



Trustees' Report

For the Year Ending 31st December 2021

Chairman V Wilson

Trustees L Carnell
H Boland
S Laird (Resigned 5th April 2022)
L Moy-Burkitt (Resigned 1st October 2021)
S Compton
K Snares (Appointed 1st October 2021)
S Alton (Appointed 22nd April 2022)
C Tannetta (Appointed 22nd April 2022)

Principle Address The Barn
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Charity Registration Number 1181158

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 2021 216 dogs were surrendered to The Red Foundation for rehoming – 32 more than 2020.

Once again Mini Smooth Haired far outweighed any other coat or size at a total of 120, 66 of which were males. Only a third of all dogs surrendered were KC registered.

Following on from last year we once again saw Change in circumstance of owner as the leading reason for rehome at a total of 79. These reasons ranged from ill health and death of current owner to Covid related reasons such as a return to work, or failure of businesses.

The second largest reason for surrender was anxiety based issues at 39, up 19 on last year's report. We believe the main reason for this is lack of socialisation during lockdown and change in working patterns and lifestyle of owners after lockdown.

We once again had dogs surrendered to us with a bite history or showing signs of aggression. 30 of these were Human directed aggression and 17 dog to dog aggression.

This year we had 10 dogs surrendered to us due to suffering from IVDD when surrendered and another 8 who had had previous issues with IVDD that we will cover any costs related to for life. We have also had some more complex medical cases surrendered to us this year, including 3 Puppies with Mega Oesophagus, 1 swimmer, 1 Liver Shunt and 3 that we may never know the name of the condition. We cover all health related issues for life with surrendered dogs and will strive to get a diagnosis but only if it is in the best interest of the dog. The star of the show in terms of medical mysteries is Spesh who all of our Admin team and supporters have come to know and love, and he's taught us all so much about living in the moment, being determined to achieve our goals, and, no matter how hard things get – wag that tail!

We strive to always stay in touch with all of our dogs as we remain legal owners and sadly as we get bigger and older we are having to say goodbye to more of our adopted dogs every year and this year we said goodbye to 10 Red Foundation Dogs.

Our Audit of our database continues to remove any applicants that are no longer looking to adopt or are unsuitable for adoption, but our applications once again rose from 8,387 to over 10,000 now . We anticipate the applications will now start to slow down a little as people return to normal work and life after lockdown.

We had the pleasure of welcoming Aimee Thomas onto our behavioural team in January 2022, to work alongside Sharon Alton. Aimee and Sharon support all of our fosterers and adopters at any point in their journey as we offer behaviour support for life. We also offer free behaviour advice to any owners trying to work through problems and enable their dogs to stay in the home, and the volume of calls for behaviour support has increased this year meaning the behaviour team are busier than ever. We believe that once again the increase in demand for this service is due to lockdown as a lot of the dogs having issues are in the first few years of life.

The popularity for the breed remains high, although there seems to have been a small decline in the amount of advertisements and merchandise using Dachshunds. We believe this has led to us receiving an increase in puppy farm ex breeding bitches and stud dogs, which we hope is a sign of some of these unscrupulous breeders winding up their operations. Unfortunately when these dogs come to us they often come in extremely bad condition with no "belongings" at all. This year we had 3 ex breeding dogs surrendered to us the day before Christmas Eve. All 3 were blue or Isabella coats which is a dilute coloring and can lead to a multitude of serious conditions even if they have been born and bred into caring homes. All 3 of the pups have serious cases of Colour Dilution Alopecia, were covered in fleas and had such a heavy worm burden that it has affected their teeth, making the vets questions their age. We used their cases to publicise the issues with buying dilute coats, along side

published information from the Dachshund Breed Council and Dachshund Health UK, and at the same time updated our Amazon wish list to include lots of natural health supplements to cover any issues from inside out. Our amazing supporters purchased items to help not only these pups but to ensure we have a stock of supplies now to send out immediately to fosterers of any future dogs who come into our care. Thanks to our wonderful fosterers TLC and the gifts received from our wish lists these Pups are now thriving and the simple act of worming them and providing natural treats to help their teeth means the vets have seen a huge improvement in not only their teeth but the overall quality of their coats and health.

Along with these 3 pups the end of the year was very challenging for us in terms of amount of surrenders and also emotional cases due to neglect or medical issues. Our worst ever case of neglect came with Otto who was bought by a wonderful lady and gifted to us after seeing an advert for him on line. Otto was kept in a rabbit hutch and most probably used as a stud dog, he was painfully thin when he came to us, showed signs of frostbite on his ears, dogs bites all over his body and shockingly has a bullet or bullets lodged in his body. The response to Otto's post on Facebook was huge and although his case was upsetting we raised over £15,000 in donations for him alone, which was a huge boost after another tough fundraising year. Otto's story has a happy ever after as he is now in much better condition (again after being sent items from the wishlist to aid his recovery), and has been adopted into a loving warm home. The vets will assess if it is safe to remove the bullets from him when they neuter him as one is lodged in his windpipe.

The beginning of 2022 has sadly started off as our busiest year ever. To cope with demand we plan to increase our admin team and caseworkers by 7 members. We anticipate the amount of surrenders to continue in the volume we have seen due to the effects of lockdown, lack of socialisation and return to working outside of the home.

We hope that fundraising in 2022 will be a little easier in terms of in person events now that restrictions have lifted, however we plan to continue with our online fundraising by expanding our online sales on both our website and ebay, along with running our online auction and regular balloon races. We are hoping to create a fundraising pack to send out to any supporters who now wish to set up events or walks to raise funds for us, and have also been lucky enough to secure 5 spaces and runners in both the Great North Run and Great South Run of 2022. In 2023 we hope to get a space for The London Marathon!

Financial Review

Total income for 2021 was £195,089 (up 23,000 on 2020)

Total expenditure for 2021 was £144,410 (up 16,000 on 2020)

The majority of our costs were vets' fees, totaling £133,533, the majority of this made up of IVDD & Lifetime Care dogs totaling £72,159

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. We currently have 130 Lifetime Care Dogs in our care (this includes IVDD). The reserves balance at the end of 2021 was £149,314

Structure, Governance and Management

The Red Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by its constitution dated 13th 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 20th April 2022 and is signed on its behalf by

V Wilson (Chairman)

**THE RED FOUNDATION - EMERGENCY DACHSHUND RESCUE
ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 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.

Colin Barker

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4 July 2022

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
RECEIPTS		
Adoption donations	50,006	48,085
Other donations and gift aid	128,207	99,303
VIP 100	9,379	9,429
Justgiving	170	3,183
Shop sales	1,910	7,318
Auctions	229	2,924
Other income	5,188	1,660
Total Receipts	<u>195,089</u>	<u>171,902</u>
PAYMENTS		
Vet fees	133,533	117,385
Donations	1,500	3,500
Advertising	1,445	1,145
Office and administration	1,533	587
Insurance	471	471
Travel and accommodation	525	255
Shop purchases	612	933
Sundry expenses	1,461	3,502
Legal and professional fees	3,330	-
Total payments	<u>144,410</u>	<u>127,778</u>
Net receipts	<u>50,679</u>	<u>44,124</u>
Cash funds brought forward	<u>98,635</u>	<u>54,511</u>
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Approved by the trustees on 23 June 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Vicky Wilson

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