

**THE RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF VIC INC.**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2024/2025**

I/we desire to become a member/s of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Victoria (Inc.) (Reg No. A0010860A). I/we agree to be bound by the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and amendments, the Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Ethics (see reverse) of the RRCV Inc. and the Constitution and Code of Practice of the Victorian Canine Association Inc. I/we also agree to abide by any changes made to the Club's Rules, by the Members, during the Club's financial year. I/we accept the need to protect and work towards the betterment and advancement of our breed and its standard.

**Membership (2024/25) Full year**

**Family or Single \$25.00**

Full Name/s:

Address

State  Postcode

Telephone

Email Address

VCA Membership No.: (if applicable)  (or Interstate/O/S Equivalent)

SIGNED  Date

I/We have read and will comply with the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Victoria Inc. Code of Ethics

**Please return this Application for Membership Form to:-**

**The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Vic. Inc.**

**EMAIL to [rrclubvic@gmail.com](mailto:rrclubvic@gmail.com)**

**Payment can be made by cheque or direct debit:**

**Westpac bank: BSB 033-071 ACC NO 77-1428**

**General Account For direct debit please include your name as reference**

**Membership accepted for and on behalf of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Vic Inc.:**

Signed: ..... Signed: .....



## **CODE OF ETHICS**

As a member of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Victoria Inc. (Reg NO 0010860A). I agree that I will abide by the following Code of Ethics and I clearly understand that to breach the Code could lead to disciplinary action under the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club.

1. I will ensure that at all times all Rhodesian Ridgebacks under my control are properly housed, bed, watered, exercised and receive proper veterinary attention when required.
2. I will not allow any Rhodesian Ridgebacks under my care to roam at large and when away from home I will ensure they are kept leashed, or under effective control.
3. I will breed only for the purpose of improving the standard of the breed and not for the pet market or any other commercial purpose.
4. I will cull from my Breeding Program:
  - a. Puppies with Dermoid Sinus. I will inform buyers of the Dermoid Sinus and how to detect it. If Dermoid Sinus detected at birth or while in my care, I will either euthanise the pup or have the Dermoid Sinus surgically removed. I will inform buyers about Dermoid Sinus and how to detect it.  
Should a Dermoid Sinus be detected following sale of the puppy, I will recommend euthanasia or neutering and surgical removal. In line with Dogs Victoria Rule 20.1.25.3, I will refund 100% of the purchase price of the puppy or take financial responsibility for surgical removal of the Dermoid Sinus(s), whichever is the lesser.
  - b. I recognise ridgeless pups, and pups that are blue/grey or any unusual colours are not in the standard. I undertake to desex them prior to leaving my care OR to sell the pup with a contract that stipulates that the purchaser will not breed, and will neuter the pup.
5. I will breed responsibly and only if I have the facilities, time and resources to adequately care for the litter.
6. I will strongly advise purchasers that Rhodesian Ridgebacks not required for breeding be desexed to prevent unwanted and crossbred litters.
7. I will not sell any Rhodesian Ridgebacks to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers, not allows a Rhodesian Ridgeback to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind.
8. Minimum Breeding Age:
  - a. I will not breed from any bitch registered in my name or Kennel name or on breeders terms before it is 18 months of age, or has reached 20 months at whelping and thereafter not more than once in each succeeding period of 12 months. If it is necessary through extenuating circumstances to breed from a bitch twice within 12 months I will rest the bitch on the third season. I will x-ray and grade as per Code of Ethics Section
  - b. I will only use at stud a stud dog over 12 months of age which has hip and elbow scores as per Code of Ethics Rule 16. I will not let my stud dog be mated to a bitch under 18 months of age or 20 months at whelping.
9. I will not permit any of my purebred Rhodesian Ridgebacks to be mated to a dog of a different breed, to a cross-bred dog, or to an unregistered or Limited Register Rhodesian Ridgeback.
10. I will not sell or otherwise transfer from my care any puppy under eight weeks of age, thus allowing for vaccinations to be given at six weeks of age, and the necessary ten to fourteen days for the vaccine to take effect.
11. I will ensure that all persons acquiring Rhodesian Ridgebacks from me clearly understand their responsibilities for the care and welfare of the animal.
12. I will provide to all purchasers of Rhodesian Ridgebacks sold or placed by me, written details of all dietary and immunisation requirements and/or an appropriate publication relating to the requirements of responsible Rhodesian Ridgeback ownership.
13. I will not misrepresent the characteristics of Rhodesian Ridgebacks or mislead any person regarding the performance of any Rhodesian Ridgeback. All advertising, oral or written will be factual, not false or misleading or worded so as to attract undesirable buyers, not to encourage the raising of pure bred Rhodesian Ridgebacks for the commercial market.
14. I will ensure when selling or transferring a Rhodesian Ridgeback to another person, that documents required by Victorian Canine Association Rule 85B (or appropriate registering bodies and their relevant (By- Laws) will be provided to the Purchaser or Transferee.
15. I will keep accurate records of Rhodesian Ridgebacks, matings and pedigrees and register my breeding Rhodesian Ridgebacks and puppies with the Victorian Canine Association (or appropriate registering body).
16. I will have my Rhodesian Ridgebacks x-rayed and graded for hip dysplasia and elbow disease prior to the first mating. The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Victoria Inc. recognise the AVA Lawson/Willis and/or PennHip schemes. Elbow scoring is required for any animal born after 1 July 2005.
17. I will not malign judges, fellow competitors or fellow Members by making false or misleading statements regarding their Rhodesian Ridgebacks, breeding practices or character.