

Registered Charity number: 1135539

BRISTOL DOG ACTION WELFARE GROUP

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements**

Year ended 31 December 2023

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CHARITY INFORMATION

for the year ended 31 December 2023

Principal address	The Old Exchange Berwick Lane Hallen BRISTOL BS10 7RS	
Trading address	Knoll View Biddisham AXBRIDGE BS26 2RE	
Registered Charity number	1135539	
Trustees	Hilary McEwen-Smith Geraldine Watkins Lynette Butler	Chairman Secretary Trustee
Independent examiner	Bishop Fleming LLP 10 Temple Back Redcliffe BRISTOL BS1 6FL	
Treasurer	Colin Watkins 16 Sherbourne Avenue Bradley Stoke BRISTOL BS32 8BB	
Bank	Barclays Bristol Branch	
Solicitors	Shakespeare Martineau 6 Queen Square BRISTOL BS1 4JE	

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Report of the Trustees

for the year ended 31 December 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document: Constitution (adopted 15 September 2009)

How the charity is constituted: Association

Trustee selection methods: Appointed by existing Trustees

Risk management

- 1 New Trustees are provided with the Charity Commission documents covering roles and responsibilities of becoming a Trustee, together with a copy of the Charity GDPR Policy, Safeguarding Policy, Equal Opportunity Policy and the Staff Handbook to ensure they understand their responsibilities as an employer.
- 2 The Charity shall have the following positions: Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom are elected on an annual basis at the AGM. The Treasurer position can be held by an individual who is not an elected Trustee, but with no voting rights.
- 3 The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the Charity is exposed which would be to run out of funds to continue. This has been mitigated by the Trustees decision to retain a minimum of 12/24 months running costs and retained within the Charity reserve account with Barclays Bank PLC.
- 4 Safeguarding, Equal Opportunity and GDPR Policies are all in place.

Objectives

The objective of the Charity is to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home ex-racing greyhounds and ex-working lurchers, ensuring all dogs in their care are fully vaccinated, neutered, micro-chipped and receive flea and worm treatment prior to being re-homed.

Each prospective home is fully vetted and meets with the specified adoption criteria prior to re-homing.

In late 2019 the Charity purchased the freehold kennels at Knoll View, Biddisham. This purchase was achieved by the use of funds the Charity had been saving over the years and the legacy that it received in 2018 and a bank commercial mortgage. There is room to expand in the future, should the Trustees wish to.



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Report of the Trustees [continued]

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Activities

Fundraising activities remain a focal activity of the Charity with a full programme in 2023. As usual, many supermarket collections were organised along with various street collections. Dog shows were held, as were dog walks. Talks to various WI's were undertaken.

The annual Doggie Day took place in February 2023 and a superb £3240 was raised on the day. Due to personal circumstances the annual Charity Ball had to be postponed, but hopefully will recommence in the next couple of years. The Trustees also arranged some events at Knoll View, including a dog show and various social walks.

The Charity remains the nominated Charity for three Pets At Home stores in Bristol and North Somerset and the Charity has a close working relationship with them all in support of their Pet Adoption Scheme. During 2021 they provided a Grant to purchase a new animal transporter and also donated several pallets of food and were a fantastic support during the pandemic. The Trustees approached them for a further grant to assist with the erection of two new isolation kennels with a total cost in excess of £47,000. The Foundation visited Knoll View and the application was successful and building commenced with the initial groundwork and then erection of the kennels and fencing and was completed in September 2023. Pictures below show the before and after and the Trustees are so grateful for all the support they receive from Pets at Home Foundation.



We are also the nominated Charity for Platinum Petcare Limited, with whom we have a fantastic relationship. The Directors have undertaken several virtual fundraising events (including the Charity Ball) for us and continue to be a huge support to the Charity.

Public Benefit

By taking dogs on events, it has enabled many members of the public to help overcome a fear of dogs (particularly children) by a simple "meet and greet" exercise. These dogs are so quiet and graceful that many children who have a real fear of dogs actually end up on the dog's beds cuddling them and their parents are most grateful of our help.

The Trustees and a loyal group of volunteers, all of who enjoy "showing off" their dogs, undertake all of these events. This in turn has actually increased volunteers confidence in meeting and dealing with the general public.

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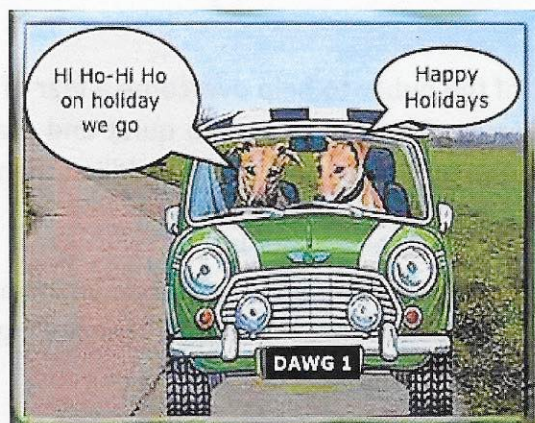
The Charity is fortunate to have many volunteer dog walkers at the Centre and many say how therapeutic it is to just walk, cuddle and groom the dogs. In addition during 2023 the Charity took on some local Community Payback who arrive with a supervisor. These are individuals many of whom "have been in the wrong place at the wrong time" and have been given Community Payback. They all enjoy their time with the Charity and this has also enabled several maintenance jobs to be undertaken.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

2023 was another huge year for the Charity in developing its own Rescue Centre, with the addition of the new isolation kennel block. The year also saw a new employee (Ethan Farmer) start in October to replace the retiring kennel operative. Nina Attwood, the Charity Kennel Supervisor has served the full twelve months and really does go "over and beyond" what is expected of her. She has all the necessary enthusiasm and has helped revitalised the Charity. The property is situated in nearly four acres and includes a three-acre paddock and has a four bedroomed house where Nina and Ethan live.



The Trustees have felt really humbled and so grateful for all of the support of the Charity volunteers and supporters during 2023, especially those that have made financial donations – the level of donations seen is just absolutely amazing and knowing the Charity has this support makes it all worthwhile.



Report of the Trustees [continued]

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The boarding side of the venture really has taken off, with Lynette Butler taking over the reigns of the administration of this. Where possible boarding has been restricted to five dogs during the Winter and eight in the Summer at any one time, and the diary for 2024 is nearly already full. Boarding is only available to dogs which the Charity has re-homed. This brought in over £27,000 to the Charity during 2023.

All three Trustees have served for the full twelve months of 2023, and it is envisaged 2/3 new Trustees will be identified and taken on during 2024. The whole team associated with DAWG (Trustees and volunteers alike) have helped the Charity go from strength to strength, both financially and from a general day to day running basis and all work together as one team and rely on the different individual strengths they all bring to Bristol DAWG. The appointment of Nina Attwood as kennel supervisor in October 2022 has revitalised the Charity, she has rekindled all aspects of Social Media platforms and is totally dedicated to the role she undertakes and is a valued part of the team.

Fundraising remains a key activity, the Trustees together with a loyal group of volunteers, (which is ever growing), spent most weekends outside of supermarkets or at organised events, not just raising funds but letting the general public know about these dogs and what they go through and what they endure, as it is a very sad fact that greyhounds are never bred to be anyone's pet!! All fundraising activities are undertaken under the guidance of the Fundraising Regulator.

The Charity continues to re-home on average one dog per week, which for a small charity is commendable. The Charity does advertise their dogs by use of social media sites and the internet as well as at events that are organised. The Charity also undertook a number of "home from home" adoptions during the year for which the Charity does not get reimbursed unless by way of a small donations from the old/new owner.

The Charity feels extremely fortunate to have been chosen by three of the Pets At Home Stores in the Bristol and North Somerset area as their nominated Charity, and this has been a huge tool in helping to promote the work we do, and the Charity undertake regular collections in each store and receive food donations.

During the second half of the year one of our volunteers and greyhound owner, Pete Melson, agreed to build a new website when the licence from the previous providers expired. The Trustees are so grateful for him undertaking this task and has refreshed everything about the website itself which now looks very modern and fit for purpose.

The Charity also had two vet students undertake their placements with us during the Summer months. These are second year students and they were a great help and really acted like a spare pair of hands undertaking nail clipping, grooming etc.



Our newest Patron, David Olusoga OBE, has been a fantastic support to the Charity during 2023 and being local he has attended numerous organised events (as well as owning a DAWG dog) and has very kindly donated some of his fees to Bristol DAWG. He joins our other two Patrons (Author, Andrew Dilger and CEO of the charity NowZad, Pen Farthing).

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Report of the Trustees [continued]

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity needs to retain a reserve of funds to cover on-going monthly costs of running the Charity, which are approximately £10,000 per month. Whilst fundraising events will continue these cannot be relied upon for future income and it is the Trustees views that a minimum reserve of 12/24 months costs needs to be retained, as a contingency.

At the end of the financial year the Charity had total assets of £898,547 now owning the property outright. Of this figure £213,105 was held in cash balances and in excess of 12 months running costs which complies with the rules within the Constitution.

The Charity's main sources of income are from adoption fees, fundraising collections, boarding and paddock hire, the Lottery and Sponsor a Kennel Scheme and donations received.

The expenditure has supported the key objectives of the Charity in that costs associated with the Rescue Centre and vets bills make up the largest proportion of total outgoings.

These two items are provided to ensure the wellbeing and safety of the dogs in the care of the Charity. Every dog receives whatever veterinary treatment is required and all dogs receive flea treatment, worming and micro-chipping and are neutered in accordance with the Charity objectives.

FUTURE PLANS

The purchase of the Rescue Centre has created numerous future opportunities for the Trustees. After a period of consolidation whilst the Rescue Centre is established, the Trustees will consider some income generating activities. Whilst they have some initial ideas, they will constantly review these.

The Charity has already built up a band of local people who volunteer their services for such activities as dog walking, helping with general maintenance of the property etc and these will be actively encouraged going forward.

There are some capital expenditure projects that the Trustees will consider in the next 2/3 years. The main ones being:

A new roof and heating system in the block of 6 kennels.

All three kennel paddocks re-designed so less astro turf and more "landscaping"

The car park to be re-surfaced and possibly extended.

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Report of the Trustees [continued]

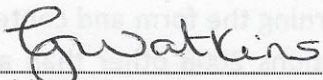
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SUMMARY

There is no doubt that 2023 was a year of consolidation for the Charity. Coming out of a worldwide pandemic and the resignation of two established Trustees in 2022 certainly set some challenges. That said the Charity is now alive again and the remaining Trustees agreed to pay off the Barclay's mortgage so the property is now owned outright by the Charity. All Trustees feel extremely proud of what the Charity has achieved and has fully justified the Trustees decision to purchase the Rescue Centre.

There is no doubt that there are challenging times ahead, with the ever increasing cost of living sure to affect Bristol DAWG, but it is felt that the Charity has the necessary Trustees, staff and volunteers available to ensure that the Charity continues to go from strength to strength and that it can continue to provide animal welfare to as many greyhounds and lurchers as it can.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by



Geraldine Watkins

Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRISTOL DOG ACTION WELFARE GROUP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bristol Dog Action Welfare Group ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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.



Joseph Scaife FCA DChA
BISHOP FLEMING LLP
Chartered Accountants
10 Temple Back
Redcliffe
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Date: 31 October 2024

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Year ended 31 December 2023			Year ended 31 December 2022
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Donations, legacies and grants	5	72,820	47,337	120,157	64,842
Fundraising events and activities	5	102,142	-	102,142	95,567
Interest receivable	5	1,620	-	1,620	94
		176,582	47,337	223,919	160,503
Resources expended					
Staff costs	4	45,292	-	45,292	23,579
Vet bills		12,171	-	12,171	13,622
Donations		4,433	-	4,433	3,552
Fundraising costs	6	4,795	-	4,795	4,151
Other expenditure	6	66,509	-	66,509	64,863
		133,200	-	133,200	109,767
Transfers between funds		47,337	(47,337)	-	-
Net movement in funds		90,719	-	90,719	50,736
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		802,428	-	802,428	751,692
Total funds carried forward		893,147	-	893,147	802,428

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Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets	7	679,841	638,760
Current assets			
Stock		1,521	2,435
Debtors	8	4,080	4,912
Cash at bank		213,105	159,139
		<u>218,706</u>	<u>166,486</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(5,400)	(2,818)
Net current assets		<u>213,306</u>	<u>163,668</u>
Net assets		<u><u>893,147</u></u>	<u><u>802,428</u></u>

FUNDS OF THE CHARITY

Unrestricted Funds

General Funds	10	893,147	802,428
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Restricted Fund

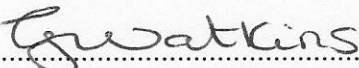
Isolation block	10	-	-
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802,428

The notes form part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by


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Geraldine Watkins

Trustee

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources;
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Notes to the financial statements

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1 Accounting policies [continued]

Income from interest

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £250.

They are valued at cost.

The depreciation rates and methods are disclosed in note 7.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors with no stated interest rate and due within one year are recorded at the amount of cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Prepayments are valued at the amount paid.

Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of the authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,800</u>

3 Transactions with trustees and related parties

3.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 (2021: Nil).

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Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2023 [continued]

3.2 Trustees' expenses

The following trustee expenses have been incurred during the year:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Mileage and travel costs	<u>14</u>	<u>722</u>
Number of trustees reimbursed for expenses	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

3.3 Transactions with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

4 Paid employees

4.1 Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	43,895	23,240
Employer National Insurance	609	-
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	788	339
	<u>45,292</u>	<u>23,579</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

4.2 Average head count in the year

	2023	2022
Charitable activities	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

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for the year ended 31 December 2023 [continued]

5 Analysis of income

	Year ended 31 December 2023			Year ended 31 December 2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
	£	£	£	£
Donations, legacies and grants				
Adoptions	11,963	-	11,963	9,075
Donations and grants	56,883	47,337	104,220	51,185
Gift Aid	3,974	-	3,974	4,582
	72,820	47,337	120,157	64,842
Fundraising income				
Supermarket and street collections	50,765	-	50,765	58,053
Sponsorship and lottery schemes	17,507	-	17,507	18,025
Boarding	27,671	-	27,671	13,371
Goods sold	3,336	-	3,336	4,718
Paddock hire	2,863	-	2,863	1,400
	102,142	-	102,142	95,567
Interest receivable				
Bank interest receivable	1,579	-	1,579	92
Repayment interest	41	-	41	2
	1,620	-	1,620	94

6 Analysis of expenditure

	Year ended 31 December 2023			Year ended 31 December 2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
	£	£	£	£
Cost of fundraising events				
Fundraising events	764	-	764	516
Hire charges	215	-	215	450
Goods and materials	1,966	-	1,966	1,210
Lottery prizes	1,850	-	1,850	1,975
	4,795	-	4,795	4,151

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6 Analysis of expenditure [continued]

	Year ended 31 December 2023			Year ended
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	31 December
	funds	funds	funds	2022
	£	£	£	£
Other expenditure				
Travel costs	71	-	71	1,117
Motor and fuel costs	1,940	-	1,940	1,580
Dog food	9,246	-	9,246	8,840
Postage and stationery	35	-	35	44
Insurance	2,185	-	2,185	1,968
Subscriptions	790	-	790	773
Accountancy	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
Legal and professional	1,616	-	1,616	1,305
Bank charges	-	-	-	1,483
Depreciation	18,843	-	18,843	18,027
Loss on disposal of assets	-	-	-	621
Sundry expenses	994	-	994	2,288
Establishment costs	17,332	-	17,332	7,360
Property repairs and renewals	9,951	-	9,951	12,739
JustGiving, SumUp & paddock charges	1,706	-	1,706	-
Bank interest	-	-	-	4,918
	66,509	-	66,509	64,863

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7 Fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At beginning of year	634,768	22,453	6,587	24,454	688,262
Additions	52,437	-	7,485	-	59,922
At end of year	687,205	22,453	14,072	24,454	748,184
Depreciation					
At beginning of year	39,144	4,876	1,199	4,282	49,501
Charge for year	13,044	2,245	1,097	2,456	18,842
At end of year	52,188	7,121	2,296	6,738	68,343
Net book value					
At 31 December 2023	635,017	15,332	11,776	17,716	679,841
At 31 December 2022	595,624	17,577	5,388	20,172	638,761
Depreciation basis	Straight line	Straight line	Straight line	Straight line	
Depreciation rate	2%	10%	10%	10%	

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8 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>4,080</u>	<u>4,912</u>

All debtors are due within one year.

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	1,393	556
Accruals	<u>4,007</u>	<u>2,262</u>
	<u>5,400</u>	<u>2,818</u>

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10 Charity funds held and movements in current period

	At beginning of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At end of year £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	802,428	176,582	(133,200)	47,337	893,147
Restricted Fund					
Pets at Home grant	-	47,337	-	(47,337)	-
	802,428	223,919	(133,200)	-	893,147

Restricted Fund

Pets at Home grant The grant income was restricted to the building of a new isolation block.

11 Charity funds held and movements in previous period

	At beginning of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At end of year £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	751,692	158,901	(108,165)	-	802,428
Designated Fund					
Eila Moloney	-	1,602	(1,602)	-	-
	751,692	160,503	(109,767)	-	802,428

Designated Fund

Eila Moloney Income was designated by Trustees from Dog Show held at Rescue Centre to donate to Eila in Ireland