

COCKER AND ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL RESCUE

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Registered Charity Number 1137589

The Trustees' report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

CHARITY'S PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

The address of the Charity Secretary is:

C/o Old Mother Redcap

Duddon

Tarporley

Cheshire

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OBJECTIVES

The Rescue was set up in March 2010 with the aims of:

- Putting in place a network of volunteers and supporting procedures to facilitate the rehoming and rescue of Cocker and English Springer Spaniels.
- Where necessary, providing veterinary and training support for the dogs placed in our care.
- Providing on-going support for veterinary care where necessary in order to facilitate the rehoming of elderly or infirm dogs.
- Where appropriate, encouraging responsible owners to persevere with their problem dogs by providing information, advice, support and guidance.
- CAESSR was set up by John and Pat Powell and Ian and Di Harrison.

ADVISERS

The principal advisers of the charity are:

Banker

The Co-operative Bank

P.O. Box 250

Skelmersdale

Lancashire

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Charity Setup

Clive Denny IP, F.C.A.

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TRUSTEES AND GOVERNANCE

Cocker And English Springer Spaniel Rescue (CAESSR) is governed by its constitution that was adopted on 11th June 2010.

The Rescue became a Charity on 26th August 2010 and the trustees from that date are listed below:

Name	Position	(Re)Appointed	Resigned
John Powell	Chairman	16:01:2022	
Ian Harrison	Secretary	25:10:2020	
Pat Powell	Treasurer	26:08:2015	23:12:2015 (Dec'd)
Diana Harrison	Homing Officer	26:01:2020	
Lisa Guthrie	Treasurer	25:10:2020	

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

CAESSR was initially set up to cover the Midlands, however, with our growing band of helpers, we are now able to re-home Cockers and Springers to most parts of the country.

Our main base is in Staffordshire. We use Hardiwick Kennels, which is a private Boarding Kennels. We have a block set aside for CAESSR dogs with an excellent staff member, who works closely with all the dogs and gets to know them. Most of our dogs are taken into these kennels for assessment before they are rehomed. All dogs with health problems are given any necessary veterinary treatment and if, necessary, they recover in one of the few foster homes that we have close to the kennels. Our behaviourist, Karen Jennings, will visit problem dogs in the kennels and will also assist new owners with any problems they encounter when settling in their new dog.

At the start of our 11th year in April 2020, we were already in COVID-19 lockdown. We had to curtail our activities and slow down as Hardiwick Kennels had to close. We were sad to lose Sadie and Jillian but Mandy took over the care of our CAESSR dogs and we were so grateful that the kennels stayed open for us. Mandy became "Mum" for those few dogs that had to stay with us for a long time. We wish to thank her for looking after them so well.

Other volunteers became key workers at the kennels to walk the dogs and to help Mandy. Katie and Tony Yates made some improvements by making the paddock more secure and provided an outside hot water tap to clean up muddy dogs! Thank-you Katie and Tony, and to all of those volunteers who helped during this period.

The number of dogs re-homed for this period was only 24 but we had 7 dogs still waiting for new homes at the end of the period. Four dogs were P.T.S. due to aggression or illness.

In the current year so far, we have re-homed 42 dogs with 2 dogs P.T.S. and sadly Bella who passed away after giving birth to 10 puppies. The puppies have been hand reared and successfully re-homed.

Going forward, "Cocker Rage" is a great concern to CAESSR and other rescues. The demand for Cocker Spaniels was high during lockdown. Rescues are being approached to take those who are showing aggression, guarding issues and have bitten.

All trustees and volunteers of the charity are unpaid helpers. Out of pocket expenses are paid to trustees and volunteers but in many cases these expenses are not reclaimed.

DOG CARE

The Homing Officer works closely with the Chairman. Diana Harrison is largely responsible for the matching process to ensure each dog gets the right home. John Powell handles the home vetting of prospective new owners. They handle spaniel adoption and general enquiries received by the charity,

John Powell supervises and co-ordinates our activities at the Kennels.

Mandy at Hardiwick Kennels can provide basic grooming. Some of the dogs that come to us are in such a mess we don't have any choice as we couldn't rehome them without being groomed.

VOLUNTEERS

We have a few longstanding volunteers who come regularly to walk the dogs in our kennels. We are hoping that their role can be expanded to assist John Powell in taking the dogs to the vets.

The charity is still more than ever reliant on volunteers to help with the work of CAESSR. As it stands, we wish to thank the same old helpers who are there at the other end of the phone.

But the same as last year we desperately need new blood as we are not getting any younger.

WORKING WITH OTHER CHARITIES

We have established a good working relationship with many other dog rescue centres, sharing home checkers. We work closely with the City Dogs home in Stoke-on-Trent, who approach us to take unwanted and stray Spaniels that they can't rehome and shouldn't be destroyed.

ADMINISTRATION AND ACCOUNTING

The collection of income, the payment of bills and recording of transactions into our books and records is handled by our Treasurer - Lisa Guthrie. She monitors our cash position and also prepared our annual accounts.

The Accounts show that Covid-19 has had a substantial impact on the Charity income. Notwithstanding, there was a small surplus of income over expenditure, but this was largely due to a bequest.

The secretary for the charity undertakes all statutory issues relating to the charity. He also maintains the Charity's website and submits any Gift Aid claims.

FUNDRAISING

In this our eleventh year, funds have been raised mainly by donation, Gift Aid and sponsored events held by supporters. We produced and sold a 2021 calendar and Christmas Cards, orders handled by Emma Downing, and raised funds from used stamps. Very popular are sponsored events through the 'Just Giving' facility. Our Sponsor-a-Spaniel scheme is also being managed by Emma and we are looking to expand our fund raising in this area.

PUBLICITY

Facebook continues to grow in popularity and is a great resource to show the dogs we are anxious to rehome and brings in many donations and new volunteers.

SIGNATURE AND DECLARATION

I declare in my capacity of charity trustee that the trustees have approved the report above and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Secretary

Ian Harrison

ACCOUNT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		2021	2020
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	Note	£	£
Incoming Resources			
Donations and Gifts	2	29,622.52	32,585.06
Other income	3	10,118.86	9,358.85
Total Incoming Resources		39,741.38	41,943.91
Resources Expended			
Direct Charitable Expenses	4	32,750.57	40,889.43
Fundraising and Publicity	5	1,916.92	1,793.16
Management and Administration	6	2,263.39	3,502.00
Total Resources Expended		36,930.88	46,184.59
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR			
Net Movement in funds during the period		2,810.50	- 4,240.68
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2020		21,031.51	25,272.19
Balance carried forward at 31 March 2021		23,842.01	21,031.51

All the funds accumulated are classified as unrestricted

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and on a receipts and payments basis.

	2021	2020
	£	£
2. DONATIONS AND GIFTS		
Adoption donations	5,585.00	15,035.00
Surrender donations	1,280.00	2,180.00
Other donations and gifts	14,279.59	13,557.41
Gift Aid	3,945.37	589.30
Legacies	4,532.56	1,223.35
	29,622.52	32,585.06
3. OTHER INCOME		
Bank Interest/commision	6,120.06	5,736.95
Calendar/cards/promotional sales	3,960.40	3,570.00
Fundraise stamps	38.40	51.90
	10,118.86	9,358.85
4. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE		
Veterinary Fees	25,008.87	30,397.34
Kennels	7,172.40	10,416.60
Training	-	-
Dog Food	264.35	-
Goodwill payments	155.50	37.49
Microchip supplies	19.95	-
Grooming costs	-	38.00
Pet Bedding	9.50	-
Warm Water Tap for Kennels	120.00	-
	32,750.57	40,889.43
5. FUNDRAISING AND PUBLICITY		
Newsletter and Calender postage	391.12	312.50
Calendar/Car sticker printing	1,525.80	1,415.66
Promotional items	-	-
Event costs / equipment	-	65.00
	1,916.92	1,793.16
6. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION		
Website	-	-
Stationery & Printing	211.45	380.68
Insurance	521.33	521.33
Transport	974.25	1,980.54
Sundry Expenses	-	-
Bank/Pay Pal/Just Giving Charges	475.97	453.45
Legal	-	-
Post	80.39	166.00
	2,263.39	3,502.00

There are no wages costs as all personal services to the charity are carried out on a voluntary basis

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

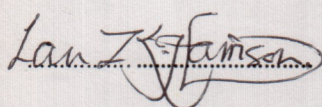
CURRENT ASSETS	£
Cash at Co-Op Bank (Statement as at 31st March 2021)	24,201.20
Funds to be Banked	131.58
Less Cheques to be presented	490.77
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>23,842.01</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

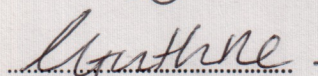
FUNDS

Unrestricted	<u>23,842.01</u>
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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 31/7/21 and signed on its behalf by



Ian Harrison, Secretary



Lisa Guthrie, Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

"Cocker and English Springer Spaniel Rescue".

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43 (7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report


Our 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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts 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 our examination no matter has come to our attention, which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met.

Name: ZOE LAWTON 

Relevant professional qualification or body: AAT

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Date: 30/07/2021

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