that you have previously owned (or your parents owned while you lived with them):

Call Name	Sex	Age	How Long	Origin/Breeder	Training	Indoor/ Outdoor	Status

Have you read any books on the Rhodesian Ridgeback? Yes No If Yes, please list: _____

Kushinda recommends the following book for everyone: The Rhodesian Ridgeback, The Origin, History & Standard by T. C. Hawley. \$22.50 Hardback available from Natalie D. Carlton, 5630 N. Abington Road, Tucson, AZ 85743.

Please read: "The Rhodesian Ridgeback was developed in Rhodesia by the Boer Farmers. He was bred to survive the rigors of harsh country and climate where only the fittest survived. He had to be easy to care for and inexpensive to maintain. The Boer required a good hunting dog with stamina to travel long distances over varied terrain to locate game. Once the game was sighted, the dog had to have enough remaining endurance to, in the case of large dangerous game (lions and the like), corner it and be agile enough to escape injury while holding the quarry at bay."¹ After the hunt however, the Boer expected his dog to remain at his side as a loyal companion, on guard constantly protecting not only his family but his livestock and property as well. ¹ The Rhodesian Ridgeback by Diane Jacobsen.

"The Ridgeback represents a strong, muscular and active dog, symmetrical and balanced in outline. A mature Ridgeback is a handsome, upstanding and athletic dog, capable of great endurance with a fair (good) amount of speed. Of even, dignified temperament, the Ridgeback is devoted and affectionate to his master, reserved with

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G. Your Environmental Profile =>

Will there be children or other people living at your home with the new puppy/dog? Yes No If Yes, how many? __

Please elaborate on how each child/person (by name) will be interacting with puppy/dog:

Name	Age	Sex	Interaction

Kushinda does not discriminate against children, however we recognize the special qualifications of an applicant required to ensure the establishment of a safe and satisfactory relationship between the puppy/dog & the children.

Do you currently have other dogs the new puppy/dog will be living with? Yes No If Yes, please elaborate (call name, breed, sex, current age, and how you expect the **Kushinda** dog/puppy to interact with it):

List dogs that are currently living with you:

Call Name	Breed	Sex	Age	Interaction

List any other pets that are currently living with you:

Species	Sex	Age	How Long	Origin	In/Outdoor	Interaction

If you and/or your family were at home in your TV room watching television, where would the puppy/dog be?

Where do you plan on letting the dog sleep? _____

Do you have a fenced-in area appropriate for a Ridgeback? Yes No If Yes, please elaborate (how high, dimensions of area enclosed, type of fence, doggie-door accessible?): _____

If No, how do you plan on allowing the dog to relieve itself and get appropriate exercise? _____

Kushinda highly recommends that a fenced-in yard (not a 10'by10' run) be available for the puppy/dog to ensure appropriate exercise and to prevent unnecessary accidents with cars. Ridgebacks like to sun bathe!

If you had to relocate, would you find a dwelling that allowed dogs? Yes No **If No, do you understand that the dog MUST be returned to Kushinda?** Yes No

Would you relocate into a dwelling that did not allow dogs to save your job? Yes No

Are you willing to crate train your puppy? Yes No Please explain your answer: _____

Where will the puppy/dog stay during the day? _____

How many hours a day will the puppy/dog be alone? _____

Do you own a crate suitable for the adult Ridgeback (400-500 airline size)? Yes No

If No, are you willing to purchase one? Yes No *Kushinda recommends that all puppies/dog are crate trained.*

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During Puppyhood, how will the puppy be let out to relieve himself during your workday?

If you went to watch a local parade, would you take the puppy/dog? Yes No Please explain: _____

Are you interested in exploring your puppy's/dog's mind, so that he/she may reach their full potential and have a productive life? Yes No If Yes, explain how you will do this: _____

Are you committed to caring for this puppy/dog for the next 10-12 years? Yes No

H. Your References =>

Please list the names and addresses of at least three family members and/or relatives that **Kushinda** may contact as character reference to your ability to care for a **Kushinda** Rhodesian Ridgeback for the next 10-12 years. (*Application Forms without this information will not be processed.*)

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship With	How Long Known

Please list the names and addresses of at least three other individuals that **Kushinda** may contact as character reference. (*Application Forms without this information will not be processed.*)

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship With	How Long Known

I. Kushinda Recommendations =>

Do you understand that you will eventually sign a legal binding contract with **Kushinda** called the Kushinda Rhodesian Ridgeback Breeder/New Owner Contract and Health Guarantee? Yes No **Kushinda** recommends that you review the "typical" contents of this contract by downloading the Sample Contract @ <http://www.kushinda-ridgebacks.org/availablepuppies/htdocs/samplepetcontract.doc> a MS Word file.

Do you understand that you and your puppy need to attend Puppy Kindergarten classes? Yes No

Do you understand that you and puppy/dog will need to attend Basic Obedience classes? Yes No

Please visit <http://www.akc.org/ns-search/train.htm> for further details on training.

Do you understand that we recommend obtaining the America Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizenship certificate? Yes No Please visit the AKC's CGC web page @ www.akc.org/love/cgc/index.cfm for complete details.

Do you understand that keeping your Ridgeback "lean" in weight throughout his/her life is important for

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appropriate growth and a long healthy life? Yes No

Do you understand that this **pet** puppy is NOT TO BE BRED under any circumstances? Yes No

Do you understand that at 6-9 months of age this puppy will be spayed/neutered? Yes No

Do you understand that you will be purchasing monthly supplies of Heartworm Preventative for the rest of your puppy's/dog's life? Yes No

Do you understand that **Kushinda** prefers questions about **Kushinda** dogs/puppies first be posted to **Kushinda@pobox.com** before posting to rr-folk? Yes No N/A *This process will allow **Kushinda** to appropriately answer your questions first and prevent any damage to the **Kushinda** image for rr-folk subscribers. Thanks you for your cooperation in this matter!*

Do you understand that **Kushinda** highly recommends that you participate in Lure Coursing with your dog/puppy to obtain the AKC's Junior and Senior Courser Titles? Yes No

Do you understand that in the event you are forced to give-up the puppy/dog, that you are required to notify Kushinda Rhodesian Ridgebacks and you MUST return the puppy/dog to Kushinda? Yes No

Signature Required to indicate you have responded to this Application Form with answers that are to the best of your knowledge: (use italic if electronic submission): _____

What specific questions do you have (if any)? _____

Other Comments: _____

Please complete the Compatibility Quiz on the next page.

After carefully reviewing your answers and upon verification of the references you have provided, you will be notified if we have a **Kushinda** Rhodesian Ridgeback available for you at this time. Thank you again for your time and patience in completing this Application Form. We look forward to working with you!

*Kimma B. & Kammi K. Hefner
AKC Licensed Lure Coursing Judges*

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Compatibility Quiz

5 Questions To Ask Yourself

PLEASE COMPLETE WITH KUSHINDA INTERVIEW SHEET

Are you ready? If you are considering the acquisition of a canine companion, you have no doubt thought about the joys & responsibilities of pet ownership??

Adding a dog to your life should be an earnest & thoughtful process. After all, the dog will become a daily responsibility in your life for at least 10yrs, & you will be assuming responsibility for the physical & emotional security of a demanding & sensitive animal.

Ask yourself honestly: "Do I really want a dog? Or do I enjoy the idea of having a pet." Before rushing to call that ad in the paper or a local breeder, about their dogs, take a few minutes to answer a few simple questions about yourself and your desire to have a dog.

Whether you are looking for your long awaited first dog or are seeking a dog because you've enjoyed your previous pets, you should consider your likes and dislikes about dogs when making your choice. Take this simple quiz to examine your motives for wanting a dog.

1. What will be the primary purpose of this dog?

- a) Will the dog be a one-person pet, or will the dog coexist with people of various ages and personalities?
- b) What size and shape of dog appeals to you?
- c) Is anyone residing in you household allergic to pets?

2. What other expectations do you want the dog to fulfill?

- a) Will the dog be used for breeding, dog shows, field trials, competitive obedience, therapy dog work or another special purpose?
- b) Will you dog be your companion, protector, status symbol, or surrogate child?
- c) How active is your lifestyle? Do you want a dog that can share in your athletic activities?

3. How much time can you devote each day to your dog?

- a) How much time can you devote to the dog (i.e. training, grooming, walking, socializing, and health care?)
- b) How much casual time can the dog share with you (companionship)?
- c) Would you enjoy spending time grooming a longhaired dog, or is wash-and-wear more your style?
- d) Does you job demand extensive travel or considerable overtime?

4. Can you afford to take care of a dog on your budget?

- a) How much disposable income can you devote to a dog?
- b) What are the expenses likely to be? Food, grooming, Vet care etc.?

5. Will you be able to provide adequate housing throughout a dog's lifetime?

- a) Does your current housing permit pets?
- b) Are you settled, or are you likely to change jobs, lifestyles or relocate within the next few years?
- c) Are you willing to make extra efforts to find suitable housing to accommodate a dog?
- d) Can you safely contain a dog that is likely to jump fences or push out window screens?

After completing the Compatibility Quiz are you ready for a **Kushinda** Rhodesian Ridgeback? Yes No Please elaborate: _____

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