Please answer all questions honestly and with as much detail as possible. VHR will take all information into consideration, and may do a home inspection or require proof of residence, veterinary documentation, and/or character references before your application is approved or denied.

We DO hold the right to deny applications. Owning a rottweiler is an incredibly rewarding experience, but we all know that sometimes good dogs end up in bad places. Our goal at VHR is to place all puppies in homes where they will be happy, loved, and treated properly, never end up being abused or starved in a kill shelter, dog fighting ring or be looked at as a cash cow for back yard breeders- AND to make sure that you get a puppy you will love and adore who will be a perfect addition to your family. Thank you for your interest in a VHR puppy.

**Why do you want to add a Rottweiler to your family? What characteristics are you looking for in your next pet? Why do you think a Rottweiler is a good fit for you?**

* **Do you currently have other pets, or do you have past dog experience?**
* **Do you have children? If yes, what ages?**
* **Do you rent or own your home?**
* **Do you have a fully fenced yard? What type of fencing is used?**
* **Are you away from home for a majority of the day? Walk me through a typical work week and the arrangements you would make to care for a new puppy.**
* **Do you plan to crate train your puppy? If no, please explain why. If yes, please explain how.**
* **What veterinarian do you currently use? If you do not have pets now, what vet do you intend to use? Please give name, address and phone number. I do contact your veterinarian. If you do not have a pet currently and are not established with a veterinary office, please provide 3 personal references. You will need to find a vet and get established before getting a puppy. If you are local and would like recommendations, we are happy to give them.**
* **If you rent your home, have you spoken to your landlord about purchasing a Rottweiler? Before your application can be approved, you must provide a written, signed statement from your landlord allowing you to have a Rottweiler at your home. The #1 reason Rottweilers end up in shelters is because they are on the restricted breed list and many landlords will not permit them on the property, often due to insurance reasons.**
* **If you own your home, have you spoken to your home owners insurance agency about owning a Rottweiler and the impact that will have on your policy rates? Some insurance companies will not cover Rottweilers; your awareness about your policy is what is important. STATE FARM insurance covers dogs based on their bite history, not their breed - if that's something you're interested in.**
* **Are you interested in conformation or any dog sports?**

**What is your activity level like?**

**How do you plan to train your puppy? Do you intend to take puppy kindergarten classes?**

* **How do you plan to socialize your puppy? If you are unsure of the specifics of the process, I am happy to assist you with proper puppy socialization. It's incredibly important with any breed, but especially important with naturally protective breeds, to have a well socialized dog. *Socialization does not take away their protective nature.* There is no such thing as over-socialization! It does teach them how to behave properly around other people and other dogs, what is acceptable behavior in the home and outside of it, and if done properly it also teaches the dog that focusing on their handler is more important than any other distractions around them. Dogs know the difference between being introduced to people in a friendly manner, and unwelcome visitors who make you uncomfortable. I cannot stress this enough; SOCIALIZATION IS SO IMPORTANT!**
* **What dog food do you currently feed? If you do not have a dog, what dog food do you plan to use, or would you like a suggestion? All puppies come with a small bag of their current food to make the transition easy on their bellies. A good quality food is essential for proper growth and development of puppies, especially large breed ones. If you are interested in learning more, please feel free to ask questions.**
* **Is there anything else you feel you need to tell me about yourself or your family?**

**I'm sure this seems like a lot of questions, but the well-being of my puppies is my *highest* priority. You wouldn't let your child go home with a stranger; I have the same feelings for my puppies. I have carefully planned for every puppy I bring in to this world. I will spend weeks pouring my time and effort in to giving them the absolute best start to life, and I expect the same type of devotion from every puppy owner. If you get a pup from me you will have lifetime breeder support.**

**Please remember that there is no "perfect answer" to these questions, HONESTY is what I'm after. Additional information may be required before your application is approved or denied. This is the best way for me to ensure that both you and an VHR puppy will be happy. VHR puppies are only sold on a first right of refusal contract. If your application is approved, you will then be required to fill out and sign a puppy contract and place a deposit to hold your puppy from the litter. Puppies will not be placed until they have been temperament tested and had conformation emails. I am confident in my breeding program to say that all puppies will have great temperaments, but each one is an individual! Some puppies will be spunkier, others will be more laid back. Some may display stronger leadership qualities and independence and need a confident leader to be happy. Some may be more eager to please you and have a stronger desire to please. Each individual puppy will fit best with a home most suited to its personality. We try very hard to place our puppies where they will fit best. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask below!**