



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
		Day 01	Month 01	Year 2021	Day 31	Month 12	Year 2021

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Poodle Network UK

Other names charity is known by PNUK

Registered charity number (if any) 1163333

Charity's principal address 50 Tonbridge Avenue

Chirton

North Shields

Postcode

NE29 7QR

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	Susan Horsfall	Chair		
2	Tracey Guthrie	Secretary		
3	Julie Aldcroft	Treasurer Vice Chair	01/01/2021 to 01/08/2021	
4	Ethel Mills	Rehoming Manager		
5	Hannah Aldcroft	Treasurer/Media	01/08/2021 to 31/12/2021	
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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)	CIO Foundation Model Constitution registered 27 th August 2015
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Foundation CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>Poodle Network UK has policies and procedures covering:</p> <p>Poodle Network UK Governance Document</p> <p>Code of Conduct for Trustees</p> <p>Code of Conduct for Volunteers</p> <p>GDPR-Data Protection Policy</p> <p>Electronic Communications Consent Policy</p> <p>Conflict of Interests Policy</p> <p>Conflict of Interest Register</p> <p>Complaints Procedure</p> <p>Financial Controls Policy</p> <p>Foster Agreement</p> <p>Adoption Agreement</p> <p>Transfer of Ownership of Poodles</p> <p>Covid-19</p> <p>All our volunteers and Trustees are expected to abide by our policies and any Trustee or volunteer found to have breached the policies will be promptly removed. Our Trustees are expected to take active roles in the day to day running and activities of the charity.</p> <p>All active volunteers are eligible to be considered for the role of Trustee and the existing Trustees consider the role, work and position all volunteers take in the charity and the skill set they bring to the charity. Volunteers deemed suitable for the role of Trustee are or will be approached by the existing Trustees.</p> <p>Our systems and procedures are regularly reviewed at monthly meetings to ensure they are up to date and secure to ensure donated funds and donated items are protected and used solely for the purpose they were donated.</p> <p>Risks to the financial wellbeing of the charity including increasing veterinary costs as medical advances are made and the reputation of the Charity and these are reviewed at each meeting. We actively market the Charity on Social Media to attract competent volunteers, donors and to build our reputation.</p>
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

A National UK Network for the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of Poodles which are in need of care and attention and, in particular, to provide and maintain rescue and foster homes or other facilities for the reception and care of unwanted Poodles and the treatment of Poodles.

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)

Poodle Network UK objective is the advancement of the welfare of Poodles.

We provide a public advice and education service for the owners and potential owners of Poodles. We offer free guidance and education to the public on poodle welfare in general and to the prevention of cruelty and suffering in poodles. We provide free public advice on the grooming needs, dietary requirements, veterinary care and treatment & hereditary issues, and behavioural issues of Poodles. We have been invited by the Kennel Club to educate people at Crufts and Discover Dogs about poodles and owning poodles.

We offer a nationwide rescue and sanctuary service for Poodles, working with councils and dog wardens, the RSPCA, Dogs Trust and other charities to remove Poodles off the streets and to care for and rehabilitate abandoned, mistreated and lost Poodles.

We have both temporary and permanent foster homes to give sanctuary and shelter to poodles which need it due to sickness, mistreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to provide the poodles with care, protection, medical treatment and security they need and to rehabilitate the poodles to enable them to be rehomed where possible.

We provide veterinary care and treatment to Poodles under our care.

We neuter and spay all the poodles coming into our care to ensure there are no unwanted or unexpected litters of puppies.

We actively seek new homes for our rescued poodles.

We confirm the Trustees of Poodle Network UK have regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission when exercising powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant. All Trustees are required to read and have regard to the guidance document.

No Volunteer or the Trustees (Dr Susan Horsfall, Mrs Tracey Guthrie, Mrs Julie Aldcroft , Mrs Ethel Mills, Miss Hannah Aldcroft) benefitted personally in any way including financially or materially from their position within Poodle Network UK.

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.

Poodle Network UK is a large UK wide network of unpaid Volunteers who are essential to the Charity and we appreciate the time, skill set and resources every volunteer brings to the Charity. The role every volunteer undertakes is essential to the running of the charity.

Every Trustee takes an active part in the day to day matters of the charity with most donating over 30 hours a week of their time.

The Trustees are responsible for the overall management of the Charity and meet monthly via online meetings. The Trustees hold regular monthly meetings with senior volunteers who in turn are responsible for co-ordinating other volunteers.

Our volunteers include administrators, fosterers, transporters, telephone team, behaviourists, fundraisers, groomers, home-checkers, crafters, photographers and veterinary surgeons & veterinary nurses who provide us with advice.

Our unpaid Trustees and volunteers look after all our Poodles and undertake all the associated administration tasks needed to vet prospective carers and the Poodles new homes, foster carers and their homes, new volunteers & any necessary training of them.

Our foster carers and behaviourists rehabilitate any poodle which needs it and this can take months for some of the poodles and some are permanent foster carers where the dogs they care for will never be able to be rehomed due to medical and behavioural issues. It takes devotion and dedication to foster dogs and is exceptionally rewarding, frustrating and sometimes heart-breaking all at the same time. Our Trustees all have first hand experience of this. There is however nothing more rewarding to every volunteer than knowing they all played a part in rehabilitating a Poodle rescued from appalling conditions and seeing it happy in a loving caring new home and watching the Poodle continue to thrive.

Our fundraising team organise the auctions and other fundraising activities to ensure we have the funds available to cover the costs of the Poodles and the day to day running of the Charity.

Our telephone team and the rehoming and foster team members are available 365 days a year and we respond immediately when needed to help and assist the poodles. We have collected dogs on Christmas Day! All our volunteers are what makes up Poodle Network UK.

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year of 2021, Poodle Network UK, rescued, cared for, protected, medically treated, rehabilitated and rehomed approximately 100 poodles. This number was reduced from previous years due to the limitations & restrictions from Covid-19 and the increasing demand for poodles which inflated sales prices. This meant many were being sold which would normally be handed into the charity. We have continued to pay the regular treatment costs for hydrotherapy for Poodles which we have rescued and regular medication costs for Poodles with ongoing needs such as diabetes, heart problems, Addison's Disease and Cushing's Disease. We have seen a vast increase in the costs of veterinary treatments and medications for the dogs we treat with some increasing threefold and in places some veterinary practices will not take on new patients, reducing the ability to find reasonably priced care. We have seen a substantial increase in dogs with behavioural problems which we believe is due to lack of socialisation during lockdown and inexperienced owners who had no support of puppy classes. During the year we have worked with councils and other rescue charities in respect of abandoned Poodles in their locale assisting in rehoming Poodles handed in and found abandoned, providing the necessary veterinary treatment and rehabilitation. We have fundraised for the medical care of abandoned Poodles, thus saving the Councils the cost to the benefit of the public good. We are regularly referred Poodles from Dog Wardens across the country and are regularly recommended by vets as a place to rescue poodles and rehabilitate and rehome them. Poodle Network UK's reputation and success with rehoming Poodles and advising the public about Poodles and their needs is increasing at a rapid rate and we aim to continue this by increasing our volunteer numbers and our social media profile over the coming months and years. Our aim is to improve the situation of all unwanted Poodles; increase education to the public about Poodles and owning them and thereby benefitting the Public as we do so. Our Trustees and volunteers all give their time freely, and without remuneration, to Poodle Network UK.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to keep a reserve in the main bank account of between £25,000 and £30,000 to cover unforeseen or exceptional veterinary bills and the long term medication costs of any poodle needing life long treatment. Vet bills have increased substantially over the last 12 months due to Covid Veterinary closures as has the number of poodles with lifelong medication needs. We increased the reserve figure from previous years by £10,000. If one of our poodles or an incoming poodle has skeletal issues, this treatment can cost £8000 for mri and corrective surgery; whilst we actively fundraise to cover these exceptional costs we need the money available to pay the vet hospital immediately.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

Poodle Network UK's income received is from a variety of sources; donations from new carers for the dogs we rehome, donations from owners who hand dogs in to Poodle Network UK, and a variety of fundraising activities by our volunteers.

2021 has been a difficult year for fundraising due to Covid 19 still having an effect. We have been unable to undertake many of our normal activities of auctions, raffles etc due to volunteers self isolating. Our supporters have continued to respond to appeals to contribute towards specific dogs care where the costs are above those normally expected.

Notable fundraising activities during the year have included the Poodle Passion Facebook Group, We're All About Poodles Facebook Group and sales of calendars By Poodle Passion. We have received a number of bequests and money received from funeral collections and we would like to thank everyone who has donated in memory of their loved ones, it is very much appreciated that people have thought of Poodle Network UK at such sad times. We also continue to receive support from Poodle Clubs around the country.

Our volunteers ran weekly auctions of donated items through facebook up until lockdown when many had to self isolate. For dogs in need of expensive specialist treatment our volunteers raised funds through facebook appeals.

We offer 5 weeks free insurance from Agria with each dog rehomed and receive commission from Agria on subsequent policy sales after expiry of the 5 weeks free. We also received income through Just Giving, Amazon Smile, Paypal Giving Fund and other websites which give small donations as a result of orders placed with other companies through their sites.

Our Income for the year 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021 Totalled £60244 The previous year 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020 the income was £26875. Expenditure for Poodle Network UK is mainly the veterinary costs, food costs and transport costs for moving our dogs to foster homes and new homes which accounts for 91.99% (2020 94.32%) of the expenditure during the year. The fundraising cost for 2021 includes the fee for The Fundraising Regulator and Discover Dogs. This year 1.43% (2020 0.11%) of the expenditure. We use The Kennel Club Anilog system for keeping records of our dogs, the Citrix Go To Meeting software for online meetings and Charity Microsoft licences which is 2.58% (2020 2.72%) of expenditure. Our 0345 telephone number and answering system and small contributions towards the rehoming teams mobile bills are 2.0% (2020 1.16%) of expenditure. Insurance for the charity is 1.38% (2020 0.81%) of expenditure. We do not pay bank charges on our main bank

account, but we do on Paypal transactions and card readers at 0.21% (2020 0.11%) of expenditure. All our volunteers are unpaid. Total Expenditure from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021 was £41213. The previous accounting period covered 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020 and the expenditure was £45815.

Payments to Trustees.

All receipts for expenditure by Trustees on items solely for the use of Poodle Network UK and expenses forms when needed were received before these payments were made and checked by 2 other Trustees. The Trustees are all unpaid for their role in Poodle Network UK. Items refunded included, postage and stationary, the cost of the Microsoft licence and domain registration which has to be paid by card and veterinary bills for foster dogs when vets required immediate payment by card. Any item requiring payment by card was authorised by 2 trustees and personal cards were used as no Trustee has cards linked to the charities bank account. Trustees were then reimbursed on proof of payment, the invoices and expenses forms.

Activul is a Dog Food company related to Susan Horsfall and Tracey Guthrie. All food is despatched to fosterers direct from the manufacturer and the cost paid by Poodle Network UK is substantially cheaper than comparable foods at Pets at Home and other online Pet Food Companies. The prices paid are checked each time by a non-connected Trustee as are the dispatch details, no trustee has received food from Activul and all food has been dispatched direct to registered fosterers. Related Company - Activul £269.91

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Other optional information


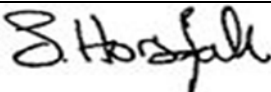
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Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Hannah Aldcroft	Susan Horsfall
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer & Media	Chair
Date	21/08/2022	



Receipts and payments account

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2021	To
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Dog Donations	24,775	-	-
General Donations	2,623	-	-
Other Charities & Rescues	900	-	-
Bequests & Funeral Donations	28,500	-	-
Auction of Donated Items	-	-	-
Crufts & Discover Dogs	-	-	-
Paypal, Amazon, Just Giving	2,123	-	-
Agria Commission	1,323	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	60,244	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	60,244	-	-
A3 Payments			
Vets Bills	33,495	-	-
Dog Transport & Food	4,417	-	-
Anilog & Other Software	1,063	-	-
Fundraising Costs	590	-	-
Postage Stationery Telephone	823	-	-
Insurance	569	-	-
Bank & Paypal Fees	86	-	-
Legal Expenses	-	-	-
Other Expenses	170	-	-
Sub total	41,213	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	41,213	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,031	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,670	-	-
Cash funds this year end	42,701	-	-


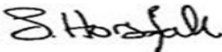
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Bank PLC	39,856
	Paypal	2,845
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	Total cash funds	42,701
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-
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B3 Investment assets		
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
B5 Liabilities		

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

Signature

Print Name

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Susan H

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Period end date
12/31/2021

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Total funds

Last year

to the nearest £

to the nearest £

24,775	15,964
2,623	4,431
900	-
28,500	-
-	-
-	-
2,123	5,140
1,323	1,340
60,244	26,875

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60,244	26,875
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33,495	37,070
4,417	6,138
1,063	1,245
590	50
823	892
569	371
86	49
-	-
170	-
41,213	45,815

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19,031	- 18,940
-	-
23,670	-
42,701	- 18,940

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Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
-	-
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Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Aldcroft	08/21/2022
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Poodle Network UK

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2021

Charity no
(if any)

1163333

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2021**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:

28/08/2022

Name:

Sarah Elizabeth Leteney

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

Address:

Aitken Court, Lumb Village, Bury, BL0 0QR

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.