

# LABRADOR WELFARE

England & Wales · Charity number 1012192

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1992-06-26

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING AND DISTRESS CAUSED TO DOGS, AND IN PARTICULAR, TO THE BREED KNOWN AS LABRADOR RETRIEVERS, WHICH MAY BE ILL TREATED, ABANDONED OR NEGLECTED.

**Activities:** Rehoming displaced labrador retrievers

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£79,682	£78,521	-	-
2024-04-30	£114,717	£115,133	-	-
2023-04-30	£69,541	£64,354	-	-
2022-04-30	£31,028	£32,430	-	-
2021-04-30	£58,229	£56,809	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michelle Jamie Lloyd-Stork		2025-10-14
Nicola Anne Aldgate		2022-11-13
Nicola Brandon		2026-03-08

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# Accounts

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**Labrador Welfare**  
**Registered Charity No 1012192**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01 MAY 2024 TO 30 APRIL 2025**

**Reference and Administration Details**

**Charity name** Labrador Welfare

**Registered Charity Number** 1012192

**Charity's address** 7 Meadow Road  
Scunthorpe  
DN17 1RS

**Phone Number** 07795 178375

**Names of Trustees who manage the charity**

Ray Carnall	Chairman	Officer of charity and Trustee (Retired Nov 2024)
Debra Ellis	Treasurer	Officer of charity and Trustee
Ruth Leckie	Secretary	Officer of charity and Trustee
Susan Roberts	Trustee	(Retired Nov 2024)
Nicola Aldgate	Trustee	
Susan Blaeford	Trustee	(Elected Nov 2024)

**Name and address of advisors**

Vets 4 Pets Barnsley  
161 Wilthorpe Road  
Barnsley  
S75 1JQ

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**Summary of the Main Objectives of the Charity**

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- To work with our sister charities and other general rescues to ensure that no Labrador is left in need.

We continue to accept dogs for rehoming from all locations within the area we cover and to support those members of the public who find that they have to relinquish their dog.

Trustees of the charity ensure that our work is carried out within the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

## **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives.**

When undertaking the rehoming of Labrador Retrievers, we follow the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and this is embraced in our policies and procedures.

We continue to accept dogs within our area from all backgrounds.

Where financial hardships are being experienced we continue to waive the relinquishing donation.

Where the owner has no means of transport, every effort is made to help with the transportation of the dog to the kennels we use.

Our Lifetime Foster Dog Scheme for older dogs of 9 years and over enables those on low/limited income to enjoy the benefits of dog ownership as no adoption donation is requested for these dogs and Labrador Welfare helps to pay for major vet bills.

The ethos of Labrador Welfare is to offer support and guidance to the adopters of our dogs for the whole of the dog's life whether this is by phone, email, other means made possible by technology or in person by our registered volunteers.

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### **Additional details of objectives and activities**

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The regularity of the funds raised through the 100 Club and Sponsor Dog Scheme helps to maintain the financial support the charity is able to offer, where it is required, to those people caring for these dogs.

Without the invaluable voluntary help of our supporters, all of which is unpaid, we would be unable to continue with our work and we are indebted to those who give their time unstintingly and freely to help.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The 12-month period covered by this report has, as was expected, been another busy one for the charity with a sustained increase on the previous year in the number of requests from owners needing help to safely rehome their Labradors.

As a small, breed-specific charity, run wholly by volunteers and with limitations on kennel capacity and resource, it has been impossible to accommodate every single one of the 249 requests for help due to the sheer volume received and, where this has been the case, we have acted in the best welfare interests of dog and owner in directing them to other reputable breed-specific organisations in the hope that the dog can receive the help and care it needs at the time they and their owner need it most.

5 years on from Covid, its spectre still looms large with many of the requests for help received this year being the result in a change of owner circumstance with a return to the office or employment base after being able to work from home. No longer able to spend the time they needed to spend

meeting their dog's physical and emotional needs has combined, in some cases, with owners also working longer hours to meet the continuing every day challenge of trying to make ends meet. A change in employment necessitating relocation has also been a contributing factor in the number of requests for help this year with owners having to move into rented accommodation but unable to find somewhere affordable that is also prepared to accommodate pets.

These proved to be the two main reasons for relinquishing and, it has been no mean feat to successfully rehome the dogs that came into the care of the charity throughout the period covered by this report not least because over 50% of those admitted were not neutered and/or up to date with vaccinations which were all necessarily funded by the charity prior to rehoming at a not insignificant cost. This is because the charity ensures that all dogs are vaccinated prior to rehoming and, as part of our responsible approach to ongoing welfare and wellbeing, neutered prior to adoption unless there are reasons why this may not be appropriate. In essence, the number of non-neutered/non-vaccinated dogs arriving in care can, in the main, be seen as an indicator of the continuing impact of rising daily living costs which, so far shows no sign of abating with responsible rehoming organisations now bearing increased costs.

Despite these obvious challenges and associated financial costs, we have worked very hard to maintain our core values:

- We care about Labrador Retrievers
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- We are committed to providing a high-quality service at all times
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Aside from those owners seeking help with rehoming their dogs, we continue to work with and maintain links to other Labrador Rescue groups, Dog Wardens and general rescues when they need help with any Labrador Retrievers. Such collaborative working has seen an increase in the number of stray or abandoned dogs being signed over to us for rehoming from stray kennels during the 12-month period up to 30 April 2025.

We continue to benefit from the knowledge and expertise of the private licenced kennels we use whose help and advice have been invaluable to us over the course of the year. We are grateful to them for their continuing support and the diligent hands-on day-to-day care of our Labradors not least because of the additional pressures they too face with an unprecedented increase in stray or abandoned dogs of all types/breeds that their own remit obliges them to care for alongside our dogs.

Despite the challenges we, like every other rehoming organisation are facing in what has become a crisis in the world of animal rehoming and welfare with rescue spaces in foster and kennel-based organisations like gold dust, we continue to meet our objective of providing lifelong support to our rehomed dogs and their owners through a dedicated team of Home Visitors and our core Rehoming Team. Their willingness to literally go the extra mile is invaluable not only in ensuring our dogs are safely and responsibly rehomed but also in assuring their new owners of our ongoing support and guidance throughout their dog's life. Our volunteers are our life-blood and the hours they put in to help our dogs may well be unpaid but, in helping to change a Labrador's life for the better, they are absolutely priceless to us and the charity are forever in their debt.

Our membership remains relatively stable although we have sadly lost one or two of our very long-standing members this year but it is heartening to be able to report that we have welcomed new members too and have produced two newsletters during the period covered by this report so that our members are informed about our activities and updated on those dogs the charity has rehomed. We actively encourage members and supporters to contribute to our newsletter which helps to ensure that it remains inclusive and interactive in providing an opportunity for our supporters to engage and share their own experience and/or views on a subject of particular relevance or topical interest to those with the breed's best interests at heart.

With the help of our voluntary web master, our website continues to evolve and remains a central point of information for members of the public with a genuine interest and enthusiasm for our work, relinquishing owners and those considering offering a home to a dog. Thanks to the dedication of volunteers we also have an active presence on social media platforms which continue to generate

interest and are well supported with a loyal and growing follower base which has all but doubled over the course of the last few years.

The impact of the cost of living rise continues to be felt in terms of fundraising and, this may also account for the challenge we, like many other voluntary organisations, face in recruiting new helpers whose extra hands are vital in helping us with fundraising, particularly at face-to-face events. The team have, however, attended several events organised by local groups which not only served to raise funds for the charity but were also excellent opportunities to raise awareness of our work. Supporters throughout the area we cover have also turned their hand to innovative ways to raise funds and awareness which have included the creation of some beautiful charity cards and arranging in-person social events at various times throughout the year.

At the time of this report there were 26 dogs rehomed through and registered with the charity as Sponsor Dogs with a further 19 dogs over the age of 9 registered as Lifetime Fosters. It is arguably the case that the reason there are, for the first time in a long time, more Sponsor than Lifetime Foster dogs under the charity's wing, is as a result of the rising cost of living that everyone caring for a dog continues to face.

Our Sponsor Dog Scheme and 100 Club continue to help support our Lifetime Foster dogs and those rehomed with a pre-existing condition but, while we are fortunate in having found good, loving homes for these dogs, we have seen an increase in the cost of claims for reimbursement of veterinary fees which reflects the upward trend in the cost of veterinary care that has been evident across the board for some time. Where possible, owners and carers are asked to purchase medications through reputable on-line veterinary pharmacies which, as it stands, is far cheaper than directly purchasing through the practice the dog is registered with and is of great help in the charity being able to ensure the most cost-effective use of precious charity funds.

We continue to work to the standards laid out by The Kennel Club in their own Code of Practice for Breed Rescues and whose support is of great benefit. Our ongoing commitment to adhering to the Kennel Club's Code of Practice for Breed Rescues provides peace of mind for relinquishing owners that their dogs will be in good hands while we work to find their new homes as well as inspiring confidence in the general public as to the standards we aim to achieve and always strive to maintain.

The Trustees have met several times during the period covered by this report to review performance in meeting our objectives and to ensure internal governance continues to be upheld. The 2024 AGM saw the retirement of 2 of our longest-standing Trustees whose knowledge and experience of the breed have been a cornerstone of the charity for decades. Their tireless work over the years has seen the charity continue to battle through during some exceptionally challenging times and each of our retirees fully deserve a well-earned retirement and go with our eternal thanks for their steadfast dedication and hard work. Last year's AGM also saw the election of a new Trustee to the Board whose experience and background in accountancy and association with the charity over a number of years will be an asset to our ongoing work.

The period covered by this report has proved to be extremely challenging on the back of the sustained increase in demand for our services which we acknowledge is likely to continue to be the case for the foreseeable as events on the world stage will inevitably see a changing world for everyone. Despite this, the charity is firm in its resolve that its commitment to ensuring the future wellbeing of Labradors coming into or already in its care will remain a constant and unchanged.

## **Financial Review**

### ***Brief statement on the Charity's policy on reserves***

The charity is working towards developing a written policy for the holding of the reserve funds which are held in a reserve account to ensure that, should we raise no funds in one year, we would still be able to function. This account also holds money that has specifically been designated for certain projects and developments. The remainder is to support the payment of vet bills for our Lifetime Foster dogs and dogs the charity has rehomed through the Sponsor Dog Scheme.

### **Further financial review details**

Unless otherwise advised by a vet for reasons such as age or underlying, pre-existing conditions, all dogs leave us neutered, treated for fleas and worms and with vaccinations as up to date as possible. The relatively recent cessation of manufacture of the L2 vaccine and the crossover to L4 has, in some cases, led to an increased length of stay in kennels which, of course, has associated costs. Microchipping is undertaken on those dogs that are found not to have been chipped prior to admission into our care and arrangements are made to effect transfer of the microchip into the owner's name on adoption.

We also request a relinquishing donation to cover some of the initial kennelling and general care costs whilst we assess the dog to ensure that it finds the right home. This donation is waived in cases of financial hardship.

We continue to explore new avenues by which donations can be generated on line or in person with supporters now able to support our work in more eco-friendly ways. We have added Don't Send Me A Card which generates a donation to the charity through the purchase of e-cards and Recycling For Good Causes which generates donations through the recycling of supporters' unwanted goods to our repertoire of "greener" ways in which supporters may prefer to help. We are also encouraged to see individuals raising funds at local level through a variety of in-person means as well as on-line through our JustGiving link where their self-set challenges have successfully raised funds to support our work. The charity actively promotes several on-line shopping routes through which supporters are able to generate donations at no cost to themselves and it is encouraging to see that support through these routes continues to slowly grow.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Description of Charity's Trusts**

#### **Type of governing document**

- Constitution adopted 6 June 1992. Amendments made 1994, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2009 and 2024.

#### **How the Charity is constituted**

- Membership, renewable annually.
- Trustees and Officers to be re-elected after 2 years.

#### **Trustee Selection Methods**

- By invitation of the Trustees of the Charity.
- Trustees may be re-elected every 2 years.

#### **Additional Governance Issues**

- Trustees must not have been convicted under the 1911 Protection of Animals Act, The Dangerous Dog Act or Animal Welfare Act 2006.
- The charity is supported by Northumberland and Durham Labrador Retriever Club and is also listed as a breed rescue by the Kennel Club.
- All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or benefits.

## **Declaration**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signature  
Full Name  
Position

Date 12/07/25

# Profit and Loss

## Labrador Welfare

For the year ended 30 April 2025

	2025	2024
<b>Turnover</b>		
100 Club Income	6,345.00	5,595.00
Adoption Donations	14,875.00	15,455.00
Calendar Sales	1,025.50	-
Commission Petplan	2,614.27	1,995.37
Donations - Gift Aid	8,244.75	71,543.61
Donations - Non Gift Aid	15,331.57	-
Fundraising	3,344.75	12,892.41
Interest Income	1,918.59	-
Membership Subscriptions Gift Aid	700.00	720.00
Membership Subscriptions Non Gift Aid	289.00	-
Relinquishing Donations	4,381.00	-
Sponsor Dog Scheme Gift Aid	1,200.00	1,516.00
Sponsor Dog Scheme Non Gift Aid	339.00	-
<b>Total Turnover</b>	<b>60,608.43</b>	<b>109,717.39</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Dog Food	107.16	-
Kennelling Fees	47,188.22	47,448.00
Lifetime Foster Dogs Vets Fees	12,340.58	-
Sponsor Dog Vets Fees	8,336.94	-
Vet Fees	8,367.06	60,325.55
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>76,339.96</b>	<b>107,773.55</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>(15,731.53)</b>	<b>1,943.84</b>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>		
100 Club Winnings	667.50	455.00
Advertising & Marketing	73.06	391.97
Bank Fees	5.98	-
General Expenses	40.00	-
Insurance	548.70	533.03
Motor Vehicle Expenses	275.57	-
Postage, Freight & Courier	170.34	215.00
Printing & Stationery	360.00	450.00
Profit/Loss On Disposal	(4,600.00)	-
Rent	-	315.00
Subscriptions	40.00	-
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>(2,418.85)</b>	<b>2,360.00</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>(13,312.68)</b>	<b>(416.16)</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		

	2025	2024
Legacies	19,073.73	-
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>19,073.73</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation</b>	<b>5,761.05</b>	<b>(416.16)</b>
<b>Profit after Taxation</b>	<b>5,761.05</b>	<b>(416.16)</b>
<b>Bank Balances</b>		
Nat West Current Account	£37899.48	
Nat West No 2 Reserve Account	£11569.26	
Nat West Reserve Account	£142338.17	

The Charity has recognised Interest Income in full in the year to 30th April 2025. The interest was not fully declared between 30th April 2021 and 30th April 2024. However having reviewed the amounts involved we do not consider them material to necessitate restating the earlier accounts as it doesn't materially alter the charity's Income or financial position.

The amounts are as follows:

30th April 2021 £30.19  
 30th April 2022 £19.83  
 30th April 2023 £665.31  
 30th April 2024 £1921.34

### Independent Examiner

S.K. Clipperton  
S K Clipperton (Feb 12, 2026 17:28:39 GMT)

**S K Clipperton**

Feb 12, 2026



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
LABRADOR WELFARE

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30 April 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1012192

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:**

*S K Clipperton*  
S K Clipperton Feb 12, 2026 17:28:39 GMT

**Date:**

Feb 12, 2026

**Name:**

S K Clipperton

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

**Address:**

**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**







# Trustees Annual report 2024- 2025 (3)

Final Audit Report

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Navigating our way through the post-pandemic era, it did not come as a surprise to find ourselves at the beginning of a new wave of a different kind of pandemic whereby owners whose working commitments had changed or those who were suffering from ill-health needed help with rehoming

their dogs as there was no other family or means of owner support. These proved to be the two main reasons for relinquishing and, it has been no mean feat to successfully rehome the 52 dogs that came into the care of the charity throughout the period covered by this report not least because 65% of those admitted were not neutered and 55% required vaccinations which were all necessarily funded by the charity prior to rehoming at a not insignificant cost. This is because the charity ensures that all dogs are vaccinated prior to rehoming and neutered prior to adoption unless there are reasons why this may not be appropriate. In essence, the number of non-neutered/non-vaccinated dogs arriving in care together with the increase in dogs admitted with a pre-existing health condition or those of advanced age was seen as an indicator of the emerging cost of living crisis that had been bubbling under the surface as the pandemic eased and it is likely this trend, along with the rising cost of veterinary care, is set to continue apace.

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Fundraising in the post-Covid era continues to be a challenge as does the recruitment of new helpers whose extra hands are vital in helping us with fundraising at face-to-face events. Despite this, the charity was able to hold its first post-Covid in-person Fun Dog Show in the summer which was well received by all who attended and well supported in terms of funds raised. The team were also in attendance at several events organised by local groups which provided further opportunities to fundraise and/or raise awareness of our work with the breed. Supporters throughout the area we cover have also turned their hand to innovative ways to raise funds which have included the use of on-line donation platforms as well as in-person social events.

Our Sponsor Dog Scheme and 100 Club continue to help support our Lifetime Foster dogs and those rehomed with a pre-existing condition but, while we are fortunate in having found homes for these dogs, we have seen an increase in the number of claims for reimbursement of veterinary fees which reflects the upward trend in the cost of veterinary care that is evident across the board. Where possible, owners and carers are asked to purchase medications through reputable on-line veterinary pharmacies which has been found to be significantly cheaper than directly purchasing through the practice the dog is registered with. It is hoped that ideas under discussion and currently at a formative stage will widen the knowledge of our 100 Club and Sponsor Dog Scheme and attract more subscribers over time.

We continue to work to the standards laid out by The Kennel Club in their own Code of Practice for Breed Rescues and whose support is of great benefit. Our ongoing commitment to adhering to the Kennel Club's Code of Practice for Breed Rescues provides peace of mind for relinquishing owners that their dogs will be in good hands while we work to find their new homes as well as inspiring confidence in the general public as to the standards we aim to achieve and always strive to maintain.

The Trustees have met several times during the period covered by this report to review performance in meeting our objectives and to ensure internal governance continues to be upheld. The 2023 AGM saw the election of a new Trustee to the Board whose wider experience in canine massage and long association with the charity will be an asset to our ongoing work. The AGM also provided the platform by which two of our longest standing Trustees intimated their intention to step back whilst looking forward to welcoming further new additions to the Trustee Board who will be able to benefit from the years of experience our retiring Trustees are able to share with them.

The period covered by this report has proved somewhat challenging in terms of a significant increase in demand for our services which we acknowledge is likely to continue to be the case not least because of the national financial climate and the associated difficulties dog owners are now facing and the difficult decisions they may need to make for the future wellbeing of their dogs.

## **Financial Review**

### ***Brief statement on the Charity's policy on reserves***

Money is held in our reserve account to ensure that, should we raise no funds in one year, we would still be able to function. This account also holds money that has specifically been designated for certain projects and developments. The remainder is to support the payment of vet bills for our Lifetime Foster dogs and dogs the charity has rehomed through the Sponsor Dog Scheme.

### ***Further financial review details***

Unless otherwise advised by a vet for reasons such as age or underlying, pre-existing conditions, all dogs leave us neutered, treated for fleas and worms and with vaccinations as up to date as possible. Microchipping is undertaken on those dogs that are found not to have been chipped prior to admission into our care and arrangements are made to effect transfer of the microchip into the owner's name on adoption.

We also request a relinquishing donation to cover initial kennelling and general care costs whilst we assess the dog to ensure that it finds the right home. This donation is waived in cases of financial hardship.

We continue to explore new avenues by which donations can be generated on line or in person with supporters now able to donate through Charitable Giving if their employers are signed up to a Payroll Giving Scheme. We are also encouraged to see individuals raising funds at local level through a variety of in-person means as well as on-line through our JustGiving link where their self-set challenges have successfully raised funds to support our work. The charity actively promotes several other on-line shopping routes through which supporters are already able to generate donations at no cost to themselves and there are plans to expand the repertoire of fundraising opportunities offered by organisations such as Recycle 4 Charity that promote recycling of items as a 'greener' way to raise donations to the charity of a supporter's choice.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Description of Charity's Trusts**

**Type of governing document**

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- Trustees and Officers to be re-elected after 2 years.

**Trustee Selection Methods**

- By invitation of the Trustees of the Charity.
- Trustees may be re-elected every 2 years.

**Additional Governance Issues**

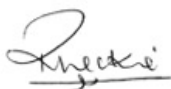
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- All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or benefits.

**Declaration**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signature



Full Name

Ruth Leckie

Position

Secretary - Trustee

Date

17 November 2024

## Labrador Welfare Summary of Accounts for Financial Year 2023-24

Total Closing Balance of Bank Accounts at previous year end:	£ 46,042.44
<b>Total balance for new Financial Year (1)</b>	<b>£ 46,042.44</b>

Add Sources of Income:	Main Account	No 2 Account	Totals
Adoptions	£ 15,455.00	£ -	£ 15,455.00
Donations	£ 71,543.61	£ -	£ 71,543.61
Fundraising	£ 12,578.72	£ 313.69	£ 12,892.41
Insurance Commission	£ 1,995.37	£ -	£ 1,995.37
Membership	£ 720.00	£ -	£ 720.00
Transfers In	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ 5,000.00
100 Club	£ 5,595.00	£ -	£ 5,595.00
Sponsor Dogs	£ -	£ 1,516.00	£ 1,516.00
<b>Total Income (2)</b>	<b>£ 112,887.70</b>	<b>£ 1,829.69</b>	<b>£ 114,717.39</b>

Less Expenditure:	Main Account	No 2 Account	Totals
Annual Payments	£ 1,053.86	£ -	£ 1,053.86
Kennelling	£ 47,448.00	£ -	£ 47,448.00
Miscellaneous	£ 851.14	£ -	£ 851.14
100 Club Wins	£ 455.00	£ -	£ 455.00
Transfers	£ -	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00
Vet Bills & Internet Medication	£ 60,325.55	£ -	£ 60,325.55
<b>Total Expenditure (3)</b>	<b>£ 110,133.55</b>	<b>£ 5,000.00</b>	<b>£ 115,133.55</b>

Balance (1) plus Income (2) less Expenditure (3)	£ 45,626.28
<b>Total Bank Accounts' Balance at Year End</b>	<b>£ 45,626.28</b>

In respect of the above charity, I confirm that the accounts for the financial year 2023 to 2024 have been checked and are in good order.

Anne Hull AAT  
Independent Auditor

02 November 2024



**Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	LABRADOR WELFARE		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	30.04.2024	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1012192
<b>Set out on pages</b>	1 of 1		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/04/2024**.

**Responsibilities and basis of report** As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.  
\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:  Date:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

**LABRADOR WELFARE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1012192

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# Accounts

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**Labrador Welfare**  
**Registered Charity No 1012192**

**Trustees' annual report for the period 1 May 2022 to 31 April 2023**

**Reference and administration details**

<b>Charity name</b>	Labrador Welfare
<b>Registered Charity Number</b>	1012192
<b>Charity's address</b>	2 Tapton Crescent Road Sheffield S10 5DA
<b>Phone Number</b>	0114 2661756

**Names of Trustees who manage the charity**

Ray Carnall	Chairman	Officer of charity and Trustee
Debra Ellis	Treasurer	Officer of charity and Trustee
Susan Roberts	Secretary	Officer of charity and Trustee
Ruth Leckie	Trustee	Rehoming Coordinator and Trustee
Nicola Aldgate	Trustee	

**Name and address of advisors**

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**Structure, governance and management**

**Description of charity's trusts**

**Type of governing document**

Constitution adopted 6 June 1992. Amendments made 1994, 2000, 2004, 2007 and 2009.

**How the Charity is constituted**

Membership, renewable annually.  
Officers and Committee to be re-elected after 2 years.

**Trustee selection methods**

By invitation of the officers of the charity. Trustees to be re-elected every 2 years.

**Additional governance issues.**

Trustees must not have been convicted under the 1911 Protection of Animals Act, The Dangerous Dog Act or Animal Welfare Act 2006.

The charity is supported by Northumberland and Durham Labrador Retriever Club and is also listed as a breed rescue by the Kennel Club.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or benefits.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### **Summary of the main objectives of the charity**

- To provide for the immediate needs of the dogs handed into our care.
- To support those members of the public who wish to adopt a dog or, for whatever reason, need to relinquish ownership of their dog.
- To provide and maintain new homes for displaced dogs and to offer advice and lifelong support to their carers.
- To work with our sister charities and other general rescues to ensure that no Labrador is left in need.

Trustees ensure that our work is carried out within the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

We continue to accept dogs for rehoming from all locations within the area we cover and to support those members of the public who find that they have to relinquish their dog.

### **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives.**

When undertaking the rehoming of Labrador Retrievers, we follow the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and this is embraced by our Policy and Procedure document.

We continue to accept dogs within our area from all backgrounds.

Where financial hardships are being experienced we continue to waive the relinquishing fee.

Where the owner has no transport, every effort is made to help with the transportation of the dog to the kennels we use.

Our foster dog scheme for older dogs of 9 years and over enables those on low/limited income to enjoy the benefits of dog ownership as no adoption fee is required and Labrador Welfare helps to pay for major vet bills.

The ethos of Labrador Welfare is to offer support and guidance to the adopters of our dogs for the whole of the dog's life whether this is by phone, email, other means made possible by technology or in person by our representatives,

Labrador Welfare has a non-discriminatory policy. No prospective owner will be refused the right to adopt a dog on the grounds of age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, age of children, nationality or religion. The person's ability to provide the dog with a safe, secure and loving home is the only consideration.

### **Additional details of objectives and activities**

The 100 Club continues to help support the Lifetime Foster Dog Scheme. All money raised by the Club goes directly towards the payment of veterinary fees for these dogs.

Our Sponsor Dog Scheme enables supporters to make regular payments to help towards veterinary fees for any dog that may come into our care with a known chronic medical condition that cannot be covered by insurance.

Without funding from the 100 Club and Sponsor Dog scheme we would be unable to offer financial support to those people caring for these dogs.

Without the voluntary help of our supporters, all of which is unpaid, we would be unable to continue with our work.

## Achievements and Performance

As the situation has improved regarding the COVID pandemic, requests for help with rehoming dogs have increased as has the number of dogs coming into the care of the charity. The charity has, sadly, received some requests for help with dogs displaying serious behavioural issues and, where we have not been best placed to help, have directed owners to other organisations in the hope that their dogs can receive the help and care they need.

Despite the challenges posed by the Covid pandemic and associated financial constraints, we have worked hard to maintain our values.

- We care about Labrador Retrievers
- We value and respect our many volunteers and supporters
- We are committed to providing a high-quality service at all times
- We are committed to being open and honest with members of the public that adopt dogs from us

The main reason for dogs being handed in has become financial reasons and the cost of ownership. Some of these have been due to owners having to move into rented accommodation or emigrating in order to find employment. We still continue to see a growing number of dogs being handed over that have training and behavioural issues as well as many who are not neutered and without current vaccinations which must necessarily be funded by the charity prior to rehoming. The charity ensures that all dogs are vaccinated prior to rehoming and neutered prior to adoption unless there are reasons why this may not be appropriate. We have had no strays coming through this year. We continue to work with other Labrador Rescue groups, Dog Wardens and general rescues when they need help with any Labrador Retrievers.

We continue to benefit from the knowledge and expertise of the kennels (Cliffe kennels) we use. Their help and advice have been invaluable to us over the year. We are grateful to them for their continuing support especially during the current unprecedented circumstances this year.

Our dedicated team of Home Visitors continue to support those who adopt dogs from us, helping us to meet our objective of life long support for the dog and owner.

Changes to working practices have been updated to take account the easing of restrictions that came into force due to COVID.

We have only been able to produce one newsletter for our members during the period covered by this report but have continued to educate and advise as well as give news of our activities. We continue to receive contributions to our newsletter from our members and adopters. This helps to ensure that our newsletter remains vibrant and interactive and reflects the views and experience of our supporters.

Our web site continues to prove popular with the general public. With the help of our voluntary web master, our site continues to evolve thus encompassing and engaging with an ever-increasing number of people with a genuine interest and enthusiasm for our work. Thanks to our volunteers we also have a growing presence on social media platforms which are well supported and generate much interest.

Fundraising post-Covid has been exceptionally challenging but our supporters are to be congratulated on the many innovative ways they have devised to raise funds. Where face-to-face fundraising opportunities have been necessarily limited through the constraints of the pandemic, their use of social media and the internet has proved invaluable in raising funds to support our work. We hope to be able to return to more of the face to face events that we supported prior to Covid now that there is a semblance of 'normality' in the post-pandemic world.

Our 100 Club continues to help support our foster dogs but we have still had a short fall in funds. Unfortunately, this has meant that we have had to ask carers to make a donation towards vet bills

where they have felt able to do so. Our Sponsor Dog Scheme has helped those owners who have taken dogs on that require lifelong medication and/or therapy or those who require professional support for behavioural problems; however, we do need more people to join. Wherever possible, owners are being asked to purchase medications through the internet as this can be cheaper than purchasing through vets.

The Kennel Club have developed their own Code of Practice for breed rescues. Compliance with these Codes of Practice will give the general public confidence in the standards we achieve and strive to maintain.

We continue to benefit from the support of the Kennel Club. Many people wanting to take on a Labrador visit the Kennel Club web site for information on breed rescues.

## **Financial Review**

### **Brief statement on the Charity's policy on reserves.**

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### **Further financial review details.**

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We also request a relinquishing donation to cover the first week of kennelling whilst we assess the dog to ensure that it finds the right home. This donation is waived in cases of financial hardship.

We are now registered with a variety of additional on-line platforms which afford our supporters a choice in how they may wish to donate. Funds raised through GoFundMe and eBay for Charity are channelled through the PayPal Giving Fund which has proved a vital source of donations. We continue to explore new avenues by which donations can be generated in person or on line and actively promote those through which on-line retailers will donate direct to the charity with no cost to the supporter.

## **Declaration**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signature

Full Name      Susan Roberts

Position        Secretary

Date             24 September 2023

Labrador Welfare - AGM Summary of Accounts for Financial Year 2022-23

Total Closing Balance of Bank Accounts at previous year end:	£ 40,855.36
<b>Total balance for new Financial Year</b>	<b>£ 40,855.36</b>

**Add Sources of Income:**

Adoptions	£ 12,610.00
Donations	£ 32,045.44
Fundraising	£ 15,393.09
Insurance Commission	£ 1,520.85
Membership	£ 845.00
100 Club	£ 5,705.00
Sponsor Dogs	£ 1,422.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 69,541.38</b>

**Less Expenditure:**

Annual Payments	£ 1,516.42
Kennelling	£ 28,022.83
Miscellaneous	£ 125.00
100 Club Wins	£ 192.50
Transfers	£ -
Vet Bills & Internet Medication	£ 34,497.55
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 64,354.30</b>

Balance plus Income less Expenditure	£ 46,042.44
<b>Total Bank Accounts' Balance at Year End</b>	<b>£ 46,042.44</b>

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31 October 2023

To whom it may concern

Re: Labrador Welfare

In respect of the above charity, I confirm that the accounts for the financial year 2022 to 2023 have been checked and are in good order.

Anne Hull AAT

**LABRADOR WELFARE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1012192

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# Accounts

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We have produced two newsletters, (Autumn and Spring) in which we have tried to inform, educate and advise as well as give news of our activities. We continue to receive contributions from our members and adopters. This helps to ensure that our newsletter remains vibrant and interactive and reflects the views of our supporters. The newsletter is freely available through our web site and feedback from visitors has been very positive.

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Fundraising has been very limited but our supporters must be congratulated on the many innovative ways they have devised to raise funds, most of this has been done via the internet.

We are once again partnered with Pets at Home, St James' Retail Park, in Sheffield and for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic, were able to resume in-store collections. We are still eligible for and benefit from 'Lifeline' points to spend at the store which are most welcome in helping

to purchase essential items and counter the challenge of the current financial climate. We are grateful to the store for their fundraising efforts on our behalf through 2021& 2022 and the money raised has helped us to ensure that support is there for our foster and sponsor dogs.

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We continue to hold full membership of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes. Membership has enabled us to network with other organisations with similar objectives to ourselves. The dissemination of information and the sharing of information are valuable to us (especially during COVID 19) and the standards set by the Association act as a bench mark for us. The Association of Dogs and Cats Home have developed a Code of Practice which all members will comply with and the Kennel Club have also developed their own Code of Practice for breed rescues. Compliance with these Codes of Practice will give the general public confidence in the standards we achieve and strive to maintain. We continue to benefit from the support of the Kennel Club. Many people wanting to take on a Labrador visit the Kennel Club web site for information on breed rescues.

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## **Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signature

Full Name      Susan Roberts

Position        Secretary

Date             18 September 2022

Labrador Welfare - AGM Summary of Accounts for Financial Year 2021-22

Total Closing Balance of Bank Accounts at previous year end:	£ 42,257.53
<b>Total balance for new Financial Year (1)</b>	<b>£ 42,257.53</b>

**Add Sources of Income:**

Adoptions	£ 5,610.00
Donations	£ 13,153.91
Fundraising	£ 2,741.87
Insurance Commission	£ 1,392.34
Membership	£ 1,042.50
100 Club	£ 5,855.00
Sponsor Dogs	£ 1,232.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 31,027.62</b>

**Less Expenditure:**

Annual Payments	£ 756.52
Kennelling	£ 9,990.03
Miscellaneous	£ 768.80
100 Club Wins	£ 330.00
Transfers	£ -
Vet Bills & Internet Medication	£ 20,584.44
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 32,429.79</b>

Balance (1) plus Income (2) less Expenditure (3)	£ 40,855.36
<b>Total Bank Accounts' Balance at Year End</b>	<b>£ 40,855.36</b>

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01 November 2022

To whom it may concern

Re: Labrador Welfare

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**LABRADOR WELFARE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1012192

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# Accounts

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**Labrador Welfare**  
**Registered Charity No 1012192**

**Trustees' annual report for the period 1 May 2020 to 31 April 2021**

**Reference and administration details**

<b>Charity name</b>	Labrador Welfare
<b>Registered Charity Number</b>	1012192
<b>Charity's address</b>	2 Tapton Crescent Road Sheffield S10 5DA
<b>Phone Number</b>	0114 2661756

**Names of Trustees who manage the charity**

Ray Carnall	Chairman	Officer of charity and Trustee
Debra Ellis	Treasurer	Officer of charity and Trustee
Susan Roberts	Secretary	Officer of charity and Trustee
Ruth Leckie	Trustee	Rehoming Coordinator

**Name and address of advisors**

Vets 4 Pets Barnsley  
161 Wilthorpe Road  
Barnsley  
S75 1JQ

**Structure, governance and management**

**Description of charity's trusts**

**Type of governing document**

Constitution adopted 6 June 1992. Amendments made 1994, 2000, 2004, 2007 and 2009.

**How the Charity is constituted**

Membership, renewable annually.  
Officers and Committee to be re-elected after 2 years.

**Trustee selection methods**

By invitation of the officers of the charity. Trustees to be re-elected every 2 years.

**Additional governance issues.**

Trustees must not have been convicted under the 1911 Protection of Animals Act, The Dangerous Dog Act or Animal Welfare Act 2006.

The charity is supported by Northumberland and Durham Labrador Retriever Club and is also listed as a breed rescue by the Kennel Club.

The Charity is a member of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH).

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or benefits.

## Objectives and Activities

### Summary of the main objectives of the charity

- To provide for the immediate needs of the dogs handed into our care.
- To support those members of the public who wish to adopt a dog or, for whatever reason, need to relinquish ownership of their dog.
- To provide and maintain new homes for displaced dogs and to offer advice and lifelong support to their carers.
- To work with our sister charities and other general rescues to ensure that no Labrador is left in need.

Trustees ensure that our work is carried out within the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

We continue to accept dogs for rehoming from all locations within the area we cover and to support those members of the public who find that they have to relinquish their dog.

### Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives.

When undertaking the rehoming of Labrador Retrievers, we follow the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and this is embraced by our Policy and Procedure document.

We continue to accept dogs within our area from all backgrounds.

Where financial hardships are being experienced we continue to waive the relinquishing fee.

Where the owner has no transport, every effort is made to help with the transportation of the dog to the kennels we use.

Our foster dog scheme for older dogs of 9 years and over enables those on low/limited income to enjoy the benefits of dog ownership as no adoption fee is required and Labrador Welfare helps to pay for major vet bills.

The ethos of Labrador Welfare is to offer support and guidance to the adopters of our dogs for the whole of the dog's life whether this is by phone, email, or in person by our representatives,

Labrador Welfare has a non-discriminatory policy. No prospective owner will be refused the right to adopt a dog on the grounds of age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, age of children, nationality or religion. The person's ability to provide the dog with a secure and loving home is the only consideration.

### Additional details of objectives and activities

The 100 Club continues to help support the Foster dog scheme. All money raised by the Club goes directly towards the payment of veterinary fees for these dogs.

Our Sponsor dog scheme enables supporters to make regular payments to help towards veterinary fees for any dog that may come into our care with a known chronic medical condition that cannot be covered by insurance.

Without funding from the 100 Club and Sponsor Dog scheme we would be unable to offer financial support to those people caring for these dogs.

Without the voluntary help of our supporters, all of which is unpaid, we would be unable to continue with our work.

## Achievements and performance

Once again COVID 19 has had a huge impact on our work this year. However once again we have been fortunate that the number of dogs needing to be rehomed has been much lower than average and we have been able to find homes for all the dogs handed over to us whilst keeping within government guide lines.

We have worked hard to maintain our values despite financial constraints.

- We care about Labrador Retrievers
- We value and respect our many volunteers and supporters
- We are committed to providing a high-quality service at all times
- We are committed to being open and honest with members of the public that adopt dogs from us

Change in work circumstances and marriage or partnership breakdown and ill health remain the main reasons for handing dogs over for re-homing. We still have dogs handed over for financial reasons and many of these have been due to owners having to move into rented accommodation or emigrating in order to find employment. We continue to see a growing number of dogs being handed over that have training and behavioural problems also many dogs come through without current vaccinations and so these have had to be paid for by the charity. Dogs are now neutered prior to adoption unless there are reasons why this may not be appropriate. We have had no strays coming through this year. We continue to work with other Labrador Rescue groups, Dog Wardens and general rescues when they need help with any Labrador Retrievers.

We continue to benefit from the knowledge and expertise of the kennels (Cliffe kennels) we use. Their help and advice have been invaluable to us over the year. We are grateful to them for their continuing support especially during the current unprecedented circumstances this year.

Our dedicated team of Home Visitors continue to support those who adopt dogs from us, helping us to meet our objective of life long support for the dog and owner. Once again we have worked within Government guidelines, our usual practice has been adapted during the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure not only the future health, safety and well-being of the dogs but also the safety of our Home Visitors who have undertaken thorough garden checks observing social distancing and government advice on facial coverings in all cases.

We have produced two newsletters, (autumn and spring) in which we have tried to inform, educate and advise as well as give news of our activities. We continue to receive contributions from our members and adopters. This helps to ensure that our newsletter remains vibrant and interactive and reflects the views of our supporters. The newsletter is also available through our web site and feedback from visitors has been very positive.

Our web site continues to prove popular with the general public. With the help of our voluntary web master our site has been totally revamped and this has ensured that we are still able to reach an ever-increasing number of people through this popular medium. Thanks to our volunteers we also have a presence on social media platforms which are well supported and generate much interest.

Fundraising has been very limited but our supporters must be congratulated on the many ways they have devised to raise funds, most of this has been done via the internet.

We are once again partnered with Pets at Home, St James' Retail Park, in Sheffield. However COVID regulations have prevented us doing collections at the store. We have still been eligible to earn 'lifeline' points to spend at the store. We are grateful to the store for their fundraising efforts on our behalf through 2021 and the money raised has helped us to ensure that support is there for our foster and sponsor dogs.

Our 100 Club continues to help support our foster dogs but we have still had a short fall in funds. Unfortunately, this has meant that we have had to ask carers to make a donation towards vet bills where they have felt able to do so. Our Sponsor dog scheme has helped those owners who have

taken dogs on that require lifelong medication and/or therapy or those who require professional support for behavioural problems; however, we do need more people to join. Wherever possible, owners are being asked to purchase medications through the internet as this can be cheaper than purchasing through vets.

We continue to hold full membership of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes. Membership has enabled us to network with other organisations with similar objectives to ourselves. The dissemination of information and the sharing of information are valuable to us (especially during COVID 19) and the standards set by the Association act as a bench mark for us. The Association of Dogs and Cats Home have developed a Code of Practice which all members will comply with and the Kennel Club have also developed their own Code of Practice for breed rescues. Compliance with these Codes of Practice will give the general public confidence in the standards we achieve. We have completed the ADCH's fifth self assessment but were not required to have a peer assessment this year due to the restraints of the COVID regulations.

We continue to benefit from the support of the Kennel Club. Many people wanting to take on a Labrador visit the Kennel Club web site for information on breed rescues.

## **Financial Review**

### **Brief statement on the Charity's policy on reserves.**

Money is held in our reserve account to ensure that, should we raise no funds in one year, we would still be able to function. This account also holds money that has specifically been designated for certain projects and developments. The remainder is to support the payment of vet bills for our foster dogs and sponsor dogs and to allow us to offer financial help to get people over difficult periods.

### **Further financial review details.**

All dogs now leave us neutered, microchipped, treated for fleas and worms and vaccinations are as up to date as possible. All microchips are transferred into the owner's on adoption.

We also request a relinquishing donation to cover the first week of kennelling whilst we assess the dog to ensure that it finds the right home. This fee is waived in cases of financial hardship.

## **Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signature

Full Name      Susan Roberts

Position        Secretary

Date             September 2021

Labrador Welfare - AGM Summary of Accounts for Financial Year 2020-21

Total Closing Balance of Bank Accounts at previous year end:	£ 40,836.98
<b>Total balance for new Financial Year (1)</b>	<b>£40,836.98</b>

**Add Sources of Income:**

Adoptions	£ 5,440.00
Donations	£ 39,697.87
Fundraising	£ 4,477.68
Insurance Commission	£ 851.76
Membership	£ 890.00
100 Club	£ 5,665.00
Sponsor Dogs	£ 1,207.00
<b>Total Income (2)</b>	<b>£58,229.31</b>

**Less Expenditure:**

Annual Payments	£ 429.83
Kennelling	£ 9,662.00
Miscellaneous	£ 976.19
100 Club Wins	£ 532.50
Transfers	£ 22,500.00
Vet Bills & Internet Medication	£ 22,708.24

**Total Expenditure (3)**

**£56,808.76**

Balance (1) plus Income (2) less Expenditure (3)	£ 42,257.53
<b>Total Bank Accounts' Balance at Year End</b>	<b>£42,257.53</b>

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9th November 2021

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