

**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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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
Kingswood
Bristol
BS30 5JA

Bankers
Lloyds TSB Bank plc
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Cheddar
Somerset
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Registered Number:

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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.

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

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Incoming Resources			
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	
Total Incoming Resources		352,331	232,366
Resources Expended			
Costs of charitable activities	3	(384,156)	(228,085)
Net Incoming Resources		(31,825)	4,281
Reconciliation of Funds			
General Fund brought forward		35,806	31,525
General Funds carried forward		3,981	35,806

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
For the year ended 31 May 2021

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

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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.

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

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

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

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

6. General Fund	2020 £	2019 £
At 1 June 2020	35,806	31,525
Net incoming resources for the year	(31825)	4261
At 31 May 2021	3,981	35,806

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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

	2021 £	2020 £
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities		
Dog Adoption Income	50,028	29,330
	<u>50,028</u>	<u>29,330</u>
	=====	=====
Incoming Resources from Fundraising Activities		
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>
	=====	=====
Cost of Charitable Activities		
Employee Costs:		
Kennel Staff	59,140	52,730
	<u>59,140</u>	<u>52,730</u>
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Animal Welfare Costs:		
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>
	=====	=====

Premises Costs:		
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>
	=====	=====
Administration Costs:		
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>
	=====	=====
Legal and Professional Costs:		
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>
	=====	=====