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## PROMOTE

With the goal of increasing the health and longevity of our beloved Ridgebacks, RRCF, in partnership with such respected organizations as the Canine Health Foundation, funds specific research into the most pressing illnesses facing the breed and dogs in general.

## EDUCATE

Through sponsorships of seminars, educational events and literature, both written and from outside the RR community. RRCF provides information about the care, health, development, training and ownership of the Rhodesian Ridgeback, as well as the role responsible breeding programs play in the future of the breed.

## PROTECT

People fear what they do not understand. RRCF is invested in the study of the history and character of the Rhodesian Ridgeback and seeks to promote an accurate portrayal of the breed to the public, as well as encouraging the awareness of and involvement in the many activities that enhance the lives of our companions and ourselves.



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To learn more about the  
Rhodesian Ridgeback Charitable Foundation  
and to make a donation in support of our mission  
and projects please visit:

[www.RhodesianRidgebackCharitableFoundation.org](http://www.RhodesianRidgebackCharitableFoundation.org)

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**TOGETHER THERE IS NO LIMIT...**



**TO WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH**



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Because of donors like you RRCF had an impressive first year. \$21,000 donated to the AKC Canine Health Foundation Tick-Bourne Initiative making RRCF a Charter Sponsor. The initiative will research new ways to prevent infections, recognize and diagnose and treat Tick-Bourne diseases before they become debilitating or even fatal to our dogs.

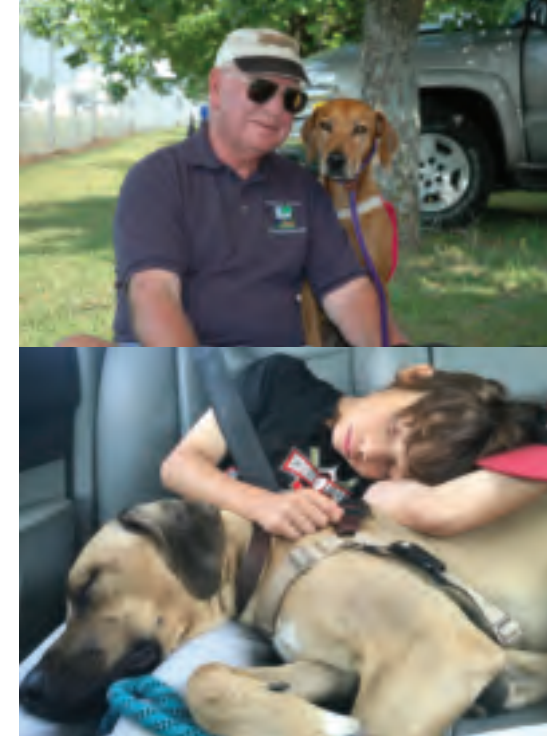
Sponsored the main speaker at Ridgeback University at the 2016 National Specialty in Ohio. Robert V. Hutchison DVM addressed issues related to reproduction, an important health & genetics topic. Specifically, he talked about the ideal timing and strategies for using fresh, chilled and frozen semen to achieve a successful breeding.

Reviewed three projects that the RRCUS Health & Genetic committee recommended to fund from the RR Designated Fund within the CHF. \$9500 was given to the Tick-Bourne Disease and 2 Epilepsy studies.

## UPCOMING PROJECTS AND PLANS

RRCF has collaborated with the Canine Health Foundation by signing a Memorandum of Understanding to study Rhodesian Ridgeback Inherited Ventricular Arrhythmia (IVA). The study will establish the characterization of the disease, starting with the age it appears in affected dogs. Using holter monitors, pups will be monitored 2-3 times every six months, beginning as young as four months, until about two years of age, to determine highest at-risk age. The study is estimated to be completed in three years with implications for RR's and applications for humans with similar heart issues. All contributions to RRCF for this \$30,000 study will be matched up to \$15,000.

RRCF will also review several initiatives for funding including epilepsy, the most common neurological disorder in dogs and other grant requests. And provide funding for educational programs and seminars.




## FUNDING

RRCF is funded by tax-deductible donations, which can be tailored to your situation. In addition to cash and credit card donations, we can arrange for a monthly "sustaining" contribution from your credit card account or gifts of appreciated securities.

## REMEMBER RRCF IN YOUR WILL

Posthumous gifts to the Rhodesian Ridgeback Charitable Foundation can include a cash bequest, a gift of property, a share of the residue of your estate or the remainder of a trust after the lifetime of a family member. Please visit our website ([www.RhodesianRidgebackCharitableFoundation.org](http://www.RhodesianRidgebackCharitableFoundation.org)) for our Estate Planning brochure or call 734-536-5322.

## LINKS TO CHECK OUT

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