



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1 Sept 2023 Period start date To 31 Aug 2024 Period end date**

**Charity name: Makants Greyhound Rescue NW**

**Charity registration number: 1161079**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the benefit to the public to relieve the suffering of abandoned and ex-racing greyhounds and to promote humane behaviour towards the greyhounds by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for the dogs in need of attention by reason of retirement, abandonment, mistreatment or ill usage. • To re-home the greyhounds in line with Makants' strict re-homing policy. • To educate the public regarding responsible dog ownership and to offer comprehensive help to all adopters of ex racing greyhounds
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	In order to maintain the day to day care for its rescued ex-racing greyhounds, Makants' charitable trustees supported by a team of exceptionally dedicated volunteers raise funds by way of store collections, car boot sales, auctions, raffles and other activities, such as summer and Christmas fairs and local dogs shows. In addition, a raft of other tasks are undertaken by the trustees and volunteers such as administration, social media communications/updates, re-homing checks, transporting dogs for veterinary care and attendance at fund raising events. Raising awareness of the plight of racing greyhounds and educating the public about responsible dog ownership with an offer of comprehensive help to all adopters is an integral part of Makants' work and this is woven into all its activities. By way of example, volunteers are welcomed each day to assist with the daily walk which ensures each kennelled dog receives appropriate exercise, can be assessed in a group situation and allows individuals to 'get to know' the breed and the work undertaken by Makants; this support is

		<p>invaluable on many levels. Experience to date has shown that in many instances, the rescue of an ex-racing greyhound is an acute situation whereby third parties will make the dog available to Makants at short notice with no financial donation. Dogs that are taken in are often in need of basic care and veterinary treatment, with some inevitably having more complex medical needs such as epilepsy, impacted vertebrae, gum disease, chronic fracture injuries or amputated toes giving rise to joint/mobility issues and tail injuries; all of which Makants has experienced and dealt with. Makants implements a strategy of spaying and neutering all greyhounds within two weeks of rescue unless the dog is prior neutered, in season or the veterinary surgeon advises otherwise, in which case spaying or neutering will be undertaken when advised by the veterinary surgeon irrespective of whether the dog is kennelled, fostered or adopted. A positive focus is placed on assessing and rehabilitating each and every dog received so they may be successfully rehomed and enjoy a normal life – a healthy dog is never euthanized and this is Makants’ promise to each and every dog that it receives. Each dog’s adoption is conditional and subject to the new owner entering into a written adoption agreement with Makants, whereby the new owner agrees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to guarantee the health and wellbeing of the dog.</li> <li>• to maintain yearly vaccination boosters.</li> <li>• not to allow the dog to stray unsupervised.</li> <li>• to ensure the dog wears a collar at all times with owners details and the disc Makants provides.</li> <li>• not to pass the dog to any third party without Makants’ written consent.</li> <li>• to abide by Makants’ spaying &amp; neutering policy.</li> <li>• to allow a representative from Makants to visit to ensure the dog’s welfare and care is appropriate.</li> <li>• any breach of the contract allows Makants to reclaim the dog.</li> </ul> <p>Each adoption is subject to the satisfactory completion of a vetting process to ensure the prospective home offered by a new owner meets the needs of the dog. Makants’ charitable trustees are aware of the statutory declaration and guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

**Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Makants has been able to maintain a highly motivated team of volunteers who have ensured that the care of its rescued ex-racing greyhounds has been of prime importance and a consistent achievement during the past year. During its financial year 2023/24, Makants has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rescued and rehomed 60 ex-racing greyhounds in line with its strict re-homing policy and been able to offer comprehensive help to all adopters. It is to the credit of all those who volunteer their support that Makants' was able to achieve this rehoming rate .</li> <li>• This demonstrates (despite the Cost of living crisis) a consistent, positive annual rehoming rate from 2022/23 76(rescued and rehomed ex racing greyhounds) 2021/22 (74 rescued and rehomed ex-racing greyhounds), 2019/20 (73 rescued and rehomed ex-racing greyhounds), 2018/19 (83 rescued and rehomed ex-racing greyhounds), 2017/18 (91 rescued and rehomed ex-racing greyhounds which included by exception the rescue, vaccination etc and successfully rehoming of a brooding bitch and all of her litter of 9 greyhound puppies (4 weeks old)), 2016/17 (72 rescued and rehomed ex-racing greyhounds) and 2015/16 (57 rescued and rehomed ex-racing greyhounds) which reflects the dedicated commitment supporting this charity.</li> <li>• made continuous necessary</li> </ul>

		<p>maintenance improvements to its existing kennel facilities. This included the upgrading of all kennels , the inclusion of an enrichment room to enhance our rehoming process , ensuring our rescue greyhounds have the best possibility of being rehomed , the carpark facility was upgraded and the new drainage system was completed in order to comply with kennel regulations • promoted humane behaviour towards the greyhounds by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for the dogs in need of attention by reason of retirement, abandonment, mistreatment or ill usage. • been able to educate the public regarding responsible and safe dog ownership, not least by its attendance at many public events where information has been made available and members of the public have been able to seek guidance and advice and necessary equipment such as leads, harnesses, coats and muzzles (if required) but also online.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		



## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Makants, as a growing voluntary charity working directly to improve the welfare of ex-racing greyhounds, aims to achieve its objective to at least maintain and, if possible, increase its cash reserve of £203,208 to ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it can maintain an appropriate contingency fund (equivalent to 12 months' operating costs) is maintained to support, sustain, improve and assure continuity of future operations.</li> <li>• it can fund any exceptional and urgent welfare rescues which may require exceptional and costly funding for veterinary treatment and feeding care.</li> <li>• it can continue to accept more complex rescues where the ex-racing greyhound may require extended rehabilitation and kennelling rather than selecting only those greyhounds that may be more easily rehomed.</li> <li>• it can accumulate (in a high interest deposit account) a cash deposit towards its long-term strategic aim to purchase of a suitable property for Makants' kennels to be permanently located at.</li> </ul>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Other		
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Makants Greyhound Rescue NW
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1161079
Charity's principal address	Makants Farm Mort Lane Tyldesley M29 8PF

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

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Siobhan Hopley	Founder & Chair		Siobhan Hopley
2	Susan Sewell	Rehoming Trustee		
3	Joanne Maxwell	Admin/Media Trustee		
4	Fiona Hughes	Fundraising Trustee		
5	Wendy Draper	Fundraising Trustee & Secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Signature(s)**

Wendy Draper

**Full name(s)**

Wendy Draper

**Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)**

Secretary

**Date**

06.06.25



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Charity Name	No (if any)
Makants Greyhound Rescue NW	

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	9/1/2023		8/31/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	50,874	-	-	50,874	59,452
Fundraising Events	73,902	-	-	73,902	51,575
Bank Interest Received	6,743	-	-	6,743	2,819
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	131,519	-	-	131,519	113,846
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	131,519	-	-	131,519	113,846
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Dog Food and Care	3,440	-	-	3,440	1,278
Vet Fee	18,103	-	-	18,103	21,318
Insurance	2,303	-	-	2,303	2,063
Kennel Services	47,139	-	-	47,139	37,541
Building Running Costs	9,451	-	-	9,451	7,705
Transport Costs	1,159	-	-	1,159	809
Cost of fund Raising Events	3,057	-	-	3,057	3,692
Cost of Sale of Goods	11,333	-	-	11,333	11,214
Printing , Post , Stationery & Computer Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Grants and Donations Paid	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest and Charges	139	-	-	139	235
Building Maintenance	-	-	-	-	17,152
Miscellaneous	726	-	-	726	1,254
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	96,850	-	-	96,850	104,261
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	96,850	-	-	96,850	104,261
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	34,669	-	-	34,669	9,585
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	227,275	-	-	227,275	217,690
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	261,944	-	-	261,944	227,275

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Accounts and Paypal	261,944	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	261,944	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Makants Greyhound Rescue NW

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 August 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1161079

Set out on pages

Receipts and Payments pages 1&2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024.

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 Trust'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Justine Garner

Date:

30/5/2025

Name:

Justine Garner

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Chartered Accountant



**Address:**

C/O Makants Greyhound Rescue
Makants Farm , Mort Lane
Tyldesley , M29 8PF

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



