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RIDGEBACK RESCUE OF THE U.S.  
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501 E. CENTER AVENUE  
LAKE BLUFF, IL 60044

Employer Identification Number:  
20-1196738  
DLN:  
17053193036005  
Contact Person: DAVID V SCIAN ID# 31369  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
May 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990 Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
June 3, 2004  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

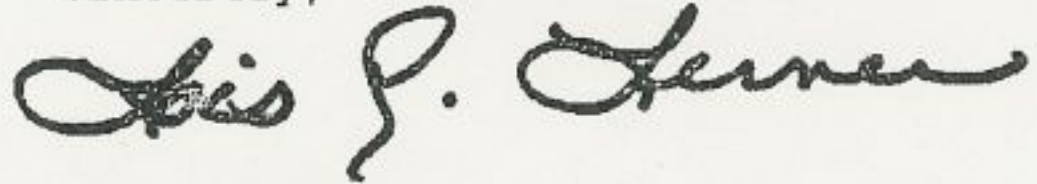
Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Information for Exempt Organizations Under Section 501(c)(3) for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

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We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lois G. Lerner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Lois G. Lerner  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Information for Organizations Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)