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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 (GVFRRRC)
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 (TVRRRCOT)

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...

Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc., 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.

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 adoption applicants 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

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.

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

Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc., 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 officers and directors of Ridgeback Rescue would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank all the volunteers.

Interested in helping 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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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors of
Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.
Chicago, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc., (a non-profit organization) as of December 31, 2003, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall combined financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Because we were not engaged as auditors until after December 31, 2003, we were not present to observe the physical inventory as of December 31, 2003, and we have not satisfied ourselves by means of other procedures concerning these inventory quantities. The amount of inventory at December 31, 2003, materially affects the determination of the results of operations and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Because of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the scope of our work was not sufficient to enable us to express, and we do not express, an opinion on the results of operations and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2003.

In our opinion, the balance sheet referred to in the first paragraph presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc. as of December 31, 2003, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

KUPFERBERG, GOLDBERG & NEIMARK, LLC
Chicago, Illinois
June 3, 2004

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Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
As of December 31, 2003 and 2002

	<u>Audited</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Unaudited</u> <u>2002</u>
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 75,186	\$ 86,405
Accounts Receivable	2,258	-0-
Inventory, Rescue Store	<u>21,673</u>	<u>14,609</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 99,117	\$101,014
Other Assets		
Incorporation Costs net of accumulated amortization of \$462	<u>198</u>	<u>330</u>
Total Other Assets	\$ <u>198</u>	\$ <u>330</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 99,315</u>	<u>\$101,344</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 1,817</u>	<u>\$ 315</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,817</u>	<u>\$ 315</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,817	\$ 315
Net Assets – Unrestricted	\$ 97,498	\$101,029
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 99,315</u>	<u>\$101,344</u>

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Statement of Activities
For the Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

	Audited	Unaudited
	2003	2002
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets		
Revenues		
Support		
Contributions	28,252	27,248
Calendar Photo Contributions	10,143	11,136
Rescue Quilt Contributions	-0-	5,756
Other General Contributions	3,345	2,353
Total Support	\$ 41,740	\$ 46,493
Program Revenue		
Dog Adoption Fees	\$ 57,002	\$ 44,347
Total Program Revenue	\$ 57,002	\$ 44,347
Rescue Store Revenue		
Receipts	34,466	42,933
LESS: Expenses	(23,693)	(30,190)
Net Rescue Store Revenue	\$ 10,773	\$ 12,743
Interest Income	567	72
Other Income	437	117
Total Revenues	\$ 110,519	\$ 103,772
Expenses		
Program Expenses		
Veterinary and Boarding Costs	76,417	52,437
Food and Other Supplies	6,208	4,712
Transportation	6,092	2,524
Breed Rescue Advertising	2,449	809
Shelter Fees and Other Costs	1,989	1,233
Volunteer Expenses	1,455	874
Total Program Expenses	\$ 94,610	\$ 62,589
Supporting Expenses		
Amortization	132	132
Legal	5,149	-0-
Office and Administrative	14,159	8,700
Total Supporting Expenses	\$ 19,440	\$ 8,832
Total Expenses	\$ 114,050	\$ 71,421
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ (3,531)	\$ 32,351
Net Assets – Beginning of Year	101,029	68,678
Net Assets – End of Year	\$ 97,498	\$ 101,029

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Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended December 31, 2003 and 2002

	Audited <u>2003</u>	Unaudited <u>2002</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ (3,531)	32,351
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		
Amortization	132	132
Decrease (Increase) in accounts receivable	(2,258)	171
Decrease (Increase) in inventory	(7,063)	1,013
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable	1,501	(1,990)
Increase (Decrease) in other current liabilities	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(142)</u>
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(11,219)</u>	<u>46,493</u>
Net decrease in cash	\$ (11,219)	\$ 31,535
Cash at beginning of year	<u>86,405</u>	<u>54,870</u>
Cash at end of year	<u><u>\$ 75,186</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 86,405</u></u>

Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2003

NOTE 1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc., (the “Organization”) has been in operation since 2000 and is a Virginia not-for-profit corporation. The Organization 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 across the United States and Canada. The Organization seeks to rescue, care for, and place Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Support

Grants and contributions received and unconditional promises to give are measured at the fair values and are reported as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the nature and/or existence of any donor restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted net assets – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Unrestricted net assets include the revenues and expenses of the primary operations of the Organization. Donor-restricted contributions and grants whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period are reported as unrestricted support.

Temporarily restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor or grant-imposed stipulations that may or will be met either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. The Organization had no temporarily restricted net assets at year-end.

Permanently restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Organization. The Organization had no permanently restricted net assets at year-end.

Cash

Cash consists of cash held in checking, savings, or money market accounts.

Inventory

Inventory consists of dog-related novelty items and is recorded at the lower of cost, first-in, first-out method, or market replacement cost.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Incorporation Costs

Incorporation costs were capitalized and are being amortized over a five-year period.

Advertising

The Organization expenses advertising costs as incurred. Advertising expense was \$2,449 for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

NOTE 3. INCOME TAXES

The Organization is a nonprofit corporation exempt from income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Its revenue is derived primarily from contributions, rescue fees, store income, and investment income.

NOTE 4. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

From time to time the Organization reimburses expenses incurred by volunteers on behalf of the Organization. Because the Organization is so defuse, expense reports are not always timely received. The Organization has established a policy allotting six months to submit these expenses. There were no significant undisclosed expense reimbursement obligations as of December 31, 2003.

Contact

To obtain additional information about Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue, Inc., including a copy of its IRS Form 990, IRS Form 1023, or IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter, please contact us as follows:

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