

Health Survey Instructions

- I. Please include all Ridgebacks you have owned that were born on or after January 1, 1984.
 - A. This does not include puppies that you produced and then sold.
 - B. This does include puppies that you produced and then culled (euthanized).
 - C. If you obtained or placed a Ridgeback as an adult, include him in the survey only for the period of time he or she was residing with you.
 - D. If you co-own Ridgebacks, be sure not to duplicate data with the other co-owner(s). List each Ridgeback on one survey only.
 - E. If you have placed Ridgeback puppies or dogs with non-club members and would like them to be included in the survey you can (1) copy the survey and mail it to the owners for them to fill out or (2) conduct your own survey by phone and include the data on your survey.
- II On line 1, assign each Ridgeback a number. Do not identify him by name. The easiest way to do this is chronologically, i.e, oldest to youngest starting January 1, 1984. **MAKE AS MANY COPIES OF THE SURVEY CHART AS YOU NEED TO INCLUDE ALL OF YOUR DOGS.**
- III. On line 2, indicate the dog's sex. M - Male and F= Female.
- IV On line 3, indicate whether or not the dog is neutered. Y = Yes and N = No. If you answered Yes, indicate the approximate age (in years) at the time of surgery.
- V. On line 4, indicate the Ridgeback's color variety. B = Black nose and L = Liver nose.
- VI. On line 5, record the Ridgeback's birth date (month and year only). Example: for a birth date of May 12, 1991, write 5/91.
- VII On line 6, record the Ridgeback's death date (if applicable) in month and year only.

VIII Lines 7 - 22 are named by specific categories of disease. EACH OF THE CATEGORIES IS CAREFULLY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES. After the descriptions there are examples of many of the specific diseases/disorders that fit into each category.

If

your Ridgeback has had a disease/disorder that fits into one of the specific categories, enter the name of the disease/disorder in the appropriate space. (See examples on the chart).

★ IMPORTANT NOTE ★ This survey is limited to major diseases and health disorders.

A major disease or health disorder can be defined as one that (1) is potentially life threatening or (2) significantly affects the quality of the dog's life or (3) significantly affects

the dog's potential as a breeding animal. Use this definition to decide whether or not to include any ailments that we have failed to list.

Please limit your listing to those that have been confirmed by a veterinarian. DO NOT SPECULATE! Exceptions to this would be problems that are obvious to the owner, such as ridgelessness or cryptorchidism (retained testicle(s)).

A. If a final (definitive) diagnosis is not available, but the disease/disorder can be narrowed down to a specific category enter "Diagnosis Unknown" in the appropriate disease/disorder space.

Example - Your Ridgeback has a heart murmur, but the cause of the murmur is not determined. The entry on line 14 (Cardiopulmonary Disorders) would be - "Heart murmur - Diagnosis Unknown".

H. Finally, if your Ridgeback either died (D) or was euthanized (E) because of a specific disease/disorder, indicate this with a (D) or (E) written after the specific disease.

Example - A puppy that was euthanized for ridgelessness would have the following entry on line 12 (Dermatologic Disorders) - Ridgelessness (E).

Once your survey is completed, mail it to:

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To maintain anonymity, do not include your return address. Thank you for your participation.

**DESCRIPTION OF DISEASE/DISORDER CATEGORIES
(LINES 7 - 22)**

Read over these categories prior to starting the survey. It may help to refresh your memory on disorders that your Ridgebacks have had in the past. Don't be intimidated by names of diseases that are unfamiliar to you. Chances are, if your Ridgeback was diagnosed with one of these problems, you'll recognize the name. These lists are not meant to be a test in veterinary medicine; they are only here to help you. Good luck and thank you again for your efforts!

Line 7 - Toxicologic Disorders

This category pertains to the consumption of, or exposure to, a toxic substance which resulted in major illness or death.

Examples include: Ethylene glycol (antifreeze) toxicity, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug overdose, warfarin (rat poison) toxicity, lead toxicity, hops toxicity, organophosphate (insecticide) toxicity, etc.

Line 8 - Infectious Diseases

This category includes major illnesses or death as a result of a viral, bacterial, rickettsial/tick-borne, protozoal, parasitic or fungal infection.

Examples include:

Viral diseases: parvovirus, distemper virus, rabies virus

Bacterial diseases: bacterial endocarditis, bacterial pneumonia, bacterial gastroenteritis (i.e, salmonellosis), chronic staphylococcus pyoderma (skin infections), pyelonephritis (bacterial kidney infection), brucellosis, mastitis,

chronic

bacterial prostatitis, chronic bacterial cystitis (bladder infections), bacterial meningitis, discospondylitis, botulism, septic (bacterial) arthritis, chronic otitis (ear infections)

Rickettsial/tick-borne diseases: ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Lyme disease, babesiosis

Protozoal disease: toxoplasmosis.

Parasitic diseases: Heartworm disease, lung parasites, severe gastrointestinal parasite infestations (i.e hookworm enteritis)

Fungal diseases: blastomycosis, histoplasmosis

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Line 9 - Endocrine Diseases

This category includes disorders of the following glands - hypothalamus, pituitary, parathyroid, thyroid, endocrine pancreas and adrenal.

Examples include: Hyper- or hypothyroidism, hyper- or hypoparathyroidism, diabetes mellitus, hypoadrenocorticism (Addison's disease), hyperadrenocorticism (Cushing's disease) and growth hormone abnormalities.

Line 10 - Immunologic/Hematologic Diseases

This category includes diseases/disorders of the immune system. It also includes disorders of blood production and clotting (coagulation).

Examples include: Autoimmune hemolytic anemia (AIHA), immune mediated thrombocytopenia (IMT), leukocyte (white blood cell count) disorders, clotting disorders such as Hemophilia A and von Willebrand's disease (VWD),

pemphigus

complex disease, and systemic lupus erythematosus.

Line 11 - Oncological Disease (cancer)

This category includes cancer (i.e. malignant or potentially malignant disorders) of all organ systems.

Examples include:

Skin -	mast cell tumors, malignant melanomas
Nasal cavity -	adenocarcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, undifferentiated carcinoma
Oral cavity -	squamous cell carcinoma, malignant melanoma, fibrosarcoma
Spleen -	hemangiosarcoma
Intestinal tract -	lymphosarcoma, adenocarcinoma
Bladder -	transitional cell carcinoma
Mammary glands -	adenocarcinoma
Testicles -	Sertoli cell tumor, interstitial cell tumor, seminoma
Brain -	(many)

Bone - osteosarcoma
Lymph nodes/lymphatic system - lymphosarcoma

*Note: Do not give a specific diagnosis unless a biopsy was performed. If no biopsy was done, but a tumor was known to be present, list it as a “tumor” only.

Example - If your Ridgeback had a testicular tumor, but a biopsy was never performed, list it on line 11 as “testicular tumor” not as “testicular Sertoli cell tumor”.

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Line 12 - Dermatologic Disorders

This category includes a little major non-infectious, non-cancerous disorders of the hair and skin.

Examples include: generalized demodectic mange, seasonal flank alopecia, severe allergic dermatitis, (inhalant allergies or atopy, food allergies, flea allergy dermatitis), RIDGELESSNESS, DERMOID SINUS.

Line 13 - Gastrointestinal Disorders

This category includes all major non-infectious, non-cancerous disorders of the gastrointestinal system which includes: The oral cavity, pharynx, esophagus, stomach, intestinal tract (small intestine, large intestine, rectum, anus) and disorders of the liver and pancreas (non-endocrine).

Examples Include - Severe malocclusion (severe underbite or overbite in the adult Ridgeback), cleft palate, swallowing disorders, megaesophagus, gastric/intestinal ulcers, gastric dilation/volvulus (GVD or bloat), gastric/intestinal motility disorders, maldigestive disorders (i.e., exocrine pancreatic insufficiency), malabsorptive disorders, (i.e. infiltrative or inflammatory bowel disease), intestinal obstruction (including intestinal intussusception), chronic colitis, all hernias (hiatal, umbilical, inguinal, diaphragmatic, perineal), chronic constipation, fecal incontinence, anal sac disorders. Also, chronic liver disease/liver failure, congenital portosystemic shuts, pancreatitis.

Line 14 - Cardiopulmonary Disorders

This category includes all major non-infectious, non-cancerous disorders of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems.

Examples include: congenital cardiac abnormalities (patent ductus arteriosus or PDA, pulmonic stenosis, aortic/subaortic stenosis, atrial and ventricular septal defects, valve

dysplasias, etc), acquired cardiac abnormalities (hypertrophic and dilated cardiomyopathy, mitral/tricuspid valve degeneration), pericardial disease, nasal disorders, laryngeal disorders (such as laryngeal paralysis) collapsing trachea, chronic bronchitis, pneumothorax, pleural effusion.

Line 15 - Urinary Disorders

This category includes all major non-infectious, non-cancerous disorders of the urinary tract which includes: the kidneys, the ureters, the bladder and the urethra.

Examples include: congenital urinary tract defects (ectopic ureters, patent urachus), bladder/kidney stones, acute or chronic renal kidney failure, and urinary incontinence.

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Line 16 - Reproductive Disorders

This category includes all major non-infectious, non-cancerous disorders of the male and female reproductive system. This male reproductive system includes the penis, prepuce (or sheath), testes, and prostate gland. The female reproductive system includes the vulva, cervix, uterus, ovaries, and mammary glands.

Examples include:

- Male - cryptorchidism (retained testicle(s)), prostatic hyperplasia, prostatic cysts, infertility
- Female - spontaneous (unplanned) abortion, cystic ovaries, pyometra, vaginal prolapse, postpartum eclampsia, infertility

Line 17 - Neurologic Disorders

This category includes all major non-infectious, non-cancerous disorders of the nervous system (i.e. brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerves).

Examples include: Primary or idiopathic epilepsy, granulomatous meningoencephalitis, intervertebral disc disease, degenerative myelopathy, cauda equina syndrome, cervical vertebral malformation/malarticulation (wobble syndrome), fibrocartilaginous embolism, myasthenia gravis, congenital neurologic disorders (including congenital deafness, hydrocephalus, etc).

Line 18 - Musculoskeletal Disorders

This category includes all major non-infectious, non-cancerous disorders of the muscles, bones and joints.

Examples include: hip dysplasia, elbow disorders (united anconeal process, fragmented coronoid process), osteochondritis dissecans (OCD), hypertrophic osteodystrophy (HOD), ruptured cranial cruciate ligament (knee), luxating patella (slipping knee cap), severe degenerative joint disease (osteoarthritis), muscular dystrophy, masticatory myositis, canine idiopathic polymyositis).

Line 19 - Ophthalmic Disorders

This category includes all major non-infectious, non-cancerous disorders of the eyes. Essentially any abnormality on a CERF (Canine Eye Registration Foundation) exam can be included.

Examples include: glaucoma, entropion, ectropion, keratoconjunctivitis sicca (KCC or dry eye), corneal dystrophy, chronic superficial keratitis/pannus, persistent pupillary membranes, cataracts, progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) retinal dysplasia.

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Line 20 - Trauma

This category includes all major traumatic episodes which result in significant injury or death.

Examples include: hit by a car (HBC), gun shot wounds, falling from significant height, attacks by dogs or other animals (including lions), struck by lightning.

Line 21 - Behavioral Disorders

This category includes all major behavioral disorders which, in the opinion of the owner, veterinarian, or animal behaviorist, rendered the dog unsuitable as a pet and/or breeding animal.

Examples include: excessive aggression, excessive shyness, excessive barking, severe separation anxiety, severe stereotypic behavior, severe noise/thunderstorm phobia.

Line 22 - Other

If we forgot to categorize it, put it here.

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