

# DOGS' FRIENDS

England & Wales · Charity number 1129794

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2009-05-21

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

## Contact

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**Address** Shamrock Stables  
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**Website** [www.dogsfriends.me.uk](http://www.dogsfriends.me.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** A FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF ANIMALS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN RESCUE HOMES OR OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE RECEPTION, CARE AND TREATMENT OF SUCH ANIMALS TO PROMOTE HUMANE BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS ANIMALS BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE CARE, PROTECTION., TREATMENT AND SECURITY FOR ANIMALS WHICH ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION BY REASON OF SICKNESS, MALTREATMENT, POOR CIRCUMSTANCES OR ILL USAGE AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO ANIMAL WELFARE IN GENERAL AND THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY AND SUFFERING AMONG ANIMALS

**Activities:** Dogs Friends regularly does Fund-raising, Re-homing, Information, Entertainment for Needy Dogs

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, NATIONAL.
- Bristol City
- Somerset
- South Gloucestershire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	-	-	-	-
2024-05-31	£759,667	£595,430	£331,948	8
2023-05-31	£621,037	£543,595	£167,711	8
2022-05-31	£471,109	£475,256	-	-
2021-05-31	£352,331	£384,156	-	-
2020-05-31	£232,000	£228,000	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOHN THURMAND		
ROSEMARY CONSTANCE PEACOCK		

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# Accounts

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**Dogs' Friends**

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the year ended

**31 May 2024**

**Dogs' Friends  
Report and Financial Statements  
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John Thurmand – Secretary

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Kingswood  
Bristol  
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**Bankers**

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A detailed review of the activities for the year is given on the following pages.

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The Trustees are endeavouring to build up a suitable reserve fund over the next 5 years, in order to provide a buffer to cover unexpected expenditure.

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### Review of Charity Activities

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This was a challenging, yet rewarding year for the charity. There were a total of 342 intakes (arrivals of dogs) at the rescue, a slight reduction on the previous year. The majority of the dogs fell into one of three categories - ex-breeding dogs handed in when they were no longer required, strays and abandonment cases who had served their time in the pound, and pets that were not able to stay with their previous families. The charity also provided support to a small number of dogs who needed temporary care whilst their owners experienced challenging personal difficulties, such as serious illness and unsettled housing situations. A small number of dogs were born in rescue when their mothers arrived heavily pregnant.

### Recruiting New Foster Carers

We continued to recruit new foster carers to provide temporary placements for dogs in need, reducing the number of home environment-ready dogs being placed in kennels. Mindful of the need to provide consistent support to these volunteers, we built up a support structure to facilitate these placements and received excellent feedback from those families who had joined the team.

### Notable Cases

Whilst the Charity invests a huge amount of time and cost in the rescue of all the dogs it welcomes, some cases are particularly memorable - sadly because they are so heartbreaking. Below is just one example:

In June 2023 the charity was rocked by a particularly devastating case that had a profound effect on all involved. The charity was alerted to a highly sensitive case requiring the emergency intake

of 14 dogs, including 4 young puppies and 3 heavily pregnant small-breed dogs. When the dogs arrived, we were shocked by their conditions which included severe matting, extreme dental issues and a multitude of health problems. The dogs were all totally petrified of human contact and had had little to no exposure to the outside world.

A great number of volunteers (including foster families) rallied to provide excellent care to all dogs and we were overjoyed to see them all flourish with a huge amount of patience, vet care and love. The three pregnant dogs gave birth to 17 puppies between them, with only one puppy sadly being born poorly (he was posthumously named Gabriel, and was much loved in his short time with us).

All 14 dogs and the surviving puppies went on to excellent, loving homes where they could be supported to overcome their poor start in life.



## Acknowledgements and Thank You's

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There are also many local businesses, including independent pet shops, who provide great support by acting as donation points, raising awareness of the charity, supporting events and making donations of supplies.

## Special mention

This year The Charity suffered a great loss with the sad passing of our Co-founder and Trustee Linda Dunn. Lyn worked tirelessly for many years inspired by her passion for helping dogs in need. Although Lyn had taken a step back from the day to day running of the charity

she remained an integral part of the organisation, retaining her position on the Board of Trustees. Lyn is very sadly missed and her memory will remain forever at the heart of our work.

## Future Plans and summary

The rise in the number of dogs needing rescue spaces, as well as the lingering impact of Covid-19 meant this was another incredibly challenging year for Dogs Friends. The lows of constant heartbreak and frustration are however balanced by the spirit of compassion and determination that has kept the charity going over the years.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**

### **Dogs' Friends**

#### **For the year ended 31 May 2024**

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 14.

#### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to;

- Examine the financial statements under Section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioner under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and;
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

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### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements;

- a) To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- b) To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met, or;

To which, my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Ingle & Company Limited  
Accountants and Taxation Advisors  
339 Two Mile Hill Road  
Kingswood  
BRISTOL  
BS15 1AN

**Dogs' Friends**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Incoming resources from charitable activities		102,115	95,575
Incoming resources from fundraising activities		376,714	174,098
Income in kind from trustees		272,786	343,597
Grants		0	0
Commission received		8,055	7,764
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>759,667</b>	<b>621,034</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
Costs of charitable activities	3	(595,430)	(543,595)
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>		<b>164,237</b>	<b>77,439</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>			
General Fund brought forward		167,711	90,273
<b>General Funds carried forward</b>		<b>331,948</b>	<b>167,711</b>

**Dogs' Friends**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets	4	237,335	172,228
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks		14,500	14,000
Bank Current Account		81,714	
		<u>96,214</u>	<u>14,000</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due</b>			
<b>Within one year</b>	5	1,601	18,517
<b>Net Current Liabilities</b>		<u><b>94,613</b></u>	<b>( 4,517)</b>
<b>Total Assets less current</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>		331,948	167,711
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>331,948</u></u>	<u><u>167,711</u></u>
<b>Fund Held</b>			
General Fund	6	331,948	167,711
		<u><u>331,948</u></u>	<u><u>167,711</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board on

and signed on their behalf by;

Rosemary Peacock – Chair

John Thurmand – Secretary

**Dogs' Friends**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2024**

**1. Accounting Policies**

*Basis of preparation*

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual's basis, in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

*Depreciation*

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Kennelling and Office Building	5% straight line
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*Stocks of donated items*

The stock of donated items is donated by sponsors and represents that which has not been distributed or used by the charity at the year-end. The value has been estimated by the Trustees.

**2. Grants Received over £1,000**

We are very grateful to these people and organisations for supporting our work.

<b>3. Operating Profit</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>

This is stated after charging:

Depreciation of owned fixed assets	14,323	10,036
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**4. Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<b>Kennells And office Buidlings £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 June 2023	207,032	207,032
Additions	79,430	79,430
At 31 May 2024	<u>286,462</u> =====	<u>286,462</u> =====

<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 June 2023	34,804	34,804
Charge for the year		
	<u>14,323</u>	<u>14,323</u>
At 31 May 2024	49,127	49,127
	=====	=====
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
At 31 May 2024	237,335	237,335
At 31 May 2023	<u>172,228</u>	<u>172,228</u>
	=====	=====

<b>5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Credit Card	1,111	10,626
Other Creditors	490	2,818
Bank	-	<u>5,073</u>
	<u>1,601</u>	18,517
	=====	=====

<b>6. General Fund</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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**7. Trustees' Remuneration**

No Trustees received any remuneration for their work as Trustees.

The Trustees have calculated that the value of the time that the Trustees freely give to the Charity amounts to approximately £90,000 per year.

R Peacock, a Trustee, provides kennelling for the dogs at her own premises in order to reduce the cost to the Charity of using commercial boarding kennels, which can exceed £4,000 per month. In 2013, the Trustees agreed that a fair rent to pay to Rosemary Peacock for this facility would be £2,000 per month, although no payments have actually been made to her. Following advice from the Charity Commission, this has not been included as a cost in the Accounts.

Trustees are reimbursed for expenses they incur on behalf of the Charity.

**Dogs' Friends**  
**Detailed Income and Expenditure Account**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</b>		
Dog Adoption Income	102,115	95,575
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	=====	=====
<b>Incoming Resources from Fundraising Activities</b>		
General Donations and Appeals	376,714	174,098
Other Fundraising Activities	0	0
Donations in kind from Trustees	272,783	343,597
Donations from Trusts	0	0
Grants received		
Commissions Receivable	8,055	7,767
	<u>657,552</u>	<u>524,462</u>
	=====	=====
<b>Cost of Charitable Activities</b>		
Employee Costs:		
Kennel Staff	120,922	110,710
	<u>120,922</u>	<u>110,710</u>
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<b>Animal Welfare Costs:</b>		
Vaccinations	29,243	19,711
Neutering Costs	54,084	32,720
Microchipping	2,780	2,497
Veterinary Referrals Costs/Vets Fees	207,690	184,686
Animal feed, Dog Tags, Dog beds and grooming	65,419	43,653
Transporting Dog	13,956	13,514
Support Provided to Fosters (Dog Food,Medical treatment)	39,433	69,595
Physiotherapy for dogs	8,057	3,829
Dog Training	0	265
Large Animal Costs	3,902	7,172
Kennelling Costs	0	4,043
	<u>424,564</u>	<u>381,685</u>
	=====	=====

**Premises Costs:**

Rates	1,005	833
Light and Heat	2,975	2,981
Cleaning and Premises Costs	4,172	3,824
Repairs	8,520	16,466
Rent and Storage	<u>927</u>	<u>1,350</u>
	<u>17,599</u>	<u>25,454</u>

**Administration Costs:**

Printing & Stationery	788	444
Telephone	2,272	1,519
Bank Charges, Online Bank Charges and Interest	2,300	3,165
Insurance	4,046	4,105
Depreciation	14,323	10,036
Miscellaneous	2,918	1,723
Donations	1,000	20
	<u>27,647</u>	<u>21,012</u>

**Legal and Professional Costs:**

Legal and Planning Fees	4,179	4,251
Website and advertising costs	519	483
	<u>4,698</u>	<u>4,734</u>
	<u>595,430</u>	<u>543,595</u>

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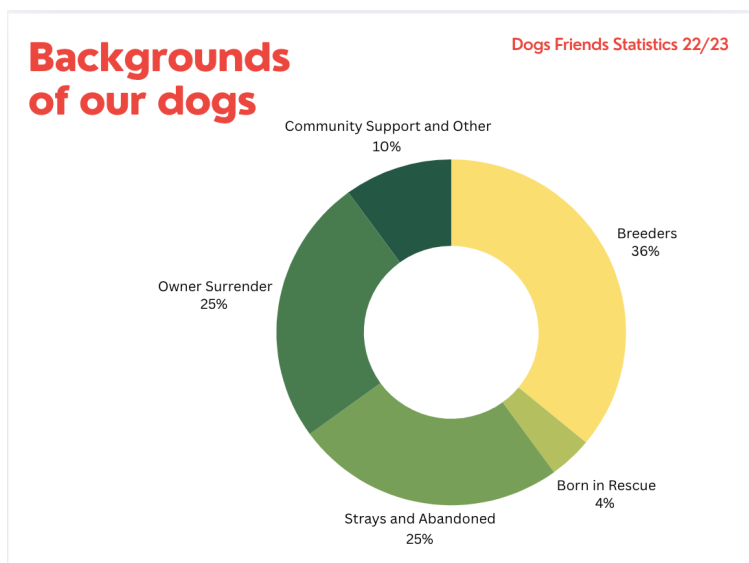
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## **Notable Cases**

Whilst the Charity invests a huge amount of time and cost in the rescue of all the dogs it welcomes, some cases are particularly memorable - sadly because they are so heartbreaking. Below is just one example:

April the young, stray Collie arrived in January 2023 from the pound in Brecon and was later found to be heavily pregnant. April was absolutely terrified and hid herself away in her foster home, but gradually built up a very special, trusting bond with her foster carer. April gave birth to two puppies who were raised in a safe and loving environment before going to loving adoptive homes, whilst April's foster carer could not bear to part with her after such a journey together and went on to adopt her a short while later. We were delighted with this outcome for April, who had clearly had a sad start in life and desperately needed the stability and calm her now-adopter could offer.



## **Acknowledgements and Thank You's**

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## **Schnauzerfest Support**

The charity wishes to extend special thanks to Schnauzerfest who kindly provided funding for the vet care of several dogs this year. Four of those dogs (Dolly, Angel, Millie and Pickles) are pictured below.



## **Events**

We held several very successful events in 2022, including our Annual Dog Shows in June, August and December as well as a special Summer Party at The White Horse in Hambrook which raised £3,315. We were very grateful to everyone who kindly supported and sponsored these events, as well as those who attended in great numbers.

## **New Kennels**

In late 2022 the long awaited new kennels block was built, providing 10 new kennels with indoor accommodation and outdoor pens for the dogs. This was a huge milestone for Dogs Friends after many years of making do with converted stables and pens and we were thrilled to be able to improve the standard of accommodation for the dogs who stay with us for longer periods.

The kennels build was kindly supported by 10 sponsors (many of whom have supported the charity for a number of years), as well as an anonymous benefactor. This funding was gratefully received and without it, the build would not have been achievable for the charity.

## **Summary**

This year proved to be another challenging period for the charity, but thanks to those who have supported us, our work has continued with great success.

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements;

- a) To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
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**Dogs' Friends**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Incoming resources from charitable activities		95,575	90,439
Incoming resources from fundraising activities		174,098	128,853
Income in kind from trustees		343,597	336,028
Grants		0	2,000
Commission received		7764	4,228
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>621,034</b>	<b>561,548</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
Costs of charitable activities	3	(543,595)	(475,256)
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>		<b>77,439</b>	<b>86,292</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>			
General Fund brought forward		90,273	3,981
<b>General Funds carried forward</b>		<b>167,711</b>	<b>90,273</b>
		=====	=====

**Dogs' Friends**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets	4	172,228	75,245
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks		14,000	14,000
Bank Current Account		-	3,259
		<u>14,000</u>	<u>17,259</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due Within one year</b>	5	18,517	2,232
<b>Net Current Liabilities</b>			
		( 4,517)	<u>15,027</u>
<b>Total Assets less current Liabilities</b>		167,711	90,272
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>167,711</u>	<u>3,981</u>
<b>Fund Held</b>			
General Fund	6	167,711	3,981
		<u>167,711</u>	<u>3,981</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board on

and signed on their behalf by;

Rosemary Peacock – Chair

John Thurmand – Secretary

**Dogs' Friends**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2023**

**1. Accounting Policies**

*Basis of preparation*

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual's basis, in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

*Depreciation*

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Kennelling and other buildings	10% straight line
Office Building	5% straight line

*Stocks of donated items*

The stock of donated items is donated by sponsors and represents that which has not been distributed or used by the charity at the year-end. The value has been estimated by the Trustees.

**2. Grants Received over £1,000**

We are very grateful to these people and organisations for supporting our work.

**3. Operating Profit**

<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>

This is stated after charging:

Depreciation of owned fixed assets	10,036	4,685
	_____	_____

#### 4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	<b>Office Building £</b>	<b>Kennelling £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 June 2022	93,705	6,308	100,013
Additions	107,019		107,019
At 31 May 2023	<u>200,724</u>	<u>6,308</u>	<u>207,032</u>
	=====	=====	=====
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 June 2022	18,460	6,308	24,768
Charge for the year	10,036		10,036
At 31 May 2023	<u>28,496</u>	<u>6,308</u>	<u>34,804</u>
	=====	=====	=====
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 31 May 2023	172,228	0	172,228
At 31 May 2022	<u>75,245</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75,245</u>
	=====	=====	=====

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

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Trade Creditors	-	-
Other Creditors	13,444	2,232
Bank	5,073	
	<u>18,517</u>	<u>2,232</u>
	=====	=====

#### 6. General Fund

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
At 1 June 2022	90,273	3,981
Net incoming resources for the year	77,439	86,292
At 31 May 2023	<u>167,711</u>	<u>90,273</u>
	=====	=====

**Dogs' Friends**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2023**

**7. Trustees' Remuneration**

No Trustees received any remuneration for their work as Trustees.

The Trustees have calculated that the value of the time that the Trustees freely give to the Charity amounts to approximately £90,000 per year.

R Peacock, a Trustee, provides kennelling for the dogs at her own premises in order to reduce the cost to the Charity of using commercial boarding kennels, which can exceed £4,000 per month. In 2013, the Trustees agreed that a fair rent to pay to Rosemary Peacock for this facility would be £2,000 per month, although no payments have actually been made to her. Following advice from the Charity Commission, this has not been included as a cost in the Accounts.

Trustees are reimbursed for expenses they incur on behalf of the Charity.

**Dogs' Friends**  
**Detailed Income and Expenditure Account**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</b>		
Dog Adoption Income	95,575	90,439
	<u>95,575</u>	<u>90,439</u>
	=====	=====
<b>Incoming Resources from Fundraising Activities</b>		
General Donations and Appeals	174,098	128,853
Other Fundraising Activities	0	0
Donations in kind from Trustees	343,597	336,028
Donations from Trusts	0	0
Grants received	0	2,000
Commissions Receivable	7,767	4,228
	<u>525,462</u>	<u>471,109</u>
	=====	=====
<b>Cost of Charitable Activities</b>		
Employee Costs:		
Kennel Staff	110,710	95,529
	<u>110,710</u>	<u>95,529</u>
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<b>Animal Welfare Costs:</b>		
Vaccinations	19,711	18,472
Neutering Costs	32,720	17,448
Microchipping	2,497	927
Veterinary Referrals Costs/Vets Fees	184,686	164,380
Animal feed, Dog Tags and grooming	43,653	40,016
Transporting Dog	13,514	10,909
Support Provided to Fosters (Dog Food,Medical treatment)	69,595	31,607
Romanian imported dog costs	0	23,300
Physiotherapy for dogs	3,829	6,125
Dog Training	265	1,208
Large Animal Costs	7,172	4,171
Kennelling Costs	4,043	17,750
	<u>381,685</u>	<u>336,313</u>
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**Premises Costs:**

Rates	833	597
Light and Heat	2,981	1,940
Cleaning and Premises Costs	3,824	4,511
Repairs	16,466	9,268
Rent and Storage	1,350	0
	<u>25,454</u>	<u>16,316</u>
	=====	=====

**Administration Costs:**

Printing & Stationery	444	248
Telephone	1,519	1,664
Bank Charges, Online Bank Charges and Interest	3,165	4,420
Insurance	4,105	3,184
Depreciation	10,036	4,685
Miscellaneous	1,723	3,054
Donations	20	103
	<u>21,012</u>	<u>17,358</u>
	=====	=====

**Legal and Professional Costs:**

Legal and Planning Fees	4,251	8,786
Website and advertising costs	483	954
	<u>4,734</u>	<u>9,740</u>
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	<u>543,595</u>	<u>475,256</u>
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**DOGS' FRIENDS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1129794

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# Accounts

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**Registered Charity Number  
1129794**

**Dogs' Friends**

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the year ended

**31 May 2022**

**Dogs' Friends  
Report and Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 May 2022**

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**Dogs' Friends**  
**Report and Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2022**

**Registered Charity Number**

1129794

**Charity Address**

Shamrock Stables  
Lynch Lane  
Westbury-sub-Mendip  
Somerset  
BA5 1HW

**Constitution**

Dogs Friends was constituted by Trust Deed dated 5 April 2009 and registered with the Charity Commission on 21 May 2009. The Charity commenced activities on 1 June 2009.

**Trustees**

The trustees who served during the year, and since the year-end are as follows:

Rosemary Peacock – Chair  
John Thurmand – Secretary

**Accountants**

Ingle and Company  
339 Two Mile Hill Road  
Kingswood  
Bristol  
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**Bankers**

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## **Dogs' Friends**

**Registered Number: 1129794**

### **Annual Report of the Trustees**

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2022. The charity commenced activities on 1 June 2009.

The reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

### **Objects and Aims**

The objects of the charity are;

- a) For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention, and in particular, to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals;
- b) To promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animals' welfare in general, and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

### **Organisational Structure**

Trustees are selected for appointment having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience which they can bring to assist the effective running of the charity, and their demonstrated commitment to the aims and objectives of the charity.

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

### **Review of Activities**

A detailed review of the activities for the year is given on the following pages.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees are endeavouring to build up a suitable reserve fund over the next 5 years, in order to provide a buffer to cover unexpected expenditure.

This report was approved by the Trustees on and signed by its order.

Rosemary Peacock

John Thurmand  
Secretary

## Annual Report of the Trustees

Dogs' Friends Registered Number: 1129794

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2022.

The objects of the charity are;

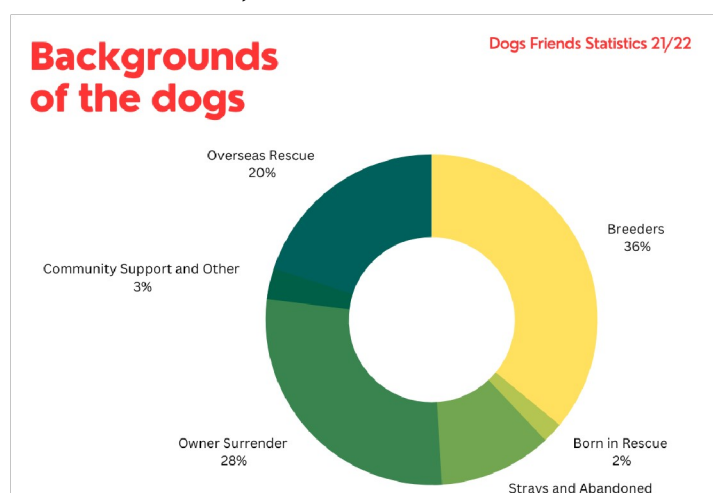
- a) For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention, and in particular, to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals;
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## Review of Charity Activities

Dogs Friends is a small, independent charity based in Somerset whilst operating within Somerset, Bristol, Gloucestershire and the surrounding areas. The charity is led by Charity Chairwoman and Rescue Manager, Rosemary Peacock and is supported by a great number of volunteers operating in varying capacities.

This was a year of great development for Dogs Friends, with the introduction of several new volunteers to support the coordination of the fostering and adoptions schemes, as well as the development of a new database and record keeping system to increase efficiency and enable a greater structure of organisation.

In 2020-2021 there were a total of 352 intakes (arrivals of dogs) at the rescue, which was a 36% increase on the previous year - an increase that had been anticipated post-pandemic. The majority of the dogs fell into one of three categories - ex-breeding dogs handed in when they were no longer required, strays and abandonment cases who had served their time in the pound, and pets that were not able to stay with their previous families. The charity also provided support to a small number of dogs who needed temporary care whilst their owners experienced challenging personal difficulties, such as serious illness and unsettled housing situations.



## Helping Romanian Dogs

During this period, Dogs Friends continued to support to a small rescue based in Romania, with these dogs accounting for 20% of the total intakes. The charity welcomed dogs who had little chance of rehabilitation and adoption in Romania, and worked closely with the volunteers in Romania to ensure the dogs welfare needs were met at all stages of their journey to adoption.

## Recruiting New Foster Carers

Recognising the need to recruit new foster carers to support the ever-growing numbers of dogs in need, we began a recruitment drive and welcomed many new foster families to our volunteer team. Mindful of the need to provide consistent support to these volunteers, we built up a support structure to facilitate these placements and received excellent feedback from those families who had joined the team.

## Notable Cases

Whilst the Charity invests a huge amount of time and cost in the rescue of all the dogs it welcomes, some cases are particularly memorable - sadly because they are so heartbreaking. Below are just three examples of the many dogs who arrived with us with complex care needs:

In 2021 Dogs Friends was contacted by St Mungo's Floating Support, a team supporting vulnerable people across Bristol. The charity had a service user who was receiving end of life care, and needed temporary support to care for her dog Fox, whilst also preparing for what would happen to Fox when she would pass away. Dogs Friends was able to support the service user to have regular contact with her beloved dog until she sadly passed away, and then found a permanent home for Fox when it was sadly needed. This was a particularly heartbreaking case for everyone involved.



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Bolt, an eight year old Pug x Chihuahua x Jack Russell arrived at the rescue in September 2021 when his owner didn't want to keep him. Initially Bolt appeared to be a fairly straightforward case. Bolt initially suffered with a huge gastric illness which left him extremely weak after receiving emergency veterinary care at Rowe Hospital. Although he soon recovered, this was sadly just the start.

Bolt was suffering with nictitans gland prolapse (more commonly known as Cherry Eye), as well as having an ulcer which was extremely inflamed and causing total agony. Initially a strict regime of eye drops and other medications were trailed, however Dogs Friends went on to make the extremely difficult decision to have his eye surgically removed to put an end to his agonising pain. Bolt gained a new lease of life when he was free of this pain at last. In another blow for this dog who was already down on his luck, Bolt needed extensive dental extractions due to horrific disease in his mouth and required a very complex and high risk dental to remove deep rooted decay and disease. After this was complete, the total bill for Bolt's vet care ran into the thousands. Needless to say, seeing the joy in him as he went off to join his forever family was priceless.

### **Acknowledgements and Thank You's**

The Charity continues to be incredibly grateful to its supporters. There are a great number of volunteers who support the running of the charity, including but not limited to, fundraisers, foster carers and home checkers. There are many other individuals and groups who provide wonderful support through fundraising and awareness events, something that is of great benefit to Dogs Friends.

Dogs Friends is also very grateful to the foster families who offer a safe place for dogs to stay until they are adopted - this is a great help to the charity and ensures that the dogs have a greater level of comfort whilst waiting to be chosen by adoptive families. There are also many adopters to thank; those who chose to welcome a dog in desperate need to their families. If it wasn't for these kind hearted people, Dogs Friends would not be able to continue its work. There are also many local businesses, including independent pet shops, who provide great support by acting as donation points, raising awareness of the charity, supporting events and making donations of supplies.

### **Future Plans and summary**

The rise in the number of dogs needing rescue spaces, as well as the lingering impact of Covid-19 meant this was another incredibly challenging year for Dogs Friends. The lows of constant heartbreak and frustration are however balanced by the spirit of compassion and determination that has kept the charity going over the years.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Dogs' Friends**

**For the year ended 31 May 2022**

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 14.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to;

- Examine the financial statements under Section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioner under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and;
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

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	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Incoming resources from charitable activities		90,439	50,028
Incoming resources from fundraising activities		464,881	284,819
Income from Trusts		0	5,000
Grants		2,000	9,000
Commission received		4,228	3,484
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>561,548</b>	<b>352,331</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
Costs of charitable activities	3	(475,256)	(384,156)
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>		<b>86,292</b>	<b>( 31,825)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>			
General Fund brought forward		3,981	35,806
<b>General Funds carried forward</b>		<b>90,273</b>	<b>3,981</b>
		=====	=====

**Dogs' Friends**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets	4	75,245	38,343
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks		14,000	10,000
Bank Current Account		3,259	
		<u>17,259</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due Within one year</b>	5	2,232	44,362
<b>Net Current Liabilities</b>			
		<u>15,027</u>	<u>-34,362</u>
<b>Total Assets less current Liabilities</b>		90,272	3,981
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>90,272</u> =====	<u>3,981</u> =====
<b>Fund Held</b>			
General Fund	6	90,272	3,981
		<u>90,272</u> =====	<u>3,981</u> =====

The financial statements were approved by the board on

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<b>3. Operating Profit</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	4,685	2,891
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#### 4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	<b>Office Building</b>	<b>Kennelling</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 June 2021	52,118	6308	58,426
Additions	41,587		41,587
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At 31 May 2022	93,705	6,308	100,013
	=====	=====	=====
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 June 2022	13,775	6,308	20,083
Charge for the year	4,685		4,685
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At 31 May 2021	18,460	6,308	24,768
	=====	=====	=====
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 31 May 2022		0	
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At 31 May 2021	75,245	0	75,245
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<b>5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade Creditors	-	17,641
Other Creditors	2,232	21,553
Overdrawn bank	-	5,168
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	2,232	44,362
	=====	=====

<b>6. General Fund</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 June 2021	3,981	35,806
Net incoming resources for the year	86,292	(31,825)
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At 31 May 2022	90,273	3,981
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**Dogs' Friends**  
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**For the year ended 31 May 2022**

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**Dogs' Friends**  
**Detailed Income and Expenditure Account**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</b>		
Dog Adoption Income	90,439	
50,228		
	<u>90,439</u>	<u>50,228</u>
	=====	=====
<b>Incoming Resources from Fundraising Activities</b>		
General Donations and Appeals	128,853	148,452
Other Fundraising Activities	0	20
Donations in kind from Trustees	336,028	136,347
Donations from Trusts	0	5,000
Grants received	2,000	9,000
Commissions Receivable	4,228	3,484
	<u>471,109</u>	<u>302,303</u>
	=====	=====
<b>Cost of Charitable Activities</b>		
Employee Costs:		
Kennel Staff	95,529	59,140
	<u>95,529</u>	<u>59,140</u>
	=====	=====
<b>Animal Welfare Costs:</b>		
Vaccinations	18,472	12,344
Neutering Costs	17,448	12,985
Microchipping	927	759
Veterinary Referrals Costs/Vets Fees	164,380	134,881
Animal Feed, Dog Tags and Grooming	40016	43,200
Transporting Dogs	10,909	5,658
Support Provided to Fosters (Dog Food, Medical Treatment)	31,607	41,800
Romanian imported dog costs	23,300	11,775
Physiotherapy for dogs	6,125	2,000
Dog Training	1,208	4,592
Large Animal Costs	4,171	5,279
Kennelling Costs	17,750	10,699
	<u>336,313</u>	<u>285,972</u>
	=====	=====

<b>Premises Costs:</b>			
	Rates	597	1,035
	Light and Heat	1,940	
2,324			
	Cleaning and Premises Costs	4,511	4,637
	Repairs	9,268	14,130
		<u>16,316</u>	<u>22,126</u>
		=====	=====
<b>Administration Costs:</b>			
	Printing & Stationery	248	1,231
	Telephone	1,664	1,187
	Bank Charges, Online Bank Charges and Interest	4,420	2,124
	Insurance	3,184	2,850
	Depreciation	4,685	2,891
	Miscellaneous	3,054	2,551
	Donations	103	25
		<u>17,358</u>	<u>12,859</u>
		=====	=====
<b>Legal and Professional Costs:</b>			
	Accountancy Fees	0	326
	Legal and Planning Fees	8,786	2,716
	Website and advertising costs	954	1,017
		<u>9,740</u>	<u>4,059</u>
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		<u>475,256</u>	<u>384,156</u>
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**Registered Charity Number  
1129794**

**Dogs' Friends**

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the year ended

**31 May 2021**

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**Report and Financial Statements**  
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**Charity Address**

Shamrock Stables  
Lynch Lane  
Westbury-sub-Mendip  
Somerset  
BA5 1HW

**Constitution**

Dogs Friends was constituted by Trust Deed dated 5 April 2009 and registered with the Charity Commission on 21 May 2009. The Charity commenced activities on 1 June 2009.

**Trustees**

The trustees who served during the year, and since the year-end are as follows:

Lynn Dunn  
Rosemary Peacock – Chair  
John Thurmand – Secretary

**Accountants**

Ingle and company  
339 Two Mile Hill Road  
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**Bankers**

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## **Dogs' Friends**

**Registered Number: 1129794**

### **Annual Report of the Trustees**

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2021.

The charity commenced activities on 1 June 2009.

The reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

### **Objects and Aims**

The objects of the charity are;

- a) For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention, and in particular, to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals;
- b) To promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animals' welfare in general, and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

### **Organisational Structure**

Trustees are selected for appointment having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience which they can bring to assist the effective running of the charity, and their demonstrated commitment to the aims and objectives of the charity.

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

### **Review of Activities**

A detailed review of the activities for the year is given on the following pages.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees are endeavouring to build up a suitable reserve fund over the next 5 years, in order to provide a buffer to cover unexpected expenditure.

This report was approved by the Trustees on and signed by its order.

Rosemary Peacock

John Thurmand  
Secretary

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**Review of Charity Activities**

Dogs Friends is a small, independent charity based in Somerset whilst operating within Somerset, Bristol, Gloucestershire and the surrounding areas. The charity is led by Charity Chairwoman and Rescue Manager, Rosemary Peacock and is supported by a great number of volunteers operating in varying capacities.

This was a challenging year for the Charity, with the impact of Covid-19 measures having a significant effect on the Charity operations, particularly in the first half of the charity year. The focus throughout the pandemic continued to be keeping staff, volunteers and supporters safe whilst continuing to help as many dogs as possible.

In 2020-2021 there were a total of 259 arrivals of dogs at the rescue. The majority of the dogs fell into one of three categories - ex-breeding dogs handed in when they were no longer required, strays and abandonment cases who had served their time in the pound, and pets that were no longer wanted by their previous families. The charity also provided support to a small number of dogs who needed temporary care whilst their owners experienced challenging personal difficulties, such as serious illness and unsettled housing situations.

**Helping Romanian Dogs**

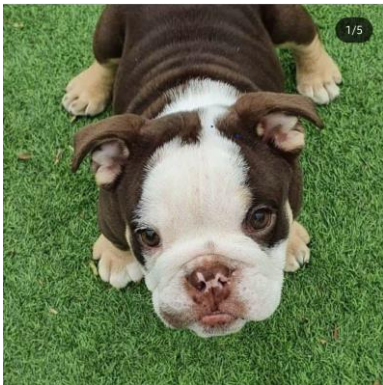
During this period, Dogs Friends felt called to extend help beyond the UK and offered support to a small rescue based in Romania. The charity welcomed dogs who had little chance of rehabilitation and adoption in Romania, and worked closely with the volunteers in Romania to ensure the dogs welfare needs were met at all stages of their journey to adoption.

## Recruiting New Foster Carers

Recognising the need to recruit new foster carers to support the ever growing numbers of dogs in need, we began a recruitment drive and welcomed many new foster families to our volunteer team. Mindful of the need to provide consistent support to these volunteers, we built up a support structure to facilitate these placements and received excellent feedback from those families who had joined the team.

## Notable Cases

Whilst the Charity invests a huge amount of time and cost in the rescue of all the dogs it welcomes, some cases are particularly memorable - sadly because they are so heartbreaking. Below are just three examples of the many dogs who arrived with us with complex care needs:



Bean the Bulldog puppy arrived at Dogs Friends in November 2020 and was very unwell, with a spinal abnormality later diagnosed as Spina Bifida. This condition caused Bean to experience weakness and loss of sensation in his back end, as well as total incontinence. Bean received a huge amount of care at specialist veterinary hospital, Langford which totalled £4,619.58.

This huge sum was a great expense to the charity, but repaid tenfold by seeing Bean live happily (and comfortably) in the adoptive home he found.

Elsie the five year old Beagle arrived with Dogs Friends in March 2021 and was a particularly heartbreaking case - given up by her Breeder when she was no longer required and almost totally blind, as well as suffering painful skin problems. It is difficult to comprehend the suffering that Elsie experienced and a huge fundraising effort (supported by a Beagle organisation) was launched to raise the £6416.34 required to have her vision restored at Langford. A further £1441.08 was spent on routine care (including vaccinations and neutering) at Axe Valley Vets.

This was worth every penny to ensure that Elsie got her second chance at living a happy, healthy life.



Tirion, a five year old Bulldog arrived in September 2020, with her body covered in agonising sores and cysts. It was clear this poor dog had been massively neglected and had been living with this condition for a long time. Tirion needed a huge amount of urgent vet care to address her pain levels, as well as investigation and treatment - this totalled £6,932.56 at Langford and £213.99 at Axe Valley. Tirion went on to move to an adoptive home where she could take the next steps on her rescue journey.

## **Acknowledgements and Thank You's**

The Charity continues to be incredibly grateful to its supporters. There are a great number of volunteers who support the running of the charity, including but not limited to, fundraisers, foster carers and home checkers. There are many other individuals and groups who provide wonderful support through fundraising and awareness events, something that is of great benefit to Dogs Friends.

Dogs Friends is also very grateful to the foster families who offer a safe place for dogs to stay until they are adopted - this is a great help to the charity and ensures that the dogs have a greater level of comfort whilst waiting to be chosen by adoptive families. There are also many adopters to thank; those who chose to welcome a dog in desperate need to their families. If it wasn't for these kind hearted people, Dogs Friends would not be able to continue its work.

There are also many local businesses, including independent pet shops, who provide great support by acting as donation points, raising awareness of the charity, supporting events and making donations of supplies.

## **Future Plans**

There is no doubt that rescue work will continue to bring new challenges, but the Charity is fully committed to supporting as many dogs as possible. Every dog that finds happiness in a new home is triumph which makes all the hard work worthwhile.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dogs' Friends**

**For the year ended 31 May 2021**

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2020 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to;

- Examine the financial statements under Section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioner under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and;
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and the seeking of explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements 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 matter has come to my attention;

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements;

- a) To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act; and

- b) To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met, or;

To which, my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Ingle & Company Limited  
Accountants and Taxation Advisors  
339 Two Mile Hill Road  
Kingswood  
BRISTOL  
BS16 1AN

**Dogs' Friends**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Incoming resources from charitable activities		50,028	29,330
Incoming resources from fundraising activities		284,819	184,036
Income from Trusts		5,000	15,000
Grants		9,000	4,000
Commission received		3,484	
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		352,331	232,366
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
Costs of charitable activities	3	(384,156)	(228,085)
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>		<b>( 31,825)</b>	4,281
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>			
General Fund brought forward		35,806	31,525
<b>General Funds carried forward</b>		3,981	35,806

**Dogs' Friends**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2021**

	Notes		2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Tangible Assets	4		38343	41,234
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Stocks		10,000		11,000
Bank Current Account		-		7837
		<u>10,000</u>		<u>18,837</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due Within one year</b>	5	44,362		24,266
<b>Net Current Liabilities</b>			<u>-34362</u>	<u>(5,429)</u>
<b>Total Assets less current Liabilities</b>			<u>3,981</u>	<u>31,525</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><u>3,981</u></u>	<u><u>35,806</u></u>
<b>Fund Held</b>				
General Fund	6		3,981	35,806
			<u>3,981</u>	<u>35,806</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board on

and signed on their behalf by;

Rosemary Peacock – Chair

John Thurmand – Secretary

**Dogs' Friends**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2021**

**1. Accounting Policies**

*Basis of preparation*

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual's basis, in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

*Depreciation*

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Kennelling and other buildings	10% straight line
Office Building	5% straight line

*Stocks of donated items*

The stock of donated items is donated by sponsors and represents that which has not been distributed or used by the charity at the year-end. The value has been estimated by the Trustees.

**2. Grants Received over £1000**

Jean Sainsbury Trust	£5,000
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We are very grateful to these people and organisations for supporting our work.

<b>3. Operating Profit</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	2,891	3,236

#### 4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	<b>Office Building £</b>	<b>Kennelling £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 June 2020	52,118	6308	58,426
Additions			
At 31 May 2021	<u>52,118</u>	<u>6,308</u>	<u>58,426</u>
	=====	=====	=====
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 June 2020	11169	6,023	17192
Charge for the year	2606	285	2891
At 31 May 2021	<u>13,775</u>	<u>6,308</u>	<u>20,083</u>
	=====	=====	=====
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
At 31 May 2021	38,343	0	38,343
At 31 May 2020	<u>40,949</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>41,234</u>
	=====	=====	=====

<b>5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade Creditors	17,641	8,273
Other Creditors	21,553	15,993
Overdrawn bank	5,168	-
	<u>44,362</u>	<u>24,266</u>
	=====	=====

<b>6. General Fund</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 June 2020	35,806	31,525
Net incoming resources for the year	(31825)	4261
At 31 May 2021	<u>3,981</u>	<u>35,806</u>
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**7. Trustees' Remuneration**

No Trustees received any remuneration for their work as Trustees.

The Trustees have calculated that the value of the time that the Trustees freely give to the Charity amounts to approximately £90,000 per year.

R Peacock, a Trustee, provides kennelling for the dogs at her own premises in order to reduce the cost to the Charity of using commercial boarding kennels, which can exceed £4,000 per month. In 2013, the Trustees agreed that a fair rent to pay to Rosemary Peacock for this facility would be £2,000 per month, although no payments have actually been made to her. Following advice from the Charity Commission, this has not been included as a cost in the Accounts.

Trustees are reimbursed for expenses they incur on behalf of the Charity.

**Dogs' Friends**  
**Detailed Income and Expenditure Account**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</b>		
Dog Adoption Income	50,028	29,330
	<u>50,028</u>	<u>29,330</u>
	=====	=====
<b>Incoming Resources from Fundraising Activities</b>		
General Donations and Appeals	148,452	165,899
Other Fundraising Activities	20	3,636
Donations in kind from Trustees	136,347	14,500
Donations from Trusts	5,000	15,000
Grants received	9,000	4,000
Commissions Receivable	3,484	-
	<u>302,303</u>	<u>203,035</u>
	=====	=====
<b>Cost of Charitable Activities</b>		
Employee Costs:		
Kennel Staff	59,140	52,730
	<u>59,140</u>	<u>52,730</u>
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<b>Animal Welfare Costs:</b>		
Vaccinations	12,344	5204
Neutering Costs	12,985	7055
Microchipping	759	305
Operations	81,437	22,728
Veterinary Referrals Costs	53,444	61,915
Animal Feed, Dog Tags and Grooming	43,200	24,621
Transporting Dogs	5,658	6599
Support Provided to Fosters (Dog Food, Medical Treatment)	41,800	17,376
Romanian imported dog costs	11,775	-
Physiotherapy for dogs	2,000	-
Dog Training	4,592	-
Large Animal Costs	5,279	-
Kennelling Costs	10699	-
	<u>285,972</u>	<u>145,803</u>
	=====	=====

<b>Premises Costs:</b>		
Rates	1,035	638
Light and Heat	2,324	1734
Cleaning and Premises Costs	4,637	10,704
Repairs	14,130	-
	<u>22,126</u>	<u>13,076</u>
	=====	=====
<b>Administration Costs:</b>		
Printing & Stationery	1,231	32
Telephone	1,187	1,052
Bank Charges, Online Bank Charges and Interest	2,124	4,527
Insurance	2,850	733
Depreciation	2,891	3,236
Miscellaneous	2,551	1,649
Donations	25	-
	<u>12,859</u>	<u>11,229</u>
	=====	=====
<b>Legal and Professional Costs:</b>		
Accountancy Fees	326	-
Legal and Planning Fees	2716	3,583
Consultancy Fees	-	1,235
Website and advertising costs	1017	429
	<u>4,059</u>	<u>5,247</u>
	=====	=====
	<u>384,156</u>	<u>228,085</u>
	=====	=====