

Zante Strays Trustees Report Year Ending 30th April 2023

Zante Strays continues its primary role in the rescuing, healing and socialising of abandoned and stray dogs on Zante. The ultimate goal is to find safe, experienced and loving homes for them all.

We home check all potential adopters to ensure that each dog goes to an environment suitable for its temperament and type. We mostly get this right but occasionally because either the dog does not fit the family or there is a change in the adopters' circumstances, we the dog returned. This can be difficult but we have a small group of devoted foster carers in the UK who take dogs in the reassessment and then re-homing. We do not return dogs to Zante unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Funding has been difficult this year as like many charities, there has been a slow down in donations combined with increased costs of maintenance, food, vets fees and transport. This has resulted in our funds becoming seriously stretched. In the coming year, we hope to receive some funding from the local government but this has not yet been confirmed.

There is still a continuous need to rescue abandoned dogs and we strive to rescue as many as possible. We try to educate and encourage the Zante population to sterilise and inoculate their animals. This process is slow but there is some progress, particularly in the younger generation.

Fundraising in the UK and Zante is a constant and we strive to raise awareness of the plight of these poor animals. We still maintain an excellent and committed group of volunteers both in the UK and on Zakynthos. We go forward with devotion and enthusiasm in spite of many setbacks and hope in the next year to save even more dogs from a short and miserable life.

Zante Strays Statement Of Financial Activities For The Period 1st May 2022 to 30th April 2023

<u>Incoming Resources</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds
General Donations	61,497		
Adoption & Transport Fees		85,353	
Fundraising Income	9,585		
Total Income	71,082	85,353	156,435
<u>Resources Expended</u>			
Charitable Activities	113,240	54,628	167,868
Governance Costs	4,312		4,312
Total Resources Expended	<u>117,552</u>	<u>54,628</u>	<u>172,180</u>
<u>Net Income</u>	-46,470	30,725	-15745

Zante Strays Balance Sheet April 2023

	£	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Property	10,395	
Equipment	3,239	
Fixtures & Fittings	1,513	
		15,147
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	11,948	
Creditors : Amounts Due Within 1 Year	974	974
Net Current Assets		10,974
Net Assets		<u>26,121</u>
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		
General Funds	26,121	26,121
Total Funds		<u>41,867</u>

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 30th April 2023

Financial Review

For the 12 month period ending 30th April 2022, the charity suffered a deficit of £15,745 compared with the previous year's surplus of £7,352. The income consisted of regular and one-off donations of £61,497, £85,353 from adoption and transport fees and £9,585 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 £54,628, vets fees of £18,143 and donations to Greece of £91,708 towards shelter running costs. Admin expenses comprised of legal fees, accountancy, insurance and bank charges.

Notes Forming Part Of The Financial Statements For The Period Ending 30th April 2023

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 30th April 2022.

3. Accounts Preparation And Independent Examination

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