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RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK RESCUE, INC.

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Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. is proud to be an all-volunteer organization!

2001. A Tragic Year.

September 11, 2001 – a day that we will always remember. To mourn the many who lost their lives that horrific day. To contemplate the values and freedoms we hold dear. To be grateful for the many volunteers who unceasingly gave of themselves to alleviate the suffering of others.

The Mission.

Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. is a not-for-profit, charitable organization dedicated to the rescue, care and adoption of Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs in need. It is an all-volunteer organization that includes breeders, owners, and other devotees of the breed. Ridgeback Rescue was established under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

Ridgeback Rescue is the official national rescue program of the AKC-recognized, national breed club, the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc ("RRCUS"), and the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Canada ("RRCC"). Ridgeback Rescue is also the rescue program for most local and regional clubs across the USA and Canada:

Association of Rhodesian Ridgeback Fanciers (ARRF)
Chesapeake Bay Area Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (CBARRC)
New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (NERRC)
Northwest Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (NWRRC)
Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (OCRRC)
Raisin River Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (RRRRC)
Rhodesian Ridgeback Association of Metro Atlanta (RRAMA)
Rhodesian Ridgeback Association of Western New York (RRAWNY)
Rhodesian Ridgeback Enthusiasts of Dallas (RRED)
San Diego Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (SDRRC)
Trinity Valley Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Texas (TVRRCOT)

Ridgeback Rescue is comprised of a network of volunteers across the United States and Canada. Ridgeback Rescue operates under an established set of Rescue Policies.

Ridgeback Rescue assists all Ridgeback owners in raising happy healthy dogs by providing information on the breed and assisting with training and care throughout the dog's life.

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 and others:

Elizabeth Akers (California)	Debra Lamm (Ohio)
Michelle Armstrong (Michigan)	Kimberly Leanos (California)
Kathy Bakken (Central US Region)	Sue Ann and Clay Leslie (Connecticut)
Mindy Beebe (West Virginia)	Theresa Lyons (Midatlantic Region)
Melanie Behrens (New York)	Barbara McClarty (Alberta and British Columbia)
Karen Caldwell (Louisiana)	Debbie Mitchell (Ohio)
Sheri Cobb (Nevada)	Tina Moodhart (Rescue Store)
Angie Cravens (California)	Teresa Murphy (Central East Region)
Sandy Curtis (Great Plains Region)	Kathleen Orsi (National Capital Region)
George Detkos (Bookkeeper)	Lorraine Pedersen (Washington)
Barbara Ferguson (New England Region)	Pam Roath (Ontario)
Sandra Fikes (Gulf Region)	Phyllis Scalf (Arizona)
Cathy Ford (New Hampshire and Vermont)	Linda Siplon (Wyoming)
Cheryl Fraser (Massachusetts)	Barry Sullivan (New England Volunteer Coordinator)
Diane Gagliano (Florida and Georgia Region)	Karen Strahan (Alaska and Hawaii Region)
Betsy L Greenwood (Rhode Island)	Nicole and John Tate (Carolinas Region)
Jim Grimes (Maine)	Olive Taylor (Manitoba and Saskatchewan)
Renee Hartley (Central US Region)	Mary Teeling (New York)
Stephanie Henson (Central US Region)	Tricia Tripp (Maryland)
Kathleen Hill (Florida Volunteer Coordinator)	Dawn Weber (Tennessee)
Lou Ann Isenberg (Pennsylvania)	Madeline Winfrey (Arkansas and Tennessee)
Anne Jones (Georgia)	Peggy Winston (Montana)
Wendy Katz (Kentucky)	Amy K Woodard (North Carolina)
Nita Kolze (Idaho)	

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

www.ridgebackrescue.org

-or write to us at-

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Rescue Policy.

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, a Canadian National Rescue Coordinator, and Regional and Local Rescue Coordinators.
- The National Rescue Director, Assistant National Rescue Directors, Canadian National Rescue Coordinator, and Regional and Local Rescue Coordinators shall all be members in good standing of either the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc. ("RRCUS") or the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Canada ("RRCC").
- The National Rescue Director, Assistant National Rescue Directors, and Canadian National Rescue Coordinator shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- Regional Rescue Coordinators shall be appointed by any one of the Assistant National Rescue Directors, Canadian National Rescue Coordinator, or National Rescue Director.
- Local Rescue Coordinators shall be appointed by any one of the Regional Rescue Coordinators, Assistant National Rescue Directors, Canadian National Rescue Coordinator, 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 or RRCC.
- 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 or RRCC Codes 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- and RRCC-member breeders of any Rhodesian Ridgebacks known to be of their breeding that enter the rescue program. It is the expectation of each RRCUS, RRCC, and Ridgeback Rescue that RRCUS- and RRCC-member breeders shall take possession of these dogs and assume full responsibility for their rescue, care and re-homing.

- In the event that a RRCUS- or RRCC-member breeder does not accept full responsibility for the rescue, care and re-homing of a Rhodesian Ridgeback of their breeding that enters the rescue program, Ridgeback Rescue shall assume that responsibility. In these cases, RRCUS, RRCC, and Ridgeback Rescue shall require that the breeder provide financial and other assistance to Ridgeback Rescue for the dog's rescue, care and re-homing.
- Ridgeback Rescue shall report to the RRCUS and RRCC Boards of Directors all known RRCUS- and RRCC-member breeder dogs, respectively, that enter the rescue program.
- Ridgeback Rescue may or may not, in its sole discretion, notify non-RRCUS and non-RRCC-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, 2001 and 2000
UNAUDITED

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 54,870	\$ 62,476
Accounts Receivable	171	603
Inventory, Rescue Store	15,622	14,159
Prepaid Expenses	<u>-0-</u>	<u>300</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 70,663	\$ 77,538
OTHER ASSETS		
Incorporation Costs, net of amortization (Note 6)	<u>462</u>	<u>595</u>
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$ <u>462</u>	\$ <u>595</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 71,125</u>	<u>\$ 78,133</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,305	\$ 18,763
Other Current Liabilities	<u>142</u>	<u>240</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ <u>2,447</u>	\$ <u>19,003</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 2,447	\$ 19,003
NET ASSETS		
Beginning Net Assets (Note 3)	59,130	34,710
Net Income	<u>9,548</u>	<u>24,420</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 68,678	\$ 59,130
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 71,125</u>	<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
Year Ended December 31, 2001
Six Months Ended December 31, 2000
UNAUDITED

	<u>12 months</u> <u>2001</u>	<u>6 Months</u> <u>2000</u>
INCOME		
Program Income		
Dog Adoption Fees	\$ 55,969	\$ 41,492
Net Program Income	\$ 55,969	\$ 41,492
Contributions		
General Donations	37,474	9,759
Other Pledges	<u>410</u>	<u>445</u>
Net Contributions	\$ 37,884	\$ 10,204
Rescue Store Income (Note 4)		
Receipts	42,580	44,434
LESS: Expenses	<u>(38,571)</u>	<u>(23,349)</u>
Net Rescue Store Income	\$ 4,009	\$ 21,085
Special Events Income		
Calendar Photo Submission Donations	10,428	10,831
Other Income	<u>85</u>	<u>450</u>
Net Special Events Income	\$ 10,513	\$ 11,281
Interest Income	417	118
Other Income	<u>120</u>	<u>855</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 108,912	\$ 85,035
EXPENSES		
Program Expenses		
Veterinary and Boarding Costs	70,231	45,617
Transportation	3,031	2,173
Shelter Fees and Other Costs	2,540	1,824
Food and Other Supplies	<u>6,456</u>	<u>3,747</u>
Total Program Expenses	\$ 82,258	\$ 53,361
Fundraising Expenses	1,543	192
Volunteer Expenses	3,000	-0-
Office and Administrative Expenses (Note 5)	12,431	6,996
Incorporation Expenses Amortization (Note 6)	<u>132</u>	<u>66</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 99,364	\$ 60,615
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 9,548</u>	<u>\$ 24,420</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.
Note to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2001
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") and the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Canada ("RRC")
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 July 1, 2000, all of the rights, title, 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 Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue. It sells items purchased for inventory and third-party vendor items on a commission basis. Items are generally Rhodesian Ridgeback- or dog-related. Sales are made through the Rhodesian 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 insurance, postage, stationery, and telephone expenses.
6. **Amortization of Incorporation Expenses** - Incorporation costs are being amortized over a five-year period.
7. **Comparison of Operations** - Comparative, combined schedule of income of the Rescue Committee of RRCUS and Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. for the twelve-month periods ended December 31, 2001 and 2000. The following schedules are presented for information purposes, only:

(Note 7 Continued...)
 Combined Rescue Committee of RRCUS and Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.**
 Comparative Schedules of Income
 Years Ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
INCOME		
Program Income		
Dog Adoption Fees	\$ 55,969	\$ 64,515
Net Program Income	\$ 55,969	\$ 64,515
Contributions		
General Donations	37,474	15,740
1999 Pledge Campaign	-0-	6,077
Other Pledges	410	985
Net Contributions	\$ 37,884	\$ 22,802
Rescue Store Income (Note 4)		
Receipts	42,580	49,260
LESS: Expenses	(38,571)	(28,840)
Net Rescue Store Income	\$ 4,009	\$ 20,420
Special Events Income		
Calendar Photo Submission Donations	10,428	10,831
Other Income	85	645
Net Special Events Income	\$ 10,513	\$ 11,476
Interest Income	417	118
Other Income	120	1,700
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 108,912	\$ 121,031
EXPENSES		
Program Expenses		
Veterinary and Boarding Costs	70,231	65,691
Transportation	3,031	3,549
Shelter Fees and Other Costs	2,540	3,608
Food and Other Supplies	6,456	6,885
Total Program Expenses	\$ 82,258	\$ 79,733
Fundraising Expenses	1,543	549
Volunteer Expenses	3,000	-0-
Office and Administrative Expenses (Note 5)	12,431	11,654
Incorporation Expenses Amortization (Note 6)	132	66
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 99,364	\$ 92,002
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 9,548</u>	<u>\$ 29,029</u>

** Rescue Committee of RRCUS for period January 1, 2000 to June 30, 2000
 Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. for period July 1, 2000 to December 31, 2001

Officers and Directors.

Officers

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Directors

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Sandwich, Massachusetts, USA

Kimberly Leanos

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How to Contact Us.

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

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