

Barking Mad Dog Rescue

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Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

30 April 2020

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Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2020.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

(1) To promote humane behaviour towards dogs and cats in Europe, particularly Romania, by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for such animals as are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

(2) To relieve the needs of people who may benefit from animal therapy

BMDR continues our rescue work in the Constanta region of eastern Romania.

The Team in Romania

The core Romanian team remain strong, trustworthy, and committed., Ion, Aura Caineanu, together with our team leader, their daughter Gea Caineanu, have been our bedrock. The team is complimented by Oana Ulmeanu. Oana continues to give 110% to our dogs. She too works long hours, driving back and forth to the vet from to take dogs from our village.

Also, Lucia Coman runs her own shelter at Calarasi with the support of BMDR at every level of her work.

Casual workers are less reliable and there are times the core team has been skeletal, struggling to cope with 300+ dogs when casual workers have left without warning.

The BMDR Shelters

The Main Shelter at Nisipari

As the last few years, our big shelter is busy. With some instances of hiatus at the public shelter, there has been some breathing space in terms of numbers. Still, dogs have come in who would not be candidates for adoption within our present adoption model. Whilst pens are not overcrowded, the dogs in them become a very settled pack and it is impossible to introduce new dogs safely into pens like this. However, with adoptions also happening at an average of 25 per month this flow of dogs allows the more adoptable dogs to be accommodated at the new village house shelter whilst waiting their turn. The establishment of a new bigger shelter with the help of the mayor is long overdue but progress with seems stymied. Firstly, we thought this was due to the pace of things happening with the local authorities. However, the land the mayor promised to us turned out to be not his to offer and belonged to a neighbouring local authority.

Every dog we take in, has immediate access to whatever veterinary intervention is required, if it is required, plus food, water, and shelter. This year again, as the below account can demonstrate, many dogs have been taken in from all different rescue situations with many different and challenging health needs. No dog has been turned away. Throughout this period, we continued to take dogs from the public shelter of Navodari and this year has been another strange one. Nothing seems to move forwards for distorted Romanian politics transcend every level of local government and the public shelter with its dog catchers and protocols, is not immune. Battles have taken place between our charity and the city hall appointees who rarely have the interests of the dogs at heart. Basic kindness is not a shared trait with those on the ground working for the local authority.

We have also continued to take dogs regularly for operations by a specialist trauma vet in Bucharest. There are few facilities in Constanta and no one either with the requisite skills in trauma surgery.

The Village House

The house we rent in the village is still available for us to buy. This was ready to go ahead in spring 2019 but sadly the owner died. We are still waiting for new paperwork from the notary in the gentleman's widow's name, a year on. This property is ideal for our small dogs, the vulnerable and recuperating dogs, and the oldies. The accommodation for people is very basic with only one tap in the yard and quite a holey roof. We have built some pens in the outhouses and on the large garden area to the rear. This year we appealed and were able to make new gates and fences to allay the neighbours' fears of dogs escaping and at the same time, stop the dogs barking at whoever was walking past.

Coca's Shelter Calarasi

BMDR has supported Lucia Coman and her shelter full of dogs for more than 3 years now. Lucia is known as Coca to her friends. Coca cares for more than 120 dogs on a piece of her own land near the city of Calarasi, which is between Bucharest and Constanta. The Constanta team have been visiting more often to make sure all dogs who are adoptable might be promoted. We have a healthy number of dogs getting adopted from this shelter, with the intervention of the Romanian team to make sure protocols for a veterinary audit trail are adhered to. This has been hard for Lucia to understand the need for compliance to protocols.

Routine Rescue Activities

Our core rescue work has gone on as usual; dog abandonment is as rife as ever. Dogs are routinely picked up from where they have been dumped. Although ostensibly punishable by heavy fines, the law is not enforced. No one who is able to make changes, actually cares. Many Romanian people do care but seem unable to find their own solutions to emergencies, let alone want to solve things long term. Nothing changes here. Romanian people are as vocal as ever on social media in condemning animal cruelty and yet paralysed when it comes to action. Hope is kept alive by the chance of changes in local politics for BMDR and our Romanian team.

As with all our core work, dogs can be rescued from the side of the road as road traffic accident victims, from members of the public who call for help after finding them, from the village where, in the main, people have learned not to dump their dogs. The local police force too are often in touch asking for help with injured or abandoned dogs. The team on the ground are also on the receiving end of hundreds of calls and messages for help from those who do care. This is a constant stress for them though they respond wherever they can. This ongoing rescue work is asides from the collaborative work with the local authority of Navodari. Collaborative in the broadest sense for the local authority uses this as a public relations exercise rather than an opportunity to be more humane. If our local team were not very public in condemning any brutality by the local authority, we have no doubt they would revert to their cruel and inhumane methods of dog disposal. Dog-catching has ceased there by the local authority by March 2020. BMDR has continued to take every dog from that public shelter except for the very few who were adopted locally.

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Here is a summary of dogs rescued and work done month by month, 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020.

April

we took ten pups from the harbour, of whom eight were adopted.

We took Reuben and Trooper in. Reuben was bald and covered in weeping sores with demodex. Trooper, an elderly dog, was collapsed in the street in Navodari. He had a heart condition. Trooper enjoyed a full year of retirement with us

We sent three dogs found hit by vehicles for surgery to repair fractures, in Bucharest.

We took in and treated nine pups with parvovirus.

We rescued three dogs from Constanta.

We rescued another two pups from the village

We took two small females from the harbour, one was pregnant. One had a fractured leg. This was operated.

Seven dogs were taken from the public shelter

May:

Paul, rescued puppy was operated after being found with a fracture.

Two pups rescued from the school

Gianna was captured as seen running with a wire cutting deep into her throat. Operated

Amos was taken in with a wire cutting right through his whole body, almost severing his penis

We took in a mum and pups from a neighbouring village

Male hit and run pup from a local village.

Three pups from the hoarder's house

Two adult dogs from the village. Female pregnant

Five pups from the street

Eight dogs out the public shelter

Bichon taken in.

June:

The June volunteer trip saw eight volunteers out for a week to the shelter to help out.

All said this was a life-changing experience for them

Mum and five pups from Teleorman

Small female from Poarta Alba

Dramatic rescue from the canal of Samba and her pups.

Eleven dogs and three pups from the public shelter

One dog at the cardiologist

Small dog hit and run – went for surgery

Mum, dad and pup from street

Dog from factory

White pup from the hoarder

Dog from neighbour operated – huge tumour

Two females from local farm spayed

Small dog from another village

Small male from the street

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July:

Eleven dogs from the ps and two pups

Rescue of the pups stuck in tar

Two pups from a fellow rescuer

Several dogs follow up at the trauma vet, plus new entry hit and run pup

Neighbour's dog operated and spayed. Second one spayed.

Small dog from local village

Three pups from the street

August:

Six adults from the public shelter

Older female from the street

Mum and six pups from the village

Male dog from the street and pup from local person

September:

Claudia, puppy at the trauma vet

Volunteer trip – another ten volunteers were at the shelter helping for a week.

One dog from the vets

Penelope (lab) from Nisipari s street

One male puppy with leg problems

One female puppy with parvo

Three puppies from Navodari s street

Panda (Cane Corso) dumped in the village

Bichon Eddie rescued

One puppy with neurological problems.

One GSD pup from Oana, Clyde, rehomed

A mum and her puppy (bear out shelter)

A female from Navodari street

One mum with her puppy

One male pup from Bianca

20 dogs in total from ps

October

Two pups from the village street

Two pups from the street in Constanta

One dog with broken leg from village locally

Three adults and one pup from the ps

One pup from the street in the village

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November

Nine chocolate pups from the bridge dumping area, all with parvo. Treated. Two survived.
Winnie, Wendy and Wilam – mum and two pups rescued.

Two pups rescued from the street. One with broken leg. Operated by the trauma surgeon.

Five dogs rescued from the hoarder's house

Pup rescued from the roadside.

Mum and three pups rescued from the cemetery

Seven pups dumped overnight at Coca's

Two retriever pups rescued from the street

Nicholas, small male with heartworm -given to us by Carmen's neighbour

December

Dog taken from the street from beside her dead friend

Pup thrown over fence into the shelter

Shoeboxes distributed to the village children

January

Pup with parvo from village

Two pups from a vet nurse in Navodari

Old dog from the street

Female pup with broken leg in the village – operated

Small female from family who are moving from village

Female found fitting at roadside – hit by car

Male pup at roadside with broken leg

Male pup from street in village

Bella – village family's dog operated to remove huge tumours

February

Female dog belonging to village family operated after they found her throat cut with wire

Five pups from the roadside brought in - all parvo. One died. Others treated.

Small dog rescued in freezing rain from street

Six dogs to the trauma vet

Three pups from village hoarders

March

Husky from ps adopted in Romania

Female and two pups dumped at Coca's

Two pups with parvo treated in village

Throughout this time the BMDR core team in the village of Nisipari have worked daily with local people. Dogs needing vet care are treated. People are coming forward to support our mission. People are more confident to report instances of neglect or cruelty. Local people speak out for our team and the shelter dogs. In addition to this, we have undertaken to support a young 'member' of our team, a local lad who is passionate about dogs. He is our eyes and ears in the village. Several whip rounds have enabled him to stay warm and dry last winter. So many dogs in the village now are vaccinated and neutered with their owners understanding the need for flea treatment and better care.

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Lucia Coman's shelter, Calarasi

BMDR continues to be wholly responsible for the vet costs, food and promotion of the dogs in a shelter owned by Coca Coman, an older woman who rescued alone, self-funded until she lost her job when BMDR took over to prevent her dogs starving.

Supporting other rescues in Romania.

BMDR still supports two other shelters in Romania, with monthly donations of dog food. It is hoped that as support for these two organisations grow, independent of our rescue, the dogs there will be less dependent on Barking Mad, moving forwards.

Collaboration with Local Authorities

Castelu

Work with the local authority in Castelu has stagnated for now but relations are good. The Mayor had promised us a huge tract of land to move our work on to. This would also allow a very positive PR outcome for him too. However, after inspection (and excitement on our part) this turned out to belong to a neighbouring local authority. Despite the Mayor's casual remarks to go ahead and to develop this anyway into our centre, we know this was not a sensible option.

More local to us in the village, our outreach programme for the village dogs is thriving. Using the village FB group to shout out, people are turning to us more and more to get help with their dogs if it is needed. We have been offering free sterilising for females, five per month and have neutered some cats too.

Navodari

By March 2019, the equilibrium had been restored at the ps. The catchers were not catching, and this afforded us time to breathe and make some space in our shelter. The Mayor then reappointed who we thought was a dog friendly vet who was in it for the love of dogs and nothing else. Sadly, her veterinary skills were poor but luckily for us, she resigned after local and social media outcry for accepting such a position. For several months, the dog catchers were unable to go after dogs as the law states that a vet must be present when they do.

External Assistance in the UK

Sadly, there seems to be many unsuitable adoptions still going ahead through unregistered rescues. BMDR still offer behaviour advice if necessary and have done so throughout the year.

Visits to Romania

Volunteer visits again have taken place throughout the year with several quite large groups coming over to help with the dogs in our Nisipari shelters. This has such a positive knock on benefit for us as a rescue, with not only the hands-on help when volunteers are there, but the feeling of ownership and involvement the first-hand experience brings. Covid 19 and lockdown will have an impact on these visits for the coming year.

Dog Adoptions

31st March 2019 – 1st April 2020

UK 170 + Germany 106 = 276 dogs

Shelter numbers have remained static, so this also means that nearly 300 dogs were also saved during this time.

Other Work

Each month, we still support two other shelters. Food for Mariana's shelter in Bucharest is ordered directly, whereas food for Aurelia's dogs at her shelter in Craiova, is ordered by Aurelia, locally, through our monthly donation.

Collaboration with Local Authorities

Castelu

Just as last year, work with the local authority in Castelu has remained slow but relations are good. Things are so slow in Romania due to the legacy bureaucratic practice. Sadly, the land offered by the mayor turned out to be a pig in a poke. It was not his to offer.

In our village, The BMDR team's work is reaping rewards in terms that fewer dogs are suffering. Not only do we have the backing of many villagers who alert us to any instance they see of animal neglect or abandonment, indeed many will intercede on our behalf if others are complaining about our dogs or our work. We have continued to offer support for people's dogs to be spayed, operated, or vaccinated. In this year alone, Gea and the team have successfully treated 16 parvo pups in the village, with owners who could not afford the vet. With the vet's grace, the team are well versed in what to do. Moreover, we have successfully interceded to pay for veterinary treatment for people's dogs locally, where the owners themselves, were unable to meet the costs of veterinary treatment and yet were aware their dogs needed help. Through our village FB group, we offer spaying and help.

Navodari

We have had a mixed year with the situation at the public shelter of Navodari. Fortunately, throughout, we have continued to take the dogs out alive. Following our campaign to have the brutal vet's contract nullified, we were finally successful, although not without physical threats to our team on the ground. By March 2019, the equilibrium had been restored and we were again talking about the contract going to a dog friendly vet who was in it for the love of dogs and nothing else. At that time, we said, time would tell if she were competent and strong enough to deal with this. Well, we should have known this was not likely to be the case!

The new female vet appointed to work with the local authority turned out to be not only incompetent but also did not last long. Therefore, for some months the public shelter had no official veterinarian and dog catching had to cease for some time.

External Assistance

We continue, where possible, to support people in the UK who have adopted from Romania – NOT through BMDR - but through third parties whose processes are not as robust as they should be. This means some dogs being adopted to unsuitable homes and adoptions breaking down. The BMDR adoption team are constantly striving to ensure our process is watertight and we despair at the lack of rigour shown by some other rescues at times.

Visits to Romania.

Again, Hilary has visited Constanta and the Nisipari shelter in April and June. Most times she has been accompanied by a team of volunteers through whom our rescue work has been shared further. Volunteers take ownership of the situation and are instrumental in sharing news of our work. Further volunteer visits took place later in the year by a group of BMDR adopters who are now stalwarts and go year on year.

Dogs Adopted

300 dogs were adopted from Romania in the year 1/4/19 – 31/3/20.

Adopter Support

The adoption process is continually honed and through our adoption team leader, a canine behaviourist, and two very experienced depute managers, adopters in the UK are offered ongoing support where necessary. All dogs are dual registered to the charity via a microchip to safeguard their future. In March, given the explosion of new requests from unsuitable applicants for a dog to adopt during lockdown, BMDR took the position to suspend applications. This safeguarded the team and adopters from unnecessary exposure to covid 19. In this way too, the dogs were safeguarded from adoption situations that may not have been sustainable post lockdown. Our adoption team took a well-earned rest.

The Adoption Process

Our adoption team continues to give their time, expertise, and professional approach to ensuring every adoption is as robust as it can be. Our adoption team leader and managers ensure that every adoption is signed off by a senior member of staff, setting both adopter and dog up for success. BMDR has been criticised for being unduly strict in our approach but we see this as a strength. Our duty is to both dog and humans.

Ongoing support is offered post adoption though our rigour means that mostly this intervention is not necessary.

Some comments from our adopters

" I found the adoption process to be robust and straightforward. We were checked thoroughly, which I was pleased about. We had great and timely communication, despite the fact that lockdown created a back log. Our lead adopter was excellent with an eye for detail, clear expectations, and kind advice. We felt that we were exceptionally well informed and kept up to date on progress. The adoption booklet was a great source of information, as was the little test and helped us to prepare well. The tails for travel information group was invaluable and eased our anxiety. I would recommend BMDR without hesitation."

" So, we started the adoption process with a certain dog in mind, we had our hearts set. Through a very thorough check and recheck our adoption lead let us know that our choice would not be a good fit. We were so disappointed but the reasons seemed valid so we sat and created a short list and she came back with detailed info about each dog and let us know which dog she thought would be the best. Result...? Perfection! She had met the dog herself so had first-hand experience which is amazing to us as they are all the way over in Romania. I am struck by how dedicated to the dogs everyone is at Barking Mad and matching them with the right home. I was so inspired I am now a volunteer home checker myself. The BMDR community, staff, and adopters, are so very active and supportive. I spread the BMDR message and attitude wherever possible. Thank you."

" We adopted Heather in July 2019 and the whole process was very positive. I was surprised and impressed at the thoroughness of the checks and the issues I was asked to consider before we were approved. The support we received through the whole process, and after she had arrived, was fantastic, more so given that the charity operates with such limited funds. Adopting a Romanian dog rather than buying another pedigree puppy has been a life-changing experience for my whole family."

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Barking Mad Dog Rescue has taken the commission's public benefit guidance into account when making any decision it is relevant to.

What difference did we make in the year 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020?
And to whom?

Our first and frontline beneficiaries are the dogs themselves

One example of this is Gianna. Gianna was spotted scared and hiding in the vicinity of the next town closest to our village. She was wearing a collar made from wire – common for pups in Romania – that had clearly been put on her as a puppy. Then Gianna grew, and grew. At some point Gianna was abandoned. The wire collar had become not only embedded in her neck but was close to severing her trachea. The whole wound was deeply infected. Catching this scared and traumatised dog took a skilled marksman with a tranquiliser gun. The dogs in our shelter, to the very last one, have not only been saved from an horrific death by our team and our rescue, but they are well cared for and settled in our shelter, with a chance too, of a life in a new home, if suitable to be adopted.

Our Supporters

News of our humane works grows ever outwards. Social media is key to spreading news and promoting engagement whilst inviting ownership of our humane work. Opportunities are there for all our supporters to become more engaged. We still need more structure across all our marketing to enable growth which will then promote dialogue and further engagement for those who are interested in our work. This structure for marketing is proving elusive.

Showing successes and follow up stories are key to helping people move from feelings of impotence to positive interaction which demonstrable better outcomes.

Local People in the Vicinity of our Shelters

In the village we now provide a solution to the dog 'problem' on so many levels. Strays' welfare can be managed. Through spaying and neutering the dog population can be managed. Pets can have veterinary treatment.

Employment opportunities have arisen through the shelter. Money if thus generated too. Volunteers bring business to local shops and hotels.

Self esteem is raised for people can see solutions and hear our voice in situations that previously seemed hopeless. This is now a village where people can be kind to animals as they have the support to do so.

Christmas means presents through the dogs, by way of shoeboxes sent out to the village children. This is a big event now, for the whole village. It also affords the team an opportunity to spread the word regarding the importance of neutering pets.

Romania, awareness raising of what BMDR faces.

Raising awareness is key to all we do. The unique challenges faced in Romania need their own approach. Our work brings feelings of hope and alleviates feelings of helplessness on the ground in Romania. Here solutions are hard to find for animal lovers. Poverty and ignorance are endemic. Hilary has been active this year through podcasts and media exposure, talking about the rescue and the good work done.

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The impact on Adopters' and Volunteers' Lives

Below are a few testimonies from the many we have received.

"I adopted Eviee from BMDR 6 months after losing my last dog. At this time I was struggling with depression, some days he was the only thing that kept me going and gave me a purpose, so losing him hit me hard.

Eviee came into my life and gave me a purpose again, as nervous and as shy as she was she clearly had a lot of love to give. Deep down I think I needed her more than she needed me. For the first time in months I felt I had a reason to get up again and to get home safely.

"I adopted Betty (an older dog) when I saw an appeal from BMDR for an urgent foster home for her in 2017. I had been considering adopting a young dog for a while, but I fell in love with Betty's photo and predicament. From the minute I contacted BMDR Claire and Hilary were with me every step of the way. I was very impressed with the initial home visit by Claire and all the help and advice she and Hilary gave me. I love being part of the BMDR adopters' group. I can honestly say it is one of the best decisions I have ever made. Betty has brought so much laughter and love into our home and I feel so lucky to have been able to give my older girl a safe and loving retirement home. She is like no other dog I have lived with. She's a funny, quirky, intelligent girl and the support from BMDR and the adopter's group is amazing."

"We had no idea what we were letting ourselves in for when we decided to adopt a Romanian Rescue from BMDR. From start to finish the whole process was friendly and efficient and all our questions and concerns answered. Having only had labs, we would say we were quite laid-back dog owners, if they were fed and walked, they were happy.... then Atholl arrived. Scared, and a little bedraggled from his long journey. He soon made himself at home...on our bed...the couch...and anywhere except his bed! He has taught us a level of understanding beyond all belief, patience, and pride. He has helped educate other dog owners as we explain how his deep-rooted street dog roots affect him. He has proven wild street dogs like him can be the most loving, clever, and friendly dog you will meet. When he arrived, my own life had hit a rather dark place, my depression had raised its ugly head along with the peri menopausal stage of life. I was unable to process feelings like love and yet within weeks, my spirits lifted. Training this boy gave me a new purpose. He needed us and I needed him. Along with our resident black lab, they formed a bond that included me. Having just welcomed our first grandchild into our lives, he has been a star with her as well. Yes, he still has a few challenges, but he's worth it."

"Sorley came into my life and turned it from existing to a blessed life of fun and laughter. His cuddles enrich my life unbelievably and I can never thank BMDR enough. They are so honest about the dogs up for rehoming."

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"I volunteered to go out to Romania to the BMDR shelter in Sep 2019. I had never been before and did not know any of the people I was going with. It turned out to be one of the most amazing and rewarding weeks of my life. ??While I was there a dog called Dave stole my heart! He was a black medium sized dog who who's little face poked out through the door of his pen every time I walked past him in the shelter. There were hundreds of beautiful dogs there but there was just something about Dave! Gea asked me if I would like to take him out for a walk and I immediately said yes. That was it! We were in love! ??walked him every day and I timed it so that he could stay out and sit with me while we had our lunch break. Anything just to keep him with me just a bit longer! He was such a happy boy. Full of life. It was hard to believe how poorly he had been before he was taken in by the shelter. Gea told me how he had been taken out of a hoarder's house and she had taken him home expecting him to die that night. But Dave rallied and made a full recovery! ??As my time at the shelter came to an end I knew that it was going to break my heart to leave him. I told Gea that I was going to apply to adopt him and hopefully bring him home to Scotland! When I got home, I could not stop thinking about my boy. I wrote my application, and it was Carolyn who dealt with it. She was so helpful and supportive. I had a home check from Julia, and she was great and gave us some good advice. The whole process was very well organised, and I was always kept informed of what was happening with my application. The day I heard that my application had been approved I was over the moon! Dave was mine! ?? On the 1st of November 2019 he arrived at my door on the happy bus a tired but happy boy! He jumped up and wagged his tail! I like to think he knew me, and he was pleased to see me! He joined our family of furry friends that day and we have never looked back. He still has some anxieties when he is out on the lead, but we are working on that. He is an absolute pleasure to have around. He loves people, kids, his toys and especially loves his bed! I feel so lucky that we found each other! Thank you BMDR you all do a fantastic job. I am proud to be a volunteer and be a small part of something so amazing."

"I decided to adopt Marley from BMDR in April 2019 following the deaths of my partner followed by my son the previous year. I can quite honestly say that having Marley has not just changed my life but has significantly changed the lives of 2 others. Adopting a street dog who had obviously experienced trauma and/or abuse has not been easy but with time, patience and not having unrealistic expectations, things have worked out so well that I have now opened my home to 2 teenage girls who were previously living in foster care. In addition to also having suffered trauma and abuse, one girl had a failed adoption behind her and the other had 10 different foster placements in the space of a year. Taking on these girls has not been without it's difficulties but the approach I used with Marley seems to have worked with them too and I'm pleased to say that the girls are now settled, secure and most of all happy. I really do not think that I would have had the confidence to be a supported lodgings provider for care leavers if it wasn't for my experience with Marley. These Romanian rescue dogs are truly remarkable in so many ways and deciding to adopt one has been one of the best decisions of my life."

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On the ground rescue work as detailed above

- Sharing this daily through social media brings hope, involvement, and inclusion.
- Support for local people in the village to understand better animal husbandry
- Somewhere to turn with sick and injured animals
- Non judgemental support for prevention of sickness and ill health in dogs and cats
- Support and education on the importance of neutering domestic pets
- Employment opportunities and the collaboration for local people

BMDR brings awareness and example of good practice Romania wide to allow other rescuers to model our protocols for dog rescue

Through our network of adopted dogs, word is spreading of our outreach work, how anyone can be involved from simply supporting and spreading our story on social media, through fundraising and joining our BMDR family to volunteering in Romania at one of our shelters.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Fundraising remains ad hoc and can be hair-raising at times, as the need for our intervention is not yet abating. Crystallising the role of the marketing team is still pressing. Core volunteers in this team are steadfast and work hard but each has a life and a job which takes priority. Funding needs to be ringfenced to grow and develop a marketing strategy.

This year BMDR has attempted to ringfence a legacy that was left to us. We need to have capital to buy the house where we have our small shelter in the village. Some of this remains but an unexpectedly high vet bill for an emergency operation has depleted the initial £10,000 gift.

It is also necessary to have reserves to cover emergency situations in Romania and unexpected vet bills in the UK. With emergencies frequent and of varying degrees, in Romania, it is exceedingly difficult to save for material changes and capital expenditure. This highlighted the need for concentration on independent revenue streams which are growing slowly. However, BMDR strives to have a minimum amount in reserve to cover unexpected vet bills and whatever emergencies arise. Targeted fundraising through social media takes place as a buffer for meeting costs. Directed campaigns are still needed to encourage monthly (reliable) donations.

Brexit remains our overriding concern with little or none or conflicting advice given by the UK Government

As always, money and fundraising can give worries. BMDR needs to be able to recruit permanent staff who can endeavour to bring reliable monthly income.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

BMDR has short term, mid-term, and long-term goals. These remain as per previous years with some capital purchases at last coming more achievable.

Short term.

Given the pace of change in Romania and indeed even the pace of life, things do move slowly so 'short' term can mean ongoing a good part of the time.

Romania

We will continue:

- To strive to buy the village house small shelter, currently rented, for the small, old, very young and most vulnerable dogs.
- to encourage and nurture our relationship with local authorities in both Nisipari (our commune) and Navodari where we work with the public shelter director and the town mayor.
- To rescue dogs left to die in the public shelter
- To rescue dogs in dire need on the street
- To accept dogs surrendered to us
- To evaluate continually and thus improve our practices at our shelter in Nisipari
- To foster good relationships within our village towards the dogs and our mission
- To move forwards working in parallel with our Romanian sister charity as soon as this is legally established.
- To continue to promote spaying and neutering in our village and surrounds
- To continue to be a lifeline for villagers' dogs who need vet treatment but their owner is unable to afford it
- To reinforce our position as the 'go to' resource for dog problems

UK

- To continue to grow awareness and understanding of the plight of the Romanian dog and the humane work we undertake
- To raise sufficient funds to allow our work to continue and flourish
- To strengthen our wonderful volunteer teams further and consolidate the very professional approach undertaken by all
- To streamline our practices further as protocols become embedded and less labour intensive
- To encourage devolved fundraising by our supporters
- To improve our online shop and grow turnover and profit to further help dogs in need
- To promote inclusion and ownership of our work

Mid-term:

Romania

- To continue with short term goals as above, many of which are longer term too
- To buy ourselves some land for the establishment of a permanent, bespoke shelter
- To build a relationship with local schools and establish an outreach programme
- To lend our support and experience to our eagerly awaited sister charity in Romania
- Regular spaying and neutering drives in the locality
- To consolidate our position in the locality as a force for good
- To embed our educational links and peer mentorship programme for good animal husbandry
- To work with the local authority to find sustainable and humane methods for controlling the stray dog population through

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UK

- To strengthen and develop our independent revenue streams
- To continue to grow our presence on social media and elsewhere to raise awareness of the plight of the Romanian dog
- Through our own inhouse behaviourist, grow an understanding of training and managing shelter dogs and their transition to 'civvy street'
- To seek a property where we can be based that will allow the growth of various strands of the charity

Long term:

Romania

- To enable and support the local community and others within Romania to find their own humane solutions to the 'dog' problem as it stands
- To establish a community base, volunteer centre and educational base centred around a dog shelter in the local commune.
- to continue to raise awareness of the need for overseas involvement to support Romania in its own humane strategies for stray dog management.

UK

- To grow and expand our work in the UK through an established base.
- Further grow revenues streams so the charity can become self sufficient

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

BMDR is a CIO

Charity Trustees are nominated by existing trustees and a vote is cast. Trustees need to have a good understanding of the problems facing Romania's animals, plus the country's political structure. BMDR uses the Charity Commission recommended procedures for the induction and training of new Trustees to the role.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the board

H. Anderson

Trustee

25 November 2020

Barking Mad Dog Rescue
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30 April 2020

		Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
	Notes			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	4	145,710	145,710	222,211
Charitable activities	5	38,812	38,812	13,067
Other trading activities	6	86,770	86,770	69,439
Investments	7	617	617	7
Other	8	19,103	19,103	-
Total		291,012	291,012	304,724
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	9	10,671	10,671	8,655
Charitable activities	10	243,852	243,852	266,070
Other	11	33,107	33,107	34,449
Total		287,630	287,630	309,174
Net gains on investments		-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		3,382	3,382	(4,450)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)		3,382	3,382	(4,450)
Other gains and losses				
Net movement in funds		3,382	3,382	(4,450)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		8,248	8,248	12,698
Total funds carried forward		11,630	11,630	8,248

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Summary Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 30 April 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Income	290,395	304,718
Interest and investment income	617	7
Gross income for the year	<u>291,012</u>	<u>304,725</u>
Expenditure	287,630	309,175
Total expenditure for the year	<u>287,630</u>	<u>309,175</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the year	3,382	(4,450)
Net income /(expenditure)for the year	<u><u>3,382</u></u>	<u><u>(4,450)</u></u>

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Balance Sheet

at 30 April 2020

Company No.	CE003755	Notes	2020	2019
			£	£
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand			11,630	8,249
			<u>11,630</u>	<u>8,249</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	13		-	(1)
Net current assets			<u>11,630</u>	<u>8,248</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>11,630</u>	<u>8,248</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability			<u>11,630</u>	<u>8,248</u>
Total net assets			<u>11,630</u>	<u>8,248</u>
The funds of the charity				
Restricted funds	14			
Unrestricted funds	14			
General funds			11,630	8,248
			<u>11,630</u>	<u>8,248</u>
Reserves	14			
Total funds			<u>11,630</u>	<u>8,248</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 30 April 2020 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the board on 25 November 2020

And signed on its behalf by:

H. Anderson
 Trustee
 25 November 2020

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 30 April 2020

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

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Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

The Charity holds no assets

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Intangible fixed assets and amortisation

Intangible fixed assets (including purchased goodwill, patents and trademarks) are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.

All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

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Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

2 Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

3 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	222,213	222,213
Charitable activities	13,067	13,067
Other trading activities	69,439	69,439
Investments	7	7
Total	<u>304,725</u>	<u>304,725</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	8,655	8,655
Charitable activities	266,070	266,070
Other	34,450	34,450
Total	<u>309,175</u>	<u>309,175</u>
Net income	<u>(4,450)</u>	<u>(4,450)</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	(4,450)	(4,450)
Other gains and losses:		
Net movement in funds	<u>(4,450)</u>	<u>(4,450)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds carried forward	<u>(4,450)</u>	<u>(4,450)</u>

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4 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£
Donations	126,607	126,607	199,578
Gift Aid	19,103	19,103	22,633
	<u>145,710</u>	<u>145,710</u>	<u>222,211</u>

5 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£
Sponsorship	38,812	38,812	13,067
	<u>38,812</u>	<u>38,812</u>	<u>13,067</u>

6 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£
Trading income	86,770	86,770	69,439
	<u>86,770</u>	<u>86,770</u>	<u>69,439</u>

7 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£
	617	617	7
	<u>617</u>	<u>617</u>	<u>7</u>

8 Other income

	Unrestricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£
	19,103	19,103	-
	<u>19,103</u>	<u>19,103</u>	<u>-</u>

9 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>			
Donations	745	745	3,087
<i>Fundraising trading costs</i>			
Trading income	9,926	9,926	5,568
	<u>10,671</u>	<u>10,671</u>	<u>8,655</u>

10 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Sponsorship	243,852	243,852	266,070
<i>Governance costs</i>			
	<u>243,852</u>	<u>243,852</u>	<u>266,070</u>

11 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£
Motor and travel costs	1,034	1,034	870
Premises costs	280	280	235
General administrative costs	11,965	11,965	15,380
Legal and professional costs	19,828	19,828	17,964
	<u>33,107</u>	<u>33,107</u>	<u>34,449</u>

12 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

13 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	-	1
	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

14 Movement in funds

	At 1 May 2019	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 30 April 2020 £
Restricted funds:				
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	8,248	291,012	(287,630)	11,630
Revaluation Reserves:				
Total funds	<u>8,248</u>	<u>291,012</u>	<u>(287,630)</u>	<u>11,630</u>

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Net current assets	11,630	11,630
	<u>11,630</u>	<u>11,630</u>

16 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 May 2019 £	Cash flows £	New HP/Finance leases £	At 30 April 2020 £
Cash and cash equivalents	8,249	3,381		11,630
	<u>8,249</u>	<u>3,381</u>	-	<u>11,630</u>
Net debt	<u>8,249</u>	<u>3,381</u>	-	<u>11,630</u>

17 Related party disclosures

Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus no single party controls the company.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30 April 2020

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies			
Donations	126,607	126,607	199,578
Gift Aid	19,103	19,103	22,633
	<u>145,710</u>	<u>145,710</u>	<u>222,211</u>
Charitable activities			
Sponsorship	38,812	38,812	13,067
	<u>38,812</u>	<u>38,812</u>	<u>13,067</u>
Other trading activities			
Trading income	86,770	86,770	69,439
	<u>86,770</u>	<u>86,770</u>	<u>69,439</u>
Investments			
	617	617	7
	<u>617</u>	<u>617</u>	<u>7</u>
Other			
	19,103	19,103	-
	<u>19,103</u>	<u>19,103</u>	<u>-</u>
Total income and endowments	291,012	291,012	304,724
Expenditure on:			
Costs of generating donations and legacies			
Donations	745	745	3,087
	<u>745</u>	<u>745</u>	<u>3,087</u>
Costs of other trading activities			
Trading income	9,926	9,926	5,568
	<u>9,926</u>	<u>9,926</u>	<u>5,568</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	10,671	10,671	8,655
Charitable activities			
Sponsorship	243,852	243,852	266,070
	<u>243,852</u>	<u>243,852</u>	<u>266,070</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	243,852	243,852	266,070
Motor and travel costs			
Travel and subsistence	1,034	1,034	870
	<u>1,034</u>	<u>1,034</u>	<u>870</u>
Premises costs			
Light, heat and power	280	280	235

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	280	280	235
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation			
Bank charges	1,825	1,825	3,775
Equipment expensed	-	-	880
Equipment repairs and maintenance	25	25	-
General insurances	1,907	1,907	1,308
Postage and couriers	2,953	2,953	2,435
Stationery and printing	1,838	1,838	4,611
Subscriptions	2,320	2,320	-
Sundry expenses	1,097	1,097	2,371
	11,965	11,965	15,380
Legal and professional costs			
Accountancy and bookkeeping	4,400	4,400	5,405
Management charges	15,028	15,028	12,400
Other legal and professional costs	400	400	159
	19,828	19,828	17,964
Total of expenditure of other costs	33,107	33,107	34,449
Total expenditure	287,630	287,630	309,174
Net gains on investments	-	-	-
	3,382	3,382	(4,450)
Net income/(expenditure)			
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)	3,382	3,382	(4,450)
Other Gains	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	3,382	3,382	(4,450)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	8,248	-	8,248
Total funds carried forward	11,630	-	8,248