



**Ari**  
**4 years old**  
**Male**  
**Ridgeback, Golden Retriever, Pitbull mix**

Four years ago we got a phone call. A tiny puppy had been rescued off the street in NC by a young homeless man. The fellow could not afford to keep the sick puppy. We rescued Ari, who looked like a little lion cub. Turns out he's a Ridgeback, Golden Retriever, Pit Bull mix. We already had five dogs!! Four were elderly and only the youngest of those, age 13.5 now, is still with us. We are senior citizens ourselves! And that's a big part of the problem. Ari is too strong and energetic for us now. He weighs about 65 pounds of pure muscle. Although he loves people, he is quite dog aggressive. He cannot be off leash where there might be other dogs present. And, he is aggressive toward our other two dogs. Ari needs to be the only dog in his new home. He is fully house-trained and knows a few commands such as "sit", "freeze" and "heel". He wants to please but is also very sensitive and overreacts to loud noises by barking. He is NOT a chronic barker. Ari has some food allergies but no other medical problems and is up to date on his vaccines and veterinary care. We will never surrender him to a shelter as he has only known a loving home, but in the interests of Ari's need for more exercise and attention as well as our own wellbeing and that of our other two dogs, we would love to find Ari a better situation. We must insure that he is not taken for use as dog bait or for any other reason than to make him part of your family. Therefore, we are asking that whoever takes him make a substantial donation to Sammie's Friends. We are willing to repay that donation over time, if Ari remains in the new home.

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