

# DORIS BANHAM DOG RESCUE

England & Wales · Charity number 1103372

## Details

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**Other names** THE DORIS BANHAM SANCTUARY

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2004-04-23

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF ABANDONED DOGS WHICH ARE IN NEED BY REASON OF BEING UNWANTED, UNHEALTHY, SICK, OLD, ABUSED, MALTREATED, DISTURBED, UNPREDICTABLE, IN POOR CIRCUMSTANCES OR OTHER SIMILAR CAUSES BY THE PROVISION OF A HOME, CARE, MEDICATION AND VETERINARY ATTENTION WITH THE AIM OF REHABILITATION, AND REHOMING OR ENABLING THE DOGS TO LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES IN A COMFORTABLE ANY CARING ENVIRONMENT

**Activities:** Front line pound rescue of lost/abandoned dogs due for destruction after 7 days saving those not taken by other rescues. 15k+ dogs rescued to-date. Unique in funding vet treatment in pounds and transport to other rescues. Highlighting and improving pound conditions. 100% donations spent directly on the dogs. Public information and education. Rescue regardless of breed, age or veterinary condition.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Animals
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£389,648	£408,396	-	-
2023-12-31	£447,777	£416,494	-	-
2022-12-31	£318,570	£310,914	-	-
2021-12-31	£222,064	£254,124	-	-
2020-12-31	£239,420	£202,742	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Trudie Elizabeth James</b>	Chair	
Gary Lee Hauton		2026-03-17
PAUL DAVIS		

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 1 <sup>st</sup>	Month January	Year 2024		Day 31 <sup>st</sup>	Month December	Year 2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Doris Banham Dog Rescue

**Other names charity is known by** The Doris Banham Sanctuary

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1103372

**Charity's principal address** Doris Banham Dog Rescue, Wells Lane Cottage, Wells Lane, Cottam.

**Postcode** DN22 0EZ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Trudie James	Chair Trustee		
2	Paul Davis	Trustee		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust Deed
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Trustees

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To relieve the suffering of abandoned dogs who are in need by reason of being unwanted, unhealthy, sick, old, abused, maltreated, disturbed, unpredictable, in poor circumstances or similar causes by the provision of a home, care, medication and veterinary attention with the aim of rehabilitation and rehoming or enabling the dogs to live out their lives in a comfortable and caring environment

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Our Charity is always vigilant in adhering to the Charity Commission's Guidelines on public benefit. We provide a service to society by saving the lives and alleviating the suffering of society's lost, stolen and abandoned dogs which have been placed in council pounds and have not been claimed by their owners within the statutory seven days and other dogs in life threatening situations. We actively seek to locate original owners, working with dog lost sites. We also provide healthy and homeable dogs to the qualifying public who are looking for a loving pet. All our rehomed dogs are neutered and vaccinated and re-educated if necessary. Our full lifelong rescue back up provides the public with peace when taking on a canine companion. We also provide help and advice for dog owners. We co-ordinate rescue placements for lost and abandoned dogs with appropriate rescue centres. Over-breeding of puppies for profit has caused a significant problem within our society particularly as a large proportion of the dogs bred by non-reputable breeders are homed without proper care and responsibility. This has led to a large number of dogs being abandoned and ultimately ending up as stray dogs in council pounds. We extend our compassionate ethos to and provide a flexible people friendly service to those in tragic and unfortunate circumstances such as the homeless and evicted, terminally ill, those going into care and prison etc who have to give up loved pets and we ease human pain by keeping in contact with original owners and providing updates, pictures etc. We are often the last port of call for vets, the police and social services who do not wish to euthanase an animal. The pandemic and the national animal welfare crisis which has ensued in its aftermath has massively increased the demand for our life saving services and placed an overwhelming burden on our Charity. We are more needed now than ever before. Alongside our frontline active rescue work, we also strive to highlight the stray situation in order to seek solutions. We work with dog wardens and councils to seek improved pound conditions and animal welfare standards. Our work within the pounds enhances compassion and changes ethos thus improving the position of the stray dog. We also helped to promote compulsory micro chipping. Our volunteers are trained to microchip and microchip our own dogs. We also use our community-based shops as centres to promote awareness of the stray situation and as education centres giving advice on pet welfare.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Front line pound rescue where lives are at stake and euthanasia deadlines have to be beaten is a very painful task and can only be carried out by those who truly believe in what they are doing. Our Charity seeks to operate as an animal welfare rescue operation saving the lives and alleviating the suffering of dogs who are due to die because they have not been reclaimed by their owners within the 7 statutory days that the law gives an owner to find and reclaim their dogs. We also save the lives of: at the request of the police, dogs who had been released from police kennels; at the request of vets, dogs who had been brought in by their owners for euthanasia; at the request of social services, the dogs of people who are in dire circumstances or had contracted covid - (fear of infection from covid made these dogs at risk due to the reluctance to go in to pick them up and what they might carry on their fur); dogs at risk because their rescues had been forced to close down or they were unable to manage the dog; dogs in dangerous life-threatening situations such as those at risk of being used for baiting and fighting, owned by drug gangs or back street breeders.

We are always the dogs' 'Last Chance to Live and we exhaust all alternative options for a dog before we take them into our care. All the dogs in our kennels would have died if we had not rescued them. The post pandemic animal welfare crisis has massively magnified our workload.

The Charity has no defined hierarchy but operates with a superb team of extremely dedicated volunteers who pay their own expenses. In this way 100% of the donations and grants are spent on rescuing and rehoming the dogs thus enabling us to maximise the service we can provide on the funds received. We are dependent on the dedication of these volunteers who believe in what we do to enable us to continue our work.

Through their shared love of dogs, their sense of injustice at what is happening to them and their belief in the value of all life they perform an exceptional service to animals and to the society. So very much is demanded of them as they may be called upon to save a life at any time day or night. Journey times are long and the work within the pounds is very harrowing.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

This year is our Charity's 20th Anniversary year but words cannot fully describe how terrible it has been for our frontline rescue during this worst year of the worst national animal welfare crisis that we have ever experienced.

This crisis at present shows no signs of abating and our life-saving services are more vitally important now than they ever have been before. Despite this we have continued to work frontline saving as many lives and ending pain and suffering for as many dogs as possible.

This year has been even harder than when we were working front-line during the pandemic helping the national services who were struggling with so many rescues having closed their doors. In 2020 we were awarded the Amplifon Awards for Brave Britons - Charity Champion Award.

We truly believe that our greatest achievement during this year has been simply to be operating our life saving Charity successfully. We have never once strayed from our ethos of non-destruct, unconditional rescue of the most needy dogs regardless of age, breed, veterinary condition or retraining needs, however devastating the task has become.

Our Charity was set up in 2004 in dedication to Doris Banham, the founder's mother, and has throughout our 20 years of existence stayed steadfast to her unconditional ethos. Our only criteria is still always the need of the dog and always will be.

100% of funds are spent on rescuing the dogs and we strive to rescue as many dogs as finances permit. We just see ourselves as a hub through which the funds pass enabling them to be changed into what the dogs need. We are run by a team of volunteers who pay their own expenses, have no administration costs and hold no reserves. We are open to help a dog in need 365 days a year, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Every life counts to us and it has been horrendous to witness so many lives being needlessly lost this year without ever having the chance to save them, all because there are unbelievable numbers of dogs now in need of rescue and facing being put to sleep. As our rescue is 'their last chance to live' we have been inundated with requests to save them.

We have always been a small rescue stepping up to a huge task but the present situation means that the task is a gargantuan one. If not addressed it threatens to transform the rescue world into a more rigid and ruthless one, where mass destruction of surplus dogs becomes acceptable and the meaning of true rescue is extinguished forever.

Dogs continue to be taken to be put to sleep or literally abandoned in ever increasing numbers, tied up in fields and woods including young puppies left to wander and even being put to sleep on the day they are born and the situations and people we have to deal with to save the dogs are becoming even more extreme and testing.

The cases of cruelty and emaciation are more and more frequent and it appears that prior to making the final decision to abandon a dog they fail to feed them.

Because the dogs are coming into rescue in increasingly piteous states of emaciation and physical and mental abuse, rehabilitating them ready

for rehoming takes so much longer and places their retraining and rehabilitation beyond the skillset of many rescue charities. We however have the behavioural and retraining abilities that these dogs need but all that takes time, especially when the first course of action is to get them through their veterinary treatment and/or physical recovery period.

These are just some examples of our intake: the pound asked us to save Holly needing cherry eye ops in both eyes; we saved Bear on the morning of his euthanasia at the pound and then found out he was only 6 months old; Sue had been abandoned at the vets with entropion in both eyes on both top and bottom lids and Noel was found wandering by a member of public and handed into the pound. He was believed to have been used for baiting and had a badly torn face and paw which had not been treated for over a week. Neo escaped from his home and his piteous condition was thus exposed to the community who contacted us to help him. He was very underweight and his skin was ravaged by an untreated flea infestation and he had many deep incisions into his body of unknown origin. This gentle boy cried continually until we could ease his suffering with pain killers and antibiotics. Although it was touch and go because of his deep incisions he has pulled through beautifully, he has regained his weight, his skin is healed and a cancerous tumour was successfully removed from his toe. Holly has had a successful cherry eye operation; Noel's wounds have been operated on and are healing beautifully. There was half a tooth embedded in his foot. We managed to save the toe which the pound considered was irreparable and the torn flesh on his face has been sewn back into place. Sue's entropion operation has been carried out successfully. All have been assessed and individual retraining schedules prepared but all seem to be lovely dogs. Bear is starting his puppy training from scratch.

Holly is the only dog who is chipped of the above mentioned dogs and has had several homes, all of whom when contacted showed no interest in helping her. Although micro chipping is now mandatory and will definitely help loved dogs to be identified and returned to their owners, the dogs we rescue from such dire conditions are very rarely chipped. Most have never received any veterinary care in their lives so their owners will definitely not be inclined to spend money on getting them micro-chipped.

Every day we are asked to save a huge number of dogs from death. We are sent their pictures and stories, along with the date and time of their destruction. We then have to evaluate the urgency of each case, which one might get a reprieve or a few more days, which one is going to die first. Often we are dealing with dogs in the pounds into the early hours the day before a destruction day as we cannot waste one of our precious places on a dog who will get a last-minute offer from another rescue and if we step in too early that other rescue space will not materialise so it is a constant painful process of trying to evaluate the odds.

The dogs we rescue are always in desperately urgent situations where if we do not move quickly they will lose their lives and every dog in our care would have died without our help. We have always worked front line and we can sometimes have as little as a couple of hours' notice by telephone that a dog is due to die (sometimes minutes if a dog is on the table at a vets) and it is vital to us to know that we have a kennel available immediately that we can fund to be a safe haven that dog. If we say yes the dog lives and if we say no the dog dies and that is a terrible burden as we are literally the last chance for that dog to live.

However we had until this point in our 20-year history, even throughout the pandemic never failed a dog by saying no. But this terrible year has instigated the heartbreaking task for our rescue, who has never ever chosen a dog, of choosing a dog to save thus deciding who lives and who will definitely die because we could not offer them a rescue space. It is a terrible emotional burden on us when all the dogs presented to us are of equal urgency and we are their very last chance for all of them but we do not have the funds to save them all. The whole process is literally soul destroying. because if you get it wrong and another dog was more urgent than the one you estimated to be the most urgent then you are the last one in the whole chain of humans who let them down and the responsibility for that is overwhelming.

Our use of emergency boarding kennels means that we can usually source a safe kennel to save the dog's life but we have to have the funds available to finance that kennel. However the national financial situation and the chaos in society that exists at the moment means that our overall donations are down and we are constantly faced with multiple dogs of equal urgency when we can for example only afford to finance one kennel. No words can describe the pain of this burden. Our ethos drives us to saving those dogs that society has betrayed the most and now we are being forced to be the ones who deny them their last chance to live because there are so many of them and we do not have the funds to save them all.

Even with our policy of 100% of all funds received being spent directly on rescuing the dogs, volunteers paying their own expenses and no administration costs, there are not enough funds to cope with the tsunami of dogs seeking our help. It has been a slow disillusioning realisation and ultimate painful acceptance of something that was previously totally unacceptable to us. The pain of seeing a dog's pleading eyes and not being able to save them has been an agonising and breaking process which has rocked our Charity to the core. The one thing that we will never accept though is not trying with all our might and all the funds we have available to save that life.

With our main kennels full, the only way to save a life has been to take on an emergency boarding kennel. These emergency kennels save lives when the rescue's main kennels are full but even at charity rates can strain rescues' finances to the breaking point. However our Charity felt it was their duty to do everything in their power during a national animal welfare crisis. We had desperately hoped to return to a more normal modus operandi but this year has meant that we are not able to do this without letting dog after dog die so we have saved as many as our finances have permitted.

The vast majority of 'throw-outs' are untrained and unsocialised adding to the reasons why the owners no longer wanted them. Rescues have collapsed through lack of funds and those rescues who would have taken complex dogs have become overwhelmed or increased the rate at which they put to sleep and many have closed their doors. With rescue unable to cope with the onslaught, dog after dog is being taken to the vets to be put to sleep who have desperately sought our help to avoid having to euthanise young healthy dogs.

The situation has been particularly difficult for our rescue as we are a rare retraining facility used by the courts and used by the police to release dogs from their kennels they do not want to have euthanised. We are known to save the lives of the larger and more difficult to home cases

particularly those needing retraining and often beyond the skillset of many rescues and now the UK is filled with this type of dog.

The onslaught is relentless and shows no signs of abating at the moment and those rescues that are fighting to survive, and still follow their ethos to save as many dogs as is possible like Doris Banham Dog Rescue, are exhausted and suffering mentally, financially and physically from the battle.

We have had to try to deal with this massively increased onslaught in addition to the areas we usually rescue from i.e. death row pound dogs who have been unclaimed following their 7 days in a council pound; at the request of the police, dogs who had been released from police kennels; at the request of vets, dogs who had been brought in by their owners for euthanasia; at the request of social services, the dogs of people who are in dire circumstances; dogs at risk because their rescues had been forced to close down; dogs in dangerous life-threatening situations such as those at risk of being used for baiting and fighting, owned by drug gangs or back street breeders.

We always do an exhaustive search for another rescue space before we take any dog into our care but now finding rescue spaces for them is an almost impossible task as the rescue world is full. They are almost always in need of urgent veterinary treatment or retraining which has stopped other rescues from wanting to take them into their care anyway – hence their desperate plight. Thus, our job has always been a harder one as our kennels are filled with dogs who would have died without our help and who are undergoing retraining, rehabilitation, veterinary treatment, recuperation and tlc before they are ready for rehoming.

Many dogs need thorough and complete retraining before they can be rehomed and also need us to find experienced adopters. The retraining and the rehoming consume long periods of time and therefore slow down our total rehoming process as our kennel spaces are filled with dogs at various stages of retraining and the search for the correct homes for them is a lengthy and difficult task. However at no point do we ever give up on finding a home for our long term dogs. Dogs who have been abused heal and make breakthroughs at various stages and we have had wonderful success stories with dogs whom the vast majority of rescues would have given up on just because they took longer to heal and become whole again.

We are proud to say that although reduced by the national situation our rehoming rate has been constant and a testimony to the fact that the dogs we rescue had been failed by society and just needed time and a chance to find the loving home they always deserved.

Society itself is very sadly now in even greater general chaos with financial difficulties, evictions, increased domestic abuse, homelessness, food banks, drug addiction and families moving in together etc. A society in upheaval always equates to dangerous situations for its pets and we are overwhelmed with people in desperate situations with their pets telling us we are the only rescue of the 100s they have rung who has listened to them.

We have recently helped a desperate man who had been evicted and had barricaded himself into his flat because the accommodation he had been offered did not allow him to take his dog. The police had been called and if no one would help him his only choice was to put his

beloved dog to sleep. We feel greatly for owners who are losing their pets through no fault of their own and we try our hardest to be there for them if needed.

We are very proud that we have always extended our compassionate ethos to people in trouble with their pets but this side of our work is accelerating rapidly and is very time consuming and terribly draining. We hear the same story over and over again that they have contacted umpteen rescues and ours was the only one who actually cared enough to try to help.

Recently a family rang who had inherited a dog following a death in the family. The dog was in great distress pacing and itching all over and they had tried everyone for help. They would not have the funds for a vets visit until the end of the month when they were paid. Because we could not leave the dog to suffer, we arranged for the dog to be taken to the vets and his condition treated to prevent his further suffering. The family have repaid the vets fees and say they will never forget what we did for them when no-one else would help. They are now giving the dog a forever home with them. Sometimes just being there for owners at their time of greatest need means that a dog gets to stay in a home they would have otherwise lost.

We always try everything to keep the pets with their owners if they love them and care for them properly, giving free training sessions, advising them to get health checks or approaching their landlords for them etc. If we can't we seek alternative rescue spaces for them and, if a decision has been taken to put the dog to sleep, we try to step in to help if funds allow us.

We play a very unique role in only taking in dogs who will die without our help and are now needed more than ever. Because we only take in dogs who are definitely due to die and for whom there are no other rescue offers despite our exhaustive search, we know that we were without doubt 'the last chance to live' for every one of our dogs and that every dog in our kennels would be dead if we had not rescued them.

Here are a few representative samples of this year's extremely challenging workload:

Our compassionate work with owners

We always go above and beyond what would be expected of us as a dog rescue because we feel it our duty not only to get the dog safe but also to try to ease the suffering of the owners.

We have taken in dogs owned by people with serious or terminal illnesses who are no longer able to care for them; dogs belonging to the homeless and those who have been evicted, been imprisoned, suffered family breakdowns and domestic violence. Those unable to afford to keep their dog because of the current financial situation has also greatly added to the number of requests for help. We update loving owners regularly with videos and photographs to try to ease their pain.

Owners such as Chicco's dad who had rescued him as a young dog and loved him very much. Sadly his family was made homeless and were moved into a hotel which did not take dogs. He had entrusted the care of Chicco to an acquaintance who had reassured him that Chicco was doing fine. One day worried about Chicco he walked to the flat to do a spot

check and was appalled to find Chicco tied to a table leg, starved and with multiple gashes on his face where the other dogs in the flat had attacked him. He grabbed his dog and rang us in absolute despair as he had nowhere to take him. We told him to take him to the local vets and we had his wounds treated and stapled. We then sent a transporter to pick him up. The man was so grateful and broke down in tears as we drove away.

#### Our frontline work

We truly work on the front line of rescue and are known for going where others fear to tread. Because we rescue from desperate situations such as from drug gangs, back street breeders, baiters and dog fighters etc we have to deal with the emotional stress of dealing professionally with often abusive and threatening people and hold our ground in the interests of the safety of the dog. It is very emotionally disturbing and frightening to receive violent threats but it is something we have to withstand to keep the dogs safe.

We rescue dogs abandoned in empty houses, gardens and woods etc. We go out at night and enter undesirable areas. However as society becomes rawer and more desperate our work rescuing the dogs is becoming more difficult and dangerous.

We were recently contacted by a man who had been tasked by a gang to 'dispose' of a dog. He was reluctant to do this and contacted us but we knew we only had one chance to save this dog's life and that was to travel over 3 hours on the spur of the moment and trust meeting him in the dark in a wood where he handed us the lead of an unchipped terrified skinny dog. He is a lovely boy who has a brand-new name and life but we had to go above and beyond and take a leap of faith with our safety to make that possible or the dog could have been subjected to an unimaginable death.

Sebastian's owner had been taken into prison for attempted murder and the dog was abandoned in a hostel where no dogs were allowed and he was being hidden in a room. The hostel manager rang us to say that he could not stay but that he would turn a blind eye to him if we came quickly. We rushed and moved him overnight. He had one chance of a new life and we had to grab that for him.

#### Our work with communities

Communities and neighbours of dogs suffering abuse also constantly ask for our help.

Pepper's community asked us to help this little starved 14-year-old girl who was being neglected with a terrible flea allergy and scabs all over her body.

Maisie an unneutered young female was being offered on the internet for free and a family contacted us to say they would take the opportunity to get her if we would support them with any training and be there if we were needed to take her into our care.

12-week-old Eva was wandering in the wetlands for over week without anyone picking her up. Finally a lady rescued her and brought her immediately to us. She was emaciated with a stomach full of worms and needed expert nursing and care immediately which we gave her. The

alternative would have been to put a young emaciated puppy into the pound.

Eva is symptomatic of the more ruthless world that animals are living in at the moment as many people had seen Eva but none had helped her despite her being a puppy.

We were alerted by the community to the plight of 10-year-old King who was kept tied up on an open balcony for the whole of his life in an appalling condition. We changed his name to King because that was how we were going to make sure he lived after everything he had been through.

As we are open to help a dog 24 hours a day 365 days a year, we are often called at night by people who have found the RSPCA emergency line to be closed overnight and we try to help as many of these that are in our power to do so.

#### Our work with vets

Vets contact us when a dog has been booked in for euthanasia or is actually on their table and they have exhausted all other avenues to prevent the dog being put to sleep.

We were sent a tragic picture of Isabella waiting in the vets to be put to sleep with her emotionless owner. It was suspected that she had been sexually abused. Other rescues were being contacted so we waited but then heard she had been sent to the pound. She was so terrified that the pound had decided to put her to sleep. As she had been sent direct to pound kennels by the owner, destruction can be done immediately, so time was of the essence if we were going to save her. The pound said she was so terrified that if we wanted to take her we would have to come and get her out of the kennel ourselves which we did. Once she knew she was safe Isabella became a different dog and loves playing in a stream whilst on a walk.

We had an urgent text from a vet nurse that Churchill had been brought in for pts. She was so upset that she had slipped off to text us. We spoke with the owners and they agreed to take him home whilst we sought a kennel for him.

Emaciated Gloria had been tied up outside the vets and they contacted us because they needed a rescue with the skill to deal with her emaciation and her retraining needs.

One vets surgery is so grateful to us for sparing them the heartbreak of putting healthy dogs to sleep that they are setting up a GoFundMe page to try to help us to deal with the overwhelming financial consequences of helping their dogs. Their client care manager has also agreed to be one of our referees.

#### Our work with pounds

We have always been dedicated to working alongside the pounds to improve ethos and reduce destruction rates and pre the pandemic things were greatly improved in the pounds as compared to the situation when our Charity began in 2004. When we first began working with the pounds we had to instigate pound lists at the pounds we managed which we could circulate to rescues before the seven days were up as pound lists

did not exist at that time. We also successfully ensured that all breeds were put on the lists as in many pounds bullbreeds were considered to be destined for destruction so it was very important to change that ethos.

However, as the national animal welfare crisis accelerates and rescue spaces have become scarcer and scarcer and abandonment increases, multiple euthanasia, which if not checked will soon become tragically commonplace in the pounds, is sadly increasing thus beginning to undo all the painstaking work we have carried out over the years.

We used to say that dogs failed to get rescue spaces for many reasons. They may simply be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Some may need veterinary treatment or retraining and many are the exploited popular breeds - victims of irresponsible overbreeding. This is all still true but the overriding reason that dogs are dying now is because there are simply too many being abandoned, too few rescue spaces available to save them and not enough funds available to care for such large numbers. The alternative to keeping on trying to save them is to accept the concept of mass culling which we will never accept but really fear this could happen if somehow true rescue is not sustained and helped to survive.

The stories of Percy, Louis, Azzorro, Blue, Aztec etc are all tragically the same – all lovely friendly young bull breeds on death row and dying simply because there are no rescue spaces to save them. We in all cases stayed in the background hoping against hope that another rescue would come forward, keeping updated late into the night before the destruction day and then being forced to offer before the morning because the dog was imminently due to die. Blue was in the most danger as the rescue who offered for him pulled out at the very last minute and our help was desperately sought to save his life which we did.

The pounds also seek our help for elderly dogs or those with chronic veterinary conditions such as diabetes. Tara's (11 years old) and Dillon's (14 years old) stories are the same admitted to the pound by the social services when their owners were ill and kept there for long periods and then released to the pound when their owners died and none of the owners relatives would help them. Tara had been in the pound for 2 ½ years before her owner died. They were too old for the pound to home and so were due to be put to sleep. We will never forget the ecstatic smile on Tara's face as she ran around the paddock when she arrived at our kennels after having been in the pound for such a long time. Dillon's legs were so stiff when he arrived but with tlc, a lot of warmth and some very good supplements he too is loving his walks again. Both dogs are now in long term foster homes who love them very much.

The rescue of Cassie was a very complicated one. She was abandoned terrified tied up in a bus shelter. The police took her to the pound which was a local very well-known rescue who kennel the pound dogs. The dog warden then asked for our desperate help as Cassie was due to be put to sleep in the pound. We met great resistance from the rescue/pound because of their dislike of bullbreeds but with the help of the dog warden they had little choice but to let us pick Cassie up and save her life.

Pounds are now constantly crying out for our help for dogs due for euthanasia who have received no other rescue offers and we are dedicated to helping them as we feel it is so very sad that dogs after a lifetime of loyalty find themselves unwanted in the pound and we try to

rebuild the lives of as many as we can.

Our work now with dogs in homes

The onslaught of dogs straight from homes, the financial situation and the chaos in society that has ensued, has spiralled out of control. Both Paddy and Ted were lockdown babies who had been showered with attention until a new baby came along and began to toddle and both were then due for pts. The work with both these families was extremely time consuming as we had to delicately convince them that Ted and Paddy deserved the chance of a new life away from them rather than they needing the very selfish closure of putting the dogs to sleep, Ace was brought to our kennels by a distraught lady with autism and her neighbours. She had recently purchased him online and was totally unfit to deal with him and was hysterical.

12-year-old Gigi belonged to an elderly lady who told us that she was getting angry with the dog because she was always under her feet and did not want to continue to pay for her apoquel tablets.

Toby's young female owner was fleeing from a situation in her life which she would not divulge to us but said that if we did not take him immediately she was going to abandon him somewhere tied to a tree. We could not let him go through that trauma and rushed to pick him up.

Our intake from other rescues

Because we are one of the few rescues offering retraining, rehabilitation, socialisation and recuperation which are trusted by the police and the courts, we are often the first port of call for rescuers trying help dogs who have suffered abuse, neglect and mismanagement and other rescues who have taken in dogs whom they are unable to cope with because they cannot meet vets bills or do not have their own retraining facilities and whose dogs are imminently due to be put to sleep.

The number of requests from other rescues has increased significantly.

We were asked to help with Romeo who was a bulldog being kept in a coal shed in Wales. The policeman actually took him back to his house to wash off the coal dust. His eyes and skin were deeply affected by how he had lived and he was starving and had a broken tail. Rescue needed to be immediate and he arrived at our kennels in the early hours of the morning.

We were also asked to help Ziggy a 6-month-old Husky puppy who was being beaten and kept in a shed with only grass to eat. The neighbour raised the alarm and we took Ziggy into our care.

Ours has always been a vital unique operation that would be impossible to replicate and we are constantly seeking to help it weather the storm of the current emergency situation and to ensure its much needed long-term future with support and stable funding to continue the vital service it provides. We fear for the survival of a rescue with our ethos in the present climate and so many beautiful dogs would needlessly lose their lives into the future if we were not in operation.

The dogs we have in our care did not receive any other rescue offers even though they were imminently due to die and we were their only chance of safe haven in their hour of greatest need. These dogs are in various stages of retraining so their survival totally depends on our survival. They need us to complete their training and rehabilitation to be able to find the loving homes they all deserve.

We fight every day with all our might to continue our life saving work. Because we are all front-line volunteers with a massive workload, we have no dedicated PR or fund-raising people who can take over the burden of fund-raising. We have to balance it all at the same time and it

is a constant battle. The ongoing difficult financial situation makes many people more reluctant to give charitable donations or commit to standing orders. This has made the task of raising funds substantially harder and our income has reduced this year.

Our volunteers have to cope with a great deal of emotional and physical strain. It really has been a very hard year on so many levels.

Despite all this we are really proud of the massive frontline work we have achieved and the lives we have saved against all the odds.

We recently help I have taken a call from a vet with a 5-year-old dog actually on the table for euthanasia. The vet gave the woman my number and her first words were (when I said we would help) 'I didn't know rescues like you existed any more'.

The woman has sent me a text saying they will be lifelong supporters of our charity and that we have no idea what a miracle this has been. Their dog is one of the lucky ones.

Inspired by the Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust 40th Anniversary 10 kennel block, we have recently been donated the building of a second identical block by a long-term supporter who had left us a legacy in their will. However they decided to help us whilst they were alive rather than wait until they had died so that they could see their legacy in action.

We are constantly following up any avenues which would produce more income for the charity in our desire to carry on our life-saving work. Our supporters have been totally amazing during this crisis which has motivated us and inspired us and they have responded as brilliantly as they are now able to our appeals with what they have available to donate but the vast majority of our supporters are normal average animal lovers who are progressively being able to afford less and less as the consequences of the financial situation impinges on their finances.

We call them our 'army of animal angels' and they are very aware of the role that their donations play. Through Facebook we try to raise a pot for a particular dog to pay their emergency boarding fees and also to cover their veterinary needs. We cannot take a dog into emergency boarding without doing this as we simply cannot take on the cost of another life saving emergency boarding kennel without doing this. This has been very successful. Our supporters have commented how wonderful they feel that they have been part of that rescue.

Our lottery, although in its infancy, is increasing in support all the time. We are constantly following up any avenues which would produce more income. We have been promised a sponsorship by a renewable energy company which will be wonderful and we are waiting to sign this up.

We also get many excellent food donations from dog food companies and dog food manufacturers organised by amazing volunteers and supporters. Food donations have been a life saver, with tremendous support from the Pets Foundation and food manufacturers such as Tails, allowing us to pick up pallets of food at a time. Several other rescue charities send us their surplus food because of the role we play. We are paired and have a wonderful relationship with the Pets at Home store in Grantham who give us much appreciated support. We continually promote Easy Fundraising.

Some events are being dedicated to us such as another trike rally, dog walk, medium night, pub event etc. We are working on extending our Friends of Doris Banham membership package, held auctions, raffles, sales and continuous appeals on facebook and local media. Our two small charity shops are doing well and operate not only as charity shops but also community hubs providing the public with help and

information on animal welfare. We tragically lost the manageress of our Connisbrough shop who was the heart and soul of the shop and is greatly missed. Her team is dedicated to keeping the shop flourishing in her memory and the proceeds from her funeral have allowed us to sponsor a kennel at Cottam in her name.

Our thriving facebook page dorisbanhamuk has 28,000 likes and we have a 5-star rating. We also have an auction and fundraising group and a happy ever afters group for updates on rehomed dogs. Through our facebook, supporters see and become involved with the dogs we rescue and witness how they are transformed into lovely homeable dogs. Many supporters have dedicated their weddings and birthdays to us and we receive 80% of the proceeds of one holiday chalet and 50% of another from the owners. We also have jewellery makers and crafters making goods free of charge.

During these very difficult times supporters seem to find motivation in being part of something which is pure and good. It makes them hopeful that it is possible to change things if we all work together. Seeing a dog that no-one else would help have their life saved and flourishing and finding a lovely home is enriching and they want to be part of it. We are forever grateful to them. The multiple trials of the worst year of our Charity's existence continues to keep us in emergency mode.

Our dedicated main and long-term kennels at Cottam are manned by an amazing team of animal lovers. The extraordinarily low cost of £3.80 per dog per night includes a complete care, retraining and rehoming package. This rate has been maintained for over 10 years because the team at the kennels already meet many of the bills themselves such as the heating and all maintenance etc. Their loyalty and love of our Charity's dogs has driven this level of support.

Doris Banham Dog Rescue occupies every kennel at Cottam and we have been operating out of these kennels for over 10 years now. They are our registered office and act as a centre for our Charity. The team need to be experienced and dedicated enough to care for dogs direct from the pound who are frightened, traumatized and may have ailments or veterinary conditions. It is vital that they should be admitted to an experienced kennels where the level of care, skill and dedication is amply sufficient to meet the needs of these dogs. Our kennels allow us to securely house, care for, nurse, medicate, retrain, socialize, walk, exercise, and rehome the dogs rescued by the Charity. The kennels need to be able to deal with all variety of dogs - x breeding bitches, abused dogs, x bait dogs, dogs in need of veterinary treatment, emaciated dogs needing multiple small feeds, untrained young dogs, frail elderly dogs, dogs who have lived in sheds, gardens and alleys and provide them with everything they need to make them well, happy dogs ready for rehoming. The vastly reduced daily cost per night per dog at our kennels includes in addition to the services normally provided by a kennels a complete welfare package: positive reward based retraining, socialisation, logging and organising neutering, vaccination, worming and microchipping, visits to the vets, administration of medication and special diets, nursing and recuperation, collection of dogs from the pounds, rehoming, home checking and administration of all these services etc. At our kennels the dogs thrive and become happy dogs again and are found stable loving forever homes. Many of the walkers have commented that the dogs pull back to kennels when on the way back from their walks and it is lovely to think that the dogs consider our kennels their home. Rarely does a dog have to come back into our care and then it is usually because family circumstances have changed rather than any fault on the

part of the dog. We offer every dog whom we home a lifelong guarantee to come back into our care should they need to so that they never end up in the pound again.

Each dog is different and will be with us as long as it takes for us to complete the final piece of the jigsaw of saving their lives and that is finding them a forever home. During this time an individual tailored plan is devised which is suited to the needs of that particular dog. When dogs first come into our care they are usually understandably very stressed so we always give them a 28 day chilling out period. During this very important time we allow them to just be themselves and observe them whilst they walk, play and interact with us. We do not ask anything from them or put any pressure on them as they learn to relax and trust their new environment. We feel very strongly about the stringent assessments that dogs are subjected to in the pounds when they have just arrived and are understandably frightened and traumatised. Many nice dogs lose their lives unnecessarily in the pounds because they are too rigidly assessed immediately before their fear has been calmed and they have become acclimatised to their surroundings.

In fact our kennel team and kennel volunteers operate a complete service from collection and newly admitted dog (who is unknown territory when they arrive as to what we will have to deal with) to dog ready in every way for their forever home. Fantastic results are achieved with positive reward based training methods and turning dogs around and giving them a fresh new start in life. Depending on what various stage of retraining a dog is at we usually rotate dogs between main kennels and emergency boarding kennels for our volunteers there to carry on with the positive enforcement training. We never rush the dogs' rehabilitation process because dogs recover at different rates and never give up on finding them the home they truly deserve. Our loyal team of rotered loyal volunteers walk and interact with the dogs giving the dogs extra exercise, lead training and human interaction. The kennels provide 24 hr care for a poorly or traumatised dog. Designated members of the team are also happy to be on call 24 hour a day 365 days to a year to go out and pick up or admit a dog in need.

We are proud that rehoming has been constant but it is nationally reduced by the financial situation in the UK with people unable to take on a pet because they cannot make ends meet any more and also the time the abandoned dogs have had to remain in our care because of their extensive retraining needs and the difficulty in finding them the experienced homes they need.

In 2013 we were awarded the Burgess/Wetnose Best Dog Rescue Centre, in 2019 the IFAW Animal Action Award for Dog Rescue and in 2020 Charity Champion Award – Amplifon Awards for Brave Britons. Our rescue has been featured on Panorama, Inside Out and in newspapers and magazines such as Dog's Today, and Dog's World and we have written articles for Animalwatch, the magazine produced by the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals who support us. The poem about backstreet breeders called 'Remember Me' written by Trudie James was shared on facebook internationally on and received massive coverage and was set to music by a supporter.

We were the only small rescue invited to be featured alongside the RSPCA, Battersea Dogs Home and Dog Trust in the Panorama programme entitled Britain's Unwanted Pets and Tom Heap spent days travelling with us and experienced saving 8 dogs from pounds on just one

of those days who would definitely have died without our help.

Nobody's Dog written by the founder was circulated to MPs to advocate micro-chipping and was also used by John Hobhouse in his own pro micro-chipping campaign.

Our commitment to providing the best possible veterinary treatment for our rescued dogs and the fact that many of them have been abandoned because of an acute or chronic veterinary condition which needs treatment, means we have established excellent relationships with many veterinary practices, whose discounts have enabled us to maximise our veterinary treatment.

The ultimate goal of everything we do is to either reunite dogs with their owners if they have been lost or stolen and have found themselves in the pound system or under the expert guidance of our kennels team place the dogs into stable forever homes that are suited to the needs of both the dog and the adopters. These are dogs who without Doris Banham would definitely have died, and it is very motivating what can be achieved through care in our throw-away society and how we can restore to these dogs their rightful importance and value. As our intake is unconditional it is impossible when we take a dog into our care to ascertain how long that dog will be with us before they are ready to go into a home or what problems we will have to overcome to make them ready for rehoming but during their time with us, however long, we make sure they have the best time we can give them surrounded by love and care and whatever they need to find the home they so deserve. The whole process is a huge and overwhelming challenge but one that we are dedicated to meet.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

It is not the policy of the Trustees to maintain significant reserves.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Charity's principal sources of funds are donations, fund-raising, grants from animal welfare organisations and sponsorships. The funds have been spent on veterinary fees, kennelling and care, emergency kennelling and transport which support the Charity's key objectives of saving lives and alleviating suffering.

## Section F

## Other optional information


100% of funds raised are used to save the lives and alleviate the suffering of unclaimed dogs due for destruction in council pounds or other life threatening situations who are imminently due to die. We work with veterinary surgeries, the police, social service and other organisations and owners in tragic circumstances. The present national animal welfare crisis which has ensued in the aftermath of the pandemic has overwhelmed us with the demand to rescue abandoned 'covid pups' to save them from being put to sleep. This additional massive workload has been placed on us in addition to our normal excessively heavy rescue workload. We are all unpaid volunteers who believe in what we do. We offer a lifelong guarantee to dogs homed by us to take them back into our care to ensure they never enter the pound system again. We are also unique in that every single dog that is taken into our care would definitely have died without our intervention as we exhaust all other rescue options and often wait until the day that the destruction is due to take place to take the dog in. We believe that the criteria for rescue should be the need of the dog and not its breed or immediate homeability and take great pride in finding a loving home for a once traumatised dog who with our help and care has learnt to trust and find his place in the world again

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Trudie Elizabeth James	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair Trustee	

**Date** 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>DORIS BANHAM DOG RESCUE</b>	No (if any) 1103372
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	367,703	-	-	367,703	404,425
Kennels	-	-	-	-	12,751
Other Trading Activities	21,945	-	-	21,945	30,601
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>389,648</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>389,648</b>	<b>447,777</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>389,648</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>389,648</b>	<b>447,777</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Transport	7,023	-	-	7,023	7,738
Kenneling	303,484	-	-	303,484	294,201
Veterinary	58,744	-	-	58,744	67,238
Misc	711	-	-	711	2,710
Charity Shops	8,444	-	-	8,444	7,877
Fundraising	175	-	-	175	1,592
Bank	430	-	-	430	35,137
New Kennel Build	29,385	-	-	29,385	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>408,396</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>408,396</b>	<b>416,494</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>408,396</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>408,396</b>	<b>416,494</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 18,748</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 18,748</b>	<b>31,283</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>3,933</b>	-	-	<b>3,933</b>	<b>3,933</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>22,681</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,681</b>	<b>27,350</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		- 22,681	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>- 22,681</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	New Kennels	Restricted Income		-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>T. E James.</i>	Trudie E James	28/10/2025	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

DORIS BANHAM DOG RESCUE

On accounts for the year ended

31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

Charity no (if any)

1103372

Set out on pages

1 and 2

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 explanations from the 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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:

[Signature]

Date:

28/10/2025

Name:

HELEN MCCARTHY

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

SOCIAL SERVICES HOME CARE MANAGER (Retired)

Address:

80 LONSDALE DRIVE
OAKWOOD ENFIELD
EN2 7LP

**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.

N/A

**DORIS BANHAM DOG RESCUE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1103372

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 1 <sup>st</sup>	Month January	Year 2023		Day 31 <sup>st</sup>	Month December	Year 2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Doris Banham Dog Rescue

**Other names charity is known by** The Doris Banham Sanctuary

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1103372

**Charity's principal address** Doris Banham Dog Rescue, Wells Lane Cottage, Wells Lane, Cottam.

**Postcode** DN22 0EZ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Trudie James	Chair Trustee		
2	Paul Davis	Trustee		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust Deed
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Trustees

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To relieve the suffering of abandoned dogs who are in need by reason of being unwanted, unhealthy, sick, old, abused, maltreated, disturbed, unpredictable, in poor circumstances or similar causes by the provision of a home, care, medication and veterinary attention with the aim of rehabilitation and rehoming or enabling the dogs to live out their lives in a comfortable and caring environment

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Our Charity is always vigilant in adhering to the Charity Commission's Guidelines on public benefit. We provide a service to society by saving the lives and alleviating the suffering of society's lost, stolen and abandoned dogs which have been placed in council pounds and have not been claimed by their owners within the statutory seven days and other dogs in life threatening situations. We actively seek to locate original owners, working with dog lost sites. We also provide healthy and homeable dogs to the qualifying public who are looking for a loving pet. All our rehomed dogs are neutered and vaccinated and re-educated if necessary. Our full lifelong rescue back up provides the public with peace when taking on a canine companion. We also provide help and advice for dog owners. We co-ordinate rescue placements for lost and abandoned dogs with appropriate rescue centres. Over-breeding of puppies for profit has caused a significant problem within our society particularly as a large proportion of the dogs bred by non-reputable breeders are homed without proper care and responsibility. This has led to a large number of dogs being abandoned and ultimately ending up as stray dogs in council pounds. We extend our compassionate ethos to and provide a flexible people friendly service to those in tragic and unfortunate circumstances such as the homeless and evicted, terminally ill, those going into care and prison etc who have to give up loved pets and we ease human pain by keeping in contact with original owners and providing updates, pictures etc. We are often the last port of call for vets, the police and social services who do not wish to euthanase an animal. The pandemic and the national animal welfare crisis which has ensued in its aftermath has massively increased the demand for our life saving services and placed an overwhelming burden on our Charity. We are more needed now than ever before. Alongside our frontline active rescue work, we also strive to highlight the stray situation in order to seek solutions. We work with dog wardens and councils to seek improved pound conditions and animal welfare standards. Our work within the pounds enhances compassion and changes ethos thus improving the position of the stray dog. We also helped to promote compulsory micro chipping. Our volunteers are trained to microchip and microchip our own dogs. We also use our community-based shops as centres to promote awareness of the stray situation and as education centres giving advice on pet welfare.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Front line pound rescue where lives are at stake and euthanasia deadlines have to be beaten is a very painful task and can only be carried out by those who truly believe in what they are doing. Our Charity seeks to operate as an animal welfare rescue operation saving the lives and alleviating the suffering of dogs who are due to die because they have not been reclaimed by their owners within the 7 statutory days that the law gives an owner to find and reclaim their dogs. We also save the lives of: at the request of the police, dogs who had been released from police kennels; at the request of vets, dogs who had been brought in by their owners for euthanasia; at the request of social services, the dogs of people who are in dire circumstances or had contracted covid - (fear of infection from covid made these dogs at risk due to the reluctance to go in to pick them up and what they might carry on their fur); dogs at risk because their rescues had been forced to close down or they were unable to manage the dog; dogs in dangerous life-threatening situations such as those at risk of being used for baiting and fighting, owned by drug gangs or back street breeders.

We are always the dogs' 'Last Chance to Live and we exhaust all alternative options for a dog before we take them into our care. All the dogs in our kennels would have died if we had not rescued them. The post pandemic animal welfare crisis has massively magnified our workload.

The Charity has no defined hierarchy but is run by a superb team of extremely dedicated volunteers who give their services free of charge. In this way 100% of the donations and grants are spent on rescuing and rehoming the dogs thus enabling us to maximise the service we can provide on the funds received. We are dependent on the dedication of these volunteers who believe in what we do to enable us to continue our work.

Through their shared love of dogs, their sense of injustice at what is happening to them and their belief in the value of all life they perform an exceptional service to animals and to the society. So very much is demanded of them as they may be called upon to save a life at any time day or night. Journey times are long and the work within the pounds is very harrowing.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

It is very hard to find the words to describe the devastating effects that the pandemic and its aftermath have had on the world of rescue. The present animal welfare crisis which continues to rage unabated has overwhelmed the capacities of the vast majority of rescues leaving them broken, disillusioned and struggling to survive. Many excellent rescues have succumbed and closed leaving an even greater burden on those like Doris Banham Dog Rescue who are continuing the fight but being tested to our limits. We have always been a small rescue stepping up to a huge task but the present situation means that the task is a gargantuan one which if not addressed threatens to transform the rescue world into a more rigid and ruthless one where the meaning of true rescue has been extinguished forever.

The situation has been particularly overwhelming for our rescue as we are at the very front line and are known as 'Their Last Chance to Live' and a rare retraining facility known to save the lives of the larger and more difficult to home cases particularly those needing retraining and now since the pandemic the UK is filled with them. As the abandoned 'covid pups' have been for the vast majority unsocialised and untrained requests for our help have exploded. This has been particularly exacerbated because so many of the abandoned dogs have also been of very large breeds and specialised breeds who need experienced and specialised owners and are beyond the skillset of many rescues. We have been literally inundated and overwhelmed with requests from such homes or from vets where the dogs have been taken to be put to sleep.

We have had to try to deal with this onslaught in addition to the areas we usually rescue from i.e. death row pound dogs who have been unclaimed following their 7 days in a council pound; at the request of the police, dogs who had been released from police kennels; at the request of vets, dogs who had been brought in by their owners for euthanasia; at the request of social services, the dogs of people who are in dire circumstances or had contracted covid - (fear of infection from covid made these dogs at risk due to the reluctance to go in to pick them up and what they might carry on their fur); dogs at risk because their rescues had been forced to close down; dogs in dangerous life-threatening situations such as those at risk of being used for baiting and fighting, owned by drug gangs or back street breeders.

As we are their 'last chance to live' all the dogs we take in have received no other rescue offers and are facing pts and will definitely die if we do not save them. They are almost always in need of urgent veterinary treatment or retraining which has stopped other rescues from wanting to take them into their care – hence their desperate plight. Thus our job has always been a harder one as our kennels are filled with dogs who

would have died without our help and who are undergoing retraining, rehabilitation, veterinary treatment, recuperation and tlc before they are ready for rehoming. Since the pandemic the number of dogs needing this type of help has sky rocketed.

Dogs are being taken to be put to sleep or literally abandoned in increasing numbers, tied up in fields and woods including young puppies left to wander and the number of emaciated and physically and mentally abused dogs needing rescue spaces has sharply increased.

We have always been dedicated to working alongside the pounds to improve ethos and reduce destruction rates and pre the pandemic things were greatly improved as compared to the situation when our Charity began in 2004. However since the pandemic as rescue spaces have become scarcer and scarcer and abandonment increases multiple euthanasia, which if not checked will soon become tragically commonplace in the pounds, is sadly increasing beginning to undo all the painstaking work we have carried out over the years.

We used to say that dogs failed to get rescue spaces for many reasons. They may simply be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Some may need veterinary treatment or retraining and many are the exploited popular breeds - victims of irresponsible overbreeding. This is all still true but the overriding reason that dogs are dying now is because there are simply too many being abandoned and too few rescue spaces available to save them. Our mission is to save their lives and then turn them around into loving rehomeable dogs ready for forever homes. We consider every homing is a minor triumph in righting the wrongs our throwaway society has caused and we are so very proud of our constant rehoming rate.

Because we are one of the very few rescues offering retraining, rehabilitation, socialisation and recuperation, we have always been the final chance for dogs who have suffered abuse, neglect and mismanagement. Rescuers have always tried to keep our rescue spaces for the most demanding dogs but come to us for help if the dog is imminently due to be put to sleep and there are no other rescue offers for them. The present situation, where the rescue world is overwhelmed with untrained abandoned covid pups, means we are now flooded with requests to take on dogs imminently due to die who need skilled rehabilitation and retraining.

Also the number of requests from other rescues who have taken in dogs whom they are unable to cope with is greatly accelerating and placing a massive pressure on us as we are the last chance for these dogs before their rescues put them to

sleep.

We are proud to say that despite the relentless pressure we have continued to fight on frontline and have through it all stayed rigidly steadfast to our founding principles of non destruct unconditional rescue of the most needy dogs regardless of breed, age or veterinary condition, giving them whatever they need and finding them the forever homes that they always deserved. Our Charity was set up in dedication to the founder's Mother Doris Banham and will always rigidly reflect the compassionate ethos by which she lived her life however hard our path becomes.

The task of raising funds to continue our life saving work is getting harder and harder whilst the burden of what we are being asked to deal with is getting heavier and heavier. The rescue world continues to be placed in this impossible position which seems to have as yet no ending.

In addition to the covid throw-outs the present financial situation in the country has meant that many people are desperately struggling to make ends meet and whilst for some families the pet is the first to go, in others people have literally been forced to give up a much loved family member because their finances are rock bottom or they have lost their homes and can't take their pets with them to the new accommodation or are actually living on the streets which is a heartbreaking situation. We have tried to help as many of these cases as we are able.

The specific problems caused by today's difficult financial times have hit our Charity massively because we take many of the type of dogs that the hard times have threatened the lives of and made homeless.

The current difficult financial situation also continues to make people more reluctant to make charitable donations or commit to standing orders etc. This has made the task of raising funds to carry on our vital life-saving work substantially harder.

To make the situation even harder the crazed demand for puppies during the pandemic meant that breeders had supplied any breed they could to make money. An example of this is the specialised breed of Cane Corso who make adorable pups but need experienced owners as they grow into adolescence. Before the pandemic this breed was little known in rescue. The number of these coming into rescue since the pandemic has meant that some rescues have excluded intake of them. As a rescue who has the skillset to retrain them and find them experienced homes we have taken many of them into our care and retraining rescues like ours have borne the financial burden of the greed of lockdown breeders and importers and the lack

of sense of the homes who bought puppies without researching the needs of the breed. As these homes have abandoned these dogs in increasing numbers it is rescues such as ours who have borne the final brunt.

Emergency boarding kennels are a means of saving lives for rescues desperate to save a dog and totally full at their own kennels but even at charity rates the costs can strain rescues' finances to the limit causing collapse. Because our main kennels have been continually refilled during the pandemic and its aftermath we have taken a large number of emergency boarding kennels as it was the only way to save a dog's life but the cost of this has put us under very considerable financial strain until we manage to rehome them.

We also undertake, and have continued to do so throughout the pandemic and its aftermath, many miscellaneous welfare actions such as checking the chips of dogs picked up by members of the public and returning the dogs to their owners; working with organisations trying to locate stolen dogs by going out to check the chips of suspected stolen dogs and then transporting them back to their owners; giving free training advice to owners to enable them to keep their dogs; holding dogs whilst owners are temporarily unable to look after them.

Our 'social service' function has been overwhelming and exacerbated by a world in chaos. We are increasingly inundated daily with desperate calls from the public who are in trouble with their dogs and thinking of putting them to sleep as they have tried every rescue and everyone has said no. We never turn our backs on the humans and we try to help in every way we can to attempt to keep the dogs in their homes if it is a good home. We do this with free retraining advice, advice to get their dogs checked at the vets in case the problems they are experiencing are due to veterinary issues, emotional support and back up in every way we can. This is a very emotionally exhausting process but it is a means that lives can be saved.

We do not charge for our compassionate work and update the owners of any dogs we take into our care regularly with videos and photographs to try to ease their pain.

The pandemic has ushered in an era when rules have been rewritten and a whole new way of working to the optimum to save as many lives as possible has had to be devised. We have tried in every way to be there to catch as many dogs as they fall but the strain and the workload has been overwhelming.

Working truly on the front line of rescue we are known for flexibly going where others fear to tread. We rescue dogs abandoned in empty houses, gardens and where people have been taken to hospital with covid. We go out at night and enter undesirable areas. We do whatever

is needed simply because the dogs need us to be brave. We had to rush to rescue Poppy who was hidden in a shed. She had been given to a man high on drugs who had decided to kill her and was looking for her. Poppy is now in foster and soon to be adopted by her fosterers. Blossom was rescued from a cocaine dealer.

We take many dogs who are imminently due to be put to sleep or are already on the vets' tables. With the large numbers of dogs now being taken to be put to sleep vets need our help even more than ever.

Examples of our assistance to vets are: We were asked by the vets to help Remi who had been mated with a much larger bullbreed and it was thought that the pups had died inside her. The owner was not prepared to fund any veterinary care and was threatening to just let her go. She needed a scan and an emergency spay if the puppies were dead which was indeed the case. The Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals who support our work very kindly funded her spay. Remi has now been rehomed. We rescued 2 year old Billy a few hours before his pts appointment at the vets. The vets had been ringing rescues in the hope that they would not have to put this young Kelpie to sleep who was the victim of his owners' inexperience of the Kelpie breed.

Examples of our work with the pounds include: Gus who was just about to go on a van to be pts at the pound but instead the van brought him to our emergency boarding kennels as we agreed to take him at the very last minute to save his life. Gus is still under a training programme. Ludo who had been crated and witnessed frequent domestic violence and who was brought to the pound by the police. In the pound he had shut down and come up in lumps through the stress. He is doing really well and is now up for rehoming. We only had a few hours to rescue Frank who was terrified and would not come out of the corner of his kennel at the pound. The pound said if we could come and get him out they would release him to us which we did under tremendous time pressure. He is doing really well in a retraining and confidence boosting programme with us. Elderly Teddy and Rio came into the pound when their owners died and were considered too old to be rehomed by the pound. Rio has been rehomed and we are still looking for the perfect home for Teddy. Dave had been found tethered and emaciated. He had such a bad skin condition that it was thought he might have an underlying veterinary condition and none of the rescues wanted to risk the financial implications of taking him on. He had already been moved to the final kennel in the block which was the one which held the dogs due to be euthanased next. We took Dave unconditionally and with careful and experienced welfare he has been returned to full condition and is ready for rehoming.

Our work in the community include GSD Trevor who had been rescued by a man from a gang of youths who were about to

throw him out of a car but only had a shed to keep him in. Chained and in great distress, his cries meant that the neighbours sought our help and we travelled over to get him out of the shed. He has now been happily rehomed. Hunter, Harvey and Leo are just three examples of untrained covid pups who were due for pts because their families could not cope with them as the grew. Leo has now been rehomed. We go above and beyond in our mission to save lives and we spent all night talking down Tom's owner who had only had him a couple of days since his original owner died. He was threatening to dump him, shoot him etc and we finally got him to bring him to our kennels.

We extend our compassionate ethos to humans in pain because through circumstances beyond their control they have to give up much loved pets. Hence we have taken in dogs owned by people with serious or terminal illnesses and suffering with covid who are no longer able to care for them; dogs belonging to the homeless and those who have been evicted, been imprisoned, suffered family breakdowns and domestic violence. Those unable to afford to keep their dog because of the current financial situation has greatly added to the number of requests for help. Alfie came into our care at the age of 17 years because his owner was suffering domestic abuse and had been taken to a refuge.

Because we are one of the very few rescues offering retraining, rehabilitation, socialisation and recuperation, we are often the first port of call for rescuers trying help dogs who have suffered abuse, neglect and mismanagement and other rescues who have taken in dogs whom they are unable to cope with because they do not have their own retraining facilities. A very bad rescue closed down and the owner went to prison and we were asked to take traumatised Carly who would not come out of one of the kennels of the closed rescue. She has now been rehomed. We later rescued George from the same rescue who had been abandoned in the forest with two other dogs before the owner of the rescue was imprisoned. They were taken to the pound but there were no offers for George so he was due to be put to sleep. He is now in retraining with us.

We have taken in a large number of dogs directly from other rescues who would have put them to sleep if we did not help or were closing down because of the pressure that the pandemic had placed upon them. The number of dogs taken from other rescues has increased substantially since the pandemic and places an extreme burden on us. 13 year old Stanley had been alone with his dead owner's body for 5 days before he was discovered and taken to the pound and then taken on by a rescue. He was then placed in foster with them. Stanley was in pain from his teeth and traumatised by his experiences and he did not settle in foster. The volunteers of that rescue asked us to take him and we

took him on the morning he was due to be put to sleep. He has now had a full dental and is settled in long term foster with a fosterer who adores him. Patch the spaniel was due to be put to sleep by another rescue. He has come on in leaps and bounds with retraining starting from scratch and will soon be ready for rehoming.

This of course has substantially increased the number of dogs in our care at our main kennels and in emergency boarding which is putting a tremendous strain on us. The pandemic and the post pandemic crisis have meant that in order to save the lives of dogs who had no time to wait for a kennel space and would have died if we had not helped them, we have had to take additional emergency boarding kennels because fewer and fewer dogs are able to find an alternative rescue space because the rescue world is totally overwhelmed. Our choice has been either to take another emergency boarding kennel or let the dog die. We are constantly moving dogs from these emergency boarding kennels to our main kennels as dogs are rehomed and spaces become available but it is a slow process due to the retraining needs of the majority of our dogs.

The highlight of the year was the honour of being chosen to receive one of the prestigious 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary awards from the amazing Jean Sainsburys Animal Welfare Trust in the form of a beautiful thermal 10 kennel block which has allowed us to move 10 dogs from emergency boarding to our main kennels on a rolling basis as each dog is rehomed and thus lessens our financial load. We have always had to repair and maintain our kennels so brand new kennels has been such a wonderful thing to experience and we are so very grateful to this wonderful Trust for the amazing support they give us.

Rehoming has been constant with each rehoming a minor miracle as every dog in our kennels would have died if we had not taken them and we have filled empty kennels with new intake and paired up where possible. Our policy is for potential adopters to meet the dogs as many times as needed before they are able to take the dogs home as we feel that this is an essential part of making sure that the adopters and the dogs themselves are both happy that the match is the right one.

The situation with our charity shops is that we permanently lost our most profitable charity shop in Sheffield. Our lease expired on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 and the landlord refused to renew it unless we paid full rent and guaranteed this for three years which was impossible for us because of the uncertainties of the pandemic. Our other two shops are now open again and doing well. We tragically lost the manageress of our Conisbrough shop who was the heart and soul of the shop and is greatly missed.

Under the expert guidance of our kennels team our dogs are placed into

stable forever homes that are suited to the needs of both the dog and the adopters. These are dogs who without Doris Banham would definitely have died, and it is very motivating what can be achieved through care in our throw-away society and how we can restore to these dogs their rightful importance and value. However, the whole process is a huge and overwhelming challenge but one that we are dedicated to meet. When we take a dog into our care it is impossible to ascertain how long that dog will be with us before they are ready to go into a home or what problems we will have to overcome to make them ready for rehoming

In addition to truly unconditional rescue, we also ensure that 100% of funds are spent directly on rescuing the dogs to whom they belong. In this way the more funds we raise equates directly to the number of dogs that we can afford to save. We just see ourselves as a hub through which the funds pass enabling them to be changed into what the dogs need. We are all unpaid volunteers with no administration costs and owning no property. We are open to help a dog in need 365 days a year, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Our commitment to providing the best possible veterinary treatment for our rescued dogs and the fact that many of them have been abandoned because of an acute or chronic veterinary condition which needs treatment, means we have established excellent relationships with many veterinary practices, whose discounts have enabled us to maximise our veterinary treatment.

In 2013 we were awarded the Burgess/Wetnose Best Dog Rescue Centre, in 2019 the IFAW Animal Action Award for Dog Rescue and in 2020 Charity Champion Award – Amplifon Awards for Brave Britons. Our rescue has been featured on Panorama, Inside Out and in newspapers and magazines such as Dog's Today, and Dog's World. We were the only small rescue invited to be featured alongside the RSPCA, Battersea Dogs Home and Dog Trust in the Panorama programme entitled Britain's Unwanted Pets and Tom Heap spent days travelling with us and experienced saving 8 dogs from pounds on just one of those days who would definitely have died without our help. We were this year nominated for the Petplan & ADCH Animal Charity Award and received an award from SEIB in recognition of our inspiring work.

Social media and all administration is carried out by our volunteers who are also front line and we have a thriving facebook - dorisbanhamuk with 28,000 likes which is gathering support and momentum every day. We have a 5-star rating on facebook. We also have an auction and fundraising group and a happy ever afters group for updates on rehomed dogs. Through our facebook, supporters see and become involved with the dogs we rescue from death and witness how they are transformed into lovely homeable dogs. We constantly invite supporters to fund specific dogs and have promoted our kennel sponsorship scheme. Because of the pandemic we replaced our social activities with online fund raising and we are still continuing to operate this high degree of

online activities. We have extended our Friends of Doris Banham membership package, held auctions, raffles, sales and continuous appeals on facebook and local media. Our lottery started this year and is growing in momentum. We are still being supported with some of our food by Jack Robinson a Sheffield United footballer who approached us during the pandemic and who has agreed to become a patron. We continually promote Easy Fundraising.

Many fund-raising events, auctions and challenges are organised. Many supporters have dedicated their weddings and birthdays to us and we receive 80% of the proceeds of one holiday chalet and a contribution from another chalet. We also have jewellery makers and crafters making goods free of charge to enable us to raise 100% of the proceeds for the Charity. We also have some talented portrait artists who allow us to raffle commissioned portraits of people's pets. Organisations such as The Crossbreeds Trike Club have held rallies for us which has been brilliant and the wonderful Lush has held a Charity Pot event for us.

We are so very grateful to the dog food manufacturers, dog food banks and food support organisations etc who have donated pallets of dog food to us. With so many dogs from such poor and abusive circumstances in our care a constant supply of nutritious food is one of the vital tools we have to mend and rehabilitate them and such wonderful support in this aspect of their rehabilitation and recuperation is so very appreciated. This has become even more vitally important during the present national animal welfare crisis when the number of emaciated dogs coming into our care is sharply increasing. We are also very grateful to other rescues who donate to us their surplus food because of the work that we do.

We owe so much to our thousands of supporters whom we call 'our army of animal angels' who together rise to the challenge time and time again to help to fund desperate dogs who need to come into our care to save their lives. Many of these wonderful supporters have little but give whatever they can through their compassion and generosity to save a dog's life and many drops can make an ocean. Many give us monthly standing orders which allows us to plan our life saving activities.

Many supporters have sponsored kennels for a year through our kennel sponsorship scheme which is a Godsend to us and we have had some large donations from amazing animal lovers which have made such a difference and saved many lives during times when the burden upon us has been at its greatest.

We are constantly following up any avenues which would produce more income for the charity in our desperate attempt to survive to carry on our life-saving work.

As always we owe so very much to the wonderful support of the amazing animal welfare trusts and organisations who have awarded us grants and we have been so privileged to received their support. Without these

amazing organisations Charities would not be able to survive and their generosity and compassion have given us the means to save countless lives for which we are eternally grateful.

We are so very grateful for the wonderful support of the The Pets Foundation with the donated pallets scheme, grants and our warm and rewarding community partnership with Grantham Pets at Home store.

We are constantly seeking sponsorship for our kennels so that we know that we have a funded kennel available for a dog due to be pts. We can sometimes have as little as a couple of hours or less notice by telephone that a dog is due to die and it is vital to us to know that we have a kennel that we can fund available immediately to be a safe house for that dog. If we say yes the dog lives and if we say no the dog dies and that is a terrible burden as we are literally the last chance for that dog to live. Thus, we can never relax 24 hours a day 365 days a year as we never know when the next urgent dog will come in.

Our quarantine kennels continue to be a Godsend to us and we are constantly searching for increased funding for them. Isolation should always be the first responsible step for any dog coming into rescue especially from the pounds. A two-week isolation period for veterinary treatment including vaccination, worming, defleaing etc. and temperament assessment is of paramount importance to protect the existing dogs in the kennels and also potential adopters and their existing pets.

Our dedicated main kennels are manned by an amazing team of animal lovers who provide a complete care, retraining and rehoming package. Their loyalty and love of our charity's dogs has driven this level of support. Our kennels need to be experienced and dedicated enough to care for dogs direct from the pound who are frightened, traumatized and may have ailments or veterinary conditions. It is vital that they should be admitted to an experienced kennels where the level of care, skill and dedication is amply sufficient to meet the needs of these dogs. Our kennels allow us to securely house, care for, nurse, medicate, retrain, socialize, walk, exercise, and rehome the dogs rescued by the Charity. The kennels need to be able to deal with all variety of dogs - x breeding bitches, abused dogs, x bait dogs, dogs in need of veterinary treatment, emaciated dogs needing multiple small feeds, untrained young dogs, frail elderly dogs, dogs who have lived in sheds, gardens and alleys and provide them with everything they need to make them well, happy dogs ready for rehoming. Our care package for each dog includes in addition to the services normally provided by a kennels a complete welfare package: positive reward-based retraining, socialisation, logging and organising neutering, vaccination, worming and microchipping, visits to the vets, administration of medication and special diets, nursing and recuperation, collection of dogs from the pounds, rehoming, home checking and administration of all these services etc. At our kennels the dogs thrive and become happy dogs again and are found stable loving

forever homes. People often remark how shiny and waggy-tailed the dogs are and how amazed they are, when walking our dogs, that the dogs pull back to kennels so keen are they to get home! Rarely does a dog have to come back into our care and then it is usually because family circumstances have changed rather than any fault on the part of the dog. We offer every dog whom we home a lifelong guarantee to come back into our care should they need to so that they never end up in the pound again.

The two weeks they spend in the isolation kennels is the vital starting point both for veterinary treatment and retraining needs. Each dog is different and will be with us as long as it takes for us to complete the final piece of the jigsaw of saving their lives and that is finding them a forever home. During this time an individual tailored plan is devised which is suited to the needs of that particular dog.

Our main kennels where Doris Banham occupies all the kennels on site operates in the most cost-effective way for us to give the maximum benefit to the maximum number of rescued dogs. The expert services the kennels provide and the dedication they exhibit to the dogs in their care is outstanding and this combined with their professional skills means that we can offer to our dogs a service which far outweighs anything we could afford to provide at a centre run by volunteers and also at a cheaper cost than it would cost to run a centre providing the same facilities and funding the extra services provided. In this way we are able to give each dog a complete care, recuperation and retraining package at the minimal cost of £3.80 per dog per night.

In fact at this cost we operate a complete service from collection and newly admitted dog (who is unknown territory when they arrive as to what we will have to deal with) to a dog ready in every way for their forever home. If we had to outsource all these included additional services, we would not be able to save the lives of so many dogs. Retraining is undertaken daily by the same people thereby building trust and consistency. The trainers are producing fantastic results with the dogs with positive reward based training methods and turning dogs around and giving them a fresh new start in life. Our volunteers visit the kennels to walk and interact with the dogs giving the dogs extra exercise, lead training and human interaction. The kennels can when required offer 24 hr care for a poorly or traumatised dog and are also happy to be on call 24 hour a day 365 days a year to go out and pick up or admit a dog in need.

There are no dogs in our kennels who would not be dead if we had not taken them into our care, as they had no options left to save their lives and no time left to search for any as we seek other rescue spaces right up to the day the destruction is due to ensure that there are no other avenues available to save the dog's life. Our team of trainers and carers is second to none and work tirelessly to mend the dogs in body and spirit and we are very proud of our rehoming rate.

Front line dog rescue is extremely physically hard and emotionally

demanding work and we are really proud of our brave and dedicated volunteers who make many personal sacrifices to carry out their life saving work. Often witnessing the condition of dogs arriving from the pound is very painful but being able to help them and seeing these dogs, who have suffered and definitely would have died, thriving and finding loving homes reinforces and heartens them.

The pandemic and the post pandemic period have added an additional challenge to the challenges we were already facing – saving dogs from being put to sleep in the pounds. The UK has a serious and heart-breaking stray problem that still needs to be addressed simultaneously with the crisis caused by the pandemic. UK strays are kennelled away from the public eye and their desperate plight is not always appreciated by the public in general as the dogs and their condition are not visible on the streets. We continue to strive to highlight their plight with the goal of improving their dire situation. We also seek to raise public awareness of the dangers of irresponsible over-breeding and promote high standards of animal welfare, neutering and the adoption of rescue dogs

We are proud of what we do, as we are successfully rehoming dogs who may not be immediately rehomeable when they first come from the pounds and need veterinary treatment, patience, expert positive reward-based retraining, skill and TLC after the bad start in life they have experienced. Under the expert guidance of our kennels team our dogs are placed into stable forever homes that are suited to the needs of both the dog and the adopters. These are dogs who without Doris Banham would have died, who often had only numbers not names and whose death would only have been marked by a log in a book and it is very motivating what can be achieved through care in our throw-away society and how we can restore to these dogs their rightful importance and value. However, the whole process is a huge one but one that we are dedicated to meet.

Our policy of giving lifelong backup to our rehomed dogs, should their circumstances change in their new homes, is one of the cornerstones of our Charity. It is our greatest desire that the dogs should have us as a safety net for the rest of their lives, being able always to come back into our care so that they never re-enter the pound system again. We are totally non-destruct whilst quality of life can be achieved and we are relentless in our pursuit of this. Dogs with manageable veterinary conditions who do not receive homing offers are moved to long term foster and sanctuary and attempts to find them the right home are continued from that foster home/sanctuary place.

The ultimate and overriding goal of everything that we do is to reunite the dogs with their original owners who had not been able to locate them in time to save their lives in our complicated pound system. But if this is not possible, we strive to find the dogs the loving forever homes that they deserve providing them with whatever veterinary treatment, rehabilitation, socialization or retraining they need to make this possible. All our dogs are neutered vaccinated and micro-chipped.

In addition to our work rescuing dogs already in the pound system, we also continue to work to reduce the number of dogs entering the pound system in the first place. To this end we have put in place some specialist volunteers who respond to owners who have tried every avenue to place the dog that they feel unable to keep and have come to us as a last resort before they hand their dog into the pound. First establishing if this is a loving and stable home that they would want the dog to stay in, these volunteers discuss with the owners the problems that have led to the situation where they feel they are forced to give up their loved pet - be they social or behavioural and attempt to assist them to keep their pet in their family. This can entail giving free behaviourist training for problems such as barking or chewing or training a puppy or if the problem is a social one such as the owner having to go away to care for a relative for a while or is searching for housing that will permit animals, organising for the dog to be cared for in the meantime. Every case is different and is always managed with the dog's well-being of paramount importance. Many owners have responded very positively to this, grateful to have found a way to keep a pet they did not really want to lose but could not see a way around their problems. Many owners have gone on to become volunteers for the charity themselves.

We continue to work in cooperation with pounds, councils, and dog wardens believing that building up a stable working relationship is the most beneficial means of saving the dogs' lives and encourage them to approach us if they are going to destroy a dog with a treatable or manageable veterinary condition merely because of the cost

Despite concentrating our efforts on saving the lives of the dogs at present in the pounds and working to improve pound conditions and ethos, Doris Banham Dog Rescue also wishes to play a meaningful role in attempting to stem the problem at its source. We also actively seek to educate the public on the pound system in the UK and promote high standards of animal welfare and the principle that sentient animals are not disposable commodities to be exploited.

Our rehoming volunteers are continuing to work tirelessly to find stable and loving forever homes for our rescue dogs. The volunteers from breed rescues continue to be a very important asset for us and we are also being helped by breed welfare rescues themselves when we take into our care one of their breed dogs which they are unable to help themselves.

We stress to the public the unfair connotations of the term "stray" simply because pound dogs are merely lost, abandoned and stolen pets unclaimed by their owners within the 7 statutory days allocated before the council is empowered to destroy them. We continually strive to promote responsible dog ownership stressing the importance of neutering, micro chipping, vaccination and socialisation.

Volunteers and supporters are particularly attracted to our strict policy that 100% donations are spent directly on the dogs themselves as we

have no administration costs. Volunteers know they are giving their precious time directly to the dogs and that encourages and motivates them.

We encourage young people to take an active part in taking responsibility for the dogs. Many will save their pocket money or do sales to raise funds for a particular dog and follow that dog through until they are homed. It is our belief that education of the young is at the roots of improving animal welfare into the future.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

It is not the policy of the Trustees to maintain significant reserves.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Charity's principal sources of funds are donations, fund-raising, grants from animal welfare organisations and sponsorships. The funds have been spent on veterinary fees, kennelling and care, emergency kennelling and transport which support the Charity's key objectives of saving lives and alleviating suffering.

## Section F

## Other optional information


100% of funds raised are used to save the lives and alleviate the suffering of unclaimed dogs due for destruction in council pounds or other life threatening situations who are imminently due to die. We work with veterinary surgeries, the police, social service and other organisations and owners in tragic circumstances. The present national animal welfare crisis which has ensued in the aftermath of the pandemic has overwhelmed us with the demand to rescue abandoned 'covid pups' to save them from being put to sleep. This additional massive workload has been placed on us in addition to our normal excessively heavy rescue workload. We are all unpaid volunteers who believe in what we do. We offer a lifelong guarantee to dogs homed by us to take them back into our care to ensure they never enter the pound system again. We are also unique in that every single dog that is taken into our care would definitely have died without our intervention as we exhaust all other rescue options and often wait until the day that the destruction is due to take place to take the dog in. We believe that the criteria for rescue should be the need of the dog and not its breed or immediate homeability and take great pride in finding a loving home for a once traumatised dog who with our help and care has learnt to trust and find his place in the world again

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Trudie Elizabeth James	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair Trustee	

**Date** 30/10/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>DORIS BANHAM DOG RESCUE</b>	No (if any) 1103372
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary	404,425	-	-	404,425	301,980
PayPal	-	-	-	-	7,378
Kennels	12,751	-	-	12,751	9,212
Other Trading Activities	30,601	-	-	30,601	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>447,777</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>447,777</b>	<b>318,570</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>447,777</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>447,777</b>	<b>318,570</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Transport	7,738	-	-	7,738	14,171
Kenneling	294,201	-	-	294,201	208,373
Veterinary	67,238	-	-	67,238	78,536
Misc	2,710	-	-	2,710	1,318
Charity Shops	7,877	-	-	7,877	5,815
Fundraising	1,592	-	-	1,592	2,348
Bank	35,137	-	-	35,137	353
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>416,494</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>416,494</b>	<b>310,914</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>416,494</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>416,494</b>	<b>310,914</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>31,283</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,283</b>	<b>7,656</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,933	-	-	3,933	11,589
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>27,350</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,350</b>	<b>3,933</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		27,350	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	27,350	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>T. E James.</i>	Trudie E James	30/10/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

DORIS BANHAM DOG RESCUE

On accounts for the year ended

31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023

Charity no (if any)

1103872

Set out on pages

1 and 2

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 explanations from the 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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:

[Signature]

Date:

30/10/2024

Name:

HELEN MCCARTHY

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

SOCIAL SERVICES HOME CARE MANAGER (RETIRED)

Address: 80 LONSDALE DRIVE OAKWOOD  
ENFIELD  
EN2 7LP

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.

N/A

**DORIS BANHAM DOG RESCUE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1103372

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 1 <sup>st</sup>	Month January	Year 2022		Day 31 <sup>st</sup>	Month December	Year 2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Doris Banham Dog Rescue

**Other names charity is known by** The Doris Banham Sanctuary

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1103372

**Charity's principal address** Doris Banham Dog Rescue, Wells Lane Cottage, Wells Lane, Cottam.

**Postcode** DN22 0EZ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Trudie James	Chairman Trustee		
2	Paul Davis	Trustee		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Trust
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How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust Deed
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Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by Trustees
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### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve the suffering of abandoned dogs who are in need by reason of being unwanted, unhealthy, sick, old, abused, maltreated, disturbed, unpredictable, in poor circumstances or similar causes by the provision of a home, care, medication and veterinary attention with the aim of rehabilitation and rehoming or enabling the dogs to live out their lives in a comfortable and caring environment
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**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Our Charity is always vigilant in adhering to the Charity Commission's Guidelines on public benefit. We provide a service to society by saving the lives and alleviating the suffering of society's lost, stolen and abandoned dogs which have been placed in council pounds and have not been claimed by their owners within the statutory seven days and other dogs in life threatening situations. We actively seek to locate original owners, working with dog lost sites. We also provide healthy and homeable dogs to the qualifying public who are looking for a loving pet. All our rehomed dogs are neutered and vaccinated and re-educated if necessary. Our full lifelong rescue back up provides the public with peace when taking on a canine companion. We also provide help and advice for dog owners. We co-ordinate rescue placements for lost and abandoned dogs with appropriate rescue centres. Over-breeding of puppies for profit has caused a significant problem within our society particularly as a large proportion of the dogs bred by non-reputable breeders are homed without proper care and responsibility. This has led to a large number of dogs being abandoned and ultimately ending up as stray dogs in council pounds. We extend our compassionate ethos to and provide a flexible people friendly service to those in tragic and unfortunate circumstances such as the homeless and evicted, terminally ill, those going into care and prison etc who have to give up loved pets and we ease human pain by keeping in contact with original owners and providing updates, pictures etc. We are often the last port of call for vets, the police and social services who do not wish to euthanase an animal. Alongside our frontline active rescue work, we also strive to highlight the stray situation in order to seek solutions. We work with dog wardens and councils to seek improved pound conditions and animal welfare standards. Our work within the pounds enhances compassion and changes ethos thus improving the position of the stray dog. We also helped to promote compulsory micro chipping. Our volunteers are trained to microchip and microchip our own dogs. We also use our community-based shops as centres to promote awareness of the stray situation and as education centres giving advice on pet welfare.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Front line pound rescue where lives are at stake and euthanasia deadlines have to be beaten is a very painful task and can only be carried out by those who truly believe in what they are doing. Our Charity seeks to operate as an animal welfare rescue operation saving the lives and alleviating the suffering of dogs who are due to die because they have not been reclaimed by their owners within the 7 statutory days that the law gives an owner to find and reclaim their dogs. We also save the lives of: at the request of the police, dogs who had been released from police kennels; at the request of vets, dogs who had been brought in by their owners for euthanasia; at the request of social services, the dogs of people who are in dire circumstances or had contracted covid - (fear of infection from covid made these dogs at risk due to the reluctance to go in to pick them up and what they might carry on their fur); dogs at risk because their rescues had been forced to close down or they were unable to manage the dog; dogs in dangerous life-threatening situations such as those at risk of being used for baiting and fighting, owned by drug gangs or back street breeders.

We are always the dogs' 'Last Chance to Live and we exhaust all alternative options for a dog before we take them into our care. All the dogs in our kennels would have died if we had not rescued them. The post pandemic animal welfare crisis has massively magnified our workload.

The Charity has no defined hierarchy but is run by a superb team of extremely dedicated volunteers who give their services free of charge. In this way 100% of the donations and grants are spent on rescuing and rehoming the dogs thus enabling us to maximise the service we can provide on the funds received. We are dependent on the dedication of these volunteers who believe in what we do to enable us to continue our work.

Through their shared love of dogs, their sense of injustice at what is happening to them and their belief in the value of all life they perform an exceptional service to animals and to the society. So very much is demanded of them as they may be called upon to save a life at any time day or night. Journey times are long and the work within the pounds is very harrowing.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Our Charity was set up in dedication to the founder's Mother Doris Banham and will always rigidly reflect the compassionate ethos by which she lived her life. We are proud to say that we have stayed rigidly steadfast to our founding principles of unconditional rescue of the most needy dogs regardless of breed, age or veterinary condition, giving them whatever they need and finding them the forever homes that they always deserved.

Our Charity works at the very front line of dog rescue. Our path is a very hard one as we have almost totally always rescued dogs from pounds and secondly, we unconditionally take into our care those who have not received any other rescue offers and are due for destruction. We have never ever selected a dog – we are always informed which ones need us. We seek other rescue spaces right up to the day the destruction is due to ensure that there are no other avenues available to save the dog's life. Dogs fail to get rescue spaces for many reasons. They may simply be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Even young dogs under a year with no problems sometimes are due to die needlessly simply because a rescue space is not available at that point in time to save them. Some may need veterinary treatment or retraining and many are the exploited popular breeds - victims of irresponsible overbreeding. Our mission is to save their lives and then turn them around into loving rehomeable dogs ready for forever homes. We consider every homing is a minor triumph in righting the wrongs our throwaway society has caused and we are so very proud of our constant rehoming rate.

We worked actively and front line throughout the pandemic as it quickly became evident that dogs were also its victims and that they were suffering an acute welfare crisis. Seeing other services such as vets, the police, pounds, social services etc were struggling to operate without the normal full back up of dog rescue services we felt it was our duty to step up and play our part so we did not close to survive but actively worked to try to help. The homeless, those suffering from covid and people in other dire circumstances were even more in need of help with their dogs and we are proud of what we achieved during this time but the work was exhausting for our Charity.

However no-one was prepared for the overwhelming animal welfare crisis which was to hit rescue as the pandemic receded and people began to resume their busy lives. A crisis arose that we have not seen the like of in the 20 years of our existence and has tested our survival to its limits as young dogs have been thrown out of their homes in unprecedented numbers and rescues have been overwhelmed by the sheer number of them. We have tried in every way to be there to catch as many dogs as they fall but the strain and the workload has been overwhelming.

In response to the crazed surge in demand for dogs during covid many including those from pounds have been rehomed without checks. Puppies have been in high demand and many have been shipped into the country as small fluffy easy dogs who have now grown into large adolescent dogs. Puppies bought as companions and 'time fillers' during the lock downs were suddenly unwanted. Some because the family could not cope with the growing dog and some because the dogs had been bought as companions and distractions during lockdown and now that life was resuming and people were free to do what they wanted they simply didn't want them any more.

These dogs, back street bred or shipped into the country to feed the demand, have been homed without checks to families often unsuitable for the dogs.

In addition to the covid throw-outs the present financial situation in the country has meant that many people are desperately struggling to make ends meet and whilst for some families the pet is the first to go, in others people have literally been forced to give up a much loved family member because their finances are rock bottom or they have lost their homes and can't take their pets with them to the new accommodation or are actually living on the streets which is a heartbreaking situation. We have tried to help as many of these cases as we are able.

The specific problems caused by today's difficult financial times have hit our Charity massively because we take many of the type of dogs that the hard times have threatened the lives of and made homeless.

The current difficult financial situation also continues to make people more reluctant to make charitable donations or commit to standing orders etc. This has made the task of raising funds to carry on our vital life-saving work substantially harder.

Rescues have collapsed through lack of funds and those rescues who would have taken complex dogs have become overwhelmed and closed their doors.

To make the situation even harder the crazed demand for puppies during the pandemic meant that breeders had supplied any breed they could to make money. An example of this is the specialised breed of Cane Corso who make adorable pups but need experienced owners as they grow into adolescence. The number of these coming into rescue has meant that some rescues have excluded intake of them. One of our adolescent Cane Corsos called Vincent is now ready for rehoming but we had to restart his retraining from scratch as if he was a young

puppy. When he came into our care as he was due to be put to sleep he was totally out of control and his stomach and intestines were full of chewed up children's toys.

The situation has been particularly difficult for our rescue as we are known as 'Their Last Chance to Live' and a retraining facility known to save the lives of the larger and more difficult to home cases particularly those needing retraining and now the UK is filled with them. As the abandoned 'covid pups' have been for the vast majority unsocialised and untrained requests for our help have exploded. This has been particularly exacerbated because so many of the abandoned dogs have also been of very large breeds and specialised breeds who need experienced and specialised owners and beyond the skillset of many rescues. We have been literally inundated and overwhelmed with requests from such homes or from vets where the dogs had been taken to be put to sleep.

We have had to try to deal with this onslaught in addition to the areas we usually rescue from i.e. death row pound dogs who have been unclaimed following their 7 days in a council pound; at the request of the police, dogs who had been released from police kennels; at the request of vets, dogs who had been brought in by their owners for euthanasia; at the request of social services, the dogs of people who are in dire circumstances or had contracted covid - (fear of infection from covid made these dogs at risk due to the reluctance to go in to pick them up and what they might carry on their fur); dogs at risk because their rescues had been forced to close down; dogs in dangerous life-threatening situations such as those at risk of being used for baiting and fighting, owned by drug gangs or back street breeders.

As we are their 'last chance to live' all the dogs we take in have received no other rescue offers and are facing pts and will definitely die if we do not save them. They are almost always in need of urgent veterinary treatment or retraining which has stopped other rescues from wanting to take them into their care – hence their desperate plight. Thus our job has always been a harder one as our kennels are filled with dogs who would have died without our help and who are undergoing retraining, rehabilitation, veterinary treatment, recuperation and tlc before they are ready for rehoming. Since the pandemic the number of dogs needing this type of help has sky rocketed.

The task of raising funds to continue our life saving work is getting harder and harder whilst the burden of what we are being asked to deal with is getting heavier and heavier. The rescue world continues to be placed in this impossible position which seems to have as yet no ending.

Because we are one of the very few rescues offering retraining, rehabilitation, socialisation and recuperation, we have always been the final chance for dogs who have suffered abuse, neglect and mismanagement. Rescuers have always tried to keep our rescue spaces for the most demanding dogs but come to us for help if the dog is imminently due to be put to sleep and there are no other rescue offers for them.

Also the number of requests from other rescues who have taken in dogs whom they are unable to cope with is greatly accelerating and placing a massive pressure on us as we are the last chance for these dogs before their rescues put them to sleep.

At the same time there has been a surplus of emergency boarding kennels available at private boarding kennels because of the pandemic affecting the taking of foreign holidays and reducing private boarders. These emergency boarding kennels are a means of saving lives for rescues desperate to save a dog and totally full at their own kennels but even at charity rates the costs can strain rescues' finances to the limit causing collapse.

Because our main kennels have been continually refilled during the pandemic we have taken a large number of emergency boarding kennels as it was the only way to save a dog's life but the cost of this has put us under very considerable financial strain.

We also undertake, and have continued to do so throughout the pandemic, many miscellaneous welfare actions such as checking the chips of dogs picked up by members of the public and returning the dogs to their owners; working with organisations trying to locate stolen dogs by going out to check the chips of suspected stolen dogs and then transporting them back to their owners; giving free training advice to owners to enable them to keep their dogs; holding dogs whilst owners are temporarily unable to look after them.

Our 'social service' function has been overwhelming. We are increasingly inundated daily with desperate calls from the public who are in trouble with their dogs and thinking of putting them to sleep as they have tried every rescue and everyone has said no. We never turn our backs on the humans and we try to help in every way we can to attempt to keep the dogs in their homes if it is a good home. We do this with free retraining advice, advice to get their dogs checked at the vets in case the problems they are experiencing are due to veterinary issues, emotional support and back up in every way we can. This is a very emotionally exhausting process but it is a means that lives

can be saved.

We do not charge for our compassionate work and update the owners regularly with videos and photographs to try to ease their pain.

The pandemic has been a time when rules have been rewritten and a whole new way of working to the optimum to save as many lives as possible has had to be devised. We have tried in every way to be there to catch as many dogs as they fall but the strain and the workload has been overwhelming.

Working truly on the front line of rescue we are known for flexibly going where others fear to tread. We rescue dogs abandoned in empty houses, gardens and where people have been taken to hospital with covid. We go out at night and enter undesirable areas. We do whatever is needed simply because the dogs need us to be brave. We had to go into an empty drugs flat to rescue Rolo who was in a crate. His owner was in hospital and those left in the flat were intent on doing Rolo harm

We take many dogs who are imminently due to be put to sleep or are already on the vets' tables. This is a review from a man who was actually outside the vets waiting for his euthanasia appointment for his dog Mikka who is an akita cross. He was being forced to put his dog to sleep by other family members and he was desperate "I found out about Doris Banham at literally the last minute waiting outside the vets. I couldn't believe what I was hearing and at given where I was and what was about to happen, they were literally a life saver. From my experience with Doris Banham, you can really tell that these people love dogs and have a true passion in what they do.

This charity needs more funding, recognition and more people need to know about the great work they do.

Thanks so much to everyone at DBDR, you are a great bunch of people



Examples of our work include: Rocky from police kennels a 12-year-old staffy who is underweight and has some arthritis in his legs. He is in emergency boarding at the moment but we are actively searching for a foster home.

Tragic mastiff cross Nova's time had run out at the pound after the pound had searched for months to find a space for her. Bred from and dumped in an emaciated state, Nova had suffered from Entropion and although young her eyesight was poor. She is recuperating with us at the moment and we are trying to build her weight and condition. Other examples of death row pound dogs are beautiful soft Daisy who is a mastiff and Oreo, also a mastiff, who needs retraining. Both dogs had suffered intense abuse with Daisy regularly being beaten up by her owner who invited his friends to join in and Oreo who was kept in a shed where the family would regularly come to beat him with brooms and mops including the children. Che a rotti cross came from a

domestic violence situation where the mother and young children were put into a hostel which would not take the dog. This was a very sad situation. We are keeping the owner up to date. Mason and Rio were untrained unsocialised covid puppies whose owners could not cope with them.

We also undertake many miscellaneous welfare actions such as checking the chips of dogs picked up by members of the public and returning the dogs to their owners; working with organisations trying to locate stolen dogs by going out to check the chips of suspected stolen dogs and then transporting them back to their owners; giving free training advice to owners to enable them to keep their dogs; holding dogs whilst owners are temporarily unable to look after them. We do not charge for our compassionate work and update the owners regularly with videos and photographs to try to ease their pain.

We extend our compassionate ethos to humans in pain because through circumstances beyond their control they have to give up much loved pets. Hence we have taken in dogs owned by people with serious or terminal illnesses and suffering with covid who are no longer able to care for them; dogs belonging to the homeless and those who have been evicted, been imprisoned, suffered family breakdowns and domestic violence. Those unable to afford to keep their dog because of the current financial situation has greatly added to the number of requests for help.

An example is 8-month-old Simba whose owner had lost his flat and was on the streets with Simba. He rang us for desperate help as a gang of boys were trying to steal Simba from him. He had got away but he didn't know how long he could keep him safe. We immediately drove to his location and took Simba into our care. We are working with the owner with regard to Simba's rehoming. We were contacted by the social services to help little Memphis as no other rescue would help him and he was due to be put to sleep – his owner wrote "For taking a chance on my boy when no-one else would, I owe you the world". We held Dexter in our care whilst one of his original family found accommodation suitable for them to be reunited.

Vets contact us when a dog has been booked in for euthanasia or is actually on their table. This was the case for 2-year-old terrified Coco who came into our care just before Christmas

Kuba had been alone in the flat for 4 weeks after his owner died. Two Pressa Canarias Magic and Luna had been scrap yard dogs for 9 years living in dire conditions sleeping on wooden pallets exposed to the elements. The present scrap yard no longer wanted them and they were in a very dangerous situation. One of the men who visited the yard begged us to help them and

they are now in our care.

Because we are one of the very few rescues offering retraining, rehabilitation, socialisation and recuperation, we are often the first port of call for rescuers trying help dogs who have suffered abuse, neglect and mismanagement and other rescues who have taken in dogs whom they are unable to cope with because they do not have their own retraining facilities. Tragic mastiff cross Butch is an example of this. Butch had been working in a yard when he was attacked by 6 men. He was beaten and then hung on a fence, his throat sliced and repeatedly stabbed and his eye came out of the socket. Butch had survived but was naturally terrified of the world and needed confidence building retraining. Butch is doing brilliantly in our care. Little JJ is an emaciated staffy rescued from baiting. He is extremely frightened and has scars all over his body and legs.

We have taken in a large number of dogs from other rescues who would have put them to sleep if we did not help or were closing down because of the pressure that the pandemic had placed upon them. The number of dogs taken from other rescues has increased substantially over the past year and places an extreme burden on us. Jed who is a deaf bulldog came from another rescue who had decided to put him to sleep if we could not help. Retraining with Jed is going well and he is a lovely boy. It is a slow process but he will be given as long as he needs to be ready to go into the experienced home he needs. The rescue owning Bernard a rottweiler who had been starved and abused in the past had mismanaged him and begged us for help. Bernard is with us now and doing really well. Caramel and Prince both Mastiffs had been abandoned and had literally nowhere to go when their kennels closed down. The majority of dogs that rescues ask us to take are large breeds and our rescue is weighed down with a preponderance of these breeds who need careful rehoming in experienced homes.

These are just a few examples of the dogs who are alive today because we continued our vital work during and post the pandemic.

This of course has substantially increased the number of dogs in our care and currently have 150 plus dogs which is putting a tremendous strain on us. 95 dogs at our main kennels and 60 dogs at £8-£9 per night each in charity rates emergency boarding kennels. The pandemic and the post pandemic crisis have meant that in order to save the lives of dogs who had no time to wait for a kennel space and would have died if we had not helped them, we have had to take additional emergency boarding kennels because fewer and fewer dogs are able to find an alternative rescue space because the rescue world is totally

overwhelmed. Our choice has been either to take another emergency boarding kennel or let the dog die. We are constantly moving dogs from these emergency boarding kennels to our main kennels as dogs are rehomed and spaces become available but it is a slow process due to the retraining needs of the majority of our dogs.

The pandemic was a time when rules have been rewritten and during the post pandemic period rules are being rewritten again. A whole new way of working to the optimum to save as many lives as possible has had to be devised.

Rehoming has been constant but restricted by the limitations of the pandemic and post pandemic period and we have filled empty kennels with new intake and paired up where possible. Our policy is for potential adopters to meet the dogs as many times as needed before they are able to take the dogs home as we feel that this is an essential part of making sure that the adopters and the dogs themselves are both happy that the match is the right one. We have continued to do this but the pandemic has made this harder to arrange

The situation with our charity shops is that we permanently lost our most profitable charity shop in Sheffield. Our lease expired on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 and the landlord refused to renew it unless we paid full rent and guaranteed this for three years which was impossible for us. Our second shop is now open again and doing really well. Our third shop was manned by elderly vulnerable volunteers who are not yet happy to risk returning to work.

Under the expert guidance of our kennels team our dogs are placed into stable forever homes that are suited to the needs of both the dog and the adopters. These are dogs who without Doris Banham would definitely have died, and it is very motivating what can be achieved through care in our throw-away society and how we can restore to these dogs their rightful importance and value. However, the whole process is a huge and overwhelming challenge but one that we are dedicated to meet. When we take a dog into our care it is impossible to ascertain how long that dog will be with us before they are ready to go into a home or what problems we will have to overcome to make them ready for rehoming

In addition to truly unconditional rescue, we also ensure that 100% of funds are spent directly on rescuing the dogs to whom they belong. In this way the more funds we raise equates directly to the number of dogs that we can afford to save. We just see ourselves as a hub through which the funds pass enabling them to be changed into what the dogs need. We are all unpaid volunteers with no administration costs and owning no property. We are open to help a dog in need 365 days a year, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Our commitment to providing the best possible veterinary treatment for our rescued dogs and the fact that many of them have been abandoned because of an acute or chronic veterinary condition which needs treatment, means we have established excellent relationships with many veterinary practices, whose discounts have enabled us to maximise our veterinary treatment.

In 2013 we were awarded the Burgess/Wetnose Best Dog Rescue Centre, in 2019 the IFAW Animal Action Award for Dog Rescue and in 2020 Charity Champion Award – Amplifon Awards for Brave Britons. Our rescue has been featured on Panorama, Inside Out and in newspapers and magazines such as Dog's Today, and Dog's World. We were the only small rescue invited to be featured alongside the RSPCA, Battersea Dogs Home and Dog Trust in the Panorama programme entitled Britain's Unwanted Pets and Tom Heap spent days travelling with us and experienced saving 8 dogs from pounds on just one of those days who would definitely have died without our help

Social media and all administration have in the past been carried out by our volunteers who are also front line because of the extent of our front-line work but now with the help of dedicated volunteer administrative volunteers we have a thriving facebook - dorisbanhamuk with 27,000 likes and followers which is gathering support and momentum every day. We have a 5-star rating. We also have an auction and fundraising group and a happy ever afters group for updates on rehomed dogs. Through our facebook, supporters see and become involved with the dogs we rescue from death and witness how they are transformed into lovely homeable dogs. We constantly invite supporters to fund specific dogs and have promoted our kennel sponsorship scheme. Because of the pandemic we replaced our social activities with online fund raising and we are still continuing to operate this high degree of online activities. We have extended our Friends of Doris Banham membership package, held auctions, raffles, sales and continuous appeals on facebook and local media. Our lottery is just about to start. We do appeals which allow supporters to fund specific dogs and have promoted our kennel sponsorship scheme. We are still being supported with some of our food by Jack Robinson a Manchester United footballer who approached us during the pandemic and many rescues and organisations send us their surplus food because of the role we play and we get some amazing food donations from dog food manufacturers which we could not cope without. We are being supported by a couple of brilliant online pet food suppliers and continually promote Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile.

Many fund-raising events, auctions and challenges are organised. Many supporters have dedicated their weddings and birthdays to us and we receive 80% of the proceeds of one holiday chalet. We also have jewellery makers and crafters making goods free of charge to enable us to raise 100% of the proceeds for the Charity. We also have some talented portrait artists who allow us to raffle commissioned portraits of people's pets. Organisations such as The Trike Club have held rallies for

us and concerts have been organised by groups like 'The Devil can Wait' We are constantly following up any avenues which would produce more income for the charity in our desperate attempt to survive to carry on our life-saving work.

We can sometimes have as little as a couple of hours or less notice by telephone that a dog is due to die and it is vital to us to know that we have a kennel that we can fund available immediately to be a safe house for that dog. If we say yes the dog lives and if we say no the dog dies and that is a terrible burden as we are literally the last chance for that dog to live. We are constantly seeking sponsorship for our kennels so that we know that we have a funded kennel available for a dog due to be pts.

Our quarantine kennels continue to be a Godsend to us and we are constantly searching for increased funding for them. Isolation should always be the first responsible step for any dog coming into rescue especially from the pounds. A two-week isolation period for veterinary treatment including vaccination, worming, defleaing etc. and temperament assessment is of paramount importance to protect the existing dogs in the kennels and also potential adopters and their existing pets.

Our dedicated kennels are manned by an amazing team of animal lovers who provide a complete care, retraining and rehoming package. Their loyalty and love of our charity's dogs has driven this level of support. Our kennels need to be experienced and dedicated enough to care for dogs direct from the pound who are frightened, traumatized and may have ailments or veterinary conditions. It is vital that they should be admitted to an experienced kennels where the level of care, skill and dedication is amply sufficient to meet the needs of these dogs. Our kennels allow us to securely house, care for, nurse, medicate, retrain, socialize, walk, exercise, and rehome the dogs rescued by the Charity. The kennels need to be able to deal with all variety of dogs - x breeding bitches, abused dogs, x bait dogs, dogs in need of veterinary treatment, emaciated dogs needing multiple small feeds, untrained young dogs, frail elderly dogs, dogs who have lived in sheds, gardens and alleys and provide them with everything they need to make them well, happy dogs ready for rehoming. Our care package for each dog includes in addition to the services normally provided by a kennels a complete welfare package: positive reward-based retraining, socialisation, logging and organising neutering, vaccination, worming and microchipping, visits to the vets, administration of medication and special diets, nursing and recuperation, collection of dogs from the pounds, rehoming, home checking and administration of all these services etc. - all this is included in the daily rate. At our kennels the dogs thrive and become happy dogs again and are found stable loving forever homes. People often remark how shiny and waggy-tailed the dogs are and how amazed they are, when walking our dogs, that the dogs pull back to kennels so keen are they to get home! Rarely does a dog have to come back into our care and then it is usually because family circumstances have changed rather

than any fault on the part of the dog. We offer every dog whom we home a lifelong guarantee to come back into our care should they need to so that they never end up in the pound again.

The two weeks they spend in the isolation kennels is the vital starting point both for veterinary treatment and retraining needs. Each dog is different and will be with us as long as it takes for us to complete the final piece of the jigsaw of saving their lives and that is finding them a forever home. During this time an individual tailored plan is devised which is suited to the needs of that particular dog.

We have calculated that this is the most cost-effective way for us to give the maximum benefit to the maximum number of rescued dogs. The expert services the kennels provide and the dedication they exhibit to the dogs in their care is outstanding and this combined with their professional skills means that we can offer to our dogs a service which far outweighs anything we could afford to provide at a centre run by volunteers and also at a cheaper cost than it would cost to run a centre providing the same facilities and funding the extra services provided. In fact our kennels operate a complete service from collection and newly admitted dog (who is unknown territory when they arrive as to what we will have to deal with) to dog ready in every way for their forever home. If we had to pay separately for all these included additional services, we would not be able to save the lives of so many dogs. Retraining is undertaken daily by the same people thereby building trust and consistency. The trainers are producing fantastic results with the dogs with positive reward based training methods and turning dogs around and giving them a fresh new start in life. The kennels also welcome our team of volunteers to visit the kennels to walk and interact with the dogs giving the dogs extra exercise, lead training and human interaction. The kennels can when required offer 24 hr care for a poorly or traumatised dog. They are also happy to be on call 24 hour a day 365 days a year to go out and pick up or admit a dog in need.

Our rescue are the last people who are contacted to save the life of a dog before they are destroyed. This means that we daily carry the burden of knowing that if we say yes the dog lives and if we say no the dog dies. Thus, we can never relax 24 hours a day 365 days a year as we never know when the next urgent dog will come. We sometimes have very short notice by telephone that a dog is due to die.

There are no dogs in our kennels who would not be dead if we had not taken them into our care, as they had no options left to save their lives and no time left to search for any as we seek other rescue spaces right up to the day the destruction is due to ensure that there are no other avenues available to save the dog's life. Our kennel team of trainers and carers is second to none and work tirelessly to mend the dogs in body and spirit and we are very proud of our rehoming rate.

Front line dog rescue is extremely physically hard and emotionally demanding work and we are really proud of our brave and dedicated volunteers who make many personal sacrifices to carry out their life

saving work. Often witnessing the condition of dogs arriving from the pound is very painful but being able to help them and seeing these dogs, who suffered and definitely would have died, thriving and finding loving homes reinforces and heartens them.

The pandemic and the post pandemic period have added an additional challenge to the challenges we were already facing – saving dogs from being put to sleep in the pounds. The UK has a serious and heart-breaking stray problem that still needs to be addressed simultaneously with the crisis caused by the pandemic. UK strays are kennelled away from the public eye and their desperate plight is not always appreciated by the public in general as the dogs and their condition are not visible on the streets. We continue to strive to highlight their plight with the goal of improving their dire situation. We also seek to raise public awareness of the dangers of irresponsible over-breeding and promote high standards of animal welfare, neutering and the adoption of rescue dogs

We are proud of what we do, as we are successfully rehoming dogs who may not be immediately rehomeable when they first come from the pounds and need veterinary treatment, patience, expert positive reward-based retraining, skill and TLC after the bad start in life they have experienced. Under the expert guidance of our kennels team our dogs are placed into stable forever homes that are suited to the needs of both the dog and the adopters. These are dogs who without Doris Banham would have died, who often had only numbers not names and whose death would only have been marked by a log in a book and it is very motivating what can be achieved through care in our throw-away society and how we can restore to these dogs their rightful importance and value. However, the whole process is a huge but one that we are dedicated to meet.

Our policy of giving lifelong backup to our rehomed dogs, should their circumstances change in their new homes, is one of the cornerstones of our Charity. It is our greatest desire that the dogs should have us as a safety net for the rest of their lives, being able always to come back into our care so that they never re-enter the pound system again. We are totally non-destruct whilst quality of life can be achieved and we are relentless in our pursuit of this. Dogs with manageable veterinary conditions who do not receive homing offers are moved to long term foster and attempts to find them the right home are continued from that foster home.

The ultimate and overriding goal of everything that we do is to reunite the dogs with their original owners who had not been able to locate them in time to save their lives in our complicated pound system. But if this is not possible, we strive to find the dogs the loving forever homes that they deserve providing them with whatever veterinary treatment, rehabilitation, socialization or retraining they need to make this possible. All our dogs are neutered vaccinated and micro-chipped.

In addition to our work rescuing dogs already in the pound system, we also continue to work to reduce the number of dogs entering the pound

system in the first place. To this end we have put in place some specialist volunteers who respond to owners who have tried every avenue to place the dog that they feel unable to keep and have come to us as a last resort before they hand their dog into the pound. First establishing if this is a loving and stable home that they would want the dog to stay in, these volunteers discuss with the owners the problems that have led to the situation where they feel they are forced to give up their loved pet - be they social or behavioural and attempt to assist them to keep their pet in their family. This can entail giving free behaviourist training for problems such as barking or chewing or training a puppy or if the problem is a social one such as the owner having to go away to care for a relative for a while or is searching for housing that will permit animals, organising for the dog to be cared for in the meantime. Every case is different and is always managed with the dog's well-being of paramount importance. Many owners have responded very positively to this, grateful to have found a way to keep a pet they did not really want to lose but could not see a way around their problems. Many owners have gone on to become volunteers for the charity themselves.

We continue to work in cooperation with pounds, councils and dog wardens believing that building up a stable working relationship is the most beneficial means of saving the dogs' lives and encourage them to approach us if they are going to destroy a dog with a treatable or manageable veterinary condition merely because of the cost

Despite concentrating our efforts on saving the lives of the dogs at present in the pounds and working to improve pound conditions and ethos, Doris Banham Dog Rescue also wishes to play a meaningful role in attempting to stem the problem at its source. We also actively seek to educate the public on the pound system in the UK and promote high standards of animal welfare and the principle that sentient animals are not disposable commodities to be exploited.

Our rehoming volunteers are continuing to work tirelessly to find stable and loving forever homes for our rescue dogs. The volunteers from breed rescues continue to be a very important asset for us and we are also being helped by breed welfare rescues themselves when we take into our care one of their breed dogs which they are unable to help themselves.

We stress to the public the unfair connotations of the term "stray" simply because pound dogs are merely lost, abandoned and stolen pets unclaimed by their owners within the 7 statutory days allocated before the council is empowered to destroy them. We continually strive to promote responsible dog ownership stressing the importance of neutering, micro chipping, vaccination and socialisation.

We are constantly grateful to our supporters who respond to our appeals, do challenges and runs and endurance events, donate their portraits etc. and to other rescues who donate food because of the contribution that we make in the rescue world. Volunteers are particularly attracted to our strict policy that 100% donations are spent

directly on the dogs themselves as we have no administration costs. Volunteers know they are giving their precious time directly to the dogs and that encourages and motivates them.

We operate a kennel sponsorship scheme whereby individuals or companies can sponsor a kennel for 6 months or a year giving a safe haven for dog after dog due for imminent destruction.

We encourage young people to take an active part in taking responsibility for the dogs. Many will save their pocket money or do sales to raise funds for a particular dog and follow that dog through until they are homed.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

It is not the policy of the Trustees to maintain significant reserves.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Charity's principal sources of funds are donations, fund-raising online, grants from animal welfare organisations and sponsorships. The funds have been spent on veterinary fees, emergency kennelling and transport which support the Charity's key objectives of saving lives and alleviating suffering.

## Section F

## Other optional information

100% of funds raised are used to save the lives and alleviate the suffering of unclaimed dogs due for destruction in council pounds or other life threatening situations who are imminently due to die. We work with veterinary surgeries, the police, social service and other organisations and owners in tragic circumstances. As the pandemic recedes we are overwhelmed with rescuing the abandoned 'covid pups' to save them from being put to sleep. We are all unpaid volunteers who believe in what we do. We offer a lifelong guarantee to dogs homed by us to take them back into our care to ensure they never enter the pound system again. We are also unique in that every single dog that is taken into our care would definitely have died without our intervention as we exhaust all other rescue options and often wait until the day that the destruction is due to take place to take the dog in. We believe that the criteria for rescue should be the need of the dog and not its breed or immediate homeability and take great pride in finding a loving home for a once traumatised dog who with our help and care has learnt to trust and find his place in the world again

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

T. E. James.

Full name(s)

Trudie Elizabeth James

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

01/10/2023





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>DORIS BANHAM DOG RESCUE</b>	No (if any) 1103372
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2022	To	Period end date 31/12/2022
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary	301,980	-	-	301,980	215,223
Activities	-	-	-	-	6,841
PayPal	7,378	-	-	7,378	-
Kennels	9,212	-	-	9,212	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>318,570</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>318,570</b>	<b>222,064</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>318,570</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>318,570</b>	<b>222,064</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Transport	14,171	-	-	14,171	6,891
Kenneling	208,373	-	-	208,373	159,045
Veterinary	78,536	-	-	78,536	73,674
Misc	1,318	-	-	1,318	275
Charity Shops	5,815	-	-	5,815	9,464
Fundraising	2,348	-	-	2,348	1,778
Rehoming Promotions	-	-	-	-	729
Special Needs	-	-	-	-	1,295
Bank	353	-	-	353	973
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>310,914</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>310,914</b>	<b>254,124</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>310,914</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>310,914</b>	<b>254,124</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7,656</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,656</b>	<b>- 32,060</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	- 11,589	-	-	- 11,589	20,471
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 3,933</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 3,933</b>	<b>- 11,589</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	3,933	-
		-		-
		-		-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,933</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>T. E James.</i>	Trudie E James	01/10/2023	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

DORIS BANHAM DOG RESCUE

On accounts for the year ended

31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022

Charity no (if any)

1103372

Set out on pages

1 and 2

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 explanations from the 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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:

*Helen McCarthy*

Date:

1/10/2023

Name:

HELEN MCCARTHY

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

SOCIAL SERVICES HOME CARE MANAGER (Retired)

Address:

80 LONSDALE DRIVE
OAKWOOD ENFIELD
EN2 7LP

**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.

N/A

**DORIS BANHAM DOG RESCUE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1103372

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 1 <sup>st</sup>	Month January	Year 2021		Day 31 <sup>st</sup>	Month December	Year 2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Doris Banham Dog Rescue

**Other names charity is known by** The Doris Banham Sanctuary

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1103372

**Charity's principal address** Doris Banham Dog Rescue, Wells Lane Cottage, Wells Lane, Cottam.

**Postcode** DN22 0EZ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Trudie James	Chairman Trustee		
2	Paul Davis	Trustee		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Trust

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust Deed

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by Trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve the suffering of abandoned dogs who are in need by reason of being unwanted, unhealthy, sick, old, abused, maltreated, disturbed, unpredictable, in poor circumstances or similar causes by the provision of a home, care, medication and veterinary attention with the aim of rehabilitation and rehoming or enabling the dogs to live out their lives in a comfortable and caring environment

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Our Charity is always vigilant in adhering to the Charity Commission's Guidelines on public benefit. We provide a service to society by saving the lives and alleviating the suffering of society's lost, stolen and abandoned dogs which have been placed in council pounds and have not been claimed by their owners within the statutory seven days and other dogs in life threatening situations. We actively seek to locate original owners, working with dog lost sites. We also provide healthy and homeable dogs to the qualifying public who are looking for a loving pet. All our rehomed dogs are neutered and vaccinated and re-educated if necessary. Our full lifelong rescue back up provides the public with peace when taking on a canine companion. We also provide help and advice for dog owners. We co-ordinate rescue placements for lost and abandoned dogs with appropriate rescue centres. Over-breeding of puppies for profit has caused a significant problem within our society particularly as a large proportion of the dogs bred by non-reputable breeders are homed without proper care and responsibility. This has led to a large number of dogs being abandoned and ultimately ending up as stray dogs in council pounds. We extend our compassionate ethos to and provide a flexible people friendly service to those in tragic and unfortunate circumstances such as the homeless and evicted, terminally ill, those going into care and prison etc who have to give up loved pets and we ease human pain by keeping in contact with original owners and providing updates, pictures etc. We are often the last port of call for vets, the police and social services who do not wish to euthanase an animal. Alongside our frontline active rescue work, we also strive to highlight the stray situation in order to seek solutions. We work with dog wardens and councils to seek improved pound conditions and animal welfare standards. Our work within the pounds enhances compassion and changes ethos thus improving the position of the stray dog. We also helped to promote compulsory micro chipping. Our volunteers are trained to microchip and microchip our own dogs. We also use our community-based shops as centres to promote awareness of the stray situation and as education centres giving advice on pet welfare.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Front line pound rescue where lives are at stake and euthanasia deadlines have to be beaten is a very painful task and can only be carried out by those who truly believe in what they are doing. Our Charity seeks to operate as an animal welfare rescue operation saving the lives and alleviating the suffering of dogs who are due to die because they have not been reclaimed by their owners within the 7 statutory days that the law gives an owner to find and reclaim their dogs. We also save the lives of: at the request of the police, dogs who had been released from police kennels; at the request of vets, dogs who had been brought in by their owners for euthanasia; at the request of social services, the dogs of people who are in dire circumstances or had contracted covid - (fear of infection from covid made these dogs at risk due to the reluctance to go in to pick them up and what they might carry on their fur); dogs at risk because their rescues had been forced to close down or they were unable to manage the dog; dogs in dangerous life-threatening situations such as those at risk of being used for baiting and fighting, owned by drug gangs or back street breeders.

We are always the dogs' 'Last Chance to Live and we exhaust all alternative options for a dog before we take them into our care. All the dogs in our kennels would have died if we had not rescued them.

The Charity has no defined hierarchy but is run by a superb team of extremely dedicated volunteers who give their services free of charge. In this way 100% of the donations and grants are spent on rescuing and rehoming the dogs thus enabling us to maximise the service we can provide on the funds received. We are dependent on the dedication of these volunteers who believe in what we do to enable us to continue our work.

Through their shared love of dogs, their sense of injustice at what is happening to them and their belief in the value of all life they perform an exceptional service to animals and to the society. So very much is demanded of them as they may be called upon to save a life at any time day or night. Journey times are long and the work within the pounds is very harrowing.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Our Charity did not batten down the hatches and merely attempt to survive during the pandemic but still actively continued to undertake its life-saving work. We saw that dogs were also the victims of the pandemic and that they were suffering an acute welfare crisis and sought to help other services such as vets, the police, pounds, social services etc who were struggling to operate without the normal full back up of dog rescue services and we have continued to work in the same way during 2021. It has been a terribly hard and overwhelming time but we have battled on however hard it has become. The homeless, those suffering from covid and people in other dire circumstances were even more in need of help with their dogs. We felt it was morally right to play our part to the very best of our ability and we are very proud of what we have achieved and the lives we have saved.

As we are 'The Last Chance to Live' for dogs, all the dogs we take in are facing pts. They are almost always in dire need of urgent veterinary treatment or retraining which has stopped other rescues from wanting to take them into their care – hence their desperate plight. Thus our job has always been a harder one as our kennels are already filled with dogs who would have died without our help and who are undergoing retraining, rehabilitation, veterinary treatment, recuperation and tlc before they are ready for rehoming. The present crisis in rescue has made our job almost impossible.

The pandemic's crazed search for 'lockdown dogs' particularly puppies has added to our overwhelming workload as these dogs are abandoned when owners go back to work or resume their busy lives or are unable to cope with their growing dog. We are approached to help, as we have retraining facilities, if their only other alternative is to be put to sleep.

These dogs, back street bred or shipped into the country to feed the demand, have been homed without checks to families unsuitable for the dogs. Post the pandemic these dogs are being abandoned in massive numbers, often unsocialised and needing retraining spaces, and have flooded the rescue world. Rescues have collapsed through lack of funds and many rescues who would have taken complex and untrained dogs have become overwhelmed and closed their doors.

This crisis in rescue has been greatly exacerbated by the financial situation in the UK with people unable to make ends meet and abandoning their dogs simply because they can no longer afford to keep them.

Because we are one of the very few rescues offering retraining, rehabilitation, socialisation and recuperation, we have always been the final chance for dogs who have suffered abuse, neglect and mismanagement. Rescuers have always tried to keep our rescue spaces for the most demanding dogs but come to us for help if the dog is imminently due to be put to sleep and there are

no other rescue offers for them.

Because of the pandemic's demand for puppies, unscrupulous breeders have been able to sell any puppy and have taken to breeding many specialised large dogs needing experienced homes as they grew such as the Cane Corso. These have been sold as delightful small puppies without any care to unsuitable homes. Some homes have simply abandoned them when the restrictions of the pandemic were lifted and they were able to resume their busy lives and some have been totally unable to cope with them as they grew especially if this was coupled with the family resuming normal life after lockdown. We have always helped with large dogs needing retraining and due to be put to sleep but now we are being overwhelmed with them. We have at present 10 adolescent untrained cane corsos in our care to name just one of the breeds that have flooded the rescue world. Many rescues have closed their doors to them making the pressure on us even greater.

Also the number of requests from other rescues who have taken in dogs whom they are unable to cope with is greatly accelerating and placing a massive pressure on us as we are the last chance for these dogs before their rescues put them to sleep.

At the same time there has been a surplus of emergency boarding kennels available at private boarding kennels because of the pandemic affecting the taking of foreign holidays and reducing private boarders. These emergency boarding kennels are a means of saving lives for rescues desperate to save a dog and totally full at their own kennels but even at charity rates the costs can strain rescues finances to the limit causing collapse.

Because our main kennels have been continually refilled during the pandemic we have taken a large number of emergency boarding kennels as it was the only way to save a dog's life but the cost of this has put us under very considerable financial strain. We have 140 dogs in our care at the moment with 40+ in emergency boarding kennels. The aim is to move the emergency boarding dogs into our main kennels as we rehome but because of the retraining needs of the majority of dogs this process is a slow one.

We also undertake, and have continued to do so throughout the pandemic, many miscellaneous welfare actions such as checking the chips of dogs picked up by members of the public and returning the dogs to their owners; working with organisations trying to locate stolen dogs by going out to check the chips of suspected stolen dogs and then transporting them back to their owners; giving free training advice to owners to

enable them to keep their dogs; holding dogs whilst owners are temporarily unable to look after them.

We extend our compassionate ethos to humans in pain because through circumstances beyond their control they have to give up much loved pets. Hence we have taken in dogs owned by people with serious or terminal illnesses and suffering with covid who are no longer able to care for them ; dogs belonging to the homeless and those who have been evicted, been imprisoned, suffered family breakdowns and domestic violence.

We are increasingly inundated daily with desperate calls from the public who are in trouble with their dogs and thinking of putting them to sleep as they have tried every rescue and everyone has said no. We try to help in every way we can to attempt to keep the dogs in their homes if it is a good home. We do this with free retraining advice, advice to get their dogs checked at the vets in case the problems they are experiencing are due to veterinary issues, emotional support and back up in every way we can. This is a very emotionally exhausting process but it is a means that lives can be saved.

Stress and lack of funds have led to family breakdowns and evictions often moving to places that do not allow their dog to come too.

We do not charge for our compassionate work and update the owners regularly with videos and photographs to try to ease their pain.

Just a few examples of our work are Rosco (Covid Cane Corso pup) owners had lost control and we had to go in and get the dog to safety; Jasper (rescued from the pound needing extensive veterinary treatment) Duke (seized by the police for incident in home and the police released into our care); Toby (partially sighted dog whom his rescue could not manage and was due for pts); Dusty (young dog believed to have been tied to a pole by his behaviour due for put to sleep at the vets); Bruno (owner was undergoing operations for a brain tumour ); Stella (abandoned traumatised ex breeding bitch); Boo (out of control covid pup); Narla (out of control Covid Cane Corso pup) Amber (13 year old GSD whose owner was not coming out of hospital and she was alone in the house) Snoop (rescued from the pound) Minnie (abused and beaten ex breeding bitch) Blaize (owner too ill to keep him) Milo (helping his homeless owner).

The pandemic has been a time when rules have been rewritten and a whole new way of working to the optimum to save as many lives as possible has had to be devised. We have tried in every way to be there to catch as many dogs as they fall but the strain and the workload has been overwhelming.

Working truly on the front line of rescue we are known for going where others fear to tread. We rescue dogs abandoned in empty houses, gardens and where people have been taken to hospital with covid. We go out at night and enter undesirable areas. We do whatever is needed simply because the dogs need us to be brave.

Our dedicated kennels are manned by an amazing team of animal lovers who provide a complete care, retraining and rehoming package. Their loyalty and love of our charity's dogs has driven this level of support.

Rehoming has been constant during covid but restricted to DEFRA guidelines and we have filled empty kennels with new intake and paired up where possible. Our policy is for potential adopters to meet the dogs as many times as needed before they are able to take the dogs home as we feel that this is an essential part of making sure that the adopters and the dogs themselves are both happy that the match is the right one. We have continued to do this but the pandemic has made this harder to arrange

The situation with our charity shops is that we permanently lost our most profitable charity shop in Sheffield. Our lease expired on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 and the landlord refused to renew it unless we paid full rent and guaranteed this for three years which was impossible for us. Our second shop is now open again and doing really well. Our third shop was manned by elderly vulnerable volunteers who are not yet happy to risk returning to work.

Because of the pandemic we replaced our social activities with online fund raising and we have continued to operate this high degree of online activities. We have extended our Friends of Doris Banham membership package, held auctions, raffles, sales and continuous appeals on facebook and local media. Our lottery is just about to start. We do appeals which allow supporters to fund specific dogs and have promoted our kennel sponsorship scheme. We are still being supported with some of our food by Jack Robinson a Manchester United footballer who approached us during the pandemic and many rescues and organisations send us their surplus food because of the role we play and get some amazing food donations from dog food manufacturers. We are constantly following up any avenues which would produce more income for the charity in our desperate attempt to survive to carry on our life-saving work.

Under the expert guidance of our kennels team our dogs are placed into stable forever homes that are suited to the needs of both the dog and the adopters. These are dogs who without Doris Banham would definitely have died, and it is very motivating what can be achieved through care in our throw-away society and how we can restore to these dogs their rightful importance and value. However, the whole process is a huge and overwhelming challenge but one that we are dedicated to meet. When we take a dog into our care it is impossible to ascertain how long that dog will be with us before they are ready to go into a

home or what problems we will have to overcome to make them ready for rehoming

In addition to truly unconditional rescue, we also ensure that 100% of funds are spent directly on rescuing the dogs to whom they belong. In this way the more funds we raise equates directly to the number of dogs that we can afford to save. We just see ourselves as a hub through which the funds pass enabling them to be changed into what the dogs need. We are all unpaid volunteers with no administration costs and owning no property. We are open to help a dog in need 365 days a year, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Our commitment to providing the best possible veterinary treatment for our rescued dogs and the fact that many of them have been abandoned because of an acute or chronic veterinary condition which needs treatment, means we have established excellent relationships with many veterinary practices, whose discounts have enabled us to maximise our veterinary treatment.

In 2013 we were awarded the Burgess/Wetnose Best Dog Rescue Centre, in 2019 the IFAW Animal Action Award for Dog Rescue and in 2020 Charity Champion Award – Amplifon Awards for Brave Britons. Our rescue has been featured on Panorama, Inside Out and in newspapers and magazines such as Dog's Today, and Dog's World. We were the only small rescue invited to be featured alongside the RSPCA, Battersea Dogs Home and Dog Trust in the Panorama programme entitled Britain's Unwanted Pets and Tom Heap spent days travelling with us and experienced saving 8 dogs from pounds on just one of those days who would definitely have died without our help

Social media and all administration has in the past been carried out by our volunteers who are also front line because of the extent of our front-line work but now with the help of dedicated administrative volunteers we have a thriving facebook - dorisbanhamuk with 26,000 likes and followers which is gathering support and momentum every day. We have a 5-star rating. We also have an auction and fundraising group and a happy ever afters group for updates on rehomed dogs. Through our facebook, supporters see and become involved with the dogs we rescue from death and witness how they are transformed into lovely homeable dogs. Many fund-raising events, auctions and challenges are organised. Many supporters have dedicated their weddings and birthdays to us and we receive 80% of the proceeds of one holiday chalet and 50% of another. We also have jewellery makers and crafters making goods free of charge to enable us to raise 100% of the proceeds for the Charity.

We can sometimes have as little as a couple of hours' or less notice by telephone that a dog is due to die and it is vital to us to know that we have a kennel that we can fund available immediately to be a safe house for that dog. If we say yes the dog lives and if we say no the dog dies and that is a terrible burden as we are literally the last chance for that

dog to live. We are constantly seeking sponsorship for our kennels so that we know that we have a funded kennel available for a dog due to be pts.

Our quarantine kennels continue to be a Godsend to us and we are constantly searching for increased funding for them. Isolation should always be the first responsible step for any dog coming into rescue especially from the pounds. A two-week isolation period for veterinary treatment including vaccination, worming, defleaing etc. and temperament assessment is of paramount importance to protect the existing dogs in the kennels and also potential adopters and their existing pets.

Our kennels need to be experienced and dedicated enough to care for dogs direct from the pound who are frightened, traumatized and may have ailments or veterinary conditions. It is vital that they should be admitted to an experienced kennels where the level of care, skill and dedication is amply sufficient to meet the needs of these dogs. Our kennels allow us to securely house, care for, nurse, medicate, retrain, socialize, walk, exercise, and rehome the dogs rescued by the Charity. The kennels need to be able to deal with all variety of dogs - x breeding bitches, abused dogs, x bait dogs, dogs in need of veterinary treatment, emaciated dogs needing multiple small feeds, untrained young dogs, frail elderly dogs, dogs who have lived in sheds, gardens and alleys and provide them with everything they need to make them well, happy dogs ready for rehoming. Our care package for each dog includes in addition to the services normally provided by a kennels a complete welfare package: positive reward based retraining, socialisation, logging and organising neutering, vaccination, worming and microchipping, visits to the vets, administration of medication and special diets, nursing and recuperation, collection of dogs from the pounds, rehoming, home checking and administration of all these services etc. - all this is included in the daily rate. At our kennels the dogs thrive and become happy dogs again and are found stable loving forever homes. People often remark how shiny and waggy-tailed the dogs are and how amazed they are, when walking our dogs, that the dogs pull back to kennels so keen are they to get home! Rarely does a dog have to come back into our care and then it is usually because family circumstances have changed rather than any fault on the part of the dog. We offer every dog whom we home a lifelong guarantee to come back into our care should they need to so that they never end up in the pound again.

The two weeks they spend in the isolation kennels is the vital starting point both for veterinary treatment and retraining needs. Each dog is different and will be with us as long as it takes for us to complete the final piece of the jigsaw of saving their lives and that is finding them a forever home. During this time an individual tailored plan is devised which is suited to the needs of that particular dog.

We have calculated that this is the most cost-effective way for us to give the maximum benefit to the maximum number of rescued dogs. The expert services the kennels provide and the dedication they exhibit to the dogs in their care is outstanding and this combined with their

professional skills means that we can offer to our dogs a service which far outweighs anything we could afford to provide at a centre run by volunteers and also at a cheaper cost than it would cost to run a centre providing the same facilities and funding the extra services provided. In fact our kennels operate a complete service from collection and newly admitted dog (who is unknown territory when they arrive as to what we will have to deal with) to dog ready in every way for their forever home. If we had to pay separately for all these included additional services we would not be able to save the lives of so many dogs. Retraining is undertaken daily by the same people thereby building trust and consistency. The trainers are producing fantastic results with the dogs with positive reward based training methods and turning dogs around and giving them a fresh new start in life. The kennels also welcome our team of volunteers using PPE to visit the kennels to walk and interact with the dogs giving the dogs extra exercise, lead training and human interaction. The kennels can when required offer 24 hr care for a poorly or traumatised dog. They are also happy to be on call 24 hour a day 365 days a year to go out and pick up or admit a dog in need.

Our rescue are the last people who are contacted to save the life of a dog before they are destroyed. This means that we daily carry the burden of knowing that if we say yes the dog lives and if we say no the dog dies. Thus, we can never relax 24 hours a day 365 days a year as we never know when the next urgent dog will come. We sometimes have very short notice by telephone that a dog is due to die.

There are no dogs in our kennels who would not be dead if we had not taken them into our care, as they had no options left to save their lives and no time left to search for any as we seek other rescue spaces right up to the day the destruction is due to ensure that there are no other avenues available to save the dog's life. Our kennel team of trainers and carers is second to none and work tirelessly to mend the dogs in body and spirit and we are very proud of our rehoming rate.

Front line dog rescue is extremely physically hard and emotionally demanding work and we are really proud of our brave and dedicated volunteers who make many personal sacrifices to carry out their life saving work. Often witnessing the condition of dogs arriving from the pound is very painful but being able to help them and seeing these dogs, who suffered and definitely would have died, thriving and finding loving homes reinforces and heartens them.

The pandemic has merely added an additional challenge to the challenges we were already facing – saving dogs from being put to sleep in the pounds. The UK has a serious and heart-breaking stray problem that still needs to be addressed simultaneously with the crisis caused by the pandemic. UK strays are kennelled away from the public eye and their desperate plight is not always appreciated by the public in general as the dogs and their condition are not visible on the streets. We continue to strive to highlight their plight with the goal of improving their dire situation. We also seek to raise public awareness of the dangers of irresponsible over-breeding and promote high standards of animal

welfare, neutering and the adoption of rescue dogs

We are proud of what we do, as we are successfully rehoming dogs who may not be immediately rehomeable when they first come from the pounds and need veterinary treatment, patience, expert positive reward based retraining, skill and TLC after the bad start in life they have experienced. Under the expert guidance of our kennels team our dogs are placed into stable forever homes that are suited to the needs of both the dog and the adopters. These are dogs who without Doris Banham would have died, who often had only numbers not names and whose death would only have been marked by a log in a book and it is very motivating what can be achieved through care in our throw-away society and how we can restore to these dogs their rightful importance and value. However, the whole process is a huge but one that we are dedicated to meet.

Our Charity was set up in dedication to the founder's Mother Doris Banham and will always rigidly reflect the compassionate ethos by which she lived her life. We are proud to say that we have stayed rigidly steadfast to our founding principles of unconditional rescue of the most needy pound dogs regardless of breed, age or veterinary condition, giving them whatever they need and finding them the forever homes that they always deserved.

Our path is a very hard one as we almost totally rescue dogs from pounds and secondly, we unconditionally take into our care those who have not received any other rescue offers and are due for destruction. We have never ever selected a dog – we are always told by the pounds which ones need us. We seek other rescue spaces right up to the day the destruction is due to ensure that there are no other avenues available to save the dog's life.

Dogs fail to get rescue spaces for many reasons. They may simply be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Even young dogs under a year with no problems sometimes are due to die needlessly simply because a rescue space is not available at that point in time to save them. Some may need veterinary treatment or retraining and many are the exploited popular breeds - victims of irresponsible overbreeding. Our mission is to save their lives and then turn them around into loving rehomeable dogs ready for forever homes. We consider every homing is a minor triumph in righting the wrongs our throwaway society has caused and we are so very proud of our constant rehoming rate.

Our Charity works at the very front line of dog rescue. The task of raising funds to continue our life saving work is getting harder and harder whilst the burden of what we are being asked to deal with is getting heavier and heavier.

The burden on our Charity has become greater as more dogs are given up to the pounds because of inability of owners to pay veterinary fees, evictions, family breakdowns and increased irresponsible breeding. Sold without home-checks the dogs often end up in the pound system. Thus, the specific problems caused by today's difficult financial times have hit

our Charity massively because we take many of the type of dogs that the hard times have threatened the lives of and made homeless. The increase in both the incidence of owners abandoning their dogs due to the cost of veterinary treatment and the practice of overbreeding by irresponsible breeders in order to produce quick cash has vastly increased our workload. Sold without home-checks the dogs often end up in the pound system.

The current difficult financial situation also continues to make people more reluctant to make charitable donations or commit to standing orders etc. This has made the task of raising funds to carry on our vital life-saving work substantially harder.

Our policy of giving lifelong backup to our rehomed dogs, should their circumstances change in their new homes, is one of the cornerstones of our Charity. It is our greatest desire that the dogs should have us as a safety net for the rest of their lives, being able always to come back into our care so that they never re-enter the pound system again. We are totally non-destruct whilst quality of life can be achieved and we are relentless in our pursuit of this. Dogs with manageable veterinary conditions who do not receive homing offers are moved to long term foster and attempts to find them the right home are continued from that foster home.

The ultimate and overriding goal of everything that we do is to reunite the dogs with their original owners who had not been able to locate them in time to save their lives in our complicated pound system. But if this is not possible, we strive to find the dogs the loving forever homes that they deserve providing them with whatever veterinary treatment, rehabilitation, socialization or retraining they need to make this possible. All our dogs are neutered vaccinated and micro-chipped.

In addition to our work rescuing dogs already in the pound system, we also continue to work to reduce the number of dogs entering the pound system in the first place. To this end we have put in place some specialist volunteers who respond to owners who have tried every avenue to place the dog that they feel unable to keep and have come to us as a last resort before they hand their dog into the pound. First establishing if this is a loving and stable home that they would want the dog to stay in, these volunteers discuss with the owners the problems that have led to the situation where they feel they are forced to give up their loved pet - be they social or behavioural and attempt to assist them to keep their pet in their family. This can entail giving free behaviourist training for problems such as barking or chewing or training a puppy or if the problem is a social one such as the owner having to go away to care for a relative for a while or is searching for housing that will permit animals, organising for the dog to be cared for in the meantime. Every case is different and is always managed with the dog's well-being of paramount importance. Many owners have responded very positively to this, grateful to have found a way to keep a pet they did not really want to lose but could not see a way around their problems. Many owners have gone on to become volunteers for the charity themselves.

We continue to work in cooperation with pounds, councils and dog wardens believing that building up a stable working relationship is the most beneficial means of saving the dogs' lives and encourage them to approach us if they are going to destroy a dog with a treatable or manageable veterinary condition merely because of the cost

Despite concentrating our efforts on saving the lives of the dogs at present in the pounds and working to improve pound conditions and ethos, Doris Banham Dog Rescue also wishes to play a meaningful role in attempting to stem the problem at its source. We also actively seek to educate the public on the pound system in the UK and promote high standards of animal welfare and the principle that sentient animals are not disposable commodities to be exploited.

Our rehoming volunteers are continuing to work tirelessly to find stable and loving forever homes for our rescue dogs. The volunteers from breed rescues continue to be a very important asset for us and we are also being helped by breed welfare rescues themselves when we take into our care one of their breed dogs which they are unable to help themselves.

We stress to the public the unfair connotations of the term "stray" simply because pound dogs are merely lost, abandoned and stolen pets unclaimed by their owners within the 7 statutory days allocated before the council is empowered to destroy them. We continually strive to promote responsible dog ownership stressing the importance of neutering, micro chipping, vaccination and socialisation.

We are constantly grateful to our supporters who respond to our appeals, do challenges and runs and endurance events, donate their portraits etc. and to other rescues who donate food because of the contribution that we make in the rescue world. Volunteers are particularly attracted to our strict policy that 100% donations are spent directly on the dogs themselves as we have no administration costs. Volunteers know they are giving their precious time directly to the dogs and that encourages and motivates them.

We operate a kennel sponsorship scheme whereby individuals or companies can sponsor a kennel for 6 months or a year giving a safe haven for dog after dog due for imminent destruction.

We encourage young people to take an active part in taking responsibility for the dogs. Many will save their pocket money or do sales to raise funds for a particular dog and follow that dog through until they are homed.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

It is not the policy of the Trustees to maintain significant reserves.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Charity's principal sources of funds are donations, fund-raising online, grants from animal welfare organisations and sponsorships. The funds have been spent on veterinary fees, emergency kennelling and transport which support the Charity's key objectives of saving lives and alleviating suffering.

## Section F

## Other optional information

100% of funds raised are used to save the lives and alleviate the suffering of unclaimed dogs due for destruction in council pounds or other life threatening situations who are imminently due to die. We work with veterinary surgeries, the police, social service and other organisations and owners in tragic circumstances. As the pandemic recedes we also are rescuing the abandoned 'covid pups' to save them from being put to sleep. We are all unpaid volunteers who believe in what we do. We offer a lifelong guarantee to dogs homed by us to take them back into our care to ensure they never enter the pound system again. We are also unique in that every single dog that is taken into our care would definitely have died without our intervention as we exhaust all other rescue options and often wait until the day that the destruction is due to take place to take the dog in. We believe that the criteria for rescue should be the need of the dog and not its breed or immediate homeability and take great pride in finding a loving home for a once traumatised dog who with our help and care has learnt to trust and find his place in the world again

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

T. E. James.

Full name(s)

Trudie Elizabeth James

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

19/10/2022





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>Doris Banham Dog Rescue</b>	No (If any) 1103372
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2021	To	Period end date 31/12/2021
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary	215,223	-	-	215,223	204,160
Activities	6,841	-	-	6,841	5,260
COVID19 Gov	-	-	-	-	30,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>222,064</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>222,064</b>	<b>239,420</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>222,064</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>222,064</b>	<b>239,420</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Transport	6,891	-	-	6,891	10,791
Kenneling	159,045	-	-	159,045	109,519
Veterinary Fees	73,674	-	-	73,674	58,956
Misc	275	-	-	275	2,058
Charity Shops	9,464	-	-	9,464	8,342
Fundraising	1,778	-	-	1,778	4,493
Rehoming Promotions	729	-	-	729	634
Special Needs	1,295	-	-	1,295	7,949
Bank	973	-	-	973	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>254,124</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>254,124</b>	<b>202,742</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>254,124</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>254,124</b>	<b>202,742</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 32,060</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 32,060</b>	<b>36,678</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,471	-	-	20,471	16,207
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 11,589</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 11,589</b>	<b>20,471</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash in Bank	- 11,589	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>- 11,589</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

DORIS BANHAM DOG RESCUE

On accounts for the year ended

31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021

Charity no (if any)

1103372

Set out on pages

1 and 2

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 explanations from the 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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:

*Helen McCarthy*

Date:

19/10/2022

Name:

HELEN MCCARTHY

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

Social SERVICES HOME CARE MANAGER (Retired)

Address: 80 LONSDALE DRIVE  
OAKWOOD ENFIELD  
EN2 7LP

**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.

N/A

**DORIS BANHAM DOG RESCUE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1103372

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 1 <sup>st</sup>	Month January	Year 2020		Day 31 <sup>st</sup>	Month December	Year 2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Doris Banham Dog Rescue

**Other names charity is known by** The Doris Banham Sanctuary

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1103372

**Charity's principal address** Doris Banham Dog Rescue, Wells Lane Cottage, Wells Lane, Cottam.

**Postcode** DN22 0EZ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Trudie James	Chairman Trustee		
2	Paul Davis	Trustee		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust Deed
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Trustees

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To relieve the suffering of abandoned dogs who are in need by reason of being unwanted, unhealthy, sick, old, abused, maltreated, disturbed, unpredictable, in poor circumstances or similar causes by the provision of a home, care, medication and veterinary attention with the aim of rehabilitation and rehoming or enabling the dogs to live out their lives in a comfortable and caring environment

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Our Charity is always vigilant in adhering to the Charity Commission's Guidelines on public benefit. We provide a service to society by saving the lives and alleviating the suffering of society's lost, stolen and abandoned dogs which have been placed in council pounds and have not been claimed by their owners within the statutory seven days and other dogs in life threatening situations. We actively seek to locate original owners, working with dog lost sites. We also provide healthy and homeable dogs to the qualifying public who are looking for a loving pet. All our rehomed dogs are neutered and vaccinated and re-educated if necessary. Our full lifelong rescue back up provides the public with peace when taking on a canine companion. We also provide help and advice for dog owners. We co-ordinate rescue placements for lost and abandoned dogs with appropriate rescue centres. Over-breeding of puppies for profit has caused a significant problem within our society particularly as a large proportion of the dogs bred by non-reputable breeders are homed without proper care and responsibility. This has led to a large number of dogs being abandoned and ultimately ending up as stray dogs in council pounds. We extend our compassionate ethos to and provide a flexible people friendly service to those in tragic and unfortunate circumstances such as the homeless and evicted, terminally ill, those going into care and prison etc who have to give up loved pets and we ease human pain by keeping in contact with original owners and providing updates, pictures etc. We are often the last port of call for vets, the police and social services who do not wish to euthanase an animal. Alongside our frontline active rescue work, we also strive to highlight the stray situation in order to seek solutions. We work with dog wardens and councils to seek improved pound conditions and animal welfare standards. Our work within the pounds enhances compassion and changes ethos thus improving the position of the stray dog. We also helped to promote compulsory micro chipping. Our volunteers are trained to microchip and microchip our own dogs. We also use our community-based shops as centres to promote awareness of the stray situation and as education centres giving advice on pet welfare.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Charity seeks to operate as an animal welfare rescue operation saving the lives and alleviating the suffering of dogs who are due to die because they have not been reclaimed by their owners within the 7 statutory days that the law gives an owner to find and reclaim their dogs. We also rescue dogs in life threatening situations. We exhaust all alternative options for a dog before we take it into our care. We are dependent on the dedication of volunteers who believe in what we do to enable us to continue our work. Front line pound rescue where lives are at stake and euthanasia deadlines have to be beaten is a very painful task and can only be carried out by those who truly believe in what they are doing. The charity has no defined hierarchy but is run by a superb team of extremely dedicated volunteers who give their services free of charge. In this way, 100% of the donations and grants are spent on rescuing and rehoming the dogs thus enabling us to maximise the service we can provide on the funds received.

Much is demanded of our volunteers who may be called upon to save a life at any time day or night. Journey times are long and the work within the pounds is very harrowing. Through their shared love of dogs, their sense of injustice at what is happening to them and their belief in the value of all life they perform an exceptional service to animals and to the society.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Our Charity has battled through the pandemic and is still actively undertaking its life-saving work. Our initial reaction to the pandemic was to batten down the hatches and merely attempt to survive and keep safe and rehome the 80 dogs we then had in our care.

However as time progressed we saw that dogs were also the victims of the pandemic and that they were suffering an acute welfare crisis. We saw that other services such as vets, the police, pounds, social services etc were struggling to operate without the normal full back up of dog rescue services. The homeless, those suffering from covid and people in other dire circumstances were even more in need of help with their dogs. We felt that we needed to step up too and to play our part in this 'war-like' situation. We felt it was morally right to play our part to the very best of our ability. It has been a terribly hard and overwhelming time but we are proud of what we have achieved and that we have battled on however hard it has become.

As we are 'The Last Chance to Live' for dogs, all the dogs we take in are facing pts. They are almost always in dire need of urgent veterinary treatment or retraining which has stopped other rescues from wanting to take them into their care – hence their desperate plight. Thus our job has always been a harder one as our kennels are filled with dogs who would have died without our help and who are undergoing retraining, rehabilitation, veterinary treatment, recuperation and tlc before they are ready for rehoming.

We have saved the lives of: death row pound dogs who have been unclaimed following their 7 days in a council pound; at the request of the police, dogs who had been released from police kennels; at the request of vets, dogs who had been brought in by their owners for euthanasia; at the request of social services, the dogs of people who are in dire circumstances or had contracted covid - (fear of infection from covid made these dogs at risk due to the reluctance to go in to pick them up and what they might carry on their fur); dogs at risk because their rescues had been forced to close down; dogs in dangerous life-threatening situations such as those at risk of being used for baiting and fighting, owned by drug gangs or back street breeders.

We truly work on the front line of rescue and are known for going where others fear to tread. We rescue dogs abandoned in empty houses, gardens and using PPE dogs who are at risk because their owners have contracted covid etc. We go out at night and enter undesirable areas. We do whatever is needed simply because the dogs need us to be brave.

Just a very small sample of our work are: Bear 10 months old was picked up from police kennels, Raymond was due to be pts at the vets and needed an entropian operation, Star had been left locked in an abandoned car in a heatwave and was burnt, Bronson who had been subject to a successful RSPCA prosecution but needed rehabilitation following his ordeal, Jaxx was a trauma victim who needed rehabilitation, Monty was rescued after 6 years of abuse, Snoop was due for pts at the pound needing retraining, Jasper was rescued from the pound needing multiple life saving operations.

We also undertake many miscellaneous welfare actions such as checking the chips of dogs picked up by members of the public and returning the dogs to their owners; working with organisations trying to locate stolen dogs by going out to check the chips of suspected stolen dogs and then

transporting them back to their owners; giving free training advice to owners to enable them to keep their dogs; holding dogs whilst owners are temporarily unable to look after them.

We extend our compassionate ethos to humans in pain because through circumstances beyond their control they have to give up much loved pets. Hence we have taken in dogs owned by people with serious or terminal illnesses and suffering with covid who are no longer able to care for their pets; dogs belonging to the homeless and those who have been evicted, been imprisoned, suffered family breakdowns and domestic violence. An example of this is Bruno whom we have in our care as his 27 year old owner undergoes a brain operation. Another example is 11 year old Shasta whose owner was made homeless when his mum was killed on a pedestrian crossing and he received serious head injuries. He lost his home and was living on the streets with Shasta who had a large lump which needed removal.

We do not charge for our compassionate work and update the owners regularly with videos and photographs to try to ease their pain.

We have also taken in dogs from other rescues who were closing down because of the pressure that the pandemic has placed upon them. Many of them like young Zeus were facing pts if we had not taken them. Mikey rescued from the meat trade was brought to the UK by another rescue but failed in his home. Without appropriate back up from his rescue he was facing pts if we had not taken him into our care. Jeff deaf and 10 months old was due to be put to sleep at another rescue etc.

Because we are one of the very few rescues offering retraining, rehabilitation, socialisation and recuperation, we are often the first port of call for rescuers trying to help dogs who have suffered abuse, neglect and mismanagement and other rescues who have taken in dogs whom they are unable to cope with because they do not have their own retraining facilities.

### **In October 2020 we were awarded the Charity Champion Amplifon Award for Brave Britons.**

The pandemic's crazed search for 'lockdown dogs' particularly puppies has added to our overwhelming workload as these dogs are abandoned when owners go back to work. Many of them are unsocialised and untrained and we are approached to help, as we have retraining facilities, if their only other alternative is to be put to sleep.

Our dedicated kennels are manned by an amazing team of animal lovers who provide a complete care, retraining and rehoming package. Their loyalty and love of our charity's dogs has driven this level of support. During Covid when our kennels were full, we have been forced to use a larger number of emergency boarding kennels in order to save the lives of dogs who had no time to wait for a kennel space and would have died if we had not helped them. This has put an enormous strain on our finances. We are at present in the process of moving dogs from these emergency boarding kennels to our main kennels as dogs are rehomed and spaces become available.

Rehoming has been constant during covid but restricted to DEFRA guidelines and we have filled empty kennels with new intake and paired up where possible. Our policy is for potential adopters to meet the dogs as many times as needed before they are able to take the dogs home. We

have continued to do this but the pandemic has made this harder to arrange. We have achieved it with PPE however as we feel that this is an essential part of making sure that the adopters and the dogs themselves are both happy that the match is the right one.

The situation with our charity shops is that we have permanently lost our most profitable charity shop in Sheffield. Our lease expired on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 and the landlord refused to renew it unless we paid full rent and guaranteed this for three years which was impossible for us. Our second shop is now open again but operating on a reduced level with shorter opening times. Our third shop was manned by elderly vulnerable volunteers who are not yet happy to risk returning to work.

We have replaced our social activities with online fund raising. We have extended our Friends of Doris Banham membership package, held auctions, raffles, sales and continuous appeals on facebook and local media. A lottery is at present being set up. We did an Emergency Ark appeal which allowed supporters to fund specific dogs and have promoted our kennel sponsorship scheme. We are being supported with some of our food by Jack Robinson a Manchester United footballer who approached us during the pandemic and many rescues and organisations send us their surplus food because of the role we play. We have applied for welfare grants and covid specific grants. We are constantly following up any avenues which would produce more income for the charity in our desperate attempt to survive to carry on our life-saving work.

The pandemic has been a time when rules have been rewritten and a whole new way of working to the optimum to save as many lives as possible has had to be devised. In response to the crazed surge in demand for dogs during covid many including those from pounds have been rehomed without checks, puppies have been in demand and many have been shipped into the country, families unable to cope with their dogs have abandoned them often unsocialised and needing retraining spaces, rescues have collapsed through lack of funds, those rescues who would have taken complex dogs have become overwhelmed and closed their doors whilst there has been a surplus of emergency boarding kennels available at private boarding kennels which can save lives but even at charity rates can strain rescues finances. Due to covid our transport system to other rescues has temporarily been suspended. Stress and lack of funds have led to family breakdowns and evictions often moving to places that do not allow their dog to come too. We have tried in every way to be there to catch as many dogs as they fall but the strain and the workload has been overwhelming.

Under the expert guidance of our kennels team our dogs are placed into stable forever homes that are suited to the needs of both the dog and the adopters. These are dogs who without Doris Banham would definitely have died, and it is very motivating what can be achieved through care in our throw-away society and how we can restore to these dogs their rightful importance and value. However, the whole process is a huge and overwhelming challenge but one that we are dedicated to meet. When we take a dog into our care it is impossible to ascertain how long that dog will be with us before they are ready to go into a home or what problems we will have to overcome to make them ready for rehoming

In addition to truly unconditional rescue, we also ensure that 100% of funds are spent directly on rescuing the dogs to whom they belong. In this way the more funds we raise equates directly to the number of dogs that we can afford to save. We just see ourselves as a hub through which the funds pass enabling them to be changed into what the dogs need. We are all unpaid volunteers with no administration costs and owning no property. We are open to help a dog in need 365 days a year, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Our commitment to providing the best possible veterinary treatment for our rescued dogs and the fact that many of them have been abandoned because of an acute or chronic veterinary condition which needs treatment, means we have established excellent relationships with many veterinary practices, whose discounts have enabled us to maximise our veterinary treatment.

In 2013 we were awarded the Burgess/Wetnose Best Dog Rescue Centre, in 2019 the IFAW Animal Action Award for Dog Rescue and in 2020 Charity Champion Award – Amplifon Awards for Brave Britons. Our rescue has been featured on Panorama, Inside Out and in newspapers and magazines such as Dog's Today, and Dog's World. We were the only small rescue invited to be featured alongside the RSPCA, Battersea Dogs Home and Dog Trust in the Panorama programme entitled Britain's Unwanted Pets and Tom Heap spent days travelling with us and experienced saving 8 dogs from pounds on just one of those days who would definitely have died without our help

Social media and all administration has in the past been carried out by our volunteers who are also front line because of the extent of our front-line work but now with the help of dedicated administrative volunteers we have a thriving facebook - dorisbanhamuk with 24,000 likes and followers which is gathering support and momentum every day. We have a 5-star rating. We also have an auction and fundraising group and a happy ever afters group for updates on rehomed dogs. Through our facebook, supporters see and become involved with the dogs we rescue from death and witness how they are transformed into lovely homeable dogs. Many fund-raising events, auctions and challenges are organised. Many supporters have dedicated their weddings and birthdays to us and we receive 80% of the proceeds of one holiday chalet and 50% of another. We also have jewellery makers and crafters making goods free of charge to enable us to raise 100% of the proceeds for the Charity.

We can sometimes have as little as a couple of hours' or less notice by telephone that a dog is due to die and it is vital to us to know that we have a kennel that we can fund available immediately to be a safe house for that dog. If we say yes the dog lives and if we say no the dog dies and that is a terrible burden as we are literally the last chance for that dog to live. We are constantly seeking sponsorship for our kennels so that we know that we have a funded kennel available for a dog due to be pts. Our quarantine kennels continue to be a Godsend to us and we are constantly searching for increased funding for them. Isolation should always be the first responsible step for any dog coming into rescue especially from the pounds. A two-week isolation period for veterinary treatment including vaccination, worming, defleaing etc. and temperament assessment is of paramount importance to protect the

existing dogs in the kennels and also potential adopters and their existing pets.

Our kennels need to be experienced and dedicated enough to care for dogs direct from the pound who are frightened, traumatized and may have ailments or veterinary conditions. It is vital that they should be admitted to an experienced kennels where the level of care, skill and dedication is amply sufficient to meet the needs of these dogs. Our kennels allow us to securely house, care for, nurse, medicate, retrain, socialize, walk, exercise, and rehome the dogs rescued by the Charity. The kennels need to be able to deal with all variety of dogs - x breeding bitches, abused dogs, x bait dogs, dogs in need of veterinary treatment, emaciated dogs needing multiple small feeds, untrained young dogs, frail elderly dogs, dogs who have lived in sheds, gardens and alleys and provide them with everything they need to make them well, happy dogs ready for rehoming. Our care package for each dog includes in addition to the services normally provided by a kennels a complete welfare package: positive reward based retraining, socialisation, logging and organising neutering, vaccination, worming and microchipping, visits to the vets, administration of medication and special diets, nursing and recuperation, collection of dogs from the pounds, rehoming, home checking and administration of all these services etc. - all this is included in the daily rate. At our kennels the dogs thrive and become happy dogs again and are found stable loving forever homes. People often remark how shiny and waggy-tailed the dogs are and how amazed they are, when walking our dogs, that the dogs pull back to kennels so keen are they to get home! Rarely does a dog have to come back into our care and then it is usually because family circumstances have changed rather than any fault on the part of the dog. We offer every dog whom we home a lifelong guarantee to come back into our care should they need to so that they never end up in the pound again.

The two weeks they spend in the isolation kennels is the vital starting point both for veterinary treatment and retraining needs. Each dog is different and will be with us as long as it takes for us to complete the final piece of the jigsaw of saving their lives and that is finding them a forever home. During this time an individual tailored plan is devised which is suited to the needs of that particular dog.

We have calculated that this is the most cost-effective way for us to give the maximum benefit to the maximum number of rescued dogs. The expert services the kennels provide and the dedication they exhibit to the dogs in their care is outstanding and this combined with their professional skills means that we can offer to our dogs a service which far outweighs anything we could afford to provide at a centre run by volunteers and also at a cheaper cost than it would cost to run a centre providing the same facilities and funding the extra services provided.

In fact our kennels operate a complete service from collection and newly admitted dog (who is unknown territory when they arrive as to what we will have to deal with) to dog ready in every way for their forever home. If we had to pay separately for all these included additional services we would not be able to save the lives of so many dogs. Retraining is undertaken daily by the same people thereby building trust and consistency. The trainers are producing fantastic results with the dogs with positive reward based training methods and turning dogs around and

giving them a fresh new start in life. The kennels also welcome our team of volunteers using PPE to visit the kennels to walk and interact with the dogs giving the dogs extra exercise, lead training and human interaction. The kennels can when required offer 24 hr care for a poorly or traumatised dog. They are also happy to be on call 24 hour a day 365 days a year to go out and pick up or admit a dog in need.

Our rescue are the last people who are contacted to save the life of a dog before they are destroyed. This means that we daily carry the burden of knowing that if we say yes the dog lives and if we say no the dog dies. Thus, we can never relax 24 hours a day 365 days a year as we never know when the next urgent dog will come. We sometimes have very short notice by telephone that a dog is due to die.

There are no dogs in our kennels who would not be dead if we had not taken them into our care, as they had no options left to save their lives and no time left to search for any as we seek other rescue spaces right up to the day the destruction is due to ensure that there are no other avenues available to save the dog's life. Our kennel team of trainers and carers is second to none and work tirelessly to mend the dogs in body and spirit and we are very proud of our rehoming rate.

Front line dog rescue is extremely physically hard and emotionally demanding work and we are really proud of our brave and dedicated volunteers who make many personal sacrifices to carry out their life saving work. Often witnessing the condition of dogs arriving from the pound is very painful but being able to help them and seeing these dogs, who suffered and definitely would have died, thriving and finding loving homes reinforces and heartens them.

The UK has a serious and heart-breaking stray problem that needs to be addressed. UK strays are kennelled away from the public eye and their desperate plight is not always appreciated by the public in general as the dogs and their condition are not visible on the streets. We continue to strive to highlight their plight with the goal of improving their dire situation. We also seek to raise public awareness of the dangers of irresponsible over-breeding and promote high standards of animal welfare, neutering and the adoption of rescue dogs

We are proud of what we do, as we are successfully rehoming dogs who may not be immediately rehomeable when they first come from the pounds and need veterinary treatment, patience, expert positive reward based retraining, skill and TLC after the bad start in life they have experienced. Under the expert guidance of our kennels team our dogs are placed into stable forever homes that are suited to the needs of both the dog and the adopters. These are dogs who without Doris Banham would have died, who often had only numbers not names and whose death would only have been marked by a log in a book and it is very motivating what can be achieved through care in our throw-away society and how we can restore to these dogs their rightful importance and value. However, the whole process is a huge but one that we are dedicated to meet.

Our Charity was set up in dedication to the founder's Mother Doris Banham and will always rigidly reflect the compassionate ethos by which

she lived her life. We are proud to say that we have stayed rigidly steadfast to our founding principles of unconditional rescue of the most needy pound dogs regardless of breed, age or veterinary condition, giving them whatever they need and finding them the forever homes that they always deserved.

Our path is a very hard one as we almost totally rescue dogs from pounds rather than homes and secondly, we unconditionally take into our care those who have not received any other rescue offers and are due for destruction. We have never ever selected a dog – we are always told by the pounds which ones need us. We seek other rescue spaces right up to the day the destruction is due to ensure that there are no other avenues available to save the dog's life.

Dogs fail to get rescue spaces for many reasons. They may simply be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Even young dogs under a year with no problems sometimes are due to die needlessly simply because a rescue space is not available at that point in time to save them. Some may need veterinary treatment or retraining and many are the exploited popular breeds - victims of irresponsible overbreeding. Our mission is to save their lives and then turn them around into loving rehomeable dogs ready for forever homes. We consider every homing is a minor triumph in righting the wrongs our throwaway society has caused and we are so very proud of our constant rehoming rate.

Our Charity works at the very front line of dog rescue. The task of raising funds to continue our life saving work is getting harder and harder whilst the burden of what we are being asked to deal with is getting heavier and heavier. The burden on our Charity has become greater as more dogs are given up to the pounds because of inability of owners to pay veterinary fees, evictions, family breakdowns and increased irresponsible breeding. Sold without home-checks the dogs often end up in the pound system. Thus, the specific problems caused by today's difficult financial times have hit our Charity massively because we take many of the type of dogs that the hard times have threatened the lives of and made homeless. The increase in both the incidence of owners abandoning their dogs due to the cost of veterinary treatment and the practice of overbreeding by irresponsible breeders in order to produce quick cash has vastly increased our workload. Sold without home-checks the dogs often end up in the pound system.

The current difficult financial situation also continues to make people more reluctant to make charitable donations or commit to standing orders etc. This has made the task of raising funds to carry on our vital life-saving work substantially harder.

Our policy of giving lifelong backup to our rehomed dogs, should their circumstances change in their new homes, is one of the cornerstones of our Charity. It is our greatest desire that the dogs should have us as a safety net for the rest of their lives, being able always to come back into our care so that they never re-enter the pound system again. We are totally non-destruct whilst quality of life can be achieved and we are relentless in our pursuit of this. Dogs with manageable veterinary conditions who do not receive homing offers are moved to long term foster and attempts to find them the right home are continued from that foster home. The ultimate and overriding goal of everything that we do is to reunite the

dogs with their original owners who had not been able to locate them in time to save their lives in our complicated pound system. But if this is not possible, we strive to find the dogs the loving forever homes that they deserve providing them with whatever veterinary treatment, rehabilitation, socialization or retraining they need to make this possible. All our dogs are neutered vaccinated and micro-chipped.

In addition to our work rescuing dogs already in the pound system, we also continue to work to reduce the number of dogs entering the pound system in the first place. To this end we have put in place some specialist volunteers who respond to owners who have tried every avenue to place the dog that they feel unable to keep and have come to us as a last resort before they hand their dog into the pound. First establishing if this is a loving and stable home that they would want the dog to stay in, these volunteers discuss with the owners the problems that have led to the situation where they feel they are forced to give up their loved pet - be they social or behavioural and attempt to assist them to keep their pet in their family. This can entail giving free behaviourist training for problems such as barking or chewing or training a puppy or if the problem is a social one such as the owner having to go away to care for a relative for a while or is searching for housing that will permit animals, organising for the dog to be cared for in the meantime. Every case is different and is always managed with the dog's well-being of paramount importance. Many owners have responded very positively to this, grateful to have found a way to keep a pet they did not really want to lose but could not see a way around their problems. Many owners have gone on to become volunteers for the charity themselves.

We continue to work in cooperation with pounds, councils and dog wardens believing that building up a stable working relationship is the most beneficial means of saving the dogs' lives and encourage them to approach us if they are going to destroy a dog with a treatable or manageable veterinary condition merely because of the cost

Despite concentrating our efforts on saving the lives of the dogs at present in the pounds and working to improve pound conditions and ethos, Doris Banham Dog Rescue also wishes to play a meaningful role in attempting to stem the problem at its source. We also actively seek to educate the public on the pound system in the UK and promote high standards of animal welfare and the principle that sentient animals are not disposable commodities to be exploited.

Our rehoming volunteers are continuing to work tirelessly to find stable and loving forever homes for our rescue dogs. The volunteers from breed rescues continue to be a very important asset for us and we are also being helped by breed welfare rescues themselves when we take into our care one of their breed dogs which they are unable to help themselves.

We stress to the public the unfair connotations of the term "stray" simply because pound dogs are merely lost, abandoned and stolen pets unclaimed by their owners within the 7 statutory days allocated before the council is empowered to destroy them. We continually strive to promote responsible dog ownership stressing the importance of neutering, micro chipping, vaccination and socialisation.

We are constantly grateful to our supporters who respond to our appeals, do challenges and runs and endurance events, donate their portraits etc. and to other rescues who donate food because of the contribution that we make in the rescue world. Volunteers are particularly attracted to our strict policy that 100% donations are spent directly on the dogs themselves as we have no administration costs. Volunteers know they are giving their precious time directly to the dogs and that encourages and motivates them.

We operate a kennel sponsorship scheme whereby individuals or companies can sponsor a kennel for 6 months or a year giving a safe haven for dog after dog due for imminent destruction.

We encourage young people to take an active part in taking responsibility for the dogs. Many will save their pocket money or do sales to raise funds for a particular dog and follow that dog through until they are homed.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

It is not the policy of the Trustees to maintain significant reserves.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Charity's principal sources of funds are donations, fund-raising online, grants from animal welfare organisations and sponsorships. The funds have been spent on veterinary fees, emergency kennelling and transport which support the Charity's key objectives of saving lives and alleviating suffering.

## Section F

## Other optional information

100% of funds raised are used to save the lives and alleviate the suffering of unclaimed dogs due for destruction in council pounds or other life threatening situations who are imminently due to die. We work with veterinary surgeries, the police, social service and other organisations and owners in tragic circumstances. We are all unpaid volunteers who believe in what we do. We offer a lifelong guarantee to dogs homed by us to take them back into our care to ensure they never enter the pound system again. We are also unique in that every single dog that is taken into our care would definitely have died without our intervention as we exhaust all other rescue options and often wait until the day that the destruction is due to take place to take the dog in. We believe that the criteria for rescue should be the need of the dog and not its breed or immediate homeability and take great pride in finding a loving home for a once traumatised dog who with our help and care has learnt to trust and find his place in the world again

## Section G

## Declaration

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)**

*T. E James.*

**Full name(s)**

Trudie Elizabeth James

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Trustee

**Date**

27/09/2021



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Doris Banham Dog Rescue**

No (if any)  
1103372

## Receipts and payments accounts


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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2020	To	Period end date 31/12/2020
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary	204,160	-	-	204,160	184,369
Activities	5,260	-	-	5,260	47,860
COVID19 Gov	30,000	-	-	30,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>239,420</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>239,420</b>	<b>232,229</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>239,420</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>239,420</b>	<b>232,229</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Transport	10,791	-	-	10,791	15,561
Kenneling	109,519	-	-	109,519	124,264
Veterinary Fees	58,956	-	-	58,956	48,104
Misc	2,058	-	-	2,058	3,033
Charity Shops	8,342	-	-	8,342	19,577
Fundraising	4,493	-	-	4,493	9,355
Rehoming Promotions	634	-	-	634	863
Special Needs	7,949	-	-	7,949	11,533
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>202,742</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>202,742</b>	<b>232,290</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>202,742</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>202,742</b>	<b>232,290</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>36,678</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,678</b>	<b>- 61</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,207	-	-	16,207	16,146
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>20,471</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,471</b>	<b>16,207</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash in Bank	20,471	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	20,471	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Trudie E James	27/09/2021	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

DORIS BANHAM DOG RESCUE

On accounts for the year ended

31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020

Charity no (if any)

1103372

Set out on pages

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 explanations from the 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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:

*Helen McCarthy*

Date:

27-09-2024

Name:

HELEN MCCARTHY

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

SOCIAL SERVICES HOME CARE MANAGER (Retired)

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**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.

N/A