

BARRC Breeders Directory Policy

Purpose and Need

The BARRC website includes a Breeders Directory which lists club members who have paid a fee to be listed as a breeder. Although a disclaimer is included on the website that, "BARRC makes no recommendations nor warranties with respect to any dog that may be obtained from any breeders on this list.", many people looking for a dog assume that the listing of a breeder implies that BARRC has some knowledge of the listed breeders and their practices and are endorsed by BARRC. Therefore, it is being suggested that the requirements to be listed on the BARRC Breeders Directory should be strengthened.

Recommended Requirements

The BARRC Board of Directors is recommending that certain requirements be met before a club member can be listed on the Breeders Directory. There are five general areas to be considered. These include Membership, Code of Ethics, Eligibility, Listing Fee, and Participation, with Participation being the primary difference from previous years.

Focus on Participation

The goal of requiring attendance at BARRC meetings and/or participation in BARRC events is so that BARRC members can become familiar with all breeders on the list and so that all breeders on the list are involved with the club's functions and activities. This will also help assure that new breeders and breeders new to the club have access to mentors, and that potential puppy/dog buyers will more easily be able to become familiar with all breeders on the BARRC Breeders Directory list.

Requirements

All of the following five (5) requirements must be met to be eligible to be listed on the BARRC Breeders Directory.

1. Membership

To be listed on the BARRC Breeders Directory, the person must be a BARRC voting member and have been a member for a minimum of twelve months at the time of application submittal.

2. Eligibility

To be listed on the BARRC Breeders Directory, the person must reside in Northern California, or if outside Northern California, in an adjacent or nearby area that is not represented by a local Rhodesian Ridgeback breed club.

3. Code of Ethics

To be listed on the BARRC Breeders Directory, the person must agree to abide by the BARRC "Code of Ethics", which lists and identifies, among other items, recommended breeding and mentoring practices.

4. Participation

To be listed in the BARRC Breeders Directory, the person must participate in three club functions during the previous year. Club functions include membership meetings, BARRC-sponsored events such as fun matches, lure coursing practices, herding clinics, etc., and other club activities that may be scheduled during the year. Participation means attending a club meeting; participating in the planning and/or operating of an event or other BARRC activity; participating in a BARRC event itself other than entering a licensed competition; or helping with rescue efforts including fostering, transporting, or veterinary care. (While a BARRC-Supported AKC/ASFA All Breed event is not an eligible event, a BARRC-directed AKC/ASFA All Breed event or a BARRC AKC/ASFA Breed Specialty event is an eligible event.) One of the three functions must be attendance at a BARRC membership meeting. For attendance at BARRC meetings to be counted, the person shall sign the attendance sheet which is to be circulated by a BARRC BOD member. Only one participation item per day of events may be counted toward meeting the three participation requirements.

5. Listing Fee

To be listed in the BARRC Breeders Directory, the person must pay a fee to BARRC to be submitted with the application. The fee amount is identified on the most current application form. The Breeders Directory listing to be posted on the web site is to run from January 1 through December 31, including the membership renewal grace period to January 31. Applications submitted at any time other than the annual renewal period run through December 31, including the renewal grace period to January 31.