



Why Choose the Melton Farm as your Breeder



We are a responsible breeder!

- We provide our dogs with quality food, clean water, proper shelter, exercise, socialization and professional veterinary care.
- We keep our dogs clean and well-groomed.
- We raise our dogs as working dogs, but also as pets/family members in a loving home.
- We prioritize the wellbeing of both mother and father by developing a breeding plan for each dog based on the dog's age and health, in consultation with their veterinarian.
- We handle and socialize the puppies safely daily with other dogs and people of appropriate ages.
- Our dogs are our loving pets, even if they are unable to breed.
- Dogs who have been returned are kept and assessed for any potential issues. Once assessed, we find good and loving homes for them as well.
- We do not cause permanent physical alterations that are done solely for cosmetic purposes.
- We ensure that puppies are gradually and fully weaned before being placed. Placement happens between 9 to 12 weeks.
- We strive to educate both breed communities (Rhodesian Ridgeback and Boerboel) regarding finding an ethical and responsible breeder. We do not push anyone to buy a pup from us, but we continuously educate people all around the world to find breeders that go above and beyond to be ethical and responsible when breeding their dogs.

Prioritize health and function over appearance.

- We screen all our dogs through DNA testing for heritable traits that could negatively impact puppies, and only breed the healthiest and most physically sound and behaviorally stable dogs.
- We do not inbreed.
- We always encourage prospective pup parents to visit the farm after the pup is at least 6 weeks to safely meet the litter and parents. We also have a quick counseling session on the breed and training best practices that work best for the specific breed.
- We provide accurate and reliable health, vaccination, and pedigree information.
- All pups come with AKC or Boerboel Society litter registration.
- All contracts are prepared and shared ahead of time in plain language that spells out the breeder's responsibilities, adopter's responsibilities, health guarantees, and return policy.

We commit to sending the pups to good homes by:

- Conducting interviews with potential pup parents. During interviews, we assess the quality of homes, experience with the breed (or breed like it), and family lifestyle.
- Committing to making a good match between the potential pup parent and the pup by sharing the characteristics and needs of the specific pup and understanding a prospective owner's expectations.
- Serving as an ongoing resource for new owners and being able and willing to take back or rehome an animal if needed for any reason at any time. You become a part of the Melton Farm Family!

