

**Registered Charity Number  
1129794**

**Dogs' Friends**

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

**31 May 2022**

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**For the year ended 31 May 2022**

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**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  
BS30 5JA

**Bankers**

Lloyds TSB Bank plc  
Bath Street  
Cheddar  
Somerset  
BS27 3AB

**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.

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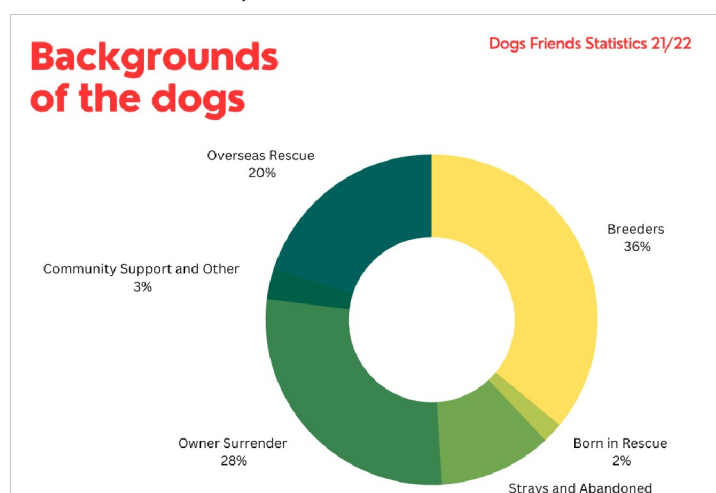
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## Review of Charity Activities

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**

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.

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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  
BS16 1AN

	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>
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**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

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 2022**

**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****2022**  
**£****2021**  
**£**

This is stated after charging:

Depreciation of owned fixed assets

4,685

2,891

**4. Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<b>Office Building £</b>	<b>Kennelling £</b>	<b>Total £</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
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<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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**5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year****2022**  
**£****2021**  
**£**

Trade Creditors

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17,641

Other Creditors

2,232

21,553

Overdrawn bank

-

5,168

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2,232

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44,362

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**6. General Fund****2022**  
**£****2021**  
**£**

At 1 June 2021

3,981

35,806

Net incoming resources for the year

86,292

(31,825)

At 31 May 2022

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90,273

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3,981

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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 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		
	<hr/> 90,439	<hr/> 50,228
	=====	=====
<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
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	471,109	302,303
<b>Cost of Charitable Activities</b>		
Employee Costs:		
Kennel Staff	95,529	59,140
	<hr/> 95,529	<hr/> 59,140
<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
	<hr/> 336,313	<hr/> 285,972
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<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>
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<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>
	<u>475,256</u>	<u>384,156</u>
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