

# *8 Below Husky Rescue*

*Report and Financial Statements*

*Year ended: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021*

*Registered Charity No: 1156670*

## **Reference and administrative information**

### **Trustees**

*Timothy John Wicks, Chair of Trustees*

*Nicola Suzanne Atkinson*

*Jade Hayley Brightmore*

*Loraine Robson*

### **Principle Office**

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### **Correspondence Address**

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**Charity Number: 1156670**

### **Independent Examiners**

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## **Report of the trustees for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

*The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. 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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and established on 14<sup>th</sup> 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 owners 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 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*

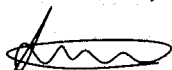
### ***Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements***

*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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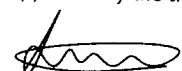
**8 Below Husky Rescue**  
**Statement of Income and Expenses**  
**For the year ended 31st March 2021**

|                                      | <b>2021</b>               |                      | <b>2021</b>             |                      | <b>2021</b>          | <b>2020</b>          |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                                      | <b>Unrestricted Funds</b> |                      | <b>Restricted Funds</b> |                      | <b>Total funds</b>   | <b>Total funds</b>   |
|                                      | £                         | £                    | £                       |                      | £                    | £                    |
| <b>Income</b>                        |                           |                      |                         |                      |                      |                      |
| 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></u>                 |                      | <u>7,000</u>         | <u>12,500</u>        |
|                                      |                           | 163,559              |                         | 2,875                | 166,434              | 97,010               |
| <b>Direct costs</b>                  |                           |                      |                         |                      |                      |                      |
| 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></u>                 |                      | <u>17,157</u>        | <u>16,271</u>        |
|                                      |                           | 117,495              |                         | 0                    | 117,495              | 83,900               |
| <b>Gross Surplus</b>                 |                           | <b>46,064</b>        |                         | <b>2,875</b>         | <b>48,939</b>        | <b>13,110</b>        |
| <b>Other Administrative expenses</b> |                           |                      |                         |                      |                      |                      |
| 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               |
| <b>Net Surplus/Deficit</b>           |                           | <b>26,920</b>        |                         | <b>-1,880</b>        | <b>25,040</b>        | <b>-838</b>          |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds</b>       |                           |                      |                         |                      |                      |                      |
| Total funds brought forward          |                           | 13,885               |                         | -3,760               | 10,125               | 10,963               |
| Surplus/Deficit in the period        |                           | 26,920               |                         | -1,880               | 25,040               | -838                 |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>   |                           | <b><u>40,805</u></b> |                         | <b><u>-5,640</u></b> | <b><u>35,165</u></b> | <b><u>10,125</u></b> |

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**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at 31st March 2021**

|  | 2021<br>£ | 2021<br>£     | 2020<br>£     |
|--|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                          |           |               |               |
| 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           |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                        |           |               |               |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     | 33,185    |               | 6,165         |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                    |           | 33,185        | 6,165         |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                   |           |               |               |
| <b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b> |           | 33,185        | 6,165         |
| <b>Non-Current Liability</b>                 |           |               |               |
| Capital Grant                                | 11,500    |               | 11,500        |
| Amortisation                                 | 8,625     |               | 5,750         |
|  |           | 2,875         | 5,750         |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                            |           | <b>35,165</b> | <b>10,125</b> |
| <b>Capital Account</b>                       |           |               |               |
| Unrestricted funds                           |           | 40,805        | 13,885        |
| Restricted funds                             |           | -5,640        | -3,760        |
| <b>Balance carried forward</b>               |           | <b>35,165</b> | <b>10,125</b> |

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).*