

COCKER AND ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL RESCUE

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Registered Charity Number 1137589

The Trustees' report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

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

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Charity Setup

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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.

In April 2022, the start of our thirteenth year, we were able to rehome 49 dogs. At the end of March 2023 we had 10 dogs in kennels awaiting 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. She can also take photographs of the dogs for our records if necessary. 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 13 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.

"Cocker Rage" remains a great concern to CAESSR with John and Di turning away many dogs that are afflicted. We are beginning to rescue young Spaniels bought as puppies during the pandemic. Their owners now can't manage them due to their work commitments.

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. Emma Downing is beginning to help with this and is attracting local volunteers to help with dog walking and activities.

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 2022/23 have been completed by Lisa Guthrie and independently verified by Zoe Lawton. They show total Income of £41,382.95 which was an increase from the prior year (£35k). Expenditure has also increased to £50,468.59 for the year, resulting in a deficit for this year of -£9,085.64. The total assets carried forward and ending balance for the year is £16,011.37, to be carried forward into the new fiscal year.

Of the £50,468.59 expenses, £46,883.36 are direct expenses, £1,687.08 are attributable to fundraising and the remaining £1,898.15 are management and administrative costs. This equates to an average monthly cost to the charity of £4,206 which has substantially this year. The main increase in costs was seen in the Veterinary and kennelling sections, where a number of dogs have required major surgeries/operations upon having their health assessments.

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 thirteenth year, funds have been raised mainly by donation, Gift Aid and sponsored events held by supporters. We produced and sold a 2023 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. New volunteer Clair Statham has taken on the task of Fundraising and has attended several events and raised funds for CAESSR. She has also introduced a Recycling Scheme.

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.

At the invitation of the Kennel Club John Powell and Emma Downing took a team of volunteers and their Spaniels to man the Discover Dogs stand at CRUFTS under the CAESSR banner. They were kept busy all day and the dogs behaved themselves very well and enjoyed all the fuss and attention.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Harrison', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ian Harrison

ACCOUNT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		2023	2022
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	Note	£	£
Incoming Resources			
Donations and Gifts	2	31,618.31	25,720.40
Other income	3	9,764.64	9,881.54
Total Incoming Resources		41,382.95	35,601.94
Resources Expended			
Direct Charitable Expenses	4	46,883.36	29,648.24
Fundraising and Publicity	5	1,687.08	1,718.54
Management and Administration	6	1,898.15	3,010.16
Total Resources Expended		50,468.59	34,376.94
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)			
RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR			
Net Movement in funds during the period	-	9,085.64	1,225.00
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2022		25,097.01	23,872.01
Balance carried forward at 31 March 2023		16,011.37	25,097.01

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.

	2023	2022
	£	£
2. DONATIONS AND GIFTS		
Adoption donations	11,470.00	11,020.00
Surrender donations	1,885.00	1,355.00
Other donations and gifts	12,109.54	12,075.40
Gift Aid	6,153.77	270.00
Legacies	-	1,000.00
	31,618.31	25,720.40
3. OTHER INCOME		
Bank Interest/commission	6,771.64	6,675.79
Calendar/cards/promotional sales	2,993.00	3,205.75
Fundraise stamps	-	-
	9,764.64	9,881.54
4. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE		
Veterinary Fees	31,218.31	21,614.65
Kennels	15,625.90	7,958.10
Training	-	-
Dog Food	-	-
Goodwill payments	39.15	75.49
Microchip supplies	-	-
Grooming costs	-	-
	46,883.36	29,648.24
5. FUNDRAISING AND PUBLICITY		
Newsletter and Calender postage	389.28	250.00
Calendar/Car sticker printing	1,297.80	1,449.60
Promotional items	-	18.94
Event costs / equipment	-	-
	1,687.08	1,718.54
6. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION		
Website / Software	-	144.00
Stationery & Printing	239.20	414.19
Insurance	521.33	521.33
Transport	513.90	1,128.15
Sundry Expenses	- 0.10	10.09
Bank/Pay Pal/Just Giving Charges	572.70	448.47
Legal	-	-
Post	51.12	43.93
Security	-	300.00
	1,898.15	3,010.16

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 2023

CURRENT ASSETS	£
Cash at Co-Op Bank (Statement as at 31st March 2023)	16,011.37
Funds to be Banked	0.00
Less Cheques to be presented	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>16,011.37</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

FUNDS

Unrestricted	<u>16,011.37</u>
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Approved by the Board of Trustees on27/01/2024.....and signed on its behalf by


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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"

For the year ended 31st March 2023.

Basis of independent examiner's report

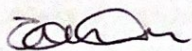
An examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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 an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention, which gives me 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.



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Date: 28/12/2023