



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

1 Sept 2021

31 Aug 2022

From

To

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Greyhound Compassion

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1120247

Charity's principal address REDACTED

Postcode

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	REDACTED	REDACTED		
2	REDACTED	REDACTED		
3	REDACTED	REDACTED		

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
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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)	Constitution (22 December 2021)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by resolution at a convened meeting of the charity 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.

We make the Constitution and Annual Report & Accounts to available to all Trustees prior to appointment. We ensure they are aware of Charity Commission guidance on an ongoing basis.

We also ensure Trustees are apprised of the issues facing our supported shelters; developments within the greyhound racing industry in the UK and Ireland, as well as the canine welfare situation within hare coursing in Spain.

We have constructive relationships with fellow greyhound welfare advocates. Our small network of volunteers (max 6) help with fund-raising activities. Our volunteer team has depleted in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 27 September the Blue Cross, Dogs Trust, RSPCA and Woodgreen announced the #CutTheChase initiative: calling for greyhound racing to be phased out in the UK. We are in favour of efforts to phase out greyhound racing in the UK because it would positively impact greyhound welfare.

In Spain the Government is considering an amendment to its animal welfare legislation including the exclusion of hunting dogs from the animal protection law. This will adversely impact the welfare of greyhounds in Spain ("galgos") and is of significant concern to us. We are monitoring developments.

We are alert to a potential increase in the number of greyhounds entering rescue, against the backdrop of a global economic decline. Anecdotal feedback from rescues points to lengthy waiting lists for access to kennel spaces. Taking all of this into consideration we continue to manage our finances conservatively in readiness for a rescue emergency.

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

To relieve the suffering of greyhounds who are in need of care and protection and in particular by providing and maintaining or assisting in the provision and maintenance of kennels and other facilities for the reception and care of greyhounds who are retired and unwanted or who are otherwise in need of care and protection; to place in such permanent homes as the trustees may consider appropriate.

In practice, the area of benefit is national and overseas (generally Spain and Ireland).

2022 Plans

Our plans for the period under review continued to be to fund materials, relief and rehabilitation directly making a tangible improvement to the life of the rescued greyhounds in the shelters we support.

We support 3 shelters rescuing greyhounds:

- Greyhound Rescue, Boston, Lincolnshire (UK): around 25 greyhounds in residence at any one time;
- Limerick Animal Welfare (Ireland): caring for around 20 greyhounds at any one time
- SPA Scooby, Medina del Campo (Spain) rescuing 300 to 400 greyhounds ("galgos") on an annual basis.

Fund-raising for greyhounds in rescue:

We contribute to the cost of kennel improvements and renovations; running costs; dog food and veterinary fees at our supported shelters.

We sponsor the accommodation and subsistence costs for one particular needy greyhound at the Lincolnshire shelter who, due to his treatment prior to rescue, cannot be placed in permanent home.

Donated goods:

We collect bedding, donated dog food, canine accessories, transport crates, first aid/medical items and cleaning materials for the shelter in Lincolnshire. We transport the goods to the shelter at the Trustees' personal cost.

If we have similar items useful for the Spanish shelter and know of free road transport heading to it, we ask the driver to take the donations of aid.

Homing greyhounds: Our practice is to refer homing enquiries within the UK to the shelter we support in Lincolnshire and to provide the shelter manager with references as appropriate. We do not receive homing requests from Ireland or Spain.

Public benefit:

During the period our Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising our powers and duties to which the guidance is relevant.

This is a difficult condition to fulfil knowing that the dogs receiving our direct support have been used either for commercial racing as part of the gambling industry or for hare coursing. Both practices are detrimental in animal welfare terms. Our priority is to relieve the greyhounds' suffering. Arguably this does not generally help the public, which encompasses some of the very people who have exploited them.

On the other hand, our key public benefit contributions are the following:

- Our awareness raising activities inform the public about the animal welfare issues generated by greyhound racing in the UK and Ireland, and hare coursing in Spain.
- If we are accompanied by rescued greyhounds at events, we can more easily demonstrate to the public their value as a pet. This is simultaneously beneficial to the participants.
- The adoption of a rescued greyhound is known to be a rewarding and beneficial experience for the adopter and the dog.
- Although a small charity, we offer volunteering opportunities and benefit from volunteers who fund-raise in aid of Greyhound Compassion and spread awareness about the plight of greyhounds.
- We collaborate actively with animal welfare advocates as well as the leaders, staff and volunteers at our supported shelters, offering mutually supportive assistance for the benefit of rescued greyhounds where possible.
- A by-product of our sales at car boot fairs is that generally low income families benefit from the clothes and household items we sell.

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)

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the period we have paid the following for our supported shelters:

- Greyhound Rescue, Boston, Lincolnshire (UK) £3,753:
 - Oil for kennel heating
 - Veterinary fees
 - Sponsorship of one long-stay greyhound
 - Delivery of donated: bedding, dog food, kennel equipment, cleaning materials and medical items.
- Limerick Animal Welfare (Ireland) £3,683:
 - Spay & neuter of 23 greyhounds
 - Veterinary fees, including contribution to complicated arthroplasty operation on one greyhound abandoned with a hip injury.
- SPA Scooby, Medina del Campo (Spain) £9,192:
 - Blood tests for 75 greyhounds
 - Dog food costs

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees follow a prudent approach to expenditure, always ensuring that the financial assets are sufficient to cover liabilities. We aim to hold the equivalent of 2 years' essential costs in the bank account. As such the charity's fund is never in deficit. We are proceeding with extra caution in light of lengthy kennel waiting lists; the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic; and in view of an impending economic recession.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

Section F

Other optional information

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) 

Position (eg Secretary, Trustee
Chair, etc)

Date 9 December 2022

 <div>CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES</div>	Charity Name				No (if any)		CC16a
	Greyhound Compassion				1120247		
	Receipts and payments accounts						
	For the period from	Period start date		To	Period end date		
		1 September 2021			31 August 2022		

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations, legacies, grants	7,620	-	-	7,620	11,456
Gift Aid relief	695	-	-	695	706
Bank interest	- 0	-	-	-	1,313
Fund-raising events	3,132	-	-	3,132	2,521
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,447	-	-	11,447	15,996
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	11,447	- 0	- 0	11,447	15,996
A3 Payments					
Cost of fund-raising	534	-	-	534	888
Grants and donations paid	16,628	-	-	16,628	6,380
Bank charges	3	-	-	3	593
Office and sundries	391	-	-	391	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,555	-	-	17,555	7,861
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	17,555	- 0	- 0	17,555	7,861
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,108	-	-	- 6,108	8,135
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,557	-	-	13,557	5,422
Cash funds this year end	7,449	-	-	7,449	13,557

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash funds at year end	7,449	-	-
			-	-

		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,449	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Stock	50	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

9 December 2022

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements.

Trustees receive no remuneration from the CIO.

If the CIO is wound up, the liability of each Trustee is limited to £10.