

# MAXI'S MATES

England & Wales · Charity number 1162442

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-06-29

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF DOGS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO PROVIDE A RESCUE HOME FOR THE RECEPTION, CARE AND TREATMENT OF STRAY DOGS IN THE TEESSIDE AREA.

**Activities:** rescuing stray and unwanted dogs throughout Redcar & Cleveland and Hambleton Areas

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- North Yorkshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-01	£358,451	£297,405	-	-
2023-09-01	£219,793	£197,044	-	-
2022-09-01	£183,483	£169,133	-	-
2021-09-01	£134,048	£126,981	-	-
2020-09-01	£130,580	£121,339	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANTONIA BOYD		2012-10-09
Jane Galliford		2012-10-09
Lesley Jones		2017-01-18

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# Accounts

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## **Trustee's Annual Report** **For the period 1/9/23- 31/8/24**

### **Reference and administration details**

*Charity Name* Maxi's Mates

*Registered Charity No:* 1162442

*Address* Maxi's Mates Rescue & Rehoming Centre  
Carlin Howe Farm  
Redcar Rd  
Dunsdale  
TS14 6RG

*Charity Trustees:* Jane Galliford - Secretary & Admin  
Antonia Boyd - Chairperson  
Lesley Jones - Treasurer

Maxi's Mates is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The object of Maxi's Mates is for the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of dogs in need of care and attention. We provide a safe haven for stray and surrendered dogs and to finding them their forever home. We firmly believe ALL dogs deserve another chance at finding that right home for them. We care deeply about dogs regardless of breed, age or whether they are sociable with other dogs or not. Maxi's Mates will meet all their needs until we can find them their forever home and for however long it takes. We vaccinate, spay or neuter where possible and home check every home. Our mission is to protect our stray dogs and provide them with a safe place for as long as they need.

Maxi's Mates is governed by its 3 Trustees and supported by a committee of 6 people plus groups of volunteers. This year we employed more people which we now have 18 paid staff. This has been due to the high demand for kennel spaces and it is getting harder and harder each year with the increased influx of dogs as strays not claimed or people surrendering their pets as they say they can't keep them anymore.

We also provide a practical learning environment for students from local colleges undertaking relevant studies. We have taken on a few of the students after finishing their courses as they had proved invaluable to us. They had demonstrated how dedicated and caring they were throughout the placement and impressed us so much we did not want to lose them.

Our hard-working staff are still in operation with the same rota and have 2 shifts per day 7 days a week. We have a steady group of volunteers who are

essential to the running of the kennels. Volunteers help in a number of ways which we are incredibly grateful to them. Dog walking, cleaning kennels, jobs around kennels, gardening, home checkers, fund raising etc

We have worked hard to ensure that the strays of Redcar & Cleveland and Hambleton councils' areas have a safe place to stay with us. Between 1st September 2023 and the 31st August 2024 we took in 175 strays. Owner surrenders were 112 which included our commitment to retired Greyhounds. We also helped rehome 27 puppies. In total that was 314 dogs in this year alone.

We have continued to ensure that our dogs receive the best veterinary care as well as continuing our vaccination, flea and worming programme. We have also neutered dogs via our outreach policy and provided specialist veterinary treatment for dogs when needed. There has been a big increase in vet costs and it is another area that has added to increase the monthly running costs.

The Electricity bills have tripled, and we received a demand of an incredible amount of £25,025 in November. This was for a past period, that they hadn't billed us for, but we successfully fund raised to cover most of it but again it's another added strain on the monthly running costs.

In June 2024 we received a grant from Unite The Union of 2.5 k to move the dog feeding area into an old kennel space. This has made room in the future for some new kennels to be built in its place. The feeding station is now a safer contained area where its secure from vermin

On the 4/7/24 the wonderful addition to Maxi's Mates of a new building containing 4 brand new kennel spaces and a medical room was officially opened.

It was made possible by a lovely lady called Audrey Williams who left a bequest to us, sadly after she died, but she wanted to help a small charity, and she certainly did. We will be forever grateful. The bequest has also allowed us to revamp existing kennels, have a new reception area, staff kitchen, bring water to the paddocks for water bowls or filling paddling pools. But the main advantage is to have somewhere for dogs needing extra care i.e. dogs recuperating from operations, older dogs or puppies. This will let them have a quieter space from the rest of the kennel population.

The medical/treatment room adds to this asset. We are so very honoured by this and how she allowed us to have the funds to make this possible as it was something we could not have done on our own at this stage. Funds are needed for the monthly running costs and to remain in operation which is vital for the longevity of Maxi's Mates.

### **Summary of Activities and Achievements:**

- **Operational Achievements:**

- Took in 314 dogs, including 175 strays and 112 owner surrenders.

- Rehomed 27 puppies.
- Significant facility improvements, including new kennels and a medical room.
- Provided comprehensive veterinary care, including vaccinations, spaying, neutering, and specialist treatments.
- **Community Engagement:**
  - Collaborated with local colleges to offer practical learning environments for students.
  - Employed some students after completing their courses.
  - Volunteers played an essential role in operations, assisting with various tasks such as dog walking, kennel cleaning, gardening, and fundraising.
- **Financial Overview:**
  - Maintained a conservative financial buffer to ensure sustainability.
  - Successful fundraising efforts covered unexpected expenses, including a significant electricity bill.
  - A grant from Unite The Union facilitated the relocation of the dog feeding area, allowing for the future construction of additional kennels.
- **Facility Enhancements:**
  - On July 4, 2024, a new building containing four kennels and a medical room, named Audrey's, was officially opened.
  - Funded by a bequest from Audrey Williams.
  - Further improvements included revamping existing kennels, new reception area, staff kitchen, and water supply to the paddocks.
- **Future Plans:**
  - Continue expanding facilities and services to accommodate the growing number of dogs in need.
  - Build additional kennels and enhance the medical treatment room.
  - Increase collaboration with local colleges and expand volunteer programs.
  - Secure more grants and funding to ensure financial stability and support future projects.
  - Adhered to the Public Benefit guidance set out by the Charities Commission.
  - Successfully remained operational throughout the year, reuniting, rehoming, and providing a safe haven for dogs in need.
  - Continuous improvements to the facilities and operations ensured the well-being of the dogs under our care.
- **Financial Review:**
  - Operated as a not-for-profit organisation, maintaining reserves sufficient to cover ongoing activities and unexpected costs.

- Made progress with Reserves Policy in maintaining to cover six months of running costs despite increased costs

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**MAXIS MATES**  
**PROFIT & LOSS**  
**01 September 2023 - 31 August 2024**  
**Charity Number 1162442**

	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	346,559	
Council Fees & Grants	11,892	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>358,451</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Gross Wages	126,372	
Animal Bedding, Feed & Supplies	5,069	
Vetinary Treatment	31,970	
Rent & Rates	17,818	
Water Rates	877	
Insurance	459	
Heat Light & Power	26,802	
Motor Expenses	4,089	
Stationery	2,417	
Telephone	2,543	
Accounts Fee & HR	2,175	
Premises Expenses	73,442	
Subscriptions	926	
Clothing and PPE Costs	2,447	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>297,405</b>
<b>NET PROFIT / LOSS</b>		<b>61,046</b>

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06 November 2024

To whom it may concern,

I confirm that I completed Maxis Mates Financial Accounts from the period 01 September 2023 to 31 August 2024.

Yours sincerely

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Miss L Adams

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also neutered dogs via our rehoming policy and provided specialist veterinary treatment when needed.

We were awarded a grant of 12 K from the GBGB; Newcastle and Sunderland Stadiums to refit and make ready 12 existing kennels into suitable ones for Greyhounds. (All with tiled floors and windows for ventilation and plenty of space for them.)

Maxi's Mates are now a rehoming partner for retired Greyhounds and we are linked to the Sunderland and Newcastle Stadiums. All the dogs are neutered, vaccinated and vet checked before coming in to us. We have taken in 19 Greyhounds this year on the scheme and successfully rehomed all of them into their first real home.

In February 2022 we had started work on the long term kennels from the grant of 27K awarded by Support Adoption For Pets. These 5 bigger brighter tiled kennels with individual outside runs for each dog were finally completed this year,

On the 9/10/2022, we had an opening ceremony. The Mayor Andy Preston cut the ribbon to open the new kennels. We were also celebrating our 10th birthday that day.

Maxi's Mates started from humble beginnings on 9/10/2012, after catching a stray dog who we named Maxi. We then began volunteering at our local stray dog pound as volunteers ourselves: we took photos of each dog; advertised their profiles online; gave them names; helped make sure these strays got homes/rescue spaces; asked for donations of food and bedding to support the pound until we took over in our own right. We opened in a different location and as a registered charity on 1/1/2016. These ten years have seen Maxi's Mates grow into what it has become today, and we could not be prouder.

## **Summary of the main activities & achievements of last year**

The Trustees of Maxi's Mates have followed the Public Benefit guidance set out by the Charities Commission in all aspects of our aims and objectives.

- We have successfully remained in operation throughout the last year helping reunite, rehome and provide a safe haven for our long-term dogs that still need a home.
- We have completed the long term kennels for our longest residents and had an opening ceremony with the Mayor of Middlesbrough Andy Preston cutting the ribbon on our 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations
- We successfully fund raised to add 4 new kennels and 2 we revamped which meant 6 kennels were bigger, brighter and all with

newly tiled floors providing a much comfier environment for the dogs

- We made ready 12 kennels for Greyhounds that are retiring from racing from Newcastle & Sunderland and became a rehoming partner to them.
- We have increased the number of dedicated volunteers, the student placements are still in operation which are a big help to us and offering them invaluable experience.
- We continue to allow dog walking for those in schools, colleges, rehabilitation centres, care homes, residential homes, NHS groups that come with carers/teachers/support workers to walk our dogs. This enables them to enjoy some time out or helping recuperate from either mental health issues or medical operations or simply wanting to work and be with dogs. We welcome people of ages and all abilities.
- We have ensured that all dogs requiring veterinary care have received this and that all dogs are vaccinated and free from worms' ticks and fleas. Also, dogs adopted we are continuing on with the spaying castration programme.
- We have retained our valued supporters and gained new ones who love what we are trying to achieve and do whatever they can to help us.
- We had to postpone the arranged dog show in July 2023 due to terrible weather and flooding. It was rearranged for September 2023

### **Financial Review**

Maxi's Mates is a not-for-profit organisation. We only keep reserves sufficient to cover the normal cash flow requirements of our ongoing activities with a buffer to cover unexpected costs. This year we have made some more improvements to achieving some progress towards our Reserves Policy and increased our planned surplus to cover six months running costs. The impact of Covid 19 has shown this to be a conservative buffer to ensure our financial safety.



**MAXIS MATES**  
**PROFIT & LOSS**  
**01 September 2022 - 31 August 2023**  
**Charity Number 1162442**

	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	193,825	
Council Fees & Grants	25,968	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>219,793</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Gross Wages	87,437	
Animal Bedding, Feed & Supplies	3,245	
Vetinary Treatment	22,076	
Fund Raising Costs	540	
Rent & Rates	16,817	
Water Rates	675	
Insurance	1,050	
Heat Light & Power	8,136	
Motor Expenses	4,008	
Office Expenses	931	
Telephone	2,194	
Acouns Fee & HR	3,191	
Premises Expenses	45,857	
Subscriptions	418	
Clothing and PPE Costs	469	
Suspense	-	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>197,044</b>
<b>NET PROFIT / LOSS</b>		<b>22,750</b>

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21 November 2023

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I confirm that I completed Maxis Mates Financial Accounts from the period 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023.

Yours sincerely

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Miss L Adams

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# Accounts

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# **Trustee's Annual Report** **For the period 1/9/21- 31/8/22**

<b>details</b>	<b>Reference and administration</b>
<i>Charity Name</i>	Maxi's Mates
<i>Registered Charity No:</i>	1162442
<i>Address</i> Centre	Maxi's Mates Rescue & Rehoming  Carlin Howe Farm Redcar Rd Dunsdale TS14 6RG

*Charity Trustees:* Jane Galliford Secretary & Admin  
Antonia Boyd Chairperson  
Lesley Jones Treasurer

Maxi's Mates is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The object of Maxi's Mates is for the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of dogs in need of care and attention. We provide a safe haven for stray and surrendered dogs and to finding them their forever home. We firmly believe ALL dogs deserve another chance at finding that right home for them. We care deeply about dogs regardless of breed, age or whether they are sociable with other dogs or not. Maxi's Mates will meet all their needs until we can find them their forever home and for however long it takes. We vaccinate, spay or neuter where possible and home check every home. Our mission is to protect our stray dogs and provide a safe place for as long as they need.

Maxi's Mates is governed by its Trustees and supported by groups of volunteers. In the year we employed 11 paid staff. Volunteers do a variety of roles including walking dogs, cleaning kennels and carrying out home checks. We also provide a practical learning environment for students from local colleges undertaking relevant studies.

Our dedicated staff are still in operation with a rota and have 2 shifts per day 7 days a week. This is enhanced by our experienced volunteers as well as new ones now all restrictions are off and we can operate as normal.

We have worked hard to ensure that the strays of Redcar & Cleveland and Hambleton councils areas have been safe in the knowledge that we have not had to close and we continued safely reuniting strays all the way through. We also continued to take in owner surrenders and rehomed dogs following the guidelines to ensure we did this safely. Between 1st September 2021 and the 31st August 2022 we took in 269 dogs in total. We also took in 166 strays with 69 of those being reunited. Our out of hours driver attended 108 call outs for strays found once the dog warden finished at 5 pm. We took in 101 owner surrenders and rehomed 175 in total from the dogs previously in our care and also unclaimed strays. We have continued to ensure that our dogs receive the best veterinary care as well as continuing our vaccination, flea and worming programme. We have also spayed and neutered 114 dogs and provided specialist veterinary treatment when needed.

We continue to be an approved homing centre for retired Greyhounds we have taken in 38 Greyhounds and successfully rehomed them into their first real home.

In February we started work on the long termer kennels from the grant of 27K awarded by Support Adoption For Pets. These 5 bigger, brighter, warmer kennels will make their living conditions so much better for them. The solid brick walls between each have insulation so it's quieter and as most of the long termers are dog reactive, this helps soundproof as much as possible. Each kennel has access to a secure area outside, with a hatch, so they can enjoy the sunshine or allow more air ventilation in. It gives them a choice to go outside or stay inside and not feel as cooped up. All kennels have switches to lights, heat lamps and the hatches to operate from outside the kennel which is also useful for the safety of the person if one of the dogs is difficult to handle. The flooring is concreted and tiled. The kennels are almost ready for occupation.

## **Summary of the main activities & achievements of last year**

The Trustees of Maxi's Mates have followed the Public Benefit guidance set out by the Charities Commission in all aspects of our aims and objectives.

- We have successfully remained in operation throughout the last year helping reunite, rehome and provide a safe haven for our long-term dogs that still need a home.
- We have started and almost completed the long termer kennels for our longest residents.

- We have increased the number of dedicated volunteers and the student placements are in operation which are a big help to us and offering them invaluable experience.
- We have also been able to allow dog walking again for those in schools, colleges, rehabilitation centres, care homes, residential homes, nhs groups that come with carers/teachers/support workers to walk our dogs. This enables them to enjoy some time out or helping recuperate from either mental health issues or medical operations or simply wanting to work and be with dogs. We welcome people of ages and all abilities.
- We have ensured that all dogs requiring veterinary care have received this and that all dogs are vaccinated and free from worms' ticks and fleas. Also 114 dogs on the spaying castration programme have been done.
- We have retained our valued supporters and gained new ones who love what we are trying to achieve and do whatever they can to help us.
- We had a successful dog show in July 2022, the first after covid, and raised £2636.43

### **Financial Review**

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**MAXIS MATES**  
**PROFIT & LOSS**  
**01 September 2021 - 31 August 2022**  
**Charity Number 1162442**

	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	150,724	
Council Fees & Grants	32,759	
<b>Total Income</b>	<hr/>	<b>183,483</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Gross Wages	69,953	
Animal Bedding, Feed & Supplies	2,507	
Vetinary Treatment	18,778	
Rent & Rates	16,624	
Water Rates	3,530	
Insurance	1,161	
Heat Light & Power	3,890	
Motor Expenses	4,242	
Stationery	509	
Telephone	2,438	
Accounts Fee & HR	4,161	
Premises Expenses	40,481	
Subscriptions	432	
Clothing and PPE Costs	427	
Suspense	-	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<hr/>	<b>169,133</b>
<b>NET PROFIT / LOSS</b>		<hr/> <b>14,350</b> <hr/>

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17 June 2023

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Yours sincerely

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## **Trustee's Annual Report** **For the period 1/9/20- 31/8/**

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<i>Registered Charity No:</i>	1162442
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Michelle Cooper Chairperson  
Antonia Boyd Chairperson from 1/4/21  
Lesley Jones Treasurer

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Maxi's Mates is governed by its Trustees and supported by small, working groups of volunteers. This year one trustee, Lesley Jones, was reappointed for a second term. In the year we employed 10 paid staff and had 20/30 volunteers due to restrictions on numbers because of Covid 19 which increased steadily as restrictions laxed. Volunteers do a variety of roles including walking dogs, cleaning kennels and carrying out home checks. We also provide a practical learning environment for students from local colleges undertaking relevant studies.

Maxi's Mates are a not for profit organisation. We only keep reserves sufficient to cover the normal cash flow requirements of our ongoing activities with a buffer to cover unexpected costs. This year we have made some progress towards achieving the goal for our Reserves Policy to cover 6 months running costs. The impact of Covid 19 has shown this to be a conservative buffer to ensure our financial safety.

In 2020 Covid 19 hit us hard and these have been very worrying times since. We have worked hard to get through and every day has been a blessing that we have even survived so far with limited fund raising and without the public coming to kennels as they normally did. They always brought food, treats and even donated money when visiting but they have supported us thankfully with donating online or dropping food into our donation box outside the gates. Businesses and stores are now starting to have our collection boxes and this is starting to bring some funds in.

Our dedicated staff are still in operation with a rota and have 2 shifts per day 7 days a week. The kennels were still closed to visitors and student placements suspended throughout the lockdown period. We are still so very proud of the fact that we were able to keep going and that Covid 19 did not affect our dogs welfare in any way and to them it was the same care as normal.

We have worked hard to ensure that the strays of Redcar & Cleveland and Hambleton councils areas have been safe in the knowledge that we have not had to close and we continued safely reuniting strays all the way through. We also continued to take in owner surrenders and rehomed dogs following the guidelines to ensure we did this safely. Between 1st September 2020 and the 31st August 2021 we took in 273 dogs in total. We also took in 104 strays with 60 of those being reunited. We took in 165 owner surrenders and rehomed 187 in total from the dogs previously in our care and also unclaimed strays. We have continued to ensure that our dogs receive the best veterinary care as well as continuing our vaccination, flea and worming programme. We have also spayed and neutered where necessary and provided specialist veterinary treatment when needed.

This year we have made it a policy to spend as little as possible on any improvements where only essential works were done. The main aim of this year was to maintain the high standard of care and to keep costs to a minimum to ensure we remain open and there for

any dogs that need our help. We applied for and successfully gained covid support funding from the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes ( ACDH ) and Support Adoption for Pets ( Pets at Home Foundation ). Without this funding the past two years would have been even more difficult and potentially devastating for the Centre's future. We are extremely grateful for their kindness and support.

We have had the most awful year in loss. It is with great sadness I write that on 4/11/2020 we lost Maxi herself. She was around 10 years old and the reason Maxi's Mates exists. We came up with the name Maxi's Mates as it all started with her when she was a stray dog living on the slip road of the A66, in Middlesbrough. She looked so much like my own dog that I had to help. I started a facebook page in August 2012 to pressure the dog warden service to set the trap they had as that was the only way she would have been caught. Doing this I met Michelle Cooper who helped with checking the trap and leaving food. The full story is on the Facebook page "Help desperate dog near A66 Middlesbrough". She was successfully caught in September 2012. We then had an idea to help other dogs like Maxi and approached the local dog pound Waterfall Kennels. We thought that we could help them find homes by putting their profiles and photographs online. Maxi's Mates was born 9th October 2012 on Facebook. We then set about getting them seen by the public, generating donations and food, plus volunteers to walk the dogs. Maxi was a beautiful girl that so many people were frightened of when she was living as a stray but she had the best life with her owners when they adopted her. She was the most special girl and an inspiration to so many of us. She was and still is much loved and greatly missed.

We are proud to say we are now an approved homing centre for retired Greyhounds. We applied and passed the inspection in December 2020 and satisfied the requirements expected by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain. Since then we have taken in 32 Greyhounds and successfully rehomed them into their first real home.

On 18/3/2021 we then lost Chairperson, Michelle Cooper, Trustee & Co Founder of Maxi's Mates. She collapsed after an aneurism and despite the best efforts of North Tees Hospital where she worked as a porter and later being transferred to James Cook Hospital, she passed away.

True to her spirit in life she has given her organs as gifts to others so they can carry on living. Michelle leaves behind her devastated husband, son, daughter in law and grandson. Michelle was a huge personality and we will all miss her so much. She will live on in the knowledge that she was one of the founders of Maxi's Mates and we helped so many strays find safety, and new families.

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Michelle was also a dedicated NHS frontline worker all through the pandemic working in awful circumstances to help save lives. For hers to end like this is just cruel. Words can't describe the loss we feel and we hope that Michelle is at peace. She will never be forgotten here at Maxi's Mates.

We created a memorial wildlife pond in the honour of Michelle at the kennels.

She will always be part of Maxi's Mates legacy, never forgotten and this feature will grow over the years into a beautiful space with lots of colour.

Michelle would have loved it, she had so much spirit, a force of nature herself. She was so proud of Maxi's Mates and what we all have achieved. Loved coming up to kennels so much, her favourite place to be.

She is now looking after the other Maxi's Mates dogs who's ashes are buried under the paw stones.

A lovely tribute to a strong lady who helped make Maxi's Mates what it is today. Alive in our memories forever.

We have been making plans and gathering quotes for a further grant from Support Adoption For Pets for 27k for the building of 6 kennels for the dogs that have been with us for a while. These 6 bigger, brighter, warmer kennels will make their living conditions so much better for them. The solid brick walls between each would have insulation so it's quieter and as most of the long termers are dog reactive, this would help sound proof as much as possible. Each kennel would have access to a secure area outside, with a hatch, so they can enjoy the sunshine or allow more air ventilation in. It would give them a choice to go outside or stay inside and not feel as cooped up.

All kennels will have switches to lights, heat lamps and the hatches to operate from outside the kennel which is also useful for the safety of the person if one of the dogs is difficult to handle. The flooring will all be concreted and tiled and a new sick bay which has separate drainage to enable isolation from any infection from the rest of the kennel dogs.

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**Summary of the main activities & achievements of last year**

The Trustees of Maxi's Mates have followed the Public Benefit guidance set out by the Charities Commission in all aspects of our aims and objectives.

- We have successfully remained in operation throughout the Pandemic helping reunite, rehome and provide a safe haven for our long term dogs that still need a home
- We have created a beautiful wildlife pond in memory of Michelle Cooper
- We have increased the number of dedicated volunteers that are now able to return due to restrictions lifting
- We have ensured that all dogs requiring veterinary care have received this and that all dogs are vaccinated and free from worms ticks and fleas
- We have retained our valued supporters and gained new ones who love what we are trying to achieve and do whatever they can to help us

### **Financial Review**

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26 June 2022

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England & Wales - Charity number 1162442

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# Accounts

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**Trustee's Annual Report**  
**For the period 1/9/2019- 31/8/2020**

**Reference and administration details**

<i>Charity Name</i>	Maxi's Mates
<i>Registered Charity No:</i>	1162442
<i>Address</i>	Maxi's Mates Rescue & Rehoming Centre Carlin Howe Farm Redcar Rd Dunsdale TS14 6RG
<i>Charity Trustees:</i>	Jane Galliford, Secretary & Admin Michelle Cooper, Chairperson Lesley Jones, Treasurer Antonia Boyd

Maxi's Mates is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The object of Maxi's Mates is for the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of dogs in need of care and attention. We are dedicated to providing a safe haven for stray and surrendered dogs and to finding them their forever home. We firmly believe ALL dogs deserve another chance at finding that right home for them. We care deeply about dogs regardless of breed, age or whether they are sociable with other dogs or not. Maxi's Mates will meet all their needs until we can find them their forever home and for however long it takes. We vaccinate, spay or neuter where possible and home check every home. Our mission is to protect our stray dogs and provide a safe place for as long as they need.

Maxi's Mates is governed by its Trustees and supported by small, working groups of volunteers. Volunteers do a variety of roles including walking dogs, cleaning kennels and carrying out home checks. This year one trustee was reappointed for a second term. We also provide a practical learning environment for students from local colleges undertaking relevant studies.

In the year we employed nine paid, part-time staff who are extremely hard working and dedicated to the wellbeing of the dogs in our care. When lockdown hit we reduced the number of volunteers to 10 due to restrictions on numbers because of Covid 19.

In the first part of the year we spent some money on improvements in the kennels. We now have a grooming room that we successfully fund raised to do and our dogs have somewhere to wash, dry, groom etc. This is essential for new strays that have arrived in a bit of a state, or a dog going for an operation or simply those that have been with us for a while and needs a bath and some pampering.

A few of the kennels have had windows put in to allow daylight/air in. These are mainly in the stable area where there are only two kennels per room. We have also put on fire doors to increase fire safety and the dogs welfare needs. This also makes them warmer and cosier, particularly in the colder months, or if a dog is scared of the busy kennel noises it is much quieter when closed.

A boundary fence has been erected at the back of the building to increase security of the kennels and separate us from the Livery side.

In 2020 Covid 19 hit us hard and these have been very worrying times. We were really concerned we would even survive it as no fund raising took place or public were allowed to come to kennels. They always brought food, treats and even donated money when visiting. With no street collections or businesses and stores etc to have our collection boxes in we were very concerned at how we would meet our running costs.

We re-arranged our whole procedures in line with Government advice to make everyone safe and allow us to keep working throughout. We streamlined expenses to only those needed to keep the kennels running efficiently and safely. All plans and improvements were put on hold to make sure we rode this lockdown out.

Our dedicated staff all came together with a small group of very experienced volunteers and we had a rota which is still in operation now to have 2 shifts per day, 7 days a week. The kennels were closed to visitors and student placements suspended. We are very proud of the fact that we were able to keep going and that Covid 19 did not affect our dogs welfare in any way and to them it was the same care as normal.

During this time in lockdown we have brightened up the kennels with cheerful colours and murals on the walls. Lots of clearing from kennels and streamlining so we have been very busy in making simple improvements to kennels so we still progress.

We have worked hard to ensure that the strays of Redcar & Cleveland and Hambleton council areas have been safe in the knowledge that we have not had to close and we continued safely reuniting strays all the way through. We also continued to take in owner surrenders and rehomed dogs following the guidelines to ensure we did this safely. Between 1st September 2019 and the 31st August 2020 we took in 293 dogs in total. 145 were strays with 72 of these reunited. We took in 148 owner surrenders. A total of 312 dogs were rehomed from dogs already in our care, owner surrenders and unclaimed strays.

We have continued to ensure that our dogs receive the best veterinary care as well as our vaccination, flea and worming programme. We have also spayed and neutered where necessary and provided specialist veterinary treatment when needed.

We have applied for and won several grants from Support Adoption For Pets and the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH) and also received a grant from Redcar & Cleveland Council. These were vital to our very existence and meant we not only stayed open throughout but we have slightly increased our funds with careful management and we have started to build up the reserves to ensure Maxi's Mates longevity.

Donations from members of the public have continued to come through in regular monthly payments for which we have been extremely grateful. Mini campaigns, through our Facebook page, proved very successful; for example our winter warmth campaign. Our dedicated and passionate supporters have continued to donate food, treats, toys and bedding, dropping these off at our safe drop-off point or through online suppliers. We are also extremely grateful to businesses in our region who have undertaken their own fundraising and donated money for food, treats and toys.

We could not survive without the generosity of our supporters and are reliant on the public donations of dog lovers throughout our region and beyond.

On behalf of the dogs rehomed, reunited and still in our care thank you to all staff, volunteers and supporters.

### **Summary of the main activities & achievements of last year**

The Trustees of Maxi's Mates have followed the Public Benefit guidance set out by the Charities Commission in all aspects of our aims and objectives.

- We have successfully remained in operation throughout the Pandemic helping reunite, rehome and provide a safe haven for strays and our long term dogs that still need a home
- We took in 293 dogs; 145 strays and 148 owner surrenders
- We reunited 72 strays with their owners
- We found forever homes for 312 dogs
- We have carried out improvements to the kennels; fundraising to achieve this to ensure our dogs have a bright, cosy and safe space to stay
- We have ensured that all dogs requiring veterinary care have received this and that all dogs are vaccinated and free from worms, ticks and fleas
- We have successfully bid and won grants to sustain our rescue through unprecedented times
- We have retained our valued supporters and gained new ones who love what we are trying to achieve and do whatever they can to help us

### **Financial Review**

Maxi's Mates is a not for profit organisation. We only keep reserves sufficient to cover the normal cash flow requirements of our ongoing activities with a buffer to cover unexpected costs. This year we have updated our Reserves Policy and increased our planned surplus to cover six months running costs. The impact of Covid 19 has shown this to be a conservative buffer to ensure our financial safety.

Although half of the year has been in lockdown, due to the pandemic, we have managed to increase our overall income from £127,295 to £130,580. This is due to our receiving funding from Support Adoption For Pets, the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH) and also a grant from Redcar & Cleveland Council. Without this additional support, this year would have been even more challenging, and for that we are extremely grateful.

Our supporters have increased however due to a lack of events and fundraising activities donations from members of the public was slightly down at £104,221 compared to £116,102 last year.

Whatever next year throws at us we go into the new financial year with a small surplus of £19,876. We will continue to work hard to raise funds and to apply for funding and grants to ensure the ongoing development and sustainability of Maxi's Mates.

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Council fees & Grants £26,359  
**Total   £130,580**

**Expenses**

Gross Wages              £52,977  
Labour £1,710  
Rent and Rates            £15,613  
Heat, Light and Power      £9,422  
Motor Expenses            £4,154  
Telephone      £2,368  
Stationary      £444  
Accounts fees & HR    £3,732  
Dog Bedding & Supplies    £8,085  
Vets      £14,140  
Subscriptions    £54  
Premises Expenses    £3,285  
Donations      £276  
Clothing Costs            £772  
Insurance            £1,341  
Depreciation    £2,966  
Total Expenses                              **£121,339**

**NET PROFIT              £9,241**

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