



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	6	April	2023	To	5	April	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Settusfree
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1173327
Charity's principal address	<div>Ellhurst</div> <div>Five Ash Down, Uckfield</div> <div>East Sussex</div> <div>Postcode</div> <div>TN22 3AP</div>

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	Caitlin Lloyd	Chair Adoptions Co-ordinator	From 13/08/2023	
2	Thelda Bryant	Chair Adoptions Manager Fund-Raising Manager	06/04/2023 – 13/08/2023	
3	Keith Bowden	Treasurer Membership Secretary		
4	Terry Bryant	Secretary		
5	Valentina Vennarini	Adoptions Co-ordinator		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Training & Behaviour	Valerie Burns (until February 2024)	
Training & Behaviour	Ray Ward (joined March 2024)	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated 12 May 2016
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Under Constitution Clause 13.1, trustees will seek re-election at the AGM. A new trustee can be appointed at any time under Clause 13.4

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The management committee was re-structured^d at the AGM (August 2023) and now consists of five trustees, and a change of Chairperson. There are, also, four administrators and one consultant trainer/behaviourist.

The charity works closely with a number of recognised rescue organisations throughout mainland Europe in the pursuance of rescuing and caring for abused and abandoned Setters and Setter cross breeds, offering financial and moral support.

Allocation of donations are considered on merit and agreed by trustees' vote.

Settusfree reserves the right to sever any relationship with a rescue partner whose operating procedures do not meet the standards required by this charity.

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

For the public benefit to promote humane behaviour towards animals by supporting European rescues in the provision of appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for abandoned Setters and Setter mix breeds which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage.
To ensure that all dogs that we help are either neutered or spayed before adoption or if too young then we ensure that the adopter does this at the appropriate age.
Securing safe permanent homes within the United Kingdom by matching appropriate dog owners living in suitable settings as adopters of such animals and facilitating their relocation.
Raising funds to support these activities.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

All dogs coming into the UK are imported in compliance with the DEFRA/APHA regulations on the import of animals.

All adoption homes are checked for suitability, safety and security and are made aware of escape behaviour of Setters that have been used for hunting.

All new owners are encouraged to take out pet insurance.

All adopter homes are contacted by the charity's animal behaviourist at the earliest opportunity to discuss any issues that may have come to light together with general advice on exercise etc. The charity reserves the right to re-home the dog should it feel it necessary to do so.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

All grants and donations made by the charity are ratified by the trustees and fully documented with regard to how these funds were used.

All volunteers and members of the Admin Team, of which the trustees are a part, give of their time freely without pecuniary reward.

Home checks carried out by outside volunteers are done at no expense to the charity and all work to a set of guidelines agreed and laid down by the trustees.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In this fiscal year a total of 81 abused or abandoned Setters have been helped by Settusfree.

All rescue dogs taken under the wing of the charity have a home to go to before they travel from their country of origin, and all are properly prepared for travel following health checks and vaccinations and all travel documentation is checked for compliance with border regulations.

Our financial support for our European partners was increased early in 2023 to help meet the ever-increasing costs of kennelling and health care.

Fund-raising remains robust and the charity's financial situation remains healthy thanks to careful management.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have no set policy on holding reserves, but allocations are made with a knowledge of what the bank balance is and what we are likely to receive in the way of donations.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's funds are raised in the following ways;

The generous donations of our supporters, some by monthly standing orders.

Annual membership fees – current membership

Fund raising events such as fun-day get togethers, coffee mornings, raffles, auctions, competitions etc.

Sale of charity branded goods and other items displayed in the on-line shop. Individual appeals for a specific purpose such as emergency veterinary treatment.

Monies bequeathed upon the death of a supporter.



Section F**Other optional information**

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Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
	Full name(s) Terry Bryant	Caitlin Lloyd
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Chair
	Date 11 April 2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Settusfree

No (if any)
1173327

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
06-Apr-23

To

Period end date
05-Apr-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	11,754	-	-	11,754	29,941
Fund raising events	955	-	-	955	3,198
Baloo Fund Raising Page	11,735	-	-	11,735	10,417
Dog costs	31,534	-	-	31,534	45,231
Membership	3,347	-	-	3,347	3,201
Gift Aid	1,522	-	-	1,522	2,393
Commision	2,746	-	-	2,746	5,871
Miscelanious receipts	- 117	-	-	- 117	368
Interest to savings	142	-	-	142	-
Interest from savings	1,094	-	-	1,094	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	64,712	-	-	64,712	100,620
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sales of items from shop	1,690	-	-	1,690	2,168
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,690	-	-	1,690	2,168
Total receipts	66,402	-	-	66,402	102,788
A3 Payments					
Vet fees	5,620	-	-	5,620	13,268
Transport	23,744	-	-	23,744	42,847
Dog costs including fostering	19,493	-	-	19,493	26,163
Donations to other charities	709	-	-	709	229
Postage	447	-	-	447	261
Sundries	1,372	-	-	1,372	662
Stationary	70	-	-	70	-
Governance	697	-	-	697	678
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	52,152	-	-	52,152	84,108
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchase of stock for resale	580	-	-	580	813
Postage on Sales		-	-	-	-
Sub total	580	-	-	580	813
Total payments	52,732	-	-	52,732	84,921
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,670	-	-	13,670	17,867
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	64,056	-	-	64,056	46,189
Cash funds this year end	77,726	-	-	77,726	64,056

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Old Natwest Bank 33664757	227	-	-
	New Natwest Bank 41683439	21,896		
	Paypal new account	460	-	-
	Savings Account	55,143	-	-
	Total cash funds	77,726	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Stock valuation of items for sale	547	-	-
	Postage Stamps	150	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Savings account		55,143	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Caitlin Lloyd Chair		14-Apr-24
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Settusfree

On accounts for the year ended

April 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1173327

Set out on pages

CCXXR1, R2 and R3

Indicate the page numbers of additional material

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

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

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: 02/07/2024

Name:

J W Southerington

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

Address:

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Melton Mowbray
Leicestershire, LE13 1LN

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).

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

No issues to report.

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