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Therapy Dogs Nationwide
Annual Report and Accounts
31st March 2021

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2021

Objectives & Activities

Our objective is to help people in mental and physical need by the provision of therapy dogs to both children and adults, people with disabilities and additional needs, people of all ages with health conditions and those with difficult social circumstances. We provide assessed dogs and their owners to visit schools, hospitals, hospices, care homes, prisons, and similar institutions where the need for a therapy dog is perceived. In addition, we support initiatives for good mental health and wellbeing when requested. As a Charity we continually strive to enhance the lives of both children and adults. We advocate responsible dog training methods, canine education, healthy dogs, and caring ownership.

Achievements & Performance

Therapy Dogs Nationwide continues to grow as well as build awareness and gain more volunteers who are helped and encouraged by established TDN volunteers.

The 2020/2021 period remained to be challenging in light of the continuing COVID pandemic, but our volunteering teams remained cheery and optimistic.

Face to face visits stopped completely but many new virtual visits were carried out. Many of our volunteers were learning new technologies but it did mean that our establishments could have a "visit" from a dog that under normal circumstances they would not normally meet due to locations..

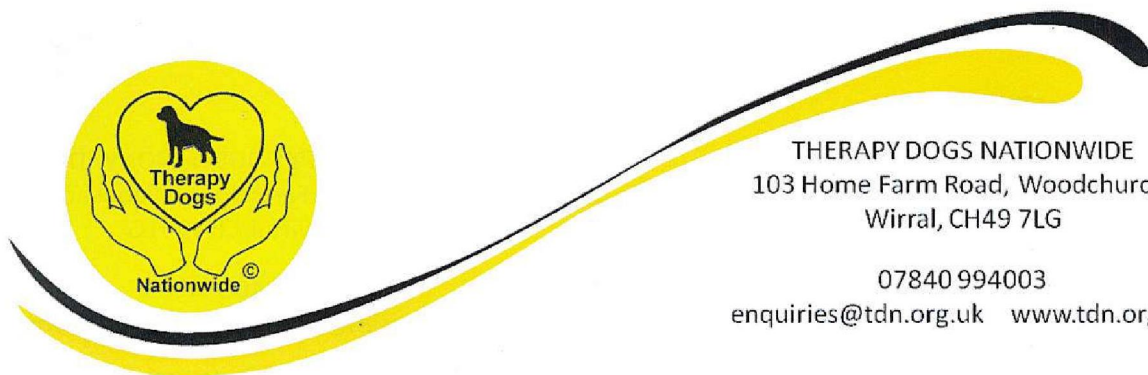
New registrations were halted although the enquiries office continued to answer emails and support our existing volunteers.

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Financial review

Our fundraising abilities have been dramatically affected during this financial period as most monies are raised in a face to face environment during social interactions which has not happened.

The trustees also took the decision not to charge existing volunteers for the 2020 subscription, however, they were free to make a donation instead, many of whom did. Subs were waived for the period April 2020 to March 2021.

Our funds have come from online raffles, collections and sales as well the PayPal Just Giving Fund and the Amazon Smile Fund.

We have also had several large donations left to us in memory of long standing volunteers.

Reserves policy

To date, our reserves have been reinvested back into the charity for the following financial year. We have updated our website design and invested in new and advanced facilities with an emphasis on a clear no-nonsense format. We have also added new forms to our website which have to be completed for our new Health and Safety, Establishment, and Insurance issues. All our administration email addresses are now standardised. This standardisation results in all contact information being laid out clearly and any future enquiries for the Health and Safety forms, Establishment, and Insurance forms to be available and synchronised. We hope to deliver the information directly to our database in the future. Our website and social media platforms continue to drive enquiries and will be a focus for future recruitment of volunteers. We have an extremely strong supportive "volunteer only" Facebook page which includes all registered volunteers who wish to join and participate. It is monitored by 3 volunteers and is uncensored with the availability to contact a Trustee or Administrator 24/7. We have recently taken advantage of the mentorship scheme offered through Facebook to support and educate both our new and existing volunteers.

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We also fully appreciate that we will need to continue to provide volunteers with the correct merchandise to use in fundraising. We will provide literature, leaflets, posters, stickers, collecting tins, display boards, banners, gazebos and most of all information. We will endeavour to provide the items volunteers request and will consult with them regularly.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustee

The Articles of Association provide for a minimum of 3 Trustees and a maximum of 12. Each Trustee is appointed by ordinary resolution passed by the Trustees as a body. New candidates are put forward and considered regarding the general and particular contribution a person might make to the achievement of the Charity's objectives. The Trustees appoint the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. This year Trustees have remained in post including the Chairman who was unanimously voted back in after her first 3-year term, as per our constitution.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees is responsible for administration of the Charity. The Board meets formally at least 4 times a year to discuss matters raised by all volunteers and is in daily contact with administration volunteers and officers. During this past financial period we have been meeting virtually which has enabled us to action items in a more timely fashion. Ruth Boyes has stepped down as a trustee as of April 2021.

Eileen Slattery – Co-Founder, Chairperson & Trustee

Eileen Hodge - Co-Founder & Trustee

Mary Oliver, MBE – Trustee

Leisl de Lafontaine – Trustee

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Volunteer

Eileen Slattery

Eileen Hodge

Mary Oliver MBE

Ruth Boyes BEM

Leisl de Lafontaine

Jackie Brien

Aileen Yorke

Aimee Lindsey

Paulette Hockley

Caroline Wilkinson

Amanda Wall

Elena Fineberg

Megan Bird

Responsibilities

Finance, administration enquires, operational management & paperwork. Volunteer support and assessor

Area Team Leader coordinator, area coordinator, operational management, enquires, paperwork and volunteer support

Schools coordinator, school enquiries and liaison, advisor to the Kennel Club Bark & Read committee

Prison coordinator and high security mental health unit coordinator, Area Team Leader, volunteer support and assessor

Technology, website & social media coordinator and forward planner. Liaison for vaccination and raw feeding policies. Health coordinator for canines, advisor to the Kennel Club Bark & Read committee, assessor & training consultant

Senior Administration Assistant

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Administration Consultant

Placement Liaison

Merchandise Officer

Head of Assessors Training

Volunteer Support & Wellbeing Officer

Accounts and Bookkeeping Administrator

How decisions are made

The Trustees and Administration volunteers receive enquires from volunteers by emails, telephone and letter, together with queries from other interested parties. Incidental matters are dealt with by the Administration volunteers and the Chair or other Trustees, all other matters go to the board, where they are discussed, with a trustee taking charge of the enquiry according to its nature. We advise each other mutually on matters and take the consensus view for the outcome. Three trustees have daily access to the charity bank accounts and any expenditure is discussed during our formal meetings.

Tasks completed by volunteers

Volunteers have taken up roles as Area Team Leaders (ATL's) in an advisory capacity, assisting volunteers within a specific area to help and assist them find them a visiting establishment, fundraise, and answer questions or problem solve.

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There is a currently a group of volunteers who are telephone advisors and mentors to anyone who does not have this on their doorstep.

Structure, Governance & Management

Our governing document is reviewed annually and at present there is no need for it to be updated.

Future Aims & Key Objectives

We aim to provide full support and back up to all volunteers, to never fail to listen and achieve great things together, to be the best we can. Although regular community visiting will always be part of our core values, we hope to extend our "one-offs" for events such as corporate wellbeing days and university exam sport. With our improved and increased social media presence we are attracting enquiries from large organisations who want to work with us. We intend to expand on this resource so that we are able to choose our future partnerships. We are currently exploring other fundraising and volunteer recruitment ideas. We have no intention of charging for the visits we make or the events we attend.

Public Benefit

When planning our activities for the year we referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit and complied with S17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act when reviewing the aims and objectives prior to planning and developing activities.

Acknowledgements

The Trustees acknowledge TDN teams, both visiting and administrative, in making this Charity what it is.

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Reference & Administrative Details

Registered Charity number - 1167622

Registered office
103 Home Farm Road Woodchurch
Upton
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Trustees

Miss. E. Slattery
Mrs. E. Hodge
Mrs. M. Oliver MBE
Mrs. R. Boyes BEM (resigned April 2021)
Miss. L. de Lafontaine

Independent examiner

C Tams ACA
Smethurst & Co LLP
12 Abbey Road
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27th January 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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Leisl de Lafontaine – Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Therapy Dogs Nationwide (the CIO) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 28th January 2022

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

| | 2021 Unrestricted funds £ | 2021 Restricted Funds £ | 2021 Total funds £ | 2020 Prior year funds £ |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | |
| Donations and Legacies | 29,556 | | 29,556 | 65,770 |
| Volunteer registration fees | 3,132 | | 3,132 | 9,053 |
| Volunteer uniform sales | 1,920 | | 1,920 | 16,351 |
| Interest Received | 113 | | 113 | 346 |
| Total | 34,721 | - | 34,721 | 91,520 |

| | | | | |
|--|--------|---|--------|--------|
| Payments | | | | |
| Raising funds & Awareness at events | 25 | | 25 | 12,050 |
| Volunteer Uniform Stock | 2,234 | | 2,234 | 16,416 |
| Volunteer PPE | 1,967 | | 1,967 | - |
| Volunteer training | - | | - | 1,381 |
| Travel expenses | -156 | | -156 | 16,474 |
| Administration & Professional Services | 6,570 | | 6,570 | 1,355 |
| Independent Examiners Fee | 660 | | 660 | 618 |
| Insurance costs | 1,250 | | 1,250 | 1,310 |
| Stationery | 162 | | 162 | 1,477 |
| Postage | 1,235 | | 1,235 | 4,676 |
| Admin equipment costs | 86 | | 86 | 2,106 |
| Admin office costs (phone, software) | 4,000 | | 4,000 | 4,410 |
| Sundry expenses | 445 | | 445 | 805 |
| Total | 18,478 | - | 18,478 | 63,078 |

| | | | | |
|--|--------|---|--------|--------|
| Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses) | 16,243 | - | 16,243 | 28,442 |
| Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - |
| Total cash funds brought forward from last year | 62,496 | - | 62,496 | 34,054 |
| Total cash funds carried forward | 78,739 | - | 78,739 | 62,496 |

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| | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total funds | Prior year funds |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cash Funds | | | | |
| Cash at Bank | 77,581 | - | 77,581 | 61,753 |
| Cash Floats Held | 1,158 | | 1,158 | 744 |
| Total | 78,739 | - | 78,739 | 62,496 |
| Other Monetary Assets | | | | |
| Refunds Due | - | - | - | 387 |
| Total | - | - | - | 387 |
| Assets held | | | | |
| Uniform Stock | 6,252 | - | 6,252 | 5,842 |
| Total | 6,252 | - | 6,252 | 5,842 |
| Fixed Assets | | | | |
| Computer Equipment | | | | |
| Opening balance | 5,223 | - | 5,223 | 3,351 |
| Additions during year | 86 | - | 86 | 2,106 |
| Disposals during year | -79 | - | -79 | -234 |
| Closing balance | 5,230 | - | 5,230 | 5,223 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Accountancy fees | - | - | - | - |
| Consultancy fees | 1,639 | - | 1,639 | 396 |
| Independent examiner | 696 | - | 696 | 660 |
| Total | 2,335 | - | 2,335 | 1,056 |

Approved by order of the board of trustees and signed on its behalf

by: Leisl de Lafontaine, Trustee

Leisl de Lafontaine

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Notes to the Accounts

Basis of Preparation:

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Previous Years Errors:

There have been no material prior year errors identified within the reporting period.

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