



**Helping Ridgebacks and their Owners**  
**Giving a second chance to lost and lonely Ridgebacks**

## Leaving a Legacy

Midlands and Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Support and Rescue Trust (the Trust) is entirely reliant upon the generosity of our kind supporters. Donations help us to rescue and re-home Rhodesian Ridgebacks from across the UK and such generosity helps us to give accommodation, food, bedding, veterinary care, time and love to many Ridgebacks each year. Any contribution, no matter how small, will help to ensure we are able to continue to improve the future of Ridgebacks in need.

After providing for your family and friends you may wish to leave a charitable gift in your Will to the Trust. Regardless of the size, legacy gifts are a tax free way of helping us to continue our vital work.

If you feel you would like to help the Trust in this way please see the information below, which will provide you with the information that a legal advisor will need to ensure your wishes are carried out. Alternatively, if you would prefer to talk to someone in confidence, please call the Trust's Treasurer, Kevin Blackwell (T: 07702 449 706) or the Chairman, Helen Mansfield, (T: 07752 330 327).

## OVERVIEW OF THE TRUST

The Midlands and Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Support and Rescue Trust is the premier support, rescue and re-homing service for the breed in the United Kingdom. The Trust's objectives are to provide appropriate care, protection, treatment, security and support for Rhodesian Ridgebacks; to relieve suffering and distress and where necessary to find suitable permanent new homes for such animals; and to educate and advise both Rhodesian Ridgeback owners and the wider public in matters pertaining to the health, welfare and the prevention of cruelty and suffering of this breed.

Typically the Trust helps between 70 and 80 Ridgebacks per annum. The Trust is administered and operated by a team of volunteers and is entirely dependent on donations, legacies, merchandising and income from fund raising. We are fortunate to have access to a licensed boarding kennels, the proprietors of which have many years experience of the breed. However, even at the discounted rates we are charged, our annual kennel bill is still in the range of £15–£18,000.

Ridgebacks in our care receive whatever veterinary treatment they need, the aggregate cost of which regularly exceeds

£3,000 per annum. In difficult situations where they are behavioural issues we are able to call upon the services of qualified dog behaviourists. New owners receive advice and support following re-homing for the lifetime of the dog.

In addition to its core activity the Trust is also heavily engaged in promoting the many attributes of the Ridgeback and providing education and guidance on health issues and responsible dog ownership to existing and potential owners and to those expressing an interest in the breed.

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## PARTICULARS OF THE TRUST

**Name:** The Midlands and Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Support and Rescue Trust.  
**Registered Charity Number:** 1146704  
**Administrative Address:** Helen Mansfield (Chairman),  
Chapel Cottage, Birts Street, Birtsmorton, Worcestershire. WR13 6AW  
**Treasurer's Details:** Kevin Blackwell,  
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## TYPES OF LEGACIES

We strongly advise anyone considering bequeathing a gift to the Trust to seek guidance from their legal representative. If your Will is out of date, i.e. circumstances have changed, or you do not have a Will advise your legal advisor what you wish to leave to the Trust together with the Particulars of the Trust and they will write an appropriate Will. If your Will is current then a Codicil (merely an addition) can be added by your Solicitor to reflect what you wish to leave to the Trust. Again advise your legal advisor of the Particulars of the Trust.

A legacy can be left in one of three ways:

- 1. Residuary Gift** A gift of all (or part) of the value of your estate after debts, liabilities and other legacies have been paid. This is the most valuable kind of legacy to the Trust.
- 2. Pecuniary Gift** A gift of a particular sum of money.
- 3. Specific** A gift of a specified item, for example; property, a painting or a piece of jewellery.

A legacy can be left with conditions but the preferred would be if something is left for "general charitable purposes" which permits a desirable flexibility of use.

If you would like to leave the Trust a gift in your Will the following wording may be helpful when you visit your legal advisor:

*"I give all (or a \_ % share of ) the residue of my estate to the Midlands and Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Support and Rescue Trust (Registered Charity Number 1146704), Chapel Cottage, Birts Street, Birtsmorton, Worcestershire, WR13 6AW, for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a valid and appropriate form of discharge"*

If you have already made your Will and decide that you would like to add a gift to the Trust, the following wording for a codicil may be helpful when you visit your legal advisor:

*"I (name) of (address) declare this to be my first codicil to my last Will dated (date). I give (details of legacy) to the Midlands and Northern Rhodesian Ridgeback Support and Rescue Trust (Registered Charity Number 1146704), Chapel Cottage, Birts Street, Birtsmorton, Worcestershire WR13 6AW, for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be valid and appropriate form of discharge. In all other respects I confirm my Will."*

## PEACE OF MIND

If you are a Rhodesian Ridgeback owner you may also like to include the following wording in your Will:

*"It is also my wish that the Trust care for or re-home any Rhodesian Ridgebacks I own at the time of my death"*

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