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Annual Report

Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.

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Proud to be an all-volunteer organization!

Mission

Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. (Ridgeback Rescue) is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to the rescue, care, and adoption of Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs in need throughout the USA and Canada. 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.

National Breed Club Affiliations

Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc. (RRCUS)
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Canada (RRCC)

Local and Regional Breed Club Affiliations

Association of Rhodesian Ridgeback Fanciers (ARRF)
Chesapeake Bay Area Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (CBARRC)
Greater Valley Forge Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (GVFRRC)
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 Club of Wisconsin (RRCOW)
Rhodesian Ridgeback Enthusiasts of Dallas (RRED)
San Diego Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (SDRRC)
Trinity Valley Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Texas (TVRRCOT)

Ridgeback Rescue is the official rescue program of the US and Canadian national breed clubs, as well as most local and regional clubs. It is comprised of a network of dedicated volunteers across both countries, and operates under an established set of Rescue Policies.

Ridgeback Rescue endeavors to assist all Rhodesian Ridgeback owners in raising happy, healthy dogs by providing information about the breed and assisting with training and care throughout a dog's life.

Rescue Program

Rescue...

Ridgeback Rescue accepts ownership of unwanted, neglected, and abused Ridgebacks. They are surrendered to Ridgeback Rescue by their owners, animal shelters and humane societies, and other persons. Ridgeback Rescue provides rescued dogs with food, care, and shelter until adoptive homes can be found. They become part of the *Msaada* family of rescued dogs.

Care...

Ridgeback Rescue volunteers evaluate the health, temperament, and other characteristics of rescued Ridgebacks to determine their suitability and preparedness for placement in an adoptive home. Based upon this assessment, Ridgeback Rescue prepares dogs to the extent necessary before going to their new families. Preparation is accomplished through behavioral and obedience training, as well as arranging for veterinary care.

Msaada...

The "kennel" name used by Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. for its "family" of rescued dogs. *Msaada* means "aid, assistance, help, or support" in the Swahili language. Adopters who choose to obtain ILP (AKC) or PEN (CKC) numbers to enter their rescue dogs in performance events are encouraged to register them using the *Msaada* kennel name.

Adoption...

Ridgeback Rescue makes every effort to place "the right dog with the right home." Local Rescue Coordinators seek out prospective adopters for our *Msaada* Ridgebacks. Coordinators evaluate each adoption applicant to determine their suitability and preparedness for owning a rescued Ridgeback. This evaluation can include interviews, home visits, and reference checks. Ownership of a *Msaada* Ridgeback is transferred to adopters that have been approved during the

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application process. An adoption fee is collected to help defray costs incurred while a dog was under Ridgeback Rescue's care. Ridgeback Rescue provides continuing support and education to adopters in the form of information about the breed, care, and training throughout a dog's life.

Volunteers

Ridgeback Rescue is dependent upon the dedication and kindheartedness of hundreds of volunteers to carry out its mission. Without them, the mission would not be possible.

The Board of Directors of Ridgeback Rescue would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank all the volunteers. While we are regrettably unable to list everyone's name here, following are the nearly 60 local and regional Rescue Coordinators and others:

Karen Strahan (Alaska and Hawaii Region)	Kathleen Orsi (National Capital Region)
Jane Hildebrandt (Alberta)	Sheri Cobb (Nevada)
Phyllis Scaff (Arizona)	Barbara Ferguson (New England Region)
Madeline Winfrey (Arkansas and Tennessee)	Barry Sullivan (New England Region)
George Detkos (Bookkeeper)	Kathrine Freeman (New Jersey)
Avril Hall (British Columbia)	Brenna Tatusko (New Jersey)
Angie Cravens (California)	Melanie Behrens (New York)
Amy Kimbro (California)	Mary Teeling (New York)
Kimberly Leanos (California)	Darcy and Cynthia Willson (North Carolina)
Teresa Murphy (Central East Region)	Kathy Bakken (North Central Region)
Sue Ann and Clay Leslie (Connecticut)	Debra Lamm (Ohio)
Carol and Bill Moody (Delaware)	Debbie Mitchell (Ohio)
Diane Gagliano (Florida and Georgia Region)	Barbara Hooley (Oklahoma)
Kathy Hill (Florida and Georgia Region)	Pam Roath (Ontario)
Anne Jones (Georgia)	Mary Sorosky (Oregon)
Renee Hartley (Great Lakes Region)	Lou Ann Isenberg (Pennsylvania)
Sandy Curtis (Great Plains Region)	Tina Moodhart (Rescue Store)
Sandra Fikes (Gulf Region)	Betsy Greenwood (Rhode Island)
Nita Kolze (Idaho)	Nicole and John Tate (Southern Region)
Jennifer Stalder (Iowa)	Evelyn Hunt (Tennessee)
Wendy Katz (Kentucky)	Erica Cox (Texas)
Olive Taylor (Manitoba and Saskatchewan)	Sheila Fleming (Texas)
Tricia Tripp (Maryland)	John Graham (Texas)
Cheryl Fraser (Massachusetts)	Yvette Tisdale (Texas)
Julie Moore (Michigan)	Susan Ralston (Utah)
Terri Tallmadge (Michigan)	Lorraine Pedersen (Washington)
Kelli Hasson (Minnesota)	Gretchen Block (Wisconsin)
Peggy Winston (Montana)	Linda Siplon (Wyoming)

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

www.ridgebackrescue.org

- or write to us at -

Volunteer Opportunities
Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.
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Rescue Policy

The Rescue Policy was adopted by Ridgeback Rescue at its inception for the purpose of defining the organization's mission, and providing Rescue Coordinators and other volunteers with guidelines and parameters for their activities. The policy has served the organization and the breed well since that time. The Board of Directors periodically reviews and considers amendments to the policy to ensure that it remains viable and reflects the current needs of the breed. The entire policy is reprinted here....

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.

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- ❑ 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, 2002 and 2001
 UNAUDITED

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 86,405	\$ 54,870
Accounts Receivable	-0-	171
Inventory, Rescue Store (Note 4)	<u>14,609</u>	<u>15,622</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$101,014	\$ 70,633
 OTHER ASSETS		
Incorporation Costs, net of amortization (Note 6)	<u>330</u>	<u>462</u>
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$ 330	\$ 462
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$101,344</u>	 <u>\$ 71,125</u>
 CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 315	\$ 2,305
Other Current Liabilities	<u>-0-</u>	<u>142</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 315	\$ 2,447
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 \$ 315	 \$ 2,447
 NET ASSETS		
Beginning Net Assets (Note 3)	68,678	59,130
Net Income	<u>32,351</u>	<u>9,548</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$101,029	\$ 68,678
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	 <u>\$101,344</u>	 <u>\$ 71,125</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
 Years Ended December 31, 2002 and 2001
 UNAUDITED

	12 months	12 months
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
INCOME		
Program Income		
Dog Adoption Fees	\$ 44,347	\$ 55,969
Net Program Income	\$ 44,347	\$ 55,969
Contributions		
General Donations	27,248	37,474
Other Pledges	<u>100</u>	<u>410</u>
Net Contributions	\$ 27,348	\$ 37,884
Rescue Store Income (Note 4)		
Receipts	42,933	42,580
LESS: Expenses	<u>(30,190)</u>	<u>(38,571)</u>
Net Rescue Store Income	\$ 12,743	\$ 4,009
Special Events Income		
Calendar Photo Submission Donations	11,136	10,428
Rescue Quilt Donations	5,756	-0-
"State Basket" Donations	1,453	
Other Donations	<u>800</u>	<u>85</u>
Net Special Events Income	\$ 19,145	\$ 10,513
Interest Income	72	417
Other Income	<u>117</u>	<u>120</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 103,772	\$ 108,912
EXPENSES		
Program Expenses		
Veterinary and Boarding Costs	52,437	70,231
Transportation	2,524	3,031
Shelter Fees and Other Costs	1,233	2,540
Food and Other Supplies	<u>4,712</u>	<u>6,456</u>
Total Program Expenses	\$ 60,906	\$ 82,258
Fundraising Expenses	1,205	1,543
Volunteer Expenses	874	3,000
Office and Administrative Expenses (Note 5)	8,304	12,431
Incorporation Expenses Amortization (Note 6)	<u>132</u>	<u>132</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 71,421	\$ 99,364
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 32,351</u>	<u>\$ 9,548</u>

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Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.
Note to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2002
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- 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 ("RRCC"), as well as most local and regional Rhodesian Ridgeback breed clubs in the USA and Canada.
- 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, and telephone expenses.
- 6. Amortization of Incorporation Expenses** - Incorporation costs are being amortized over a five-year period.

Officers and Directors

Officers

Barbara Sawyer-Brown

President and National Rescue Director
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Vice President and Assistant National Rescue Director
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Elise Lewis

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Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA

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Linda Forman, CPA

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Directors

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Contact

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

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