



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2022		31	March	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Luna Animal Rescue

Other names charity is known by

L.A.R. (WORKING NAME)

Registered charity number (if any)

1163839

Charity's principal address

44 High Street

Arlesey

Bedfordshire

Postcode SG15 6SL

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	Natalie Diane Howe			
2	Julia Hannah Purton			
3	Julie-Ann Cundell			

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)

Trust deed dated 30/09/15

How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting called under clause 15 of the Governing Document.

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.

Induction and training of trustees

Any new trustee is aware that their role is to be guardian of purpose ensuring that all decisions put the needs of the beneficiaries first. This is to ensure that the trustees safeguard the charity assets, finances and reputation. A new trustee understands that they have independent control over, and legal responsibility for, charity administration and management. New trustees are encouraged to undertake training in being a Trustee.

Relationship with related parties

Luna Animal Rescue continues to work with local pounds and individuals who approach the charity requiring help with rehoming a pet for whatever reason. LAR has extended its network over the past year increasing benefits to the public by working more closely with charities aiding in response to pets advertised for free on local selling sites. LAR also works with other charities with similar values to aid the rescue and rehoming of animals from other parts of the UK into our local area.

Consideration of major risks

An existing fosterer's pack ensures foster homes have been fully checked for suitability. The trustees initially assess pets and place them into appropriate foster care for both the animal's and the family's needs. Foster carers are fully equipped to care safely for the pets, are offered support if required from the trustees and are instrumental in providing the "foster placement" information that ensures a suitable forever home is found. The information available to fosterers prior to placement is regularly reviewed, and the fosterer has access to Trustees for advice at all times.

L.A.R. continue to offer training sessions for our foster carers to enhance knowledge and techniques to address recognised behaviours.

Existing policies and procedures are regularly reviewed to consider and reduce risks.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of domestic animals from dogs to reptiles in need of care and attention and by placing such animals into foster homes whilst permanent homes are found for them, or other suitable facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals.

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)

LAR statement on the Charities Commission Register states the object “For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of domestic animals in need of care and attention and by placing such animals into foster homes whilst permanent homes are found or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals”

The trustees have shown due regard to, and discussion of, the information issued in S17 of the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit.

We are an animal rescue based in the South East of England that:

- saves dogs from death row in UK pounds
- takes in pets (dogs, cats, small furries, plus occasional ‘exotics’ and farm animals) from families that can no longer give them the time and care that they need
- ensures that the animals are appropriately assessed prior to rehoming
- provides necessary veterinary treatment including neutering and full vaccination prior to rehoming
- operates on a foster home basis allowing the very best assessment and opportunity for successful rehoming
- is a non-destruct, nonprofit organisation.
- Aims to educate the public and promote campaigns supporting responsible pet ownership
- Ensures that dogs are microchipped with a traceable chip in line with legal requirements

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.

L.A.R. would be unable to function without a dedicated team of volunteers – those that help with fundraising and awareness activities, those that assist with transport and vet runs and, of course, our foster carers who are essential in extending our knowledge of the animals in our care prior to rehoming. A huge thank you to you all our volunteers.

Our team continues to increase in size over this period to include volunteers with differing knowledge and experience allowing the charity to care for an increasing variety of animals and birds. Our small sanctuary - Luna Animal Rescue Community Haven (Larch Farm), continues to provide a safe and happy environment for a small collection of animals such as pigs, pheasant, budgies, a goat, and ponies.

Our volunteers assist us to provide a public presence at local events and stores in order to secure funding and to spread awareness of our cause. We have been fortunate to have been picked as the chosen charity by our local Pets at Home store who support us and invite donations through their own charitable initiatives.

During this period Luna Animal Rescue have successfully rehomed 88 dogs and puppies, 146 cats and kittens, 27 small animals (including rabbits and guinea pigs) and the small number of poultry from LARCH farm.

We have had a very good presence over the year at local events – fundraising and raising awareness, although we have not had as many events as in previous years. We ran a dog show in June 2022 which had a great local presence and was really well attended.

LAR continue to raise funds through regular online auctions of promises and goods.

We are extremely grateful to individuals who have helped raise funds through events such as music festivals, tattoo events, and cake sales. We are very grateful to have received small donations from funeral collections.

We are fortunate to have gained some regular support from local businesses over this period. A local pet store has made us their chosen charity – we are able to raise awareness by regular stalls at the front door. We take part in their yearly Christmas nationwide fundraising event where our volunteers are required to have an instore presence of over 24 hours. In addition, the store has collected food and other in-kind donations on our behalf. Other local pet suppliers greatly reduce our financial outgoings by the provision of animal food and other sundries.

A local tattoo business ran a tattoo event where all money raised in a one day session was donated to LAR.

Links have been established with local groomers, dog trainers and behaviourists ensuring we fully meet the needs of animals in our care and encouraging the development of further training opportunities for our foster families.

Other achievements during the year:

At the beginning of 2023 we were alerted to a female labrador and her two puppies who had been taken into our local vets extremely poorly. Willow the adult female who had not long given birth weighed only 14kg which was less than half her required body weight. LAR worked closely with the vets, it was very touch and go much thankfully all three animals pulled through. The two puppies were rehomed successfully, but Willow remains in foster with Luna as she is utterly terrified and shut down. She had clearly suffered extreme abuse, lack of socialisation and neglect. It will take a lot of time and love to bring this girl to a point where she can be rehomed successfully.

Another dog of note was Amoli an abandoned Lurcher found with a severely broken leg, seriously underweight and skin that was falling off him, was rescued by LAR and treated by our vets and successfully rehomed into a loving family.

There have been many animals rescued and successfully rehomed, many kittens hand reared and along with the successes also come the sad endings where we have been unable to save the animal despite all the interventions possible. LAR are committed to preserving life but putting the animals best interests first when the time comes.

Section D

Achievements and performance

We continue to support local families who find themselves in difficult circumstances and need to rehome their animals.

LAR continue to accept animals that need costly medical care, including older animals.

LAR has assisted in with wildlife rescue and supported the safe release of rehabilitated wildlife at our sanctuary farm. These animals include, wild rabbits, pigeons, a collared dove and partridge.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The current reserves policy has deemed £10,000 reserve an appropriate aim. This is an increase reflecting increasing veterinary costs for non-routine procedures which are difficult to predict. We aim to keep at least six weeks' costs of medical bills in reserve.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

The charities principal sources of funds include donations when animals are adopted, regular donations via standing orders and income generated by specific appeals, regular online auctions, awareness days and events.

We use an Amazon wish list and easy fundraising options.

Expenditure has ensured that the charity's objects are met for the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of domestic animals (mostly dogs and cats) in need of care and attention and by placing such dogs into foster homes whilst permanent homes are found for them or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals.

We have a programme of ongoing investment in Larch Farm to ensure that the structure and animal housing are safe and appropriate to meet animal welfare needs. Due to bird flu restrictions for another year, our volunteers have worked extra hard to keep the animals and birds at Larch Farm well and thriving, in a safe environment, however we have successfully rehomed all ground birds including all poultry, geese and ducks.

Expenditure has continued to meet the basic requirements of animals in our care including fees for routine veterinary work such as vaccination and neutering.

During the year, there have been additional veterinary costs for a number of animals with significant surgical and medical needs. Decisions have been shared by the trustees about the appropriateness of the use of funds against potential outcomes. We are delighted to have seen some animals with significant issues achieve good function and quality of life and to have been introduced to adopters who have gained physically and emotionally from the adoption of a pet.

We continue to use our previously purchased transport van for collecting animals and supplies. Initial outlay has been balanced by a reduction in mileage expenses of our volunteers and the reduction in need to use external transport services.

Where an animal has arrived into our care that has required a significant financial outlay to cover complex veterinary needs, our volunteers have always responded with additional donations, online auctions and other fundraisers specifically for that animal and the bills have always been covered. The charity has established links with an alternative veterinary practice in order to take advantages of cost reductions by accepting neuter appointments outside of normal working hours. The closer distance has helped reduce mileage costs too.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee	
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Date

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Profit and Loss

Luna Animal Rescue

For the year ended 31 March 2023

2023

Turnover

Amazon Smile- Donations	474.55
Charitable Giving : Payroll	980.88
Charity Checkout	3,170.41
Commission	3,738.38
Donations-adoptions	32,505.51
Easy fundraising	198.93
Event income	8,147.54
General donations	18,649.42
Giving Fund UK	6,325.83
Other Fundraising	495.00
Regular donations	1,039.90
Sale of items, raffles and auctions	2,095.83
Total Turnover	77,822.18

Cost of Sales

Direct Expenses	420.00
Total Cost of Sales	420.00

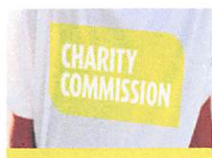
Gross Profit

77,402.18

Administrative Costs

Advertising & Marketing	22.60
Animal Feed	2,003.82
Animal Welfare	1,842.76
Audit & Accountancy fees	2,078.50
Bank Fees	119.64
Cleaning	106.03
Depreciation Expense	900.00
Dog Training	210.00
Event & Fundraising Expenses	917.90
Fuel	1,921.98
General Expenses	171.55
Insurance	1,376.87
IT Software and Consumables	500.00
Larch Farm expenses	2,050.35
Microchipping	286.50
Motor Vehicle Expenses	1,150.04
Postage, Freight & Courier	38.98
Printing & Stationery	11.85
Telephone & Internet	84.00
Vet Bills	72,962.53
Total Administrative Costs	88,755.90

	2023
Operating Profit	(11,353.72)
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	(11,353.72)
Profit after Taxation	(11,353.72)



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Luna Animal Rescue

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1163839

Set out on pages

3, 4 and 5

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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:

2nd January 2024

Name:

Rebecca Beaton

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

Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT)

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	Maltkiln Road, Barton upon Humber
	North Lincolnshire, DN18 5JR

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Non required

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.