



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1 st	Jan	2024	To	31 st	Dec	2024

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 Insurance, which includes 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, e.g. 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 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, 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.

Our dog behaviourist and trainer organised and trained a group of our dogs to take part in the Kennel Club's Good Citizens' Dog Training Scheme. This allowed us to educate our volunteers to train our dogs to get their Canine Good Citizens' Awards, hoping to make our dogs more re-homable. The scheme also included young adults from "The Outdoor Place" helping them to gain confidence in a safe environment through dog training, with the ultimate goal of having their dogs recognised as service dogs. K9 Crusaders are Kennel Club accredited and we value community outreach.

- **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, is continuing from strength to strength despite most towns struggling with footfall these days.

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 their isolation. It continues to support three young people with additional needs. Two via United Response, a local organisation, and one through their carer.

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 on-line dog shows plus quizzes at a local venue. We also sold a calendar designed by one of our volunteers which included portraits of all our dogs.
- 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 work together with a specialist pet care business to raise awareness. We collect in store on a regular basis throughout the year and benefit from their Easter and Christmas fundraisers.
- 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.
- We are very grateful for financial donations from all supporters, whether £1 or £1,000.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

K9 Crusaders endeavours to hold funds equal to 4 months operating costs, which the Trustees consider a necessary contingency, enabling the charity to have a certain level of financial stability and to move forward with relative 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, in line with everyone, we have had to deal with ever increasing costs. As a charity we already minimise expenditure wherever possible and endeavour to maximise our income streams. K9 Crusaders have been extremely grateful for 2 legacies which have been especially appreciated during these turbulent times.

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

27th October 2025



Charity Name	No (if any)
K9 Crusaders Dog Welfare	1138278

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2024		31/12/2024

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-raisers and shop takings)	155,668	-	-	155,668	180,803
Grants & Legacies	14,597	-	-	14,597	3,557
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	170,265	-	-	170,265	184,360
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	170,265	-	-	170,265	184,360
A3 Payments					
Vets	42,546	-	-	42,546	37,090
Rent & Rates	35,004	-	-	35,004	29,058
Utilities & Waste Collection	22,851	-	-	22,851	21,659
Dog Welfare	49,109	-	-	49,109	28,495
Repairs & Maint to kennels & shop	13,906	-	-	13,906	9,431
Dog Food & Equipment	9,743	-	-	9,743	7,044
One-off projects inc Site Refurbishment Program)	15,799	-	-	15,799	6,469
Insurance & Professional Fees	6,028	-	-	6,028	3,908
I.T. Phone & Stationery	1,882	-	-	1,882	1,521
Fund-raising exp & Paypal fees	2,132	-	-	2,132	1,717
Sundries	965	-	-	965	1,117
Sub total	199,965	-	-	199,965	147,509
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	199,965	-	-	199,965	147,509
Net of receipts/(payments)	-29,700	-	-	-29,700	36,851
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	134,463	-	-	134,463	97,612
Cash funds this year end	104,763	-	-	104,763	134,463

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 grants & donations)	52,988	-	-
	Bank (general funds)	51,510	-	-
	Paypal	52	-	-
	Cash held	213	-	-
	Total cash funds	104,763	-	-
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		S. Smith	SUE SMITH	21/10/25
		M Mansi	MARION MANSI	27/10/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

K9 CRUSADERS

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1138278

Set out on pages

Attached (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024. 31/12/20

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [] if not applicable.]~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.

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

Signed:

SE Chapman

Date:

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Name:

SPENCER E CHAPMAN

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

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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.