

**A Better Life Dog Rescue Ltd**  
**Accounts**  
**For the Year Ending**  
**31 October 2022**

**JANE ASCROFT ACCOUNTANCY LIMITED**

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# **A Better Life Dog Rescue Ltd**

## **Accounts**

**Year Ended 31 October 2022**

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# **A Better Life Dog Rescue Ltd**

## **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)**

**Year Ended 31 October 2022**

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2022.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the charity are for the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of dogs in need of care and attention and in particular to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals; To promote humane behaviour towards animals in particular dogs by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for dogs which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals, particularly dogs.

### **Achievements and Performance**

2021-2022 has been a very challenging year for the rescue. During the period April 2022-November 2022, DEFRA imposed a ban on imports from Romania. This obviously had a serious impact on our finances as costs were having to be met without there being any income on animal adoptions. The founder of the charity loaned more than £37,000 of his own money to the charity to sustain it. This was in multiple payments for things like veterinary treatment, costs to build temporary kennels to house dogs which could not be exported, vehicle payments, subcontractor payments etc. We continued with our neutering campaign and also our campaign with the authorities to promote good animal welfare despite this. BREXIT has hit us very hard. The costs involved have escalated, customs papers, customs duties etc have meant that donations from the UK are no longer viable to be collected and transported from the UK due to those costs. Therefore, now we are having to meet the costs of feeding the animals ourselves, which is no mean feat. We are hoping that 2022-2023 will bring happier news, but with the governments stance on imports at the moment, we doubt that will be the case.

### **Financial Review**

#### **Reserves Policy**

The charity aims to maintain sufficient reserves to cover running costs for 3 months excluding depreciation. This is estimated to be approximately £30,000. At 31st October 2022 free reserves totalled £10,618.

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## Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 October 2022

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

A Better Life Dog Rescue is a charitable company incorporated on 17 October 2012 and registered with the Charity Commission on 1 May 2013. The charity is governed by its memorandum and articles of association dated 17 October 2012 as amended by special resolution registered at Companies House on 29 April 2013.

#### **Organisation of the charity**

Jason Yorke is responsible for the day to day running of the rescue and transport. This includes booking our dogs ready for transport, paying vet bills, booking transport dates, making sure the animals receive their vaccinations on time and arranging the schedules with the adopters and fosterers alike. He is also in charge of the new shelter build in Romania and as such spends most of the year out there ensuring that the work is being completed to a high standard. He is also in charge of the charity merchandise.

Nicola Chappell is the dog coordinator and has total autonomy over where a dog is placed. She has amassed a team of volunteers around her who deal with screening and home checking and has streamlined the adoption process and follow up checks immensely.

Graham McNally is technically a silent Trustee. He has a casting vote should Nicola and Jason not agree on something that is relevant to what we do.

#### **Public Benefit**

Our main activities and who we help are described elsewhere in this report. All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. The Committee have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit throughout the year when deciding on the activities of the charity.

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

**Registered charity name** A Better Life Dog Rescue Ltd

**Charity registration number** 1151849

**Company registration number** 08257203

**Principal office and registered office** Hope House  
High Road  
Horndon On The Hill  
Essex  
SS17 8LD

#### **The Trustees**

Jason Yorke  
Graham McNally  
Nicola Chappell

**Independent Examiner** Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)  
Enterprise House  
Harmire Enterprise Park  
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# **A Better Life Dog Rescue Ltd**

## **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year Ended 31 October 2022**

### **Small Company Provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 14-06-2023..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

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

Jason Yorke  
Trustee

# **A Better Life Dog Rescue Ltd**

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of A Better Life Dog Rescue Ltd**

**Year Ended 31 October 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of A Better Life Dog Rescue Ltd ('the charity') for the year ended 31 October 2022.

### **Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)  
Independent Examiner

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# A Better Life Dog Rescue Ltd

## Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 31 October 2022

		2022		2021
		Unrestricted	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	funds		
		£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments</b>				
Donations and legacies	5	88,038	<b>88,038</b>	139,179
Charitable activities	6	29,291	<b>29,291</b>	82,365
Other trading activities	7	64,751	<b>64,751</b>	13,427
Investments	8	—	<b>—</b>	368
<b>Total income</b>		<u>182,080</u>	<u><b>182,080</b></u>	<u>235,339</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	<u>127,903</u>	<u><b>127,903</b></u>	<u>147,946</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>127,903</u>	<u><b>127,903</b></u>	<u>147,946</u>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>		<u>54,177</u>	<u><b>54,177</b></u>	<u>87,393</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		<u>326,210</u>	<u><b>326,210</b></u>	<u>238,817</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>380,387</u>	<u><b>380,387</b></u>	<u>326,210</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these accounts.

# A Better Life Dog Rescue Ltd

## Statement of Financial Position

31 October 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	15	381,951	339,454
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		11,158	17,325
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	<u>6,162</u>	<u>11,562</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>4,996</u>	<u>5,763</u>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>		<b>386,947</b>	<b>345,217</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	17	<u>6,560</u>	<u>19,007</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><b>380,387</b></u>	<u><b>326,210</b></u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u><b>380,387</b></u>	<u><b>326,210</b></u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	19	<u><b>380,387</b></u>	<u><b>326,210</b></u>

For the year ending 31 October 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 14-06-2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Jason Yorke  
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these accounts.



# **A Better Life Dog Rescue Ltd**

## **Notes to the Accounts**

**Year Ended 31 October 2022**

### **1. General Information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Hope House, High Road, Horndon On The Hill, Essex, SS17 8LD.

### **2. Statement of Compliance**

These accounts have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

### **3. Accounting Policies**

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investments measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

#### **Going Concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

#### **Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

#### **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

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## Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 October 2022

### 3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

#### Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacy income is received by way of donations, legacies, grants and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Where legacies have been notified to the charity but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity, being the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.

Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

#### Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting donations, grants and legacies and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis, as set out in the notes to the accounts.

#### Tangible Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £500 are not capitalised.

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## Notes to the Accounts *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 October 2022

### 3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Motor Vehicles - 25% reducing balance

#### Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

#### Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

#### Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

#### Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

# A Better Life Dog Rescue Ltd

## Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 October 2022

### 3. Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

### 4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 31st October 2022 there were 3 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 in the event of a winding up.

### 5. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Donations</b>				
Donations	64,604	<b>64,604</b>	104,704	104,704
Gift aid reclaimed	10,434	<b>10,434</b>	32,816	32,816
<b>Legacies</b>				
Legacies	13,000	<b>13,000</b>	1,659	1,659
	<u>88,038</u>	<u><b>88,038</b></u>	<u>139,179</u>	<u>139,179</u>

### 6. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Transport income	<u>29,291</u>	<u><b>29,291</b></u>	<u>82,365</u>	<u>82,365</u>

### 7. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fundraising income	<u>64,751</u>	<u><b>64,751</b></u>	<u>13,427</u>	<u>13,427</u>

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## Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 October 2022

### 8. Investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	—	—	368	368

### 9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Costs of charitable activities	126,987	126,987	146,899	146,899
Support costs	916	916	1,047	1,047
	<u>127,903</u>	<u>127,903</u>	<u>147,946</u>	<u>147,946</u>

### 10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2022	Total fund 2021
	£	£	£	£
Costs of charitable activities	126,987	—	126,987	146,899
Governance costs	—	916	916	1,047
	<u>126,987</u>	<u>916</u>	<u>127,903</u>	<u>147,946</u>

### 11. Net Income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	6,136	15,667
Loss on disposal of assets	<u>2,446</u>	<u>—</u>

### 12. Independent Examination Fees

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the accounts	<u>540</u>	<u>480</u>

### 13. Staff Costs and Emoluments

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Subcontractors	<u>19,737</u>	<u>45,814</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2021: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

# A Better Life Dog Rescue Ltd

## Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 October 2022

### 14. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees received neither remuneration nor expenses during the year (2021 - Nil).

### 15. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Motor vehicles £	Dog shelter (under construction) £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 November 2021	105,852	302,795	<b>408,647</b>
Additions	–	60,749	<b>60,749</b>
Disposals	(56,416)	–	<b>(56,416)</b>
<b>At 31 October 2022</b>	<b>49,436</b>	<b>363,544</b>	<b>412,980</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 November 2021	69,193	–	<b>69,193</b>
Charge for the year	6,136	–	<b>6,136</b>
Disposals	(44,300)	–	<b>(44,300)</b>
<b>At 31 October 2022</b>	<b>31,029</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>31,029</b>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
<b>At 31 October 2022</b>	<b>18,407</b>	<b>363,544</b>	<b>381,951</b>
At 31 October 2021	36,659	302,795	339,454

### Finance leases and hire purchase contracts

Included within the carrying value of tangible fixed assets are the following amounts relating to assets held under finance leases or hire purchase agreements:

	Motor vehicles £
<b>At 31 October 2022</b>	<b>14,507</b>
At 31 October 2021	25,912

### 16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals and deferred income	<b>540</b>	480
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	<b>5,622</b>	11,082
	<b>6,162</b>	11,562

### 17. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	<b>6,560</b>	19,007

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## Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year Ended 31 October 2022

### 18. Finance Leases and Hire Purchase Contracts

The total future minimum lease payments under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	5,622	11,082
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	6,560	19,007
	<u>12,182</u>	<u>30,089</u>

### 19. Analysis of Charitable Funds

#### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 November 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 October 2022 £
General fund	<u>326,210</u>	<u>182,080</u>	<u>(127,903)</u>	<u>380,387</u>

	At 1 November 2020	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 October 2021 £
General fund	<u>238,817</u>	<u>235,339</u>	<u>(147,946)</u>	<u>326,210</u>

### 20. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	381,951	381,951
Current Assets	11,158	11,158
Creditors less than 1 year	(6,162)	(6,162)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(6,560)	(6,560)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>380,387</u>	<u>380,387</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	339,454	339,454
Current Assets	17,325	17,325
Creditors less than 1 year	(11,562)	(11,562)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(19,007)	(19,007)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>326,210</u>	<u>326,210</u>

# **A Better Life Dog Rescue Ltd**

**Management Information**

**Year Ended 31 October 2022**

**The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Accounts.**



# A Better Life Dog Rescue Ltd

## Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 October 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Income and endowments</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	64,604	104,704
Gift aid reclaimed	10,434	32,816
Legacies	13,000	1,659
	<u>88,038</u>	<u>139,179</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Transport income	<u>29,291</u>	<u>82,365</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising income	<u>64,751</u>	<u>13,427</u>
<b>Investments</b>		
Bank interest receivable	<u>—</u>	<u>368</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<u><u>182,080</u></u>	<u><u>235,339</u></u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
Subcontractor costs	19,737	45,814
Repairs & maintenance	1,112	1,163
Insurance	4,077	3,888
Donations to other charities	497	7,211
Import VAT	14,460	6,264
Traces and other fees	4,323	3,714
Travel and subsistence costs	50,174	9,000
Fuel costs	13,266	23,981
Publicity and website costs	2,022	5,690
Postage, stationery and telephone	2,172	2,539
Depreciation	6,136	15,667
HP interest	—	662
Loss on disposal of vehicles	2,446	—
Kennel fees	—	2,426
Vet bills	5,303	16,571
Sundry costs	—	96
Volunteer expenses	1,262	2,213
	<u>126,987</u>	<u>146,899</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy fees	540	480
Bank charges	376	567
	<u>916</u>	<u>1,047</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u><u>127,903</u></u>	<u><u>147,946</u></u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>54,177</u></u>	<u><u>87,393</u></u>