

COCKER AND ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL RESCUE

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Registered Charity Number 1137589

The Trustees' report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

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	15:01:2023	
Lisa Guthrie	Treasurer	25:10:2020	
Emma Downing	Trustee	15:01:2023	

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 prior to rehoming. 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.

In April 2021, the start of our twelfth year, we were slowly emerging from Covid and we were able to rehome 49 dogs – double the number we were able to rehome the previous year. At the end of March 2022 we had 4 dogs in kennels awaiting homes. The main emergency that we had in this period was in August when we agreed to take into our Rescue a cocker Spaniel “Bella” who had given birth to 10 puppies by emergency “C Section” as the owner couldn’t afford the vets bill. Sadly, Bella didn’t survive and the puppies were hand reared by the staff of Meir Park Veterinary Hospital. They were all found new homes.

Mandy, employed by Hardiwick Kennels, continues to be ‘Mum’ to all the dogs who come through kennels. We are so grateful for the interest she takes in them all. This helps so much to get the right new home for each dog. Mandy is able to administer medication, groom and clean up neglected dogs and is also now helping to take dogs to vet appointments when John is unable to. She can also take photographs of the dogs for our records if necessary. During this period, Mike Davies was a very committed dog walker for the charity. Tony Pimblett has also been helping to take dogs for vet appointments.

Managing the update of Microchip data is very time consuming especially as we are currently having to deal with 11 different Microchip companies each with different systems. Breeders and new puppy owners are not registering Microchips as the Law requires. Owners are not keeping their contact details up-to-date. We are under an obligation to make sure that we are not rehoming a stolen dog. Rules are different in Northern Ireland as we have recently discovered when we had three delightful female Cockers to rehome, who were born in Northern Ireland, but had passports issued by the Republic of Ireland. It took a lot of work for us to register them to CAESSR prior to their rehoming.

“Cocker Rage” remains a great concern to CAESSR with John and Di turning away many dogs that are afflicted.

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

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

Accounts for the year 2021/22 have been completed by Lisa Guthrie and independently verified by Zoe Lawton. They show total Income of £35,601.94 which has decreased slightly from the prior year (£39k). We have now made it through the Covid-19 pandemic and although it did impact the charity when operations had to stop, in line with government requirements, we have made it through and come out the other side now. We have been able to get back to 'business as usual'. Expenditure was £34,376.94 for the year resulting in a small level surplus funds for this year of £1,225.00. The total assets carried forward and ending balance for the year is £25,097.01, to be carried forward into the new fiscal year.

Of the £34,376.94 expenses, £29,648.24 are direct expenses, £1,718.54 are attributable to fundraising and the remaining £3,010.16 are management and administrative costs. This equates to an average monthly cost to the charity of £2,864.74 which has risen slightly from last year. The main increase in costs was seen in the management and administration section. This is because we had the very concerning dog theft incident and we have spent £300 on CCTV for the Kennels. £118 on accounts package and £144 for a card reader machine.

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 twelfth year, funds have been raised mainly by donation, Gift Aid and sponsored events held by supporters. We produced and sold a 2022 calendar and Christmas Cards, orders handled by Emma Downing. 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. Special thanks to Michelle Blunt for her fundraising efforts in the early part of the year. Sadly she is no longer able to do this due to returning to working fulltime.

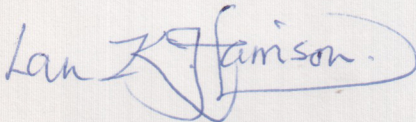
PUBLICITY

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

		2022	2021
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	Note	£	£
Incoming Resources			
Donations and Gifts	2	25,720.40	29,652.52
Other income	3	9,881.54	10,118.86
Total Incoming Resources		35,601.94	39,771.38
Resources Expended			
Direct Charitable Expenses	4	29,648.24	32,750.57
Fundraising and Publicity	5	1,718.54	1,916.92
Management and Administration	6	3,010.16	2,263.39
Total Resources Expended		34,376.94	36,930.88
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)			
RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR			
Net Movement in funds during the period		1,225.00	2,840.50
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2021		23,872.01	21,031.51
Balance carried forward at 31 March 2022		25,097.01	23,872.01

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.

	2022	2021
	£	£
2. DONATIONS AND GIFTS		
Adoption donations	11,020.00	5,585.00
Surrender donations	1,355.00	1,280.00
Other donations and gifts	12,075.40	14,309.59
Gift Aid	270.00	3,945.37
Legacies	1,000.00	4,532.56
	25,720.40	29,652.52
3. OTHER INCOME		
Bank Interest/commision	6,675.79	6,120.06
Calendar/cards/promotional sales	3,205.75	3,960.40
Fundraise stamps	-	38.40
	9,881.54	10,118.86
4. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE		
Veterinary Fees	21,614.65	25,008.87
Kennels	7,958.10	7,172.40
Training	-	-
Dog Food	-	264.35
Goodwill payments	75.49	155.50
Microchip supplies	-	19.95
Grooming costs	-	-
Pet Bedding	-	9.50
Warm Water Tap for Kennels	-	120.00
	29,648.24	32,750.57
5. FUNDRAISING AND PUBLICITY		
Newsletter and Calender postage	250.00	391.12
Calendar/Car sticker printing	1,449.60	1,525.80
Promotional items	18.94	-
Event costs / equipment	-	-
	1,718.54	1,916.92
6. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION		
Website / Software	144.00	-
Stationery & Printing	414.19	211.45
Insurance	521.33	521.33
Transport	1,128.15	974.25
Sundry Expenses	10.09	-
Bank/Pay Pal/Just Giving Charges	448.47	475.97
Legal	-	-
Post	43.93	80.39
Security	300.00	-
	3,010.16	2,263.39

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 2022

CURRENT ASSETS	£
Cash at Co-Op Bank (Statement as at 31st March 2022)	24,501.85
Funds to be Banked	595.16
Less Cheques to be presented	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>25,097.01</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

FUNDS

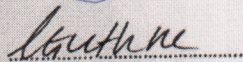
Unrestricted	<u>25,097.01</u>
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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15/01/23 and signed on its behalf by



Ian Harrison, Secretary

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Lisa Guthrie, Treasurer

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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**

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Date: **28/12/2022**