



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **05/04/2021**
Period end date

Period start date To **04/04/2021**

Charity name: Appledown Rescue and Rehoming Kennels

Charity registration number: 1116848

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of dogs in need of care and attention. In particular to provide and maintain rescue kennels, daily care and medical/behavioural attention.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To provide kennel facilities and staff so that such dogs can be offered shelter and sanctuary. To provide any medical treatment required by these dogs. To actively seek new homes for aged and infirm dogs, if safe to do so and if a good quality of life is still an expectation. To promote humane behaviour towards dogs. To give advice regarding dogs and their needs to the public. During this year of difficulty for many people, the charity has provided help to those who have struggled to care for their dogs because of financial pressures. Vet bills have been paid and food provided to those who have needed.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our team of volunteers continue to grow, particularly with regard to dog walking. The fund raising volunteers have been invaluable and have done everything they can to help the charity cope with the Covid restrictions. The volunteers are all absolutely essential to the continuation of the charity and they are a vital part of the team. Part way through the year we added a new volunteering role, that of washing up and laundry, and it has been hugely popular. It has made a huge difference to the time we can give the dogs.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>2021 – 22 has been a difficult year for our rescue. The number of dogs coming in as strays and not being claimed has increased as the year has gone on, although we have been lucky to still have people looking to adopt. Unfortunately the fashions that influence what dogs people buy, also have an effect on what they throw out. We have seen a huge increase in the numbers of some of the larger breeds and these are harder to rehome. We have also seen a huge impact caused by the fact that nobody had unexpected visitors, so they felt they could get away with anything. We have seen a massive increase in serious neglect cases and this has had an equally massive impact on our vet bills, which have sky rocketed. We did look after some seized puppy farm dogs for Buckinghamshire council and the boarding of these brought in some very useful income, although also a lot of work and emotional stress. Fundraising remained difficult but we did manage an online auction and a fantastically successful show day in September. The higher costs and numbers of dogs did mean that we had to use some of our reserves, but we kept our heads above water and were able to home 170 dogs and place 3 into end of life foster care. We were very lucky to continue to get support from Support Adoption for Pets and a couple of very good private donations and a generous bequest, by our standards.</p>

		<p>The type of dogs that people want to adopt have not particularly matched what has been arriving as strays. Most people want smaller, non moulting or short haired dogs, but we have had a lot of large breeds, particularly working and bull breeds. Some of these may never be suitable to home and we have accepted that rescue does include providing a permanent home with us. This is where our volunteers really come into their own as we could never exercise these dogs as well with just the staff trying to do it all.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We did very well with our homing and we stayed on top of things financially, but we have found the increased numbers of dogs difficult to manage at times. We think, however, that this is a sign of things to come and that the next few years will be busy and expensive.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The fundraising has been phenomenal considering the fact that there were still restrictions for much of the year. We raised almost 30% more than we had aimed for, fortunately because the costs were also higher.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity does have a fifth less money than it started the year with but we feel that we are not starting a new year from a position of weakness.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We would love to hold more reserves because, as we have seen, we are so greatly affected by societal changes.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£29091
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Vet bills are the main reason for the charity being in deficit. This has been caused by the increased number of dogs and the poor/awful condition of so many of them when they arrive with us.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We are totally confident that the charity will continue to operate as we head into the future.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Private donations are the main source of income, from kennel sponsorship to cheques and cash sent through the post. Our big fundraisers could not be held this year so it is our amazing supporters who have kept us fluid.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The main risk is if lockdowns happen again and fund raising is not able to start a return to normal.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by existing trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Appledown Rescue and Rehoming Kennels
Other name the charity uses	Appledown Rescue
Registered charity number	1116848
Charity's principal address	Appledown Kennels Harling Road Eaton Bray Bedfordshire LU6 1QY

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR APPLEDOWN RESCUE AND
 REHOMING KENNELS
 YEAR ENDED 4TH APRIL 2022

INCOME

Rehoming Donations		30650
Petplan		12220
Kennel Sponsors		14456
Support Adoption for Pets		10483
Surplus from September Show		8018
Buckinghamshire Council		6812
Collection Pots		956
Online Auctions		11295
Donation Sites		1941
Donations		60723
Fundraising		5598
EBAY & Facebook Sales		1030
Bequests		21045
Calendar Sales		<u>56</u>
TOTAL INCOME		185283

EXPENDITURE

Vets	77125	
Wages	71944	
Rent	26130	
Electric	1675	
Food	5635	
Cleaning	3181	
Bank	676	
Stationery	739	
Motor	5798	
Maintenance	213	
Fundraising	417	
Sundries	<u>457</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>193990</u>

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME £8707

Bank Balance @ 05/04/21		18949
Savings Balance @ 05/04/21		20355
Cash Balance @ 05/04/21		<u>1173</u>
		40477

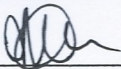
Bank Balance @ 04/04/22	2111	
Savings Balance @ 04/04/22	29091	
Cash Balance @ 04/04/22	<u>568</u>	
		<u>31770</u>

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME £8707

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JULIE NICOLA SHELTON	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	30/01/2023	