

Hound

Rhodesian Ridgeback

The breed was originally developed as a scent hound in South Africa to track a variety of game. When the breed was taken to Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) it was used largely for tracking lions, fast on the scent, athletic in tracking and courageous in holding the lions at bay until the hunters arrived. The breed takes its name from a ridge of hair growing in the reverse direction along its spine. His ancestry is linked to the ancient dogs of the Hottentots which possessed this same feature. Canine folklore suggested that a well-marked ridge was a sign of courage.

Breed Group	Hound
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Large
How much exercise?	More than 2 hours per day
Length of coat	Short
How much grooming?	Once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Large House
Minimum garden size	Large
Lifespan	Over 10 Years

Health Information

You may be aware that some breeds of dog and their crosses can be susceptible to inherited disease. Of course you want to be sure that the dog you choose is as healthy as possible, and you would like to know that it has not inherited any undesirable disease-causing genes from its parents. There is some help in that DNA tests for diseases in purebred dogs are available for some conditions in some breeds, but there are not very many such tests just yet! There are also, however, a number of clinical veterinary screening schemes that dog breeders can use to increase the probability of producing healthy puppies.

Details of the various screening schemes, both veterinary and DNA, that are available to breeders in the UK can be found at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth

Potential dog owners should be aware that, at present, the application of various health screening results to breeding programmes is not always straightforward, and breeders may make choices for various reasons. A responsible breeder though, will always be willing to discuss relevant health issues with you. Breed clubs are often useful sources of breed-specific information.

What Screening is relevant for the Rhodesian Ridgeback?

Kennel Club Assured Breeders must use the following screening schemes for sires and dams BVA/KC

- BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme

Kennel Club Assured Breeders are strongly recommended to use the following screening schemes and/or advice for sires and dams

- BVA/KC Elbow Dysplasia Scheme
- Breed Club - dermoid sinus check (puppies)
- Bitches under two years not to produce a litter
- Bitches not to produce more than 3 litters in their lifetime
- Bitches not to produce more than one litter within a 12-month period

The list above is not necessarily comprehensive. Breed clubs and experienced breeders are useful sources of information on health issues in the breed. All breeds have a Breed Health Coordinator.

Rhodesian Ridgeback Clubs

Name	Telephone
Midlands & Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Club	01695 727295
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club Of Great Britain	01568 708 066
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club Of Scotland	01236 878280
Southern Rhodesian Ridgeback Association	07850 158699

Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Rhodesian Ridgeback Welfare Trust	0300 1010 030
Ridgeback Rescue	07488 248646

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07946 208817












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ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs C & Mr R Ollman Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire	24/11/2015	01346 532122	
Mr G & Mrs J Cunningham Mauchline, Ayrshire	26/05/2011	01290 552426	
Mrs Tanner Baldwin & Mr Baldwin Bedford, Bedfordshire	07/07/2016	07770 631431	
Mr W J & Mrs J L Dickson Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire	30/11/2009	01908 379069	
Mrs R Warrenner & Mr B O'Leary Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire	02/04/2019	07387 166133	
Ms L M Scott & Mrs R Fitzsimons Newry, County Down	12/07/2011		
Mrs L & Mr A Clark-Maclean Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire	08/01/2019	07824 819050	
Mrs N D Raymond Blackwood, Gwent	31/03/2008	07971 878508	
Mrs C R Kapma-Saunders Southampton, Hampshire	05/12/2018	02380 404430	
Mr J K & Mrs S A Hicks Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire	29/03/2011	01442 390325	
Mrs S Littman Potters Bar, Hertfordshire	28/02/2010	01707 644119	
Mrs J E Larkin Ashford, Kent	13/09/2013	01233 756036	
Mr J & Mrs P Flower Dover, Kent	20/12/2016	01304 215544	
Miss H Parsons Ashby-De-La-Zouch, Leicestershire	31/01/2009	01530 411434	
Mrs J & Mr K Conlon Sleaford, Lincolnshire	31/12/2012	01529 410741	
Mr C H & Mrs E A Bell Stanmore, Middlesex	24/11/2016	07729 699730	
Ms C Bell Thirsk, North Yorkshire	10/07/2018	07712 553698	
Mr D R Simpson Worksop, Nottinghamshire	31/08/2008	07872 461790	
Mr S B & Mrs S K Phillips Burton-On-Trent, Staffordshire	30/04/2009	07970 922060	
Mr P D & Mrs E J Nicholson Bungay, Suffolk	28/01/2005	01508 482550	

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Mrs S R Phillips Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk	11/04/2012	07760 828896	
Mrs D J Cocker Dorking, Surrey	19/07/2012	01306 883728	
Mrs S L Lowther Guildford, Surrey	29/04/2019	01483 810573	
Mrs H J Sanders Stourbridge, West Midlands	06/02/2013	07875 233979	
Mrs M & Mr T A Steer Haywards Heath, West Sussex	31/01/2008	07775 944103	 
Miss A Holmes & Mr E Sutcliffe Keighley, West Yorkshire	19/11/2018	07813 838310	
Mrs A Wigglesworth Wakefield, West Yorkshire	30/04/2010	01924 840038	
Mrs K Salmon Salisbury, Wiltshire	28/02/2008	01980 610366	 



Accolade of Excellence

Denotes a significant contribution to a breed.



Studbook Achievement

Bred at least 3 dogs listed in the Studbook.



Breed Club Membership

Current member of one or more breed clubs



Breeder Experience

5 or more litters registered with the Kennel Club