



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

UK Boston Terrier Rescue

On accounts for the year ended

October 31st 2023

Charity no (if any)

1163435

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/10/ 2023.

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 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:

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Date:

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October 2018

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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.



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Charity Name

UK Boston Terrier Rescue

No (if any)

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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1st Nov 2022		31st Oct 2023

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					
Adoption Fees	22,584	-	-	22,584	12,298
Fundraising Activities	31,586	-	-	31,586	29,907
Donations	21,975	-	-	21,975	23,621
Sales	14,112	-	-	14,112	10,378
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	90,257	-	-	90,257	76,204

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	90,257	-	-	90,257	76,204
A3 Payments					
Vet Payments & Rescue Costs	55,930	-	-	55,930	69,600
Transport & Travel	4,496	-	-	4,496	2,112
Printing Stationery Postage Admin	2,912	-	-	2,912	1,912
Expenditure for Fundraising	4,659	-	-	4,659	3,776
Insurance	580	-	-	580	575
Purchases for Resale	1,816	-	-	1,816	228
Charges	- 1,000	-	-	1,000	350
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	69,393	-	-	69,393	77,853
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	69,393	-	-	69,393	77,853
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,864	-	-	20,864	20,864
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	36,699	-	-	36,699	38,348
Cash funds this year end	57,563	-	-	57,563	59,212

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	HSBC	54,657	-	-
	Paypal	2,906	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	57,563	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

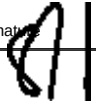
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

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
	Simon O'Rourke	4th March 2024



UK BOSTON TERRIER RESCUE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) MINUTES
6th February 2024 - Online at 7pm

Present:

Anne Robinson (Chair)
Beth Bartlett (Secretary)
Simon O'Rourke (Treasurer)
Moirra Mosley (Trustee)
Rose Hunt (Trustee)
Emma Swift
Jason Swift
Amy (and baby Frankie) Read
Susan Davies
Steve Barnes
Lara Chaplin

Emi Richards
Amanda Donaghy
Anne M
Rere
Amy Read
Valerie Forster
Mick Squires
Mark Pearson

Apologies:

Michelle Payne
Abby Davis

AGENDA ITEMS:

Minute of previous AGM – confirmed as true and accurate by Trustees present.

1.Chair's Report – Anne Robinson

Anne welcomed and thanked all for attending the AGM of 2024 and apologised for the technical difficulties delaying the AGM start time.

Anne explained the AGM has been brought forward to enable us to sign off accounts in preparation for grant funding. All future AGMs will be at the beginning of the calendar year.

Anne thanked everyone, all trustees and volunteers without whom the rescue couldn't function, with special thanks to Emma Swift for managing our Instagram account and really raising the rescue's profile on there, Christine Klein for managing the website and Rose Hunt's amazing fundraising efforts.

Anne would like to reapply to the Association of Dogs and Cats Home for accreditation but they have strict guidelines for policies and procedures and we currently don't meet these; further work will be done to ensure our policies do and we will then reapply.

We have, as always, a shortage of dog free fosterers and these are urgently required, especially as fosterers do adopt, or we will have to turn dogs away; further appeals will be made.

UKBTR is going to Crufts this year. We will have a rescue stand on the utility and toy dogs' day so please come and say hello!

The joint rescue rally with Boxer Rescue takes place 24-27 May 2024 at Victoria Farm in Lutterworth. This will be advertised soon following a planned meeting with Beth, Lara and Rose to discuss how best to structure to attract more day visitors; camping is limited to 12 electric hook-ups although non-electric pitches will also be available.

2.Treasurer Report - Simon O'Rourke

- See summary of accounts 2022/2023 below

Please remember that these accounts are for the period 1st Nov 2022 until 31st Oct 2023.

Simon shared his screen so that all could see the accounts.

The overall impact of the year on our funds was a net **increase** of approximately £5,000.00 – a big increase in expenditure was offset by a larger rise in income. We have seen an increase in adoption fees.

Our bank balance remains healthy. Our biggest costs have been travel and transport and there has been an increase in administrative costs; this has largely been due to increased stationary/postage costs but as we have bought (and sold) more merchandise than in previous years and still hold stock, these costs should decrease in time. Additionally, with the accounts being early this year there will be a bigger gap so we will need to do the AGM at the same time next year.

Simon encouraged people to donate via Wonderful wherever possible (including when people donate back winnings from our various draws), as they also automatically sort our charity Gift Aid, and Rose will promote this. Wonderful cannot be used for adoptions fees or anything where the donator is receiving anything in return (eg. purchases of merchandise).

Simon advised Rose had raised concerns that financial protection only covers £85,000 in a bank account and in light of our rising bank balance, said discussions have taken place regarding whether to carry a lower balance in the bank account and transfer additional funds into an account that earns interest. It was agreed that £40,000 would be kept in the current account. Mark Pearson questioned whether it needed to be this much and Simon advised that this would be reviewed and lowered if possible/appropriate. Simon also plans to research alternative banks as we are currently being charged £5.00/month for the rescue's current account with HSBC with no recognition that we are a charity; there were no objections to this.

Steve Barnes asked what checks are in place regarding the bank account and Simon confirmed that although no counter signature is required for transactions, all trustees have access to the account (as will all new trustees) and question any transactions they are not clear on, and that in regard to cash donations handled by the trustees, such as proceeds from the annual rally, they are always checked, counted and agreed by two trustees. Steve also asked if we use an accounting package and Simon advised that as the accounts are relatively straightforward, a spreadsheet has sufficed to date but would use one in the future if needed.

Simon thanked Lara and her Coventry University students for once again fundraising for the rescue, and there is fundraising event on 14th February 2024 at the university if anyone is in the area and wants to attend.

Simon also thanked GusDog and team for the balls draw and Karen Dean for once again auditing our accounts for us free of charge.

3.Election of Committee

Anne proposed that the following Trustees are re-elected:

Simon O'Rourke (Treasurer)
Moiria Mosley
Beth Bartlett (Secretary)
Anne Robinson (Chair)
Rose Hunt (Fundraising)

Anne proposed the election of the following as new Trustees:

Emi Richards
Emma Swift
Abby Davis
Michelle Payne

No objections raised – all appointed as above.

4.Rehoming Report – Anne Robinson

Anne advised that this will be taken over by Emma Swift next year as the new Rehoming Co-ordinator Trustee.

Within the financial year Nov 22 to Oct 23, we saw 31 dogs surrendered into the rescue, which is 19 fewer than the previous financial year. We continue to see dogs being surrendered for a variety of reasons, including aggression, change in personal circumstances and financial costs.

Anne thanked our fosterers, especially those who fostered two of our most challenging dogs, Jake and Oreo, both of whom came from other rescues following failed adoptions there. We have, unfortunately, had to become stricter about the dogs we will take in, particularly those that have shown human aggression, both for safety and insurance reasons, notwithstanding the struggle to then find the suitable homes.

We have 1 dog, Stan, in Sanctuary who is now ready for a home but will need a very specific one as per advice from Joy at the Sanctuary.

We are still busy with surrenders, although not all go ahead. Some people change their minds and this can be time consuming. Straight to adoption remains an option but generally only for our dogs without issues, and this frees up more fosterers.

We now have an exclusive rehoming team; Emma Bell, Emma and Jason Swift, Emi Richards and Abby Davis and we recently welcomed Kate to the team. Tina has taken a step back for now due to personal reasons.

We have Foster and Transport Co-ordinator roles to be filled by Michelle Payne and Abby Davis respectively.

Anne thanked all our volunteers again, with special thanks to Mick Squires for all his help with transport and dog assessments, and our behaviourists for their telephone advice to fosterers and potential surrenders.

5.Fundraising Report – Rose Hunt

Rose reported that 2023 has been a very busy year and we have had great and varied support, including 'Grampian Lights'; Halloween and Christmas lights put up on Gail and Robert Milton, raising over £300 for the rescue. They've confirmed they'll be doing it again this year so thank you. Also various dog meet ups where collections are taken, a marathon, dog shows, cakes and crats via people's work etc.

Web sales have been fantastic, raising nearly £5,000. The most popular item has been trolley tokens, much to Anne's annoyance as she said they wouldn't sell! Calendars have proved very popular again, with nearly 200 sold, so a big thank you to Amy Read. We sold half our stock of dog advent calendars and Christmas cards so remaining stock will be on sale again this Christmas. The revenue versus expenditure ratio should therefore improve. We also have some Valentine's Day cards for sale.

Rose thanked GusDog (now retired) and Link for the Teddy draw, and Pablo and Remy for the balls draws. Pablo and Remy are hanging up their balls due to lack of interest on their part and Kate's dog Freya is taking up the reins, with plans in progress to wing the balls over to her.

The auction has gone from strength to strength, with donations and thus revenue up 36% / £7,000 on last year, so a big thank you to all of auction supporters.

Our raffles have gone well too; items have included a dog bed, BT statue and an amazing felted BT gifted by Yuka Penny Felting, the latter of which raised almost £1,000 alone.

Rose thanked Chrissy, Amy and Emma for the website and social media presence, with Instagram following going up by 25%.

6.Any Other Business

Amy Read was nominated at the social secretary, with the hope to organise more social events for the trustees and volunteers.

Rose –has made new banners for Crufts that contain the Wonderful QR code. It's the rescue's 10th birthday on 5th October 2024; thoughts will be given to organising some events. Amy Read sad she might have an idea.....

Beth thanked Anne for all her work as the backbone of the rescue.

The next AGM date is TBC.

Thank you to all who have attended, meeting closed.

UK Boston Terrier Provisional Accounts 2022/23						2021/22
		Bank Acc	Paypal Acc	CC16		CC16
Adoption Fees		21084	1500	22584		12298
Fundraising Activities		21444	10142	31586		29907
Donations		5467	16508	21975		23621
Sales		3234	10878	14112		10378
Total Income		51229	39028	90257		76204
Vet Payments & Rescue Costs		(41,818.00)	(14,112.00)	(55,930.00)		(69,600.00)
Transport & Travel		(2,606.00)	(1,890.00)	(4,496.00)		(2,112.00)
Printing Stationery Postage Admin		(2,912.00)		(2,912.00)		(1,912.00)

Expenditure for Fundraising	(4,659.00)	0.00	(4,659.00)	(3,776.00)
Insurance	(580.00)	0.00	(580.00)	(575.00)
Purchases for Resale	(1,816.00)		(1,816.00)	(228.00)
Charges		1,000.00	1,000.00	350.00
Adjustments			0	
Transfer	21200	(21,200)	0	
	(33,191)	(36,202)	(69,393)	(77,853)
Net Income	18,038	2,826	20,864	(1,649)
Funds brought forward	36619	80	36699	38348
Net receipts	18,038	2,826	20,864	20,864
Funds carried forward	54,657	2,906	57563	59212
HSBC			54,657	36619
Paypal			2,906	80
			57,563	36699

Paypal

Opening Balance	80
Adoption Fees	1500
Donations	16508
Sales	10878
Auction	4678
Raffles	1585
Misc inc Sales	3879
Adj	1000
Charges	0
Other outgoings	
Purchases	
Services vets	-14112
Misc expenses	
Travel	-1890
Transfers	-21200

Closing Balance	2906
closing balance	2906

Bank

Start Bal	36619
Draw Income	14445
Donations	5467
Fundraising	6599
Auction	400
Adoption Fees	21084
Vets Bills	-39883
Vet Bill Exp	-1935
Rescue Exp - Travel	-2606
Licences	-1814
Postage + printing	-2912
Insurance	-580
Rescue Exp - Misc	-2845
Purchases	-1816
Accounts	
Sales	3234
Transfer	21200
Total	54657
End Balance	54657