



North West English Springer Spaniel Rescue (NWESSR)

Registered Charity 1076924

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NWESSR Annual Report for the Charity Commission 2020

Charity Progress:

During 2020, the charity continued to work to continue to improve its procedures in response to the challenges posed by Covid 19 and the challenges of rehoming dogs. Over this period NWESSR continued to implement robust surrender and rehoming processes. Much of the trustees' time in 2020 was taken up making arrangements for the training of dogs that came in with more complex behavioural needs through the national 'lock down', devising alternative methods of fundraising and reviewing an increase in adoption applications. NWESSR continued to take in dogs during the lockdown, however a decision was taken at the end of March to suspend rehoming applications, in order to catch up and to produce a new more detailed application form. When this was launched after lockdown, NWESSR received an unprecedented number of applications. While many in-person events had to be cancelled (namely the AGM 2020 due to take place in March and the Annual fun day scheduled for July 2020), thanks to the support of the public and NWESSR members and supporters, the charity maintains a stable financial position and continues to fulfil its charitable purpose of rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming English Springer Spaniels. NWESSR is listed in the Kennel Club breed specific rescue directory.

Trustee positions - Resignations and new appointments:

Trustee/NWESSR Homing Officer

Michael Emmott resigned as trustee and Homing Officer in April 2020. The Trustees would like to register our thanks to Michael for his years of service.

Volunteers - Resignations and new appointments:

(i) Assistant Treasurer

In 2020 NWESSR was happy to welcome Gillian Kirk as assistant treasurer. Gillian continues to do a good job in this role and has done well in processing gift aid.

(ii) Cards and Calendars organiser





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NWESSR thanks David and Selena Sweeney for being in this role for a number of years. NWESSR are grateful to Louise Gudgeon for volunteering for this role.

(iii) Homing Officers

Thanks to Andy pass who was trainee homing officer from September 2019-September 2020. Thanks also to HOA Sharon McGuire, who resigned this year after a number of years of volunteering.

Following Michael Emmott's resignation Marie Fox has since been appointed to the role of Homing Officer and Rosie Littlewood has assumed the new position of Homing Co-ordinator, thanks to both who have dealt with unprecedented numbers of applications over this period.

Kennels:

During 2020 NWESSR continued to use boarding kennels predominantly in the Manchester area for dogs that required more specialist behavioural training. Kennels in the Ribble Valley were also used over this period. Both kennels have good sized exercise areas where dogs can run. They are conveniently located for trustees and volunteer dog walkers to visit dogs in kennels, to check their progress and ensure that welfare standards are being maintained. Any dogs that could be fostered during the national lockdown were placed in appropriate foster homes to increase their wellbeing and to keep kennelling costs as low as possible over this indefinite period.

Financial position:

From 2020 onward Kristine Pemberton, the NWESSR Treasurer is being assisted in her role by Gillian Kirk, appointed by the Executive Committee as Assistant Treasurer. Under very difficult circumstances the charity has managed to break even over the reporting year. The financial position of NWESSR continues to be healthy, due to fundraising efforts and careful control of costs. We remain indebted to the large bequest from 2016, along with other bequests and donations (both regular and one-off) which have ensured the financial stability of the charity. Adoption fees and initiatives, such as 'sponsor a springer', along with volunteer led fund-raising activities, such as the sale of cards and calendars and raffles continue to play a role in maintaining the financial health of the charity. While sadly NWESSR's fun day had to be cancelled and the number of dogs we could rehome was limited, the lockdown appeal was a fantastic success, raising £13,800, allowing the charity to maintain a consistent financial position over this difficult period. In relation to





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costs, the most significant costs incurred continued to be fees for training dogs with more complex behavioural needs and the associated kennelling costs. Veterinary treatment also accounted for quite a large proportion of expenditure. This spending is of direct benefit to the dogs and in line with the charity's aims, with administration costs kept at an absolute minimum. Other expenses continue to be relatively low and the financial records are in good order, as confirmed by the independent reviewer.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR):

In common with other charities, throughout 2020, NWESSR continued to take the necessary steps to ensure the safeguarding of data and respect for privacy of our volunteers, adopters, members and supporters.

Rehoming of Dogs:

Following the resignation of Michael Emmott in April 2020, Marie Fox has since been appointed to the role of Homing Officer, with responsibility for Surrenders with the grateful thanks of the Executive Committee. Rosie Littlewood has assumed the new position of Homing Co-coordinator, dealing with vetting forms. The Covid 19 Pandemic resulted in a hugely increased volume of applications, not all of which have been suitable for rescue springers. In 2020 NWESSR rehomed 31 dogs. Homing Team was also able to offer advice or training support in order to keep dogs in their own homes. Some dogs have been fostered on NWESSR's long-term foster scheme (meaning NWESSR will cover veterinary bills for existing chronic conditions, or because the dog is over 10yrs of age). A small number of dogs had to remain in kennels during lockdown as they were undergoing veterinary and/or behavioural training over this period.

Events:

As aforementioned many of NWESSR's annual events including fun day 2020 had to be cancelled in 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The 2020 AGM was also cancelled due to pandemic.

(i) Crufts 2020





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Once again, NWESSR's thanks go to The Kennel Club who hosted NWESSR on their stand. Thank you to all the volunteers and breed ambassadors who attended the stand and helped the trustees in promoting our cause.



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ACCOUNT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 31 DECEMBER 2020

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	Note	2020	2019
		£	£
Incoming resources			
Donations and Gifts	2	47,653	22,732
Other income	3	<u>15,637</u>	<u>24,840</u>
Total incoming resources		63,290	47,572
Resources Expended			
Direct Charitable Expenses	4	57,565	124,630
Fundraising and Publicity	5	1,527	3,500
Management and Administration	6	<u>1,721</u>	<u>2,454</u>
Total Resources Expended		60,813	130,584
NET INCOMING/OUTGOING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		2,477	-83,012
Net movement in funds during the period		2,477	-83,012
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2020		167,647	250,659
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2020		170,124	167,647

There are no recognised gains or losses in either of the above financial years

All the funds accumulated are classified as unrestricted

	2020	2019
CURRENT ASSETS	£	£
Cash at Bank	168,709	169,309
Debtors (Gift Aid)	<u>1,415</u>	<u>2,178</u>
	170,124	171,487
Less liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>3,840</u>
Total Assets	<u>170,124</u>	<u>167,647</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
FUNDS:		
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Approved and signed by

Signed



Date

05/03/2021

Kristine Pemberton, Treasurer

05/03/2021

Lindsay Beeston, FCCA, Independent Reviewer

NWESSR
COMPARATORS 2020-2019

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and on a receipts and payments basis.

	2020	2019
	£	£
2. DONATIONS AND GIFTS		
Donations, Gifts & legacies	37,349	13,268
Sponsor a Springer	6,776	7,001
Gift Aid	3,528	2,463
	<u>47,653</u>	<u>22,732</u>
3. OTHER INCOME		
Adoption Fees	7,070	15,260
Surrender Fees	100	500
Raffles and Tombola	2,129	2,158
Insurance Commission	937	778
Sundry Income inc Bank Interest	1,469	124
Net Income from Fundraising (net)	1,171	1,038
Funday (net)		1,413
Membership	961	1,406
Supporters	190	205
Calendars and Cards (net)	1,248	858
Collection Boxes	361	920
Newsletter		180
	<u>15,637</u>	<u>24,840</u>
4. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE		
Veterinary Fees	11,565	16,460
Kennels	31,392	47,016
Training	14,608	61,154
	<u>57,565</u>	<u>124,630</u>
5. FUNDRAISING AND PUBLICITY		
Newsletter Expenses	1,527	3,500
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6. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION		
Telephone and Postage	48	522
Insurance	1,079	1,173
Motor Expenses		
Room Hire		99
Bank/Internet Charges	595	660
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Net surplus (deficit)	2,477	-83,012

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