



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Period start date; To 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 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 the initial rehoming request, make contact with the dog's owner and arrange to collect or receive the dog into the care of the Charity to ensure the dog has 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. Where possible, we will also undertake a direct rehome.  <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 may include training or other specific areas of support.  <b>Veterinary care:</b> including but not limited to veterinary checks, medication as required, neutering, veterinary advice as required.  <b>Rehoming:</b> undertake 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 a kennel location. The rehoming process may take more than one visit, the dogs are able to be returned to the Charity if the rehoming

		<p>doesn't go according to plan. We also provide details of a local trainer who can help with any issues the adopter may find during the settling in period. 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. Some of our members also donate on a monthly basis by standing order.</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 also help Dobermann owners who get in contact with us if they are struggling with behaviours by putting them in touch with trainers local to them.</p> <p>We provide a resource to support families who need advice and guidance in relation to elements of training for their Dobermann, there is a dedicated section on our Facebook Rehoming Group covering this. We provide a Dog Assessment to all potential Adopters prior to them having a Meet &amp; Greet with the dog, on the Assessment we include the information on the Rehoming Request as well as what we have learned about the dog whilst in our care.</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</p>

		<p>through lack of 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		<b>Not applicable</b>

## 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 74 dogs with 1 remaining in a foster home. We have taken the decision to do a Direct Rehome wherever practicable as this reduces kennel time for the dogs. We continue to have a good reputation which is a mixed blessing as it means we receive many rehoming requests, often for dogs which a Rescue Charity would be unable to safely rehome due to the dog having a bite history or severe aggression. There seems to be an increase in our being asked to take younger dogs who are displaying the "Terrible Teens" type of behaviours and the owners are unable to manage this. Additionally, 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 often</p>

		<p>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 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>
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		<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		

## Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>Within this financial year, the Charity has been received 2 legacies which have the potential to significantly change the opportunities going forward. The money has been allocated across differing accounts to comply with <i>fsca</i> guidelines. The value of the legacies to date is £134,773.</p> <p>Total receipts across all other income streams equated to £68,021.28. 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 and also to reduce the number of dogs coming into our care to avoid the necessity of them going into kennels without a home in the planning. As a result, our kennel costs have decreased. Veterinary and specialist training costs have seen an increase.</p> <p>Our small team of seven volunteer fundraisers work tirelessly to raise money for the Charity to help with the running costs. 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>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>It is our policy to hold free, non- restricted funds that can be utilised to achieve our future aims and objectives. Given that we have a significant amount of money in reserve, we are seeking ways to ensure that the Charity has a consolidated foundation to grow. 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>

Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The Charity currently holds £208,667.85 in reserve.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
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	Trust
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	LDR
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 Grayton	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

[illegible]

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)**

Alexina Moreton

**Full name(s)**

Alexina Morag

Moreton

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

Trustee/Treasurer

**Date**

20/11/24

## Lincs Dobermann Rescue

Summary Final accounts for the periods :-

	18/04/2023 - 17/04/2024		18/04/2022 - 17/04/2023		Notes
<b>INCOME</b>					
Donations					
Adoption Donations	10,738		21,924		
Dobiemates	15,251		12,509		
Other Donations	14,069	40,058	13,461	47,894	
Fund Raising					
Dog Shows	1,796		817		
Training Courses	923				
General Fund Raising	19,553		16,039		
Merchandising	1,146	23,418	1,559	18,415	4
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>63,476</b>		<b>66,309</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
General Dog Related Expenditure	12,821		33,076		
Veterinary Expenses	29,380		11,467		
Administration Expenses	7,029		4,891		
Volunteer Related Expenses	3,107		917		
Trustee Related Expenses	3,947		7,667		1
Miscellaneous Expenses	958	57,242	242	58,260	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>57,242</b>		<b>58,260</b>	
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>		<b>6,234</b>		<b>8,049</b>	
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>					
Bank Interest	1,372		-		
Gift Aid	7,807		-		
Partner Income	4,595		4,006		
West Country Dobermann Rescue	2,048	15,822	-	4,006	3
Legacies	134,773	134,773			5
		150,595		4,006	
<b>NET PROFIT</b>		<b>156,829</b>		<b>8,049</b>	

<b>BALANCE SHEET AS AT</b>	<b>17/04/2024</b>		<b>17/04/2023</b>
Current assets			
Cash in Hand	136		35
Bank and Paypal	207,846		51,839
Merchandising Stock	966		
Prepayments	362	209,310	51,839
Current Liabilities			
Accruals		642	
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>208,668</b>		<b>51,839</b>
Financed by			
Balance b/f		51,839	39,784
Net Profit		156,829	12,055
Balance C/F		<b>208,668</b>	<b>51,839</b>

#### Notes

- 1 Trustees expenses limited to home checks / transportation of dogs / rehoming
- 2 For the financial year 2023/ 2024 the accounts have been prepared on an accruals / prepayment basis
- 3 West Country Dobermann Rescue closed during the year and Lincs Dobermann Rescue assumed responsibility for its assets and liabilities.
- 4 Merchandising income inflated due to the inclusion of stock as result of change in accounting policy
- 5 Legacies received during year comprise of


## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Lincs Dobermann Rescue

On accounts for the year ended

17<sup>th</sup> April 2024Charity no  
(if any)

1172592

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 17/04/2024

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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.

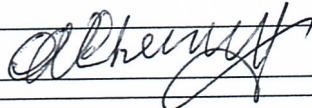
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~ \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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:

21/10/2024

Name:

DAVID CHEENEY

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## Section B

## Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).