



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1 st	Jan	2023		31 st	Dec	2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	K9 Crusaders
Other names charity is known by	K9 Crusaders Dog Welfare
Registered charity number (if any)	1138278
Charity's principal address	Hollybush Farm, Bissoe
	Truro
	Cornwall
Postcode	TR4 8TF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sue Smith	Charity Founder		
2	Marion Mansi	Secretary		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

A special meeting of trustees and officers is called to discuss and appoint any new trustees. Trustees are recruited by the Committee from volunteers who have proved their commitment to the charity plus have the requisite skills, knowledge and experience.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

K9 Crusaders are fully insured by Mi Commercial Risks, including public liability.

Health and Safety risk assessments are carried out regularly

In-house training is in place for safety around the site

First aid training and provision is available.

An accident book is provided

K9 Crusaders continues to develop a strong working relationship with other rescues, the local RSPCA and Cornwall Council's Dog Welfare and Enforcement officer.

K9 Crusaders has built on our established connections with Cornwall's Social Services and various Police departments, helping with local dog cases as required eg when owners have died or are having end of life care. If owners have to go into hospital we can give them the peace of mind that their dog will be looked after until they are well enough to return home.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Our aims and objectives:

Rescue, rehabilitate and rehome dogs

Provide long term care for dogs which are unable to be rehomed. We have a strict non-euthanasia policy and do not believe in putting healthy dogs down.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

K9 Crusaders believe that the aims and objectives listed above are for the public benefit. In setting our objectives and planning our activities the trustees have given careful consideration to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

K9 Crusaders are very grateful to all our volunteers who have helped with the day to day care of the dogs, worked in our charity shop and helped with all aspects of fundraising including dog shows, auctions, bingo, quizzes, collections and events.

We are also very grateful to our many fosterers who have taken on the care of dogs who have found it difficult to settle in a kennel environment or have special medical needs.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

K9 Crusaders has supported the local community by providing advice and taking in as many dogs as possible that were in urgent need of our help. We have maintained our commitment to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home local dogs.

- **Rehoming**

Taking in unwanted dogs surrendered in Cornwall, helping people in crisis, often who have suffered loss of home, bereavement or failing health.

- **Rehabilitation**

We have rehabilitated dogs with physical and behavioural problems and endeavoured to re-home these dogs to new loving homes.

- **Working with local authorities**

The charity has an established involvement with local Social Services and Police Departments and is regularly asked to help with dog cases in the knowledge that, borne out of experience, we provide safe, responsible and reliable support. For example, we have taken on several dogs with serious medical problems whose owners have been found deceased or who require long term hospital care.

- **Work placements and community work**

We have continued to provide work placements for college students and people with additional needs,.

We were able to continue our work within the Community, especially assisting those most in need, providing support and donations where possible.

- **Telephone and advice line**

Our advice line is open 24 hours for emergency calls. We provide help and support with anything dog related and have seen a huge increase in the number of people needing our advice during these difficult times.

- **Charity shop**

The K9 Crusaders' charity shop in Redruth, run entirely by our amazing volunteers, has been very popular and has continued to expand during its first full year.

Our shop is of course dog friendly and our Shop Manager, who is a qualified dog behaviourist, is able to offer a "drop-in" service and give advice and help to anyone who has problems with dog related issues. The shop also provides opportunities for people to volunteer and gain new skills, as well as increasing their confidence and reducing isolation.

Fundraising

K9 Crusaders is an independent charity funded by public donations and any grants they are able to secure. The K9 Crusaders Fundraising Committee and volunteers have worked tirelessly to bring in funds by various and varied means as listed below. The efforts of our volunteers and supporters have been invaluable.

- Volunteers have organised on-line events including auctions and photo competitions.
- K9 Crusaders were delighted to be selected once again by our local Pets at Home store as their Charity of the Year. This was an exciting opportunity to continue working together with a specialist pet care business to raise funds and awareness. We collect in store on a monthly basis and benefit from their Easter and Christmas fund-raisers.
- K9 Crusaders are also proud to be one of the beneficiaries of the Pets At Home VIP scheme which allows customers to nominate a local charity to benefit from points they receive on purchases. We then receive “Lifelines” which are vouchers to purchase food and accessories from the store.
- We also have had great support again this year from many local businesses who are more than happy to display our collecting tins on their counters and have donated items for our online auctions.
- In these turbulent times we are very grateful for all financial donations received from supporters as every £1 counts.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

K9 Crusaders endeavours to hold funds equal to 6 months operating costs, which the Trustees consider a necessary contingency, enabling the charity to have financial stability and to move forward with confidence.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Due to the financial climate, we have had to deal with increased costs for dog food, vet bills and utilities.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	M.S. Mansi	
Full name(s)	Marion Stella Mansi	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	

Date 25th October 2024



Charity Name K9 Crusaders Dog Welfare		No (if any) 1138278		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	to	Period end date 31/12/2023	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General income (inc donations, fund-raising and shop takings)	184,360	-	-	184,360	153,010
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	184,360	-	-	184,360	153,010
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	184,360	-	-	184,360	153,010
A3 Payments					
Vets	37,090	-	-	37,090	35,201
Rent & Rates	31,219	-	-	31,219	27,420
Utilities & Waste Collection	21,538	-	-	21,538	14,583
Dog Welfare	28,495	-	-	28,495	25,596
Repairs & Maint to kennels & shop	9,431	-	-	9,431	10,677
Dog Food & Equipment	7,044	-	-	7,044	4,041
One-off projects inc Site Refurbishment Program)	6,469	-	-	6,469	17,072
Insurance & Professional Fees	1,868	-	-	1,868	2,206
I.T. Phone & Stationery	1,521	-	-	1,521	1,693
Fund-raising exp & Paypal fees	1,717	-	-	1,717	1,283
Sundries (inc Fire Certificate)	1,117	-	-	1,117	1,082
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	147,509	-	-	147,509	140,854
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	147,509	-	-	147,509	140,854
Net of receipts/(payments)	36,851	-	-	36,851	12,156
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	97,612	-	-	97,612	85,456
Cash funds this year end	134,463	-	-	134,463	97,612

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank (ear-marked funds for site refurbishment project)	64,504	-	-
	Bank (general funds)	69,822	-	-
	Paypal	24	-	-
	Cash held	113	-	-
	Total cash funds	134,463	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SUE SMITH	25/10/24
	MARION MANSI	25/10/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
K9 CRUSADERS

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1138278

Set out on pages

uploaded with my report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of 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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

14.10.24

Name:

B J MILSTEAD

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.