

**Charity number: 1155562**

**LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)**

**Unaudited**

**Trustees' report and financial statements**

**for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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## **LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)**

### **Reference and administrative details of the charity, its Trustees and advisers for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**Trustees** Ms Natalia Chumak, Trustee  
Mr Simon John Moore, Trustee

**Charity registered number** 1155562

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**Trustees** Ms Natalia Chumak  
Mr Simon John Moore

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## **LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)**

### **Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2021**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA) for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

#### **Constitution**

LAPA (Helping Animals in Russia) was registered by the Charity Commission on 2 April 2014 (Registered No: 155562). It was previously an unincorporated entity. LAPA (Helping Animals in Russia) is governed by a trust deed dated 18 November 2013 as amended by deed dated 10 January 2014. The trustees have all the powers of a beneficial owner, pursuant to Part II of the Trustee Act 2000. The principle object of the company is to provide help to animals in Russia. The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustee who elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

#### **Trustees**

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Natalia Chumak  
Simon John Moore

The power to appoint new trustees is vested with the current trustees in accordance with the trust deed. A quorum of two trustees is required, with appointment effected by a simple majority.

The trustees are responsible for the management of the charity.

Since the charity qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **a. Policies and objectives**

1. To promote humane behaviour towards animals in Russia, particularly but not exclusively cats and dogs by providing or assisting in the provision of appropriate care, protection, treatment, neutering and security for animals which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances, overpopulation or ill usage;
2. To educate the public in Russia in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals, particularly but not exclusively cats and dogs.

## **LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)**

### **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2021**

#### **Objectives and activities (continued)**

#### **b. Review of progress and achievements**

##### **Introduction**

##### **Review of progress and achievements**

1. This was the eighth tax year for LAPA since our formation in February 2013 and it was a year of big changes for LAPA. There were three major changes for us in 2021.
2. First, it was the first year of Brexit which had direct effect on the structure of our Rehoming Programme. The paperwork and the logistics of bringing our animals in the UK across the EU became more complex. However, we had started preparing for it in good time in 2020 and managed to adapt by the beginning of 2021.
3. Secondly, we fully transferred our Educational Programme for children on safe and responsible treatment of animals to a Russia-based charity RAY. This was a logical step in the evolution of our charity and the Educational Programme.
4. The third change was the most significant one for us. We launched our LAPA Van project which means that we started transporting our dogs and cats from Russia to the UK by road ourselves independently of commercial transporters. We obtained all the requisite licences for long distance animal transportation across the EU and UK, our van is fitted out and equipped to the highest animal welfare standards and we have set up a highly efficient and professional logistical system for transporting our animals. We consider this to be a worthwhile investment, both financially and in terms of potential growth for and sustainability of our Rehoming Programme.
5. The launch of our LAPA Van project also created opportunities for us to transport family pets (who have been recently adopted or otherwise) from Russia to the UK for UK-based owners when they are unable or unwilling to have them transported by air. This work is consistent with our objectives to prevent the abandonment or other suffering by animals in Russia and it also created an additional much needed source of income for us.

##### **Income**

6. Our annual income was £97,805. This represents a decline compared to 2020 (£113,858 in 2020) primarily due to the transfer of our educational programme to a Russia-based charity RAY which led to the cessation of the educational grant from Dogs Trust International.

##### **Expenditure**

7. Our annual expenditure (project running costs) was £89,990 compared to £120,284. There are two reasons for the reduction in costs. First, the transfer of our educational programme to a Russia-based charity RAY which led to the cessation of the educational grant from Dogs Trust International. Second, the cessation of grants to RAY for other purposes beyond the educational programme.

##### **Our results**

##### **Shelter Support programme**

8. We continued supporting our partner shelter in Tula region by paying for food and medication. Throughout the year we had on average between 90 – 100 dogs and cats in our care at any one time who are spread between our partner shelter in the Tula region and our foster homes in the Moscow region. This means we pay for dog and cat food including prescription food for some animals and we pay boarding costs at our professional Russian foster home which is run by a dog trainer. We also pay for everything that our shelter and foster homes need on an ongoing basis – cleaning and related products, crates, pet carriers, cat litter, fuel for trips to the vet etc.
9. We also paid for the construction and repair of kennels and winter dog houses (known as budka in Russian) in our partner shelter, which are installed inside the kennels for additional warmth and insulation during the winter season. We also paid for the purchase of hay which is used for bedding inside the kennels and for the insulation of the kennels.

## **LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)**

### **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2021**

#### **Objectives and activities (continued)**

##### **Veterinary help programme**

10. Our dogs and cats need veterinary checks and tests once rescued. They need vaccinations and some need treatment when rescued or later in life. We pay for all veterinary help that they need.

11. This year we paid for the vaccination of 115 animals (75 dogs and 40 cats).

12. We paid for the veterinary treatment of 49 animals = 24 dogs + 14 cats and 11 kittens. The health issues we dealt with ranged widely from some infections to injuries, traumas, tumour, heart and kidney problems, epilepsy. Some problems were minor and localised and some were serious and extensive.

##### **Sterilisation programme:**

13. We paid for the neutering of 433 animals (compared to 564 animals in 2020 financial year) = 240 dogs (204 female and 36 male) + 183 cats (139 female + 44 male). The reduction is primarily due to the shortage of funds.

##### **Rehoming in the UK programme**

14. We had 6 shipments of animals throughout the year including 4 shipments conducted under our new LAPA Van project. We rehomed 81 animals – 77 dogs and 4 cats. We also transported 17 rescued pets (14 cats and 3 dogs) to the UK thereby helping these animals join their UK-based families.

##### **What's next?**

15. We live in a volatile environment, both economically and politically, where it is impossible to make long-term plans. Our primary focus will be on making our LAPA Van project work as efficiently as possible to make a good return on the investment made and work hard to maintain our existing commitments under other programmes.

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### **Financial review**

###### **a. Going concern**

Note 2 to the accounts states that the charity's income is heavily reliant on donations from supporters. It follows that should the level of these donations decrease significantly the resources available to the trust and hence its ability to pursue its objectives, might be severely limited.

The trustees believe that the risk that such a withdrawal of support might put the charity's solvency at risk is mitigated by the charity's lack of committed grant obligation and very low fixed costs. Accordingly the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust will be able to continue in existence for the foreseeable future and consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these accounts.

###### **b. Reserves policy**

The General fund represents the unrestricted funds arising from past operating results. It also represents the free reserves of the charity. The trustees are satisfied that the £69,948 surplus on the fund is sufficient to cover governance costs and the ongoing operation of the trust.

###### **c. Grants policy**

All grants are approved by the trustees.

## **LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)**

**Trustees' report (continued)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2021**

### **Structure, governance and management**

#### **a. Constitution**

LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA) is a registered charity, number 1155562, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

#### **b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

*Natalia Chumak*

## **LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)**

### **Independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2021**

#### **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA) ('the charity')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: 

Dated: 03/10/2022

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## LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)

### Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	97,804	97,804	113,806
Investments	3	1	1	52
<b>Total income</b>		<b>97,805</b>	<b>97,805</b>	<b>113,858</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	4	101,038	101,038	122,298
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>101,038</b>	<b>101,038</b>	<b>122,298</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(3,233)</b>	<b>(3,233)</b>	<b>(8,440)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		73,181	73,181	81,621
Net movement in funds		(3,233)	(3,233)	(8,440)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>69,948</b>	<b>69,948</b>	<b>73,181</b>

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

# LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)

## Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Tangible assets	8	50,148	56,771
		<u>50,148</u>	<u>56,771</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		19,800	16,410
		<u>19,800</u>	<u>16,410</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u>69,948</u>	<u>73,181</u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	10	-	-
Unrestricted funds	10	69,948	73,181
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>69,948</u>	<u>73,181</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

*Natalia Chumak*

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

## **LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)**

### **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021**

#### **1. Accounting policies**

##### **1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011

The 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 Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

##### **1.2 Going concern**

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Whilst the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has been assessed by the Trustees, so far as is reasonably possible, due to its unprecedented impact on the worldwide economy it is difficult to evaluate with any certainty the potential outcomes on the Charity's future activities. However, taking into consideration the Charity's level of reserves, the Trustees believe that the Charity will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

**Notes to the financial statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**1.3 Income**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the charity, can be reliably measured.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset, it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset class and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the charity's accounting policies.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

**1.4 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**1.5 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

## LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Motor vehicles	- 5 years
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##### 1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and 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.

##### 1.8 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial 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 with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### 1.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

#### 2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations	97,804	97,804	113,806
<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>97,804</b>	<b>97,804</b>	113,806

## LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

#### 3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Interest Received	1	1	52
<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>52</b>

#### 4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

##### Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Russia Projects	4,501	<b>4,501</b>	37,730
UK Projects	85,489	<b>85,489</b>	82,554
Support Costs	11,048	<b>11,048</b>	2,014
<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>101,038</b>	<b>101,038</b>	<b>122,298</b>

#### 5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Russia Projects	4,501	-	<b>4,501</b>	37,730
UK Projects	85,489	-	<b>85,489</b>	82,554
Support Costs	-	11,048	<b>11,048</b>	2,014
<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>89,990</b>	<b>11,048</b>	<b>101,038</b>	<b>122,298</b>

## LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

#### 5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

##### Analysis of direct costs

	<b>Russia Projects 2021 £</b>	<b>UK Projects 2021 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2020 £</b>
Sterilisation and Veterinary Assistance	-	22,645	<b>22,645</b>	15,904
Education	-	987	<b>987</b>	180
Shelter Support	-	15,061	<b>15,061</b>	12,254
Rehoming	-	46,796	<b>46,796</b>	6,604
Adoption Programme	-	-	-	47,612
RAY Russia	4,501	-	<b>4,501</b>	37,730
<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>4,501</b>	<b>85,489</b>	<b>89,990</b>	120,284

##### Analysis of support costs

	<b>Support Costs 2021 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2020 £</b>
Marketing and Website	359	<b>359</b>	1,177
Admin Costs	269	<b>269</b>	263
Motor Running Costs	3,797	<b>3,797</b>	574
Depreciation	6,623	<b>6,623</b>	-
<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>11,048</b>	<b>11,048</b>	2,014

#### 6. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £ - (2020 - £ -).

#### 7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2020 - £NIL).

## LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

#### 8. Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2021	56,771
At 31 December 2021	<u>56,771</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
Charge for the year	6,623
At 31 December 2021	<u>6,623</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 December 2021	<u>50,148</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>56,771</u>

#### 9. Financial instruments

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<u>19,800</u>	<u>16,410</u>



# LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

### 10. Statement of funds

#### Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds - all funds	73,181	97,805	(101,038)	69,948

#### Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds - all funds	81,621	113,858	(122,298)	73,181

### 11. Analysis of net assets between funds

#### Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	50,148	50,148
Current assets	19,800	19,800
<b>Total</b>	69,948	69,948

## LAPA (HELPING ANIMALS IN RUSSIA)

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

#### 11. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

##### Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	56,771	56,771
Current assets	16,410	16,410
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,181</b>	<b>73,181</b>