

**Registered Charity Number  
1129794**

**Dogs' Friends**

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the year ended

**31 May 2020**

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**Report and Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2020**

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Report and Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 May 2020**

**Registered Charity Number**

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**Charity Address**

Shamrock Stables  
Lynch Lane  
Westbury-sub-Mendip  
Somerset  
BA5 1HW

**Constitution**

Dogs Friends was constituted by Trust Deed dated 5 April 2009 and registered with the Charity Commission on 21 May 2009. The Charity commenced activities on 1 June 2009.

**Trustees**

The trustees who served during the year, and since the year-end are as follows:

Lynn Dunn  
Rosemary Peacock – Chair  
John Thurmand – Secretary

**Accountants**

Ingle and company  
339 Two Mile Hill Road  
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## **Dogs' Friends**

**Registered Number: 1129794**

### **Annual Report of the Trustees**

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2020.

The charity commenced activities on 1 June 2009.

The reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

### **Objects and Aims**

The objects of the charity are;

- a) For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of animals 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;
- b) To promote humane behaviour towards animals 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 animals' welfare in general, and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

### **Organisational Structure**

Trustees are selected for appointment having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience which they can bring to assist the effective running of the charity, and their demonstrated commitment to the aims and objectives of the charity.

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

### **Review of Activities**

A detailed review of the activities for the year is given on the following pages.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees are endeavouring to build up a suitable reserve fund over the next 5 years, in order to provide a buffer to cover unexpected expenditure.

This report was approved by the Trustees on and signed by its order.

Rosemary Peacock

John Thurmand  
Secretary

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**Dogs Friends**  
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**Annual Report of the Trustees**

**Review of Activities of the Year**

Dogs Friends is a small, independent, charity run by about 40 volunteers led by the Chair of Trustees and volunteer Rescue Manager, Rosemary Peacock. Some volunteers help with office and fundraising tasks, others with transport, others with dog walking and in the kennels. More than half look after dogs in their own homes as foster carers while the dogs wait for their forever homes. Some foster carers look after dogs on a long-term basis when, for one reason or another, it is not possible to rehome them. In addition, we have a small number of dedicated employees who help at the kennels.

Over the last year, the team has cared for more than 200 dogs and has rehomed more than 150, mostly in Somerset and the surrounding areas. There was a reduction in the last two months of our financial year (April and May 2020) when the country was put into lockdown. All visits to the kennels and to foster homes were stopped and there was great uncertainty as to what could be done, both from a safety and a legal point of view. Fortunately, the Canine and Feline Sector Group (CFSG) acted promptly and, in consultation with Government, was able promptly to issue guidance on transport and visits, etc. The cautious procedures enabled us to continue to take in dogs that were in need and to rehome them.

Dogs Friends' policy is to take in any dog that needs help, irrespective of medical condition or behavioural problems. Occasionally a dog may be passed to a specialist charity, but the vast majority are cared for by the Dogs Friends. Dogs Friends also has the strictest "no euthanasia" policy, so that no dog is put down except in circumstances that a loving pet owner would consider it kind to do so. The natural consequence of this is that expenses, in particular, veterinary expenses, are high and cannot begin to be covered by the amounts received when dogs are rehomed. The charity survives thanks to the support of generous donors, who cannot all be named here, but including trusts mentioned below. Our gratitude is unbounded.

Dogs helped during the year fell into three main categories: ex puppy farm dogs who were no longer wanted for breeding, dogs from pounds who had been abandoned, and "hand-ins" from people no longer able to care for their dog. On occasions, we also helped people who were temporarily unable to look after their dogs.

Some dogs are a challenge but can be particularly rewarding. A good example is two beautiful collie girls who came to us in May 2019. They were entirely feral, having been living wild in the Brecon Beacons for at least 6 months, repeatedly evading capture before eventually being trapped by a local farmer and taken to the pound. We named them Pilgrim and Minstrel. When they arrived, they cowered in the corner of a large kennel, nobody could touch them, and they would only move to eat. After a couple of weeks, Minstrel made some moves towards one person, and it was realised that she was heavily pregnant; gradually she became more confident, but still with only one person, and in early June gave birth to 8 beautiful black and white collie pups. Initially, Minstrel would

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hide them, so well that on one occasion there were only 5 left and the vet thought she must have eaten the other ones. You can imagine the delight and sheer joy when all eight were suddenly present. The pups thrived and, although still nervous of humans herself, Minstrel allowed the pups to be handled, socialised and played with. She gradually became more friendly herself and has been adopted. The pups all have good homes.

Pilgrim on the other hand remained scared and unwilling to have anything to do with humans. She would sit in her kennel alone, only emerging when the door was left open with a secure "corridor" leading to a field where she could run and explore alone or with other dogs. So it was for more than a year, but patience has been rewarded and after 13 months, she made the first move towards human contact. What a day that was - exhilaration!

We cannot end this general review without thanking our vets, who do so much for us. Axe Valley Vets do most of the work, but we have also benefitted from the help of specialists in particular Langford Small animal referral hospital

### **Future Plans**

During the year, we applied for planning permission to make certain improvements, in particular to erect 10 new kennels; to erect a new building providing a disabled toilet, kitchen and grooming room; and to improve waste arrangements. Due to lockdown, consideration of the application was delayed, but we hope to press ahead with the improvements in the coming years.

### **Financial Results**

The charity received total income in the year of almost £232,000 of which £29,000 from adoption donations, almost £184,000 was from donations and fundraising events / appeals, and around £15,000 was in donations from Charitable Trusts. We raise money for our budget via adopter donations, fundraising from Charitable Trusts, collections, events and appeals. Local people and businesses donate food via collections held in local pubs and shops.

Total expenditure was almost £228,000 the net income for the year of around £4,300 has been taken to the General Fund as Reserves.

Transportation costs include regular journeys to Wales to collect dogs from puppy farms as well as taking dogs from the rescue to foster carer homes in the Bristol and Bath areas every week of the year. This also includes visits to vets and dog groomers.

85% of the income we receive each year is spent on animal welfare costs including people caring for the dogs. This rises to 92% when the costs of heat, light and water supplies for the kennels are taken into account. We benefit from a rent free, 8 acre field adjoining the Rescue to exercise the dogs.

### **Acknowledgements and Thank Yous**

The Charity is very grateful to all its fundraisers, from those who rattle tins at dog shows, to our Volunteers who run raffles and auctions, to the business owners who have collection boxes in their

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shops. We are also extremely grateful to the local people, businesses like the Winford Arms, Pet Shop in Cheddar and PetMania in Worle, who collect and drop off food donations for the dogs.

We were grateful to receive donations in the year from a number of charitable trusts, in particular Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust and the Kennel Club

### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees are endeavouring to build up a suitable reserve fund in order to provide a buffer to meet unexpected expenditure. The year-end position for Reserves in our General Fund was £35,806.

### **The Future**

Covid 19 and lock downs have presented the charity with particular difficulties, difficulties which have been exacerbated by health problems suffered by the Trustees and members of their families. Nevertheless, we

are determined to continue the work we do. Every dog that finds happiness in a new home is triumph which makes all the hard work worthwhile.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Dogs' Friends**

**For the year ended 31 May 2020**

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2020 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required



for this period under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to;

- Examine the financial statements under Section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioner under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and;
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and the seeking of explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements;

- a) To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act; and

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- b) To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met, or;

To which, my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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**Dogs' Friends**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2020**

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Incoming resources from charitable activities		29,330	
41,920			
Incoming resources from fundraising activities		184,036	
127,712			
Income from Trusts		15,000	
20,300			
Kennel Club Grant		4,000	-
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<hr/>	
189,932		232,366	
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
Costs of charitable activities	3	(228,085)	
(176,465)			
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>		<hr/>	
13,467		4,281	
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>			
General Fund brought forward			31,525
18,058			
<b>General Funds carried forward</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>
35,806	31,525		
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**Dogs' Friends**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2020**

2019	Notes	2020	
		£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets	4	41,234	
43,789			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks		11,000	6,000
Bank Current Account		7,837	3,764
		<u>18,837</u>	<u>9,764</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due</b>			
<b>Within one year</b>	5	24,266	22,028
		<u></u>	<u></u>
<b>Net Current Liabilities</b>		(5,429)	
(12,264)			
<b>Total Assets less current</b>		<u></u>	<u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		35,806	
31,525			
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>35,806</u>	<u>31,525</u>
=====		=====	
<b>Fund Held</b>			
General Fund	6	35,806	
31,525			
		<u>35,806</u>	<u></u>
31,525			
=====		=====	

The financial statements were approved by the board on  
signed on their behalf by;

and

Rosemary Peacock – Chair

John Thurmand – Secretary

**Dogs' Friends**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2020**

**1. Accounting Policies**

***Basis of preparation***

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual's basis, in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

***Depreciation***

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Kennelling and other buildings	10% straight line
Office Building	5% straight line

***Stocks of donated items***

The stock of donated items is donated by sponsors and represents that which has not been distributed or used by the charity at the year-end. The value has been estimated by the Trustees.

**2. Grants Received over £1000**

Jean Sainsbury Trust	£15,000
Kennel Club Grant	£4,000

We are very grateful to these people and organisations for supporting our work.

### 3. Operating Profit 2019

2020

£

£

This is stated after charging:

Depreciation of owned fixed assets  
3,173

3,236

### 4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Office Building £	Kennelling £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 June 2019	52,118	5,627	
57,745			
Additions		681	681
At 31 May 2020	52,118	6,308	
58,426			
	=====	=====	=====
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 June 2019	8,563	5,393	13,956
Charge for the year	2,606	630	
3,236			
At 31 May 2020	11,169	6,023	17,192
	=====	=====	=====
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 31 May 2020	40,949	285	41,234
At 31 May 2019	43,555	234	43,789

### 5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year 2020 2019

£

£

Trade Creditors	8,273	8,577
Other Creditors	15,993	
13,451		
Accrued Expenses	-	
	24,266	22,028
	=====	=====



**6. General Fund**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 June 2019	31,525	
18,058		
Net incoming resources for the year		4,261
13,467		
At 31 May 2020	<u>35,806</u>	<u>          </u>
31,525		
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**Dogs' Friends**  
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**7. Trustees' Remuneration**

No Trustees received any remuneration for their work as Trustees.

The Trustees have calculated that the value of the time that the Trustees freely give to the Charity amounts to approximately £90,000 per year.

R Peacock, a Trustee, provides kennelling for the dogs at her own premises in order to reduce the cost to the Charity of using commercial boarding kennels, which can exceed £4,000 per month. In 2013, the Trustees agreed that a fair rent to pay to Rosemary Peacock for this facility would be £2,000 per month, although no payments have actually been made to her. Following advice from the Charity Commission, this has not been included as a cost in the Accounts.

Trustees are reimbursed for expenses they incur on behalf of the Charity.



**Dogs' Friends**  
**Detailed Income and Expenditure Account**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2020**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</b>		
Dog Adoption Income	29,330	
41,920		
	<u>29,330</u>	<u>          </u>
41,920		
	=====	
=====		
<b>Incoming Resources from Fundraising Activities</b>		
General Donations and Appeals	165,899	
106,910		
Other Fundraising Activities	3,636	
3,043		
Donations in kind from Trustees		
14,500		
17,760		
Donations from Trusts	15,000	
20,300		
Grants received	4,000	-
	=====	
=====		
	203,035	
148,013		
<b>Cost of Charitable Activities</b>		
Employee Costs:		
Kennel Staff	52,730	
39,340		
	<u>52,730</u>	<u>          </u>
39,340		
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Animal Welfare Costs:</b>		
Vaccinations	5,204	
8,110		
Neutering Costs	7,055	
9,413		
Microchipping	305	
785		
Operations	22,728	
24,352		
Veterinary Referrals Costs	61,915	
33,967		

Animal Feed, Dog Tags and Grooming	24,621	
15,216		
Transporting Dogs	6,599	
10,520		
Support Provided to Fosters (Dog Food, Medical Treatment)	17,376	
13,411		
	<u>145,803</u>	<u>          </u>
115,774	=====	
=====		
<b>Premises Costs:</b>		
Rates	638	
654		
Light and Heat	1,734	
2854		
Cleaning and Premises Costs	10,704	
5,563		
	<u>13,076</u>	<u>9,071</u>
	=====	
=====		

**Administration Costs:**

	Printing & Stationery	32	
310	Telephone	1,052	1,342
	Bank Charges, Online Bank Charges and Interest		4,527
	1,756		
	Insurance	733	2,013
	Depreciation	3,236	
3,173	Miscellaneous	1,649	
	1,729		
		<u>11,229</u>	<u>10,323</u>
		=====	=====

**Legal and Professional Costs:**

	Accountancy Fees	-	
210	Legal and Planning Fees	3,583	
1,027	Consultancy Fees	1,235	720
	Website and advertising costs		429
	-		
		<u>5,247</u>	<u>1,957</u>
		=====	=====
		<u>228,085</u>	<u>176,465</u>
		=====	=====

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