

**Stronger Together Animal Rescue**

**Charity No: 1168941**

**Legal and Administrative Information**

**Principal venue for activities**

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**Stronger Together Animal Rescue**  
**Trustees' Annual Report for the year 2022-23**

The Trustees are pleased to present their Trustees annual report together with the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2023.

**Trustees**

Denise Karen Arp	Chair
Sara Willis	Vice Chair
Pandelitsa Demetriou	Treasurer
Anna Cleland	Trustee (resigned on 13 July 2022)
Catherine Phoenix Hallam	Trustee (resigned on 15 June 2022)

**Structure, governance and management**

**Governing Document**

Stronger Together Animal Rescue (STAR) is established by Constitution and is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales under charity number 1168941. This report covers the second full year as STAR.

**Appointment of Trustees**

We work to our governing document, and the requirements of the Charity Commission. We currently recruit Trustees through the volunteer pool and rescue networks that we are involved in. Trustees meet on a regular basis and have recommended Trustees for consideration during these meetings. Minutes as a record of this are available.

We do not employ staff but have a very active volunteer pool. People are selected to different types of groups e.g. rehoming/ fundraising/ microchips, based on want and ability of volunteers concerned.

**Objectives, activities, achievements and performance**

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

The charity was set up for the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of dogs and cats that are abandoned, stray or otherwise in need of care and attention in Cyprus. Working Arrangements are created and signed with those pounds and shelters we work with to ensure that our strict adoption processes are followed. The Trustees keep up-to-date with regulations on animal transport to the UK and correspond with APHA and other key stakeholders; and continue to develop knowledge and practical experience in the rehoming process of dogs and cats.

We continue to underpin everything we do with our vision of 'the humane and compassionate treatment of all dogs and cats by all human beings'. Our mission 'to save lives and relieve the suffering of dogs and cats in need of care and attention by the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of abandoned, stray and unwanted dogs and cats in Cyprus' guides our objects:

- Providing or assisting in the provision of the rehoming of such dogs and cats;
- Assisting in the reception, treatment and care of such dogs and cats and working with dog pounds and shelters in Cyprus with the aim of avoiding dogs and cats being put to sleep.

### **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects**

Stronger Together Animal Rescue charity activities include rehoming dogs and cats to the UK and within Cyprus, being involved in the coordination of the animal's transportation and veterinary preparation for the travel to the UK and then directly coordinating the transport of the dogs and cats to UK fosterers and adopters once they arrive in the UK.

Activities also include fundraising to support our work and to provide funds for emergency veterinary care and kennels in the UK. The fundraising activities include online auctions, raffles and merchandise and promoting fundraising needs on social media that is then routed through the Total Giving fundraising platform.

As part of the rehoming activities a considerable amount of the charity time has included:

- Developing our fundraising team and fundraising activities;
- Ensuring that all dogs and cats meet the UK Health Certificate and EU passport requirements before they travel to the UK;
- Ensuring that all dogs and cats that enter the UK do so under all relevant EU and UK regulations and that we follow all guidance with regards to this;
- Building and managing a UK foster home rescue back up team to support any animal arriving in the UK;
- Registering all animals directly with PetTrac as a recognised rescue to optimise safety and management of all the animals that
- Supporting our adopters and foster network with advice, guidance and rescue back up;
- Providing a free 5 weeks Pet insurance with our Partner Agria Pet insurance to all our adopted dogs and cats;

Due to the above we have benefitted the public by ensuring that we follow stringent safety procedures with regards to the movement and rehoming of our animals as per UK and EU legislation.

Adopting and fostering dogs and cats have been proven to help people's mental well-being and reduces or removes the loneliness many people may face. This has become even more relevant post pandemic and in a world of continued challenge.

Through our profile on social media we have also benefitted people that may find themselves isolated and are now engaged with our groups. Adopters are welcome to join the closed STAR adopters Facebook site which is a communication channel across the foster and adopter community, sharing good practice and updates on STAR dogs and cats. This group has 1400 members.

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### **Appreciation**

We appreciate the continued support from our volunteers, sponsors and donors and look forward to continuing these relationships.

## Financial review

The Trustees have adopted a reserves policy, which they consider appropriate to ensure the continued ability of the charity to meet its objectives. The Trustees aim to ensure reserves equal to 3— 6 months of operating expenditure are available, which we work to maintain.

## Operational and Staff Report

### Volunteers

Many of our UK volunteers are involved in promotion and fundraising activities to enable the charity to meet its aims and objectives as outlined above. We also have a volunteer administration team who support the adoption process including ensuring adoption contracts are received prior to the dog or cat being placed into the home.

Volunteers and STAR Guardians maintain contact with all dogs and cats adopted through social media channels or directly from the charity's operational system, Shelter Manager. Behavioral concerns or issues identified are logged on this system, along with action taken. STAR have access to experienced trainers and behaviorists who support adopters as needed. STAR also have access to kennels when a dog requires emergency foster. Remedial kennels are available for STAR dogs either prior to adoption or when emergency foster is required, allowing the dog to be assessed before any further adoption or foster placement.

### Activities

Through the continued support of the people that follow us and/or donate to the charity we have been able to continue our support of 'Freedom flights' to the UK. Flights have been on a monthly basis accommodating up to 150 dogs and cats as a collective effort with other rescue charities of Cyprus.

During the year we have implemented the revised the Behavioral Assessment Form (BAF) to ensure it provides the best information on a dog prior to commencing promotion, these forms are saved in the dog's record on Shelter Manager and used to assess suitability against applications. Dogs cannot be promoted without a BAF being in place.

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The impact of the UK leaving the EU and the associated export and import requirements continue to be revised. We review our policies and procedures and have implemented the new IPAFFs requirements for the movement of dogs and cats into the UK.

Due to the current financial situation in the UK and to protect the sustainability of the charity, Trustees have continued with a quota for each guardian to ensure that STAR is not over-exposed and unable to provide rescue backup to the dogs and cats adopted in the UK. This will continue to be monitored against financial exposure and surrender rates.

Where STAR work with larger pounds and shelters a Partnership Agreement will be agreed to ensure clarity and transparency between STAR and the pound or shelter.

Trustees continue to monitor DEFRA and APHA guidance and regulations on the importation of dogs and cats and respond responsibly.

## Networks

The charity works with a wider network of rescues and rescuers in the UK and in Cyprus. Work has increased in this area to best share resource and expertise and ultimately to improve standards.

## Related parties

We work closely with rescues and rescuers in Cyprus. Our role is to support them in their aim of rescuing abandoned dogs and cats and in removing dogs from pounds in the local areas of Cyprus that have a put to sleep (PTS) policy. We work with them to rehome the animals in the UK and to fundraise on their behalf in the UK for them to resource the kennels they have in terms of feed, vet costs for injured or sick animals and vet preparation costs to fly to the UK as per legal requirements.

We also identify suitable adopters in the UK that will rehome the animals once they arrive.

## Post Balance Sheet Events

There were no post balance sheet events to report for the period.

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D K Arp', is written over the text 'Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees'.

Denise Karen Arp

Chair

Date: 20 January 2024

## Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Stronger Together Animal Rescue

I report on the accounts of the Stronger Together Animal Rescue (CIO No: 1168941) for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the 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'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

I confirm that no other matters have come to my attention that giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 2 the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 3 the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:

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**Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**Statement of financial activities**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	3	72,171	-	72,171	127,132
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Dog rescue and adoptions	3	206,882	-	206,882	262,062
Total incoming resources		279,053	-	279,053	389,194
<b>Resources expended</b>					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income		2,184	-	2,184	3,118
Charitable activities					
Dog rescue and adoptions	4	291,852	-	291,852	365,588
Governance costs		2,811	-	2,811	3,805
Total resources expended		296,847	-	296,847	372,511
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		(17,794 )	-	(17,794 )	16,683
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)</b>		(17,794 )	-	(17,794 )	16,683
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(17,794 )	-	(17,794 )	16,683
Total funds brought forward		54,430	-	54,430	37,747
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		36,636	-	36,636	54,430

The notes on page 9 to 12 form part of these accounts.

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**Balance sheet**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors		4,759		4,759	-
Cash at bank and in hand		38,876		38,876	57,337
		43,635	-	43,635	57,337
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	7,000	-	7,000	2,907
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>		36,635	-	36,635	54,430
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>		36,635	-	36,635	54,430
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-
Net assets		36,635	-	36,635	54,430
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds		36,636		36,636	54,430
Restricted income funds			-	-	-
Total funds		36,636	-	36,636	54,430

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Signed on behalf of the trustees :

Denise Karen Arp

*D K Arp*

Chair

Date: 20 January 2023



## **1 Basis of preparation**

### **1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.
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- and with the Charities Act 2011.

Stronger Together Animal Rescue meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The board of trustees has a reasonable expectation that there are adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The accounts have been prepared under the going concern basis.

### **1.2 Change in basis of accounting**

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

### **1.3 Changes to previous accounts**

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years except reclassification of income based on additional information.

## **2 Accounting policies**

### **2.1 Recognition of incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

### **2.2 Incoming resources with related expenditure**

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

### **2.3 Grants and donations**

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

### **2.4 Tax reclaims on donations and gifts**

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

### **2.5 Contractual income and performance related grants**

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

**2.6 Donated services and facilities**

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

**2.7 Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual

**2.8 Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

**2.9 Governance costs**

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

**2.10 Grants with performance conditions**

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

**2.11 Grants payable without performance conditions**

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

**2.12 Tangible fixed assets for use by charity**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1000. They are valued at cost.

## Notes to the accounts

(cont)

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>3 Analysis of incoming resources</b>				
Voluntary income				
Donations including gift aid	72,171		72,171	127,132
	72,171	-	72,171	127,132
Incoming resources from charitable activities	206,882	-	206,882	262,062
	206,882	-	206,882	262,062
<b>4 Analysis of resources expended</b>				
Costs of generating voluntary income	2,184	-	2,184	3,118
	2,184	-	2,184	3,118
Charitable activities				
Adoptions and Transport	208,112	-	208,112	283,228
Food and Kennels	31,100	-	31,100	21,660
Microchip	905	-	905	1,677
Vet	47,137	-	47,137	38,164
Other	4,599	-	4,599	20,859
	291,852	-	291,852	365,588
Governance costs	2,811	-	2,811	3,805
	2,811	-	2,811	3,805
<b>5 Fees for examination of the accounts</b>				
Independent examiner's reporting on the accounts	2,250	-	2,250	2,250

**6 Creditors and accruals**

	Amounts falling due within	
	This year £	Last year £
Accruals	1,650	2,907
Deferred Income	5,350	-
	<u>7,000</u>	<u>2,907</u>

**7 Transactions with trustees and related parties**

All trustees are volunteers and do not receive any remuneration for their services.

Trustees were reimbursed £4,353 (2022: £2,755) in terms of expenses during the year.