

Notts and Yorkshire Boxer Rescue

**REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Charity Number 1152380

Notts and Yorkshire Boxer Rescue

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL CHARITY REPORT

This document gives up to date information for the organisation known as Notts and Yorkshire Boxer Rescue (registered charity no 1152380) or NAYBR.

Thank you for taking the time to read it.

The past year has seen events really pick up the pace with record totals being achieved at very busy events. The team have been out and about attending the Aztec Shows and Mad Hatter events, Pets At Home days and local smaller events and shows. The team have welcomed this and enjoyed going out and about with their dogs, which is what they do best!

Objectives and Activities

- To alleviate the suffering and distress caused to dogs, particularly the breed known as boxers, which may have been ill-treated, abandoned or in need of a new home in Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire, surrounding counties and in cases throughout the UK.
- Provide Veterinary care for all dogs in rescue including neutering and spaying and as the law changed in 2016, we now microchip all our dogs or update existing microchip details.
- Promote and educate the public about the welfare, well-being and appropriate care of dogs and encourage responsible ownership - this is one of our most important challenges. We believe education is the key to successful re-homing, especially given the recent TV advertisements showing boxer dogs.

How we began and why we are needed – more so now than ever

We began as a group of boxer lovers who worked together to help boxers in need. Most members of NAYBR own a boxer, have previously owned a boxer or a boxer cross and have an affinity with the breed.

We became aware of a significant number of boxers or boxer crossbreeds needing re-homing. Owners wanted somewhere trusted and safe, with the dog's interest in mind to re-home their boxer dogs. As boxer lovers and owners ourselves we understood this desire and the requirements of the breed.

We noticed in past years more and more boxer dogs were increasingly becoming abandoned. Dogs then ended up either on the streets as a danger to themselves and the public or in council pounds. By working with the local dog wardens we relieve stress on their over-burdened services.

As more dogs needed help the group began to grow and take on more work and consequently a more formal arrangement was adopted and eventually NAYBR became a registered charity.

Our Foster program continues to be our priority and these dogs, and their foster families receive all the care and support they need from us.

Post pandemic has seen a general increase in all rescues being inundated with dogs as people return to work and offices reopen. The dogs acquired during restrictions due to Covid are now seen as a hindrance to some and a steady stream are being handed to us. After anticipating this we are dealing with applications and surrenders as we were pre pandemic.

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Why do Boxers end up in Rescue?

Boxer dogs do come into rescue for many reasons such as:-

- Abandonment
- Handed in due to bereavement
- Have suffered cruelty or neglect
- Be too much for their owners
- Be recommended to us by a vet or other professional body such as dog warden.
- They have become unaffordable for the owners due to changes in circumstances.
- Owners simply do not have time to meet the needs of the dog.
- Impulse purchase (having watched a current advertisement showing an adorable boxer acting comically) that proves unwise as the dog's needs are often not thought of at the time of purchase. Understanding the breed is paramount here.
- Pandemic or LOCKDOWN dogs are still a feature of rescue.
- Cost of Living crisis hitting families hard.

Whatever the reason, we believe that each and every dog deserves a happy, loving home and we will endeavour to find this for each boxer in our care.

How do we achieve such Good Results at NAYBR?

We rescue boxer dogs that may have come into the rescue by the methods previously mentioned.

Every dog is assessed by a vet for general health checks and vaccinated if not already done. We now microchip unchipped dogs as is the law or change and update the details of the existing microchip if there is one. This is vital for the dog's welfare and to comply with current law in the case of the microchip details.

Then each dog is measured for its suitability for a new home. This involves finding out if the dog can live with other pets that may be in their new home, if that dog can live with children and the nature of the dog. This can be achieved in some instances by having the dog in a foster home. This gives the fosterer a first-hand insight into the nature of the dog and how it copes in a home. Dogs in loving homes are happier too so it's a win win situation!

Some younger dogs need plenty of exercise whilst an older boxer may just need short strolls with a comfy bed and a loving companion. We do our very best to match dog to owner to create a bond for life. We do NOT give a dog to the person at the top of the list – the dog needs to be right for the owner and vice versa. We make this clear to each potential adopter and to date we have received positive feedback on this approach.

So, our success is born from good practice and experience.

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Achievements and Performance of Notts and Yorkshire Boxer Rescue

After achieving registered charity status in the spring of 2013 NAYBR volunteers formed a committee and adopted a constitution.

As a registered charity our constitution is as follows:

“To promote humane behaviour towards dogs, in particular, but not exclusively, the breed known as boxers and boxer cross breeds by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals 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 dog welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among dogs in Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire.”

All members of **NAYBR** are proud to uphold the standard set in our constitution.

How the general public get involved with NAYBR and the public benefit we provide

- By adopting a boxer – following registration and a home-check, individuals are offered a suitable dog for their lifestyle. An agreement is signed and support is offered to the adopting family for the whole life of the dog. We believe it is this close and caring support network that has made our organisation as popular as it is.
- By fostering a boxer in need – Boxers love being with people and fare much better in a home than in kennels. We have members who look after dogs in their own homes with expenses being settled by the rescue. This gives the dog a chance to live in a home environment and be assessed first hand by the fosterer. Any issues can be spotted and dealt with during this period. Fosterers give prospective new owners a firsthand account of exactly what the dog is like, how the dog copes with situations and can help enormously when placing dogs with new owners.
- By volunteering at one of our events – Members of the public are invited to join the team at a large event such as a county dog show, game and country show or help at our local events such as our stall which we have at Pets At Home quite frequently. These events are advertised on our successful Facebook page and on our website. Many people pop along to ask questions and share their experiences which has made for a very close knit support network which is growing weekly. We also run a Funday event in the summer where we invite all members with or out without their pets, and anyone else who would like to attend. There is a show, tombola, raffle and stalls.
- By donating spare change – We gratefully accept unwanted items for our tombola's, sales and stalls. Toys, toiletries, sweets, bottles of wine, anything is gratefully accepted. We are always in need of items throughout the year for our many events where we raise funds and promote responsible dog ownership.
- By joining our growing Facebook group – People join us on our Facebook page to see how we help and support one another, share our boxer moments and pictures and offer advice to those in need – we have over 3,500 members and are growing we reach a nationwide audience and find people who have not adopted from us will come and support us and join in at events. Some of these people have become key members of the team and have been united in their love of the boxer breed.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duties under Section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act with regards to Public Benefit.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

Simply, we could not be who we are without our trustees, co-ordinators, helpers, volunteers and supporters.

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Whatever capacity they have helped in, whether a trustee or not, each one is valued and thanked individually. They may be helping on the fundraising stall, picking up a dog, performing a home check or simply donating to our cause, we exist because of the goodwill and co-operation of each and every member of the team. This is one of NAYBR's BIGGEST SUCCESSES, bringing together like-minded people and forming a bond and supporting one another.

Every member considers themselves a part of a unique family who knows support and guidance are at their fingertips: just ask and help is there.

We even have people who have not adopted from us but are boxer owners who have joined us as they like the friendly, supportive nature of the group.

Support for NAYBR comes in many forms but is most apparent on our Facebook page where members far and wide join in, offer advice, ask for help and share their experiences. This has been a key factor in our growing success as a rescue team.

As in previous years, last year our band of supporters grew and we hope to build on this excellent network of people, recruiting new members and drawing on their experiences of dealing with boxers, their fundraising ideas and especially their help in staffing events during the coming year. As NAYBR expands and grows, so does our team of supporters.

This past year we have had continued exceptional support from some people who we would like to publicly recognise and thank here:

The team at **C Four Paws** kennels for their continued belief and support of Rescue and for their professional assistance and understanding of our rescue. Calagran has new owners who have slipped into the profession well and the kennels are still used by us in the same capacity.

Staveley Vets: The resident vets at our kennels, Calagran Four Paws Hotel and Quarantine Kennel, who looks after the dogs we have there. Sean and James are very understanding of our breed, and nothing is too much trouble. They offer a professional service and are always on hand if needed.

Kim Hunt: A dog behavior specialist who works with us to help dogs who are having difficulties with training and behavior issues.

Jayne Strange: Jayne offers Canine Massage Therapy and has worked with our dogs to improve the quality of their lives.

A BIG Thank You to:

We are supported by some generous companies who kindly donate goods and services to help us. Their generosity has been a key part of our success as without it, we simply would not have had the funds to help as many dogs as we have and raise awareness of our cause. THANK YOU to these organisations – your support is very much appreciated!

These companies include:

Calagran Four Paws Doggy Hotel
Staveley Vets
Mad Hatter Events
Pets At Home Foundation
Fish For Dogs
Kong Toys
Burns

Pets At Home
Steve Oxley Photography
Aztec Events
South Normanton Gala
Aquapaws Canine Hydrotherapy & Fun Swim Barnsley

Structure, Governance and Management

From our inception – NAYBR are governed by a constitution document which was adopted on the 11 November 2012.

The rescue is made up of volunteers who may or may not have adopted a dog from rescue known as NAYBR. No member takes a wage; all give their time freely as volunteers and receive no remuneration or benefits.

Trustees are volunteers or members who have been elected or re-elected at the Annual General Meeting. AGMs are held in March of each year.

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NAYBR follows a Confidentiality Policy and a Data Protection Policy; Equal Opportunities guidelines are followed as well as a Diversity Policy, Trustee Conflict of Interest Policy and a Code of Conduct Policy.

Structure, Governance and Management (Continued)

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee (Trustees)

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NAYBR follow a confidential policy, data protection policy, equal opportunities guidelines are followed as well as a diversity policy, trustee conflict of interest policy and a code of conduct policy.

Financial Review

A detailed Accountant's Report is available, verified by an independent body. This will be submitted at the earliest opportunity after our financial year.

Reserves

We do not hold a specific level of reserves. There are few ongoing financial commitments, therefore, if we were unable to continue, these amounts would be identified, paid and the charity would cease to trade.

Our Aims for 2024 and achievements in 2023

Rounding up 2023, the team held another successful Santa Paws event; it proved as popular as always and a good turnout of supporters was received at the Arkwright Centre in Chesterfield. Their welcome is always warm and people enjoyed hot food, bar facilities as well as our Christmas stalls, cakes, raffle and independent stalls.

The Santa Paws event for 2024 is already booked on our calendar and the Arkwright Centre looks forward to welcoming us back.

The Aztec events that we attended in 2023 were a great success with record totals being achieved across the shows. Footfall was good and people supported us as always. The team were thrilled after a very busy show season, to break records for the amounts made at each show. It's always lovely to be supported so strongly and enthusiastically.

Pets At Home News - With a positive outlook for 2024, we are thrilled to report that our key partnerships and support networks remain strong and we look forward to getting out and about again once more. We have actually gained another Pets at Home Partnership. After impressing the team at PaH in Wakefield, we were recommended to the Dewsbury branch of PaH and have been asked to be their 2024 partners. The team were thrilled and have accepted this offer.

Our long-standing relationship with C Four Paws kennels continues. The new owner Mike has kept his word to keep this successful formula going. It's certainly going from strength to strength. Long may this continue.

The 2024 diary is filling up with the usual Aztec shows we attend in Newbury, Norfolk, Newark and Hylands Park in Essex. All events will see us running their Fun Dog Show 1 and our stall as well as our popular Doggy Tombola Dash.

NEW EVENTS

As a result of success in our show performances, we have been invited to attend new events to us. The event is South Normanton Gala on 6th July 2024. This is a large show which has a big following and attracts thousands of people in South Derbyshire. NAYBR have been asked to run their new dog show and stall along with the ever popular Fun Doggy Tombola Dash. We look forward to joining this event for a fun filled day.

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Reference and Administrative Information

Administration: Notts and Yorkshire Boxer Rescue also known as NAYBR

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Registered Charity Number: 1152380

As a charity, NAYBR has a team of trustees that oversee the running of the organisation. These people were appointed in the year.

Mrs Nicola McDonnell – Chair and Trustee

Mr Andrew Foster – Trustee

Mrs Fionna Leatherhead – Treasurer and Trustee

Mrs Julie Foster, Secretary and Trustee

Mr Matthew McDonnell - Trustee

Ms Emma Roberts – Fundraising Co-ordinator and Trustee

Mr Andrew Britton – Volunteers Co-ordinator and Trustee

Miss Chris Cobb – Trustee (Resigned 16.12.23)

Miss Michelle Davis - Trustee

We would like to take the time to thank Miss Chris Cobb for her time as a Trustee and Dog Coordinator; her expertise and knowledge has helped the team and we wish her every happiness in her retirement.

After our appointment of Alison Barton as Resource Coordinator, we welcomed Krysia Bramley, husband Chris and daughter Lexi who have been helping more with NAYBR. Krysia has now been appointed Events Coordinator and has been instrumental in organising last year's Sants Paws and Funday.

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NAYBR also has a great team of Volunteer Coordinators who help run the rescue. Their roles include:

- overseeing the kennels;
- looking after our dogs in foster;
- fundraise for us;
- assess dogs and consider new owners;
- arrange 'meet and greets' with the dogs and prospective new owners;
- look after our stock and storage unit;
- man the phones, taking all manner of enquiries;
- fill in necessary paperwork from those wishing to adopt or foster;
- appeal for help;
- hold car boot sales; and
- bag-pack at local supermarkets.

These people deserve a special mention, so we are proud to have Kerry Lambe, Gail Wilkin, Ed Barton and Jane Roberts as valued team members. The team have very supportive and understanding spouses and particular thanks goes to Kevan Lambe for his dedication and organizational skills; too many others to mention individually but you are all massively appreciated.

Faith Taylor attended her first monthly Poolsbrook Dog Walk and enjoyed the experience; thank you to Alison for taking this event over from Chris who set it up.

Cara Barton and daughter Brooke Moran are also valued members who have been helping for years and recently Brooke set us up with a Tik Tok account and is busy filling it with NAYBR news. Our hashtag is @naybr11.

Risk Assessment

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular, those related to operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to the major risks.

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 - continued

Declaration

We, the Trustees, declare we have approved the Trustees' Report above, and are authorised to sign it on their behalf.

Full Name: Mrs Nicola McDonnell

Position: Chair

Signature.....*N McDonnell*.....

Date ..*22.05.2024*.....

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Notts and Yorkshire Boxer Rescue**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Notts and Yorkshire Boxer Rescue for the year ended 31 December 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 all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.


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A Butterfield ACA
Chartered Accountant

Dated 22/05/24

Haines Watts
Chartered Accountants
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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
	£	£	£	£
<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>				
PayPal Bank Account	952.94	-	1,211.58	-
Cash in Hand	412.81	-	222.05	-
Current Account	14,491.11	-	22,181.14	-
Treasurers Account	136.05	-	136.05	-
	<u>15,992.91</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,750.82</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
Donations (inc PayPal) and Gift Aid Reclaims	20,424.54	-	15,645.39	-
Adoption Fees	3,393.24	-	2,350.00	-
Surrender Fees	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	17,086.40	-	11,648.52	-
Merchandise Sales	4,463.74	-	3,031.35	-
Sundry Receipts	-	-	-	-
	<u>45,367.92</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,675.26</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
Mobile Phone Costs	396.27	-	329.61	-
Van and Transport Costs	738.19	-	2,209.01	-
Vets Fees and Medication	12,457.54	-	14,040.28	-
Dog Food and Consumables	375.13	-	389.30	-
Kennel Fees	14,777.00	-	11,480.00	-
Fundraising Costs	8,928.55	-	7,432.86	-
Office and Website Costs	3,514.60	-	2,556.80	-
Insurance	1,111.04	-	379.44	-
PayPal Fees	3.58	-	5.64	-
Just Giving Fees	404.70	-	406.22	-
Training Costs	-	-	190.00	-
Sundries	802.35	-	294.01	-
Professional Fees	756.00	-	720.00	-
	<u>44,264.95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,433.17</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS (LESS PAYMENTS)	1,102.97	-	(7,757.91)	-
<u>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</u>	£ <u>17,095.88</u>	£ <u>-</u>	£ <u>15,992.91</u>	£ <u>-</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>				
PayPal Bank Account	689.18	-	952.94	-
Cash in Hand	728.34	-	412.81	-
Current Account	15,542.31	-	14,491.11	-
Treasurers Account	136.05	-	136.05	-
	<u>£ 17,095.88</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 15,992.91</u>	<u>£ -</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
	<u>UNRESTRICTED</u>	<u>RESTRICTED</u>	<u>UNRESTRICTED</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			<u>RESTRICTED</u>
<u>Cash Funds</u>	£	£	£
Bank Current Account	15,542.31	-	14,491.11
Cash in Hand	728.34	-	412.81
PayPal Bank Account	689.18	-	952.54
Treasurers Accounts	136.05	-	136.05
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	17,095.88	-	15,992.91
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Fixed Assets

£ 7,000 Citroen – FP64 OKF
£ 650 PA System
£ 3,000 Tents

OTHER MONETARY ASSETS

<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
£623	Stock (Merchandise)	£1,025

LIABILITIES (GENERAL FUND)

<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
£		£
720	Independent Examination (Accountant's Report)	720

Approved by the Trustees on 12-05-2024 Signed [Signature]
Signed [Signature]

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 (FRS102) effective 1st January 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), and the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 (FRS102) effective 1st January 2019.

a) Income

This is accounted for on a receivable purpose in the period which it is received.

b) Payments

These are accounted for as paid.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

The Trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The accounts are presented in sterling (£).

2. Trustee Expenses

There were no expenses reimbursed to Trustees in this year.

Expenses were paid to volunteers for travel costs incurred in carrying out the charity's activities.

3. Trustees Remuneration

No remuneration or emoluments were received by the Trustees either in their capacities as Trustees or as members of the Board of Trustees and no emoluments paid in excess of £60,000.

4. Taxation

The charity is registered as a charity and as such no taxation is payable on the excess of income over expenditure.

5. Trustee Indemnity

During the year the charity took out a Trustee Indemnity insurance policy with a premium of £389.92. The trustees believe that by taking out Trustee Indemnity insurance it would provide additional reassurance to the charity as a whole.

6. Related Party Transactions

There are no related party transactions to note.