

Registered Charity Number
1129794

Dogs' Friends

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 May 2019

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Registered Charity Number

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Charity Address

Shamrock Stables
Lynch Lane
Westbury-sub-Mendip
Somerset
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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

Helen Bardle, ACA
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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 2019.

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

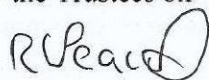
A detailed review of the activities for the year is given on the following pages.

Reserves Policy

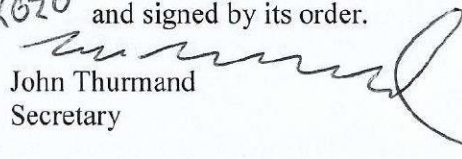
The Trustees are endeavouring to build up a suitable reserve fund over the next 5 years, in order to provide a buffer to cover unexpected expenditure.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 13/11/2020 and signed by its order.

Rosemary Peacock



John Thurmand
Secretary



Dogs' Friends**Registered Number:****1129794****Annual Report of the Trustees****Review of Activities for the Year**

We are a small, independent charity led by 40 volunteers. In 2018, 2,700 dogs were found straying on the streets of the West Country: on average 500 cannot be reunited with their owners and end up in rescues like Dogs' Friends (Dogs Trust research). Many more are in need of rescue from puppy farms in Wales and elsewhere with neglectful practices.

Thanks to support from generous donors, in the last year Rosie Peacock (our Chair of Trustees and the volunteer rescue manager) and her team have cared for 270 dogs. 210 of the dogs we cared for were found new forever homes across Bristol, Bath and Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Devon, Dorset and Somerset. At the end of the year we had 36 dogs in long term foster, as their poor health prevents them being adopted.

Some of our amazing volunteers help us with office or fundraising tasks, but most volunteers look after the dogs, taking them for long walks in the neighbouring Mendip hills. 22 act as foster carers looking after dogs in their own homes, as a vital last step towards rehoming. We are so grateful for their generosity in opening their homes to our dogs.

We have a reputation for finding forever homes for dogs that are on the brink of destruction: ex breeding dogs from puppy farms in Wales; 'Staffies'; old dogs and dogs with health problems. Many of these dogs have been sadly neglected and can take months to nurse back to health, but with time and patience, and once rehomed with loving owners they can live long happy lives.

During the year thanks to generous donors we were able to undertake works to make the kennels at Shamrock Stables more warm, dry and comfortable for the dogs. A new pathway to the kennels made it easier for volunteers to move around the rescue and we installed two storage containers to keep the bedding and food dry and safe from vermin. Finally we were also able to put in new fencing to make exercising the dogs safer.

Thanks to their support we were also able to save Braveheart's (a whippet) life after a horrific attack. His foster carer gave us this account:

"We knew nothing of Braveheart's background when he was brought in: the only thing we were told was that he'd been savaged by a pack of Huskies a few days before. The back of his neck had been ripped open. He was rushed to the Vet, who named him Braveheart because of his extraordinary stoicism as he was treated.

The flap of skin had to be removed, the wound could not be dressed properly, so the makeshift arrangement was for him to have a baby's nappy around his neck covering the wound. He was immediately found a foster home where he had his 'nappy' changed twice a day for 6 weeks, not once complaining or even moving while it was done.

The wound gradually healed although he has been left with scar tissue. A specialist Vet had to be called in to remove his two damaged salivary glands, a difficult and expensive operation. Braveheart has now fully recovered and moved to a new home, sharing with a Whippet, where

he can do is favourite thing: run, run, run. He's the loveliest of boys, with not a bad bone in his body. He remains friendly with other dogs, and still loves the Vet!"

It is worth mentioning that Dogs' Friends doesn't have a rigid age policy when re-homing. This allows us to give older people the companionship of a dog which can enrich and lengthen their lives. We will also never put a healthy dog down and our policy is to try every way we can to treat dogs that have a chance of life. We are very grateful for the support of our vets, in particular Axe Valley Vets for their help to us in these endeavours.

Future Plans

The Trustees have been applying for grants and other funding in order to meet the annual running costs of the charity. Our priority for the next few years is to improve conditions at the rescue for the dogs and volunteers. Once permissions are in place, and funding dependent, we are planning towards putting in new facilities like improved kennels and a shower and laundry room for the dogs and their bedding.

Financial Results

The charity received total income in the year of almost £190,000 of which nearly £42,000 came from adoption donations, almost £128,000 was from donations and fundraising events / appeals, and around £20,000 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. Within the year our local co-operative store in Axbridge adopted us as one of their three member chosen charities.

Total expenditure was almost £176,000 and the net income for the year of around £13,000 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 is taken into account. We benefit from a rent free, 8 acre field adjoining the Rescue to exercise the dogs. We have significant discounts in place from our main vet, e.g.: 50% for neutering and 30% vaccinations. A number of our dogs are neutered by Langford Veterinary School (where vets train) for free and our main vets fulfil some neutering at cost price as part of their training of newly qualified vets.

Acknowledgments and Thank You's

The Charity is very grateful to all its fundraisers, from those who rattle tins at dog shows, to our volunteers that run raffles and auctions to the business owners who have collection boxes in their shops. We are also extremely grateful to the local people, businesses and publicans like the Winford Arms who collect and drop off food donations for the dogs. Without their generosity, and schemes such as those run by Support at Home in Weston-Super-Mare - whereby we are able to collect free food from their store - we would not be able to survive.

In particular we were grateful to receive donations in the year from the: Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust; Beryl Evetts And Robert Luff Animal Welfare Trust Limited; Annandale Charitable Trust; Montague-Panton Animal Welfare Trust; Mrs D M France-Hayhurst Foundation; Audrey Emma Lamb Charitable Trust for the Welfare of Animals and Birds; Michael and Shirley Hunt Charitable Trust; Pettifor Trust; Hobson Charity; Walker 597 Animal Trust; Marsh Christian Trust; Support Adoption for Pets; and the Alan and Karen Grieve Charitable Trust.

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 as at 31st May 2019 was £31,525.

Trust grants gratefully received over £1K include:

Jean Sainsbury Trust	£7,000
The Annandale Trust	£3,000
Michael and Shirley Hunt Charitable Trust	£1,000
Montague-Panton Animal Welfare Trust	£2,000
Michael & Shirley Hunt	£1,000
Mrs D France – Hayhurst Foundation	£1,950
Beryl Evetts and Robert Luff Trust	£2,500

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

For the year ended 31 May 2019

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2019 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

- 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 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
Incoming Resources			
Incoming resources from charitable activities		41,920	28,536
Incoming resources from fundraising activities		127,712	99,617
Income from Trusts		20,300	18,900
Total Incoming Resources		<u>189,932</u>	<u>147,053</u>
Resources Expended			
Costs of charitable activities	3	(176,465)	(141,099)
Net Incoming Resources		<u>13,467</u>	<u>5,954</u>
Reconciliation of Funds			
General Fund brought forward		18,058	12,104
General Funds carried forward		<u><u>31,525</u></u>	<u><u>18,058</u></u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
For the year ended 31 May 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	4	43,789	35,318
Current Assets			
Stocks		6,000	6,000
Bank Current Account		3,764	(193)
		<u>9,764</u>	<u>5,807</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due			
Within one year	5	22,028	(23,067)
Net Current Liabilities		<u>12,264</u>	<u>(17,260)</u>
Total Assets less current			
Liabilities		<u>31,525</u>	<u>18,058</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>31,525</u></u>	<u><u>18,058</u></u>
Fund Held			
General Fund	6	31,525	18,058
		<u><u>31,525</u></u>	<u><u>18,058</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board on

and signed on their behalf by;

Rosemary Peacock – Chair

John Thurmand – Secretary

Dogs' Friends
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 May 2019

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals 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	10% 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

Jean Sainsbury Trust	£7,000
The Annandale Trust	£3,000
Michael and Shirley Hunt Charitable Trust	£1,000
Montague-Panton Animal Welfare Trust	£2,000
Michael & Shirley Hunt	£1,000
Mrs D France – Hayhurst Foundation	£1,950
Beryl Evetts and Robert Luff Trust	£2,500

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

3. Operating Profit**2019**
£**2018**
£

This is stated after charging:

Depreciation of owned fixed assets

3,173

4,610

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Office Building £	Kennelling £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 June 2018	40,474	5,627	46,101
Additions	11,644	-	11,644
At 31 May 2019	<u>52,118</u>	<u>5,627</u>	<u>57,745</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 June 2018	5,953	4,830	10,783
Charge for the year	2,610	563	3,173
At 31 May 2019	<u>8,563</u>	<u>5,393</u>	<u>13,956</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 May 2019	<u>43,555</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>43,789</u>
At 31 May 2018	<u>34,521</u>	<u>797</u>	<u>35,318</u>

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**2019**
£**2018**
£

Trade Creditors

8,577

988

Other Creditors

13,451

21,729

Accrued Expenses

-

350

22,02823,067**6. General Fund****2019**
£**2018**
£

At 1 June 2018

18,058

12,104

Net incoming resources for the year

13,467

5,954

At 31 May 2019

31,52518,058

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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 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities		
Dog Adoption Income	41,920	28,536
	<u>41,920</u>	<u>28,536</u>
Incoming Resources from Fundraising Activities		
General Donations and Appeals	106,910	85,217
Other Fundraising Activities	3,043	5,071
Donations in kind from Trustees	17,760	9,329
Donations from Trusts	20,300	18,900
	<u>148,013</u>	<u>118,517</u>
Cost of Charitable Activities		
Employee Costs:		
Kennel Staff	39,340	27,674
	<u>39,340</u>	<u>27,674</u>
Animal Welfare Costs:		
Vaccinations	8,110	5,980
Neutering Costs	9,413	7,280
Microchipping	785	545
Operations	24,352	19,134
Veterinary Referrals Costs	33,967	19,268
Animal Feed, Dog Tags and Grooming	15,216	16,358
Kennelling	-	300
Transporting Dogs	10,520	5,842
Support Provided to Fosters (Dog Food, Medical Treatment)	13,411	16,435
	<u>115,775</u>	<u>91,142</u>
Premises Costs:		
Rates	654	630
Light and Heat	2,854	1,526
Cleaning and Premises Costs	5,563	6,263
	<u>9,071</u>	<u>8,419</u>

Administration Costs:

Printing & Stationery	310	165
Telephone	1,342	1,256
Bank Charges, Online Bank Charges and Interest	1,756	2,082
Insurance	2,013	2,299
Depreciation	3,173	4,610
Miscellaneous	1,729	824
	<u>10,323</u>	<u>11,236</u>

Legal and Professional Costs:

Accountancy Fees	-	-
Legal and Planning Fees	210	932
Consultancy Fees	1,027	1,523
Other Legal and Professional	720	173
	<u>1,957</u>	<u>2,628</u>
	<u>176,465</u>	<u>141,099</u>