GREYHOUND GAP

England & Wales · Charity number 1158499

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-09-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE HUMANE BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS ANIMALS , IN PARTICULAR GREYHOUNDS AND LURCHERS, BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE CARE, PROTECTION, TREATMENT AND SECURITY FOR GREYHOUNDS AND LURCHERS 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.

Activities: THE RESCUE, REHABILITATION AND RE-HOMING OF GREYHOUNDS AND LURCHERS AND ANY OTHER ANIMAL IN NEED.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£362,024	£339,667	-	-
2023-09-30	£348,413	£347,687	-	-
2022-09-30	£405,722	£306,647	-	-
2021-09-30	£319,758	£302,529	-	-
2020-09-30	£335,263	£234,249	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
LISA CARTWRIGHT	Chair	2016-10-01
Julia Suzanne Burgess		2016-10-01
Rosemarie Edwards		2016-10-01

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Greyhound Gap CIO

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

Greyhound Gap CIO

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	L Cartwright (Founder) R Edwards J S Burgess
Secretary	V Rigby
Principal Office	Grindlestone Kennels Cobmoor Road Kidsgrove Stoke on Trent Staffordshire ST7 3PZ
Charity Registration Number	1158499
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024. The trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governance documents, and the provisions of Statement of Recommendation Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities".

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Greyhound Gap charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), formed on 9 September 2014 under a Foundation Constitution of the same date. The CIO was formed to take over the ongoing operation of the Greyhound Gap charity (registered number 113207), as the Trustees (who are the same for both charities) felt it was more appropriate to operate the charity with a recognised legal form.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected under the terms of the CIO's foundation constitution.

Organisational structure

The Charity operates throughout the UK. The dogs originate from many stray pounds, but our main area of operation is the Midlands and surrounding areas. When space allows, we service pounds in the whole of the UK. Greyhounds entering our care come directly from the track we facilitate directly in the Northwest and via 3 more trainers that we have an ongoing formulated agreement with.

The charity works with a network of volunteers who foster, transport and generally aid the work of the Charity across the UK. The charity also works, where appropriate with other similar rescues to ensure those dogs that are at risk can be placed in a safe environment. The trustees make all decisions on any major expenditure and set the strategic direction for the Charity.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

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Objectives and activities

Policies and objectives

The Charity covers the following principal activities:

• Rehoming dogs directly from our kennels and a network of volunteer foster homes through a clearly controlled adoption procedure.

• Dogs that do not secure a foster home will be housed in our kennels premises where they are cared for by our staff with volunteer's assistance.

• Supporting Local Authorities by coordinating rescue, kennel or foster placements for the stray greyhounds and lurchers in their care.

• Assistance with local and national welfare cases supporting dog wardens, Social Services and any other relevant bodies.

• Supporting owners needing to surrender their dogs by coordinating rescue, kennel or foster placements if possible, within our own organisation or within other safe rescue environments.

• Facilitation of placements via Greyhound Tracks, Trainers & Owners.

• Transport of dogs to reputable rescues offering rescue placements.

• Provision of veterinary treatment for all animals in our care.

• In-house fundraising such as auctions, competitions, eBay sales, web shop, sponsored events, direct appeals, sponsorship schemes for long term dogs and outside fundraising such as dog shows, attending events, meet and greets and street collections.

• Outreach work within the local community in Stoke on Trent with the homeless and Social Services referrals providing dog food and basic care such as vaccinations, parasite control and in some cases neutering.

• Lost and stolen dog recovery service assisting owners with advice, support and equipment if necessary to ensure a safe return home of their missing pets.

• Working alongside Community Payback to offer working opportunities to offenders undergoing rehabilitation and reparation.

• Continue to build links with local schools and colleges.

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The charity's objectives are:

• To promote the humane treatment of animals, in particular greyhounds and lurchers.

• To provide appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for greyhounds and lurchers who are in need by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage.

• To educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

• To continue the promotion of the issues pertaining to greyhound racing and the abandonment of working lurchers.

In pursuance of the objectives, we continue to strive to reduce numbers of greyhounds and lurchers euthanised in council holding facilities once time is served and ensure safe and swift release into our care from training kennels environments when no longer required. We continue to pursue the policies and objectives of the Charity.

Greyhound Gap is, principally, a death row rescue helping to provide emergency placements for greyhounds and lurchers in local authority holding kennels at risk of euthanasia. In early 2018 relations were formulated with a registered track in the Northwest to ensure help and safeguarding, when possible, for greyhounds ending their career. This was deemed necessary due to assistance with a welfare situation pertaining to dogs retired from this track entering an unreputable facility. If we are unable to directly assist, referrals are made, or places sourced within other reputable organisations. Safe transport to rescues is handled by us.

Dogs that enter the care of Greyhound Gap are supported for as long as is necessary. Homing is via a network of sighthound experienced foster placements and directly from our own kennels. The kennels are located close to our main core of volunteers and is staffed by experienced people to enable in depth assessments of every dog prior to rehoming.

All dogs entering our care as a matter of course receive vaccinations, kennel cough vaccinations, parasite treatment, micro-chipping, are spayed/neutered and receive a dental check. Should a dog arrive in our care with more serious veterinary needs these are addressed, and all necessary treatment is funded. We operate a thorough vetting system including pre-adoption questionnaires, initial telephone discussion, home visit and careful introductions with potential adoption matches. All adopters are obliged to sign an agreement to relinquish the animal back into the organisation's care should they no longer be able to meet the requirements of the dog. Follow up support is given post adoption, and our ongoing support and advice is available throughout the dog's life.

Greyhound Gap is a specialist rehabilitation facility and houses many dogs that other organisations do not feel qualified to manage. We pride ourselves on continued rehabilitation work with more challenging dogs and resolving behavioural issues prior to rehoming. We also give lifetime behavioural support to our adopters.

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Lottie, Wilma and Bambi

In late 2023, Greyhound Gap were called to assist with an urgent welfare case. 125 dogs kept in an isolated barn, all lacking basic socialisation and veterinary care. Frightened and feral, the dogs needed extensive rehabilitation.

As the very dogs we aim to provide a safe service to we stepped up, offering a safety net to 26 of them. With time, patience, and love, the dogs slowly learned they were safe and cared for, and that humans could be trusted.

Among them were Lottie, Bambi, and Wilma, all of whom went on to find loving homes. Wilma, a black girl, was especially lucky. She won the heart of our founder, Lisa, who had been fostering her, and was officially adopted into her family.

Over the last eight years Greyhound Gap has been working more widely within the local community directing donations of surplus food to families struggling to financially support their dogs. We have also been working with local homeless support charities to provide food to the dogs residing on the streets with their owners. Locally there are no facilities for homeless pet owners, these people and their animals can often be at risk of hardship.

Where possible we also provide basic medical treatment such as disease control and provide basic safety essentials i.e., collars, leads and coats for the dog's wellbeing where necessary. This builds trust bonds between us, the dogs and their owners and should situations arise separating dog and owner we are able to offer a direct safety net. This, in turn, means the dogs do not enter the main stray system therefore placing them at risk.

Towards the end of the 2017 financial year, we formulated a relationship with a local Foodbank based in Chesterton, Newcastle Under Lyme. We have now agreed to incorporate the Foodbank into the surplus food program in the hope that provision of dog food to service users helps to reduce the demand on human food and resources. This remains in place and is proving a vital much needed and appreciated service. Throughout 2021-2022 we increased that support to two more Foodbanks, one run by St Thomas, our local church, and that of Aspire Housing based in Newcastle-Under-Lyme where we now provide dog food for their warehouse available to their service users. During the later part of 2022 and into 2023 our services were called upon by even more service user facilities and members of the public. This meant additional pressure of three more facilities and multiple new individuals.

As we move into 2025, we aim to strengthen our partnerships, with a particular focus on St Thomas, which lies within our direct ward. Rather than limiting our support to food donations, we hope to establish a regular presence during the food bank's operating days. By doing so, we can better understand the challenges owners are facing, especially in the current financial climate. It may also become necessary to seek additional funding, allowing us to offer more direct assistance and help ensure that dogs can remain with their families.

With ever decreasing rescue placements available and increasing relinquishment demand, evidence of more abandonment, community outreach needs to be our main focus though out our next financial year.

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In August 2015 we secured a service users contract with the local probation service. This enables offenders ordered by the court to carry out unpaid work to access our facility on a placement basis.

We strongly believe that the bonds formed between offenders and our rescue dogs is mutually beneficial. The project has continued to make great strides with us fast becoming Staffordshire's placement of choice by probation and offenders alike. The scheme has been running for 9 years this year and a very small amount of our service users have re-entered the judicial service.

Since the Charity came into existence, we have also, on a less formal basis, assisted with the securing or stray or abandoned dogs in the local area. Through experience and equipment, we have been able to offer remote monitoring, feeding and subsequent tools to enable a positive outcome in swiftly securing dogs in danger. Since 2017 this has progressed, and we have found more and more that we are called to assist owners of dogs who have found themselves in a situation where their dogs are lost or stolen. In these instances, advice and safe containment where possible to avoid loss through injury or death has been offered with great success. This is a service we are extremely proud of being able to provide and through ever increasing knowledge our skill sets are developing and once again allowing us to maximise our overall impact.

Volunteers



The charity is extremely grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers.

Many of our local supporters turn out in all weathers on a regular basis to help at the kennels with the daily cleaning, maintenance, gardening, vet runs and taking our kennel dogs for their daily exercise, enrichment, playtimes and walks.

Greyhound Gap is lucky to have a large volunteer and supporter base throughout the UK. There are committed groups of helpers who continually step up to man fundraising stalls and events on our behalf, who attend street collections, hold meet and greets and take part in sponsored events.

Others put their brilliant creative skills to use by making collars, cakes, jams, dog treats, hand crafted items and artwork to be sold to raise funds or by simply donating items for our online fundraising auctions.

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We are extremely lucky to have such a supportive and wide-reaching community of volunteers and realise that without their efforts we would not be a viable organisation. We appreciate every one of those who help us in whatever capacity they can.

During the last financial year we have seen the increased level of support built online during Covid remain in place, indeed there has been continued growth. Many of those volunteers now able to are assisting freely with our external fundraising activities.

Achievements and performance

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Review of activities

Rehoming and Rescue Placements

The continued cost-of-living crisis in 2023-24 had a profound impact on our Charity, as well as animal charities across the UK. With it came a sharp decrease in adoption interest and a corresponding increase in surrenders and abandonments often involving dogs in poor physical and mental condition. Alarmingly, after a threefold increase the previous year, surrender and abandonment rates continued to rise.

At the same time, our ability to place dogs with partner rescues diminished significantly. Most rescues remained at full capacity, with little appetite for new intakes. The long-term effects of the Covid dog's crisis persisted, with dogs entering our care whether strays, surrenders, or retired racers frequently exhibiting advanced physical neglect and deteriorating mental health.



Cassie

In early 2024, Cassie was brought to a local vet with a severe leg injury. Her owner, unwilling to fund her treatment, signed her over for euthanasia.
Thankfully, the vets contacted Greyhound Gap, and with the owner's agreement, Cassie was transferred into our care.
She immediately received specialist orthopaedic treatment costing £3,000. After recovering in the rescue's kennels house with our kennel staff team, Cassie found a wonderful rural home, complete with three acres to explore and an aga to snooze by.

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Stray pounds, under mounting pressure, were increasingly forced into euthanasia decisions following the statutory eight day holding period. Greyhounds in particular faced long waits with their trainers for rescue placements, often arriving in a heightened state of anxiety after minimal post-racing care. Sadly, we also started to see higher numbers of Greyhounds once again arriving at the pounds after being abandoned as strays.

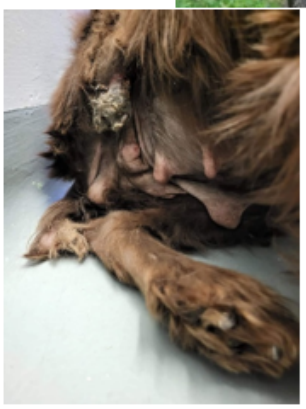
Increasing Veterinary and Behavioural Demands

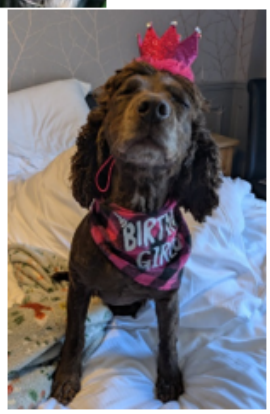
The dogs needing assistance increasingly displayed serious behavioural issues, typically due to poor early socialisation or insufficient care in previous homes. As a result, incoming dogs required longer assessment periods and intensive behavioural rehabilitation.

Veterinary needs also surged. Many surrendered dogs had untreated medical conditions that, if addressed early, would have been minor. This placed additional strain on us both operationally and financially. The cost of routine veterinary treatments such as neutering and dental work once again showed a stark increase compared to the previous year, and we expect these costs to continue rising.

These pressures have heightened the risk that, in future, we may be forced to reduce intake capacity despite growing demand a prospect we are working hard to avoid.







Martha and Charm

Although Spaniels are not our primary breed, we were called on twice during the financial year to assist locally.

Martha was seen being thrown onto train tracks but thankfully escaped via a fox run. Immediate support measures were put in place, and she was safely trapped and brought into our care.

Charm, another Spaniel, was found by a member of the public and taken to one of our vets. Tragically, her leg had been severed off from the ankle down, with severe infection setting in. After obtaining permission, her leg was amputated to save her life.

Both girls went on to find wonderful homes and are now thriving, loved, and settled.

Rehoming Successes

Despite the challenging environment, we are proud to report that in 2023-24, we successfully re-homed or placed into long-term foster 72 dogs, a slight decrease compared to the previous year. However, those dogs were all adults, many needing more veterinary or behavioural intervention. We did not facilitate any litters of puppies or pregnant females during the year.

Of these, only one was returned: since covid adopters in general seem to be more anxious. Something we have remained alive to. The return was from a previous adopter who has adopted from us on numerous occasions throughout our history. Sadly, anxiety now seems to play a part in their lives and even with full support they could not settle into owning a new dog.

Additionally, we facilitated the safe placement of 57 dogs through partnerships with reputable organisations. Demand for safe Greyhound and Lurcher placements remained notably high throughout the year.

Looking Ahead

We remain committed to maximising our impact despite these growing challenges. We continue to explore new opportunities and partnerships to ensure the welfare and safety of every dog entrusted to our care, while maintaining our ethical standards and charitable mission. Addressing issues that ensure dogs are able to remain with their owners and growing support systems is imperative.

Rehoming Operations Update

During the pandemic, Greyhound Gap adapted by reducing its operational area to counties near to our main kennels and area of operations, moving all rehoming fully in house, handled by our experienced staff. This approach improved consistency in adoption support and strengthened staff skills for the charities future sustainability.

Given the continued high intake of Greyhounds and Lurchers, we have retained the reduced operating area and in house rehoming system. National adoptions are now primarily reserved for previous adopters, with exceptions made for breed experienced applicants willing to adopt more complex dogs. Others are directed to local rescues, supporting sector-wide capacity.

All potential adopters now attend an initial centre based interview with their family and any existing dogs, allowing us to better assess suitability, particularly in light of increased behavioural challenges seen post pandemic.

When a suitable match is identified, introductions are conducted via supervised walks and time in our home from home setting. A home visit, with the dog present, follows to ensure compatibility. A cooling off period is offered before final adoption. This thorough, hands on process has led to smoother transitions and maintained our exceptionally low return rates.

Respite and Community Assistance

During the financial year ending September 30th 2024, Greyhound Gap also actively through advice, attending or physically trapping and safely securing managed to assist 29 owners with the reuniting of lost and stolen pets. Remotely many more were reunited thanks to our time and effort to advise others further afield or through lending the necessary equipment to secure the safe capture. During the course of the year, Greyhound Gap worked either individually on set cases or alongside other rescues/teams with the same wealth of experience when needed.

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During the financial year our work within the community supporting and assisting families who found themselves in a sudden state of unexpected hardship increased dramatically, a growth we expect to continue. Thankfully through so many kind donations either dropped to the kennels or delivered directly we were able to continue with our support of not only the community foodbanks but to include others and to support more service users who we were approached directly about in addition to those already on our list.

Thankfully during the financial year we had no call to offer respite as had been seen in previous years whilst their owners received either emergency treatment for mental health or drug use.

Fostering and long-term foster placements

Our national foster carers remain committed to providing a long-term homing opportunity to dogs that find themselves with more permanent needs, elderly or infirm dogs or those with more complex behaviour issues still receive full support from those available placements. Many of these dogs may be reaching end of life and a home environment with more wider ranging comfort and one on one care makes a huge difference during those last months. Our foster carers, in turn, receive full support and guidance from ourselves as an organisation with Greyhound Gap meeting care costs throughout the duration of the dog's remaining time.

Fundraising and community engagement



Greyhound Gap remains proud of its proactive fundraising and dedicated community volunteers. However, last year, several major events were lost to extreme heat and torrential rain. Aware of these ongoing risks, we are actively exploring alternative avenues to mitigate future weather related disruptions.

A new venue for local shows was added with kind support from The Bleeding Wolf. They are our local public house and have been hugely proactive in their efforts to assist us. Even though marred by bad weather, the dog friendly environment meant that visitors could take a break and enjoy refreshments in a dry setting. The show was received so well that we will be adding it biannually to our events calendar.

The previous year's event at Tittesworth Reservoir was repeated with the addition of a dog show, again exceptionally well received within the local community and further reaching supporters. Many travelled to join us on the day.

Supported by Newcastle-under-Lyme Council, we successfully hosted two full-market takeovers for the second year running, with free parking and market stalls generously provided. These events boosted attendance, supported local charities, and benefited town centre businesses, helping to re-invigorate the local community.

Further community opportunities arose through partnerships with Shop Local, Keep it Local and BID, allowing us to run several successful pop-up shops with volunteer support. We were also kindly offered a charity space withing their new initiative, a community hub. Keep it Local have kindly created a shop in our main town centre and we occupy free space.

Our strong online supporter base remains vital. Through daily updates and interactive engagement, we have continued to drive online fundraising via raffles, competitions, sales, and auctions, even amid the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. Donations of goods for the kennels remained steady, supported by regular updates to our Amazon Wish List and seasonal gift sponsorships, all of which were well received.

Our fundraising efforts were once again bolstered by "Walking The Beat," whose team covered over 120 miles in 8 days, raising nearly £6,000 and bringing their total to over £50,000 for Greyhound Gap. Another walk is already planned for 2025.

Awareness efforts continued both locally and nationally. Our partnership with Crewe Pets at Home strengthened further, with fundraising events, meet-and-greets, and in-store drives helping to raise vital funds and supplies through their collection points.

Finally, we are sincerely thankful to Leek Veterinary Clinic and Nantwich Pet Vets, whose expert care and support have been crucial in a year marked by dogs arriving in significantly worse conditions than in previous years.

Kennels Premises

Since 2018 Greyhound Gap have owned their own fit for purpose kennels facilities. Providing 54 kennels, a purpose-built home from home room and exercise paddocks it provides a calm and welcoming environment for our dogs.

Kennel Block Refurbishment

In May 2024, Greyhound Gap completed a circa £50,000 refurbishment of one of our kennel blocks to improve housing quality and enhance the lifestyle of the dogs in our care. Previously used only for emergency intakes, the block had been taken out of service due to its poor condition. The upgrade created a safer, more comfortable, and enriching environment, allowing the block to be fully reinstated and increasing our capacity to house dogs. This investment reflects our ongoing commitment to welfare, and we are already seeing the positive impact on the dogs' wellbeing and happiness.











In January 2024, we also completed a new reception area, providing a safe, welcoming space for dogs entering our care. The area has streamlined record-keeping, improved computer system storage, and created an additional space for adopters to meet potential new companions, allowing for more adoption appointments.





Our "home-from-home" room continues to be a vital resource. It helps desensitise dogs unfamiliar with home environments to everyday sounds and settings like hoovers, washing machines, and sofas, better preparing them for adoption. It also offers a valuable break from the kennel environment and supports additional enrichment activities.

Greyhound Gap continue to be a proud member of the ADCH (Association of Dogs and Cats Homes)

Developing Public Relations and Promotion of the Charity

Throughout the year, Greyhound Gap has remained proactive in expanding its reach through social media, attracting new volunteers, supporters, and enhancing fundraising and educational campaigns nationwide. We are confident this growth will continue to strengthen our resources.

Locally, we maintained a strong presence in the press and media, promoting the charity and raising awareness within the wider community.

During the year, we launched an improved website, offering a clearer, more user-friendly experience. This has already led to increased engagement, with visitors accessing information on available dogs, adoption guidelines, events, newsletters, and major announcements more easily. In the second half of 2025 we are looking to develop a functional web shop.

The website also links to our online forum. Although posting activity has declined, it remains a valuable archive for adoption information and advice, with 7,500 registered members available for urgent communications.

Meanwhile, our Facebook groups continue to grow steadily, with the main group surpassing 22,000 members, many of whom actively support appeals and apply to volunteer.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that we have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Financial review

Principle funding sources

During the period the charity received income of £362,024 (2023: £348,413). We are well supported with a wide and loyal support base, this coupled with our own fundraising efforts which includes adoption, our own online shop, auctions, raffles, boarding, dog shows, stalls and markets to name a few means. We are not reliant upon a limited number of income streams to deliver our objectives and commitments. Included in the amount above we received £nil (2023: £22,036) of restricted funds. Expenditure for the period was £339,667 (2023: £347,687) of which £11,538 (2023: £13,714) was on kennelling costs.

The charity has unrestricted reserves of £623,143 (2023: £590,562) and restricted reserves of £2,487 (2023: £12,711) at 30 September 2024.

Key management personnel

The trustees consider the Trustees and General Manager as the key members of management personnel of the charity, in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis.

Policy on reserves

Unrestricted reserves are held to ensure the ongoing care of the dogs. Annual operating costs are usually in excess of £360,000. The trustees have set a policy to hold general reserves of £120,000 in order to fund four months of operating costs to enable alternative homes to be sourced for the dogs in the charity's care in the event of the charity's operations having to cease. The current level of reserves is higher than our policy and the trustees are looking at ways to reduce this going forward.

At the year end the charity held total reserves of £625,630 (2023: £603,273) of which £2,487 (2023: £12,711) were restricted funds and £323,943 (2023: £283,288) are held in fixed assets less those secured by long term liabilities. This leaves free reserves of £299,200 (2023: £307,274).

Plans for future periods

Future developments

Short to Medium Term Objectives

• We continue with our aim to maintain reserves to £120,000

• We continue to strive for more low risk homing opportunities for our dogs

• We aim to continue to carry out year on year improvements and upgrades to the kennels and kennels house to maximise its potential.

• We will continue to recruit additional volunteers.

• To continue to build an operational and sustainable infrastructure

• Increase boarding capacity to help with financial resolve

• To explore the opening of the charities first shop and community hub

Long Term Objectives

• To seek to improve and modernise the kennels facilities to ensure maximum comfort to both the staff base and the dogs in our care.

• To work with more community groups and offer services to a wider range of audiences we feel can benefit from working alongside our dogs.

• We will be exploring the growth of core aims especially paying attention to the necessity to secure and enable safe placements for a growing number of dogs with ourselves and other organisations we work closely with.

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Other Objectives

• We will strive to achieve continuous improvement in animal welfare, building on our excellent reputation and aiming to set a benchmark for other similar animal welfare organisations to aspire to. In doing so, to inspire other animal welfare organisations to raise their standards of animal welfare practices in line with our own. This will bring about an improvement way beyond our direct control and reach

• We will strive to build better relations and networks with like-minded individuals and groups across the UK and continue to work towards educating the public with regards the exploitation and suffering of greyhounds within the racing industry and fight for better welfare reforms.

• We will continue to support the banning of the use of sighthounds, in general, from partaking in blood sports and continue to back measures aimed at keeping bans in place. The number of dogs arriving in our care suffering from physical injuries consistent with both fox and badger damage continues to be a great worry to us.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on ..12th June.. and signed on its behalf by:

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L Cartwright (Founder)
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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 corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 12th June and signed on its behalf by:



L Cartwright (Founder)
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Greyhound Gap CIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024 which are set out on pages 18 to 29.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of .
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 Charity Commission 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 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.

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 Charities Act 2011; 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.

H E Binns

Helen Binns FCA
Beever and Struthers
Chartered Accountants

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Date: 12/06/25

Greyhound Gap CIO

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	300,299	-	300,299
Other trading activities	3	55,377	-	55,377
Investment income	4	5,551	-	5,551
Other income	5	797	-	797
Total Income		362,024	-	362,024
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	(6,038)	-	(6,038)
Charitable activities	7	(323,405)	(10,224)	(333,629)
Total Expenditure		(329,443)	(10,224)	(339,667)
Net movement in funds		32,581	(10,224)	22,357
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		590,562	12,711	603,273
Total funds carried forward	17	623,143	2,487	625,630

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	255,185	22,036	277,221
Other trading activities	3	69,363	-	69,363
Investment income	4	1,829	-	1,829
Total Income		326,377	22,036	348,413
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	(8,635)	-	(8,635)
Charitable activities	7	(329,727)	(9,325)	(339,052)
Total Expenditure		(338,362)	(9,325)	(347,687)
Net movement in funds		(11,985)	12,711	726
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		602,547	-	602,547
Total funds carried forward	17	590,562	12,711	603,273

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

Greyhound Gap CIO

(Registration number: 1158499)
Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	613,698	578,566
Current assets			
Stocks	13	2,000	2,000
Debtors	14	27,762	12,374
Cash at bank and in hand		286,889	322,225
		316,651	336,599
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(14,964)	(16,613)
Net current assets		301,687	319,986
Total assets less current liabilities		915,385	898,552
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(289,755)	(295,278)
Net assets		625,630	603,274
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		2,487	12,711
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		623,143	590,562
Total funds	17	625,630	603,273

The financial statements on pages 18 to 29 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 12th June and signed on their behalf by:

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L Cartwright (Founder)
Trustee

Greyhound Gap CIO

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Greyhound Gap CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptionsthat affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under thecircumstances. The judgements and estimations that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financialstatement are as follows:

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, whereappropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In re-assessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation, produce life cycles andmaintenance are taken into account. Residual value assessments consider issues such as future market conditions, the remaining life of the asset and projected disposal values.

Going concern
The Charity's activities together with factors likely to affect its future development and financial position are set out in the Trustees' report. The Trustees consider that in the light of the Charity's planned activities and current reserves it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Fund structure
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fundis set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income and endowments
All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty that receipt of income is considered probable, and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably, and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

Donations are received and included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.

Donations include cash raised through street collections and events. It is common at these events for the charity to offer items for sale but the income is not separately identifiable.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable activity are accounted for when earned.

Expenditure
Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Costs in raising funds are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters

Interest receivable
Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normal upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets are stated at costs less depreciation.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Buildings	2% Straight line
Motor vehicles	25% Straight line
Equipment	25% Straight line

The cost of land is not depreciated.

Stock
Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

Financial instruments

Classification

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity's contributions are restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 7. At the year end there were no outstanding contributions. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are disclosed within costs of charitable activities.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		
	General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
General donations	254,878	254,878	225,279
Adoption donations	15,570	15,570	19,218
Legacies	29,851	29,851	32,724
	300,299	300,299	277,221

3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Trading income;			
Sales of goods and services	3,296	3,296	8,862
Fundraising activities	52,081	52,081	60,501
	55,377	55,377	69,363

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	5,551	5,551	1,829

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	
	General	Total 2024
	£	£
Gains on sale of tangible fixed assets for charity's own use	449	449
Other income	348	348
	797	797

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Merchandise purchases		6,038	6,038	8,635
		6,038	6,038	8,635

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Direct Costs				
Wages and salaries	184,240	-	184,240	160,713
Social security costs	9,607	-	9,607	7,180
Pension costs	3,608	-	3,608	3,073
Heat and light	5,272	5,602	10,874	9,301
Kennels maintenance	4,717	-	4,717	5,636
Depreciation	7,069	4,622	11,691	9,188
Veterinary fees	39,798	-	39,798	75,486
Kennelling	11,538	-	11,538	13,714
General dog costs	584	-	584	707
Vehicle running costs	9,416	-	9,416	10,828
Sundry expenses	3,025	-	3,025	4,117
Rent and rates	5,744	-	5,744	5,736
Bank interest	25,461	-	25,461	21,882
	310,079	**10,224**	**320,303**	**327,561**
Support Costs				
Insurance	3,392	-	3,392	3,091
Telephone	2,739	-	2,739	2,362
General administrative costs	326	-	326	193
Postage and packaging	2,986	-	2,986	2,450
Health and safety	176	-	176	18
Training	90	-	90	325
Legal fees	1,619	-	1,619	1,267
Independent examiners fees	1,997	-	1,997	1,785
	13,325	**-**	**13,325**	**11,491**
	323,404	**10,224**	**333,628**	**339,052**

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	184,240	160,713
Social security costs	9,607	7,180
Pension costs	3,608	3,073
	197,455	170,966

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents was 10 (2023: 8).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

9 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Examination of the financial statements	1,998	1,785

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

L Cartwright (Founder)
L Cartwright (Founder) received remuneration of £36,469 (2023: £31,254) during the year.

11 Taxation

The income and gains of the charity are exempt from taxation to the extent that they are applied to its charitable objectives.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Kennel refurbishment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 October 2023	603,432	3,610	43,222	-	650,264
Additions	-	-	-	46,823	46,823
Disposals	-	-	(3,940)	-	(3,940)
At 30 September 2024	603,432	3,610	39,282	46,823	693,147
Depreciation					
At 1 October 2023	41,236	3,610	26,852	-	71,698
Charge for the year	7,069	-	4,622	-	11,691
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	(3,940)	-	(3,940)
At 30 September 2024	48,305	3,610	27,534	-	79,449
Net book value					
At 30 September 2024	555,127	-	11,748	46,823	613,698
At 30 September 2023	562,196	-	16,370	-	578,566

13 Stock

	2024 £	2023 £
Stocks	2,000	2,000

14 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	-	601
Prepayments	5,742	5,521
Accrued income	16,024	2,310
VAT recoverable	5,996	3,253
Other debtors	-	689
	27,762	12,374

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	6,455	7,387
Trade creditors	1,097	3,428
Other taxation and social security	2,295	2,399
Other creditors	151	49
Accruals	4,966	3,350
	14,964	16,613

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	289,755	295,278

The bank loan is secured by a legal charge on the freehold property Grindlestone Edge House, Cobmoor Road, Kidsgrove.

17 Funds

	Balance at 1 October 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 September 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	590,562	362,024	(329,443)	623,143
Restricted funds				
Donations towards heating costs	5,602	-	(5,602)	-
Donation for new van	7,109	-	(4,622)	2,487
Total restricted funds	12,711	-	(10,224)	2,487
Total funds	603,273	362,024	(339,667)	625,630

	Balance at 1 October 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 September 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	602,547	326,377	(338,362)	590,562
Restricted funds				
Donations towards heating costs	-	12,808	(7,206)	5,602
Donation for new van	-	9,228	(2,119)	7,109
Total restricted funds	-	22,036	(9,325)	12,711
Total funds	602,547	348,413	(347,687)	603,273

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	611,211	2,487	613,698
Current assets	316,651	-	316,651
Current liabilities	(14,964)	-	(14,964)
Creditors over 1 year	(289,755)	-	(289,755)
Total net assets	623,143	2,487	625,630

19 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

GREYHOUND GAP

England & Wales - Charity number 1158499

Accounts

Charity registration number: 1158499

Greyhound Gap CIO

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

Greyhound Gap CIO

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Greyhound Gap CIO

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	L Cartwright (Founder) R Edwards J S Burgess
Secretary	V Rigby
Principal Office	Grindlestone Kennels Cobmoor Road Kidsgrove Stoke on Trent Staffordshire ST7 3PZ
Charity Registration Number	1158499
Bankers	Lloyds TSB Bank Plc 1 Legg Street Essex CM1 1JS
Independent Examiner	Beever and Struthers Chartered Accountants One Express 1 George Leigh Street Ancoats Manchester M4 5DL

Greyhound Gap CIO

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023. The trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governance documents, and the provisions of Statement of Recommendation Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2015.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Greyhound Gap charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), formed on 9 September 2014 under a Foundation Constitution of the same date. The CIO was formed to take over the ongoing operation of the Greyhound Gap charity (registered number 113207), as the Trustees (who are the same for both charities) felt it was more appropriate to operate the charity with a recognised legal form.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected under the terms of the CIO's foundation constitution.

Organisational structure

The Charity operates throughout the UK. The dogs originate from many stray pounds, but our main area of operation is the Midlands and surrounding areas. When space allows, we service pounds in the whole of the UK. Greyhounds entering our care come directly from the track we facilitate directly in the Northwest and via 3 more trainers that we have an ongoing formulated agreement with.

The charity works with a network of volunteers who foster, transport and generally aid the work of the Charity across the UK. The charity also works, where appropriate with other similar rescues to ensure those dogs that are at risk can be placed in a safe environment. The trustees make all decisions on any major expenditure and set the strategic direction for the Charity.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Greyhound Gap CIO

Trustees' Report

Objectives and activities

Policies and Objectives

The Charity covers the following principal activities:

• Rehoming dogs directly from our kennels and a network of volunteer foster homes through a clearly controlled adoption procedure.

• Dogs that do not secure a foster home will be housed in our kennels premises where they are cared for by our staff with volunteer's assistance.

• Supporting Local Authorities by coordinating rescue, kennel or foster placements for the stray greyhounds and lurchers in their care.

• Assistance with local and national welfare cases supporting dog wardens, Social Services and any other relevant bodies.

• Supporting owners needing to surrender their dogs by coordinating rescue, kennel or foster placements if possible, within our own organisation or within other safe rescue environments

• Facilitation placements via Greyhound Tracks, Trainers & Owners

• Transport of dogs to reputable rescues offering rescue placements.

• Provision of veterinary treatment for all animals in our care.

• In-house fundraising such as auctions, competitions, eBay sales, web shop, sponsored events, direct appeals, sponsorship schemes for long term dogs and outside fundraising such as dog shows, attending events, meet and greets and street collections.

• Outreach work within the local community in Stoke on Trent with the homeless and Social Services referrals providing dog food and basic care such as vaccinations, parasite control and in some cases neutering.

• Lost and stolen dog recovery service assisting owners with advice, support and equipment if necessary to ensure a safe return home of their missing pets.

• Working alongside Community Payback to offer working opportunities to offenders undergoing rehabilitation and reparation.

• Continue to build links with local schools and colleges.

Greyhound Gap CIO

Trustees' Report

The charity's objectives are:

• To promote the humane treatment of animals, in particular greyhounds and lurchers.

• To provide appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for greyhounds and lurchers who are in need by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage.

• To educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

• To continue the promotion of the issues pertaining to greyhound racing and the abandonment of working lurchers.

In pursuance of the objectives, we continue to strive to reduce numbers of greyhounds and lurchers euthanised in council holding facilities once time is served and ensure safe and swift release into our care from training kennels environments when no longer required. We continue to pursue the policies and objectives of the Charity.

Greyhound Gap is, principally, a death row rescue helping to provide emergency placements for greyhounds and lurchers in local authority holding kennels at risk of euthanasia. In early 2018 relations were formulated with a registered track in the Northwest to ensure help and safeguarding, when possible, for greyhounds ending their career. This was deemed necessary due to assistance with a welfare situation pertaining to dogs retired from this track entering an unreputable facility. If we are unable to directly assist, referrals are made, or places sourced within other reputable organisations. Safe transport to rescues is handled by us.

Dogs that enter the care of Greyhound Gap are supported for as long as is necessary. Homing is via a network of sighthound experienced foster placements and directly from our own kennels. The kennels are located close to our main core of volunteers and is staffed by experienced people to enable in depth assessments of every dog prior to rehoming.

All dogs entering our care as a matter of course receive vaccinations, kennel cough vaccinations, parasite treatment, micro-chipping, are spayed/neutered and receive a dental check. Should a dog arrive in our care with more serious veterinary needs these are addressed, and all necessary treatment is funded. We operate a thorough vetting system including pre-adoption questionnaires, initial telephone discussion, home visit and careful introductions with potential adoption matches. All adopters are obliged to sign an agreement to relinquish the animal back into the organisation's care should they no longer be able to meet the requirements of the dog. Follow up support is given post adoption and our ongoing support and advice is available throughout the dog's life.

Greyhound Gap is a specialist rehabilitation facility and houses many dogs that other organisations do not feel qualified to manage. We pride ourselves on continued rehabilitation work with more challenging dogs and resolving behavioural issues prior to rehoming. We also give lifetime behavioural support to our adopters.



Cinders

In March 2023 we were contacted by a lady who was in a desperate situation. She had offered a foster with view to keep home to a young lurcher based in Ireland with direct back up from a mainland rescue. That young lurcher was Cinders. Cinders was delivered directly to her door from the Irish transport company.

Unfortunately her two current dogs were not overly welcoming of this young exuberant pup with very little life experience and who needed constant care and attention. Having tried to make it work but, with the pup also displaying incontinence issues, she reached out to the rescue she had been led to believe was there to support her. They refused help.

Understanding the desperation of the situation, Greyhound Gap's founder travelled immediately to remove the puppy and bring her into our care safely. The other dogs were showing signs of posing a direct risk to her and, already damaged mentally, physical damage did not need to be added.

Cinders spent 6 months in foster care in the kennels house where both her physical and mental needs were addressed before being rehomed at 12 months old. She has settled in fabulously and made the most wonderful new addition to their home.

Over the last eight years Greyhound Gap has been working more widely within the local community directing donations of surplus food to families struggling to financially support their dogs. We have also been working with local homeless support charities to provide food to the dogs residing on the streets with their owners. Locally there are no facilities for homeless pet owners, these people and their animals can often be at risk of hardship.

Where possible we also provide basic medical treatment such as disease control and provide basic safety essentials i.e., collars, leads and coats for the dog's wellbeing where necessary. This builds trust bonds between us, the dogs and their owners and should situations arise separating dog and owner we are able to offer a direct safety net. This, in turn, means the dogs do not enter the main stray system therefore placing them at risk.

Towards the end of the 2017 financial year, we formulated a relationship with a local Foodbank based in Chesterton, Newcastle Under Lyme. We have now agreed to incorporate the Foodbank into the surplus food program in the hope that provision of dog food to service users helps to reduce the demand on human food and resources. This remains in place and is proving a vital much needed and appreciated service. Throughout 2021-2022 we increased that support to two more Foodbanks, one run by St Thomas, our local church, and that of Aspire Housing based in Newcastle-Under-Lyme where we now provide dog food for their warehouse available to their service users. During the later part of 2022 and into 2023 our services were called upon by even more service user facilities and members of the public. This meant additional pressure of three more facilities and multiple new individuals.

In August 2015 we secured a service users contract with the local probation service. This enables offenders ordered by the court to carry out unpaid work to access our facility on a placement basis.

We strongly believe that the bonds formed between offenders and our rescue dogs is mutually beneficial. The project has continued to make great strides with us fast becoming Staffordshire's placement of choice by probation and offenders alike. The scheme has been running for 9 years this year and a very small amount of our service users have re-entered the judicial service.

Since the Charity came into existence, we have also, on a less formal basis, assisted with the securing or stray or abandoned dogs in the local area. Through experience and equipment, we have been able to offer remote monitoring, feeding and subsequent tools to enable a positive outcome in swiftly securing dogs in danger . Since 2017 this has progressed, and we have found more and more that we are called to assist owners of dogs who have found themselves in a situation where their dogs are lost or stolen. In these instances, advice and safe containment where possible to avoid loss through injury or death has been offered with great success. This is a service we are extremely proud of being able to provide and through ever increasing knowledge our skill sets are developing and once again allowing us to maximise our overall impact.

Volunteers

The charity is extremely grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers.

Many of our local supporters turn out in all weathers on a regular basis to help at the kennels with the daily cleaning, maintenance, gardening, vet runs and taking our kennel dogs for their daily exercise, enrichment, playtimes and walks.



Greyhound Gap is lucky to have a large volunteer and supporter base throughout the UK. There are committed groups of helpers who continually step up to man fundraising stalls and events on our behalf, who attend street collections, hold meet and greets and take part in sponsored events.

Others put their brilliant creative skills to use by making collars, cakes, jams, dog treats, hand crafted items and artwork to be sold to raise funds or by simply donating items for our online fundraising auctions.

We are extremely lucky to have such a supportive and wide-reaching community of volunteers and realise that without their efforts we would not be a viable organisation. We appreciate every one of those who help us in whatever capacity they can.

Greyhound Gap CIO

Trustees' Report

During the last financial year we have seen the increased level of support built online during Covid remain in place, indeed there has been continued growth. Many of those volunteers now able to are assisting freely with our external fundraising activities.

Achievements and performance

Going concern
After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Review of activities
Rehoming and Rescue Placements

The continued cost-of-living crisis during the financial year saw huge implications for not only us as a Charity but all other Animal Charities the length and breadth of the UK.

We saw a threefold call for our services both in rehoming and facilitation but also faced the fact that unlike other years facilitation spaces were far and few between. All rescues had hit saturation point with very little adoption uptake. Sadly, the fallout of the continued Covid dogs remained an issue, teemed with the increase in families finding themselves in a position of hardship we saw an alarming increase in abandonment and neglect cases. The stray pounds were facing much more immediate euthanasia decisions after the 8 days compulsory period.

Dogs needing assistance in the main were also displaying much more adverse behaviour patterns due to lack of socialisation during the vital time frame from a young age or within their new home. This meant that dogs entering the rescue system required much longer periods of assessment and remedial behaviour work. It was also seen that health problems amongst dogs landing into our care had increased dramatically. Many dogs had been denied even basic routine treatment resulting in much further reaching health issues. The cost of this to us, as a Charity, saw an increase once again in the need for specialist veterinary care. During the financial year the cost of even basic veterinary treatment for us as an organisation hiked dramatically in some instances almost doubling. We saw routine neutering and dentals combined increase by more than double. This is something moving forward we are expecting to continue. As a charity we remain alive to the fact the impact this will have on us and the risk of the necessity to reduce intake at a time when we are more needed than before.

Throughout the financial year we found facilitation placement availability reduced dramatically as seen the previous financial year. Many of our facilitation rescues were finding increased demand for their services in their more immediate catchment areas. Lack of adoptions was proving to be an issue seen by all and more unusually the return rates were continually increasing. Post Covid many potential adopters seem to have a lesser sense of commitment and responsibility than before and people in general seem more anxious and able to deal with even slight settling issues. This is something as an organisation we saw quickly and immediately ensured more support was placed both pre and post adoption.

All that said we are immensely proud that during the financial year we were still able to be responsible for successfully rehoming or placing into long term foster 85 dogs. That was an increase of 18 dogs on the previous financial year. During the year we only sustained two returns, one was due to sudden unexpected death of the owner and another due to an altercation with another dog in the home. This was down to the current resident dog not our own. The dog was returned but immediately able to be replaced. With a distinct lack of safe placements available only 84 other dogs were still facilitated. This was achieved via placements into mutually reputable organisations with whom we have formulated longstanding ongoing relationships. There remained a significant rise in demand for safe placements of Greyhounds and Lurchers throughout the financial year. The Charity has continued to strive to the best of our abilities in challenging times for maximum impact and continues to remain alive to opportunities and other avenues to ensure dog's safety without compromising our ethics and charitable aims.





Taz

Just every now and again, as a rescue, you receive photos that break your heart more than most, never more so than in Taz' case. Taz, a young lurcher type, had been found abandoned and served his stray time but, at just 5 months old, was in the most horrendous state. Riddle with mange, thin, full of worms and mites, he urgently needed professional assistance.

Knowing Greyhound Gap's excellent track record, we were contacted to assist.

We quickly mobilised and made the journey right up to the North East. Sadly a rescue space nearer to his location had not been secured. Taz was collected and transferred into our vets on a Sunday afternoon as an emergency. Dehydrated and running a temperature from his sore and infected skin, he immediately received the necessary treatment.

Once more comfortable, Taz made the rescue kennels house his home. So many of our younger, ill, or old dogs are cared for inside by the dedicated staff team as opposed to the outside kennels environment. Taz was such a lucky boy! With a few months of love he flourished into the beautiful boy you see now before finding his forever home.

Throughout the pandemic Greyhound Gap had to make the sensible decision to carry out our rehoming in a fresh new way. Our area of operations was dramatically reduced to Counties more directly accessible to our main kennels base. For the first time ever, due to inability to use external home vetters because of restrictions, rehoming was moved fully in house and carried out solely by our experienced staff team. The new system proved a huge success for both dogs and adopters with better consistent pre and post adoption support work becoming more streamlined. This also helped to build stronger foundations for the future giving the staff base additional experience and skills in further reaching areas providing a better opportunity for infrastructure and long-term survival of the Charity.

Post pandemic, through sheer volume of Greyhounds and Lurchers filing into the system countrywide, it was decided that the implemented reduced area of operations and new rehoming system established would remain in place. Most national adoptions are now reserved to those who have previously adopted having undergone all due diligence in the past by the Charity. Special consideration remains in place for new breed experienced adopters further afield willing and able to sustain a more behaviourally challenged or longer staying dog. New national rehomes are directed to centres local to their base as we remain alive to the increased pressure on other rescues. We hope this in turn provides them with increased rehoming opportunities allowing for more free flow and facilitation capabilities.

Interviews were for the first time conducted at the centre prior to a home visit to establish a greater understanding on experience and all commitment capabilities. All members of the immediate family, including any other dogs, were required to travel and join us on the day. With an increase in adverse behaviours in both the dogs entering the rescue system and those already in the home due to a period of inability to socialise during the pandemic, both owners' levels of experience and commitment and their current dog's level of tolerance needed stricter vetting than ever before. This is something we have seen a necessity to continue. Teemed with increased owner anxiety, financial implications and other external factors conversations need to be much more in depth.

After the interview period and having monitored any existing dog's behaviour, if deemed suitable and a suitably matching dog was available, an introduction would be made. The adopters then got their chance to walk the dog with any matched dogs before spending a period of supervised time in our home from home room with any current dogs and matched dogs mixing in a more natural setting.

If all went well, the home visit was undertaken by 2 members of the staff team with the potentially suitable dog accompanying them. This gave the adopters the chance to see the dog within their own home and for both they and us to monitor interaction between current and new dogs also in the environment. Adopters were then given a cooling off period to further discuss as a family before a decision was made on progressing. For our dogs the prior introduction to the home and additional meetings has seen them settle happily without any mental trauma. We believe, that although time consuming, this approach is the reason that our return rates have remained so low.

Respite and Community Assistance

During the financial year ending September 30th 2023, Greyhound Gap also actively through advice, attending or physically trapping and safely securing managed to assist 32 owners with the reuniting of lost and stolen pets. Remotely many more were reunited thanks to our time and effort to advise others further afield or through lending the necessary equipment to secure the safe capture. During the course of the year, Greyhound Gap worked either individually on set cases or alongside other rescues/teams with the same wealth of experience when needed.

During the financial year our work within the community supporting and assisting families who found themselves in a sudden state of unexpected hardship increased dramatically, a growth we expect to continue. Thankfully through so many kind donations either dropped to the kennels or delivered directly we were able to continue with our support of not only the community foodbanks but to include others and to support more service users who we were approached directly about in addition to those already on our list.

Thankfully during the financial year we had no call to offer respite as had been seen previous years whilst their owners received either emergency treatment for mental health or drug use.

Fostering and long-term foster placements

Our national foster carers remain committed to providing a long-term homing opportunity to dogs that find themselves with more permanent needs, elderly or infirm dogs or those with more complex behaviour issues still receive full support from those available placements. Many of these dogs may be reaching end of life and a home environment with more wider ranging comfort and one on one care makes a huge difference during those last months. Our foster carers, in turn, receive full support and guidance from ourselves as an organisation with Greyhound Gap meeting care costs throughout the duration of the dog's remaining time.

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Fundraising



Greyhound Gap prides itself in being extremely proactive with its external fundraising and equally fortunate to have so many committed community volunteers. Last year more external events were held than ever before.

A freer ability to return to all activities without any forms of restrictions or worry was so welcome. compared to the previous year. Older events that had not done as well the previous year when first being reimplemented proved to be successful and back to a usual expected support and revenue. Sadly, two big events were marred by weather. One being an exceptionally hot day causing much smaller footfall and us having to exclude dogs and one being cancelled due to flooding. Unfortunate-ly, due to the venues other commitments there was no ability to re arrange and to recoup revenue later.
During the financial year we were lucky enough to arrange our first group walk at the beautiful local Tittesworth Reservoir. Alongside the walk we were able to pitch 3 of our own stalls and it proved to be a hugely successful and well received event. The day raised £1000 and plans to continue the event into the following financial year were well received by both those attending and the venue it-self. We have been offered the chance to grow the event and incorporate a dog show moving for-ward.

During the financial year with the support from Newcastle- Under-Lyme Council, once again 3 take overs of their whole market area continued for the 2nd year running. They kindly make all public car parks free of charge on the day. The 40 available market stalls are all gifted to the Charity for a nominal amount and an additional area of the town given to hold a dog show. With supported adver-tising from other local community groups the market has seen attendance in large numbers, remi-niscent of past market days. Several stalls are taken over by us as a Charity and we also provide stalls to other local borough Charities to allow them a much-needed new outlet to promote their cause and generate revenue. The remaining stalls generate additional revenue for us as a Charity hired out to traders selling locally produced items. The town centre shops, and hospitality venues also benefit from a marked increase in footfall. We feel that in the current climate it is even more important that events like these allow us to provide an opportunity for other members of our com-munity who may be facing difficult times. The public themselves remain hugely supportive stating it was wonderful to see the town center bustling and back to life.

As Community engagement remained as a priority throughout the financial year with focus on how we could help others, many other opportunities presented. We are also grateful for the support of Shop Local and BID who have enabled us to hold several pop-up shops and even used their volun-teers and staff to man it when necessary. This is a relationship that is set to continue and build mo-mentum moving forward.

As a Charity, Greyhound Gap are extremely lucky to have a very large and active online support base . Our supporters are at all times engaged via our social media platforms and we like to think are made to feel a pivotal part of the team. No matter where in the world they are placed, they are kept up to date daily with the ongoing activities relating to the care and welfare of our dogs. Through this regular engagement and important family feel, our supporters not only welcome but support generously any online efforts to raise funds. Even during the current cost of living crisis our supporters remain as dedicated as ever meaning even more online fundraising raffles, competi-tions, sales and auctions have been added. We have remained lucky enough to continue to receive an influx of highly valued prizes and items.

Moving ahead, we plan to continue with the increase in our online fundraising. Unsurprisingly, we did also see a decrease in our individual giving throughout the year something that was closely monitored within our revenue streams. This is something that we continue to monitor and review regularly.

Donations made and delivered directly to the kennels continued at a steady pace. Both saleable items and items for the dogs in our care such as bedding, tinned meat, treat and enrichment items were never in short supply. The Amazon Wish List was once again reviewed and items that were more urgently required were changed out and added in place of some others that were not as necessary.

The Valentines, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Christmas gift sponsorship, sponsorship of memory baubles at Christmas were all once again well supported.

Once again, we were honoured that Walking The Beat undertook yet another walk. The boys cov-ered over 100 miles in just an 8-day period once again raising just shy of £4000 and bringing their running total raised for us as a Charity towards the £45000 mark. We can not thank them enough. Another walk is already in planning stages for 2024.

As is always the case, as a Charity we remain grateful to those providing grant assistance for their continued support.

During the financial year, we would like to thank the following funders for their support:

Alongside all of this we continue to work hard within local and national communities relating to awareness. At every available opportunity we strive to engage the public to raise the general profile of greyhounds and lurchers as pets and to educate against the continued occurrence of recorded misuse for sporting purposes.

One of our vital avenues for such is the continued relationship with Crewe Pets at Home store: this has seen continuance and bonds strengthening between our volunteer base and their own team during the financial year. We feel extremely fortunate to once again be chosen as their charity of choice. This enables us to hold fundraising and awareness days in the form of meet and greets, we also participate in the stores own in-house fundraising. As one of their nominated charities, we receive around 50% of all revenue raised in the store during their select fundraising drives.

The store also holds a collection point solely for distribution to Greyhound Gap. Items donated can either be used by us or for sale on fundraising stalls. We were delighted to once again be able to join them physically instore.

We remain thankful for the continued support of our local veterinary practices of choice. Leek Veterinary Clinic and Nantwich Pet Vets have once again been invaluable to allowing us to continue to offer the best care possible to our dogs. In a year when dogs landing had been left in a much further reaching state of neglect than previously seen we can not thank them enough for their continued empathy and knowledge.

Kennels Premises

Since 2018 Greyhound Gap have owned their own fit for purpose kennels facilities. Providing 54 kennels, a purpose built home from home room and exercise paddocks it provides a calm and welcoming environment for our dogs.

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During the financial year due to maternity leave, we added an additional member to the team. Once the maternity leave period ended we were able to keep that additional member in place ensuring an even bigger staff base available to our charges. Moving forward as a Charity now, after a long transitional period followed by both a pandemic and continuing cost of living crisis, our forward aims are to concentrate on infrastructure. Longer standing members of the team moving into more senior roles will be a large part of contingency planning for the following financial year. Having moved from a small-to-small medium sized Charity, future longevity past founding members needs to be priority. The Trustees remain alive and committed to the continuance of revenue generation to ensure that is obtainable. We hope to continue to offer a culture of excellence for our existing and future employees.

Greyhound Gap continue to be a proud member of the ADCH (Association of Dogs and Cats Homes)

Our home from home room addition continues to be hugely beneficial to both our dogs, staff and visitors. So many of our dogs have never encountered a home environment before and having a specific space to desensitise them to hoovers, washing machines, TVs, sofas and human space sharing have left them better prepared for their new homes. It also gives the dogs a break from the kennels environment, and they are able, if they chose, to engage in additional enrichment activities.

Immediate plans during the next financial year are to create a reception area. The current set up consists of an old wooden structure that is showing wear and tear and is no longer suitable for the purpose of use. It will however be suitable for storage of items for both the dogs and fundraising whilst they are sorted and delegated to the necessary areas. Once completed a refurbishment of the old isolation block is planned to bring that up to date.

Developing Public Relations and Promotion of the Charity

Over the year, with the continued growth of social media we have remained proactive in engaging a broader spectrum of people nationwide. This has opened a whole new avenue of volunteers and supporters. It also helps with further advancement in fundraising and educational purposes with a larger audience of people actively becoming involved in campaigns headed up by us and other welfare organisations we work alongside. We are enthusiastic that this will continue with a steady growth and enable us to continue to grow our resources.

We continue to be extremely active within the local press and media with them giving us many op-portunities to both promote the Charity and to continue education in the local and more further reaching communities.

The website continues to serve as a front face for the rescue hosting all the relevant information including our current hounds, our adoption guidelines, our online web shop, events, newsletters and any relevant big announcements. The website has continued to receive many both independent and returning hits in line with previous years. However, we are becoming increasingly aware that it needs to be updated and moving forward into the following financial year this will be a priority.

The site also links to our online forum and, whilst numbers posting on there are down, visitors continue to use it to view more in-depth details of our dogs available for adoption and our help and advice archives. Through the forum's facility, we can email the 7500 members if urgent assistance in any form is required. The member rate has continued to grow even though the forum remains in the main inactive.

The Facebook groups and pages have seen a steady influx of new members, the main Facebook group itself is now on over 21,000 these members continue to get involved in direct appeals for help or are applying to become volunteers for the organisation.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that we have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Financial review

Principle funding sources

During the period the charity received income of £348,413 (2022: £405,722). We are well supported with a wide and loyal support base, this coupled with our own fundraising efforts which includes adoption, our own on line shop, auctions, raffles, boarding, dog shows, stalls and markets to name a few means we are not reliant upon a limited number of income streams to deliver our objectives and commitments. Included in the amount above we received £22,036 (2022: £nil) of restricted funds, Expenditure for the period was £347,687 (2022: £314,147) of which £13,715 (2022: £14,737) was on kennelling costs.

The charity has unrestricted reserves of £590,562 (2022: £602,547) and restricted reserves of £12,711 (2022: £nil) at 30 September 2023.

Key management personnel

The trustees consider the General Manager is the key member of management personnel of the charity, in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis.

Policy on reserves

Unrestricted reserves are held to ensure the ongoing care of the dogs. Annual operating costs are usually in excess of £360,000. The trustees have set a policy to hold general reserves of £120,000 in order to fund four months of operating costs to enable alternative homes to be sourced for the dogs in the charity's care in the event of the charity's operations having to cease. The current level of reserves is higher than our policy and the trustees are looking at ways to reduce this going forward.

At the year end the charity held total reserves of £603,273 (2022: £602,547) of which £12,711 (2022: £nil) were restricted funds and £283,288 (2022: £269,700) are held in fixed assets less those secured by long term liabilities. This leaves free reserves of £307,274 (2022: £332,847).

Plans for future periods

Future developments

Short to Medium Term Objectives

- We continue with our aim to maintain reserves to £100,000
- We continue to strive for more low risk homing opportunities for our dogs
- We aim to continue to carry out year on year improvements and upgrades to the kennels and kennels house to maximise its potential.
- We will continue to recruit additional volunteers.
- To continue to build an operational and sustainable infrastructure

Long Term Objectives

- To seek to improve and modernise the kennels facilities to ensure maximum comfort to both the staff base and the dogs in our care.
- To work with more community groups and offer services to a wider range of audiences we feel can benefit from working alongside our dogs.
- We will be exploring the growth of core aims especially paying attention to the necessity to secure and enable safe placements for a growing number of dogs with ourselves and other organisations we work closely with.

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Other Objectives

• We will strive to achieve continuous improvement in animal welfare, building on our excellent reputation and aiming to set a benchmark for other similar animal welfare organisations to aspire to. In doing so, to inspire other animal welfare organisations to raise their standards of animal welfare practices in line with our own. This will bring about an improvement way beyond our direct control and reach
• We will strive to build better relations and networks with like-minded individuals and groups across the UK and continue to work towards educating the public with regards
the exploitation and suffering of greyhounds within the racing industry and fight for better welfare reforms.
• We will continue to support the banning of the use of sighthounds, in general, from partaking in blood sports and continue to back measures aimed at keeping bans in place. The number of dogs arriving in our care suffering from physical injuries consistent with both fox and badger damage continues to be a great worry to us.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 13.06.24 and signed on its behalf by:

L Cartwright (Founder)
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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 corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 13.06.24 and signed on its behalf by:

L D Cartwright

L Cartwright (Founder)
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Greyhound Gap CIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023 which are set out on pages 17 to 27.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of .
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 Charity Commission 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 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.

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 Charities Act 2011; 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.

H E Binns

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Chartered Accountants

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Date: 13/06/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	255,185	22,036	277,221	306,913
Charitable activities	3	69,363	-	69,363	98,784
Investment income	4	1,829	-	1,829	25
Total Income		326,377	22,036	348,413	405,722
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	(8,635)	-	(8,635)	(2,121)
Charitable activities	6	(329,727)	(9,325)	(339,052)	(312,026)
Total Expenditure		(338,362)	(9,325)	(347,687)	(314,147)
Net movement in funds		(11,985)	12,711	726	91,575
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		602,547	-	602,547	510,972
Total funds carried forward	15	590,562	12,711	603,273	602,547

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 15.

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(Registration number: 1158499)
Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	578,566	569,265
Current assets			
Stocks	11	2,000	1,000
Debtors	12	12,374	12,017
Cash at bank and in hand		322,225	336,833
		336,599	349,850
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(16,613)	(17,003)
Net current assets		319,986	332,847
Total assets less current liabilities		898,552	902,112
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(295,278)	(299,565)
Net assets		603,274	602,547
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		12,711	-
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		590,562	602,547
Total funds	15	603,273	602,547

The financial statements on pages 17 to 27 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 13-06-24 and signed on their behalf by:

L Cartwright

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L Cartwright (Founder)
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Greyhound Gap CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The judgements and estimations that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statement are as follows:

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In re-assessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation, produce life cycles and maintenance are taken into account. Residual value assessments consider issues such as future market conditions, the remaining life of the asset and projected disposal values.

Going concern
The Charity's activities together with factors likely to affect its future development and financial position are set out in the Trustees' report. The Trustees consider that in the light of the Charity's planned activities and current reserves it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Fund structure
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fundis set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Income and endowments
All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty that receipt of income is considered probable, and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably, and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

Donations are received and included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.

Donations include cash raised through street collections and events. It is common at these events for the charity to offer items for sale but the income is not separately identifiable.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable activity are accounted for when earned.

Expenditure
Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Costs in raising funds are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters

Interest receivable
Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normal upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets are stated at costs less depreciation.

Depreciation and amortisation
Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Buildings	2% Straight line
Motor vehicles	25% Straight line
Equipment	25% Straight line

The cost of land included in the balance sheet but not depreciated is £250,000.

Stock
Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

Financial instruments

Classification

he charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity's contributions are restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 7. At the year end there were no outstanding contributions. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are disclosed within costs of charitable activities.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;				
General donations	212,471	12,808	225,279	236,974
Adoption donations	19,218	-	19,218	11,100
Legacies	23,496	9,228	32,724	58,839
	255,185	22,036	277,221	306,913

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Sale of merchandise	8,863	8,863	8,839
Other fundraising activities	60,500	60,500	89,945
	69,363	69,363	98,784

4 Investment income

All of the charity's investment income arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts.

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,829	1,829	25

5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds		
		General	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£
Fundraising trading costs;				
Merchandise purchases		8,635	8,635	2,121
		17,270	17,270	4,242

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Direct Costs					
Wages and salaries		160,713	-	160,713	123,400
Social security costs		7,180	-	7,180	11,626
Pension costs - defined contribution		3,073	-	3,073	4,607
Heat & Light		2,095	7,206	9,301	8,120
Kennels Maintenance		5,636	-	5,636	18,698
Depreciation		7,069	2,119	9,188	12,379
Veterinary fees		75,486	-	75,486	73,796
Kennelling		13,714	-	13,714	14,737
General dog costs		707	-	707	1,167
Vehicle running costs		10,828	-	10,828	7,045
Dog show		-	-	-	377
Sundry expenses		4,117	-	4,117	6,306
Rent & Rates		5,736	-	5,736	3,048
Bank interest		21,882	-	21,882	12,373
		318,236	9,325	327,561	297,679
Support Costs					
Insurance		3,091	-	3,091	2,776
Telephone		2,362	-	2,362	4,280
General administrative costs		193	-	193	1,171
Postage and packaging		2,450	-	2,450	1,590
Health and Safety		18	-	18	99
Training		325	-	325	190
Motor Expenses		-	-	-	580
Legal fees		1,267	-	1,267	1,794
Independent examiners fees		1,785	-	1,785	1,867
		11,491	-	11,491	14,347
		329,727	9,325	339,052	312,026

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	160,713	123,400
Social security costs	7,180	11,626
Pension costs	3,073	4,607
	170,966	139,633

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents was 8 (2022: 8).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

L Cartwright (Founder)
L Cartwright (Founder) received remuneration of £31,254 (2022: £27,045) during the year.

9 Taxation

The income and gains of the charity are exempt from taxation to the extent that they are applied to its charitable objectives.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2022	603,432	3,610	24,733	631,775
Additions	-	-	18,489	18,489
At 30 September 2023	603,432	3,610	43,222	650,264
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2022	34,167	3,610	24,733	62,510
Charge for the year	7,069	-	2,119	9,188
At 30 September 2023	41,236	3,610	26,852	71,698
Net book value				
At 30 September 2023	562,196	-	16,370	578,566
At 30 September 2022	569,265	-	-	569,265

11 Stock

	2023 £	2022 £
Stocks	2,000	1,000

12 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	601	-
Prepayments	5,521	5,643
Accrued income	2,310	2,938
VAT recoverable	3,253	3,436
Other debtors	689	-
	12,374	12,017

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	7,387	10,491
Trade creditors	3,428	2,024
Other taxation and social security	2,399	-
Other creditors	49	-
Accruals	3,350	4,488
	16,613	17,003

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	295,278	299,565

The bank loan is secured by a legal charge on the freehold property Grindlestone Edge House, Cobmoor Road, Kidsgrove.

15 Funds

	Balance at 1 October 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 30 September 2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	602,547	326,377	(338,362)	590,562
Restricted funds				
Donations towards heating costs	-	12,808	(7,206)	5,602
Donation for new van	-	9,228	(2,119)	7,109
Total restricted funds	-	22,036	(9,325)	12,711
Total funds	602,547	348,413	(347,687)	603,273

	Balance at 1 October 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 September 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	503,472	405,722	(306,647)	602,547
Restricted funds				
Donations towards heating costs	7,500	-	(7,500)	-
Total funds	510,972	405,722	(314,147)	602,547

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		
	General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	569,338	9,228	578,566
Current assets	323,791	12,808	336,599
Current liabilities	(16,613)	-	(16,613)
Creditors over 1 year	(295,278)	-	(295,278)
Total net assets	581,238	22,036	603,274

17 Related party transactions

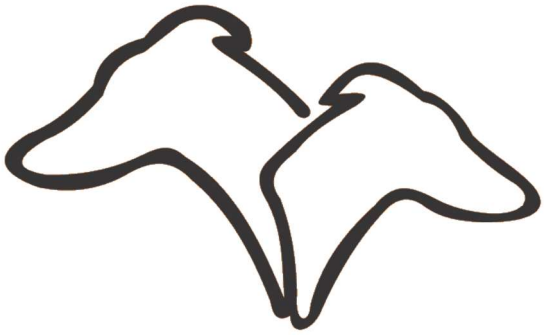
There were no related party transactions in the year.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

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GREYHOUND GAP

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Greyhound Gap for the year ended 30 September 2022. The trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governance documents and the provisions of Statement of Recommendation Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2015.

Structure, Governance and Management

a. CONSTITUTION

The Greyhound Gap charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), formed on 9 September 2014 under a Foundation Constitution of the same date. The CIO was formed to take over the ongoing operation of the Greyhound Gap charity (registered number 113207), as the Trustees (who are the same for both charities) felt it was more appropriate to operate the charity with a recognised legal form.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected under the terms of the CIO's foundation constitution.

c. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The Charity operates throughout the UK. The dogs originate from many stray pounds, but our main area of operation is the Midlands and surrounding areas. When space allows, we service pounds in the whole of the UK. Greyhounds entering our care come directly from the track we facilitate directly in the Northwest and via 3 more trainers that we have an ongoing formulated agreement with.

The charity works with a network of volunteers who foster, transport and generally aid the work of the Charity across the UK. The charity also works, where appropriate with other similar rescues to ensure those dogs that are at risk can be placed in a safe environment. The trustees make all decisions on any major expenditure and set the strategic direction for the Charity.

d. RISK MANAGMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The Charity covers the following principal activities:

- Rehoming dogs directly from our kennels and a network of volunteer foster homes through a clearly controlled adoption procedure.

- Dogs that do not secure a foster home will be housed in our kennels premises where they are cared for by our staff with volunteer's assistance.

- Supporting Local Authorities by coordinating rescue, kennel or foster placements for the stray greyhounds and lurchers in their care.

- Assistance with local and national welfare cases supporting dog wardens, Social Services and any other relevant bodies.
- Supporting owners needing to surrender their dogs by coordinating rescue, kennel or foster placements if possible, within our own organisation or within other safe rescue environments
- Facilitation placements via Greyhound Tracks, Trainers & Owners
- Transport of dogs to reputable rescues offering rescue placements.
- Provision of veterinary treatment for all animals in our care.
- In-house fundraising such as auctions, competitions, eBay sales, web shop, sponsored events, direct appeals, sponsorship schemes for long term dogs and outside fundraising such as dog shows, attending events, meet and greets and street collections.
- Outreach work within the local community in Stoke on Trent with the homeless and Social Services referrals providing dog food and basic care such as vaccinations, parasite control and in some cases neutering.
- Lost and stolen dog recovery service assisting owners with advice, support and equipment if necessary to ensure a safe return home of their missing pets.
- Working alongside Community Payback to offer working opportunities to offenders undergoing rehabilitation and reparation.
- Continue to build links with local schools and colleges. During 2015 we began to welcome students from a local college studying animal management. These students are offered workplace opportunities to gain the necessary experience required. We also began to welcome in students from the local University from all course modules who wish to carry out volunteer activities. They now make up a large part of our regular Saturday dog walking group.

The charity's objectives are:

- To promote the humane treatment of animals, in particular greyhounds and lurchers.
- To provide appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for greyhounds and lurchers who are in need by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage.
- To educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.
- To continue the promotion of the issues pertaining to greyhound racing and the abandonment of working lurchers.

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In pursuance of the objectives, we continue to strive to reduce numbers of greyhounds and lurchers euthanised in council holding facilities once time is served and ensure safe and swift release into our care from training kennels environments when no longer required. We continue to pursue the policies and objectives of the Charity.

Greyhound Gap is principally, a death row rescue helping to provide emergency placements for greyhounds and lurchers in local authority holding kennels at risk of euthanasia. In early 2018 relations were formulated with a registered track in the North West to ensure help and safeguarding when possible for greyhounds ending their career. This was deemed necessary due to assistance with a welfare situation pertaining to dogs retired from this track entering an unreputable facility. If we are unable to directly assist, referrals are made or places sourced within other reputable organisations. Safe transport to aforementioned rescues is handled by ourselves. Dogs that enter the care of Greyhound Gap are supported for as long as is necessary. Homing is via a network of sighthound experienced foster placements and directly from our own kennels. The kennels are located close to our main core of volunteers and are staffed by experienced people to enable in depth assessments of every dog prior to rehoming.

All dogs entering our care as a matter of course receive vaccinations, kennel cough vaccinations, parasite treatment, micro-chipping, are spayed/neutered and receive a dental check. Should a dog arrive in our care with more serious veterinary needs these are addressed, and all necessary treatment is funded. We operate a thorough vetting system including pre-adoption questionnaires, initial telephone discussion, home visit and careful introductions with potential adoption matches. All adopters are obliged to sign an agreement to relinquish the animal back into the organisation's care should they no longer be able to meet the requirements of the dog. Follow up support is given post adoption and our ongoing support and advice is available throughout the dog's life.

Greyhound Gap is a specialist rehabilitation facility and houses many dogs that other organisations do not feel qualified to manage. We pride ourselves on continued rehabilitation work with more challenging dogs and resolving behavioural issues prior to rehoming. We also give lifetime behavioural support to our adopters.





Dot

Dot landed into Greyhound Gap's care at 7 weeks pregnant with a body score of 0. The team had a very short time to attempt to build her up not physically but mentally and to create a trust bond.
Dot went on to have 11 healthy puppies but unfortunately lost 3 through what was a long difficult whelping that resulted in 12 hours at the vets and an emergency C section to remove a dead puppy. The team worked hard for the next 8 weeks to support Dot through motherhood.
Although still so ill she was not overly keen on interference or top up feeding and it took round the clock persuasion to enable us to assist with top up feeds.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (continued)

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Over the last eight years Greyhound Gap has been working more widely within the local community directing donations of surplus food to families struggling to financially support their dogs. We have also been working with local homeless support charities to provide food to the dogs residing on the streets with their owners. Locally there are no facilities for homeless pet owners, these people and their animals can often be at risk of hardship.

Where possible we also provide basic medical treatment such as disease control and provide basic safety essentials i.e., collars, leads and coats for the dog's wellbeing where necessary. This builds trust bonds between us, the dogs and their owners and should situations arise separating dog and owner we are able to offer a direct safety net. This, in turn, means the dogs do not enter the main stray system therefore placing them at risk.

Towards the end of the 2017 financial year, we formulated a relationship with a local Foodbank based in Chesterton, Newcastle Under Lyme. We have now agreed to incorporate the Foodbank into the surplus food program in the hope that provision of dog food to service users helps to reduce the demand on human food and resources. This remains in place and is proving a vital much needed and appreciated service. Throughout 2021-2022 we increased that support to two more Foodbanks, one run by St Thomas our local church and that of Aspire Housing based in Newcastle-Under-Lyme where we now provide dog food for their warehouse available to their service users.

In August 2015 we secured a service users contract with the local probation service. This enables offenders ordered by the court to carry out unpaid work to access our facility on a placement basis.

We strongly believe that the bonds formed between offenders and our rescue dogs is mutually beneficial. The project has continued to make great strides with us fast becoming Staffordshire's placement of choice by probation and offenders alike. The scheme has been running for 7 years and a very small amount of our service users have re-entered the judicial service.

During 2017 we secured a grant from Proceeds of Crime and in 2018 grew to incorporate agility exercises creating stronger bonds between service users and dogs. The Dog Agility has meant free handling of dogs and has shown that the teaching of impulse control to both service users and our current charges has been mutually beneficial. As most of our service users are in the system due to lack of self-control, we hope the formulation of stronger relationships and understanding in potentially frustrating situations will help them in general life. We remain extremely proud of the support for this scheme, especially as it was at the time understood to be the first of its kind in the UK.



Since the Charity came into existence we have also on a less formal basis assisted with the securing of stray or abandoned dogs in the local area. Through experience and equipment, we have been able to offer remote monitoring, feeding and subsequent tools to enable a positive outcome in swiftly securing dogs in danger. Since 2017 this has progressed, and we have found more and more that we are called to assist owners of dogs who have found themselves in a situation where their dogs are lost or stolen. In these instances, advice and safe containment where possible to avoid loss through injury or death has been offered with great success. This is a service we are extremely proud of being able to provide and through ever increasing knowledge our skill sets are developing and once again allowing us to maximise our overall impact.

b. VOLUNTEERS



The charity is extremely grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers.

Many of our local supporters turn out in all weathers on a regular basis to help at the kennels with the daily cleaning, maintenance, gardening, vet runs and taking our kennel dogs for their daily exercise, enrichment, playtimes and walks.

Greyhound Gap is lucky to have a large volunteer and supporter base throughout the UK. There are committed groups of helpers who continually step up to man fundraising stalls and events on our behalf, who attend street collections, hold meet and greets and take part in sponsored events.

Others put their brilliant creative skills to use by making collars, cakes, jams, dog treats, hand crafted items and artwork to be sold to raise funds or by simply donating items for our online fundraising auctions.

We are extremely lucky to have such a supportive and wide-reaching community of volunteers and realise that without their efforts we would not be a viable organisation. We appreciate every one of those who help us in whatever capacity they can.

During the last financial year we have seen the increased level of support built online during Covid remain in place, indeed there has been continued growth. Many of those volunteers now able to are assisting freely with our external fundraising activities.

Achievements and Performance

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Rehoming and Rescue Placements

Moving out of Covid and directly into a cost-of-living crisis during the financial year saw huge implications for not only ourselves as a Charity but all other Animal Charities the length and breadth of the UK.

Covid created the perfect storm. Huge amounts of animals were sourced by members of the public during this period, either via Rescue Charities or breeders. Once old working patterns re-emerged, and with rising financial cost implications, many of those dogs suddenly found themselves surplus to requirements. Dogs needing assistance in the main were also displaying much more adverse behaviour patterns due to lack of socialisation during the vital time frame from a young age or within their new home. This meant that dogs entering the rescue system required much longer periods of assessment and remedial behaviour work. It was also seen that health problems amongst dogs landing into our care had increased dramatically. Many dogs had been denied even basic routine treatment resulting in much further reaching health issues. The cost of this to us, as a Charity, saw an increase once again in the need for specialist veterinary care. This is something moving forward we are expecting to continue to increase.

Furthermore, rescues found a huge demand on their services not only with returns of their own dogs but others from varying different backgrounds. The price of purchased pups increasing during that time meant that many of these dogs had often been resold multiple times at decreasing costs before losing saleability and requiring Charitable assistance.

During Covid, as a Charity agreeing that it would mitigate risk of a forward moving issue, we made tough decisions. It was agreed at a time where huge numbers of homes were forthcoming to reduce the number of dogs we sought to rehome. A policy was introduced that in the main dogs would only be rehomed to those who's work life before, during and after Covid looked set to be the same mainly public sector workers. We are now assured this was absolutely the right decision as throughout the financial year we only received one return and that was a dog that had been within the home for less than a week. No dogs rehomed during the previous period were returned due to working patterns changing or financial inability.

Throughout the financial year we found facilitation placement availability reduced dramatically. Many rescues were faced with multiple returns and dealing with the increasing behaviour problems of the dogs landing into their care.

All that said we are immensely proud that during the financial year we were still able to be responsible for successfully rehoming or placing into long term foster 69 dogs. The 1 dog returned was soon replaced into another suitable environment. With a distinct lack of safe placements available 137 other dogs were still facilitated. This was achieved via placements into mutually reputable organisations with whom we have formulated longstanding ongoing relationships. There remained a significant rise in demand for safe placements of Greyhounds and Lurchers throughout the financial year. The Charity has continued to strive to the best of our abilities in challenging times for maximum impact and continues to remain alive to opportunities and other avenues to ensure dog's safety without compromising our ethics and charitable aims.

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Bert and Ernie

Bert and Ernie were to very obviously bonded male lurchers who were abandoned on a Friday night onto the drinkers outside a local public house. Both dogs were thin and carrying a huge parasite burden. Bert was much less confident with humans than Ernie and Ernie much less confident around other dogs than Bert. Together they almost worked better as one dog helping each other mentally overcome hurdles. With the support of the team the boys were soon well enough mentally and physically to find their new home and we are delighted to say they headed off together.







Throughout the pandemic Greyhound Gap had to make the sensible decision to carry out our rehoming in a fresh new way. Our area of operations was dramatically reduced to Counties more directly accessible to our main kennels base. For the first time ever, due to inability to use external home vetters because of restrictions, rehoming was moved fully in house and carried out solely by our experienced staff team. The new system proved a huge success for both dogs and adopters with better consistent pre and post adoption support work becoming more streamlined. This also helped to build stronger foundations for the future giving the staff base additional experience and skills in further reaching areas providing a better opportunity for infrastructure and long-term survival of the Charity.

Post pandemic, through sheer volume of Greyhounds and Lurchers filing into the system countrywide, it was decided that the implemented reduced area of operations and new rehoming system established would remain in place. Most national adoptions are now reserved to those who have previously adopted having undergone all due diligence previously by the Charity. Special consideration remains in place for new breed experienced adopters further afield willing and able to sustain a more behaviourally challenged or longer staying dog. New national rehomes are directed to centres local to their base as we remain alive to the increased pressure on other rescues. We hope this in turn provides them with increased rehoming opportunities allowing for more free flow and facilitation capabilities.

Interviews were for the first time conducted at the centre prior to a home visit to establish a greater understanding on experience and all commitment capabilities. All members of the immediate family, including any other dogs, were required to travel and join us on the day. With an increase in adverse behaviours in both the dogs entering the rescue system and those already in the home due to a period of inability to socialise during the pandemic, both owners' levels of experience and commitment and their current dog's level of tolerance needed stricter vetting than ever before.
After the interview period and having monitored any existing dog's behaviour, if deemed suitable and a suitably matching dog was available, an introduction would be made. The adopters then got the chance to walk the dog with any matched dogs before spending a period of supervised time in our home from home room with any current dogs and matched dogs mixing in a more natural setting.
If all went well, the home visit was undertaken by 2 members of the staff team with the potentially suitable dog accompanying them. This gave the adopters the chance to see the dog within their own home and for both they and us to monitor interaction between current and new dogs also in the environment. Adopters were then given a cooling off period to further discuss as a family before a decision was made on progressing. For our dogs the prior introduction to the home and additional meetings has seen them settle happily without any mental trauma. We believe, that although time consuming, this approach is the reason that our return rates have remained so low.

Respite and Community Assistance

During the financial year ending September 30th 2022, Greyhound Gap also actively through advice, attending or physically trapping and safely securing managed to assist 43 owners with the reuniting of lost and stolen pets. Remotely many more were reunited thanks to our time and effort to advise others further afield or through lending the necessary equipment to secure the safe capture. During the course of the year, Greyhound Gap worked either individually on set cases or alongside other rescues/teams with the same wealth of experience when needed.

During the financial year our work within the community supporting and assisting families who found themselves in a sudden state of unexpected hardship increased dramatically, a growth we expect to continue. Thankfully through so many kind donations either dropped to the kennels or delivered directly we were able to continue with our support of not only the community foodbanks but to include others and to support more service users who we were approached directly about in addition to those already on our list.

Respite was also offered for 2 dogs during the financial year whilst their owners received either emergency treatment for mental health or drug use.

When one of those service users sadly and unexpectedly passed away at home with the dog present. We were able to assist the emergency services with recovery of the dog and offer a safe placement. The dog naturally was quite distressed at the sudden influx of strangers into her home environment at a time she was already naturally distressed. Due to the already longstanding relationship with the dog, she was relieved to see the team in attendance and happy to leave when encouraged with us. For us being there as a lifeline for this dog due to formulated trust bonds and others like her remains vitally important.

Fostering and long term foster placements

Since the pandemic our area of foster operations has also reduced. However, our national foster carers remain committed to providing a long-term homing opportunity to dogs that find themselves with more permanent needs, elderly, or infirm dogs or those with more complex behaviour issues still receive full support from those available placements. Many of these dogs may be reaching end of life and a home environment with more wider ranging comfort and one on one care makes a huge difference during those last months. Our foster carers, in turn, receive full support and guidance from ourselves as an organisation with Greyhound Gap meeting care costs throughout the duration of the dog's remaining time.

Fundraising



Throughout the financial year we were fortunate to see the return of our external fundraising and equally fortunate to see the return without apprehension of our wonderful volunteers. Stalls were once again being rebooked and although we focussed to begin with mainly on outside events with good ventilation, we found there was no reticence or worry throughout the fundraising team to return to well run, safe internal opportunities too.

With the return of external fundraising, we have seen a natural return to all activities that were in place pre pandemic alongside yet more new opportunities. Some new events raised huge amounts whilst some events we were revisiting performed poorly compared with pre pandemic. However, that was envisaged as time will be needed to re-establish, but we are confident moving forward they can be grown back to the size previously seen.

A new fundraising opportunity was added during the financial year that has proven to be hugely popular within the local community. With support from Newcastle- Under-Lyme Council, 3 times a year we have been given approval to take over their whole market area. They also kindly make all public car parks free of charge on the day. The 40 available market stalls are all gifted to the Charity for a nominal amount and an additional area of the town given to hold a dog show. With supported advertising from other local community groups the market has seen attendance in large numbers, reminiscent of past market days. Several stalls are taken over by us as a Charity and we also provide stalls to other local borough Charities to allow them a much-needed new outlet to promote their cause and generate revenue. The remaining stalls generate additional revenue for us as a Charity hired out to traders selling locally produced items. The town centre shops, and hospitality venues also benefit from a marked increase in footfall. We feel that in the current climate it is even more important that events like these allow us to provide an opportunity for other members of our community who may be facing difficult times. The general public themselves are hugely supportive stating it was wonderful to see the town centre bustling and back to life.

An additional large fundraiser added to the calendar in 2022 also once again saw us join forces with another local Charity team at Trentham Gardens Big Bark. Co-hosting the dog show with Rottweiler Welfare, another borough rescue, has seen strong bonds forged between the two Charities and a mutual reciprocation and invite of attendance at individually organised events. The pooling of supporters has also seen an increased capability to generate revenue and attendance for both Charities. For us as a Charity, to continue to formulate stronger working relationships with other like-minded people in the current climate is of great importance. We cannot thank Trentham Gardens and the team at Rottweiler Welfare enough. The Big Bark event sees a high footfall and currently plans are afoot to run the event again in 2023.

As Community engagement remained as a priority throughout the financial year with focus on how we could help others, many other opportunities presented. We are also grateful for the support of Shop Local who have enabled us to hold several pop-up shops and even used their volunteers and staff to man it when necessary. This is a relationship that is set to continue and build momentum moving forward.

As a Charity, Greyhound Gap are extremely lucky to have a very large and active online support base. Our supporters are at all times engaged via our social media platforms and we like to think are made to feel a pivotal part of the team. No matter where in the world they are placed, they are kept up to date daily with the ongoing activities relating to the care and welfare of our dogs. Through this regular engagement and important family feel, our supporters not only welcome but support generously any online efforts to raise funds. During the pandemic many new fundraising opportunities were added into our online calendar and well received by our support base. Post pandemic we have seen no reduction in this activity and our supporters remain as dedicated as ever meaning even more online fundraising raffles, competitions, sales and auctions have been added. We have remained lucky enough to continue to receive an influx of highly valued prizes and items.

Moving ahead, we plan to continue with the increase in our online fundraising whilst also monitoring and remaining alive to the cost-of-living crisis. Quite surprisingly, we did also see a growth in our individual giving throughout the year something that was closely monitored within our revenue streams. We, as an organisation, remain humbled by the level of effort our supporters place into ensuring we remain operational.

As well as an increase in individual giving, we were also lucky to see an increase in donations made and delivered directly to the kennels. Both saleable items and items for the dogs in our care such as bedding, tinned meat, treat and enrichment items were never in short supply.
The Amazon Wish List was once again reviewed and items that were more urgently required were changed out and added in place of some others that were not as necessary.

The Valentines, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Christmas gift sponsorship, sponsorship of memory baubles at Christmas were all once again well supported.

The kennels sleepover was once again re introduced. 6 members of the staff team and volunteers bedded down for the night in a kennel block with 6 of our current charges looking for homes. As always, our supporters loved the live streaming and the chance to feel a part of something quite special and to see the dogs bedded down on camp beds with their designated human having a night of cuddles and comfort saw a good amount raised.

Walking The Beat were also able to undertake their next walk after a 2-year stalling period. The boys

once again covered 115 miles over just an 8-day period once again raising just shy of £4,000 and bringing their running total raised for us as a Charity over the £40000 mark. We cannot thank them enough. Another walk is already in planning stages for 2023.

As is always the case, as a Charity we remain grateful to those providing grant assistance for their continued support.

During the financial year, we would like to thank the following funders for their support: The Hobson Charity, Support Adoption for Pets and Happy Breed. Due to Happy Breed sadly ceasing to operate, we were fortunate to receive a large donation from their remaining reserves. We would like to thank them for their support over the years and wish their Trustees well in the future.

Alongside all of this we continue to work hard within local and national communities relating to awareness. At every available opportunity we strive to engage the public to raise the general profile of greyhounds and lurchers as pets and to educate against the continued occurrence of recorded misuse for sporting purposes.

One of our vital avenues for such is the continued relationship with Crewe Pets at Home store: this has seen continuance and bonds strengthening between our volunteer base and their own team during the financial year. We feel extremely fortunate to once again be chosen as their charity of choice. This enables us to hold fundraising and awareness days in the form of meet and greets, we also participate in the stores own in-house fundraising. As one of their nominated charities, we receive around 50% of all revenue raised in the store during their select fundraising drives.

The store also holds a collection point solely for distribution to Greyhound Gap. Items donated can either be used by us or for sale on fundraising stalls. We were delighted to once again be able to join them physically instore.

We remain thankful for the continued support of our local veterinary practices of choice. Leek Veterinary Clinic and Nantwich Pet Vets have once again been invaluable to allowing us to continue to offer the best care possible to our dogs. In a year when dogs landing had been left in a much further reaching state of neglect than previously seen we cannot thank them enough for their continued empathy and knowledge.

Securing of Kennel Premises

As stated in our Trustees Report for the year ending 30 September 2015, we secured a fit for purpose private rental property. In addition to the kennel facilities, the site also comprises a house and a safe off lead exercise area.

During the financial year we were able to substantiate the growth of the staff team and to add an additional kennel assistant role. Moving forward as a Charity now, after a long transitional period followed by both a pandemic and continuing cost of living crisis, our forward aims are to concentrate on infrastructure. Longer standing members of the team moving into more senior roles will be a large part of contingency planning for the following financial year. Having moved from a small-to-small medium sized Charity, future longevity past founding members needs to be priority. The Trustees remain alive and committed to the continuance of revenue generation to ensure that is obtainable.

Greyhound Gap continue to be a proud member of the ADCH (Association of Dogs and Cats Homes) and we were please to attend the first conference in two years in October 2022.

In 2022 we were once again honoured to be 1 of 3 finalists from over 2000 nominated Charities for Animal Charity Team of the Year in the Petplan awards. This is the 2nd time since nominations opened in 2015 that we have had the honour of this placement. Even though we have not actually won thus far, the recognition of our work within such a wonderful large sector to this level means a lot to us as a team. We remain proud of the team we are building at our centre and the learning opportunities, environment and welfare standards offered to our dogs.

Our home from home room addition continues to be hugely beneficial to both our dogs, staff, and visitors. So many of our dogs have never encountered a home environment before and having a specific space to desensitise them to hoovers, washing machines, TVs, sofas, and human space sharing have left them better prepared for their new homes. It also gives the dogs a break from the kennels environment, and they are able, if they chose, to engage in additional enrichment activities.

Developing Public Relations and Promotion of the Charity

Over the year, with the continued growth of social media we have remained proactive in engaging a broader spectrum of people nationwide. This has opened a whole new avenue of volunteers and supporters. It also helps with further advancement in fundraising and educational purposes with a larger audience of people actively becoming involved in campaigns headed up by us and other welfare organisations we work alongside. We are enthusiastic that this will continue with a steady growth and enable us to continue to grow our resources.

We hope that moving forward we will once again during 2023 be able to re-open our premises to the general public more freely. Open days and public education events were a huge part of our social calendar pre pandemic. With the reintroduction of volunteer programs and more adopters once again returning to the site during the later part of the financial year and with Covid still very much passing through the community for now we have remained vigilant in a bid to keep our staff team safe.

We continue to be extremely active within the local press and media with them giving us many opportunities to both promote the Charity and to continue education in the local and more further reaching communities.

The website continues to serve as a front face for the rescue hosting all the relevant information including our current hounds, our adoption guidelines, our online web shop, events, newsletters and any relevant big announcements. The website has continued to receive many both independent and returning hits in line with previous years.

The site also links to our online forum and, whilst numbers posting on there are down, visitors continue to use it to view more in-depth details of our dogs available for adoption and our help and advice archives. Through the forum's facility, we can email the 7500 members if urgent assistance in any form is required. The member rate has continued to grow even though the forum remains in the main inactive.

The Facebook groups and pages have seen a steady influx of new members, the main Facebook group itself is now on over 21,000 these members continue to get involved in direct appeals for help or are applying to become volunteers for the organisation.

c. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that we have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Financial review

a. PRINCIPLE FUNDING SOURCES

During the year the charity received income of £405,722 (2021: £319,758). We are well supported with a wide and loyal support base, this coupled with our own fundraising efforts which includes adoption, our own online shop, auctions, raffles, boarding, dog shows, stalls and markets to name a few means we are not reliant upon a limited number of income streams to deliver our objectives and commitments. Included in the amount above we received £nil (2021: £9,736) of restricted funds.

Key management personnel

The trustees consider the General Manager is the key member of management personnel of the charity, in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis.

b. RESERVES POLICY

Unrestricted reserves are held to ensure the ongoing care of the dogs. Annual operating costs are in excess of £360,000, which reflects the current rising costs. The trustees have set a policy to hold general reserves of £120,000 in order to fund four months of operating costs to enable alternative homes to be sourced for the dogs in the charity's care in the event of the charity's operations having to cease. The current level of reserves is higher than our policy and the trustees are looking at ways to reduce this going forward.

At the year end the charity held total reserves of £602,547 (2021: £510,972) of which £Nil (2021: £7,500) were restricted funds and £269,700 (2021: £272,074) are held in fixed assets less those secured by long term liabilities. This leaves free reserves of £332,847 (2021: £231,398).

Plans for the future

a. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

<u>Short to Medium Term Objectives</u>

- We continue with our aim to maintain reserves to £120,000
- We continue to strive for more low risk homing opportunities for our dogs
- We aim to continue to carry out year on year improvements and upgrades to the kennels and kennels house to maximise its potential.
- We will continue to recruit additional volunteers.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Long Term Objectives

- To seek to improve and modernise the kennels facilities to ensure maximum comfort to the dogs in our care.
- To work with more community groups and offer services to a wider range of audiences we feel can benefit from working alongside our dogs.
- We will be exploring the growth of core aims especially paying attention to the necessity to secure and enable safe placements for a growing number of dogs with ourselves and other organisations we work closely with.

Other Objectives

- We will strive to achieve continuous improvement in animal welfare, building on our excellent reputation and aiming to set a benchmark for other similar animal welfare organisations to aspire to. In doing so, to inspire other animal welfare organisations to raise their standards of animal welfare practices in line with our own. This will bring about an improvement way beyond our direct control and reach.
- We will strive to build better relations and networks with like-minded individuals and groups across the UK and continue to work towards educating the public with regards the exploitation and suffering of greyhounds within the racing industry and fight for better welfare reforms.
- We will continue to support the banning of the use of sight hounds in general, in partaking in blood sports and continue to back measures aimed at keeping bans in place. The number of dogs arriving in our care suffering from physical injuries consistent with both fox and badger damage continues to be a great worry to us.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 27 June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Lisa Cartwright

Trustee and Founder

GREYHOUND GAP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022. Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

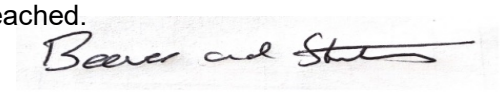
Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



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Date: 7 July 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	**2**	306,913	-	306,913	240,731
Raising Funds	**3**	98,784	-	98,784	79,004
Other income	**4**	25	-	25	23
Total income		405,722	-	405,722	319,758
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	**5**	2,121	-	2,121	3,511
Charitable activities	**6**	304,526	7,500	312,026	299,018
Total expenditure		306,647	7,500	314,147	302,529
Net movement in funds for the year		99,075	(7,500)	91,575	17,229
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		503,472	7,500	510,972	493,743
Total funds carried forward	**15**	**602,547**	**-**	**602,547**	**510,972**

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The comparative statement of financial activities can be found in note 19 to the financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	569,265	581,644
Current assets			
Stocks	11	1,000	1,000
Debtors	12	12,017	14,161
Cash at bank and in hand		336,833	244,201
		349,850	259,362
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(17,003)	(20,464)
Net current assets		332,847	238,898
Total assets less current liabilities		902,112	820,542
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	14	(299,565)	(309,570)
Net assets		602,547	510,972
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		602,547	503,472
Restricted funds		-	7,500
Total funds	15	602,547	510.972

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 27.6.2023 and signed on their behalf, by:

L Cartwright

Trustee and Founder

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

1.1 Basis of Accounting.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Greyhound GAP meets the definition of a public entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

1.2 Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The judgements and estimations that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statement are as follows:

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In re-assessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation, produce life cycles and maintenance are taken into account. Residual value assessments consider issues such as future market conditions, the remaining life of the asset and projected disposal values.

1.3 Going Concern

The Charity's activities together with factors likely to affect its future development and financial position are set out in the Trustees' report. The Trustees consider that in the light of the Charity's planned activities and current reserves it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.5 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty that receipt of income is considered probable, and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably, and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

Donations are received and included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.

Donations include cash raised through street collections and events. It is common at these events for the charity to offer items for sale but the income is not separately identifiable.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable activity are accounted for when earned.

1.6 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Costs in raising funds are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters.

1.7 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normal upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at costs less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Buildings	-	2% Straight line
Motor vehicles	-	25% Straight line
Equipment	-	25% Straight line

Freehold land of £250,000 is not depreciated.

1.9 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.11 Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity's contributions are restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 7. At the year end there were no outstanding contributions. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are disclosed within costs of charitable activities.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
General donations	236,974	-	236,974	171,526
Adoption donations	11,100	-	11,100	8,814
Legacies and grants	58,839	-	58,839	60,391
	306,913	-	306,913	240,731

3. INCOME FROM RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Sale of merchandise	8,839	-	8,839	11,659
Other fundraising activities	89,945	-	89,945	67,345
	98,784	-	98,784	79,004

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

All of the charity's investment income arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts.

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5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Merchandise purchases	2,121	-	2,121	3,511
	2,121	-	2,121	3,511

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Direct Costs				
Veterinary fees	73,796	-	73,796	76,134
Kennelling	14,737	-	14,737	6,734
General dog costs	1,167	-	1,167	876
Vehicle running costs	7,045	-	7,045	10,852
Wages and salaries (Not)	139,633	-	139,633	125,746
Dog show	377	-	377	3,834
Sundry expenses	6,306	-	6,306	3,662
Bank interest	12,373	-	12,373	10,875
Rent & Rates	3,048	-	3,048	5,529
Heat & Light	8,120	-	8,120	6,387
Kennels Maintenance	11,198	7,500	18,698	21,355
Depreciation	12,379	-	12,379	13,653
Total Direct Costs	290,179	7,500	297,679	285,637
Support Costs				
Legal fees	1,794	-	1,794	1,475
Insurance	2,776	-	2,776	2,584
Telephone	4,280	-	4,280	2,799
General administrative costs	1,171	-	1,171	2,892
Postage and packaging	1,590	-	1,590	1,628
Health and Safety	99	-	99	803
Independent examiners fees	1,867	-	1,867	1,040
Training	190	-	190	160
Motor Expenses	580	-	580	-
Total Support Costs	14,347	-	14,347	13,381
Total Expenditure	304,526	7,500	312,026	299,018

7. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	123,400	119,027
Social security costs	11,626	4,477
Pension costs – defined contribution	4,607	2,242
	139,633	125,746

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents was 8 (2021: 8).

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the period.

8. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year remuneration was paid to Lisa Cartwright, being a trustee of the charity, arising from her position as general manager of the charity. During the year remuneration totalling £26,442 (2021: £24,296), pension contributions £603 (2021: £554) was paid. The remuneration is paid in accordance with the clauses laid out in the CIO's Foundation Constitution.

No other Charity Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Charity (2021: £Nil).

9. CORPORATION TAX

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling with section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2021	603,432	24,734	3,610	631,776
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2022	603,432	24,734	3,610	631,776
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2021	27,098	19,424	3,610	50,132
Charge for the year	7,069	5,310	-	12,379
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2022	34,167	24,734	3,610	62,511
Net book value				
At 30 September 2022	**569,265**	**-**	**-**	**569,265**
At 30 September 2021	576,334	5,310	-	581,644

11. STOCKS

	2022 £	2021 £
Fundraising stock	1,000	1,000
	1,000	1,000

12. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
VAT recoverable	3,436	4,675
Debtors & Prepayments	8,581	9,486
	12,017	14,161

13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank Loan	10,491	10,491
Trade Creditors	1,137	1,849
Other taxes and social security	887	1,310
Accruals	4,488	6,814
	17,003	20,464

14. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank Loan	299,565	309,570
	299,565	309,570

The bank loan is secured by a legal charge on the freehold property Grindlestone Edge House, Cobmoor Road, Kidsgrove.

15. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1 October 2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30 September 2022
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General Funds	503,472	405,722	(306,647)	602,547
Restricted Funds				
Roof structure replacement	7,500	-	(7,500)	-
	7,500	-	(7,500)	-
Total funds	510,972	405,722	(314,147)	602,547

The general funds are the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS 2021

	Balance at 1 October 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30 September 2021 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Funds	480,205	310,022	(286,755)	503,472
Restricted Funds				
Vehicle repairs	-	1,002	(1,002)	
Employee costs	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
Vet Fees	6,038	6,234	(12,272)	-
Roof structure replacement	7,500	-	-	7,500
	7,500	9,736	(15,774)	7,500
Total funds	493,743	319,758	(302,529)	510,972

The general funds are the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

Restricted donations were received of £9,736 in relation to veterinary fees for specific dogs and employee costs.

Grants totalling £7,500 were received in the prior year for the replacement of the roof structure. Of this amount £nil had been spent by the year end.

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	569,265	-	569,265	581,644
Current assets	349,850	-	349,850	259,362
Creditors due within one year	(17,003)	-	(17,003)	(20,464)
Creditors due after one year	(299,565)	-	(299,565)	(309,570)
Total funds	602,547	-	602,547	510,972

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As referred to in note 8 remuneration was paid to a trustee of the charity, arising from her position as general manager of the charity.

There are no related party transactions in the reporting period that are required to be disclosed.

18. CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

19. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	230,995	9,736	240,731
Raising Funds	79,004	-	79,004
Other income	23	-	23
Total income	310,022	9,736	319,758
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	3,511	-	3,511
Charitable activities	293,244	15,774	299,018
Total expenditure	286,755	15,774	302,529
Net incoming resources before transfers	23,267	(6,038)	17,229
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year	23,267	(6,038)	17,229
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total funds brought forward	480,205	13,538	493,743
Total funds carried forward	**503,472**	**7,500**	**510,972**

GREYHOUND GAP

England & Wales - Charity number 1158499

Accounts

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

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TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Trustees

Lisa Cartwright (Founder)
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Julia Suzanne Burgess
Kay Jenna Cusworth – Resigned 31 August 2021

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GREYHOUND GAP

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Greyhound Gap for the year ended 30 September 2021. The trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governance documents and the provisions of Statement of Recommendation Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2015.

Structure, Governance and Management

a. CONSTITUTION

The Greyhound Gap charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), formed on 9 September 2014 under a Foundation Constitution of the same date. The CIO was formed to take over the ongoing operation of the Greyhound Gap charity (registered number 113207), as the Trustees (who are the same for both charities) felt it was more appropriate to operate the charity with a recognised legal form.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected under the terms of the CIO's foundation constitution.

c. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The Charity operates throughout the UK. The dogs originate from many stray pounds but our main area of operation is the Midlands and surrounding areas. When space allows we service pounds in the whole of the UK. Greyhounds entering our care come directly from the tracks we facilitate directly in the North West and via 3 more trainers that we have an ongoing formulated agreement with.

The charity works with a network of volunteers who foster, transport and generally aid the work of the Charity across the UK. The charity also works, where appropriate with other similar rescues to ensure those dogs that are at risk can be placed in a safe environment. The trustees make all decisions on any major expenditure and set the strategic direction for the Charity.

d. RISK MANAGMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The Charity covers the following principal activities:

- Rehoming dogs directly from our kennels and a network of volunteer foster homes through a clearly controlled adoption procedure.

- Dogs that do not secure a foster home will be housed in our kennels premises where they are cared for by our staff with volunteer's assistance.
- Supporting Local Authorities by coordinating rescue, kennel or foster placements for the stray greyhounds and lurchers in their care.
- Assistance with local and national welfare cases supporting dog wardens, Social Services and any other relevant bodies.
- Supporting owners needing to surrender their dogs by coordinating rescue, kennel or foster placements if possible, within our own organisation or within other safe rescue environments
- Facilitation placements via Greyhound Tracks, Trainers & Owners
- Transport of dogs to reputable rescues offering rescue placements.
- Provision of veterinary treatment for all animals in our care.
- In-house fundraising such as auctions, competitions, eBay sales, web shop, sponsored events, direct appeals, sponsorship schemes for long term dogs and outside fundraising such as dog shows, attending events, meet and greets and street collections.
- Outreach work within the local community in Stoke on Trent with the homeless and Social Services referrals providing dog food and basic care such as vaccinations, parasite control and in some cases neutering.
- Lost and stolen dog recovery service assisting owners with advice, support and equipment if necessary, to ensure a safe return home of their missing pets.
- Working alongside Community Payback to offer working opportunities to offenders undergoing rehabilitation and reparation.
- Continue to build links with local schools and colleges. During 2015 we began to welcome students from a local college studying animal management. These students are offered workplace opportunities to gain the necessary experience required. We also began to welcome in students from the local University from all course modules who wish to carry out volunteer activities. They now make up a large part of our regular Saturday dog walking group.

The charity's objectives are:

- To promote the humane treatment of animals, in particular greyhounds and lurchers.
- To provide appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for greyhounds and lurchers who are in need by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage.
- To educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.
- To continue the promotion of the issues pertaining to greyhound racing and the abandonment of working lurchers.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (continued)

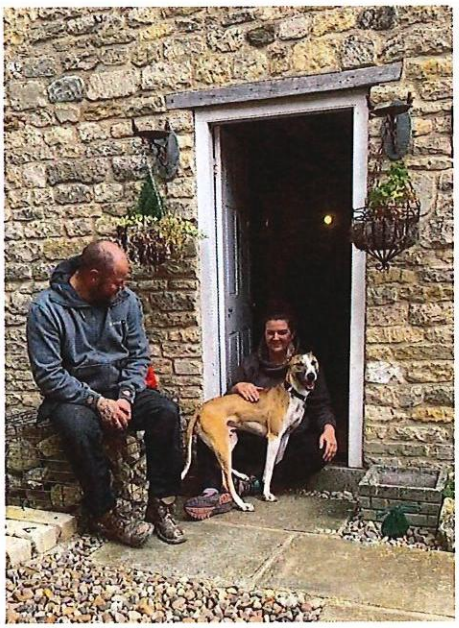
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In pursuance of the objectives we continue to strive to reduce numbers of greyhounds and lurchers euthanised in council holding facilities once time is served and ensure safe and swift release into our care from training kennels environments when no longer required. We continue to pursue the policies and objectives of the Charity.

Greyhound Gap is principally, a death row rescue helping to provide emergency placements for greyhounds and lurchers in local authority holding kennels at risk of euthanasia. In early 2018 relations were formulated with a registered track in the North West to ensure help and safeguarding when possible for greyhounds ending their career. This was deemed necessary due to assistance with a welfare situation pertaining to dogs retired from this track entering an unreputable facility. If we are unable to directly assist, referrals are made or places sourced within other reputable organisations. Safe transport to aforementioned rescues is handled by ourselves. Dogs that enter the care of Greyhound Gap are supported for as long as is necessary. Homing is via a network of sighthound experienced foster placements and directly from our own kennels. The kennels are located close to our main core of volunteers and are staffed by experienced people to enable in depth assessments of every dog prior to rehoming.

All dogs entering our care as a matter of course receive vaccinations, kennel cough vaccinations, parasite treatment, micro-chipping, are spayed/neutered and receive a dental check. Should a dog arrive in our care with more serious veterinary needs these are addressed, and all necessary treatment is funded. We operate a thorough vetting system including pre-adoption questionnaires, initial telephone discussion, home visit and careful introductions with potential adoption matches. All adopters are obliged to sign an agreement to relinquish the animal back into the organisation's care should they no longer be able to meet the requirements of the dog. Follow up support is given post adoption and our ongoing support and advice is available throughout the dog's life.

Greyhound Gap is a specialist rehabilitation facility and houses many dogs that other organisations do not feel qualified to manage. We pride ourselves on continued rehabilitation work with more challenging dogs and resolving behavioural issues prior to rehoming. We also give lifetime behavioural support to our adopters.



Tank

Tank was a young bull lurcher male who joined us from our local stray pound. After his required 7 days, he was facing euthanasia due to kennel stress. We agreed to step in and he joined us here at our own facility. It was very obvious to see that Tank's upset had derived from a noisy environment as at our kennels he faced no such issues. Managing to gain information on Tank's past from local sources revealed that this young boy had been bred for a working life and had passed through multiple hands in a short period of time. With boundless energy and little impulse control, work commenced. Tank absolutely loved to learn and before long started to become a hugely responsive well balanced boy. During 2021 he was lucky enough to find a fabulous home and mend broken hearts after the loss of the family's much loved lurcher girl.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Over the last seven years Greyhound Gap has been working more widely within the local community directing donations of surplus food to families struggling to financially support their dogs. We have also been working with local homeless support charities to provide food to the dogs residing on the streets with their owners. Locally there are no facilities for homeless pet owners, these people and their animals can often be at risk of hardship.

Where possible we also provide basic medical treatment such as disease control and provide basic safety essentials i.e. collars, leads and coats for the dog's wellbeing where necessary. This builds trust bonds between ourselves, the dogs and their owners and should situations arise separating dog and owner we are able to offer a direct safety net. This, in turn, means the dogs do not enter the main stray system therefore placing them at risk.

Towards the end of the 2017 financial year we formulated a relationship with a local Foodbank based in Chesterton, Newcastle Under Lyme. We have now agreed to incorporate the Foodbank into the surplus food program in the hope that provision of dog food to service users helps to reduce the demand on human food and resources. This remains in place and is proving a vital much needed and appreciated service.

In August 2015 we secured a service users contract with the local probation service. This enables offenders ordered by the court to carry out unpaid work to access our facility on a placement basis.

We strongly believe that the bonds formed between offenders and our rescue dogs is mutually beneficial. The project has continued to make great strides with us fast becoming Staffordshire's placement of choice by probation and offenders alike. The scheme has been running for 6 years and a very small amount of our service users have re-entered the judicial service.

During 2017 we secured a grant from Proceeds of Crime in 2018 the scheme was grown to incorporate agility exercises creating stronger bonds between service users and dogs. The Dog Agility has meant free handling of dogs and has shown that the teaching of impulse control to both service users and our current charges has been mutually beneficial. As most of our service users are in the system due to lack of self-control we hope the formulation of stronger relationships and understanding in potentially frustrating situations will help them in general life. We remain extremely proud of the support for this scheme, especially as it is thought to be the first of its kind in the UK.



Since the Charity came into existence we have also on a less formal basis assisted with the securing of stray or abandoned dogs in the local area. Through experience and equipment, we have been able to offer remote monitoring, feeding and subsequent tools to enable a swift outcome in safely securing dogs in danger. Since 2017 this has progressed, and we have found more and more that we are called to assist owners of dogs who have found themselves in a situation where their dogs are lost or stolen. In these instances advice and safe containment where possible to avoid loss through injury or death has been offered with great success. This is a service we are extremely proud of being able to provide and through ever increasing knowledge our skill sets are developing and once again allowing us to maximise our overall impact.

b. VOLUNTEERS



The charity is extremely grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers.

Many of our local supporters turn out in all weathers on a regular basis to help at the kennels with the daily cleaning, maintenance, gardening, vet runs and taking our kennel dogs for their daily exercise, enrichment, playtimes and walks. We have a UK wide network of home checkers who visit the homes of potential adopters enabling us to assess suitability and match dogs accordingly, and, therefore, to home throughout the country. There are committed groups of helpers who continually step up to man fundraising stalls and events on our behalf, who attend street collections, hold meet and greets and take part in sponsored events.

Others put their brilliant creative skills to use by making collars, cakes, jams, dog treats, hand crafted items and artwork to be sold to raise funds or by simply donating items for our online fundraising auctions.

We are extremely lucky to have such a supportive and wide-reaching community of volunteers and realise that without their efforts we would not be a viable organisation. We appreciate each and every one of those who help us in whatever capacity they can.

During 2021 sadly many of those activities have had to cease due to the pandemic but we have continued to engage with our volunteers during weekly zoom meeting calls and also via Social Media to ensure that they have support and likewise our support network remains in place. Once we are free to resume normal activities for ourselves as a Charity we are assured that the help will remain in place.

Achievements and Performance

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Rehoming and Rescue Placements

During what turned out to be financially challenging for the 2nd year running Greyhound Gap were still responsible for successfully rehoming or placing into long term foster 73 dogs. We also assisted with safe placements for another 174 dogs. This was achieved via placements into mutually reputable organisations whom we have formulated longstanding ongoing relationships. There was a significant rise in demand for safe placements of Greyhounds and Lurchers throughout the financial year. Although many other breeds were found to be reduced in number, the needs of greyhounds and lurchers did not. Unfortunately places within other organisations were not as forthcoming as during year end 30th September 2020. Many organisations during 2021 started to lack places due to the huge amount of dogs secured during lockdown and beginning to filter into the welfare system. Unfortunately throughout the pandemic and lockdowns, Greyhound racing continued for live streaming and the illegal yearly hunting season as usual progressed ahead. The relationship with both the race track in Yorkshire, other trainers we seek to assist and pound pullers of lurchers remains in place in place and we expect the number of facilitated dogs to continue to increase during the next 12 months. However we are conscious of the fact that spaces will continue to become a premium. So many dogs were sourced during the year 2020 by members of the public and many of those are now being seen to need assistance due to staged returns to work. The continued formulation of the relationships Greyhound Gap has continues to strive for maximum impact and continues to remain alive to opportunities and other avenues to ensure dogs safety without compromising our ethics and charitable aims.



Ettrick

In the early part of 2021 Greyhound Gap were approached by another Greyhound Rescue. They had found themselves with several dogs they felt unable to rehome. In total there were 18, mainly large high prey driven black males. Through our facilitation scheme we set about finding those dogs placements within partnered Greyhound rehoming centres. Within hours, safe havens were found for all dogs with Greyhound Gap receiving 6 directly into their own care. Greyhound Gap handled the transport of the remaining 12 dogs to other trusted facilities UK wide. Ettrick was one of the hounds who landed directly into Greyhound Gaps care. This handsome boy quickly became a firm favourite with the kennels team and it was not long before he found his perfect home with first time Greyhound owners. Ettrick settled well and is totally adored.

As an organisation, we appreciate the numbers of dogs directly rehomed via ourselves reduced due to the pandemic, we still feel extremely proud. As an organisation, we remained extremely cautious with home placements of the dogs who found themselves in our care. Dogs were only placed into homes where working environments remained the same pre-Covid, throughout Covid restrictions and were expected to remain consistent post-Covid restrictions. This ensured that once normal working patterns resumed, we mitigated the risk of dogs being returned to our care. This was a successful approach and was reflected during the year in physical returns. During the course of the financial year 3 dogs were returned to our care: 2 who had been rehomed 4 years prior due to a serious change in the owner's personal circumstances and only 1 return of a dog rehomed during the financial period. Throughout early 2021 we also saw a trend of applications from those who were not committed to Greyhounds and Lurchers as a breed. However, due to the lack of desired dogs available of breed of choice they were seeking to home 'any' dog. The vetting process during that period had to become much more rigorous to ensure that those whose applications were processed both understood the implications of owning the breed, were competent and capable and were also committed.

Initial meet and greets were held at the kennels between the rehoming team and processed applicants without a dog in mind. Thorough, honest discussions were held with no obligation on either side which was made clear at the time of arranging appointments. All dogs that were rehomed during that period of time were also transported directly for in house meet and greets by the Charity at the potential adopters homes before adoptions were formalised. We felt in the current climate this was the most sensible approach.

During the financial year ending September 30th 2021 Greyhound Gap also actively through advice, attending or physically trapping and safely securing managed to assist 37 owners with the reuniting lost and stolen pets. Remotely many more were reunited thanks to our time and effort to advise others further afield or through lending the necessary equipment to secure the safe capture. During the course of the year, Greyhound Gap worked either individually on set cases or alongside other rescues/teams with the same wealth of experience when needed.

Throughout the later part of the year our work within the community supporting and assisting families who found themselves in a sudden state of unexpected hardship increased dramatically. Thankfully through so many kind donations either dropped to the kennels or delivered directly we were able to continue with our support of not only the community foodbanks but to include another and to support more service users who we were approached directly about in addition to those already on our list.

Respite was also offered for 2 dogs during the financial year whilst their owners received either emergency treatment for mental health or Covid related incidents or attended family situations pertaining to issues created by the pandemic.

Faced with an uncertain financial future ahead we chose to seek to remain fully operational for the 2nd year running. Other than one part time weekend employee being placed on furlough for a 2 week period as our boarding facilities were forced to close, the rest of the staff remained fully in place throughout the whole period.

We are pleased to say for us as a Charity this was absolutely the best decision we could have made and due to that we found ourselves receiving even more support from our followers in appreciation of our continued efforts at the most difficult and challenging of all times.

Fostering and long term foster placements

We continue to work with fully vetted, like-minded individuals creating an invaluable network of foster carers throughout the UK. They are responsible for the general day to day care and the wellbeing of the dogs including emotional support until the time of homing. Our foster carers, in turn, receive full support and guidance from ourselves as an organisation with Greyhound Gap meeting care costs throughout the duration of the dog's stay. For dogs with longer term medical and behavioural issues we seek to source places in permanent foster situations for the remainder of their natural lives. We continue to support both the carer and the dogs and continue to be responsible for the costs of the dog throughout this time.

Fundraising



During the late part of 2019 and the early part of 2020 many new fundraising events had been sourced and added to our events calendar. We were excited and looking forward to the new opportunities presented to us and were laying out plans to maximise our fundraising impact over the coming months.

We had found that our external fundraising abilities continued to grow steadily on the previous year. More markets were added and more Winter/Christmas events were sourced, indeed many we were approached to attend. This was due to our professional and reliable approach to fundraising locally. Event hosts were keen to have us work alongside them.

This continued through into early 2020 with us out each week at multiple events and the amounts raised increasing almost weekly as visitors took the time to return and support us. We hoped to continue that through to Spring/Summer 2020 but sadly that suddenly became evident it was not to be.

In March 2020 the situation relating to Covid hit countrywide. With lockdown implemented we realised that all of our external fundraising sources were about to be removed completely as an option and no return to external fundraising could be potentially envisaged for the remainder of the financial year. Far from a reactionary approach the team remained optimistic and positive and quickly took a proactive approach to looking at alternatives available to the Charity to replace the loss of revenue.

Another of our main revenue sources from our generated boarding income began to cease and completely disappear. Cancellations of bookings of what was to be a full calendar began immediately.

From the trustees remaining alive to the importance of continued growth and development in the fundraising field we realised that a whole new urgent and inventive approach had to be taken.

As a Charity Greyhound Gap are extremely lucky to have a very large and active online support base. Our supporters are at all times engaged via our social media platforms and we like to think are made to feel a pivotal part of the team. No matter where in the world they are placed, they are kept up to date on a daily basis with the ongoing activities relating to the care and welfare of our dogs. Through this regular engagement and important family feel, our supporters not only welcome but support generously any online efforts to raise funds. A new and exciting increase in online activities was embraced by them all immediately. This continued with great success through out the 2020/2021 financial year.

Throughout 2021 we were able to continue with implemented fundraisers online created during 2020 with a huge amount of unwavering support from our online community. As a proactive organisation each year we already held regular raffles, auctions, craft sales and donated larger goods were offered on Facebook market place but this rapidly increased to lock down quiz nights, online sales of donated goods at set prices, markets, mediumship readings offered, sponsored camp outs in the garden and many more new, exciting and fun activities. We feel that this has opened a whole new avenue of opportunities to use to continue looking at new and inventive ways to maximise our support base. Moving ahead we plan to continue with the increase in online fundraising. Although a tough 2 years it has been revolutionary for us and the continued ability to engage supporters nationwide has had a huge impact.

Towards the latter part of the financial year we were delighted with ease of restrictions to be able to schedule 3 of our yearly large external events. The Cheshire Show was allowed to proceed however it was held over 2 days as opposed to the usual 3. We were extremely pleased to be able to re-engage our target audience. Over the course of the event £5000 was raised which was on par with the amount usually seen during the 3 day event. Furthermore, 2 of our own personal events were also, with ease of restrictions, permitted. The reintroduction of our show at both Trubshaw Cross and Oakamoor were implemented. The events were hugely successful and raised a fabulous £7600. Our volunteers were eager to reconnect with their fundraising activities and the attendance at the events was higher than usual. We can not thank them enough for their continued loyalty and support. With a renewed optimism we could finally once again start to look at external fundraising opportunities for the 2021/2022 season.

As the pandemic hit and lockdowns were implemented, we were also extremely lucky to see our main support base get directly behind us before we even had to seek to ask for help. So many new people set up individual giving amounts and notified us of their intention to continue doing just so. Not just during the pandemic but continuing forward. We were also approached privately by many of our supporters who wished to donate one off larger individual amount to ensure that we were in a better position moving forward through such a precarious time for us as a charity. Others that already donated increased their monthly amount. Our supporters very clearly saw that whilst demand on many other rescues reduced due to so many people suddenly retaining their pets ours due to the situation relating to Greyhound racing and the end of the illegal hunting season increased. We feel that this is also down to the amount of time and engagement we invest into our supporters. They have an extremely heightened sense of awareness relating to the charity its inner workings and all that it entails.

As well as an increase in individual giving we were also lucky to see an increase in donations made and delivered directly to the kennels. We were regularly asked what would help us the most through a difficult period to reduce the overall cost of the dogs care. Tinned meat to go alongside the set purchased complete food did not need to be purchased and the dogs were always well stocked with not only treats and toys but enrichment equipment to ensure we always had a plentiful supply.

The Amazon Wish List was once again reviewed and items that were more urgently required were changed out and added in place of some others that were not as necessary.

The Valentine's, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Christmas gift sponsorship, sponsorship of memory baubles at Christmas were all once again well supported and proved to be a huge success during the financial year.

Sadly for us the open days held at the kennels, sponsored sleepovers, fundraising BBQs and evening social events and dog behavioural seminars all had to cease. With constant changes in restrictions we were not able to schedule the events with any surety.

Other avenues of revenue, include stocking dog food for sale to the general public, this year were continuing to show a steady growth in sales. During lockdown this was allowed to continue as it was seen as an essential service. We did though notice a visible decrease in sales as most people seemed to be incorporating purchase of animal supplies within their weekly shops. This isn't an issue that we see continuing once things progress to normality and expect for sales to once again increase.

As is always the case as a Charity we remain grateful to those providing grant assistance for their continued support.

Alongside all of this we continue to work hard within local and national communities relating to awareness. At every available opportunity we strive to engage the public to raise the general profile of greyhounds and lurchers as pets and to educate against the continued occurrence of recorded misuse for sporting purposes.

One of our vital avenues for such is the continued relationship with Crewe Pets at Home store, this has seen continuance and bonds strengthening between our volunteer base and their own team during the financial year. We feel extremely fortunate to once again be chosen as their charity of choice. This enables us to hold fundraising and awareness days in the form of meet and greets, we also participate in the stores own in house fundraising. As one of their nominated charities, we receive around 50% of all revenue raised in the store during their selected fundraising drives.

The store also holds a collection point solely for distribution to Greyhound Gap. Items donated can either be used by ourselves or for sale on fundraising stalls.

Even though we were unable to support them physically instore from March onwards that did not stop their events going ahead. The staff themselves undertook a more active role and continued to work instore to ensure the usual amount of donations expected during the financial year were still harvested and directed to the Charity.

Continuance of relationship building with Newcastle Under Lyme (Business Improvement District) sees the charity remain one of their supported attendees of choice at their events. Surety was received that as soon as restrictions allow, the established partnership will remain.

We remain thankful for the continued support of our local Tesco Stores and Tesco community champions and to our veterinary practices of choice and other businesses.

The securing of our own property also continues to provide us with a hub of donations that is showing a continued increase. More people in the local community are becoming aware of the charity, its

impact and support is growing constantly. Due to this we are receiving a large number of items that help us further our fundraising aims.

During 2021 we were also fortunate enough to be able to assist and have great results reuniting members of the local community with pet dogs physical bought to ourselves here at the kennels after escaping and being found by members of the public. Those dogs were retained safely until such a time that the owners were found. For those not so fortunate due to our ongoing relationship with Newcastle-Under-Lyme and Stoke on Trent Dog Warden service those dogs were safely released into our care for rehoming at the end of the mandatory 7 days period.

Securing of Kennel Premises

As stated in our Trustees Report for the year ending 30 September 2016 we secured a fit for purpose private rental property. In addition to the kennel facilities, the site also comprises a house and a safe off lead exercise area.

During 2018 we added a new member of staff to work on a part-time basis at weekends and during school holidays. Both of these periods are busier with rehoming and visitors to the yard. We opted once again to recruit via the local animal welfare management college as the new staff member is currently studying to gain relevant qualifications. The qualifications have become more of a necessity since the adaptation of the new animal welfare guidelines implemented in 2017.

Furthermore, at the beginning of 2019 we once again recruited 2 new staff members to the yard team. This has proven massively beneficial once again to the welfare of our dogs and enhanced the ability to add more tailored activities and time spent with each individual dog.

Greyhound Gap continue to be a proud member of the ADCH (Association of Dogs and Cats Homes)

In 2020 we were extremely proud to see a continued much stronger working bond form amongst the staff team as a whole, relationships strengthened, confidence built and communications were heightened hugely. A reflection of this was once again demonstrated in the amount of nominations we were fortunate to receive for the Animal Charity of the Year with Petplan. Although this year we did not make it to the finals we are as always grateful for the continued support and nominations

Our home from home room addition continues to be hugely beneficial to both our dogs, staff and visitors. So many of our dogs have never encountered a home environment before and having a specific space to desensitise them to hoovers, washing machines, tvs, sofas and human space sharing have left them better prepared for their new homes. It also gives the dogs a break from the kennels environment, and they are able, if they chose, to engage in additional enrichment activities.

The room has also provided an additional space for the staff to carry out general duties such as washing up and the washing itself in a more Covid secure manner.

Huge thanks to Wickes who kindly donated the kitchen area for this project.

Developing Public Relations and Promotion of the Charity

Over the year, with the continued growth of social media we have continued to reach a broader spectrum of people nationwide. This has opened a whole new avenue of volunteers and supporters. It also helps with further advancement in fundraising and educational purposes with a larger audience of people actively becoming involved in campaigns headed up by ourselves and other welfare organisations we work alongside. We are enthusiastic that this will continue with a steady growth and enable us to continue to grow our resources.

Unfortunately due to the pandemic we had to continue to cease local community groups activity held at the premises. The site itself is relatively small and due to staff safety and wellbeing being our upmost priority we felt it was too large a risk to take. As soon as is safely possible a small amount of these activities will be gradually re-implemented.

We continue to be extremely active within the local press and media with them giving us many opportunities to both promote the Charity and to continue education in the local and more further reaching communities

The website continues to serve as a front face for the rescue hosting all the relevant information including our current hounds, our adoption guidelines, our online web shop, events, newsletters and any relevant big announcements. The website has continued to receive a large number of both independent and returning hits in line with previous years.

The site also links to our online forum and, whilst numbers posting on there are actually down, visitors continue to use it to view more in-depth details of our dogs available for adoption and our help and advice archives. It allows us to email through the forum's facility the 7500 members if urgent assistance in any form is required. The member rate has continued to grow even though the forum remains in the main inactive.

The Facebook groups and pages have seen a steady influx of new members, the main Facebook group itself is now on over 18,000 these members continue to get involved in direct appeals for help or are applying to become volunteers for the organisation.

c. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that we have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Financial review

a. PRINCIPLE FUNDING SOURCES

During the period the charity received income of £319,758 (2020: £335,263). We are well supported with a wide and loyal support base, this coupled with our own fundraising efforts which includes adoption, our own online shop, auctions, raffles, boarding, dog shows, stalls and markets to name a few means we are not reliant upon a limited number of income streams to deliver our objectives and commitments. Included in the amount above we received £9,736 (2020: £18,396) of restricted funds.

Key management personnel

The trustees consider the General Manager is the key member of management personnel of the charity, in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis.

b. RESERVES POLICY

Unrestricted reserves are held to ensure the ongoing care of the dogs. Annual operating costs are in excess of £360,000, which reflects the current rising costs. The trustees have set a policy to hold general reserves of £120,000 in order to fund four months of operating costs to enable alternative homes to be sourced for the dogs in the charity's care in the event of the charity's operations having to cease.

At the year end the charity held total reserves of £510,972 (2020: £493,743) of which £7,500 (2020: £13,538) were restricted funds and £272,074 (2020: £275,236) are held in fixed assets less those secured by long term liabilities. This leaves free reserves of £231,398 (2020: £204,969).

Plans for the future

a. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Short to Medium Term Objectives

- We continue with our aim to maintain reserves to £120,000
- We continue to strive for more low risk homing opportunities for our dogs
- We aim to continue to carry out year on year improvements and upgrades to the kennels and kennels house to maximise its potential.
- We will continue to recruit additional volunteers.

Long Term Objectives

- To seek to improve and modernise the kennels facilities to ensure maximum comfort to the dogs in our care.

- To work with more community groups and offer services to a wider range of audiences we feel can benefit from working alongside our dogs.

- We will be exploring the growth of core aims especially paying attention to the necessity to secure and enable safe placements for what seems to be a growing number of dogs with ourselves and other organisations we work closely with.

Other Objectives

- We will strive to achieve continuous improvement in animal welfare, building on our excellent reputation and aiming to set a benchmark for other similar animal welfare organisations to aspire to. In doing so, to inspire other animal welfare organisations to raise their standards of animal welfare practices in line with our own. This will bring about an improvement way beyond our direct control and reach.

- We will strive to build better relations and networks with like-minded individuals and groups across the UK and continue to work towards educating the public with regards the exploitation and suffering of greyhounds within the racing industry and fight for better welfare reforms.

- We will continue to support the banning of the use of sight hounds in general, in partaking in blood sports and continue to back measures aimed at keeping bans in place. The number of dogs arriving in our care suffering from physical injuries consistent with both fox and badger damage continues to be a great worry to us.

This report was approved by the Trustees on ..4th July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Lisa Cartwright

Trustee and Founder

- We will be exploring the growth of core aims especially paying attention to the necessity to secure and enable safe placements for what seems to be a growing number of dogs with ourselves and other organisations we work closely with.

Other Objectives

- We will strive to achieve continuous improvement in animal welfare, building on our excellent reputation and aiming to set a benchmark for other similar animal welfare organisations to aspire to. In doing so, to inspire other animal welfare organisations to raise their standards of animal welfare practices in line with our own. This will bring about an improvement way beyond our direct control and reach.

- We will strive to build better relations and networks with like-minded individuals and groups across the UK and continue to work towards educating the public with regards the exploitation and suffering of greyhounds within the racing industry and fight for better welfare reforms.

- We will continue to support the banning of the use of sight hounds in general, in partaking in blood sports and continue to back measures aimed at keeping bans in place. The number of dogs arriving in our care suffering from physical injuries consistent with both fox and badger damage continues to be a great worry to us.

This report was approved by the Trustees on ..4th July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Lisa Cartwright

Trustee and Founder

GREYHOUND GAP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	230,995	9,736	240,731	248,065
Raising Funds	3	79,004	-	79,004	87,139
Other income	4	23	-	23	58
Total income		310,022	9,736	319,758	335,263
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	3,511	-	3,511	2,676
Charitable activities	6	293,244	15,774	299,018	231,573
Total expenditure		286,755	15,774	302,529	234,249
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		23,267	(6,038)	17,229	101,014
Transfers between funds	14	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		23,267	(6,038)	17,229	101,014
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		480,205	13,538	493,743	392,729
Total funds carried forward		**503,472**	**7,500**	**510,972**	**493,743**

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The comparative statement of financial activities can be found in note 19 to the financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	581,644	595,297
Current assets			
Stocks	11	1,000	1,435
Debtors	12	14,161	16,320
Cash at bank and in hand		244,201	224,705
		259,362	242,460
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(20,464)	(23,953)
Net current assets		238,898	218,507
Total assets less current liabilities		820,542	813,804
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	13	(309,570)	(320,061)
Net assets		510,972	493,743
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	14	503,472	480,205
Restricted funds	14	7,500	13,538
Total funds	14/15	510,972	493,743

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on ....4th July and signed on their behalf, by:

L Cartwright

Trustee and Founder

GREYHOUND GAP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

1.1 Basis of Accounting.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Greyhound GAP meets the definition of a public entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

1.2 Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The judgements and estimations that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statement are as follows:

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In re-assessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation, produce life cycles and maintenance are taken into account. Residual value assessments consider issues such as future market conditions, the remaining life of the asset and projected disposal values.

1.3 Going Concern

The Charity's activities together with factors likely to affect its future development and financial position are set out in the Trustees' report. The Trustees consider that in the light of the Charity's planned activities and current reserves it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.5 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty that receipt of income is considered probable, and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably, and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

Donations are received and included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.

Donations include cash raised through street collections and events. It is common at these events for the charity to offer items for sale but the income is not separately identifiable.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable activity are accounted for when earned.

1.6 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Costs in raising funds are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters.

1.7 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normal upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at costs less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Buildings	-	2% Straight line
Motor vehicles	-	25% Straight line
Equipment	-	25% Straight line

Freehold land of £250,000 is not depreciated.

1.9 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.11 Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity's contributions are restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 7. At the year end there were no outstanding contributions. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are disclosed within costs of charitable activities.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
General donations	171,526	-	171,526	185,773
Adoption donations	8,814	-	8,814	9,418
Legacies and grants	50,655	9,736	60,391	52,874
	230,995	9,736	240,731	248,065

3. INCOME FROM RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Sale of merchandise	11,659	-	11,659	11,114
Other fundraising activities	67,345	-	67,345	76,026
	79,004	-	79,004	87,139

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

All of the charity's investment income arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts.

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5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Merchandise purchases	3,511	-	3,511	2,676
	3,511	-	3,511	2,676

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Direct Costs				
Veterinary fees	63,862	12,272	76,134	39,677
Kennelling	6,734	-	6,734	9,737
General dog costs	876	-	876	348
Vehicle running costs	9,850	1,002	10,852	5,077
Wages and salaries (Note 7)	125,746	-	125,746	117,314
Dog show	3,834	-	3,834	2,589
Sundry expenses	3,662	-	3,662	1,826
Bank charges		-		1,177
Bank interest	10,875	-	10,875	12,755
Depreciation	13,653	-	13,653	13,656
Rent & Rates	5,529	-	5,529	3,134
Heat & Light	6,387	-	6,387	5,488
Kennels Maintenance	18,855	2,500	21,355	7,224
Total Direct Costs	269,863	15,774	285,637	221,213
Support costs				
Insurance	2,584	-	2,584	2,452
Telephone	2,799	-	2,799	2,808
General administrative costs	1,937	-	1,937	1,160
Postage and packaging	1,628	-	1,628	1,114
Health and Safety	803	-	803	36
Legal fees	1,475	-	1,475	1,750
Independent examiners fees	1,040	-	1,040	1,040
Training	160	-	160	-
Total Support Costs	13,381	-	13,381	10,360
Total Expenditure	286,244	15,774	299,018	231,573

7. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	119,027	111,045
Social security costs	4,477	4,177
Pension costs – defined contribution	2,242	2,092
	125,746	117,314

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents was 8 (2020: 7).

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the period.

8. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year remuneration was paid to Lisa Cartwright, being a trustee of the charity, arising from her position as general manager of the charity. During the year remuneration totalling £24,296 (2020: £23,726), pension contributions £554 (2020: £530) was paid. The remuneration is paid in accordance with the clauses laid out in the CIO's Foundation Constitution.

No other Charity Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Charity (2020: £Nil).

9. CORPORATION TAX

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling with section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2020	603,432	24,734	3,610	631,776
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2021	603,432	24,734	3,610	631,776
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2020	20,030	13,741	2,708	36,479
Charge for the year	7,068	5,683	902	13,653
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2021	27,098	19,424	3,610	50,132
Net book value				
At 30 September 2021	**576,334**	**5,310**	**-**	**581,644**
At 30 September 2020	583,402	10,993	902	595,297

11. STOCKS

	2021 £	2020 £
Fundraising stock	1,000	1,000
Web shop stock	-	435
	1,000	1,435

12. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
VAT recoverable	4,675	3,132
Debtors & Prepayments	9,486	13,188
	14,161	16,320

13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank Loan	10,491	10,201
Trade Creditors	1,849	4,296
Accruals	8,124	9,456
	20,464	23,953

14. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank Loan	309,570	320,061
	309,570	320,061

The bank loan is secured by a legal charge on the freehold property Grindlestone Edge House, Cobmoor Road, Kidsgrove.

15. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1 October 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 September 2021 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	480,205	310,022	(286,755)	-	503,472
Restricted Funds					
Vehicle repairs	-	1,002	(1,002)	-	-
Enrichment room refurb	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Vet fees	6,038	6,234	(12,272)	-	-
Roof structure replacement	7,500	-	-	-	7,500
	13,538	9,736	(15,774)	-	7,500
Total funds	493,743	319,758	(302,529)	-	510,972

The general funds are the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

Restricted donations were received of £9,736 in relation to veterinary fees for specific dogs, vehicle repairs and refurbishment of the enrichment room.

Grants totalling £7,500 were received in the prior year for the replacement of the roof structure. Of this amount £nil had been spent by the year end.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS 2020

	Balance at 1 October 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 September 2020 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	379,191	318,867	(215,853)	-	480,205
Restricted Funds					
Employee costs	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Vet Fees	6,038	13,396	(13,396)	-	6,038
Roof structure replacement	7,500	-	-	-	7,500
	13,538	18,396	(18,396)	-	13,538
Total funds	392,729	335,263	(234.249)	-	493,743

The general funds are the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

Restricted donations were received of £18,396 in relation to veterinary fees for specific dogs and employee costs.

Grants totalling £7,500 were received in the prior year for the replacement of the roof structure. Of this amount £nil had been spent by the year end. Since the year end this amount has been fully expended.

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	581,644	-	581,644	595,297
Current assets	251,862	7,500	259,362	242,460
Creditors due within one year	(20,464)	-	(20,464)	(23,953)
Creditors due after one year	(309,570)	-	(309,570)	(320,061)
Total funds	503,472	7,500	510,972	493,743

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS 2020

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	595,297	-	595,297	608,953
Current assets	228,922	13,538	242,460	137,950
Creditors due within one year	(23,953)	-	(23,953)	(25,297)
Creditors due after one year	(320,061)	-	(320,061)	(328,877)
Total Funds	480,205	13,538	493,743	399,521

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As referred to in note 8 remuneration was paid to a trustee of the charity, arising from her position as general manager of the charity.

There are no related party transactions in the reporting period that are required to be disclosed.

18. CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

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19. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	134,402	23,021	157,423
Raising Funds	100,616	-	100,616
Other income	74	-	74
Total income	235,092	23,021	258,113
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5,204	-	5,204
Charitable activities	250,218	9,483	259,701
Total expenditure	255,422	9,483	264,905
Net incoming resources before transfers	(20,330)	13,538	(6,792)
Transfers between funds	4,517	(4,517)	-
Net movement in funds for the year	(15,813)	9,021	(6,792)
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total funds brought forward	395,004	4,517	399,521
Total funds carried forward	**379,191**	**13,538**	**392,729**

GREYHOUND GAP

England & Wales - Charity number 1158499

Accounts

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GREYHOUND GAP

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

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TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

Trustees

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GREYHOUND GAP

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Greyhound Gap for the year ended 30 September 2020. The trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governance documents and the provisions of Statement of Recommendation Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2015.

Structure, Governance and Management

a. CONSTITUTION

The Greyhound Gap charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), formed on 9 September 2014 under a Foundation Constitution of the same date. The CIO was formed to take over the ongoing operation of the Greyhound Gap charity (registered number 113207), as the Trustees (who are the same for both charities) felt it was more appropriate to operate the charity with a recognised legal form.

b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected under the terms of the CIO's foundation constitution.

c. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The Charity operates throughout the UK. The dogs originate from many stray pounds but our main area of operation is the Midlands and surrounding areas. When space allows we service pounds in the whole of the UK. Greyhounds entering our care come directly from the tracks we facilitate directly in the North West and via 3 more trainers that we have an ongoing formulated agreement with.

The charity works with a network of volunteers who foster, transport and generally aid the work of the Charity across the UK. The charity also works, where appropriate with other similar rescues to ensure those dogs that are at risk can be placed in a safe environment. The trustees make all decisions on any major expenditure and set the strategic direction for the Charity.

d. RISK MANAGMENT

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Objectives and Activities

a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The Charity covers the following principal activities:

- Rehoming dogs directly from our kennels and a network of volunteer foster homes through a clearly controlled adoption procedure.
- Dogs that do not secure a foster home will be housed in our kennels premises where they

are cared for by our staff with volunteer's assistance.

- Supporting Local Authorities by coordinating rescue, kennel or foster placements for the stray greyhounds and lurchers in their care.
- Assistance with local and national welfare cases supporting dog wardens, Social Services and any other relevant bodies.
- Supporting owners needing to surrender their dogs by coordinating rescue, kennel or foster placements if possible within our own organisation or within other safe rescue environments
- Facilitation placements via Greyhound Tracks, Trainers & Owners
- Transport of dogs to reputable rescues offering rescue placements.
- Provision of veterinary treatment for all animals in our care.
- In-house fundraising such as auctions, competitions, eBay sales, web shop, sponsored events, direct appeals, sponsorship schemes for long term dogs and outside fundraising such as dog shows, attending events, meet and greets and street collections.
- Outreach work within the local community in Stoke on Trent with the homeless and Social Services referrals providing dog food and basic care such as vaccinations, parasite control and in some cases neutering.
- Lost and stolen dog recovery service assisting owners with advice, support and equipment if necessary, to ensure a safe return home of their missing pets.
- Working alongside Community Payback to offer working opportunities to offenders undergoing rehabilitation and reparation.
- Continue to build links with local schools and colleges. During 2015 we began to welcome students from a local college studying animal management. These students are offered workplace opportunities to gain the necessary experience required. We also began to welcome in students from the local University from all course modules who wish to carry out volunteer activities. They now make up a large part of our regular Saturday dog walking group.

The charity's objectives are:

- To promote the humane treatment of animals, in particular greyhounds and lurchers.
- To provide appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for greyhounds and lurchers who are in need by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage.
- To educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.
- To continue the promotion of the issues pertaining to greyhound racing and the abandonment of working lurchers.

In pursuance of the objectives we continue to strive to reduce numbers of greyhounds and lurchers euthanised in council holding facilities once time is served and ensure safe and swift release into our care from training kennels environments when no longer required. We continue to pursue the policies and objectives of the Charity.

Greyhound Gap is principally, a death row rescue helping to provide emergency placements for greyhounds and lurchers in local authority holding kennels at risk of euthanasia. In early 2018 relations were formulated with a registered track in the North West to ensure help and safeguarding when possible for greyhounds ending their career. This was deemed necessary due to assistance with a welfare situation pertaining to dogs retired from this track entering an unreputable facility. If we are unable to directly assist, referrals are made or places sourced within other reputable organisations. Safe transport to aforementioned rescues is handled by ourselves. Dogs that enter the care of Greyhound Gap are supported for as long as is necessary. Homing is via a network of sighthound experienced foster placements and directly from our own kennels. The kennels are located close to our main core of volunteers and are staffed by experienced people to enable in depth assessments of every dog prior to rehoming.

All dogs entering our care as a matter of course receive vaccinations, kennel cough vaccinations, parasite treatment, micro-chipping, are spayed/neutered and receive a dental check. Should a dog arrive in our care with more serious veterinary needs these are addressed, and all necessary treatment is funded. We operate a thorough vetting system including pre-adoption questionnaires, initial telephone discussion, home visit and careful introductions with potential adoption matches. All adopters are obliged to sign an agreement to relinquish the animal back into the organisation's care should they no longer be able to meet the requirements of the dog. Follow up support is given post adoption and our ongoing support and advice is available throughout the dog's life.

Greyhound Gap is a specialist rehabilitation facility and houses many dogs that other organisations do not feel qualified to manage. We pride ourselves on continued rehabilitation work with more challenging dogs and resolving behavioural issues prior to rehoming. We also give lifetime behavioural support to our adopters.

Over the last six years Greyhound Gap has been working more widely within the local community directing donations of surplus food to families struggling to financially support their dogs. We have also been working with local homeless support charities to provide food to the dogs residing on the streets with their owners. Locally there are no facilities for homeless pet owners, these people and their animals can often be at risk of hardship.

Where possible we also provide basic medical treatment such as disease control and provide basic safety essentials i.e. collars, leads and coats for the dog's wellbeing where necessary. This builds trust bonds between ourselves, the dogs and their owners and should situations arise separating dog and owner we are able to offer a direct safety net. This, in turn, means the dogs do not enter the main stray system therefore placing them at risk.

Towards the end of the 2017 financial year we formulated a relationship with a local Foodbank based in Chesterton, Newcastle Under Lyme. We have now agreed to incorporate the Foodbank into the surplus food program in the hope that provision of dog food to service users helps to reduce the demand on human food and resources. This remains in place and is proving a vital much needed and appreciated service.

In August 2015 we secured a service users contract with the local probation service. This enables offenders ordered by the court to carry out unpaid work to access our facility on a placement basis.

We strongly believe that the bonds formed between offenders and our rescue dogs is mutually beneficial.

During 2017 we secured a grant from Proceeds of Crime in 2018 the scheme was grown to incorporate agility exercises creating stronger bonds between service users and dogs. The Dog Agility has meant free handling of dogs and has shown that the teaching of impulse control to both service users and our current charges has been mutually beneficial. As most of our service users are in the system due to lack of self-control we hope the formulation of stronger relationships and understanding in potentially frustrating situations will help them in general life. We remain extremely proud of the support for this scheme, especially as it is thought to be the first of its kind in the UK.

Since the Charity came into existence we have also on a less formal basis assisted with the securing of stray or abandoned dogs in the local area. Through experience and equipment, we have been able to offer remote monitoring, feeding and subsequent tools to enable a swift outcome in safely securing dogs in danger. Since 2017 this has progressed, and we have found more and more that we are called to assist owners of dogs who have found themselves in a situation where their dogs are lost or stolen. In these instances advice and safe containment where possible to avoid loss through injury or death has been offered with great success. This is a service we are extremely proud of being able to provide and through ever increasing knowledge our skill sets are developing and once again allowing us to maximise our overall impact.

b. VOLUNTEERS

The charity is extremely grateful for the unstinting efforts of its volunteers.

Many of our local supporters turn out in all weathers on a regular basis to help at the kennels with the daily cleaning, maintenance, gardening, vet runs and taking our kennel dogs for their daily exercise, enrichment, playtimes and walks. We have a UK wide network of home checkers who visit the homes of potential adopters enabling us to assess suitability and match dogs accordingly, and, therefore, to home throughout the country. There are committed groups of helpers who continually step up to man fundraising stalls and events on our behalf, who attend street collections, hold meet and greets and take part in sponsored events.

Others put their brilliant creative skills to use by making collars, cakes, jams, dog treats, hand crafted items and artwork to be sold to raise funds or by simply donating items for our online fundraising auctions.

We are extremely lucky to have such a supportive and wide-reaching community of volunteers and realise that without their efforts we would not be a viable organisation. We appreciate each and every one of those who help us in whatever capacity they can.

During 2020 sadly many of those activities have had to cease due to the pandemic but we have continued to engage with our volunteers during weekly zoom meeting calls and also via Social Media to ensure that they have support and likewise our support network remains in place. Once we are free to resume normal activities for ourselves as a Charity we are assured that the help will remain in place.

Achievements and Performance

a. GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Rehoming and Rescue Placements

During what turned out to be the most challenging financial year imaginable Greyhound Gap were still responsible for successfully rehoming or placing into long term foster 73 dogs. We also assisted with safe placements for another 314 dogs. This was achieved via placements into mutually reputable organisations whom we have formulated longstanding ongoing relationships with. There was a significant rise in demand for safe placements of Greyhounds and Lurchers throughout the financial year as whilst many other breeds were found to be lacking in numbers the Greyhounds and Lurchers needs did not reduce. This is sadly due to the fact that even through the pandemic and lockdowns Greyhound racing continued for live streaming and the illegal yearly hunting season as usual progressed ahead. The relationship with both the race track in Yorkshire, other trainers we seek to assist and pound pullers of lurchers continues to remain in place and we expect the number of facilitated dogs to continue to increase during the next 12 months. The formulation of this relationship ensures that Greyhound Gap continues to strive for maximum impact and continues to remain alive to opportunities and other avenues to ensure dogs safety without compromising our ethics and charitable aims.

Flynn



Flynn was a young Greyhound male whose owner had decided against racing him again himself and had taken him home. Sadly he was only to remain with home comforts for a few days as a sale had already been made between the owner and a new racing interest and a price agreed. During his time within his racing owners home Flynn escaped and ran a large distance before being involved in a serious RTA. Collapsed and in shock our orthopedic veterinary team were called to assist roadside. X rays revealed that Flynn had injuries that needed treatment that it seemed at first his owners were willing to fund. Upon receiving the news that the injuries were career ending and Flynn would not be fit to race again and realising their onward sale was about to fall through they opted for euthanasia and not to cover his care costs and set about securing a pet home. Greyhound Gap were immediately notified and funded the cost of his care. Once ready for release from the veterinary hospital Flynn was released into Greyhound Gaps care whilst he underwent his recovery before finding a fantastic new home where he is very much loved.

Whilst as an organisation we appreciate the numbers of dogs directly rehomed via ourselves reduced due to the pandemic and the effect of lockdown we still feel extremely proud. Legal parameters relating to lockdown and Defra guidelines made it extremely difficult to facilitate any dogs into homes during that period of time. For dogs that it became an immediate welfare concern for though we were able to still quickly source suitable experienced homes and to place those dogs almost immediately. During the period from March to October all but immediate welfare related rehoming was forced to cease due to the location of the kennels premises itself.

All dogs that were rehomed during that period of time alongside all facilitated dogs were in the main transported directly to their destination by the Charity ourselves. We were able to carry out these transfers under Welfare Grounds and all were considered necessary travel. As can be imagined this vastly increased our workload at a time where Volunteers were unable to assist with the day to day running of the Charity but we were still able to meet this comfortably via the main staff team and volunteers trained to staff level.

Arlo



Right back at the beginning of the pandemic just as we realised that our main revenue streams had all but vanished in front of our eyes we received an urgent phonecall from our orthopedic referral vets.

Arlo had been bought into the surgery by his owners with a nasty break to his leg. Upon hearing that the leg would need extensive surgery to save it at a cost of £4000 they stated they no longer wished to proceed and asked for him to be euthanised. He was just 14 months old.

Despite the uncertainty we agreed immediately to fund the cost of Arlos treatment and he was signed into our care. Arlo received his surgery the next day, made a full recovery and quickly found a wonderful home where he is much loved and doing well

During the financial year ending September 31st 2020 Greyhound Gap also actively through advice, attending or physically trapping and safely securing managed to assist 68 owners with the reunite of lost and stolen pets. Remotely many more were reunited thanks to our time and effort to advise others further afield or through lending the necessary equipment to secure the safe capture. During the course of the year Greyhound Gap worked either individually on set cases or alongside other rescues/teams with the same wealth of experience when needed.

Throughout the later part of the year our work within the community supporting and assisting families who found themselves in a sudden state of unexpected hardship increased dramatically. Thankfully through so many kind donations either dropped to the kennels or delivered directly we were able to continue with our support of not only the community foodbanks but to add another and to support more service users who we were approached directly about on top of those already on our list.

Community Support



Donated food being handed over to Richard, our local Tesco Community Champion, by Greyhound Gaps founder, Lisa Cartwright.

These bags are then broken down into smaller bags and placed with our local foodbanks to support our community.

Respite was also offered for 5 dogs during the financial year whilst their owners received either emergency treatment for mental health or Covid related incidents or attended family situations pertaining to issues created due to the pandemic.

Respite Support



During 2019/2020 we were pleased to continue to provide respite when necessary from referrals made to us by local social services, outreach and other support groups.

We were able to bridge the Gap between owners and hounds to ensure once personal issues were rectified they were happily reunited.

A much better outcome than the dogs finding themselves permanently within the rescue system.

In a financial year end where as a Charity we faced our most serious challenges to date we are extremely proud of the fact that we managed to almost double our all-round impact on the previous year.

Faced with an uncertain financial future ahead we chose to seek to remain fully operational. Other than one part time weekend employee being placed on furlough for a 3 month period as our boarding facilities were forced to close the rest of the staff remained fully in place throughout the whole period.

We are pleased to say for us as a Charity this was absolutely the best decision we could have made and due to that we found ourselves receiving even more support from our followers in appreciation of our continued efforts at the most difficult and challenging of all times.

Fostering and long term foster placements

We continue to work with fully vetted, like-minded individuals creating an invaluable network of foster carers throughout the UK. They are responsible for the general day to day care and the wellbeing of the dogs including emotional support until the time of homing. Our foster carers, in turn, receive full support and guidance from ourselves as an organisation with Greyhound Gap meeting care costs throughout the duration of the dog's stay. For dogs with longer term medical and behavioural issues we seek to source places in permanent foster situations for the remainder of their natural lives. We continue to support both the carer and the dogs and continue to be responsible for the costs of the dog throughout this time.

Fundraising

During the late part of 2019 and the early part of 2020 many new fundraising events had been sourced and added to our events calendar. We were excited and looking forward to the new opportunities presented to us and were laying out plans to maximise our fundraising impact over the coming months.

We had found that our external fundraising abilities continued to grow steadily on the previous year. More markets were added and more Winter/Christmas events were sourced, indeed many we were approached to attend. This was due to our professional and reliable approach to fundraising locally. Event hosts were keen to have us work alongside them.

This continued through into early 2020 with us out each week at multiple events and the amounts raised increasing almost weekly as visitors took the time to return and support us. We hoped to continue that through to Spring/Summer 2020 but sadly that suddenly became evident it was not to be.

In March 2020 the situation relating to Covid hit countrywide. With lockdown implemented we realised that all of our external fundraising sources were about to be removed completely as an option and no return to external fundraising could be potentially envisaged for the remainder of the financial year. Far from a reactionary approach the team remained optimistic and positive and quickly took a proactive approach to looking at alternatives available to the Charity to replace the loss of revenue.

Another of our main revenue sources from our generated boarding income began to cease and completely disappear. Cancellations of bookings of what was to be a full calendar began immediately.

From the trustees remaining alive to the importance of continued growth and development in the fundraising field we realised that a whole new urgent and inventive approach had to be taken.

As a Charity Greyhound Gap are extremely lucky to have a very large and active online support base in place. Our supporters are at all times engaged via our social media platforms and we like to think made to feel a pivotal part of the team. No matter where in the world they are placed they are kept up to date on a daily basis with the ongoing activities relating to the care and welfare of our dogs. Through this regular engagement and important family feel our supporters not only welcome but support generously any online efforts to raise funds. A new and exciting increase in online activities was embraced by them all immediately.

A decision was made by the main team to look at all of our external fundraising opportunities. The focus was centered in the main to begin with on our own big fundraising calendar events of the year. Those that generated the most external revenue for us as a Charity during the course of our financial year we sought to bring online. This not only then allowed us to engage and raise funds via those that would usually attend those events in person but those who are usually too far away to take part. Our biannual main fundraising dog shows were bought on line and companies still got behind us funding the purchase of not only physical rosettes and prizes but also covering postage costs. This meant that the whole 15k member support base of our page was actually able to virtually turn up on the day. Our usual stalls were set up virtually to continue to sell the merchandise and donated items we would on the day. We also offered the chance to our regular stall holders to set up virtual stalls and continue as usual supporting us with the percentage donation made from sales.

Other external fundraisers were also bought online and in turn they too proved to be a great success. Clothes sales that would normally be held in village halls meant that the whole of our support base were able to add and sell items to benefit us. Usually this is restricted to items just physically donated to us here at the kennels to take along on the day. The amount raised increased with each new event we ran.

As a proactive organisation each year we already hold regular raffles, auctions, craft sales and donated goods being offered on market place but this rapidly increased to lock down quiz nights, online sales of donated goods at set prices, markets, mediumship readings offered, sponsored camp outs in the garden and many more new, exciting and fun activities. We feel that this has opened a whole new avenue of opportunities to us to continue looking at new and inventive ways to maximise our support base. Moving ahead we plan to continue with the online fundraising alongside the hopeful return of external fundraising opportunities. Although a tough year it has been revolutionary for us also and enabled us to see that the two go hand in hand and that the continuation of that not only increases revenue but appeals to everyone involved in following us.

As the pandemic hit and lockdowns were implemented, we were also extremely lucky to see our main support base get directly behind us before we even had to seek to ask for help. So many new people set up individual giving amounts and notified us of their intention to continue doing just so. Not just during the pandemic but continuing forward. We were also approached privately by many of our supporters who wished to donate one off larger individual amount to ensure that we were in a better position moving forward through such a precarious time for us as a charity. Others that already donated increased their monthly amount. Our supporters very clearly saw that whilst demand on many other rescues reduced due to so many people suddenly retaining their pets ours due to the situation relating to Greyhound racing and the end of the illegal hunting season increased. We feel that this is also down to the amount of time and engagement we invest into our supporters. They have an extremely heightened sense of awareness relating to the charity its inner workings and all that it entails.

As well as an increase in individual giving we were also lucky to see an increase in donations made and delivered directly to the kennels. We were regularly asked what would help us the most through a difficult period to reduce the overall cost of the dogs care. Tinned meat to go alongside the set purchased complete food did not need to be purchased and the dogs were always well stocked with not only treats and toys but enrichment equipment to ensure we always had a plentiful supply.

The Amazon Wish List was once again reviewed and items that were more urgently required were changed out and added in place of some others that were not as necessary.

The Valentine's, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Christmas gift sponsorship, sponsorship of memory baubles at Christmas were all once again well supported and proved to be a huge success during the financial year.

Sadly for us the open days held at the kennels, sponsored sleepovers, fundraising BBQs and evening social events and dog behavioural seminars all had to cease. As these were events all held from March onwards as weather dependant it was just not avoidable as at the time of planning, we had no idea of the situation due to arise.

Other avenues of revenue include stocking dog food for sale to the general public this year were continuing to show a steady growth in sales. During lockdown this was allowed to continue as it was seen as an essential service. We did though notice a visible decrease in sales as most people seemed to be incorporating purchase of animal supplies within their weekly shops. This isn't an issue that we see continuing once things progress to normality and expect for sales to once again increase

Other projects to support our cause which were put into effect in previous years are the use of eBay and the collection of recyclable donations. This has continued throughout this financial year.

We were also lucky enough during the financial year to both being approached and securing grants from the following sources:

Support Adoption for Pets
Happy Breed
Hobhouse Animal Trust
Edith Murphy Foundation
Animal Friends
The Hobson Charity

As is always the case as a Charity we remain grateful to those providing grant assistance for their continued support.

Alongside all of this we continue to work hard within local and national communities relating to awareness. At every available opportunity we strive to engage the public to raise the general profile of greyhounds and lurchers as pets and to educate against the continued occurrence of recorded misuse for sporting purposes.

One of our vital avenues for such is the continued relationship with Crewe Pets at Home store, this has seen continuance and bonds strengthening between our volunteer base and their own team during the financial year. We feel extremely fortunate to once again be chosen as their charity of choice. This enables us to hold fundraising and awareness days in the form of meet and greets, we also participate in the stores own in house fundraising. As one of their nominated charities, we receive around 50% of all revenue raised in the store during their selected fundraising drives.

The store also holds a collection point solely for distribution to Greyhound Gap. Items donated can either be used by ourselves or for sale on fundraising stalls.

Even though we were unable to support them physically instore from March onwards that did not stop their events going ahead. The staff themselves undertook a more active role and continued to work instore to ensure the usual amount of donations expected during the financial year were still harvested and directed to the Charity.

Continuance of relationship building with Newcastle Under Lyme (Business Improvement District) sees the charity remain one of their supported attendees of choice at their events. An extra event was added to their calendar and we remain thankful to themselves for their continued support and invitations.

We remain thankful for the continued support of our local Tesco Stores and Tesco community champions and to our veterinary practices of choice and other businesses.

The securing of our own property also continues to provide us with a hub of donations that is showing a continued increase. More people in the local community are becoming aware of the charity, its impact and support is growing constantly. Due to this we are receiving a large number of items that help us further our fundraising aims.

During 2020 we were also fortunate enough to be able to assist and have great results reuniting members of the local community with pet dogs physically brought to ourselves here at the kennels after escaping and being picked up. Those dogs were retained safely until such a time that the owners were found. For those not so fortunate due to our ongoing relationship with Newcastle-Under-Lyme and Stoke Dog Warden those dogs were safely released into our care for rehoming at the end of the mandatory 7 days period.

Securing of Kennel Premises

As stated in our Trustees Report for the year ending 30 September 2016 we secured a fit for purpose private rental property. In addition to the kennel facilities, the site also comprises a house and a safe off lead exercise area.
The subsequent purchase of our own property, as detailed in 2019 report, continues to provide us with a hub of donations that is showing a continued increase. More people in the local community are becoming aware of the charity, its impact and support is growing constantly. Due to this we are receiving many items that help us further our fundraising aims.

During 2018 we added a new member of staff to work on a part-time basis at weekends and during school holidays. Both of these periods are busier with rehoming and visitors to the yard. We opted once again to recruit via the local animal welfare management college as the new staff member is currently studying to gain relevant qualifications. The qualifications have become more of a necessity since the adaptation of the new animal welfare guidelines implemented in 2017. Furthermore, at the beginning of 2019 we recruited 2 more full time members of the staff team to the yard. We can see it is becoming an increasing necessity to ensure more activities are able to be added in affording more time to each dogs' individual care plans and in turn hopefully reducing their length of stay.

Greyhound Gap also received their assessment via the ADCH (Association of Dogs and Cats Homes) We are pleased to say our assessment scored 118 out of the possible 118 attainable. We were accepted as full members in May 2018 and have since found this extra source of support a massive bonus for ourselves. We are extremely grateful for the opportunities the membership has afforded us as a smaller charity. We have ensured that our staff have been allowed training day release to attend courses held by the ADCH and hosted elsewhere encapsulating both intake and rehoming assessments and volunteer management. We intend fully to continue to embrace further both the ethos of the ADCH and continued training opportunities afforded. One such opportunity is the Battersea Academy and we are currently seeking bursary funding to afford members of our staff team to attend a full weeks training with the team in house there.

In 2019 we were extremely proud to see a continued much stronger working bond form amongst the staff team as a whole, relationships strengthened, confidence built and communications were heightened hugely. A reflection of this was once again demonstrated in the number of nominations we were fortunate to receive for the Animal Charity of the Year with Petplan. Although this year we did not make it to the finals we are as always grateful for the continued support and nominations.

During the financial year we also sought to add to the facilities at the kennels by creating a purpose-built room from two old loose boxes. A full conversion was carried out and the addition of a home from home room was added. The benefits of this have far exceeded even our expectations and vision. So many of our dogs have never encountered a home environment before and having a specific space to desensitise them to hoovers, washing machines, TVs, sofas and human space sharing have left them better prepared and more adoptable. It also gives the dogs a break from the kennels environment and they are able to if they choose to engage in additional enrichment and a whole host of other games that wouldn't be safe to carry out unsupervised inside the actual kennels itself.

The room has also provided an additional space for the staff to carry out general duties such as washing up and the washing itself in a more Covid secure manner.

Huge thanks to Wickes who kindly donated the kitchen area for this project.

Home From Home Room



The addition of the home from home room has been a great asset to both hounds and humans alike.
Andy and Alisla two of our volunteers spent time enjoying the company of Chase one of our wonderful hounds.
Chase came to us a deeply distressed dog having been found in the care of someone banned from keeping animals.
Andy and Alisla sadly lost one of their much loved Greyhound Gap dogs and through the additional time they could spend getting to know Chase on a volunteer basis in a more natural environment proceeded to adopt him.

Developing Public Relations and Promotion of the Charity

Over the year, with the continued growth of social media we have continued to reach a broader spectrum of people nationwide. This has opened a whole new avenue of volunteers and supporters. It also helps with further advancement in fundraising and educational purposes with a larger audience of people actively becoming involved in campaigns headed up by ourselves and other welfare organisations we work alongside. We are enthusiastic that this will continue with a steady growth and enable us to continue to grow our resources.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we have had had to stop welcoming local community groups into the premises. The site itself is relatively small and due to staff safety and wellbeing being our upmost priority we felt it was too large a risk to take. We will most definitely be looking to reinstate community group activity as soon as it is safely possible.

We continue to be extremely active within the local press and media with them giving us many opportunities to both promote the Charity and to continue education in the local and more further reaching communities The new website continues to serve as a front face for the rescue hosting all the relevant information including our current hounds, our adoption guidelines, our online web shop, events, newsletters and any relevant big announcements. The website has continued to receive a large number of both independent and returning hits in line with previous years.

The site also links to our online forum and, whilst numbers posting on there are actually down, visitors continue to use it to view more in-depth details of our dogs available for adoption and our help and advice archives. It allows us to email through the forum's facility the 7500 members if urgent assistance in any form is required. The member rate has continued to grow even though the forum remains in the main inactive.

The Facebook groups and pages have seen a steady influx of new members, the main Facebook group itself is now on over 15,000 these members continue to get involved in direct appeals for help or are applying to become volunteers for the organisation.

c. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that we have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Financial review

a. PRINCIPLE FUNDING SOURCES

During the period the charity received income of £335,263 (2019: £258,113). We are well supported with a wide and loyal support base, this coupled with our own fundraising efforts which includes adoption, our own online shop, auctions, raffles, boarding, dog shows, stalls and markets to name a few means we are not reliant upon a limited number of income streams to deliver our objectives and commitments. Included in the amount above we received £18,396 (2019: £23,021) of restricted funds. Expenditure for the period was £234,249 (2019: £264,905).

The charity has unrestricted reserves of £480,205 (2019: £379,191) and restricted reserves of £13,538 (2019: £13,538) at September 2020.

Key management personnel

The trustees consider the General Manager is the key member of management personnel of the charity, in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis.

b. RESERVES POLICY

Unrestricted reserves are held to ensure the ongoing care of the dogs. Annual operating costs are in excess of £200,000. The trustees have set a policy to hold free general reserves of £80,000 in order to fund four months of operating costs to enable alternative homes to be sourced for the dogs in the charity's care in the event of the charity's operations having to cease.

Plans for the future

a. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Short to Medium Term Objectives

- We aim to continue to maximise our boarding opportunities to increase our income
- We aim to continue to carry out year on year improvements and upgrades to the kennels and kennels house to maximise its potential.
- We will continue to recruit additional volunteers.

Long Term Objectives

- To seek to improve and modernise the kennels facilities to ensure maximum comfort to the dogs in our care.
- To work with more community groups and offer services to a wider range of audiences we feel can benefit from working alongside our dogs.
- We will be exploring the growth of core aims especially paying attention to the necessity to secure and enable safe placements for what seems to be a growing number of dogs with ourselves and other organisations we work closely with.

Other Objectives

- We will strive to achieve continuous improvement in animal welfare, building on our excellent reputation and aiming to set a benchmark for other similar animal welfare organisations to aspire to. In doing so, to inspire other animal welfare organisations to raise their standards of animal welfare practices in line with our own. This will bring about an improvement way beyond our direct control and reach

- We will strive to build better relations and networks with like-minded individuals and groups across the UK and continue to work towards educating the public with regards the exploitation and suffering of greyhounds within the racing industry and fight for better welfare reforms.

- We will continue to support the banning of the use of sight hounds in general, in partaking in blood sports and continue to back measures aimed at keeping bans in place. The number of dogs arriving in our care suffering from physical injuries consistent with both fox and badger damage continues to be a great worry to us.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ACCOUNTS

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. 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. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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This report was approved by the Trustees on 25/06/2021 and signed on their behalf by:

K J Cusworth

K Cusworth

Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2020. Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

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Date: 25 June 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	229,670	18,396	248,065	157,423
Raising Funds	3	87,139	-	87,139	100,616
Other income	4	58	-	58	74
Total Income		316,867	18,396	335,263	258,113
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	2,676	-	2,676	5,204
Charitable activities	6	213,177	18,396	231,573	259,701
Total expenditure		215,853	18,396	234,249	264,905
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		101,014	-	101,014	(6,792)
Transfers between funds	14	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		101,014	-	101,014	(6,972)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		379,191	13,538	392,729	399,521
Total funds carried forward		**480,205**	**13,538**	**493,743**	**392,729**

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The comparative statement of financial activities can be found in note 18 to the financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	595,297	608,953
Current assets			
Stocks	10	1,435	1,618
Debtors	11	16,320	14,451
Cash at bank and in hand		224,705	121,881
		242,460	137,950
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(23,953)	(25,297)
Net current assets		218,507	118,726
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	13	(320,061)	(328,877)
Net assets		493,743	392,729
Funds			
Unrestricted funds	14	480,205	379,191
Restricted funds	14	13,538	13,538
Total funds	14/15	493,743	392,729

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on ..... and signed on their behalf, by:

K J Cusworth

K Cusworth

Treasurer

25 June 2021

The notes on pages 22 to 31 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINIANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of Accounting.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty that receipt of income is considered probable and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

Donations are received and included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Donations include cash raised through street collections and events. It is common at these events for the charity to offer items for sale but the income is not separately identifiable.

Income (continued)

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Investment income is included when receivable.
Incoming resources from charitable activity are accounted for when earned.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Costs in raising funds are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters.

1.5 Going Concern

The Charity's activities together with factors likely to affect its future development and financial position are set out in the Trustees' report. The Trustees consider that in the light of the Charity's planned activities and current reserves it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normal upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at costs less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Buildings	-	2% Straight line
Motor vehicles	-	25% Straight line
Equipment	-	25% Straight line

Freehold land of £250,000 is not depreciated.

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.10 Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The judgements and estimations that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statement are as follows:

- Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In re-assessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation, produce life cycles and maintenance are taken into account. Residual value assessments consider issues such as future market conditions, the remaining life of the asset and projected disposal values.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
General donations	182,378	3,396	185,773	130,888
Adoption donations	9,418	-	9,418	16,035
Legacies and grants	37,874	15,000	52,874	11,300
	229,670	18,396	248,065	157,423

3. INCOME FROM RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Sale of merchandise	11,114	-	11,114	17,925
Other fundraising activities	76,026	-	76,026	82,691
	87,139	-	87,139	100,616

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

All of the charity's investment income arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts.

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5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Merchandise purchases	2,676	-	2,676	5,204
	2,676	-	2,676	5,204

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Direct Costs				
Veterinary fees	26,281	13,396	39,677	65,222
Kennelling	9,737	-	9,737	11,910
General dog costs	348	-	348	789
Vehicle running costs	5,077	-	5,077	5,019
Wages and salaries (Note 7)	112,314	5,000	117,314	109,560
Donations	-	-	-	889
Dog show	2,589	-	2,589	1,272
Sundry expenses	1,826	-	1,826	3,564
Bank charges and fundraising costs	1,177	-	1,177	1,500
Bank interest	12,755	-	12,755	11,600
Depreciation	13,656	-	13,656	13,545
Rent & Rates	3,134	-	3,134	3,181
Heat & Light	5,488	-	5,488	7,656
Water	1,211	-	1,211	1,350
Kennels Maintenance	7,224	-	7,224	5,752
Total Direct Costs	202,817	18,396	221,213	242,809
Support costs				
Insurance	2,452	-	2,452	4,469
Telephone	2,675	-	2,675	1,517
Internet	133	-	133	413
General administrative costs	1,160	-	1,160	1,128
Postage and packaging	1,114	-	1,114	1,362
Health and Safety	36	-	36	-
Legal fees	1,750	-	1,750	6,120
Independent examiners fees	1,040	-	1,040	1,081
Training	-	-	-	802
Total Support Costs	10,360	-	10,360	16,892
Total Expenditure	213,177	18,396	231,573	259,701

7. STAFF COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Wages and salaries	90,723	5,000	95,723	90,570
Social security costs	16,823	-	16,823	15,416
Pension costs	4,768	-	4,768	3,574
	112,314	5,000	117,314	109,560

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents was 7 (2019: 7).

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the period. Trustee remuneration incurred for the current and prior year is disclosed within note 16.

8. CORPORATION TAX

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling with section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2019	603,432	24,734	3,960	632,126
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	(350)	(350)
At 30 September 2020	603,432	24,734	3,610	631,776
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2019	12,960	8,055	2,158	23,173
Charge for the year	7,070	5,686	900	13,656
Disposals	-	-	(350)	(350)
At 30 September 2020	20,030	13,741	2,708	36,479
Net book value				
At 30 September 2020	**583,402**	**10,993**	**902**	**595,297**
At 30 September 2019	590,472	16,679	1,802	608,953

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10. STOCKS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fundraising stock	1,000	1,000
Web shop stock	435	618
	1,435	1,618

11. DEBTORS

	2020	2019
	£	£
VAT recoverable	3,132	4,631
Debtors & Prepayments	13,188	9,820
	16,320	14,451

12. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Bank Loan	10,201	5,342
Trade Creditors	4,296	5,284
Accruals	9,456	14,671
	23,953	25,297

13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Bank Loan	320,061	328,877
	320,061	328,877

The bank loan is secured by a legal charge on the freehold property Grindlestone Edge House, Cobmoor Road, Kidsgrove.

14. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1 October 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 September 2020 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	379,191	316,867	(215,853)	-	480,205
Restricted Funds					
Employee Costs	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Vet fees	6,038	13,396	(19,434)	-	-
Roof structure replacement	7,500	-	-	-	7,500
	13,538	18,396	(24,434)	-	13,538
Total funds	392,729	335,263	(234,249)	-	493,743

The general funds are the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

Restricted donations were received of £18,396 in relation to veterinary fees for specific dogs and employee costs.

Grants totalling £7,500 were received in the prior year for the replacement of the roof structure. Of this amount £nil had been spent by the year end.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS 2019

	Balance at 1 October 2018 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 30 September 2019 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	395,004	235,092	(255,422)	4,517	379,191
Restricted Funds					
Purchase and fit out Van	4,517	-	-	(4,517)	-
Vet Fees	-	15,521	(9,483)	-	6,038
Roof structure replacement	-	7,500	-	-	7,500
	4,517	23,021	(9,483)	-	13,538
Total funds	399,521	258,113	(264,905)	-	392,729

The general funds are the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

Restricted donations were received of £15,521 in relation to veterinary fees for specific dogs.

Grants totalling £7,500 were received in the year for the replacement of the roof structure. Of this amount £nil had been spent by the year end.

A grant of £20,000 was received in the prior year for the purchase and fit out of a new van. Of this, £4,517 was spent in the current year.

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	595,297	-	595,297	608,953
Current assets	228,922	13,538	242,460	137,950
Creditors due within one year	(23,953)	-	(23,953)	(25,297)
Creditors due after one year	(320,061)	-	(320,061)	(328,877)
Total funds	480,205	13,538	493,743	399,521

The free unrestricted reserves of the charity are represented by:

Current assets	225,526	124,412
Creditors (excluding bank loans)	(13,752)	(11,955)
Total Unrestricted free reserves	211,774	112,457

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS 2019

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £	Total funds 2018 £
Tangible fixed assets	608,953	-	608,953	617,188
Current assets	124,412	13,538	137,950	138,582
Creditors due within one year	(25,297)		(25,297)	(19,856)
Creditors due after one year	(328,877)	-	(328,877)	(336,393)
Total funds	379,191	13,538	392,729	399,251

16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

During the year £17,606 (2019: £18,412) was paid to a trustee of the CIO. The remuneration is paid in accordance with the clauses laid out in the CIO's Foundation Constitution.

17. CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

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18. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	134,402	23,021	157,423
Raising Funds	100,616	-	100,616
Other income	74	-	74
Total income	235,092	23,021	258,113
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5,204	-	5,204
Charitable activities	250,218	9,483	259,701
Total expenditure	255,422	9,483	264,905
Net incoming resources before transfers	(20,330)	13,538	(6,792)
Transfers between funds	4,517	(4,517)	-
Net movement in funds for the year	(15,813)	9,021	(6,792)
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total funds brought forward	395,004	4,517	399,521
Total funds carried forward	**379,191**	**13,538**	**392,729**