

# EXCITING NEWS FROM RRCF! BECOMING A WINNER

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**W**hat would you do if you won the lottery? Spend it on yourself, share it with your family? Maybe help with a need in your community or other philanthropic causes?

Fortunate for Ridgebacks, and dogs in general, along comes the Nancy Krupa Fund established by Nancy Krupa as an unrestricted gift to RRCUS to be used as they thought appropriate. A committee, headed by John Wyszynski, was formed to make recommendations to the RRCUS as how to best use \$126,763. Like winning the lottery, RRCUS now had to decide how they wanted to spend this unexpected gift. To best honor her legacy the committee allocated the monies in a way that reflects her love of the breed, mentoring and sportsmanship. The four areas selected to share equally in her gift are Performance, Education, Health & Genetics and Rescue.

For the H&G area the Nancy Krupa Fund will donate \$10,000 per year for three years (\$30,000 total) to a RRCF/RRCUS sponsored Canine Health Foundation (CHF) match initiative in an Oncology program area. RRCF and RRCUS Donor Advised Fund (DAF) will both donate an equal amount (\$30,000) resulting in a total of \$90,000 over three years by the RRCF, H&G DAF, and the NKF pledged to the CHF match initiative.

An example of a match initiative would be an employer that would match the amount the employee donated to a charity of their choice. Thus doubling the initial donation on behalf of the employee.

The Canine Health Foundation will manage the Match Initiative. They will reach out to other breed Foundations and Trusts thru print media, emails and literature to promote the challenge we have made to those other entities interested in providing solutions for difficult issues facing dogs everywhere.

In support of the initiative, with donations from all three sources means that there is a potential to raise up to \$180,000 in Oncology research to benefit the Rhodesian Ridgeback Breed and dogs in general.

We are excited about being a winner and all the potential results going forward. This is in part made possible through the generosity of our donors.

