

Registered Charity number: 1135539

BRISTOL DOG ACTION WELFARE GROUP

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

Year ended 31 December 2024

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CHARITY INFORMATION

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Principal address	16 Sherbourne Avenue Bradley Stoke BRISTOL BS32 8BB
Trading address	Knoll View Biddisham AXBRIDGE BS26 2RE
Registered Charity number	1135539
Trustees	Hilary McEwen-Smith (resigned as Chair 16/6/2024) Geraldine Watkins Chair Lynette Butler Secretary Colin Watkins (appointed 17/1/2024) Treasurer Steve Blewett (appointed 12/5/2024) Trustee Julie Cottingham (probation 1/7/2024 resigned 20/10/2024)
Independent examiner	Bishop Fleming Audit Limited 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 2024

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.
- 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. The Bank mortgage has now been repaid and the Charity own the property and land outright.



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Report of the Trustees [continued]

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Activities

Fundraising activities remain a focal activity of the Charity with a full programme in 2024. 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 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. A further grant of £10479 was agreed in 2024 to assist with a new roof and heating system in the old block of six kennels.



We are also the nominated Charity for Platinum Petcare Limited, with whom we have a fantastic relationship. The Director has undertaken several virtual fundraising events 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.

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.

Report of the Trustees [continued]
for the year ended 31 December 2024

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

2024 has been a difficult year for the Charity. With ever increasing costs and peoples personal circumstances in the present economic position meaning less people adopting dogs, in 2024 we adopted 40 dogs which is less than normal. Both employees Nina & Ethan have served the full twelve months and have ensured the welfare of the dogs in the Charity's care.



The Trustees have felt really humbled and so grateful for all of the support of the Charity volunteers and supporters during 2024, 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. The Charity lost a great supporter when Hilary Ann Dixon lost her battle for life early in 2024. Hilary was the person who ran the online shop for DAWG as well as helping out hugely at collections etc. She is sorely missed and was a great asset to DAWG. The Charity is lucky to have so many kind volunteers who give up their time to help the dogs, we have regular dog walkers at the Rescue Centre and also volunteers who help out at collections. It is safe to say without their contribution the Charity would find it very difficult to run.



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 2025 is already filling up. Boarding is only available to dogs which the Charity has re-homed. This brought in over £29,000 to the Charity during 2024.

Report of the Trustees [continued]

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Due to ill health Hilary McEwen-Smith had to resign from her position as Chair during 2024. To acknowledge her service to the Charity since it was founded it was decided to make her an Honorary Life Trustee with no voting rights. Gerry Watkins took over the position of Chair with Lynette Butler taking over the Secretary role. Colin Watkins was formally elected onto the Committee and continued his role as Treasurer, but with no voting rights due to other family members already serving. Steve Blewett who was well known to the Charity was appointed, initially on a probationary basis and officially became a Trustee 12 May 2024. Julie Cottingham joined on the same basis but did not feel she could devote the necessary time and resigned in October 2024.

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.

The Charity also had five 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 and helping with the general welfare of the dogs.

Our newest Patron, David Olusoga OBE, has been a fantastic support to the Charity during 2024 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).



Report of the Trustees [continued]

for the year ended 31 December 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity needs to retain a reserve of funds to cover on-going monthly costs of running the Charity, which are approximately £11,000 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 £930,102 now owning the property outright. Of this figure £208,900 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. These are kept under constant review.

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:

All three kennel gardens to be re-designed so less astro turf and more "landscaping";

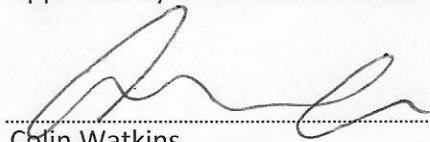
The car park to be re-surfaced and possibly extended.

SUMMARY

There is no doubt that 2024 was another year of consolidation for the Charity. The present economic and worldwide issues and the ever increasing cost of everything has presented challenges. That said the Charity continues to thrive and all the Trustees feel extremely proud of what the Charity has achieved and has fully justified the Trustees decision to purchase the Rescue Centre.

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 ²³ October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by



Colin 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 2024.

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").

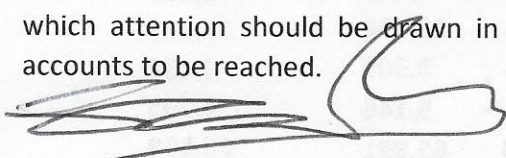
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

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Date 23 October 2025

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Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Year ended 31 December 2024			Year ended 31 December 2023
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Donations, legacies and grants	5	63,496	10,479	73,975	120,157
Fundraising events and activities	5	93,062	-	93,062	102,142
Interest receivable	5	3,647	-	3,647	1,620
		160,205	10,479	170,684	223,919
Resources expended					
Staff costs	4	46,640	-	46,640	45,292
Vet bills		16,560	-	16,560	12,171
Donations		3,300	-	3,300	4,433
Fundraising costs	6	5,146	-	5,146	4,795
Other expenditure	6	61,291	4,600	65,891	66,509
		132,937	4,600	137,537	133,200
Net movement in funds		27,268	5,879	33,147	90,719
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		893,147	-	893,147	802,428
Total funds carried forward		920,415	5,879	926,294	893,147

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Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets	7	662,744	679,841
Current assets			
Stock		2,088	1,521
Debtors	8	6,370	4,080
Investments	9	50,000	-
Cash at bank		208,900	213,105
		<u>267,358</u>	<u>218,706</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,808)	(5,400)
Net current assets		263,550	213,306
Net assets		<u>926,294</u>	<u>893,147</u>

FUNDS OF THE CHARITY

Unrestricted Funds

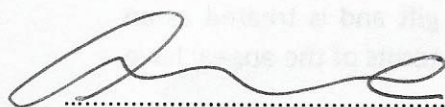
General Funds	11	920,415	893,147
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Restricted Fund

Kennel refurbishment	11	5,879	-
		<u>926,294</u>	<u>893,147</u>

The notes form part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by



Colin Watkins
Trustee

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024

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; and
- 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

for the year ended 31 December 2024 [continued]

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.

Stock

Stock held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.

Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.

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.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	<u>2,100</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 2024 (2023: Nil).

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Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024 [continued]

3.2 Trustees' expenses

The following trustee expenses have been incurred during the year:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Mileage and travel costs	-	14
Number of trustees reimbursed for expenses	-	1

3.3 Transactions with related parties

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

4 Paid employees

4.1 Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	45,742	43,895
Employer National Insurance	-	609
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	898	788
	46,640	45,292

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

	2024	2023
Charitable activities	2	2

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024 [continued]

5 Analysis of income

	Year ended 31 December 2024			Year ended 31 December 2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
	£	£	£	£
Donations, legacies and grants				
Adoptions	11,100	-	11,100	11,963
Donations and grants	47,820	10,479	58,299	104,220
Gift Aid	4,576	-	4,576	3,974
	63,496	10,479	73,975	120,157
Fundraising income				
Supermarket and street collections	44,004	-	44,004	50,765
Sponsorship and lottery schemes	17,397	-	17,397	17,507
Boarding	28,885	-	28,885	27,671
Goods sold	1,193	-	1,193	3,336
Paddock hire	1,583	-	1,583	2,863
	93,062	-	93,062	102,142
Interest receivable				
Bank interest receivable	2,758	-	2,758	1,579
Investment income	873	-	873	-
Repayment interest	16	-	16	41
	3,647	-	3,647	1,620

6 Analysis of expenditure

	Year ended 31 December 2024			Year ended 31 December 2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
	£	£	£	£
Cost of fundraising events				
Fundraising events	1,056	-	1,056	764
Hire charges	-	-	-	215
Goods and materials	1,555	-	1,555	1,966
Lottery prizes	2,535	-	2,535	1,850
	5,146	-	5,146	4,795

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6 Analysis of expenditure [continued]

	Year ended 31 December 2024			Year ended
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£
Other expenditure				
Travel costs	-	-	-	71
Motor and fuel costs	1,722	-	1,722	1,940
Dog food	7,203	-	7,203	9,246
Postage and stationery	-	-	-	35
Insurance	2,181	-	2,181	2,185
Subscriptions	1,047	-	1,047	790
Accountancy	2,100	-	2,100	1,800
Legal and professional	-	-	-	1,616
Depreciation	19,886	-	19,886	18,843
Sundry expenses	254	-	254	994
Establishment costs	14,174	-	14,174	17,332
Property repairs and renewals	10,877	4,600	15,477	9,951
JustGiving, SumUp & paddock	1,647	-	1,647	1,706
Loss on sale of asset	200	-	200	-
	61,291	4,600	65,891	66,509

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Notes to the financial statements

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7 Fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At beginning of year	687,205	22,453	14,072	24,454	748,184
Additions	-	-	5,189	-	5,189
Disposals	-	-	-	(4,000)	(4,000)
At end of year	687,205	22,453	19,261	20,454	749,373
Depreciation					
At beginning of year	52,188	7,121	2,296	6,738	68,343
Charge for year	13,744	2,245	1,675	2,222	19,886
On disposal	-	-	-	(1,600)	(1,600)
At end of year	65,932	9,366	3,971	7,360	86,629
Net book value					
At 31 December 2024	621,273	13,087	15,290	13,094	662,744
At 31 December 2023	635,017	15,332	11,776	17,716	679,841
Depreciation basis	Straight line	Straight line	Straight line	Straight line	
Depreciation rate	2%	10%	10%	10%	

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8 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	241	-
Prepayments and accrued income	6,129	4,080
	<u>6,370</u>	<u>4,080</u>

All debtors are due within one year.

9 Investment assets

	2024	2023
	£	£
Analysis of current asset investments		
Cash or cash equivalents	50,000	-

10 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	79	1,393
Accruals	3,729	4,007
	<u>3,808</u>	<u>5,400</u>

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Notes to the financial statements

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11 Charity funds held and movements in current period

	At beginning of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At end of year £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	893,147	160,205	(132,937)	-	920,415
Restricted Fund					
Pets at Home grant	-	10,479	(4,600)	-	5,879
	<u>893,147</u>	<u>170,684</u>	<u>(137,537)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>926,294</u>

Restricted Fund

Pets at Home grant

The grant income was restricted to the renovation works on the block of six kennels.

12 Charity funds held and movements in previous 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 Funds					
Pets at Home Grant	-	47,337	-	(47,337)	-
	<u>802,428</u>	<u>223,919</u>	<u>(133,200)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>893,147</u>

Restricted Fund

Pets at Home grant

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