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**2000 Annual Report**

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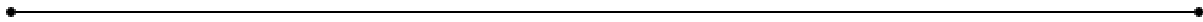
**Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.**

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Providing for the rescue, care and adoption of abandoned and unwanted Rhodesian Ridgebacks, as well as protecting and preserving the integrity and welfare of the Rhodesian Ridgeback breed

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## The Story of Msaada Texie...



When the Ridgeback Rescue Coordinator first received the phone call about Texie, she was immediately filled with dread. The shelter staff person at the other end of the phone told her over and over to prepare herself, because the pup was "extremely emaciated." Late that night, the coordinator drove to the Nacogdoches (Texas) Animal Shelter to pick up what she had been told was a three-month-old Rhodesian Ridgeback puppy. A nice young lady named Stephanie met her at the shelter. The first thing Stephanie asked was whether or not the coordinator had seen the pictures.... The coordinator remembers, "Looking back, I think this was her way of warning me about what I was going to see." Stephanie left to get Texie and the coordinator started to mentally prepare herself for whatever the pup might look like. Stephanie soon returned with a very small, partially hairless,

walking skeleton in tow. Tears quickly filled the coordinator's eyes and she sank to her knees wanting only to hold this poor little baby. Despite her tattered appearance, Texie's tail was wagging furiously and she had that ever-present laughing-Ridgeback gleam in her eyes. The coordinator noted that Texie's hair was all but scratched off from a terrible flea infestation. Her nails were so long they were digging into the floor. Texie's eyes were sunken and every bone in her body was visible.

The rescue coordinator loaded Texie into her truck and at that point she became "*Msaada Texie!*" -- "*Msaada*" is the name used by Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue for its "family" of rescued dogs. *Msaada* means "aid, assistance, help or support" in the Swahili language -- Texie lay on a pile of blankets and acted as though she had never laid on anything as soft before. She rolled around and buried her face under them. Once home, Texie was given a long bath, groomed and rid of fleas. Then, it was ... MEALTIME! Texie ate that first meal with all the ferocity of a hungry lion cub.

During a trip to the vet the next day it was discovered that she was almost six months old, not three as was originally thought. Texie only looked three months old because she was so malnourished; she weighed only 26 pounds. As the days passed, the coordinator knew Texie was going to be a very special girl. She loved nothing more than giving kisses and being lavished with attention and affection. When she started to fill out and her fur began to grow back it became obvious that, although she couldn't be considered beautiful, Texie was going to be quite striking. She had a dark golden red coat and sparkling greenish brown eyes.



Texie's time in foster care passed quickly, as it often does, and it was soon time for her to move on to her "forever home." A very nice couple, who were approved through Ridgeback Rescue's adoption application process, walked into the house and the coordinator knew immediately that everything was going to work out well. It was love at first site. Texie's new parents immediately dropped to the floor to play with her. The coordinator helped them load Texie into their car and watched as they drove down the road. The coordinator had the greatest sense of satisfaction at knowing that *Msaada Texie* was given a wondrous second chance, which so many dogs never get. A few weeks later Texie's new family sent a picture of her. The coordinator couldn't believe the change. The once scraggly, starved, little girl had developed into a strong, handsome, healthy lady. It was a wonderful ending to a story that began so sadly.

## Day to Day in Rescue...

While not typical of the many dogs that come to Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Msaada Texie is representative of a growing number of "extreme" cases seen across the USA. These poor dogs come from abusive or neglectful environments, suffer from genetically-related health problems, or have simply suffered from unfortunate circumstances. Often, Ridgeback Rescue does not know a dog's background, and does not care. Ridgeback Rescue's primary concern is caring for the dog and helping to give it a good future. Fortunately, most of these poor waifs end up in wonderful, caring adoptive homes.

For most of the year, Rescue Coordinators are engaged in their regular activities of caring for and placing the dogs that come to Ridgeback Rescue. A typical scenario consists of taking phone calls seven days a week from potential surrendering owners and animal shelter staff, meeting with them to take possession of a dog, evaluating the condition of the dog to determine if veterinary care is needed and its suitability for placement, providing veterinary and foster care for dogs until they are placed, talking and meeting with potential adopters seven days a week to determine their suitability for adopting a rescued Ridgeback, approving homes for adoption, and providing follow-up advice and assistance to new adoptive families.

Rescue volunteers also provide education about the breed and Ridgeback Rescue to animal shelters, potential adopters, and the general public. For this purpose, Ridgeback Rescue developed its successful information packets:

"Introduction and Information for Animal Shelters, Humane Societies, and Rescue Groups"

"Introduction and Information for Prospective Adopters"

Because of their efforts, many shelter staff members across the USA and Canada are better prepared to address the special needs and placement issues of the Rhodesian Ridgebacks that come under their care. Additionally, many people who have considered adopting a rescued Ridgeback have been provided the necessary information to make informed decisions about their preparedness for owning a Rhodesian Ridgeback.

These activities support and further the mission of Ridgeback Rescue to provide for the rescue, care, and adoption of Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs in need.

Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. is proud to be an "All-Volunteer Organization!"

## 2000, an Historic Year for Ridgeback Rescue...

- A new corporation -- Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. -- was formed to assume operations of the rescue program of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc. ("RRCUS").
- Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. was granted Section 501(c)(3) charitable, tax-exempt status by the US Internal Revenue Service. For the first time, donations made directly to Ridgeback Rescue are tax deductible for US taxpayers to the extent allowed by law.
- While Ridgeback Rescue is now a separate organization, which has its own Board of Directors and operates independently of RRCUS, it cooperates with RRCUS as its official rescue program.
- Many local and regional Rhodesian Ridgeback clubs across the USA and Canada adopted Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. as their official rescue program.

## The Volunteers Who Make the Mission Possible...

The National Leadership Team of Ridgeback Rescue would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank the many hundreds of volunteers across the USA and Canada who make our mission possible. While we are regrettably unable to list every volunteer, following are the nearly 60 dedicated State, Provincial and Regional Rescue Coordinators:

Elizabeth Akers (Northern California)	Nita Kolze (Southern Idaho)
Michelle Armstrong (Michigan)	Debra Lamm (Ohio)
Crystal and Howard Bailiff (Nevada)	Kimberly Leanos (Southern California)
Kathy Bakken (Illinois)	Sue Ann and Clay Leslie (Connecticut)
Mindy Beebe (West Virginia)	Theresa Lyons (Midatlantic Region)
Melanie Behrens (Eastern and Downstate New York)	Joan Mahone (Texas)
Karen Caldwell (Louisiana)	Liz Mansfield (Delaware)
Sarah Clayton (Quebec)	Pam Mathews (Texas)
Angie Cravens (Southern California)	Barbara McClarty (British Columbia)
Sandy Curtis (Great Plains Region)	Debbie Mitchell (Ohio)
Romily Cutter (Oklahoma)	Julie Mitchell (Texas – Austin Area)
Liz Demery (Georgia)	Monica Moore (Arkansas)
Liz Druitt (Alabama)	Teresa Murphy (Central East Region)
Barbara Ferguson (New England Region)	Kathleen Orsi (National Capital Region)
Sandra Fikes (Gulf Region)	Crystal Parnell (Alabama)
Karyn Finn (Iowa and Minnesota)	Lorraine Pedersen (Washington)
Cathy Ford (New Hampshire and Vermont)	Pam Roath (Ontario)
Cheryl Fraser (Massachusetts)	Phyllis Scaif (Arizona)
Diane Gagliano (Florida and Georgia Region)	Linda Siplon (Wyoming)
Betsy L. Greenwood (Rhode Island)	Susan Skipton (Texas – Houston Area)
Jim Grimes (Maine)	Karen Strahan (Alaska and Hawaii Region)
Renee Hartley (Central US Region)	Barry Sullivan (New England Region)
Stephanie Henson (Central US Region)	Nicole and John Tate (Carolinas Region)
Kathleen Hill (Florida)	Mary Teeling (Western and Central New York)
Lou Ann Isenberg (Pennsylvania)	Erin Walker (Northwest Region)
Jeanne Johnson (Northern Idaho)	Dawn Weber (Tennessee)
Anne Jones (Georgia)	Madeline Winfrey (Arkansas and Tennessee)
Wendy Katz (Kentucky)	Peggy Winston (Montana)
Esther Kleiven (Puerto Rico)	Amy Woodard (North Carolina)

### Others

Tina Moodhart (Rescue Store)

George Detkos (Bookkeeper)

Interested in helping them out? Contact any of our Rescue Coordinators on the web at:

**[www.ridgebackrescue.org](http://www.ridgebackrescue.org)**

-or write to us at-

**Volunteer Opportunities  
Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.  
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USA**

## Rescue Policy...

Adopted by the Boards of Directors of both Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. and the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.

### MISSION

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK RESCUE, INC. ("Ridgeback Rescue") shall maintain and support a network of rescue volunteers. The primary goal of Ridgeback Rescue is to provide for the rescue, care and rehoming of abandoned and unwanted Rhodesian Ridgebacks, as well as to protect and preserve the integrity and welfare of the Rhodesian Ridgeback breed.

### LEADERSHIP

- The Ridgeback Rescue Leadership Team shall be comprised of a National Rescue Director, Assistant National Rescue Directors, and Regional and Local Rescue Coordinators.
- The National Rescue Director, Assistant National Rescue Directors, and Regional and Local Rescue Coordinators shall all be members in good standing of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc. ("RRCUS")
- The National Rescue Director and Assistant National Rescue Directors shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- Regional Rescue Coordinators shall be appointed by any one of the Assistant National Rescue Directors or National Rescue Director.
- Local Rescue Coordinators shall be appointed by any one of the Regional Rescue Coordinators, Assistant National Rescue Directors or National Rescue Director.
- The Leadership Team shall provide support and guidance to the volunteers of Ridgeback Rescue, and shall ensure compliance with all Ridgeback Rescue policies and procedures.
- It is desirable, but not required, for Ridgeback Rescue volunteers that are not part of the Leadership Team to be members in good standing of RRCUS.
- All Ridgeback Rescue volunteers shall conduct rescue activities in accordance with the policies and procedures of Ridgeback Rescue, and shall conduct themselves in accordance with the RRCUS Code of Ethics.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR RESCUE

Ridgeback Rescue shall rescue Rhodesian Ridgebacks in need, in accordance with the policies and procedures of Ridgeback Rescue.

### BREEDER NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSIBILITY

- Ridgeback Rescue shall make every effort to notify RRCUS-member breeders of any Rhodesian Ridgebacks known to be of their breeding that enter the rescue program. It is the expectation of both RRCUS and Ridgeback Rescue that RRCUS-member breeders shall take possession of these dogs and assume full responsibility for their rescue, care and rehoming
- In the event that a RRCUS-member breeder does not accept full responsibility for the rescue, care and rehoming of a Rhodesian Ridgeback of their breeding that enters the rescue program, Ridgeback Rescue shall assume that responsibility. In these cases, RRCUS and Ridgeback Rescue

shall require that the breeder provide financial and other assistance to Ridgeback Rescue for the dog's rescue, care and rehoming.

- Ridgeback Rescue shall report to the RRCUS Board of Directors all known RRCUS-member breeder dogs that enter the rescue program.
- Ridgeback Rescue may or may not, in its sole discretion, notify non-RRCUS-member breeders of any Rhodesian Ridgebacks known to be of their breeding that enter the rescue program.

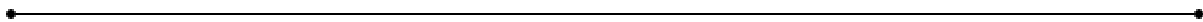
**RESCUE EFFORTS**

- The health and temperament of all rescued dogs shall be evaluated by qualified Ridgeback Rescue representatives to determine their eligibility and suitability for placement with an adoptive home.
- Ridgeback Rescue shall make every effort to obtain satisfactory evidence of a dog's health condition from the party surrendering the dog. In the event this information is not available, Ridgeback Rescue shall have those dogs examined and treated, as necessary, by a licensed veterinarian acceptable to Ridgeback Rescue, for parasites, inoculations, spay/neuter determinations, and other basic and necessary health needs.
- The commitment and dog-experience level of all prospective adoptive homes shall be evaluated by qualified Ridgeback Rescue representatives to determine their eligibility and suitability to receive a rescued dog.
- Ridgeback Rescue shall make every effort to place "the right dog with the right home," and placements shall not be determined on a "first-come, first-served" basis.
- All rescued dogs shall be spayed or neutered before an adoption is considered complete, unless the health or well-being of the dog would be threatened by such an action.
- Ridgeback Rescue-approved adoption agreements and other documentation shall be used to evidence all rescue activities conducted under the auspices of Ridgeback Rescue, whether by a group, club, individual volunteer, or other representative or agent of Ridgeback Rescue.
- Euthanasia shall only be considered in situations where the health or temperament of the rescued dog warrants such an action.

**LOCAL AND REGIONAL CLUBS AND RESCUE GROUPS**

- Local and regional Rhodesian Ridgeback Clubs and Rescue Groups that choose to conduct rescue activities under the auspices and guidance of Ridgeback Rescue shall agree to abide by and operate under all Ridgeback Rescue policies and procedures.
- Local and regional Rhodesian Ridgeback Clubs and Rescue Groups shall agree to contribute to the ongoing financial support of Ridgeback Rescue.

These Rescue Policies are intended to provide a guideline for rescuing Rhodesian Ridgebacks, and do not cover all possible situations. Each rescue situation must be considered on an individual basis. When a rescue volunteer is unsure how to proceed, she/he should contact a member of the Ridgeback Rescue Leadership Team for guidance.



Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.  
Consolidated Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2000  
UNAUDITED

CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Equivalents	\$62,476	
Accounts Receivable	603	
Inventory, Rescue Store	14,159	
Prepaid Expenses	<u>300</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$77,538
OTHER ASSETS		
Incorporation Costs, net of Amortization (Note 6)	<u>\$ 595</u>	
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS		<u>595</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$78,133</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$18,763	
Other Current Liabilities	<u>240</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>\$19,003</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$19,003
NET ASSETS		
Transferred Opening Balance (Note 3)	\$34,710	
Net Income - to-Date	<u>24,420</u>	
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>59,130</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>\$78,133</u>

These financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis,  
except for the activities of the Rescue Store, which are presented on an accrual basis.  
See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.  
Consolidated Statement of Income  
Six Months Ended December 31, 2000  
UNAUDITED

## INCOME

Program Income		
Dog Adoption Fees	<u>\$41,492</u>	
Total Program Income		\$41,492
Contributions		
General Donations	\$ 9,759	
Other Pledges	<u>445</u>	
Total Contributions		10,204
Rescue Store Income (Note 4)		
Receipts	\$44,434	
LESS: Expenses	<u>(23,349)</u>	
Total Rescue Store Income		21,085
Special Events Income		
2001 Calendar Photo Submissions	\$10,831	
Other Income	<u>450</u>	
Total Special Events Income		11,281
Interest Income		118
Other Income		<u>855</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$85,035</u>

## EXPENSES

Program Expenses		
Veterinary and Boarding Expenses	\$45,617	
Transportation	2,173	
Shelter Fees and Other Costs	1,824	
Food and Other Supplies	<u>3,747</u>	
Total Program Expenses		\$53,361
Fundraising Expenses		192
Office and Administrative Expenses (Note 5)		6,996
Incorporation Expenses Amortization (Note 6)		<u>66</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$60,615</u>
NET INCOME		<u>\$24,420</u>

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except for the activities of the Rescue Store, which are presented on an accrual basis.  
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Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.  
Notes to Financial Statements  
Six Months Ended December 31, 2000  
UNAUDITED

1. **Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.** – Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. was incorporated in the State of Virginia, USA, on March 17, 2000. The US Internal Revenue Service granted Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, charitable organization status effective March 17, 2000. Donations to Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. are tax deductible for US taxpayers to the extent allowed by law. Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. is the official rescue program of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc. (“RRCUS”).
2. **Method of Accounting** – These financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis, except for the activities of the Rescue Store (Note 4), which are presented on an accrual basis.
3. **Transfer of Assets from Rescue Committee of RRCUS and Assumption of Operations** - Effective as of July 1, 2000, all of the rights, titles and interests in all of the assets, liabilities and fund balances of the Rescue Committee of RRCUS were transferred to Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc., which then assumed operations as the official rescue program of RRCUS.
4. **Rescue Store Income** - The Rescue Store was started in July 1999 as a source of fundraising for Ridgeback Rescue. It sells items purchased for inventory and third-party vendor items on a commission basis. Items are Ridgeback- or dog-related. Sales are made through the Ridgeback Rescue web site on a mail order basis and at RRCUS National Specialty shows. All Rescue Store activities are conducted by volunteers.
5. **Office and Administrative Expenses** - Office and administrative expenses consist primarily of telephone, insurance, Internet service provider and merchant bankcard processing fee expenses.
6. **Amortization of Incorporation Costs** - Incorporation costs are being amortized over a five-year period.
7. **Comparison of Operations** – Comparative, combined schedules of income and balance sheets of the Rescue Committee of RRCUS and Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. for the twelve-month periods ended December 31, 2000 and 1999. The following schedules are presented for information purposes, only:

(Note 7 continued...)  
 Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue  
 Combined Rescue Committee of RRCUS and Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.\*\*  
 Comparative Balance Sheets  
 As of December 31, 2000 and 1999

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Equivalents	\$62,476	\$24,603
Accounts Receivable	603	250
Inventory, Rescue Store	14,159	5,650
Prepaid Expenses	<u>300</u>	<u>--</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$77,538	\$30,503
OTHER ASSETS		
Incorporation Costs, net of Amortization	<u>595</u>	<u>--</u>
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	<u>595</u>	<u>--</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$78,133</u></u>	<u><u>\$30,503</u></u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$18,763	\$ 402
Other Current Liabilities	<u>240</u>	<u>--</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>\$19,003</u>	<u>\$ 402</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$19,003	\$ 402
NET ASSETS		
Beginning Balance	30,101	4,745
Net Income - to - Date	<u>29,029</u>	<u>25,356</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$59,130</u>	<u>\$30,101</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$78,133</u></u>	<u><u>\$30,503</u></u>

\*\* Rescue Committee of RRCUS for period January 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000  
 Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc for period July 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000

(Note 7 continued...)  
 Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue  
 Combined Rescue Committee of RRCUS and Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.\*\*  
 Comparative Schedules of Income  
 Years Ended December 31, 2000 and 1999

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
INCOME		
Program Income		
Dog Adoption Fees	\$ 64,515	\$ 46,997
Total Program Income	<u>\$ 64,515</u>	<u>\$ 46,997</u>
Contributions		
General Donations	15,740	21,608
Pledge Campaign	6,077	--
Other Pledges	985	2,061
Total Contributions	<u>\$ 22,802</u>	<u>\$ 23,669</u>
Rescue Store Income		
Receipts	49,260	22,610
LESS: Expenses	<u>(28,840)</u>	<u>(9,618)</u>
Total Rescue Store Income	<u>\$ 20,420</u>	<u>\$ 12,992</u>
Special Events Income		
2000 Calendar Voting Donations	--	3,953
2001 Calendar Photo Submissions	10,831	--
Other Income	645	235
Total Special Events Income	<u>\$ 11,476</u>	<u>\$ 4,188</u>
Interest Income	118	--
Other Income	<u>1,700</u>	<u>714</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$121,031</u>	<u>\$ 88,560</u>
EXPENSES		
Program Expenses		
Veterinary and Boarding Expenses	\$ 65,691	\$ 44,654
Transportation	3,549	5,343
Shelter Fees and Other Costs	3,608	2,017
Food and Other Supplies	6,885	2,718
Total Program Expenses	<u>\$ 79,733</u>	<u>\$ 54,732</u>
Fundraising Expenses	549	--
Office and Administrative Expenses	11,654	8,472
Incorporation Expenses Amortization	<u>66</u>	<u>--</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 92,002</u>	<u>\$ 63,204</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 29,029</u>	<u>\$ 25,356</u>

\*\* Rescue Committee of RRCUS for period January 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000  
 Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc for period July 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000

## Officers and Directors...

### **Barbara Sawyer-Brown**

President and National Rescue Director  
Kwetu Reg. Kennel, Chicago, Illinois, USA

### **Deb Welsh**

Vice President and Assistant National Rescue Director  
Yandisa Kennel, Washington, DC, USA

### **Judy Cato**

Vice President and Assistant National Rescue Director  
Troy, Missouri, USA

### **Linda Forman, CPA**

Treasurer  
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Corporate Secretary  
Washington, DC, USA

### **Elise Lewis**

Secretary for Internal Affairs  
Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA

### **Carole Bradley-Kennedy**

Director and Canadian National Rescue Coordinator  
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

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To obtain additional information about Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc., including a copy of its Form 990, Form 1023 or IRS determination letter, please:

Visit our web site at [www.ridgebackrescue.org](http://www.ridgebackrescue.org)

Email us at [info@ridgebackrescue.org](mailto:info@ridgebackrescue.org)

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