

## **Zante Strays Trustees Report For The Period Ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

### **Reference & Administration Information**

Charity Name : Zante Strays

Charity Registration Number : 1166760

Address : 32 Beatrice Avenue, Felixstowe, Suffolk IP11 9HB

### **Trustees**

Mrs Susan Bannister

Miss Caitlin Mellors

Ms Dimitra Kontonis

Ms Astrid Koorring

Mrs Beryl Marshall

### **Accounts Preparation**

Dales Bookkeeping, 29 Knightsdale Road, Ipswich IP1 4JQ

## **Aims & Objectives**

Our aim is to provide suitable homes for homeless dogs and cats from the island of Zante in Greece.

There are many animals which have been mis-treated or abandoned by their previous owners desperately needing care. We aim to ensure that they receive the necessary treatment by vets in Greece and then care for them before they are re-homed.

Our objective is also to reduce the number of animals that in future are affected by offering to sterilise owned dogs at a subsidised or free veterinary cost. Consequently reducing the number born.

We also aim to collect unowned (street) dogs , sterilise and have them medically treated , and then return them to the street near a feeding station.

Returning them to the street is only done when the dog is deemed unsuitable for adoption and fit enough to cope with street life.

Where a street dog is too vulnerable for release and not fit for adoption then they are kept in a foster home on the island and their situation reviewed at a later date.

We never euthanise a healthy dog.

We try to ensure that all adopted dogs are of good disposition and not likely to be a danger to the adoptee or others.

If they have small quirks in their character then we make the adoptee aware if we have knowledge of this. E.g. fear of men ( very common but usually quickly overcome ) .dislike of cats etc.

We aim to ensure that the adoptees home is suitable and have a nationwide team of home checkers for this purpose.

We have set up a small group of experienced foster carers in the UK. Our aim is to bring older dogs over to be trained and socialised before adoption. This ensures a much better transition and a more successful outcome for the older dog .

Young dogs and puppies are usually more adaptable and are easier to home directly from Zante .

In addition to the trustees, there are about 30 volunteers who foster the animals before finding suitable homes for them. Animals requiring homes are advertised via the website and social media and potential owners are interviewed and home checked for suitability. If an adoption is unsuccessful, we request that the animal is returned to the charity in order to find an alternative home.

Financially, the funds we request from adoptees are purely to cover the costs of transport, vets fees & food and not for profit.

2020/21 has been a very challenging year due to both the COVID pandemic and "BREXIT". We suffered as a result of the severe travel restrictions and additional health and safety measures being in place for the entire population. The pandemic led to increased demand for dogs but made it much more difficult to transport them as travel between countries was discouraged.

In addition to the pandemic, "BREXIT" hampered us further with additional bureaucracy in place for transporting animals and restrictions on the number of animals allowed to travel in one vehicle. The new legislation has led to the charity having to pay solicitors' fees in order to enable us to continue to rescue animals from Greece.

Despite the challenges mentioned above, we have still had a successful year, achieving a surplus of £15,130 compared to the previous year's surplus of £7,222.

**Zante Strays Statement Of Financial Activities For The Period 1st May 2020 to 30th April 2021**

<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
General Donations	76183		
Adoption & Transport Fees		92923	
Fundraising Income	5684		
<b>Total Income</b>	81867	92923	174790
<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>			
<b>Charitable Activities</b>	75946	77954	153900
<b>Governance Costs</b>	5760		5760
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<u>81706</u>	<u>77954</u>	<u>159660</u>
<b><u>Net Income</u></b>	161	14969	15130

**Zante Strays Balance Sheet April 2021**

	£	£
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>		
Property	10,395	
Equipment	4,483	
Fixtures & Fittings	2,094	
		16,972
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	27,882	
Creditors : Amounts Due Within 1 Year	10,340	10,340
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>17,542</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b><u>34,514</u></b>
<b><u>Unrestricted Funds</u></b>		
General Funds	34,514	34,514
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b><u>34,514</u></b>

The charity is regarded as a small entity due to the income not exceeding £250,000 per annum and is therefore exempt from audit

## **Zante Strays Financial Review For The Period Ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

### **Financial Review**

For the 12 month period ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021, the charity achieved a surplus of £15,130 compared with the previous year's surplus of £7222. The income consisted of regular and one-off donations of £76,183, £92,923 from adoption and transport fees and £5,684 from other fundraising activities. The charity still receives no income from Gift Aid but this is a future possibility.

The most significant costs were for transport costs of £77,954, food £52,186 and vets fees of £21,711. Admin expenses comprised of legal fees, accountancy, insurance and bank charges.

Legal fees totalled £1,848 which were as a result of "BREXIT" along with kennel costs of £1,118.

### **Notes Forming Part Of The Financial Statements For The Period Ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

#### **1. Accounting Policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

##### **a) Basis Of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Depreciation Of fixed assets is calculated on reducing balance at 15%.

##### **b) Fund Accounting**

- Unrestricted Funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in order to meet the objectives of the charity.

- Designated Funds are unrestricted funds which are earmarked for particular purposes.

- Restricted Funds have restrictions placed on their expenditure by the donor.

##### **c) Incoming Resources**

All income is included in the financial statements. There are a number of regular and irregular donors donating general funds to assist with the costs of running the charity. For individuals wishing to adopt dogs, a fee is charged to cover the costs of transport, food, vets fees & kennels etc. The charity still wishes to register for Gift Aid but are still investigating appropriate systems for capturing the required information.

##### **d) Resources Expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as costs are incurred. The majority of the vets fees are for a vet in Greece and the costs of transporting dogs from Greece are also quite significant.

**2. Trustee Remuneration**

No trustees received any remuneration during the financial period ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**3. Accounts Preparation And Independent Examination**

The accounts have been independently prepared by Roy Clements FICB PM.Dip of Dales Bookkeeping.