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Labradors In Need Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st June 2022 to 31st May 2023

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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Registered Charity Number 1157110*



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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 1003 Labradors and Labrador Cross Breeds (at the end of May 2023), 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 a 15yr old yellow female Labrador who's owner sadly passed away. At the ripe old age of 15, Roxy was taken in by one of our very experienced fosters and she is still thriving with all the love and attention she deserves. Sadly, the cost of living crisis has also seen a few of our adopted dogs having to come back into rescue. One example is of an elderly bonded pair, Max & Alfie who needed to come in due to their current adopters having to move house to where pets were not allowed. We thankfully managed to keep them together and they both very happy in their new home as long term foster dogs. To date, we currently have 14 long term foster dogs of various ages, with various health conditions needing ongoing vet care.

The cost of living crisis hasn't had a significant impact on the overall running of the rescue, including the transport runs for the re-homing of dogs, carrying out home checks, dog assessments etc. Our experienced volunteers continue to support LIN, and each dog needing to come into rescue continues to be assessed and transported in a safe and controlled manner. But the cost of living crisis has seen a significant increase in the amount of enquiries received and an increase in the amount of dogs that are needing to be re-homed. We are still experiencing a larger than normal amount of "teenage" dogs needing to be re-homed, which we believe is still due to the amount of 'lockdown' dogs from Covid 19, the lack of experience, coupled with the increased cost of living.

The continuous raising of funds through internet campaigns and social media groups, 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. 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. The fundraising team also managed to attend a few family dog show events, the Yorkshire Tough Mudder 2022 and the London Virtual Marathon, which has seen a slight increase in funds compared to previous years.

LIN continues to work 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 campaigns via the internet and other social media methods. People working from home 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 again. We sadly saw a few members of the re-homing team leave the rescue due to personal reasons, and an advertising campaign was raised to recruit more volunteers. The re-homing team is now back to an healthy level of volunteers, and the personnel 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 increase our team of fundraisers as life has become 'normal' again and the team will strive to attend more fundraising events.

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 19/9/23.



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) 010622

to (end date) 310523

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 £
A1 Receipts					
ADOPTION INCOME	36,350			36,350	31,750
DONATION INCOME	88,808			88,808	89,555
INVESTMENT PROPERTY INCOME	7,869			7,869	4,898
<i>Sub total</i>	133,027			133,027	126,203
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc					
<i>Total receipts</i>	133,027			133,027	126,203
A3 Payments					
DIRECT COSTS	55,840			55,840	51,143
RAFFLE COSTS	37,332			37,332	49,490
P.P.S + SOFTWARE	5,709			5,709	5,355
BANK CHARGES	297			297	577
UTILITIES	911			911	1,729
ACCOUNTANCY	1,690			1,690	1,679
INSURANCE	3,191			3,191	3,997
INVESTMENT PROPERTY COSTS	6,262			6,262	7,602
TRAVEL	162			162	-
ADVERTISING & SUNDRIES	-			-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	111,397			111,397	121,572
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc					
<i>Total payments</i>	111,397			111,397	121,572
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	21,630			21,630	4,631
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	31,905			31,905	27,274
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	53,535			53,535	31,905

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 £
B1 Cash funds	CURRENT ACCOUNT	53,059		
	PAYPAL ACCOUNT	476		
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	53,535		

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	INVESTMENT PROPERTY	UNRESTRICTED	42,100	42,100

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	VAN	UNRESTRICTED	5,500	2,922
	PLANT & MACHINERY	UNRESTRICTED	760	296

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

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

Signature

Print name

Date of approval



MICHELLE WILLIAMS

19/9/23

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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 31st May 2023, which are set out on the receipts and payments accounts form attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

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present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen John Bickerton".

STEPHEN JOHN BICKERTON (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of

ADVANTAGE ACCOUNTANCY & ADVISORY LTD

Chartered Certified Accountants & Statutory Auditor

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Date: 26/09/2023.