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## **Labradors In Need Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st June 2020 to 31st May 2021**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

**Charity Name:** Labradors In Need

**Other Names the Charity is known by:** LIN

**Registered Charity Number:** 1157110

**Charity's Principal Address:**

Bryncynlais,  
Nydfa Road  
Pengam  
Gwent  
NP12 3SX

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

Michelle Williams Trustee/Treasurer  
Suzanne Pickering Trustee  
Lisa Stewart Trustee  
Samantha Bernard Trustee

**Name and address of advisor**

**Accountant**

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## **Structure governance and management**

### **Type of governing document: Trust Deed**

The governing document is a Trust Deed. LIN is a non profit charity, founded in May 2013, and became a registered charity 19th May 2014. The Trust Deed was signed in April 2014.

### **How the charity is constituted:**

LIN is a non profit organisation/charity trust. There must be at least 3 trustees. The first trustees shall hold office for 5 years respectively. The Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

### **Trustee Selection Method:**

The trustees hold at least 2 ordinary meetings each year. At least one such meeting involves the physical presence of the trustees holding office. At said meetings, a vote will be taken from each trustee with regards to appointing another eligible trustee.

Eligibility for a trustee: No one shall be appointed as a trustee if he or she is under the age of 18 years old, or if he or she would at once be disqualified from office under the provisions of clause 11 of the trust deed.

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### **Objectives and activities**

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

Labradors In Need and its members are non-political, non sectarian and non-racial.

The objects of Labradors In Need shall be to promote humane behaviour towards Labradors by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for those which are in need of care and attention by reasons 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 to animals.

#### **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

LIN established and maintained rescue/foster homes for the care, treatment and re-homing, of unwanted, homeless, stray, ill-treated, injured and sick dogs and provided a permanent home for life for all those that could not be re-homed. Long term foster homes have been established in these cases.

The trustees ensured that no mentally and physically healthy dog taken into the protection of the rescue/foster homes were destroyed.

Supporting and actively proposing the control of the national dog population by advocating neutering dogs whenever practicable or desirable to do so, and to make funds available whenever possible to provide financial assistance to members of the public for this purpose.

Maintaining a continuous campaign via the internet and other methods to educate members of the general public to have a responsible attitude towards dogs and their welfare. For this purpose, pamphlets, posters, social media groups and websites have been printed and published and distributed as necessary.

To aid persons of limited means in so far as their dog's welfare is concerned.

To maintain special funds for any of the above objects and aims.

Raise funds, to borrow money and to give security for loans (but only in accordance with the restrictions imposed by the Charities Act 1993)

To co-operate with and to establish working arrangements with any kindred associations or organisations.

To care in exceptional circumstances for other breeds, animals or birds until alternative provision for their care can be made.

Conduct research into, and gathered information relating to matters affecting dogs and dog behaviour.

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### **Achievements and performance**

Since founding LIN, the charity has successfully re-homed 862 Labradors and Labrador Cross Breeds (at the end of May 2021), into family homes. This number includes the long term family foster homes, for dogs that cannot be re-homed due to age or ill health. One such example, we were asked to take in an elderly chocolate female Labrador who's owner had sadly passed away. Oreo came into rescue with trauma to one eye and a severe skin condition. She was immediately seen by a vet but sadly had to lose her eye. She is now thriving in her long term foster home with her new family. All in all, we currently have 14 long term foster dogs of various ages, with various health conditions needing ongoing vet care.

Covid-19 continued to have a significant impact on the running of the rescue, including the rehoming of dogs, carrying out home checks, dog assessments etc. During the further lockdown periods, the Trustees made the decision to continue to suspend all adoption & foster applications and the relevant forms were taken off the website temporarily again. Once lockdown was again eased somewhat, each dog needing to come into rescue continued to be assessed on a case by case basis, with self-assessment forms being used in the first instance, and face to face assessments carried out in an outside area, adhering to safe distancing and using longline dog leads. We also had to take into consideration travel restrictions and ensure any dog being rehomed was taken to a home within these boundaries. Thankfully lockdown restrictions eased enough for us to advertise that we would be accepting adoption and foster applications again from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021, whilst continuing to monitor the government advice and guidelines.

Continuous raising of funds through internet campaigns, social media groups (no public events due to Covid-19 restrictions), for on-going vet bills including vaccinations, neuter, spaying, micro chipping, flea & worm treatment, the unexpected larger vet bills that often occur, and the continuous health checks or medication for Long Term Foster Dogs. During the Covid-19 lockdown period, our fundraising team again managed to create various events using social media, Zoom, Skype and Teams to raise these much needed funds. Spreading the word of the charity was also done using these methods.

Working with other registered animal charities, and together successfully managed to re home a number of dogs together. Again we are proud to have managed to re home quite a few more bonded pairs, of Labrador and non-Labrador breeds, ensuring they were kept together, and living out their twilight years as a family.



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Again, we increased the number of volunteers through successful advertising and campaigning via the internet and other social media methods. Lockdown meant that more people were able to offer their services via social media, internet, online meeting platforms etc. Labradors In Need successfully expanded its volunteer base during the year, and has become an established, well known charity, which has enabled us to help re home a larger amount of dogs. Due to this expansion, it was agreed at LIN's AGM that we needed to address the number of Admin members and Coordinators, and also due to the increase of the amount of volunteers in the Rehoming Team, we reshuffled and created area rehoming teams which made it easier to manage and control dogs coming into each area. The rehoming team has since increased in numbers, and the volunteers involved are proving to be an invaluable service to the rescue.

The fundraising volunteers are again proving to be an extremely well managed team, and are always looking at different ways in which we can actively fundraise, and how to gather more help with future fundraising. We forecast that we will possibly lose a small number of volunteers as things get back to normal and people return to their working lives. We will tackle each situation as it arises.

Research & training undertaken into the welfare, wellbeing and behaviour of dogs. Including agility training and canine first aid. We continue to have 2 qualified dog trainer/behaviourist volunteers who have already proven themselves by providing excellent advice and guidance to our foster and adoptive families. Both volunteers are on hand to help and advise with any issues that arise such as anxiety or behavioural problems.



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### Financial Review

#### Policy on Reserves

Labradors In Need does not have a policy on reserves

#### Details of any funds materially in deficit

Labradors In Need does not have funds materially in deficit


#### Further Financial Review details

Labradors In Need's principle source of funds and income is solely from donations and fundraising events, such as internet campaigns, dog shows and advertising campaigns.

### Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s) ..... 

Full Name(s).....Michelle Williams

Position .....TRUSTEE/TREASURER

Date .....24/6/2021



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# Receipts and Payments Accounts

charity name LABRADOR'S IN NEED

Charity number (if any) 1157110

For the period from (start date) 010620

to (end date) 310521

## Section A

## Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
ADOPTION INCOME	11,315			11,315	9,470
DONATION INCOME	96,398			96,398	68,163
INVESTMENT PROPERTY INCOME	4,911			4,911	2,721
Sub total	112,624			112,624	80,354
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc</b>					
Total receipts	112,624			112,624	80,354
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
DIRECT COSTS	55,178			55,178	51,380
RUFFLE COSTS	37,991			37,991	-
TRAVEL	85			85	587
P.P.S + SOFTWARE	5,522			5,522	4,511
BANK CHARGES	435			435	632
UTILITIES	857			857	1,091
ACCOUNTANCY	1,426			1,426	1,351
INSURANCE	2,792			2,792	2,080
ADVERTISING & SUNDRY	2,116			2,116	609
INVESTMENT PROPERTY COSTS	3,265			3,265	4,527
Sub total	112,627			112,627	67,036
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc</b>	5,500			5,500	42,860
Total payments	118,127			118,127	109,896
Net of receipts/(payments)	(5,503)			(5,503)	(29,542)
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	32,817			32,817	62,359
Cash funds this year end	27,274			27,274	32,817

## Section B

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CURRENT ACCOUNT	24,955		
	PAYPAL ACCOUNT	2,319		
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	27,274		
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	INVESTMENT PROPERTY	UNRESTRICTED	42,100	42,100
	VAN	UNRESTRICTED	5,500	5,500
	PLANT & MACHINERY	UNRESTRICTED	760	570
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature: Michelle Williams Print name: Michelle Williams Date of approval: 17/8/21



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Dear Sirs,

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 'Labradors In Need' (Charity No: 1157110)**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021, which are set out on the receipts and payments accounts form attached.

**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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) 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 laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.
- 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 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 you as 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' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

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**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 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



**STEPHEN JOHN BICKERTON (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

**For and on behalf of**

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