



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From 01 01 2022 To 31 12 2022
Period end date

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Vizsla Rescue

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1162862

Charity's principal address Poplar Farm

Woodnook

Grantham

Postcode NG33 5AE

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	Sylvia Cox-Marshall	Chairperson		
2	Amanda Roche	Treasurer		
3	Natascha Dobrovits	Secretary		
4	Grant Baker	GDPR officer		
5	Claire Oliver			
6	Di Coupland			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- To promote humane behaviour towards the Hungarian Vizsla dog breed by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for this breed of dogs.
- To provide a service to owners of Hungarian Vizslas who are no longer able (for whatever reason) to care for their dog's welfare and for dogs that are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage.
- To educate the public in matters pertaining to dog welfare in general

and the prevention of cruelty and suffering amongst all types of dogs.

In exercising their duty, the Charity Trustees have reviewed that all of their activities have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the commission.

We assess all dogs before rehoming and sometimes after evaluation and guidance the dog is able to return to its original owner. We also go through the process of a telephone interview before potential adoptees move onto our official waiting list.

The charity benefits all people who are in need of help with issues surrounding the ownership and wellbeing of the Vizsla dog regardless of their circumstances.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Trustees ensure that sufficient attention is paid to fund raising activities and cooperation with other breed groups. They continue to monitor grant funding opportunities and manage the charities assets to ensure its sustainability and ability to carry out its charitable objectives. It continues to rely heavily on its volunteers to help foster and rehome Hungarian Vizslas as it has no paid members of staff.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Vizsla Rescue had requests for rehoming of over 240 dogs during this year, of these 85 were rehomed. We also successfully gave guidance to resolve issues and 177 dogs stayed in their homes. Sadly we are being approached by owners of more serious aggressive dogs, which we are struggling in being able to offer our rehoming services due to their complexities, we then try to give further advice and guidance .

We were contacted by 925 people inquiring about adopting a Vizsla and 232 people who were considering rehoming their Vizsla. At the year end there were still 9 dogs in our care and 11 dogs in the process.

We had 34.5k unique visitors for the year on our website with 46k sessions, this is down by around 30% on the previous year. 16% of the users were returning visitors.

Facebook continues to be active and used as our outward-bound communication.

We currently have 434 volunteers on our volunteer map.

We are currently seeing a trend of under 12-month-olds where the owner has not been able to cope – generally first time owners. Another common reason being due to the current economic climate and owners having to go back to work due to the cost of living.

Fund raising via the online shop was down on the previous year but continues to be a good source of income.

During the year some of our Trustees had meetings with the Trustees of Hungarian Vizsla Welfare. The meetings originated due to both organisations getting more and more dogs in with serious issues and not having the resources to deal with these dogs. During the first meeting it soon came to light that when potential owners do the research the websites had misleading descriptions. Between us we came up with a more realistic description which some websites have subsequently changed. Both organisations strongly believe we need to aim at making people realise that the Vizsla is not an easy dog without the necessary training and boundaries.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity Trustee's continually monitor cash reserves to ensure our financial stability in the event of a large outlay for unexpected vet fees or infrastructure projects.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

The Charity has no outstanding financial obligations nor outstanding debts.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

As demonstrated in our financial accounts, the Charity's principle source of funds comes from fund raising activities and donations. The Vizsla community continues to support the charity through fund raising auctions at "Viz Whizzes" which still provides the main source of income. This is supplemented by our collection of donations from newly rehomed dogs and via our online shop.

Members of Vizsla Rescue attended a number of canine events, for example Crufts and Discover Dogs, to raise wider awareness of the breed and the work that Vizsla Rescue does for the community.

The vast majority of the Charity's expenditure is associated with the wellbeing of the dogs in our care. Veterinary care is our largest expense along with food and medicines.

As a principle methodology, the Charity avoids paying kennel fees wherever possible and uses it's own facilities or those of foster families. This saves £1000's and allows for funds to be utilised on activities that benefit the general public and the dogs that are cared for.

Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Sylvia Cox-Marschall	
Full name(s)	Sylvia Helen	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	
Date	26-02-2023	

This is the report of the activities of Vizsla Rescue for the calendar year of 2022.

It has been an extremely challenging time for Rescue and Welfare as most of the dogs we are being asked to help have some serious behavioural issues. Some poor souls are so uncontrollable that we cannot handle their complexities, let alone find anyone who can take on their problems. We would love to save every Vizsla but sometimes we can't. We also don't like being in the position where it is down to us to "do the deed" so are finding ourselves saying we can't help more and more.

For the year 2022 we have had 232 official requests for rehoming. (PY = 159) Of these, we rehomed 85 dogs (PY = 60) For 177 (PY = 73). we have been able to give advice and try to guide the owners to work with these dogs, hoping they can remain in their current homes. However, some of these dogs still end up needing help from Rescue to find them new permanent homes. 9 dogs were still in our care at Sylvias and currently Marion is dealing with 8 dogs and I am dealing with 3. The oldest rehome was 11 years old and the youngest was 14 weeks old.

We are currently seeing a trend of under 12 month olds where the owner has not been able to cope – generally first time owners. Another common reason being due to the current economic climate and owners having to go back to work due to the cost of living.

We were contacted by 925 people (PY= 2,393) wanting to be accepted onto our waiting list. This is an average of 3 every day, which is a half of last years average and also considerably lower than Covid lockdown. We are only a small team of volunteers, so sadly we do not have the time nor manpower to contact everyone who applies.

During the year some of our Trustees along with Marion had a few meetings with the Trustees of Hungarian Vizsla Welfare. The meetings originated due to both organisations getting more and more dogs in with serious issues and not having the resources to deal with these dogs. During the first meeting it soon came to light that when potential owners do the research the websites had, in our opinion, incorrect descriptions of the breed and made Vizslas out to be a very easy dog which we all know is incorrect. They can be fantastic family pets but you do have to put a lot of time and effort to get the dog to be comfortable in that environment. After a couple of meetings we came up with some better descriptions which Marion then contacted various websites and some of which have subsequently changed. Both organisations strongly believe we need to aim at making people realise that the Vizsla is not an easy dog without the necessary training and boundaries.

Donations received in 2022 were £36,000 (PY= £23,000) with a further £1,970 (PY= £970) coming from the various Vizsla meetings held throughout the country. We receive a commission from people taking our Agria insurance and this has generated £1,500 in 2022 (PY= £1,400). We spent £12,500 (PY= £16,700) on vet fees and £ 2,700 on food (PY= £2,000). We are thankful to everyone who has donated to Vizsla Rescue be it a monetary contribution or beds, coats and their precious spare time.

We are only a small team and I would like to thank them for their support and help in this ever encroaching on personal time hobby. We also have a number of volunteers who are always so happy to take in dogs and do home checks and assessments – to them the team say a massive thank you. We are always looking for volunteers all over the country so please get in touch if you think you can help us.

It is getting harder year after year and without our helpers and donors we couldn't function.



Charity Name VIZSLA RESCUE		No (if any) 1162862		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2022	To	Period end date 31/12/2022	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	36,690		-	36,690	23,341
Rescue merchandise	4,071	-	-	4,071	5,853
Viz Whizzes	1,978	-	-	1,978	973
Gift Aid received	1,697	-	-	1,697	2,397
Agria commission	1,506	-	-	1,506	1,479
Bank interest received	76	-	-	76	12
		-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	46,018	-	-	46,018	34,055
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	46,018	-	-	46,018	34,055
A3 Payments					
Vet fees	12,267	-	-	12,267	16,684
ID tags, leads etc	855	-	-	855	347
Food & Travel	2,738	-	-	2,738	2,047
Kenneling fees	280	-	-	280	908
Kennels	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	268	-	-	268	266
Printing of merchandise	390	-	-	390	1,212
postage	519	-	-	519	306
Advertising, leaflets etc	-	-	-	-	61
Paypal fees	220	-	-	220	316
printing charity stationery	-	-	-	-	-
Website	183	-	-	183	144
Meeting expenses	30	-	-	30	-
Training	-	-	-	-	-
contribution to electricity	50	-	-	50	-
Donation to dogs in Ukraine	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Sub total	18,800	-	-	18,800	22,291
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Storage container	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,800	-	-	18,800	22,291
Net of receipts/(payments)	27,218	-	-	27,218	11,764
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	134,344	-	-	134,344	122,580
Cash funds this year end	161,562	-	-	161,562	134,344

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	2,984	-	-
	Deposit account	158,462	-	-
	Cash	116	-	-
	Total cash funds	161,562	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	GRANT BAKER	27/09/23
	AMANDA ROCHE	27/9/23



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Vizsla Rescue

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1162862

Set out on pages

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

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; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

24/9/23

Name:

MARTIN LANE

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

NA

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

