



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 To 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023

Charity name: APPLIEDOWN 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. To offer free behaviour help to those who are struggling to keep their dog during this period of shortage of rescue spaces.
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	Para 1.38	We would not be able to function without our volunteers. We have more than ever before and they form teams who are involved with

volunteers		fund raising, kennel help, dog walking, house checking and washing up/kitchen duties. We would never be able to afford the staff to cover what these people do for us and they prove their value time and time again. All of the house checks and fundraising are done by volunteers as well as all of the offsite exercise that the dogs receive. They also help keep our social media sites up to date and relevant, which helps us to home our 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>2023-23 has been another difficult year, with even more dogs arriving as unclaimed strays. It has felt as though we have spent the whole year ensuring that we can find the space to keep the dogs properly. We have homed well, 182 during the year, but more have arrived. We have also continued to see some awful neglect cases and dogs who have clearly had no vaccinations, worming or other basic medical care.</p> <p>The emotional toll on our staff has shown and we have had quite a change around of personnel, something we have never had a problem with previously. The combination of suffering dogs, those with awful temperaments and the constant pressure of numbers has proven too much for quite a few of the employees. Fortunately we have been able to replace them and have had amazing support, as ever, from our volunteers. The volunteers have helped immensely in spreading the word about our dogs, raising much needed funds and also getting donations of food and other essentials, which we would have struggled to afford. We have spent more than we have received but we have stayed on top of things and not reduced the care and speed of response at any time. Our rescue may be made up of a number of people who do many different tasks to ensure that everything is done, but those people do it well and the dogs benefit enormously. Our behaviourists have also been working hard, not just improving our dogs' behaviour, but also helping those who are struggling with their own dog's sociability and training. They give free sessions and constant back up and have helped a lot of people keep their pets.</p>

		It's been a very tough but successful year.
--	--	---

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We have continued to be successful at rehoming and maintain a tiny return rate. We have struggled and juggled financially but have managed to stay on top of things and we have helped people who have not adopted from us but have needed help with their dog. It has been extremely busy and high pressure but the dogs are fit and happy and the staff have stayed good humoured, plus the volunteers have increased in number and been a big part of our team.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising has been incredibly successful considering there were still not the usual number of events that we could attend. Those we organised ourselves all had a great outcome. Costs have been rising enormously, however, and we have found it hard to raise enough to completely match the increases.
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	Again the charity spent more than it raised, but we are optimistic that the plans for the coming year will even things out and start moving us towards a greater financial security.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We really would like to hold more reserves and are working towards building these up again. We were pleased that we were able to keep some by the end of the financial year, considering the state of the economy.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£13481
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	The vet bills and wages are the main reason for the charity being in deficit. This is a direct result of the sheer number of dogs arriving and the increase in the costs to us of both of these things.
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 and supporters sponsoring kennels are our main source of incomes. We also held three very successful online auctions this year and two fun dog shows, for the first time since before Covid. We have the most generous supporters imaginable.
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	Anything that impacted fundraising as badly as the lockdowns would be very difficult but we now have a better set of contingency plans than we did previously.
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)

--

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

--

## Other optional information

--

## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>		
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>		
<b>Date</b>		



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR APPLEDOWN RESCUE AND  
 REHOMING KENNELS  
 YEAR ENDED 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023

INCOME

Rehoming Donations	36735
Petplan	13141
Kennel Sponsors	14621
Support Adoption for Pets	7507
Surplus from May Show	9005
Surplus from September Show	8263
Collection Pots	823
Online Auctions	16140
Donation Sites	4954
Donations	58734
Fundraising	6959
EBAY & Facebook Sales	1029
Interest	65
Calendar Sales	<u>550</u>
TOTAL INCOME	178536

EXPENDITURE

Vets	69955
Wages	78729
Rent	24470
Electric	1890
Food	8365
Cleaning	4102
Bank	834
Stationery	1006
Motor	2925
Maintenance	625
Fundraising	1285
Sundries	<u>60</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>194246</u>

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME £15710

Bank Balance @ 05/04/22	2111
Savings Balance @ 05/04/22	29091
Cash Balance @ 05/04/22	<u>568</u>
	31770


Bank Balance @ 04/04/23	1989
Savings Balance @ 04/04/23	13481
Cash Balance @ 04/04/23	<u>590</u>
	<u>16060</u>

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME £15710

## 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 STEDDEN	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	29/01/24	