



**Safe &
Sound**

Registered Charity no. 1152935

Refuge for deathrow pound dogs



**Trustees' Report
2023-24**

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About us

We are a front line death row dog rescue, specialising in short term crisis management and trouble-shooting for strays at imminent risk of harm. Primarily an emergency relief rescue, we concentrate on immediate welfare issues: emergency accommodation, urgent veterinary care, safe transportation and behavioural rehabilitation, we are unique in providing a far greater level of support for individual animals (e.g. specialist rehabilitation) than any other charity with a similar remit. We are also distinctive in that we 'back up' each of the animals we assist for life, meaning that we agree to provide assistance to them indefinitely and offer a comprehensive 'bounce back' service to rehoming rescues taking on any of our strays.

Our charitable aim is to "relieve the suffering of stray or abandoned dogs and promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for dogs in need of care and attention by reason of abandonment, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage." We stick very closely to this remit and concentrate our efforts primarily on unclaimed or abandoned stray dogs facing destruction in council pounds. We do assist dogs that are still with their owners, but only in circumstances where we believe there are serious welfare issues.

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Our Objectives and Activities:

- To fund 'emergency boarding' for dogs at imminent risk of death; we provide lifesaving emergency boarding - temporary kenneling - at our Safe Haven locations across England.

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- To provide rehabilitation & retraining to dogs which are not yet ready to be rehomed. We work with an APBC certified animal behaviourist to provide specialist rehabilitation, preventing the unnecessary destruction of dogs requiring additional support.
- To secure rescue placements with reputable, established rescue organisations for stray dogs at risk of destruction. We now act as a feeder rescue for two major national rehoming organisations.

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- To coordinate and finance the safe transportation of such dogs from council pounds to their rescue placements. We reimburse fuel and other expenses incurred by our team of volunteer drivers. Our current rates are around 50% lower than the HMRC fuel allowance rates.
 - To finance essential veterinary treatment for pound dogs in need of urgent veterinary care. Depending on their length of stay, our 'emergency boarders' will also be fully vaccinated and neutered by Safe and Sound in preparation for their transfer to an adoption centre.
 - To offer sanctuary to any former Safe and Sound poundie, which is returned from the receiving rescue on behavioural grounds and which would face euthanasia without our intervention. Returning dogs are re-assessed on arrival and where appropriate, given training and rehabilitation under the direction of an APBC certified behaviourist, to resolve any training issues before beginning the search for an alternative placement when ready.

Review of the Year 2023-2024

Numbers of unclaimed stray dogs increased over the previous year for the two local authorities that we help.

We found it harder to secure rescue placements as there was more competition for spaces, as this was a nationwide trend. We continued to take strays from the two Hampshire local authorities, and to transport them to two national rehoming charities, either via volunteer drivers or via dog wardens when they were able. There was a marked increase in lurchers which have been increasingly hard to place. Looking to the future, we are hoping to continue to work towards recruiting some new trustees to reinforce our team.

Safe & Sound Pound Dogs

Charity No. 1152935

Company No. CE000589

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 March 2024

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The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No. CE000589

Charity No. 1152935

Principal Office

Address Line 5

Registered Office

59 Ashley Common Road

New Milton

Hampshire

BH25 5AN

Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law.

The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

A. Aston

Y. Aston

A. White

Accountants

The Payroll & Tax Accountants Ltd

12 Gore Road

New Milton

Hampshire

BH25 6RX

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

A larger charity must provide an explanation of its aims, including details of the issues it seeks to tackle and the changes or differences it seeks to make through its activities...

A larger charity must provide an explanation how the achievement of its aims will further its legal purposes...

A larger charity must provide an explanation of its strategies for achieving its stated aims and objectives...

A larger charity must provide an explanation of its criteria or measures it uses to assess success in the reporting period...

A larger charity should provide a more detailed explanation of its short-term and long-term aims and objectives...

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the board

A. White

Trustee

28 May 2024

Safe & Sound Pound Dogs
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
	Notes			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	4	6,864	6,864	8,356
Total		6,864	6,864	8,356
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	4,505	4,505	7,255
Other	6	2,152	2,152	1,530
Total		6,657	6,657	8,785
Net gains on investments		-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		207	207	(429)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)		207	207	(429)
Other gains and losses				
Net movement in funds		207	207	(429)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		11,783	11,783	12,212
Total funds carried forward		11,990	11,990	11,783

Safe & Sound Pound Dogs
Summary Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income	6,864	8,356
Gross income for the year	<u>6,864</u>	<u>8,356</u>
Expenditure	6,657	8,785
Total expenditure for the year	<u>6,657</u>	<u>8,785</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the year	207	(429)
Net income /(expenditure)for the year	<u><u>207</u></u>	<u><u>(429)</u></u>

Safe & Sound Pound Dogs

Balance Sheet

at 31 March 2024

Company No. CE000589	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		13,490	15,533
		<u>13,490</u>	<u>15,533</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	8	(1,500)	(3,750)
Net current assets		<u>11,990</u>	<u>11,783</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>11,990</u>	<u>11,783</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>11,990</u>	<u>11,783</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>11,990</u></u>	<u><u>11,783</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	9		
Unrestricted funds	9		
General funds		11,990	11,783
		<u>11,990</u>	<u>11,783</u>
Reserves	9		
Total funds		<u><u>11,990</u></u>	<u><u>11,783</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the board on 28 May 2024

And signed on its behalf by:

A. White

Trustee

28 May 2024

Safe & Sound Pound Dogs
Statement of Cash flows
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) per Statement of Financial Activities	207	(429)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>207</u>	<u>(429)</u>
Net cash from investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	207	(429)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	15,533	15,212
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>15,740</u>	<u>14,783</u>
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	13,490	15,533
	<u>13,490</u>	<u>15,533</u>

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
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Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
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Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
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Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
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Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
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Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
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Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
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Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
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Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.
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Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other 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.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions 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 and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.

All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

3 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	8,356	8,356
Total	<u>8,356</u>	<u>8,356</u>
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	7,255	7,255
Other	1,530	1,530
Total	<u>8,785</u>	<u>8,785</u>
Net income	<u>(429)</u>	<u>(429)</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	(429)	(429)
Other gains and losses:		
Net movement in funds	<u>(429)</u>	<u>(429)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	12,212	12,212
Total funds carried forward	<u>11,783</u>	<u>11,783</u>

4 Income from donations and legacies

Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
£	£	£
6,864	6,864	8,356
<u>6,864</u>	<u>6,864</u>	<u>8,356</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	4,505	4,505	7,255
<i>Governance costs</i>	<u>4,505</u>	<u>4,505</u>	<u>7,255</u>

6 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
General administrative costs	1,402	1,402	780
Legal and professional costs	750	750	750
	<u>2,152</u>	<u>2,152</u>	<u>1,530</u>

7 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	1,500	3,750
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>3,750</u>

9 Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted funds:				
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	11,783	6,864	(6,657)	11,990
	<u>11,783</u>	<u>6,864</u>	<u>(6,657)</u>	<u>11,990</u>

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Net current assets	11,990	11,990
	<u>11,990</u>	<u>11,990</u>

11 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 April 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash and cash equivalents	15,533	(2,043)	13,490
	<u>15,533</u>	<u>(2,043)</u>	<u>13,490</u>
Net debt	<u>15,533</u>	<u>(2,043)</u>	<u>13,490</u>

12 Related party disclosures

Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus no single party controls the company.

Safe & Sound Pound Dogs
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	6,864	6,864	8,356
	<u>6,864</u>	<u>6,864</u>	<u>8,356</u>
Total income and endowments	6,864	6,864	8,356
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4,505	4,505	7,255
	<u>4,505</u>	<u>4,505</u>	<u>7,255</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	4,505	4,505	7,255
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation			
General insurances	1,364	1,364	780
Software, IT support and related costs	38	38	-
	<u>1,402</u>	<u>1,402</u>	<u>780</u>
Legal and professional costs			
Accountancy and bookkeeping	750	750	750
	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
Total of expenditure of other costs	<u>2,152</u>	<u>2,152</u>	<u>1,530</u>
Total expenditure	6,657	6,657	8,785
Net gains on investments	-	-	-
	<u>207</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>(429)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)			
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)	207	207	(429)
Other Gains	-	-	-
	<u>207</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>(429)</u>
Net movement in funds			
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	11,783	11,783	12,212
Total funds carried forward	<u>11,990</u>	<u>11,990</u>	<u>11,783</u>