

# **SENIOR STAFFY CLUB CHARITY NUMBER 1156723**

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**

I report on the accounts of Senior Staffy Club for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 which are set out on the attached papers.

The report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees matters I am required to state to them as 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 Trustees for my independent examination work, for the report, or for the statement I have given below,

### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner.**

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report.**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs Gillian F Norris FFA FCPA FTA  
11 Bletchley Road  
Newton Longville  
Milton Keynes

October 2022



Gillian F Norris

## SENIOR STAFFY CLUB

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## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		2021		2020
INCOME	£	£	£	£
General donations		58056.72		63850.46
Kennel Crusader donations		72879.18		65620.51
Adoption donations		2626.65		2439.40
Events, sale of shop goods and fund raising		4396.61		20472.30
Donations from other organisations		8033.61		14900.93
Gift Aid		7566.20		15386.14
Refunds		330.52		83.11
Insurance claim		0.00		250.00
		<u>153889.49</u>		<u>183002.85</u>
LESS EXPENDITURE				
Veterinary fees	34557.58		34237.14	
Kennel fees	16655.40		11726.02	
Fostering expenditure	6737.13		6868.76	
Printing, postage and stationery	2870.87		3066.07	
Equipment purchased	391.78		398.49	
Insurance	713.80		390.20	
Transportation costs	83.30		258.72	
Vehicle costs	3059.19		2870.52	
Miscellaneous expenses	1354.49		1357.37	
Office costs	2943.75		2137.50	
Spike expenses (post adoption)	2236.20		0.00	
Molly expenses (post adoption)	1889.08		0.00	
Corona Virus Payments	7960.95		0.00	
Donations made	0.00	81453.52	1232.61	64543.40
		<u>£72,435.97</u>		<u>£118,459.45</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure				

SENIOR STAFFY CLUB

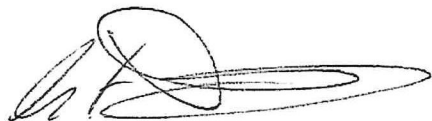
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

General fund	29761.37	23200.12
Building project	325000.00	295000.00
Expenses for Molly (Ringfenced £20000)	18110.92	0.00
Expenses for Spike (Ringfenced £20000)	17763.80	0.00
Contingency fund	<u>30000.00</u>	<u>30000.00</u>
Accumulated fund brought forward	348200.12	229740.67
Net surplus for the year	<u>72435.97</u>	<u>118459.45</u>
	<u>420636.09</u>	<u>348200.12</u>
Net Assets		
Bank balances at 31.12.21	<u>420636.09</u>	<u>348200.12</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I certify that the above income and expenditure account and balance sheet are in accordance with the books and records maintained by the Hon Treasurer which I have examined. I have verified the bank balance.



Mrs G F Norris FFA FCPA FTA

October 2022


Signed on behalf of all Trustees by:-

Trustee/Chairman.....

Mrs K Lee

Trustee/Treasurer.....

Mr D Lee

	<b>Trustees' Annual Report for the period</b>							
	From	Period start date			T 0	Period end date		
		01	Jan	2021		31	Dec	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Senior Staffy Club
Other names charity is known by	N/A

Registered charity number (if any)	1156723
Charity's principal address	SSC C/o Unit 7 Rockhaven Triangle Park, Triangle Way Gloucester Postcode GL1 1AJ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Julie Blaynee	Chairperson		
2	Julie Ann Harris	Treasurer		
3	Elaine Thomas	Social Media Manager	From February 2022	
4	Julia Kaminski	Media Manager		
5	Catherine Lee	Fundraising Manager		
6	Rachel Bluck	Kennel Manager		
7	Katie Miriam Russi	Kennel Manager	From August 2022	
8	Andrea Phillips	Foster Manager	From February 2022	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	


### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

None
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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing Trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

"For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention and, in particular, to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals."

"To promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care protection, treatment and security for animals which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances, or ill-usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals."

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The focus of our activities remains the rescuing and rehoming of Senior Staffordshire Bull Terriers and Staffy Cross dogs aged 7yrs and over. By so doing we relieve the suffering of animals and provide facilities for their reception, care and treatment. This also helps to reduce the number of stray, neglected, unwanted and vulnerable animals throughout the UK, and also reduces the number of dogs unnecessarily destroyed, both in pounds and at the vets. Also by undertaking these activities we, via personal interaction at events, social media and the use of volunteers, educate the public regarding animal welfare in general and promote humane behaviour towards animals.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

A great contribution is made by volunteers. We are very grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent, fostering, caring for and walking the dogs. As well as time spent fundraising and promoting the rescue and its aims and helping us with Social Media. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our intakes and rehoming figures are as follows:

	2020	2021
Intakes	37	37
Rehomed	35	36

Our rehoming and intake figures remained in line with the previous years with the Covid 19 pandemic having a continued effect on the number of owners who needed to seek our help. We saw more dogs coming to us from other organisations, such as the police, pounds and pound pullers, this year rather than directly from a home.

The easing of lockdown later in the year resulted in more people going on holiday and placing their dogs in boarding kennels, which had a knock on effect in respect of the number of spaces available to us, as the kennels gave preference to members of the public.

Also the requests for us to help dogs remained lower as people continued to be at home and meant that they were still able to keep the dogs with them and issues they may have been having with care / behaviour of the dogs were able to be managed. In addition due to the demand by the public for dogs more of the dogs were being rehomed privately so the need to surrender the dogs became unnecessary.

One of the kennels we used decided, during lockdown, that they were not going to open during that period so in April 2021 we sourced a new kennel establishment which ensured that our kennel capacity remained at 8, our boarding kennels remain in the Worcester and Stoke areas.

Both of our kennel bases continue to have their own vans to enable the transportation of the dogs to kennels, vet appointments, foster homes and the like.

We were able to continue to help Senior Staffies in need during the lockdown as we continued with our Coronavirus Crisis Fund where the public could apply for financial help towards veterinary costs for their own Senior Staffy, that they were unable to meet, due to unexpected financial difficulties caused by Covid 19. This was paid directly to the owners vets and was up to a maximum of £1,000 per claim. During 2021 we helped



12 owners and paid out £5,346 which is incorporated into the Veterinary fees in the accounts.

This ensured that senior staffies and staffy crosses were still helped by the charity during the pandemic and meant that owners who were in financial difficulty were able to keep their loved pet rather than surrendering them or having them put to sleep.

During 2021 two of our long term, difficult to place dogs, were adopted by their foster families with SSC helping towards their financial costs. This meant that the risk of them having to come back into a kennel environment was lessened and meant that their long term welfare was secured for the future.

We continue to increase our volunteer base which now covers all areas: dog walking, foster carers, social media support, fundraising and administration. By increasing our volunteer base we have been able to provide the necessary level of welfare for the number of dogs in our care, and we can also promote, engage and educate the public regarding Senior Staffy Club aims and animal welfare in general.

We have continued to build and expand our regular donation scheme, known as Kennel Crusaders, which provides us with regular income for provision of kennel spaces and veterinary care. This has been our main source of income but have run a few online auctions to raise funds.

2022 will see us achieve our 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any



ethical investment policy  
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<b>Section F</b>	<b>Other optional information</b>
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<b>Section G</b>	<b>Declaration</b>
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	J Blaynee	J Harris
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<b>Full name(s)</b>	Julie Blaynee	Julie Harris
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<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chairperson	Trustee
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<b>Date</b>	26.10.22
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