

## **A RESPONSIBLE BREEDER.....**

- does not earn his living by dog breeding
- he does not pin you to a contract on his first visit or demands a deposit.
- he recommends you to visit other breeding kennels and breeders and then decide calmly.
- does not speak badly about other breeders.
- all dogs live in close family contact with him and are in good state of health and good condition, are friendly, open and accessible.
- has not given away retired dogs, they are living in close family contact
- does not mate his breeding bitches more than 3x during their life and not on following heats "back-to-back"
- gives you access to all documents relevant to breeding and health certificates of the breeding dogs.
- does not save any costs and registers each litter and each puppy, also those which are not for breeding
- is openly opposed to backyard breeding and tries everything in order to prevent unregistered breeding with his dogs.
- pursues a breeding objective with his lines to improve the breed and does not constantly buy breeding dogs from other kennels only because they are "Champion Lines"
- is also raising ridgeless puppies because they are fantastic family pets as well
- has no dog pounds or home kennels, where the dogs are locked up.
- explains in detail all characteristics of the breed, also the unpleasant characteristics, and is rather more critical in choosing prospective buyers for the puppies.
- asks you very personal or unpleasant questions about your life and your conceptions about keeping a Ridgeback.
- has 24 hours time to care for the bitch and the puppies, from birth to handing over.
- lets you participate in the development of the puppies from the 5. week and is pleased about regular visits.
- has exact ideas about conditioning and socialisation of the puppies and implements them
- remains your contact even after handing over the puppies and is glad to advise you for the dog's life.
- he is eager to select the puppy from the litter that suits you best, and helps you in the selection with his experience.