

JUST FOR DOGS (EAST MIDLANDS)

(Registered Charity 1064905)

Mansell Meadow  
Rescue & Re-homing Centre  
North Lane  
Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
DE6 3BE

Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 August 2024



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## Charity Information

For The Year Ended 31 August 2024

### Trustees

Shirley Read  
June Margaret Smith  
Douglas Smith  
Patricia Carter  
Barbara Walters  
Louise Bartram  
Gabrielle Ria Smith  
Caroline Rose Dean

### Address

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### Bankers

Lloyds Bank  
Barclays Bank

# JUST FOR DOGS (EAST MIDLANDS)

## Trustees' Annual Report

### Year Ended 31 August 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

#### Achievements and Performance

In our 27<sup>th</sup> year our rehoming figures have reached an all-time high.

Social Media continues to be our best platform for highlighting the dogs we have for adoption and for promoting our in-house fundraising events,

Within a few weeks of the financial year we found ourselves launching a fundraising appeal for Murphy, a small collie type dog, who had arrived several months previously with a distinct limp, there were some reports that as a pup Murphy had caught his leg in a fence, badly twisting it. There was hope that as Murphy matured, things could improve and his leg would get stronger and less painful for him, but sadly the opposite proved to be the case and in September 2023 Murphy was looking at amputation and we were looking at raising £1,550 to fund it. Our supporters did not let us down and within a few weeks of the appeal enough money was raised to support the surgery. Delighted to say that the surgery all went according to plan, helped by the fact that his convalescence was spent in his new warm, kind, caring and loving home.

As well as rehoming figures being on the increase, There have been some extremely rewarding adoptions of some of JFD's long-term dogs.

**Blaze** arrived at JFD in March 2020 along with his sister Zoe. Both dogs seriously lacked socialization skills and they immediately became shut down wanting no contact from anybody. After four years at JFD, in March 2024, Blaze was fortunate enough to be offered a secure, experienced and understanding home.

**Lara** was another young dog who, like Blaze, had no socialization skills and after one adoption, she was returned to JFD where she appeared to be a happier dog and bonds, bridges and trust was built. Lara made great progress and began to interact well with her carers and in November 2023, two years after she'd first arrived at JFD, she found her forever home.

**Bubba** was a young dog when she arrived at JFD in 2017 and was adopted after a few weeks. After several months her adopter was saying that Bubba had become overprotective of her house and family. Training tips and advice was given and the couple managed her protectiveness well. However, in December 2021 we received a call saying that Bubba would have to be returned to JFD due to the sudden illness of a family member. Because of her overprotective tendencies she remained at JFD for a further two years, until a lovely retired couple applied to adopt her. Careful introductions were implemented and the couple visited Bubba on a regular basis to get to know her and gain her trust. Following regular visits over a four week period Bubba was taken to her forever home and became the third resident on a large narrowboat. Regular updates came in of Bubba's adventures travelling Britain's waterways.

**Bertie**, arrived at JFD towards the end of 2021. While rapidly making friends with staff and JFD volunteers, like Bubba, he displayed guarding issues around his kennel, staff and regular voluntary dog walkers. Following two failed adoptions and 26 months at JFD, in March of this year Bertie finally found his forever home. He was to be the third JFD dog adopted by this couple, with their previous dogs also having been adopted with their own set of problems, we were confident Bertie's new mum and dad had the experience to handle Bertie's problematic issues. Latest reports tell us Bertie is living the dream, well loved and has recently returned from a holiday in Snowdonia.

At the close of 2024 we still have 4 long term dogs **Nino** (arrived, summer 2017), **Zoe** (arrived spring 2020) **Fonzi** (arrived summer 2020) and **Dexter** (arrived May 2023) and whilst we are a rescue and rehoming centre, not a sanctuary our commitment and support for any long-term dogs remain in place for as long as they need us.

The above stories are testament to the strict non-destruct policies we hold at JFD, while maintaining complete support and rescue backup for all dogs adopted from Just For Dogs.

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## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

### Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### Fundraising

Income largely consists of Donations, Adoptions, Direct Debit Schemes, Fundraising and Legacies.

Our monthly fundraising events held throughout the Autumn & Winter remain highly successful for fundraising, rehoming and promoting the work our charity undertakes. The trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who not only work hard on the day of the event, arriving before 7am to clean the kennels and to feed and exercise all the dogs before opening our doors at 10am. Also, to our dedicated staff members who all clock out at 10am (but carry on working as volunteers) so that not a penny of the event money raised, is taken away in wages. There is also an increased workload the day before each event - accumulating and ticketing up tombola prizes, sorting and displaying the many items donated to our charity shop, cleaning and converting our reception area into tea rooms and cash and carry runs are undertaken in preparation for refreshments – cakes, teas, coffees, pastries, homemade soups and sandwiches.

We are extremely fortunate to have such a large team of very dedicated volunteers, who regularly commit their time to early morning kennel cleaning, dog walking, social media updates and fundraising. They are of tremendous help to our staff and help to keep our wage bill to an absolute minimum allowing more donated money to go directly to the running of the rescue centre.

As a charity we really are so lucky to have such an invaluable and hardworking team of genuine animal lovers.

Our partnership continues with the amazing team at Gravity Digital, a digital marketing company based in Derby, who have overseen the design and updates of our website since 2016. This year they updated and redesigned our website, giving a complete overhaul and we are delighted with the upgrade. All their work is completely free of charge and we are so lucky to receive their ongoing support.

Always grateful to our Patrons Ellie Williams and footballer Will Hughes for their generous annual donation and support in the work we do.

#### Objectives and Activities

The Trust is an unincorporated body and operates a non-destruction policy. The Charity's purposes are set out in the constitution. The charity objectives are:

- To rescue dogs who through no fault of their own have found themselves lost and alone on the streets, both in the UK and in some of the cruelest countries in Europe.
- To take in dogs whose owners can no longer keep them due to marriage breakdown, unemployment, eviction, illness, or death.
- To worm, fully vaccinate, microchip, spay/neuter and get veterinary attention when needed for all dogs coming into Just For Dogs.
- Re-home in a responsible manner and without long lists of restricting guidelines. We insist on our dogs being offered a kind, loving and responsible home. We are quite prepared to re-home dogs to families with young children, senior citizens, and people in full time employment as long as these people understand that it has to be the right dog to fit in with the right environment.
- To operate a very strict non-destruct policy where only terminally ill dogs that are suffering are put to sleep or dogs that, in our opinion, are exceptionally aggressive and so would pose a great risk to the public and other dogs alike.
- To offer help and advice to anyone in need, with regards to behavioral issues or any dog related problem.

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## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

### Year Ended 31 August 2024

- To promote responsible dog ownership with regard to the importance of vaccinating, neutering, worming micro- chipping and advise on the legal requirement of all dogs to wear collar identification discs, bearing owners name, address, and telephone number.

The number of unwanted family pets requiring our services is noticeably reducing year on year as many homes are advertised, sold, and bought via social media with families managing to rehome through friends and family reducing the need for them to come into rescue. In order to avoid empty kennels and once the need of local dogs have been met, we have offered vacant kennel spaces to our rescue partners in Bosnia and Romania.

### Organisation

The trustees meet on a regular basis at which the funds available are discussed. The trust has several key volunteers who help out at the Sanctuary, run, and support fundraising events and also attend other local events to promote the Charity, we are eternally grateful to these volunteers without who we would be hard pushed to continue all aspects of our work to such a high standard. Also, to our dedicated staff members who also commit to untold hours of voluntary work throughout the year.

### Financial Review

#### Financial Position

During this year the charity's total incoming resources were £160,384 (2023: £165,184). The resources were mainly from Donations, Adoptions, Legacies, Events / Fundraising / Prizes. Total resources expended were £170,045 (2023: £169,236). The unrestricted funds of the charity at 31 August 2024 amounted to £417,313 (2023: £426,975).

We are pleased with the charities financial position, particularly compared to previous years, we have shown a significant increase in income for another year.

### Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business, and operational risks which the trust faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks. Unfortunately, we have seen a considerable downturn in donations which is, we believe, a reflection of the current financial climate and we are looking at ways to promote and encourage supporters to sign up to our monthly direct debit scheme.

### Plans For Future Periods

As always, our main objectives for the year ahead will be securing the financial future for JFD. We hope to continue with the upward trend of helping more dogs whilst maintaining the quality of families, couples and individuals stepping forward to adopt.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 28 June 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

*June Margaret Smith*

June Margaret Smith  
Trustee

*L.K. Bartram*

Louise Bartram  
Trustee

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Just For Dogs (East Midlands)**

We report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees & Examiner**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 of the 2011 Act; and,
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Examiner's Statement**

Our 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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation 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 accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice : Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or,
2. to which in our opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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## Statement of Financial Activities

For The Year Ended 31 August 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	23,939	39,032
Adoptions	59,523	50,350
Miscellaneous Income	0	3,024
General Grants Provided by Government	0	0
Direct Bank Donations	5,711	6,126
Legacies	53,167	54,149
Fitt Tariff Refunds	0	234
Store & Street Collections	1,173	1,892
Events / Fundraising / Prizes	13,887	10,375
Other Income	2,981	1
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>160,381</b>	<b>165,184</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Donations	0	2
Events / Fundraising / Prizes	1,446	1,522
Printing, Postage & Stationary	43	115
Computer Expenses	362	351
Licensing, Legal, Training & Subscriptions	648	1,230
Accountancy & Professional Fees	1,775	1,800
Motor and Travel Expenses	10,267	8,132
Bank Charges & Interest	480	527
Insurance	2,765	2,781
Wages and Salaries	71,345	64,359
Pension	5,597	4,297
Depreciation of Owned Assets	13,908	15,270
Gain/Loss on Disposal (Tangible FA)	0	0
Tools & Equipment Repair & Replacements	1,537	2,900
Equipment Hire	0	0
Advertising	277	0
Heating, Lighting, Electricity	1,912	894
Telephone, Website & Internet Expenses	10,526	5,574
DD Council / Rates	0	3,099
Repairs & Renewals	13,316	13,812
Cleaning Materials	2,421	3,987
Veterinary Expenses	18,297	24,138
Dog Food / Identitychips / Accessories	13,125	14,447
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>170,045</b>	<b>169,236</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>-9,664</b>	<b>-4,052</b>
Bank Interest Received	3	0
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) For The Year After Bank Interest</b>	<b>-9,661</b>	<b>-4,052</b>



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## Statement of Financial Position

For The Year Ended 31 August 2024

		2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	Note 4	397,818	411,456
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Current Account		22,191	18,478
Deposit Accounts		8,918	8,653
Cash In Hand		0	0
Debtors	Note 5	9,221	5,078
		<b>40,330</b>	<b>32,209</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors		377	493
Accruals		12,537	8,277
	Note 6	<b>12,914</b>	<b>8,770</b>
Net Current Assets		27,416	23,439
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>		<b>425,233</b>	<b>434,895</b>
<b>Funds Of The Charity</b>			
Reserves Brought Forward		426,975	431,027
Surplus / (Deficit) For The Year		-9,661	-4,052
Revaluation Reserve On Property		7,920	7,920
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>		<b>425,233</b>	<b>434,895</b>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 28 June 2025 and are signed on behalf of the board by:

*June Margaret Smith*

June Margaret Smith  
Trustee

*L.K. Bartram*

Louise Bartram  
Trustee

# JUST FOR DOGS (EAST MIDLANDS)

## Notes To The Accounts

For The Year Ended 31 August 2024

### 1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated.

The address of the principal office is Mansell Meadow, Rescue & Re-homing Centre, North Lane, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 3BE.

### 2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

### 3. Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

#### Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

#### Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph

1.12 of FRS 102: (a) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

#### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustee to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

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## Notes To The Accounts

For The Year Ended 31 August 2024

### 3. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable, and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable, and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

#### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable, and consistent basis.

#### Grants

Grants received are credited to incoming resources once any related goods or services are expended or delivered.

Any grants received but where the related goods or services have not yet been expended or delivered are classified as Deferred Income.

#### Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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## Notes To The Accounts

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### 3. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Newbuild	2% straight line
Motor Vehicles	25% reducing balance
Fixtures & Fittings	15% reducing balance
Tools & Equipment	20% reducing balance

### 4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Newbuild	Motor	Fixtures &	Tools &	Total
		Vehicles	Fittings	Equipment	
Cost Or Valuation	£	£	£	£	£
At 01 September 2023	440,000	18,294	13,681	21,780	493,755
Additions	0	0	0	270	270
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
At 31 August 2024	<b>440,000</b>	<b>18,294</b>	<b>13,681</b>	<b>22,050</b>	<b>494,025</b>

#### Depreciation

At 01 September 2023	52,642	8,003	8,085	13,568	82,299
Charge For Year	8,800	2,573	839	1,696	13,908
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
At 31 August 2024	<b>61,442</b>	<b>10,576</b>	<b>8,924</b>	<b>15,265</b>	<b>96,207</b>

#### Net Book Values

At 31 August 2024	<b>378,558</b>	<b>7,718</b>	<b>4,757</b>	<b>6,785</b>	<b>397,818</b>
At 01 September 2023	<b>387,358</b>	<b>10,291</b>	<b>5,596</b>	<b>8,212</b>	<b>411,456</b>

### 5. Debtors

	2024	2023
Other Debtors (Wages & PAYE)	<b>9,221</b>	<b>5,078</b>

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### 6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
Accruals and Deferred Income	12,537	8,277
Other creditor (PAYE)	0	0
Pension Payable	377	493
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,914</b>	<b>8,770</b>

### 7. Staff Costs and Average Number of Employees

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:	2024	2023
Wages & Salaries	71,345	64,359
Pension Costs	5,597	4,297
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,941</b>	<b>68,655</b>

The average head count of employees during the year was 11 (2023: 12)

No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil)

### 8. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

During the period remuneration of £35,180 (2023: £37,596) and pension contributions of £1,042 (2023: £1,079) were paid to the trustees.

### 9. Movement in Funds

	At 01.09.23	Net Movement In Funds	At 31.08.24
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	£	£	£
General Fund	426,975	-9,661	417,313
Revaluation Reserve	7,920	0	7,920
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>434,895</b>	<b>-9,661</b>	<b>425,233</b>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Movement In Funds £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	160,384	-170,045	-9,661
Revaluation Reserve	0	0	0
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>160,384</b>	<b>-170,045</b>	<b>-9,661</b>