

Dachshund Rescue CIO
Registered Charity Number 1159602
Report of the Trustees and Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2020

Brown Butler
Chartered Accountants
Leeds

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chairpersons	S J Bluffield L M Hall
Trustees	G E Salisbury C Russell L M Hall S J Bluffield
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Trustees' Report

The trustees of the charity ("the Charity") present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 2020 under the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"), together with the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Act, the trust deed and the 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).

Objectives and activities

The main focus of the charity is the rehoming of unwanted dachshunds as well as education for new owners.

The principal activity of the charity is for the relief of suffering and need of unwanted, homeless or distressed dogs of the Dachshund breed including but not limited to providing sanctuary for those with medical or behavioural issues, when and where appropriate; providing medical attention and treatment for rescued dogs and arranging responsible rehoming where appropriate. Also to provide temporary assistance for dogs whose owners are temporarily in need and to promote the advancement of education of the general public in matters relating to Dachshunds and by this means preventing cruelty and suffering.

Achievements and performance

The total number of dogs rehomed through Dachshund Rescue in the year was 179. The most prevalent reason for rehoming this past year was behavioural issues and stress which arose due to the strains imposed by Covid-19. To this end the Charity started working in conjunction with a Dachshund only training company and have funded consultations for Dachshund owners who have been struggling to cope with their Dachshunds behaviour. The Trustees felt this was a critical venture and agreed to set aside a sum of money for the purpose of educating Dachshund owners and the training of Dachshunds. This has and continues to be very successful.

Dachshund Rescue has constantly advertised throughout the year offering support for all Dachshund owners due to the unprecedented situation. COVID-19 has impacted significantly on the financial situation of many people meaning that members of the public have found it impossible to pay for large operations or medical treatment their Dachshund may need. Often unable to finance insurance for their Dachshund they were left without means to cover the cost of treatment. Dachshund Rescue has funded medical treatments and operations for those dogs in addition to Dachshunds surrendered to us for rehoming. The Charity also funded post-operative physiotherapy or hydrotherapy treatment required as well as supplying any necessary equipment. Again the Trustees felt that it was imperative to set aside a sum of money to prevent the suffering of Dachshunds not surrendered to the Charity for rehoming.

When considering physiotherapy for post-operative Dachshunds the Charity decided to provide mobile physiotherapy treatment in order to provide the best possible care for the dog as well as continuity for the owners and support which was readily available. This has been a great success and as such Dachshund Rescue is now in the process of setting up a network of mobile physiotherapists to cover the whole of the UK to enable the best possible recovery of post-operative dogs and to provide support and education to the owners. Due to the success of this project this will again be carried on throughout the following year.

During the year we also provided temporary fostering for 16 dogs for owners for a variety of reasons. Dachshund Rescue is extremely grateful for the contribution made by our fosterers. During the year the Charity received a record number of applications from people wishing to rehome a Dachshund, totalling 7301 compared to last years total of over 2000. Again this huge figure was a direct result of the situation regarding Covid-19, namely people working from home and feeling that they could offer a rescue dog a home (albeit they may be returning to work at some point) and also not being able to socialise due to Government restrictions resulting in loneliness and a need to have the companionship of a dog.

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At the beginning of March 2020 the Charity was no longer allowed to carry out home visits to potential new adopters due to the Government guidelines imposed due to Covid-19. Therefore we reviewed our procedures and started implementing home checks by photos and video calls as well as two references one of which must be supplied by a dog owner. We have continued to rehome dogs that were in desperate situations following Kennel Club and DEFRA guidelines throughout the year and have given permission to travel to our volunteers by way of letter form. Dachshund Rescue are very grateful for the assistance of our volunteers during this time.

As a Charity we are always concerned with the welfare of Dachshunds and finding the best possible home for the rescue dogs. Having had a wire haired Dachshund surrendered to us last year that needed a job to do with his nose Dachshund Rescue is proud say that it has provided Medical Detection Dogs with their first Dachshund to train as a Bio Detection Dog.

We will be constantly reviewing our procedures to ensure we meet our objectives.

Public benefit

As a Charity we are constantly reviewing our website to ensure up to date information is available to the public. Social media is continually used to inform the public about dogs rehomed by the Charity. Educational posts are provided on a weekly basis and are proving popular with the public.

Dachshund Rescue is always looking into ways of advancing the education of the general public and thereby preventing cruelty and suffering. To this end the Charity is currently working with external organisations to become involved in projects concerned with the welfare of Dachshunds. Details of these projects will be detailed in the 2021 Annual Report.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by its constitution adopted December 2014.

Governance

Dachshund Rescue made the decision to become a registered charity in 2014 which was achieved in December of that year. Prior to this rescue operated as collaboration between the Dachshund Club and the Longhaired Dachshund Club. The Charity is currently run by a group of trustees who meet twice a year.

Meetings with Trustees and also Co-Ordinators has taken place using Zoom as face to face meetings were impossible. This looks set to continue into next year.

They review the current activity of the Charity which is carried out by thirteen voluntary co-coordinators based throughout the country assisted by fosterers and transportation volunteers.

The Trustees ensure that the aims and objectives of the Charity are being carried out and to plan future activities that will contribute to these.

Trustees' Report

Financial Review

	2020 £	2019 £
Overall income	145,397	81,324
Includes legacies of:	56,817	7,100
Expenditure	105,916	49,529
Net (loss)/gain on investments	(64,945)	51,260
Net movement in funds	(25,464)	83,055
Funds carried forward	851,295	876,759

Dachshund Rescue has always been the grateful recipient of generous legacies and we continue to be thankful to people remembering Dachshund Rescue in their wills.

The majority of our expenses are veterinary fees, training and rehabilitation plus occasional boarding fees. We also endeavour to support those adopting a 'Golden Oldie' so prospective owners are not put off by the financial burden of taking on these dogs. The challenging year due to Covid-19 has seen unprecedented demand for our services and expenditure has had to rise inline to meet this demand.

As envisaged in the 2019 Annual Report COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant effect on the Charity's investments. In keeping with the Constitution, Dachshund Rescue employ a professional fund management company to manage their funds. As detailed in their quarterly report Spring 2020 "the lockdown has negatively impacted economic growth and caused significant stock market volatility, all major stock markets lost money over this period". "It was impossible to predict the full impact the virus would have on global economies".

Dachshund Rescue remains as always committed to carrying out due diligence to ensure funds are appropriately placed and monitored on a regular basis.

Reserves Policy

The trustees review the level of reserves on an annual basis to ensure there is enough to cover the running costs of the Charity. The reserves balance as at 31 December 2020 was £851,295.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 9 July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



S J Bluffield
Co Chair

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the constitution. 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 corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 9 July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



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S J Bluffield
Co Chair

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Dachshund Rescue CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Dachshund Rescue CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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

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 Dachshund Rescue CIO 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 accounting 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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Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2019 Unrestricted funds £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	121,351	49,576
Charitable activities	3	2,496	1,862
Investment income	4	21,550	29,886
Total income		<u>145,397</u>	<u>81,324</u>
Expenditure:			
Raising funds	5	(5,420)	(6,077)
Charitable activities	5	(95,287)	(40,681)
Governance costs	5	(5,209)	(2,771)
Total expenditure		<u>(105,916)</u>	<u>(49,529)</u>
Net income		39,481	31,795
Other recognised gains and losses			
Net loss/(gain) on investments		<u>(64,945)</u>	<u>51,260</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(25,464)</u>	<u>83,055</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>876,759</u>	<u>793,704</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>851,295</u></u>	<u><u>876,759</u></u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	9	-	799,215
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		800,835	80,136
Debtors	10	55,056	-
		<u>855,891</u>	<u>80,136</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(4,596)</u>	<u>(2,592)</u>
Net current assets		851,295	876,759
Net assets		<u>851,295</u>	<u>876,759</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds		851,295	876,759
Total funds		<u>851,295</u>	<u>876,759</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 9 July 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

S. J. Bluffield

S J Bluffield
Co Chair

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified, where appropriate, to include certain items at fair value and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP - FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The presentation currency is £ sterling.

The CIO constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The majority of the Charity's income is received from regular donors. Should there be significant reductions in this income, the Trustees would raise funds from other sources and in the unlikely event that they were insufficient, the Trustees consider they have the ability to reduce expenditure in line with the reduced income.

(b) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds comprise grants, donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the Charity without specified purpose and are available as general funds.

(c) Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of donations and legacies and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Income from charitable activity is accounted for when earned.

(d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

- Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable activity expenditure includes both the direct costs and support costs relating to each activity. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.
- Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the Charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1 Accounting policies - continued

(e) Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

(f) Financial instruments

Short term debtors and creditors are not interest bearing and are stated at original invoiced amounts.

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(g) Volunteers and gifts in kind

The trustees are also grateful for the contribution of volunteers in the Charity's educational activities, administration and fundraising activities. No financial adjustment is made in respect of this contribution.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £
Donations and legacies:		
Donations from individuals	52,475	39,581
Legacies	56,817	7,100
Gift aid	12,059	2,895
	<u>121,351</u>	<u>49,576</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £
Trading income:		
Other trading income	1,884	1,600
Local fundraising and street collection income	612	262
	<u>2,496</u>	<u>1,862</u>

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £
Other income from fixed asset investments	21,550	29,886
	<u>21,550</u>	<u>29,886</u>

5 Expenditure

	Direct costs £	Support costs (note 6) £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Raising funds				
Investment management costs	5,291	-	5,291	6,077
Advertising	129	-	129	-
	<u>5,420</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,420</u>	<u>6,077</u>
Charitable activities				
Veterinary costs	78,321	833	79,154	37,770
Training and rehabilitation	6,900	833	7,733	-
Boarding, rehoming and fostering costs	3,421	4,979	8,400	2,911
	<u>88,642</u>	<u>6,645</u>	<u>95,287</u>	<u>40,681</u>
Governance costs	<u>1,100</u>	<u>4,109</u>	<u>5,209</u>	<u>2,771</u>
	<u>95,162</u>	<u>10,754</u>	<u>105,916</u>	<u>49,529</u>

6 Support costs

	Governance costs £	Charitable activities £	Total £
Printing, postage and stationery	-	1,391	1,391
Travel and subsistence	-	3,471	3,471
Telephone	-	1,783	1,783
Computer expenses	1,224	-	1,224
Accountancy fees	2,000	-	2,000
Independent examiner's fee	885	-	885
	<u>4,109</u>	<u>6,645</u>	<u>10,754</u>

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the Charity during the year.

During the year total payments of £900 (2019: £nil) were made to the retiring Treasurer and long standing co-ordinators for gifts of thanks.

Trustees have not received any reimbursement of expenses incurred in their role as trustee (2019: £nil) during the year.

There have been no related party transactions during the year.

8 Taxation

The Charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

9 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Valuation	
At 1 January 2020	799,215
Revaluation	(64,946)
Additions	37,787
Disposals	(772,056)
At 31 December 2020	-
Net book value	
At 31 December 2020	-
At 31 December 2019	799,215

10 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Accrued income	52,397	-
Other debtors	2,659	-
	<u>55,056</u>	<u>-</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	2,196	-
Accruals	2,400	2,592
	<u>4,596</u>	<u>2,592</u>

12 Funds

Unrestricted funds

The movement on the unrestricted funds are as shown on the Statement of Financial Activities.

The nature and use of funds are disclosed in the accounting policies on page 9.

All assets held by the CIO at 31 December 2020 relate to unrestricted funds.