

Registered Charity number 1173175

**Report of the Trustees of Greyhound Lifeline (CIO) and financial
statements for the year 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022**

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Report of the Trustees for the year Ended 31.03.2022

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is controlled by its Constitutional Document and it constitutes a Charitable Unincorporated Organisation (CIO) operating in England and Wales. Greyhound Lifeline achieved independent charity status on 25th May 2017 being issued with the number 1173175.

Greyhound Lifeline retain a board of four Trustees with a requirement of between 3 and 5 Trustees at any one time. The Trustees remain the original four and they are permanent Trustees with no need to step down and be replaced unless any terms under sections 12 or 28 of the Constitution are invoked in which case recruitment of replacement Trustee(s) would become necessary.

The charity is confident that it acts at all times within its Charitable Objective which is stated below:

“The objects of Greyhound Lifeline are to promote humane behaviour towards greyhounds by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for greyhounds which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to greyhound welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among greyhounds.”

The Charity is administered and managed by the Trustees. The day to day responsibility falls with two of the Trustees, namely Lucy Quarendon and Marie Harris both of whom have joint and several responsibility for Operations and Volunteers. Lucy and Marie are ably assisted by Marina and Chris both of whom have backgrounds in accountancy and dog training and both are well qualified in these dual and diverse fields.

Decisions which may impact the Charity as a whole, its reputation of legal compliance are discussed and decided upon prior to the event at the regular Trustee Meetings (or earlier in the case of any urgent issues that may need resolution before a scheduled Trustee meeting.

Notes to be read in conjunction with the Receipts and Payments account:

1. Greyhound Lifeline have incurred zero cost for wages, salaries, National Insurance or Pensions. This is because the Charity is entirely “staffed” and managed by a team of unpaid volunteers.
2. Greyhound Lifeline have incurred zero cost for telephone and/or internet costs as two of the charity Trustees donate these services from their own finances.
3. Zero bank charges have been deducted by Lloyds Bank for either of the two accounts held.
4. £10.63 of gross credit interest was earned on the Charity’s savings account during the tax year ended 31.03.2022.

5. During the Tax year 01.04.2021 – 31.03.2022 the total value of Gift Aid claimed and paid by HMRC was £3,168.47.
6. At the year end no money or services was owed to the Charity by any individual, company, or organisation.
7. There were no Trustee remunerations paid, claimed, or expected.
8. £915.27 was paid out in respect of fuel expenses claimed by volunteers acting on authorised business for Greyhound Lifeline.
9. Total spending outside of England and Wales was nil.
10. The balance of Greyhound Lifeline's PayPal account as at 31.03.2022 was £0
11. The GBGB (Greyhound Board of Great Britain) Bond Scheme donated £1,400 to Greyhound Lifeline for taking in 8 retired greyhounds that needed veterinary treatment which their race owners could not fund. This £1,400 formed part of the £6,000 total received from the GBGB Bond scheme this financial year. The remaining £40,929 of donations received were donated through other sources and were unrelated to the GBGB .
12. Donation income shows a negative figure of £901. This relates to partial return of Legacy funds received. The deceased's solicitor erroneously overpaid beneficiaries. A partial refund of the legacy received was made to correct the deceased's final estate. Evidence to verify this unusual occurrence is held.

Serious Incidents

The Trustees declare that there were no serious incidents or other matters that Trustees should have reported to the Charities Commission but have not done so.

Other Incidents

There were 5 separate attempted bank frauds on the Charity's Current Account during this financial year totalling £269.49. On each occasion the attempted frauds were seen and reported to Lloyds bank on the day of deduction and in all cases the money was refunded to us in full; mostly under the Direct Debit Guarantee Scheme.

These attempted frauds did not result in any loss of funds for the Charity therefore no notification of the attempts to the Charities Commission was made. The fact that these attempts were discovered quickly and acted upon promptly reassures the Trustees that our financial controls are working well.

Policy on Reserves

Due to the current uncertainty surrounding the length of time Greyhound Lifeline can remain at our current kennel site (the landowner has given us notice to quit); the Greyhound Lifeline Trustees have continued to leave the Charity's financial assets in easy access bank accounts.

The charity's future kennel facility cannot be the full facility with a dedicated homing centre, kennelling, training and educational facilities which have been saved for since our inception due to insufficient funding and lack of suitable land on which to base it.

Sufficient funds are however available to house and care for current and future greyhounds from an unknown new site in the not-too-distant future. There are also sufficient funds to build a small scale kennels facility if land could be leased or purchased on which to do so.

The length of our remaining lease is not set. The landowner has given us notice, but remains agreeable to extending the notice period by mutual agreement in order to allow Greyhound Lifeline sufficient time to be able to set up again elsewhere. We are very grateful to the landowner for the charitable spirit shown to us which has enable us to continue with our charitable purpose throughout this difficult period.

Staffing, Volunteers and Organisational Structure

The daily running of the kennel site is undertaken by a team of volunteers over two shifts per day every day of the year. The duty volunteers are all very capable and have been trained to deal with situations that may occur. They can however call upon either of the two kennel managers for on-site immediate assistance if an unprecedented situation, accident, or illness occurs to a person or a greyhound.

Since the Covid Pandemic Greyhound Lifeline have reduced volunteer numbers to the minimum which still allows the Greyhounds' care to not be compromised. Volunteer dog walking has mostly been phased out to reduce Covid transmission risk among our team of volunteer kennel hands and the small team of remaining dog walkers. This smaller group of volunteers are all committed to good hygiene practices and social distancing which keeps them as safe as is possible in these circumstances and thus means the risk of staffing shortages through ill-health and subsequent difficulty of greyhound care remains minimal.

We are very pleased to report that at the year end there were no "long stay" greyhounds with us. The re-training and assessment process which is almost fully completed by Lucy Quarendon has proved to work very well. Our greyhounds are very much placed in homes which are best suited to their needs.

There are of course always going to be occasional adoptions which fails. The reasons this occurs are many and varied, but most often we are pleased to say that it is through no fault of the greyhound.

Volunteers for Greyhound Lifeline are not only found among our kennel hands (who every day of the year turn up and work hard, irrespective of weather conditions to ensure that exemplary care and time is given to each of the resident greyhounds). We are privileged to have many other volunteers working with us as well. The volunteer base includes fundraisers, home checkers, event organisers, jewellery makers, Covid mask makers, street

collection volunteers, cake makers, children who have made gifts for the dogs or who have raised funds through selling something or even by donating their pocket money. We are very grateful to every one of our unpaid volunteers no matter how small or large the service, gift or gesture they give to Greyhound Lifeline.

Dog training on site along with taking the greyhounds that needed additional training support off site and out in the “real world” proved very successful and has had the wonderful outcome of Greyhound Lifeline having no long stay dogs (i.e., no dogs waiting more than 3 months to be adopted). Some greyhounds did however require more extensive retraining experiences than others before being successfully adopted as pets.

Achievement and Performance

During the period 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022 seventy one greyhounds were received into our care and sixty six greyhounds were adopted into carefully vetted homes.

Veterinary costs remain a very large outgoing for the Charity totalling £17,549.92. A further £3,377.08 was spent on greyhound medical care not sourced directly from a veterinary practice. Anti-parasite drugs, wound dressings and food supplements are some examples of these medical costs for the year ending 31.03.2022.

The Covid Pandemic has been blamed by the media for a dramatic increase in pet ownership. Whilst we have not noticed any “half hearted” or “on a whim” adoption applications we have noticed that making veterinary appointments for any non-emergency situation has become significantly more difficult. The boom in pet ownership and the lack of veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses has had the knock-on effect of delaying many routine operations, vaccinations and other non-emergency treatment which in turn has delayed the homing of some reserved greyhounds.

We have one greyhound who was adopted under a supported adoption deal due to that greyhound being diagnosed with epilepsy whilst in our care. The cost to support that dog’s veterinary care for the uninsurable pre-existing condition of epilepsy was this financial year £629.18.

Public Benefit

Whilst Covid curtailed Greyhound Lifeline’s therapeutic care home visits we managed to find a different way to successfully work for public benefit. We commenced working with Andover Mind at their Farnborough centre. Greyhound Lifeline representatives helped support people suffering with a range of mental health conditions through fortnightly visits with selected greyhounds to provide animal therapy and wellbeing sessions for the service users in a safe and non-threatening environment. Attendees were given the opportunity to groom, stroke, give treats to and play with the dogs or simply sit and talk to the dogs. The service users chose which activities best suited their needs and comfort levels.

Some of the Andover Mind's service users who were intimidated by large group environments additionally chose to join one of our volunteers out walking the dogs. This provided a 1:1 opportunity to know and spend therapeutic time with various greyhounds under the unintimidating but watchful eye of our volunteer.

The Charity held 7 greyhound awareness and fundraising events this year comprising 5 street collections, one summer fair and one Christmas fair. These events were and continue to be a great opportunity to raise awareness amongst the public that greyhounds make great pets. It is also a social and therapeutic opportunity for our various volunteers to meet each other and socialise in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere amongst like-minded people.

Regular car boot sale events took place throughout the year organised by our two dedicated fundraisers Adrian and Penny. Unfortunately, ill-health prevented weekly sales for some time, but we remain very grateful for their support as and when their health permits. Adrian and Penny still managed however to raise the remarkable sum of £2,846 for Greyhound Lifeline. Adrian and Penny's car boot sales form our largest income source from selling a variety of donated items received. A smaller sum of £831 was raised through direct selling of donated items from our kennel shop or through ebay and/or Facebook Marketplace.

Pet Plan Insurance donated a Christmas Bonus to us of £1,000. This was an unexpected, but very welcome surprise.

Lucy, one of the Charity Trustees and kennel manager is adept at greyhound nail clipping and corn removal. She has raised a considerable income for Greyhound Lifeline this year through these treatments. Previous adopters and people who have not adopted from us as well have bought their greyhounds along for various foot treatments by Lucy. Lucy does not sell the nail and corn services it is a non-chargeable service. The majority of happy owners are grateful however and financially generous in response to their greyhound's nail trim and/or corn treatment.

The Greyhound Shop in Bournemouth has continued to support us this financial year by sending in various donations which have totalled £5,000. The Greyhound Shop raises money for various greyhound rescue centres by selling donated items in their shop. We are very grateful to be supported by The Greyhound Shop and its volunteer staff and donors.

Greyhound Lifeline continue to benefit from the voluntary services of a dedicated McTimoney animal chiropractor. The service was re-started once the Covid restrictions were eased allowing kennel visits to take place again. The chiropractor will treat any of the resident greyhounds that we feel would be able to benefit from her services. This treatment is of great value to us, and we see visible improvements in the comfort and mobility of our residents as a result.

At this time the end date for occupying the current kennel facility is fluid and although some plans are formed to create the future site, we are not yet in a position to make an announcement about location, size or volunteering opportunities.

Negotiations remain ongoing and until contracts are signed and agreed the new kennel build cannot commence. We very much appreciate that this is an unsettling time for our team of volunteers and indeed our supporters generally. It is however no less so for the Trustees who have the weight of full responsibility on them.

Greyhound Lifeline will unfortunately have to scale back our homing efforts for some months due to the upcoming period when we will have no kennel accommodation.

The future of Greyhound Lifeline however remains assured. The Trustees are committed to Greyhound Lifeline moving “onward and upwards”. The “no kennels” period will be disappointing indeed, but it will allow the Trustees to concentrate on the important task of planning for the future.

For any previously adopted greyhounds where the adoption breaks down during this “no kennels” period foster home placements are on standby. At no point will Greyhound Lifeline jeopardise the welfare of a dog or dogs we have previously homed.

Those greyhound trainers whom we generally work with have been informed of the intake delay and all understand the situation. They look forward to working with us again once the new facility is complete.

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Period from 01.04.21 to 31.03.2022

RECEIPTS

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Funds to the nearest £</u>	<u>Last year to the nearest £</u>
Monetary donations	£46,667	£50,135
Donated Items Sold	£4,686	£7,717
Fundraising Events	£3,550	£25
Sale of Goods	£12,659	£13,269
Commission	£2,585	£1,374
Credit Interest Earned	£11	£18
Gift Aid Receipts	£3,168	£0
TOTAL Receipts	£73,326	£72,538

PAYMENTS


<u>Payments</u>	<u>Funds to the nearest £</u>	<u>Last year to the nearest £</u>
Insurance	£1,271	£848
Operating Costs	£12,580	£9,623
Veterinary and Medical	£20,927	£18,908
Stock Purchased	£8,395	£15,140
Professional Costs	£35	£50
Utilities, repairs and maintenance	£0	£0
Advertising, Postage, Publicity and Printing	£25	£266
Event Outlay	£229	£0
Purchase of Assets	£0	£4,792
<u>TOTAL payments</u>	<u>£43,462</u>	<u>£50,132</u>

Total Receipts 01.04.2021 – 31.03.2022	£73,326
Less Total Payments 01.04.2021 – 31.03.2022	(£43,462)
Total net receipts/payments for this period	£29,864
Net receipts from tax year 01.04.2020 – 31.03.2021	£22,406
Cash in hand	£240
Cash in bank	£124,808
Cash in Paypal account	£0
TOTAL CASH FUNDS FOR YEAR ENDING 31.03.2022	£125,048
Other assets – Caravan (zero depreciation has been deducted this year because used caravans have increased in value rather than depreciated in value this financial year – current actual value not known – purchases cost entered.	£4,792
TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS	£129,840

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
As at 31.03.2022 liabilities totalled	£0

Please note that the totals above comprise unrestricted funds. No restricted funds or endowments were received, held or spent during the whole of this accounting period. All figures have been rounded to the nearest pound sterling.

Signed by two of the Trustees on behalf of all of the Trustees of Greyhound Lifeline.


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L Quarendon


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M Harris



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of**

GREYHOUND LIFELINE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2022

Charity no.:

1173175

Company no.:

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

[The company'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 *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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

Russell Key

17/01/2023

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Disclosure

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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