



Wolfwood Animal Rescue

Registered Charity No:1133826

Trustees Report for the year ending 31st July 2024

Trustees:

Calvin Routledge, Robin Davies, Paul Daley, Sarah Hayland, Juli Scanlan, Graham Clark and Heather Wakelin.

Charity Aims -

- to relieve the suffering of abandoned, unwanted and neglected dogs in need of care and protection, by the provision of temporary accommodation and a re - homing service.
- to relieve the suffering of injured and displaced wildlife by a recovery service and provision of care and rehabilitation.
- to provide sanctuary and care for rescue horses and ponies until permanent adoption is found.
- to advance public education in matters concerning the welfare of such animals and birds.

Report

Since it's inception in 2007 it was always envisaged that the charity would eventually own it's own site for the rescue centre. In late 2022 our base within rented buildings and land changed ownership and we were given a five year lease to rent, with a review after that time. During which time the charity has been on the lookout for a suitable location. To date, nothing appropriate has been on the market, the search goes on. Many years of careful spending, with no compromise in animal care, combined with a number of legacies and generous donations have made this possible, for which we are hugely grateful.

Wolfwood has five horses in sanctuary which are managed and well cared for off site, by charity staff. Unfortunately they don't generate any income, but we are in a position to be able to keep them happy and healthy.

Wildlife casualties continue to arrive in need of care and rehabilitation, either from RSPCA Officers, local Vets, the Police, or members of the public. April to September is always a very busy time with tiny wildlife casualties demanding dedication and commitment from the staff. It's a time for all to expand knowledge and experience.

The steady stream of dogs being signed over for rehoming, either by members of the public or from Lancaster City Council Stray Dog System fills our available accommodation. Some breeds are easy to find new homes for, while others, maybe with issues, take longer. The staff work with any problems, in the hope that any dog who maybe hasn't been handled correctly in the past, can eventually find their forever loving home. Most of the time our vetting system is very effective.

Our two charity shops are well supported by donations and shoppers alike. We have areas of serious deprivation nearby and provide quality inexpensive goods. We have fantastic hardworking and loyal volunteers who are valued and with whom we enjoy a good working relationship; the centre manager is part of their team and easily accessible to air any issues or concerns. The revenue from these shops provides a big chunk of our income. We are very grateful for all the support we receive.

Any opportunities to visit organisations to share and raise awareness of the charity is taken up.

We continue to provide work experience placements for schools, colleges and Duke of Edinburgh students and happy to accommodate those in the community who may need more supervision.

Our website remains an effective communication with the availability of dogs needing new loving homes, being update daily.

A monumental issue by far since our last report has been the implementation of the ill thought out inclusion of the XL Bully Ban within the Dangerous Dog Act 1991, which was enforced on 31st December 2023. Wolfwood had several dogs which fitted the criteria, but were wonderful and safe dogs. Huge efforts were made to rehome them before the ban came into force, but over the course of the weeks since the ban, twenty seven lovely dogs who didn't deserve to die, were put to sleep! And it continues. Dogs who would have made fantastic pets. The effect on the staff and volunteers was, and continues to be, overwhelming. The mental health of all involved plummeted and one resigned. The mood was one of devastation. The government brought in a ban, which it's wider implications were not thought through and has no supportive network. Dogs who were definitely not Bully's, yet fit the destruction criteria, had to be destroyed, by law, they were caught in the system while waiting for decisions from the powers that be - no guidance, nothing at all, is forthcoming, or on any agenda. Staff, especially the manager/charity founder, have had to deal with distraught dog owners, while being distressed themselves. That is not what working within animal rescue is about.

Bully Ban aside, Wolfwood is sustainable, thriving and continues to provide a valuable community service. It is much needed, hard work, yet very, very rewarding.

Heather Wakelin

Trustee

20 May 2025

Wolfwood

Profit And Loss Account

For the year ended 31 July 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
Income	Bowerham Shop	123,266	105,314
	Calendar donation	200	515
	Calendar sales	177	70
	Christmas Fair	2,164	2,835
	Collection boxes	942	1,229
	Donations	24,732	30,113
	Donations - Dog Rehoming	8,180	11,861
	Donations - Wildlife	719	1,255
	E Bay Sales	63	273
	Fund Raising Events	3,882	4,387
	Gift Aid Tax Recovered	5,955	6,720
	In Memorium	367,438	172,313
	Morecambe Shop	184,201	200,290
	Scrap metal	109	-
		<u>722,027</u>	<u>537,175</u>
Gross profit		<u>722,027</u>	<u>537,175</u>
Expenses	Advertising and PR	(315)	(2,086)
	Bank charges	-	(1,311)
	Bowerham Shop Rent	(5,004)	(5,004)
	Cleaning	(6,746)	(4,893)
	Depreciation	(8,402)	(12,511)
	Dog food	(24,162)	(17,245)
	Electricity	(16,394)	(13,625)
	Horses	(16,640)	(9,781)
	Insurance	(6,084)	(4,248)
	Kennel equipment	(769)	(2,263)
	Legal and professional	(4,796)	(2,218)
	Morecambe Shop Rent	(12,000)	(12,000)
	Rates	(4,855)	(4,524)
	Rent	(10,000)	(13,000)
	Repairs and maintenance	(27,094)	(24,890)
	Staff training & welfare	(3,088)	(790)
	Stationery and printing	(1,201)	(338)
	Telephone and internet	(2,160)	(1,283)
	Van expenses	(13,569)	(8,062)
	Veterinary fees	(84,165)	(75,536)
	Wages	(206,623)	(158,856)
	Wild life	(1,725)	(3,546)
		<u>(455,793)</u>	<u>(378,011)</u>
Net profit		<u>266,235</u>	<u>159,165</u>



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
WOLFWOOD

On accounts for the year
ended

31 JULY 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1133286

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

29 APRIL 2025

Name:

MARK DAND

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ON BEHALF OF MND ACCOUNTANCY LTD

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

We have checked all the bookkeeping entries against the Accounts produced and found no errors. All Accounts have been reconciled.