



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 18<sup>th</sup> April 22 Period start date / To: 17<sup>th</sup> April 23 Period end date

Charity name: Lincs Dobermann Rescue

Charity registration number: 1172592

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	1) the care and protection of Dobermanns which are in need of care and attention by reason of homelessness, maltreatment, poor circumstances, ill-usage or similar causes, and the prevention of cruelty to and suffering among the Dobermann breed. 2) the education of the public as to humane principles and correct treatment of the Dobermann breed.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>Travel:</b> following contact with their owner, to collect or receive into the care of the Charity the dogs which no longer have a safe and secure environment.  <b>Provision of a safe environment:</b> by means of care within a secure and safe foster home or kennel location.  <b>Rehabilitation:</b> to work with the dogs in our care to enable them to recover their trust in people and to become able to adapt to their new lifestyle, this includes training and other specific areas of support. Veterinary care: including but not limited to veterinary checks when they arrive in our care, medication as required, neutering, veterinary advice as required.  <b>Rehoming:</b> Undertaking home checks to ensure the suitability of the adopter; travel to the home with the dog to assess the Adopters suitability; undertake a Meet & Greet with all family members and other dogs in the home at a secure field or at the

		<p>kennel location which we rent. The rehoming process may take more than one visit, the dogs are able to be returned to the Charity if the rehoming doesn't go according to plan. We provide details of a local trainer who can help with any issues the adopter may find. If the dog is particularly challenging, we pay for the services of a trainer to help and to give a better chance of the Adopter being able to keep the dog in the home.</p> <p><b>Fundraising:</b> through dog shows, events, auctions, number boards, scratch cards, merchandise sales, raffles, One Lottery in order to raise awareness of the Rescue and to raise funds to cover running costs.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p><b>Public Benefit:</b> by educating the public about the needs and correct and responsible behaviours towards the Dobermann breed, we assist adopting families as well as the families who surrender their dogs into our care.</p> <p>We provide a resource to support families who need advice and guidance in relation to elements of training for their Dobermann. Much of this information is provided to a potential adopter prior to them having a Meet &amp; Greet with the dog.</p> <p>Wherever possible, our Trustees will visit families and their dogs in their home to try to help and see if the dog can stay in the current home rather than being surrendered to Rescue. We have had some success in this area which has been a win-win for the family and their dog.</p> <p>We also provide support/information and in certain circumstances we will pay for the first visit of a Trainer to a home even though the dog isn't a Lincs dog. We have taken the view that it is better for all concerned to keep the dog in the home if the family will commit to working with the Trainer to provide the structure the dog needs and also to work on unwanted behaviours the dog may have learned through lack of</p>

		<p>structure.</p> <p>If a family is in crisis financially we have made the decision to help the family and provide food for their dog to help keep the dog in the home.</p>
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>Not applicable</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>Not applicable</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>Not applicable</b>
Other		

### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The period of this report has seen the Charity take in and rehome 84 dogs 3 remaining in kennels or foster homes. Our reputation is growing as we put time and effort into the assessment and rehabilitation of our dogs and as a result, we find ourselves contacted more and more to take dogs into our care. There seems to be an increase in our being asked to take young dogs which may have been purchased during lockdown; in addition, issues faced by families caused by the rising cost of living seems to be contributing to the increased number of rehoming requests received. When the family circumstances change and the dog is left alone, behavioural issues can</p>

		<p>often occur.</p> <p>The Adopter profile has changed over the year with most adopters wanting easy dogs and, in some cases, they will not commit to putting in the effort required to integrate a Rescue dog into the home. Because of the marked change in the Adopter profile, we have made a considered decision to keep the number of dogs in our care at any one time to four. We do not want any dogs to languish in kennels whilst we wait for a suitable Adopter, Dobies do not do well in kennels and we prefer not to operate in this way if possible. Exceptions to this are in cases of emergency.</p> <p>We have also provided support for families who were originally aiming to rehome their dogs in the form of advice and/or training with the objective of keeping the dog in their home rather than surrendering their dog into Rescue.</p> <p>We are also offering to cover the cost of food for families who are struggling with the rising cost of living, at least in the short term in order that they are able to find a way to keep their dog in their home.</p> <p>When the dog is ready for rehoming our Rehoming Trustee completes an assessment including all the information provided by the former owner as well as what we know from the dogs' time with us. This allows us to provide sufficient information to the potential adopter to enable them to understand the training they will need to carry on with/undertake when they take the dog into their home. She provides ongoing support to the adopter until the dog is settled in the home and we also provide and pay for a trainer to help the adopter and the dog to align with each other if necessary. The adopter also gets access to additional training resources via email and on our Rehoming Group to ensure that they have information to support the dogs Rehoming journey.</p> <p>We have the use of a Registered Kennel facility when our foster homes are not available; we do try to ensure</p>
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		<p>that dogs in need of additional support have the benefit of a foster home rather than a kennel environment. For the older dogs, those that come to us malnourished or have specific medical needs or behavioural requirements, we would always endeavour to find a foster home.</p> <p>The dogs in kennels are assessed prior to rehoming and a home check is undertaken. We use a Charity who have home checkers throughout the UK as logistically it isn't possible for us to homecheck without their support. A member of the team is allocated to be the contact with each adoption to ensure that the adopter has a point of contact for any eventuality. We also provide training support to families which adopt / foster any of our dogs on request so that they can understand how to help the dog to enjoy a safe and secure forever home.</p> <p>There have been no serious incidents reported during the period of this return.</p>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Total receipts across all income streams were £70,315.55, against this we have significantly higher costs. Adoption Donations have been lower in this financial year as we made the decision to reduce the donation amount due to the impact of the cost of living.</p> <p>This has been compensated by our small team of seven volunteer fundraisers who work tirelessly to raise money for the Charity to help with the spiralling costs of food, veterinary costs, kennelling etc. We have not worked with a professional fundraiser, nor have we worked with any commercial participators during the period of this return. We also have a further eight unpaid volunteers who assist with planning events, undertaking homechecks, transporting dogs and promoting the work of the Charity.</p> <p>All Trustees and Volunteers are unpaid and volunteer their time and expertise freely. Out of pocket expenses, for example fuel when transporting dogs, is paid at the fixed rate of 40p per mile which is lower than the rate designated by HMRC.</p> <p>We are in a strong financial position going into the next reporting period and we have a strong reputational base to carry the Charity forward.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>It is our policy to hold free, non-restricted funds that can be utilised to achieve our future aims and objectives. We ensure that we hold a risk reserve to protect ourselves against a fall in income levels as well as to enable us to provide funding for new initiatives or opportunities to develop the Charity further.</p>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/a

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		



## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The method of appointment of a Trustee is set out in the Governing Document. Every Trustee is appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees. When selecting individuals for appointment as Charity Trustees, the Trustees have regard for the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. Decisions affecting the Charity are taken jointly by the five Trustees.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Lincs Dobermann Rescue
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1172592
Charity's principal address	The Cottage 2 Church Avenue Bangor on Dee Wrexham LL13 0AF

### 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	Sheralee Grayston	Chair		Board of Trustees
2	Andrew Jackson	Trustee		Board of Trustees
3	Julie Maddock	Trustee		Board of Trustees
4	Bradley Charles Robert Black	Trustee		Board of Trustees
5	Alexina Morag Moreton	Treasurer		Board of Trustees
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A
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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Signature(s)**

A M Moreton

**Full name(s)**

Alexina Morag Moreton

**Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)**

Trustee/Treasurer

**Date**

1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

# Lincs Dobermann Rescue

Financial Annual Return 2022-2023

	2021 2022		2022-23	
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Donations		28381		26020
Fund raising		24747		18365
Adoptions		27008		21924
Grants		1500		0
Other income		2498		4007
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)		84134		70316
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
Sale of van 2021 2022		7251		0
<b>Sub total</b>		7251		0
<b>Total receipts</b>		91385		70316
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Dog related expenditure	10579		8167	
Kennel costs	26042		25142	
Veterinary expenses	13844	50465	11467	44776
Admin expenses	3227		4369	
Insurance	368	3595	522	4891
Volunteer related expenses		7135		8584
Miscellaneous expenses		232		10
Vehicle expenses		1967		0
<b>Sub total</b>		63394		58261
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
		0		
<b>Sub total</b>		0		0
<b>Total payments</b>		63394		58261
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>		27991		12055
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>				
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>		11793		39784
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>		<b>39784</b>		<b>51839</b>
<b>Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period</b>				
<b>Categories</b>				
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
Bank Deposit	30010		30010	
Bank Current Account	9381		21645	
Paypal	358		149	
Cash	35	39784	35	51839
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				
		0		0
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
		0		0
		<b>39784</b>		<b>51839</b>



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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

LINCS DOBERMANN RESCUE

On accounts for the year  
ended

17.04.2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1172592

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 17 04 2023

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

24.11.2023

Name:

DAVID CHEENEY

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

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