

8 BELOW HUSKY RESCUE

England & Wales · Charity number 1156670

Details

Other names	8 BELOW HUSKY RESCUE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2014-04-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY SHALL BE TO PROMOTE HUMANE BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS ANIMALS AND IN PARTICULAR SLED DOG BREEDS, BY PROVIDING EDUCATION TO OWNERS AND POTENTIAL OWNERS, TO PREVENT NEGLECT AND SUFFERING TO ANIMALS. ALSO BY PROVIDING SECURITY, PROTECTION AND CARE APPROPRIATE FOR SUCH DOGS WHICH ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION BY REASON OF SICKNESS, MALTREATMENT, POOR CIRCUMSTANCES OR ILL USAGE.

Activities: Rehoming unwanted huskies and snow dog breeds throughout the United Kingdom.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Animals
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£190,382	£172,962	-	-
2024-03-31	£119,593	£119,752	-	-
2023-03-31	£146,024	£110,003	-	-
2022-03-31	£102,790	£107,161	-	-
2021-03-31	£163,559	£136,639	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Timothy John Wicks	Chair	2014-08-11
Jade Hayley Brightmore		2015-10-01
Lorraine Elisha Robson		2017-08-20
Nicola Atkinson		2015-03-05
Nicola Suzanne Atkinson		2015-03-05

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Accounts

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Report and Financial Statements

Year ended: 31st March 2025

Registered Charity No: 1156670

Reference and administrative information

Trustees

Timothy John Wicks, Chair of Trustees

Nicola Suzanne Atkinson

Jade Hayley Brightmore

Lorraine Robson

Principle Office

23 Brackendale Road, Wakefield, West Yorkshire. WF2 8WA.

Correspondence Address

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Charity Number: 1156670

Independent Examiners

Premier Tax Solutions Ltd

Trent House, 234 Victoria Road, Stoke on Trent, ST4 2LW

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution & the Charities Act 2011 and the statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Structure, governance and management

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New trustees are appointed by the current trustee board based on their commitment to the charity. Trustees will continually serve unless either party decide to terminate their position for the good of the charity. The constitution requires the charity to run on a minimum of 3 trustees. We currently have four with Timothy Wicks having the deciding vote if required. There are no plans to increase our board of trustees in the coming financial year.

All trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid during the year. Details of trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 2 to the accounts. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the Chairman.

Risk Management

The Trustees actively review any major risks which the Charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the Charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the most significant risks.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The objects of the Charity are to promote humane behaviour towards animals and sled dog breeds by providing education to orders and potential owners, to prevent neglect and suffering to animals. The Charity also provides security, protection and care appropriate for such dogs which need care and attention by reasons of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances and ill usage. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

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- *Seeking new homes for the dogs by publicising via social media and attending events. We advertise on our website and use posters to do this.*
- *Providing education and advice regarding animal welfare.*
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- *Pay for all veterinary treatment required whilst dogs are in our care and in some cases post adoption.*
- *Highlighting dogs that are under our care that have been in rescue for some time or is an urgent case that needs help as part of our social media campaigns.*
- *Offering breed specific advice to the public via the telephone, social media and at events.*

Grants Received

During this financial year no Grants were received.

Achievements and Performance

During 2024-2025 we experienced continued pressure on our rescue, the pandemic resulted in a lot of dogs missing out on socialisation and the results of this continue to be seen to date in rescues. The cost-of-living crisis across the UK continues to put pressure on households resulting in high private number for relinquished dogs and more pound stray dogs needing our help with behaviour issues due to the lack of socialisation along with dogs needing veterinary care from basic levels of vaccinations, parasite treatment and neutering/spaying to more complex urgent care of undiagnosed lumps, dogs showing significant illness and trauma and dogs having to have emergency treatment due to lack of cares from owners who left the condition to get worse with no treatment – this puts a strain on us financially.

We continued with our largest in person fundraising events Leeds & Bakewell Camp and Open Day with great success, all our supporters had an amazing time and help raised vital funds for our rescue, 2024-2025 continued to see a big demand for our online fundraising which initially was implements back during the pandemic but as it has been received so well by our supporters, we have continued this with great success to help raise vital funds – these included the online fundraising of auctions and raffles, virtual challenges and regular online dog shows and taking part in the national Big Give Christmas Campaign – we will continue with this moving forward.

We predicted that the number of dogs during 2024-2025 and beyond would see significant increases, with current levels of dogs needing our help quadrupling from pre-pandemic levels. Many arriving needing medical treatment, parasite treatments, microchipping and spay/neutering, we have over 600 dogs waiting to come into rescue due to private relinquishes, this doesn't include the daily calls from council pounds needing our help to secure a safe rescue space or the dogs serving their 7 statutory days would be euthanised on day 8 due to overcrowding and lack of space.

Our online store sales have seen significant increase of order volumes, which brings additional revenue to our rescue. We plan to add more items in the coming year to our online store.

Taking on a part time staff member on the rehoming team has seen positive results, allowing us to carry out admin tasks and physical tasks such as dog assessments much easier, offering more flexible meet and greets with potential owners which has helped with an increase of dog's numbers successfully rehomed.

It is important to us that our supporters know we are responsible with their donations which is why we renewed with the Fundraising Regulator and continue to be officially recognised by HMRC for Gift Aid claims, our plea's to supporters to sign up for this has been successful, in the coming year we are going to look at trying to increase more regular donations through

monthly standing orders and ask for the Gift Aid sign up as this will give us more stability with regular donations.

Financial review

The principal funding sources are general donations, sponsorship of specific dogs in care, donations received from adopters when the dogs are rehomed, income generated from fundraising events and income generated from the sale of merchandise.

Merchandise sales account for approx. 16% of our total income. This is not yet substantial but has grown rapidly from previous years. It is possible in the future; a trading subsidiary of the Charity may be needed.

Donations are higher than last year, but we continue to try to make reductions in costs where possible.

We continued our registration for Gift Aid with HMRC and have been able to make a direct claim of £1,328.07 for supporters who are Gift Aid registered, moving forward we want to prioritise informing supporters of the gift aid options when making donations via various platforms.

Longer term the Charity would like to obtain grant funding for specific projects and establish a relationship with longer term sponsors.

All funds are used to further the goals and objectives of our Charity and help as many dogs as we are able.

Reserves policy

During the year it has been the intention that all funds generated are expended in accordance with the objectives of the Charity and continue to maintain the equivalent of 4 months operating costs into reserves. This would act as a buffer if there was a drop in income or allow the orderly winding down of the Charity if required.

Future Plans

Our aims for next year are: -

- To increase social media presence even more to generate more followers
- To increase our fundraising activities, continue to concentrate on online fundraising more as this is where our supporters seem to engage more and look at additional in-person fundraising opportunities in 2025/2026
- Promote the benefits of regular giving via monthly standing orders to our rescue
- Promote Gift Aid signup
- Implement more training for our staff and trustees

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustee(s) to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- *Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently*
- *Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP*
- *Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.*
- *State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and;*
- *Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.*

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the governing document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Approved by the trustees on 28/1/26 and signed on their behalf by:



T Wicks

Chairman

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,*
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and*
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.*

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Premier Tax Solutions

Premier Tax Solutions

30/01/2026

Date

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ST4 2LW*

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Statement of Income and Expenses
For the year ended 31st March 2025

	2025		2025		2025		2024	
	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds		Total funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income								
Donations	158,073				158,073		94,143	
Merchandise Sales	32,261				32,261		25,416	
Investment Income	47				47		34	
Capital Grant Amortisation					0		0	
Revenue Grant Income					0		0	
		<u>190,382</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>190,382</u>		<u>119,593</u>	
Direct costs								
Veterinary fees	29,634				29,634		7,157	
Emergency boarding	30,623				30,623		22,537	
Other direct costs	19,954				19,954		9,685	
Fundraising Activities	20,895				20,895		20,697	
Wages	16,755				16,755		9,554	
Transportation costs	29,999				29,999		24,988	
		<u>147,861</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>147,861</u>		<u>94,619</u>	
Gross Surplus		42,521		0	42,521		24,974	
Other Administrative expenses								
Website costs	1,756				1,756		1,949	
Bank fees	812				812		674	
Sundry expenses	6,906				6,906		5,538	
Printing, postage and stationery	7,968				7,968		9,746	
Telephone	2,938				2,938		3,185	
Advertising	395				395		457	
Accountancy	2,458				2,458		3,584	
Insurance	1,867				1,867		0	
Depreciation	0				0		0	
		<u>25,101</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>25,101</u>		<u>25,133</u>	
Net Surplus/Deficit		17,420		0	17,420		-159	
Reconciliation of funds								
Total funds brought forward		21,672		0	21,672		21,831	
Exchange of Funds		0		0				
Surplus/Deficit in the period		17,420		0	17,420		-159	
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>39,092</u></u>		<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>39,092</u></u>		<u><u>21,672</u></u>	

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st March 2025

	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	
Fixed Assets			
Van - NU15 VYY	19,020		19,020
Depreciation	19,020		19,020
	0		0
Computer - Apple Macbook	400		400
Depreciation	400		400
	0		0
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	39,092		21,672
Net current assets		39,092	21,672
Current Liabilities			
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		39,092	21,672
Non-Current Liability			
Capital Grant	11,500		11,500
Amortisation	11,500		11,500
	0		0
NET ASSETS		39,092	21,672
Capital Account			
Unrestricted funds		39,092	21,672
Restricted funds		0	0
Balance carried forward		39,092	21,672

Approved by the trustees on _____ 29/01/2026 _____ and signed on their behalf by:



T Wicks
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Notes to the accounts

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The Charities Commission has been consulted on this matter and have confirmed they have no objection to the employment.

All other Trustees received no remuneration (Nil: 2024).

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Financial review

The principal funding sources are general donations, sponsorship of specific dogs in care, donations received from adopters when the dogs are rehomed, income generated from fundraising events and income generated from the sale of merchandise.

Merchandise sales account for about 21% of our total income. This is not yet substantial but has grown rapidly from previous years. It is possible in the future; a trading subsidiary of the Charity may be needed.

Although Donations are lower than last year, we have made considerable reductions in some costs and managed to only have a deficit of £159 for the year.

We are also now registered for Gift Aid with HMRC and have been able to make claims where applicable.

Longer term the Charity would like to obtain grant funding for specific projects and establish a relationship with longer term sponsors.

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Reserves policy

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- *Promote Gift Aid signup*
- *Look to bring on a part time staff member as part of the rehoming team*
- *Implement more training with 8 Below Husky Rescue Trustee*


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Approved by the trustees on 29/01/25 and signed on their behalf by:



T Wicks

Chairman

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For the year ended 31st March 2024

	2024		2024		2024		2023	
	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds		Total Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income								
Donations	94,143				94,143		117,382	
Merchandise Sales	25,416				25,416		28,629	
Investment Income	34				34		13	
Capital Grant Amortisation					0		0	
Revenue Grant Income					0		0	
		<u>119,593</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>119,593</u>		<u>146,024</u>	
Direct costs								
Veterinary fees	7,157				7,157		13,855	
Emergency boarding	22,537				22,537		16,619	
Other direct costs	9,685				9,685		9,539	
Fundraising Activities	20,697				20,697		35,923	
Wages	9,554				9,554		8,851	
Transportation costs	24,988				24,988		25,215	
		<u>94,619</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>94,619</u>		<u>110,003</u>	
Gross Surplus		24,974		0	24,974		-1,496	
Other Administrative expenses								
Website costs	1,949				1,949		3,672	
Bank fees	674				674		1,221	
Sundry expenses	5,538				5,538		4,371	
Printing, postage and stationery	9,746				9,746		6,293	
Telephone	3,185				3,185		2,764	
Advertising	457				457		402	
Accountancy	3,584				3,584		2,310	
Insurance	0				0		1,778	
Depreciation	0				0		100	
		<u>25,133</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>25,133</u>		<u>22,910</u>	
Net Surplus/Deficit		-159		0	-159		13,112	
Reconciliation of funds								
Total funds brought forward		21,831		0	21,831		8,719	
Exchange of Funds		0		0				
Surplus/Deficit in the period		-159		0	-159		13,112	
Total funds carried forward		<u>21,672</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>21,672</u>		<u>21,831</u>	

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st March 2024

	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Van - NU15 VYY	19,020		19,020
Depreciation	19,020		19,020
		0	0
Computer - Apple Macbook	400		400
Depreciation	400		400
		0	0
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	21,672		21,831
Net current assets		21,672	21,831
Current Liabilities			
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		21,672	21,831
Non-Current Liability			
Capital Grant	11,500		11,500
Amortisation	11,500		11,500
		0	0
NET ASSETS		21,672	21,831
Capital Account			
Unrestricted funds		21,672	21,831
Restricted funds		0	0
Balance carried forward		21,672	21,831

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Trustees

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Charity Number: 1156670

Independent Examiners

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution & the Charities Act 2011 and the statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Structure, governance and management

8 Below Husky Rescue is an unincorporated association registered Charity, number 1156670, was constituted 10th February 2014 and established on 14th April 2014. Prior to this date we ran as a rescue for a year. When we recognised how successful both re-homing rates and donated income from supporters had become, the next step was to register with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. It would allow us to be seen as a registered charity, which would open up more avenues for us such as apply for grants and funding and eventually gift aid on donations. We also felt that with the transparency required from charity status and the appointment it would put people at ease more when it comes to fundraising and donations as being a standard rescue with no charity status has no official governance.

New trustees are appointed by the current trustee board based on their commitment to the charity. Trustees will continually serve unless either party decide to terminate their position for the good of the charity. The constitution requires the charity to run on a minimum of 3 trustees. We currently have four with Timothy Wicks having the deciding vote if required. There are no plans to increase our board of trustees in the coming financial year.

All trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid during the year. Details of trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 2 to the accounts. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the Chairman.

Risk Management

The Trustees actively review any major risks which the Charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the Charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the most significant risks.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The objects of the Charity are to promote humane behaviour towards animals and sled dog breeds by providing education to orders and potential owners, to prevent neglect and suffering to animals. The Charity also provides security, protection and care appropriate for such dogs which need care and attention by reasons of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances and ill usage. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Charity carries out these objects by:

- Seeking new homes for the dogs by publicising via social media and attending events. We advertise on our website and use posters to do this.*
- Providing education and advice regarding animal welfare.*
- Home checking foster/adoption homes to match the dog's requirements.*
- Transporting dogs to their foster/adopted homes.*
- Rehoming dogs and providing lifetime backup should they require assistance at a future date and provide permanent support to those dogs that cannot be rehomed.*
- Undertake checks and provide support throughout fosters and adoption continuing post adoption.*

- *Pay for all veterinary treatment required whilst dogs are in our care and in some cases post adoption.*
- *Highlighting dogs that are under our care that have been in rescue for some time or is an urgent case that needs help as part of our social media campaigns.*
- *Offering breed specific advice to the public via the telephone, social media and at events.*

Grants Received

During this financial year no Grants were received.

Achievements and Performance

2022-2023 continued with the impact from the pandemic both financially with having to claw back lost income from cancelled events and with the number of dogs needing out help.

Our largest fundraisers Leeds Camp and Open Day 2022 was back, and it was our biggest to date – it was amazing to get all our supporters back together and seeing the public come along to support us on our open day was amazing. This was followed by a number of in person fundraising events across the country and our store days with Pets at Home Pontefract returned fully too. 2022-2023 saw a big demand for our online fundraising which was implemented based on government guidelines the year before, we have continued this with success to help raise vital funds – these included the online fundraising of auctions and raffles, virtual challenges and regular online dog shows.

We predicted that the number of dogs during late 2022-2023 and beyond would see significant increases, with current levels of dogs needing our help quadrupling from pre-covid levels. Many arriving needing medical treatment, parasite treatments, microchipping and spay/neutering, we have over 400 dogs waiting to come into rescue due to private relinquishes, this doesn't include the daily calls from council pounds needing our help to secure a safe rescue space or the dogs serving their 7 statutory days would be euthanised on day 8 due to overcrowding and lack of space.

Our online store sales have increased, which brings additional revenue to our rescue. We plan to add more items in the coming year to our online store.

We are now successfully signed up to the Fundraising Regulator and have received confirmation that we are now officially Gift Aid eligible with HMRC.

Financial review

The principal funding sources are general donations, sponsorship of specific dogs in care, donations received from adopters when the dogs are rehomed, income generated from fundraising events and income generated from the sale of merchandise.

Merchandise sales account for about 19% of our total income. This is not yet substantial but has grown rapidly from previous years. It is possible in the future; a trading subsidiary of the Charity may be needed.

We are working on ways to increase the reserves policy back to the level needed and have made some strides in this area this year.

Longer term the Charity would like to obtain grant funding for specific projects and establish a relationship with longer term sponsors.

All funds are used to further the goals and objectives of our Charity and help as many dogs as we are able.

Reserves policy

During the year it has been the intention that all funds generated are expended in accordance with the objectives of the Charity. However, the Charity realises that they must build back up the equivalent of 4 months operating costs into reserves. This would act as a buffer if there was a drop in income or allow the orderly winding down of the Charity if required.

Future Plans

Our aims for next year are: -

- To become members of the ADCH promoting and challenging animal welfare with a group of likeminded people*
- To increase social media presence even more to generate more followers*
- To increase our fundraising activities, continue to concentrating on online fundraising more as this is where our supporters seem to engage more and look at additional in-person fundraising opportunities in 2023/2024*
- Implement more training with 8 Below Husky Rescue Trustees*

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustee(s) to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- *Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently*
- *Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP*
- *Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.*
- *State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and;*
- *Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.*

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the governing document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Approved by the trustees on 01/02/24 and signed on their behalf by:



T Wicks

Chairman

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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31/1/2024
Date

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8 Below Husky Rescue
Statement of Income and Expenses
For the year ended 31st March 2023

	2023		2023		2023	2022
	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	
Income						
Donations	117,382				117,382	80,895
Merchandise Sales	28,629				28,629	21,895
Investment Income	13				13	0
Capital Grant Amortisation					0	2,875
Revenue Grant Income					0	0
		<u>146,024</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>146,024</u>	<u>105,665</u>
Direct costs						
Veterinary fees	13,855				13,855	8,944
Emergency boarding	16,619				16,619	18,093
Other direct costs	9,539				9,539	10,492
Fundraising Activities	35,923				35,923	38,395
Wages	8,851				8,851	8,103
Transportation costs	25,215				25,215	23,134
		<u>110,003</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>110,003</u>	<u>107,161</u>
Gross Surplus		36,022		0	36,022	-1,496
Other Administrative expenses						
Website costs	3,672				3,672	5,417
Bank fees	1,221				1,221	794
Sundry expenses	4,371				4,371	3,534
Printing, postage and stationery	6,293				6,293	4,473
Telephone	2,764				2,764	3,138
Advertising	402				402	109
Accountancy	2,310				2,310	1,640
Insurance	1,778				1,778	990
Depreciation	100				100	4,855
		<u>22,910</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>22,910</u>	<u>24,950</u>
Net Surplus/Deficit		13,112		0	13,112	-26,446
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		16,239	-7,520		8,719	35,165
Exchange of Funds		-7,520	7,520			
Surplus/Deficit in the period		13,112	0		13,112	-26,446
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>21,831</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>		<u><u>21,831</u></u>	<u><u>8,719</u></u>

8 Below Husky Rescue
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st March 2023

	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Van - NU15 VYY	19,020		19,020
Depreciation	19,020	0	19,020
			0
Computer - Apple Macbook	400		400
Depreciation	400	0	400
			0
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	21,831		8,719
Net current assets		21,831	8,719
Current Liabilities			
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		21,831	8,719
Non-Current Liability			
Capital Grant	11,500		11,500
Amortisation	11,500	0	11,500
			0
NET ASSETS		21,831	8,719
Capital Account			
Unrestricted funds		21,831	44,928
Restricted funds		0	-7,520
Balance carried forward		21,831	37,408

Approved by the trustees on 01/02/24 and signed on their behalf by:



T Wicks
Chairman

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Preparation

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2. Trustees' Remuneration

One Trustee is also an employee of the Charity with remuneration of £8,851 (£8,103:2022).

The Charities Commission has been consulted on this matter and have confirmed they have no objection to the employment.

All other Trustees received no remuneration (Nil: 2022).

8 BELOW HUSKY RESCUE

England & Wales - Charity number 1156670

Accounts

8 Below Husky Rescue

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended: 31st March 2022

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- *Offering breed specific advice to the public via the telephone, social media and at events.*

Grants Received

During this financial year no Grants were received.

Achievements and Performance

2021-2022 was another hard year for the rescue, with the covid-19 pandemic continuing to impact the rescue both financially and with the number of dogs needing out help.

We had to cancel one of our largest fundraisers Leeds Camp and Open Day 2021 based on the government guidelines so our "covid fundraising" ideas to help raise vital funds – these included the online fundraising of auctions and raffles, virtual challenges and regular online dog shows.

We continued to carry out our home-check's virtually, insisting that a home video walk through was supplied and ensuring all questions usually asked at the in-person visit were incorporated into our updated and improved online enquiry form, then with a live virtual home check to review the suitability of applicants. This continues to work well and will continue with the video for the applications.

We predicted that the number of dogs during late 2021-2022 and beyond would see significant increases, with current levels of dogs needing our help quadrupling from pre-covid levels. Many arriving needing medical treatment, parasite treatments, microchipping and spay/neutering.

Our online store sales have increased, which brings additional revenue to our rescue. We plan to add more items in the coming year to our online store.

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Financial review

The principal funding sources are general donations, sponsorship of specific dogs in care, donations received from adopters when the dogs are rehomed, income generated from fundraising events and income generated from the sale of merchandise.

Merchandise sales account for about 11% of our total income. This is not yet substantial but has grown rapidly from previous years. It is possible in the future; a trading subsidiary of the Charity may be needed.

During 2021-2022 our expenditure increased in line with the number of dogs needing our help, along with the reduced fundraising opportunities with event, this has reduced our reserves policy. We are working on ways to increase the reserve policy back to the level needed.

Longer term the Charity would like to obtain grant funding for specific projects and establish a relationship with longer term sponsors.

All funds are used to further the goals and objectives of our Charity and help as many dogs as we are able.

Reserves policy

During the year it has been the intention that all funds generated are expended in accordance with the objectives of the Charity. However, the Charity realises that they must build back up the equivalent of 4 months operating costs into reserves. This would act as a buffer if there was a drop in income or allow the orderly winding down of the Charity if required.

Future Plans

Our aims for next year are: -

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- To increase social media presence even more to generate more followers*
- To increase our fundraising activities, concentrating on online fundraising more as this is where our supporters seem to engage more and look at additional in-person fundraising with the re-launch of our two Husky Camps and Family Open Days in 2022.*
- Implement more training with 8 Below Husky Rescue Trustees*

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

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T Wicks

Chairman

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- *examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,*
- *to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and*
- *to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.*

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date

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8 Below Husky Rescue
Statement of Income and Expenses
For the year ended 31st March 2022

	2022		2022		2022	2021
	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£	
Income						
Donations	80,895				80,895	138,534
Merchandise Sales	21,895				21,895	18,025
Capital Grant Amortisation			2,875		2,875	2,875
Revenue Grant Income					0	7,000
		<u>102,790</u>		<u>2,875</u>	<u>105,665</u>	<u>166,434</u>
Direct costs						
Veterinary fees	8,944				8,944	14,263
Emergency boarding	18,093				18,093	12,319
Other direct costs	10,492				10,492	54,278
Fundraising Activities	38,395				38,395	11,757
Wages	8,103				8,103	7,721
Transportation costs	23,133				23,133	17,157
		<u>107,161</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>107,161</u>	<u>117,495</u>
Gross Surplus		-4,371		2,875	-1,496	48,939
Other Administrative expenses						
Website costs	5,417				5,417	2,893
Bank fees	794				794	811
Sundry expenses	3,534				3,534	2,177
Printing, postage and stationery	4,473				4,473	5,375
Telephone	3,138				3,138	2,198
Advertising	109				109	0
Accountancy	1,640				1,640	4,820
Insurance	990				990	770
Depreciation	100		4,755		4,855	4,855
		<u>20,195</u>		<u>4,755</u>	<u>24,950</u>	<u>23,899</u>
Net Surplus/Deficit		-24,566		-1,880	-26,446	25,040
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		40,805		-5,640	35,165	10,125
Surplus/Deficit in the period		-24,566		-1,880	-26,446	25,040
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>16,239</u></u>		<u><u>-7,520</u></u>	<u><u>8,719</u></u>	<u><u>35,165</u></u>

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As at 31st March 2022

	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Van - NU15 VYY	19,020		19,020
Depreciation	19,020	0	14,265
			4,755
Computer - Apple Macbook	400		400
Depreciation	400	0	300
			100
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	8,719		33,185
Net current assets		8,719	33,185
Current Liabilities			
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		8,719	33,185
Non-Current Liability			
Capital Grant	11,500		11,500
Amortisation	11,500	0	8,625
			2,875
NET ASSETS		8,719	35,165
Capital Account			
Unrestricted funds		16,239	40,805
Restricted funds		-7,520	-5,640
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8 Below Husky Rescue

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- *Rehoming dogs and providing lifetime backup should they require assistance at a future date and provide permanent support to those dogs that cannot be rehomed.*
- *Undertake checks and provide support throughout fosters and adoption continuing post adoption.*

- *Pay for all veterinary treatment required whilst dogs are in our care and in some cases post adoption.*
- *Highlighting dogs that are under our care that have been in rescue for some time or is an urgent case that needs help as part of our social media campaigns.*
- *Offering breed specific advice to the public via the telephone, social media and at events.*

Grants Received

During this financial year we received £5,000 in emergency grants due to the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic from Support Adoption for Pes / Pets at Home.

Achievements and Performance

2020-2021 was one of the hardest our rescue has faced, with the covid-19 pandemic hitting the population, this required us to think more out of the box. With our in person fundraising immediately suspended in March 2019 we faced a tough decision – did we stop what we do or continue within the legal parameters set by the government. The first option wasn't even considered, we knew now more than ever there would be dogs needing our help and we owed it to all our supporters to continue our work.

We had to completely re-think the way we carried out our services, moving our home-checks virtual, insisting that a home video walk through was supplied and ensuring all questions usually asked at the in-person visit were incorporated into our updated and improved online enquiry form, then with a live virtual home check to review the suitability of applicants. This worked really well, and we have continued with the improved enquiry form and mandatory video for the applications.

Fundraising needed a complete overhaul, limiting us to online fundraising we had to think out the box and came up with more ideas to get our supporters engaged – such regular online dog shows, virtual balloon races, virtual challenges, raffles, auctions, weekly quizzes, and bingo. This has worked extremely well, and we have continued with regular online fundraising.

The number of dogs coming into our rescue and owners needing help is ever increasing, we haven't seen the worst of the situation yet – lockdown dogs will be a huge issue later in 2021 and into 2022 and for however long this pandemic will last.

We have continued to add items to our online shop and plan a big overhaul of our website later in 2021 to make it even easier for supports to see what we do and how they can help.

To ensure our supporters have true transparency, we have signed up to the Fundraising Regulator and have successfully applied to HMRC to be Gift Aid eligible.

Financial review

The principal funding sources are general donations, sponsorship of specific dogs in care, donations received from adopters when the dogs are rehomed, income generated from fundraising events and income generated from the sale of merchandise.

Merchandise sales account for about 11% of our total income. This is not yet substantial but has grown rapidly from previous years. It is possible in the future; a trading subsidiary of the Charity may be needed.

We are now in a stronger financial position going into the 2021/22 financial year, as we have increased our Reserves by approximately 347%. This is now in line with our Reserves policy.

Longer term the Charity would like to obtain grant funding for specific projects and establish a relationship with longer term sponsors.

All funds are used to further the goals and objectives of our Charity and help as many dogs as we are able.

Reserves policy

During the year it has been the intention that all funds generated are expended in accordance with the objectives of the Charity. However, the Charity continued to build up the equivalent of 4 months operating costs into reserves. This would act as a buffer if there was a drop in income or allow the orderly winding down of the Charity if required.

Future Plans

Our aims for next year are: -

- To become members of the ADCH promoting and challenging animal welfare with a group of likeminded people*
- To increase social media presence even more to generate more followers*
- To bring back our in-person fundraising with the re-launch of our two Husky Camps and Family Open Days*
- Implement more training with 8 Below Husky Rescue Trustees*

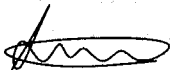
Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustee(s) to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently*
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP*
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;*
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and;*
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.*

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the governing document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Approved by the trustees on 27/01/2022 and signed on their behalf by:



T Wicks

Chairman

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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31/01/2022

Date

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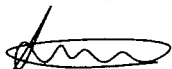
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Statement of Income and Expenses
For the year ended 31st March 2021

	2021		2021		2021	2020
	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Donations	138,534				138,534	79,670
Merchandise Sales	18,025				18,025	1,965
Capital Grant Amortisation			2,875		2,875	2,875
Revenue Grant Income	<u>7,000</u>				<u>7,000</u>	<u>12,500</u>
		163,559		2,875	166,434	97,010
Direct costs						
Veterinary fees	14,263				14,263	9,052
Emergency boarding	12,319				12,319	22,053
Other direct costs	54,278				54,278	14,134
Fundraising Activities	11,757				11,757	14,035
Wages	7,721				7,721	8,355
Transportation costs	<u>17,157</u>				<u>17,157</u>	<u>16,271</u>
		117,495		0	117,495	83,900
Gross Surplus		46,064		2,875	48,939	13,110
Other Administrative expenses						
Website costs	2,893				2,893	555
Bank fees	811				811	514
Sundry expenses	2,177				2,177	2,393
Printing, postage and stationery	5,375				5,375	518
Telephone	2,198				2,198	731
Advertising	0				0	302
Accountancy	4,820				4,820	2,780
Insurance	770				770	1,300
Depreciation	<u>100</u>		<u>4,755</u>		<u>4,855</u>	<u>4,855</u>
		19,144		4,755	23,899	13,948
Net Surplus/Deficit		26,920		-1,880	25,040	-838
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		13,885		-3,760	10,125	10,963
Surplus/Deficit in the period		26,920		-1,880	25,040	-838
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>40,805</u></u>		<u><u>-5,640</u></u>	<u><u>35,165</u></u>	<u><u>10,125</u></u>

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st March 2021

	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Van - NU15 VYY	19,020		19,020
Depreciation	14,265		9,510
		4,755	9,510
Computer - Apple Macbook	400		400
Depreciation	300		200
		100	200
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	33,185		6,165
Net current assets		33,185	6,165
Current Liabilities			
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		33,185	6,165
Non-Current Liability			
Capital Grant	11,500		11,500
Amortisation	8,625		5,750
		2,875	5,750
NET ASSETS		35,165	10,125
Capital Account			
Unrestricted funds		40,805	13,885
Restricted funds		-5,640	-3,760
Balance carried forward		35,165	10,125

Approved by the trustees on 27/01/22 and signed on their behalf by:



T Wicks
Chairman

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with the exception that investments are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

2. Trustees' Remuneration

One Trustee is also an employee of the Charity with remuneration of £7,721 (£8,355:2020).

The Charities Commission has been consulted on this matter and have confirmed they have no objection to the employment.

All other Trustees received no remuneration (Nil: 2020).