

**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.

**MAXIS MATES  
PROFIT AND LOSS  
SEPTEMBER 2019 – AUGUST 2020  
CHARITY NUMBER 1162442**

Donations       £104,221  
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	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>£121,339</b>

**NET PROFIT       £9,241**

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28 June 2021

To whom it may concern,

I confirm that I completed Maxis Mates financial accounts from the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Waters', written in a cursive style.

Miss S Waters

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