

8 Below Husky Rescue

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended: 31st March 2023

Registered Charity No: 1156670

Reference and administrative information

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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 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 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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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
		146,024		0	146,024	105,665
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
		110,003		0	110,003	107,161
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
		22,910		0	22,910	24,950
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		21,831		0	21,831	8,719

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st March 2023

	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
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	21,831		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		11,500
		0	0
NET ASSETS		<u><u>21,831</u></u>	<u><u>8,719</u></u>
Capital Account			
Unrestricted funds		21,831	44,928
Restricted funds		0	-7,520
Balance carried forward		<u><u>21,831</u></u>	<u><u>37,408</u></u>

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

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 £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).