

# **Trustees' Report**

For the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Chairman	V Wilson

Trustees

L Carnell H Boland S Laird L Moy-Burkitt S Compton (Appointed 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020) R Bracewell (Resigned 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021)

Principle Address	The Barn Pentlow Street Sudbury Suffolk CO10 7JJ
Charity Registration Number	1181158
VAT Number	327792275

# **Objectives & Activities**

Our principal objective is to relieve the suffering of Dachshund and Dachshund Cross Breeds throughout the UK in need of care and attention and, in particular to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals surrendered to, or rescued by us. Also to promote humane behaviour towards Dachshund and Dachshund Cross Breeds throughout the UK by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which 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. The Trustees confirm that the activities of the charity are undertaken to achieve the charity's aims with regard to the public benefit guidance issued by The Charity Commission.

## Achievements & Performance

In 2020 184 dogs were surrendered to The Red Foundation for rehoming. Of those 184, 110 were Male and 74 Female. Mini Smooth Haired far outweighed the other coats

and size at a total of 94. Less than 32% of those surrendered were KC registered. We saw an increase in dogs requiring rehoming due to having bitten, or had history of biting at a total of 61 and an increase in dogs that were suffering IVDD or had a history of it at 24. 11 of those 24 were surrendered to us specifically due to treatment required for IVDD that the previous owner could not provide. Along with IVDD we also had several dogs surrendered to us with complex health needs which we will cover the cost of any medical treatment required for life.

This year we saw a change in the order of main reasons for surrender which were

- 1. Change in circumstance of owner at a total of 78
- 2. Aggression to other dogs at a total of 28
- 3. Aggression to humans at a total of 23
- 4. Separation Anxiety & Anxiety Issues at a total of 20

Applications to our database to adopt, foster or provide transport rose by a huge 4461 this year, bringing the total number of applications to 8387. Each applicant is emailed to confirm receipt and also to remind them that we choose new homes based on the dogs needs not on length of time on the database. We also regularly audit the database to remove any applicants who are no longer looking to adopt. We believe the main reason for the increase in applicants was due to lockdown, and change in circumstance of potential owners who previously were at work during the day, now being home based. Moving forward into the next few years, it is important for us to consider and discuss with potential owners, what day care they would be able to put in place if they were required to return to working outside of the home full time.

This year we welcomed on board to our admin team Sharon Alton who is a behaviourist specialising in dachshunds, and is also a Trustee for Dachshund Health UK. Sharon volunteers a huge amount of her time to help our dogs in foster or adoption placements with any issues they may have, and also regularly speaks to dachshund owners who are considering surrendering their dogs to us due to behavioural issues, to try and work through the problems they are facing and enable the dogs to stay in the home. Sharon also regularly fosters dogs for us, which require assessment and rehabilitation. Her contribution to our team is priceless and we are extremely proud and grateful to have her on board.

We also have been working closely with Sandy Lane Kennels, who board, assess and rehabilitate dogs with more serious cases of human directed aggression that are surrendered to us, until they are ready for a new home. The number of dogs we are referring to them has steadily increased over 2020 and we expect this to continue into 2021 and 2022, once again due to the impact of lockdown. The Red Foundation fund the cost of the boarding and rehabilitation that Sandy Lane Kennels provide.

We continue our work using cases of IVDD to publicise and educate owners and potential owners on the need for a good level of insurance or access to funds for Dachshunds, to hopefully reduce the number of dogs surrendered to us due to lack of funding for IVDD treatment.

We have seen a huge increase in the number of advertisements for Dachshunds advertised by unscrupulous breeders as rare colours, but are in fact a product of bad breeding practices and can lead to serious and lifelong health issues. We will continue to use cases of Dachshunds surrendered to us that are a product of bad breeding, along with information from Dachshunds Health UK and The Breed Council to continue to educate owners and potential owners regarding these issues.

2020 Fundraising has been very challenging for us, with the impact of Covid19. Our normal group events organised by our team and supporters were obviously unable to go ahead. These normally generate a large income, so we have had to try and bridge the gap by organising more online fund raising events, which have been relatively successful. We have always aimed to cover any costs for pre-existing conditions of dachshunds surrendered to us for life, and as the total of dogs coming into this category in our care rises every year, it is vital that our level of income remains or increases for us to be able to continue our work. We are planning to increase our online store sales, especially in the run up to Christmas 2021 by offering new products and a new design Christmas Card which have always been popular and generated income. We also have some group events scheduled and some more online events lined up to help with the lack of fundraising during lockdown.

We expect the remainder of 2021 and 2022 to continue to be a challenge in terms of the number of Dachshunds requiring new homes or behavioural advice as the world returns to normal. We expect these issues to be -

- 1. Owners returning to working away from the home and Dachshunds being surrendered due to Separation anxiety issues and/or lack of day care.
- 2. Behavioural issues of younger dogs, bought as a puppy during lockdown and not socialised due to restrictions.
- 3. A potential rise in the number of Dachshunds surrendered to us due to health reasons from bad breeding practices over lockdown.

## **Financial Review**

Total income for 2020 was £171,902

Total expenditure for 2020 was £127,778

The majority of our costs were vets' fees, totaling £112,343 and are split down as follows:

IVDD Costs & Lifetime Care	£74,601
Dental Costs	£2894
Neutering Costs	£10948
Investigations	£3538
Specialist Costs	£9928
Vet Check, Vaccinations etc.	£ 10,434

We also had costs relating to boarding, Medicine, Grooming, Insurance, Office Expenses and Training. We are very grateful to all of the vets, boarding kennels, rehabilitation services and behaviourists that we use, that generously apply a discount to the cost of their services.

## **Reserves Policy**

When a Dachshund is rehomed by us with previous episodes of IVDD or existing medical issues, these are generally excluded from any insurance the new owner takes out, so The Red Foundation commit to funding any treatment required relating to these issues for life. As the level of dogs falling under this category in our care increases each year, The Red Foundation Trustees will review the level of reserves on an ongoing basis to ensure there is enough to cover the running costs of the charity and continue supporting these Dachshunds and any others surrendered to us for life. The reserves balance at the end of 2020 was £98,635

## Structure, Governance and Management

The Red Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by its constitution dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

New trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a meeting of the existing trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. The trustees make available to each new trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:

- A copy of the current version of the constitution; and
- A copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual report and statement of accounts

This annual report was approved by the trustees of the Charity on  $27^{th}$  September 2021 and is signed on its behalf by

V Wilson (Chairman)

# THE RED FOUNDATION - EMERGENCY DACHSHUND RESCUE ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Charity Number : 1181158



Edmund Carr LLP Chartered Accountants 146 New London Road Chelmsford Essex CM2 0AW

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 2 to 3.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with these records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

# Sandra Morrell

#### Sandra Morrell FCCA

Edmund Carr LLP 146 New London Road Chelmsford CM2 0AW

20th October 2021

## **RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS**

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

RECEIPTS	2020 £	2019 £
Adoption donations	48,085	46,005
Other donations	94,689	35,304
VIP 100	9,429	-
Gift aid	4,614	3,346
Justgiving	3,183	1,337
Shop sales	7,318	1,740
Auctions	2,924	1,352
Other income	1,660	1,054
Total Receipts	171,902	90,138
PAYMENTS		
Vet fees	112,343	60,896
Residential	5,042	-
Donations	3,500	-
Advertising	1,145	1,467
Office and administration	587	530
Insurance	471	471
Travel and accommodation	255	356
Shop purchases	933	271
Paypal costs	347	94
Sundry expenses	3,155	4,187
Total payments	127,778	68,272
Net receipts	44,124	21,866
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Cash funds transferred to CIO on set up	-	32,645
Cash funds brought forward	54,511	-
Cash funds carried forward	98,635	54,511

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#### **STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**

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