

Registered Charity Number: 1112054

Akita Rescue and Welfare Trust (UK)

Trustee' Annual Report

Receipts and Payments Accounts and Statement of Assets and Liabilities



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023 Period start date To 31/12/2023 Period end date

Charity name: Akita Rescue & Welfare Trust (UK)

Charity registration number: 1112054

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of Akitas in need of care and attention and to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals. To promote humane behaviour towards Akitas by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which need care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to Akita welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Trust has reps and co-ordinators working across the UK, advising owners and rescuing, re-homing and retraining Akitas which incurs transportation and travel costs.▪ ARW are in contact with most of the main breeders.▪ ARW set up home visits for owners where necessary.▪ ARW carry out frequent dog assessments.▪ ARW manage the re-homing of rescue dogs and offer rescue backup for life resulting in kennel and veterinary costs.▪ ARW offers education and advice to current and prospective owners of Akitas.▪ ARW assist in the re-homing of dogs from many UK rescue organisations such as the RSPCA, Dogs Trust, Battersea Dogs' Home and many of

		the County Councils' dog pounds as well as advising on breed traits and behaviours to assist with the assessment of Akita temperament.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	ARW confirm that the Trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		The Trust continues to embrace social media and has built a substantial following benefitting the Trust and Akitas in need. Through this exposure the Trust has better educated and supported owners, adopters and potential owners of the breed.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Applications to relinquish dogs increased substantially. ARW found that requests for our services are higher than previous years but adoption applications have reduced. This is subject to overbreeding and the cost of living crisis.</p> <p>Our veterinary expenditure has again been high as we support some of our adopted dogs as well as dogs on lifetime foster.</p> <p>The Trust continues to offer to cover the cost of spaying and neutering of all adopted Akitas. Originally introduced in 2018, this continues to be successful. Neutering costs have risen substantially as have vet bills in general.</p> <p>The Trust has continuously increased the membership rate on social media.</p> <p>Online auctions and fundraisers continue to be successful in increasing awareness and support for the Trust as well as finances.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Reserves Policy for the Trust is to hold a sum equivalent to 3 months average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure and / or be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10000.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	There are none
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are none

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Trust raises funds by means of sponsors, online auctions, raffles, merchandise sales, events and donations
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Declaration of Trust
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by a resolution of the Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Trust has 4 Trustees</p> <p>The administration team consists of 11 volunteer members. This team is responsible for:</p> <p>Finance & Statistics Adoptions Rehoming Fundraising Technical Support & Web Development Marketing & Communications</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Akita Rescue & Welfare Trust (UK)
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1112054
Charity's principal address	10 Dallison Rd Hibaldstow BRIGG North Lincolnshire

	DN20 9PU

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	Stephanie Anne Brown	Chairperson		
2	Paul Grier			
3	Ken Smith			
4	Christine Brown			
5	Catherine Maulud		01/01/2023 - 07/08/2023	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)	J Christine Brown	<i>J Christine Brown</i>
	Full name(s)	Joan Christine Brown	
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
	Date	8th July 2024	

Brenda Peers-Ross
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To the Trustees:
THE AKITA RESCUE AND WELFARE TRUST (UK)
Registered Charity Number: 1112054

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Responsibilities and basis of report.

I have Independently Examined the Financial Statements on Pages 1 -5, for the financial year ending 31st December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparations of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). The charity's Trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

I report on my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission and in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you and the trustees concerning 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 next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: or
- the accounts did 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Brenda Peers-Ross

Brenda Peers-Ross FMAAT ACIE
Date: 28th October 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the Period 31st December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £
Receipts							
Donations		13,917	-	13,917	21,438	-	21,438
Charitable activities	1	3,875	-	3,875	2,290	-	2,290
Other income	2	10,634	-	10,634	10,865	-	10,865
Total receipts for the Year		28,426	-	28,426	34,593	-	34,593
Payments							
Charitable activities	3	29,446	-	29,446	37,643	-	37,643
Total Payments for the Year		29,446	-	29,446	37,643	-	37,643
Net Receipts/(Payments)		(1,020)	-	(1,020)	(3,050)	-	(3,050)
Total funds brought forward		37,061	-	37,061	40,111	-	40,111
Total funds carried forward		36,041	-	36,041	37,061	-	37,061

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

For the Period 31st December 2023

As At 31st December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £
Assets:							
Cash at bank and in hand	4	34,452	-	34,452	36,553	-	36,553
Stock		1,589	-	1,589	508	-	508
Debtors pre-paid insurance		175	-	175	450	-	450
		36,216	-	36,216	37,511	-	37,511
Liabilities							
Creditors: other		-	-	-	-	-	-
Creditors: accrual IE		210	-	210	220	-	220
		210	-	210	220	-	220
Net Assets		36,006	-	36,006	37,291	-	37,291

Reconciliation of Funds

Unrestricted/Designated Reserves

General reserve	6	36,041	-	36,041	37,061	-	37,061
Debtors, Creditors		(35)	-	(35)	230	-	230
		36,006	-	36,006	37,291	-	37,291

Presented and approved by the Trustees at a committee meeting held on 15th October 2024.
and signed on their behalf.

J. Christopher Brown

J C Brown

Trustee

THE AKITA RESCUE AND WELFARE TRUST (UK)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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For the Period 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £
Note 1						
Charitable Activities						
Adoption	2,700	-	2,700	2,200	-	2,200
Merchandise	1,175	-	1,175	90	-	90
	3,875	-	3,875	2,290	-	2,290

Note 2						
Other income						
Fundraising	9,872	-	9,872	10,040	-	10,040
Amazon	762	-	762	825	-	825
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-
	10,634	-	10,634	10,865	-	10,865

Note 3 Charitable Activities

Payments :

Publicity and marketing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overheads	2,291	-	2,291	3,302	-	3,302
Merchandise	599	-	599	859	-	859
PayPal fees	110	-	110	119	-	119
Vets fees and medicine	6,491	-	6,491	13,886	-	13,886
Adoption	300	-	300	-	-	-
Dog food	1,365	-	1,365	537	-	537
Kennels	15,134	-	15,134	14,794	-	14,794
Fundraising costs	2,633	-	2,633	2,848	-	2,848
Travel costs	523	-	523	1,298	-	1,298
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
	29,446	-	29,446	37,643	-	37,643

Note 4

Cash at Bank

Unity Bank	22,278	-	22,278	29,275	-	29,275
Nat West	6,982	-	6,982	3,155	-	3,155
PayPal	5,192	-	5,192	4,123	-	4,123
	34,452	-	34,452	36,553	-	36,553

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the Period 31st December 2023

Note 5 Restricted Funds	01.01.23			Transfer	31.12.23
	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Between Funds	Closing Balance
There are no restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

Note 6 Unrestricted / Designated reserves	01.01.23			Transfer	31.12.23
	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Between Funds	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General Reserve	37,061	28,426	(29,446)	-	36,041
	37,061	28,426	(29,446)	-	36,041

Note 7

Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is under the direct control of it's board of Trustees, the names of whom are shown at the beginning of the Trustee's Report.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2023

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The Charity is a small entity and produces its accounts in a Receipts and Payment and Statement of Assets and Liabilities format.

Format

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Receipts and Payments, and Statement of Assets and Liabilities basis for small entities.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements. **Restricted funds** are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Receipts and Payments account when received by the charity. Grants are brought into account on a when received.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an payable basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of all tangible fixed assets by instalments over the expected useful lives. The period generally applicable are:

Fixtures and fitting	5 years	straight line method
Computer and IT equipment	3 year	straight line method

Intangible income

Intangible income, in the form of donated facilities and voluntary help etc., is not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practicable to quantify such income.

Reserves

The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of certain assets. Not all grants/course income are received at the beginning of the financial others are received in arrears.

Risk

The trustees do not believe the Charity is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts.