

Refuge4pets

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity No. 1174331

Company No. CE010822

**Trustees' Report and Unaudited but Independently
Examined Accounts**

31 March 2021

Cornwall Community Accountancy Service
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No. CE010822

Charity No. 1174331

Registered Office

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Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law.
The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

Dina Holder
Glyn Chambers
Laura Chesterfield
Natalie Wilkerson
Rebekah Harrington
Richard Clack
Shirley Westaway (Resigned 4 February 2021)

Accountants

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The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the organisation is as follows:

‘to relieve the needs of victims/survivors of domestic violence and abuse in the South West of England by providing a pet fostering service so that individuals and families can access refuge and start to rebuild their lives.’

The Trustee Team have agreed Refuge4Pet’s strategy and current key priorities as:

Purpose

To enable freedom from domestic violence and abuse for people and animals.

Vision

We offer victims/survivors of domestic violence and abuse a pet fostering service to remove a significant barrier which prevents many victims/survivors from leaving. We empower victims/survivors to access the vital safety and support they need before being reunited with their much-loved pets. We believe that animals are an important part of victims/survivors’ coping strategies. We are working to reduce loneliness and isolation by enabling people to recover from trauma with the help of animal companionship and the therapeutic benefits this brings to people.

Our main priorities are:

Priority 1

To reach victims/survivors who need our support to escape domestic violence and abuse

Priority 2

To support victims/survivors of domestic violence and abuse across the communities that we work by bringing people together to form positive support networks

Priority 3

To develop and support volunteers to increase their health and wellbeing and reach their personal goals

Priority 4

To ensure our financial sustainability so that we can continue to deliver and develop our service

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Values

Refuge4Pets determination in achieving its objectives are derived from its values of:

Empathy – We understand what people and animals have been through and how they feel;

Equality – We believe that everyone is equal and has the right to live free of violence and abuse;

Empowerment – We empower victim/survivors to regain control of their lives and access vital safety and support;

Effectiveness – We work efficiently and effectively to achieve our vision;

Integrity - We are honest and have strong moral principles.

The trustees kept in mind the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and overseeing the day to day operations undertaken by the Charity.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our core purpose is to enable freedom from domestic abuse for all victim-survivors (humans and animals). We do this by offering survivors of domestic abuse an animal fostering service to remove a significant barrier which prevents many survivors from leaving. We empower victim-survivors to access the vital safety and support they need before being reunited with much-loved animals. We know that animals are an important part of survivors' coping strategies and that the bond that survivors have with animals aids their recovery from trauma. We also work to reduce loneliness and isolation and improve the wellbeing of survivors and volunteers in the community. Since Refuge4Pets began in August 2017 we have supported 213 individuals/families to escape domestic abuse by fostering 372 animals.

Animals are often abused by perpetrators to coerce, control and entrap human victim-survivors (adults and children). For many survivors animals are their only source of comfort, companionship and love. The strong human animal bond makes animals an attractive target for abuse by the perpetrator because of the psychological and emotional damage done to human victims through the abuse of animals. Threats and exposure to the actual abuse of animals has a devastating impact on adult and child victim-survivors. For many victim-survivors of domestic abuse the reality is that concerns for their animal's safety and welfare and the strong human animal bond prevents people from leaving, delays them from leaving or means that they return. Escaping domestic abuse is extremely difficult and dangerous. But, leaving with animals who are considered 'family members' is almost impossible given that many refuges and emergency accommodation providers will not accept animals.

Rosemary: I had left twice. And it was like an instant thing... a message threatening to kill my dog. And it was like as soon as I got that message, I knew I had to go back. I turned down a refuge space because I couldn't take my dog and he had isolated me from my friends and family, so I had no option other than to go back.

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Research that we have conducted with survivors of domestic abuse across the UK highlighted that 66 per cent of participants delayed leaving, stayed or returned to an abusive relationship because they had nowhere for their animals to go when they escaped. Our own service evaluations indicate that all 213 adult survivors who have accessed our service stated that without our support they would not have been able to escape. Families that we have supported through our animal fostering service have also told us that the service stopped them returning to abusive relationships, increased their mental health and wellbeing through regular updates about animals and that being reunited with animals has helped them to recover from the trauma that they experienced.

Jeni: Without Refuge4Pets I would not have been able to leave the dangerous situation I was in. It helped me get through some very traumatic days, weeks and months knowing my dog was being so well looked after and that I would be reunited with her one day. Regular contact by phone and photos was some days the only joy I had in my life at that point.

Our New Outreach Project

We have learnt through listening to the experiences of survivors that transitioning from refuge to permanent accommodation in unfamiliar communities can be extremely difficult. This is why we are so passionate about providing longer term settlement work with survivors through our outreach project as recovery from domestic abuse can take years and ongoing support when it is needed most. In addition to our animal fostering service we also now provide survivors with holistic support through our outreach service. This project was developed in response to consultations with survivors and local partner organisations to bridge a gap in service provision. Survivors explained how they felt particularly isolated and lonely when they left temporary accommodation to settle in permanent accommodation in communities which impacted their mental health and wellbeing.

Julia: Last Christmas I was in a caravan with the children, and I had social care, a support worker from the refuge, housing, the school and you guys. I had so much support then all of a sudden no one is there. We are in our house, but I have no one to talk to, I feel lonely, lost and am back on medication.

Early evaluation work of the outreach project is providing evidence that this ongoing support to survivors is helping individuals making positive changes in their lives in relation to safety, accommodation, support networks, legal issues, health and wellbeing, money, children, working and learning and empowerment and self-esteem.

Our Volunteers

Both service users and volunteers are at the heart of our organisation. We now have 155 volunteers across Devon and Cornwall. Through service evaluations volunteers have told us that volunteering increases their own wellbeing through the satisfaction of helping others and feeling part of a positive support network. Volunteers also told us that animal companionship helped to reduce their own loneliness and isolation and increase their mental health and wellbeing.

Jon: Felt amazing we could help victims move to their next stage and had a beautiful cat in our family.

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Our volunteers have a raft of experience and skills which have been key to the success of our charity. Many have been touched by domestic abuse personally through their own experiences, the experiences of those close to them, or professionally. We also have volunteers who have been service users of Refuge4Pets and volunteering has been an important part of their recovery.

We have volunteers who are animal behaviourists and volunteers who have very specific experience with certain types of animals, or breeds. All of our volunteers have a great deal of empathy, huge hearts, and a genuine passion for helping people and animals.

The Links Group

We are an active member of the Links Group, a national multi-agency organisation who work to raise awareness about the link between the abuse of people and animals through support, training and inter-agency working. In late 2020 we secured an Accelerating Business Collaboration grant from the Economic and Social Research Council to produce basic domestic abuse training to veterinary practice staff in the UK. We delivered live training at the European Veterinary Congress in February 2021 and more recently the British Small Animal Veterinary Association Congress. We have produced a number of resources for veterinary practice staff to help them spot the signs of domestic abuse and support victim-survivors. These resources have gone out to 4,000 vet practices across the UK and include posters and a guidance document.

We have worked with the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project in Duluth, America to adapt the Duluth Power and Control Wheel to include animal abuse as a strategy of coercive control. The Duluth Power and Control Wheel is a tool widely used in UK practice to raise awareness about the dynamics and implications of domestic abuse.

Impact of COVID-19 On Monday 23 March 2020, the Government in the UK issued a series of announcements asking the public to stay at home during the coronavirus pandemic. For victim-survivors of domestic abuse home was far from a safe place during periods of coronavirus lockdown/isolation. There was a rise in reports of domestic abuse across the UK, and globally since the first COVID-19 lockdowns. Women's Aid (England) reported that demand for their services increased by 41 per cent since the first lockdown was imposed in 2020. Tragically during the pandemic in the UK there has been a large increase in cases of women, children and animals being murdered by perpetrators of domestic abuse. Coronavirus did not cause domestic abuse, but it did escalate the risk for many victims-survivors who became more isolated than ever before. During the coronavirus restrictions we saw an increase in the risk and severity of abuse survivors accessing our service were exposed to by the perpetrator. Referrals to our service more frequently occurred when Police were called following an incident and we found that we often had to move more quickly than in usual times and meet survivors to collect animals on the day the referral was received due to heightened risk levels. We extended our service opening hours to be there when survivors needed us most. Another implication of the pandemic has been that victim-survivors have found it even more challenging to secure safe accommodation. Victim-survivors are spending longer periods of time in refuge or emergency accommodation largely due to the impact of the pandemic and the housing crisis we are experiencing in the Southwest of England. This has meant that animals are staying longer in foster care which combined with the demand for our service has meant that we have been particularly busy as a small team at times.

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Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic we have been quick to change and adapt. At an operational level we have continued to support victim-survivors of domestic abuse. We followed Government guidance and adapted our operational policies accordingly. During periods of lockdown we increased contact with service users and volunteers to help address an increase in loneliness and isolation for these individuals.

'Wendy and Charlies' Experience

Wendy and her dog Charlie were referred to our service by Devon and Cornwall Police. They were at serious risk from the perpetrator, Wendy's ex-partner, who had controlled all aspects of her life for many years as well as psychologically, emotionally, physically and sexually abusing her. When we met Wendy, her ex-partner had violently assaulted her, smashed up her home and threatened to harm Charlie. We met Wendy and Charlie in a supermarket car park, the abuse that they had endured was clearly visible and we all shared tears and hugs (pre lockdown). Charlie is Wendy's best friend, he offers unconditional love, companionship and a sense of purpose to his Mum. Charlie is his Mum's world. Tami, who is a project worker with Refuge4Pets took Charlie to his foster home where he was greeted with open arms and big hearts. During Charlie's time in foster care, he received the vet treatment that he needed and enjoyed lots of lovely walks and time with his foster family. Wendy was determined to find somewhere safe for her and Charlie to live and she managed to find private rented accommodation for them, which is often hard with animals. When the time came for Charlie's foster family to say goodbye, they were sad, but took great comfort knowing they had helped Charlie and his Mum at such a difficult point in their lives. When Tami met Wendy with Charlie there were more tears, but this time tears of happiness. Charlie was so excited to see Mum and Wendy was just so grateful to the wonderful foster carers who provided such amazing care to Charlie.

Wendy: I dread to think where I would be if Charlie had not been fostered. I was in such a low place and didn't see a way out. I could not handle another beating. Charlie was the only reason I could not leave, but knowing how safe and looked after he was, it motivated me to leave him and sort my life out. We are now so happy and safe forever.

Our charity has captured the hearts and minds of so many supporters in the communities that we work. One of our key strengths is the number of committed volunteers that we have. We now have a real opportunity to develop the volunteering roles to further enhance the service that we provide across communities and make us more sustainable for the future. By leading the way with academic research, we have identified the need to provide further training to professionals in the communities that we work around the coexistence of animal abuse and domestic abuse and how to identify abuse and respond effectively to survivors as there continue to be many missed opportunities to safeguard victim-survivors (people and animals). We have developed strong connections across communities with services supporting survivors of domestic abuse who view us as a key organisation in terms of the coordinated community response to tackling domestic abuse. We have a clear strategy, policies and procedures in place that have been developed in consultation with and by people with lived experience of domestic abuse and experts in the field.

Our greatest challenge as a small and young charity remains securing our longer term financial sustainability. We remain committed and passionate about our cause and would like to thank all those who continue to support our work.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Incoming resources for the period are £244,265 (2020: £166,242) and resources expended are £165,387 (2020: £123,111) leaving an overall surplus for the year of £78,878 (2020: £43,131).

Total unrestricted funds carried forward at the end of the year are £58,019 (2020: £13,186) with £8,352 (2020: £3,938) of this in designated funds. In addition there remains £97,716 of restricted funds carried forward (2020: £63,671).

Reserves policy:

Refuge4Pet's reserves policy is to increase its level of unrestricted funds in order to ensure the underlying financial resilience of the charity and to provide designated funds for specific projects. The minimum level of free reserves that Refuge4Pets will hold in unrestricted funds, excluding fixed assets, will cover six months of core running costs plus any potential liabilities in the event of Refuge4Pets having to cease its activities. This will require Refuge4Pets to maintain a minimum amount of £66,252 in unrestricted funds which it will invest in interest bearing accounts. As at 31st March 2021, the level of Refuge4Pet's unrestricted and undesignated funds stands at £49,667 (2020: £9,248) Refuge4Pets has an income diversification strategy in place to increase its reserves held in unrestricted funds in order to comply with its reserves policy. The reserves policy will be reviewed annually by R4P Trustees.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Growing our unrestricted funds and financial sustainability remains a priority for us going forward. We are addressing this through the development of our financial diversification strategy and more robust financial planning.

We would like to develop our service to work more holistically with victim/survivors of domestic violence and abuse and we have started to consult with service users and colleagues to shape this work and secure funding.

We are developing a more structured volunteer programme that is engaging for volunteers and supports people to meet their personal goals.

As a small, young charity we are continually reviewing our policies and procedures to make sure that we are compliant, efficient and provide a great service.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity was registered with the Charity's Commission on 22 August 2017 as a CIO. The charity is governed by its governing document dated 15 August 2017.

Recruitment and induction of trustees:

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the current trustees consider the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of Refuge4Pets.

Induction includes familiarization of all trustees with our objectives, policies and procedures, operating methods and financial reporting.

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Risk management:

The trustees regularly review the risks to the Charity from both external factors and its operations. The trustees consider that they have taken appropriate steps to reduce such risks. NB good practice is to keep a risk register that identifies risks and what you will do to reduce them.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the board



Glyn Chambers

Trustee

24 November 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS
REPORT**

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Refuge4pets

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Refuge4pets for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors 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 charity are not required to be audited 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

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act ; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act 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 (FRS 102).

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.



Debbie Risborough
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Cornwall Community Accountancy Service
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24 November 2021

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STATEMENT OF
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4	34,361	-	34,361	20,348
Charitable activities	5	64,904	145,000	209,904	145,894
Total		99,265	145,000	244,265	166,242
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	54,432	110,955	165,387	123,111
Total		54,432	110,955	165,387	123,111
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income	7	44,833	34,045	78,878	43,131
Net income before other gains/(losses)		44,833	34,045	78,878	43,131
Other gains and losses:					
Net movement in funds		44,833	34,045	78,878	43,131
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		13,186	63,671	76,857	33,726
Total funds carried forward		58,019	97,716	155,735	76,857

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET**

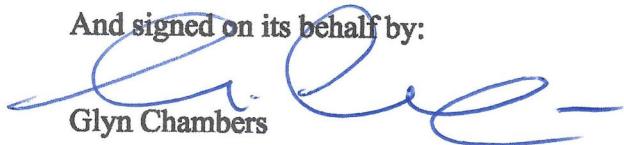
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Company No. CE010822

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	8,352	7,303
		<u>8,352</u>	<u>7,303</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	11	747	2,829
Debtors	12	53,816	35,362
Cash at bank and in hand		97,221	35,807
		<u>151,784</u>	<u>73,998</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	13	(4,401)	(4,444)
Net current assets		<u>147,383</u>	<u>69,554</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>155,735</u>	<u>76,857</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>155,735</u>	<u>76,857</u>
Total net assets		<u>155,735</u>	<u>76,857</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	14		
Restricted income funds		97,716	63,671
		<u>97,716</u>	<u>63,671</u>
Unrestricted funds	14		
General funds		49,667	9,248
Designated funds		8,352	3,938
		<u>58,019</u>	<u>13,186</u>
Total funds		<u>155,735</u>	<u>76,857</u>

Approved by the board on 24 November 2021

And signed on its behalf by:



Glyn Chambers

Trustee

24 November 2021

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

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Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance
Equipment	25% reducing balance

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments.

The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

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Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Statement of cash flows

The charity is exempt from preparing a statement of cash flows on the grounds that it is a small charity

2 Company status

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up the liability of members towards the assets of the charity is limited to £nil. The members of the charity are the trustees named on page 1.

3 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	20,348	-	20,348
Charitable activities	20,394	125,500	145,894
Total	<u>40,742</u>	<u>125,500</u>	<u>166,242</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	37,109	86,002	123,111
Total	<u>37,109</u>	<u>86,002</u>	<u>123,111</u>
Net income	<u>3,633</u>	<u>39,498</u>	<u>43,131</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	3,633	39,498	43,131
Other gains and losses:			
Net movement in funds	<u>3,633</u>	<u>39,498</u>	<u>43,131</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	9,553	24,173	33,726
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>13,186</u></u>	<u><u>63,671</u></u>	<u><u>76,857</u></u>

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4 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£
Appeals and donations	32,422	32,422	13,863
Gift Aid	1,939	1,939	4,203
Donations from organisations	-	-	2,282
	<u>34,361</u>	<u>34,361</u>	<u>20,348</u>

5 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Grant Income				
Grants received under £1,000	-	-	-	500
Awards for All	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
National Lottery 1st Reaching Communities	-	60,500	60,500	106,500
Support Adoption for Pets	-	2,500	2,500	-
Lush	-	-	-	4,000
Pet Plan	-	-	-	5,000
Charities Aid Foundation Covid Emergency	-	8,000	8,000	-
National Lottery Community Fund - Emergency Covid funding	39,966	39,000	78,966	-
Peoples Postcode Lottery	-	20,000	20,000	-
Kennel Club	-	5,000	5,000	-
Primary Purpose Trading:				
Events	253	-	253	12,000
Online shop	24,685	-	24,685	7,644
Sponsorship	-	-	-	250
	<u>64,904</u>	<u>145,000</u>	<u>209,904</u>	<u>145,894</u>

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
<i>Direct expenditure on charitable activities</i>				
Pet food	474	-	474	670
Fostering expenses	1,611	-	1,611	2,305
Kennel fees	612	1,105	1,717	4,400
Vet fees	8,441	6,395	14,836	11,031
Online shop merchandise	15,197	-	15,197	6,950
Events	94	-	94	7,720
Volunteer training and DBS	-	212	212	142
<i>Support Costs</i>				
Wages	5,345	68,507	73,852	47,670
Pensions	-	1,301	1,301	2,037
Staff training	48	1,412	1,460	1,707
Staff welfare	-	-	-	508
Rent & rates	6,180	4,771	10,951	7,891
Insurance	(214)	2,488	2,274	2,453
Repairs & renewals	13	-	13	-
Telephone and fax	1,415	939	2,354	1,634
IT expenses	1,530	-	1,530	1,075
Licences	23	19,633	19,656	15,673
Printing, postage and stationary	7,713	-	7,713	2,705
Subscriptions	90	204	294	88
sundry expenses	1,440	-	1,440	193
Marketing and promotion	911	-	911	165
Legal and professional fees	-	3,625	3,625	1,825
Bank charges	4	-	4	507
Depreciation	1,878	-	1,878	1,549
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Accountancy fees	652	363	1,015	1,338
Independent examination of the charity's accounts	975	-	975	875
	<u>54,432</u>	<u>110,955</u>	<u>165,387</u>	<u>123,111</u>

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7 Net income before transfers

	2021	2020
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	1,878	1,549
Independent Examiner's fee	975	875
Other fees paid to the auditor or independent examiner	756	495

8 Trustee remuneration and expenses

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
The nature of the reimbursed expenses	Nil remuneration or expenses paid to trustees in the current or prior year.	

9 Staff costs

Salaries and wages	73,852	47,670
Pension costs	1,301	2,037
	<u>75,153</u>	<u>49,707</u>

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Total employee benefits received by key management personnel	26,245	24,536
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The average monthly number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Charitable activities full time	1	1
Charitable activities part time	4	3
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 April 2020	7,000	4,009	11,009
Additions	-	2,926	2,926
Disposals	-	(220)	(220)
At 31 March 2021	<u>7,000</u>	<u>6,715</u>	<u>13,715</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2020	3,063	643	3,706
Depreciation charge for the year	984	824	1,808
Disposals	-	(151)	(151)
At 31 March 2021	<u>4,047</u>	<u>1,316</u>	<u>5,363</u>
Net book values			
At 31 March 2021	<u>2,953</u>	<u>5,399</u>	<u>8,352</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>3,937</u>	<u>3,366</u>	<u>7,303</u>

11 Stocks

	2021	2020
	£	£
Finished goods	747	2,829
	<u>747</u>	<u>2,829</u>

12 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other debtors	18,264	-
Prepayments and accrued income	35,552	35,362
	<u>53,816</u>	<u>35,362</u>

13 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	653	-
Other taxes and social security	2,773	1,951
Accruals and deferred income	975	2,493
	<u>4,401</u>	<u>4,444</u>

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14 Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2020	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses)	Resources expended	Gross transfers	At 31 March 2021
		£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Restricted income funds:					
National Lottery 1st Reaching Communities	54,765	60,500	(48,102)	-	67,163
Awards for All	8,752	10,000	(6,792)	-	11,960
Support Adoption for Pets	154	2,500	(2,500)	-	154
National Lottery Community Fund - Emergency Covid funding	-	39,000	(39,000)	-	0
Peoples' Postcode Lottery	-	20,000	(1,561)	-	18,439
Charities Aid Foundation Covid Emergency	-	8,000	(8,000)	-	-
Kennel Club	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
<i>Total</i>	<u>63,671</u>	<u>145,000</u>	<u>(110,955)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,716</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	9,248	99,265	(54,432)	(4,414)	49,667
Designated funds:					
Capital Expenditure funded by Grants	3,938	-	-	4,414	8,352
<i>Total</i>	<u>3,938</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,414</u>	<u>8,352</u>
Revaluation Reserves:					
Total funds	<u>76,857</u>	<u>244,265</u>	<u>(165,387)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>155,735</u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

National Lottery 1st Reaching Communities A 3 year project which aims to enable freedom from domestic violence and abuse by removing a significant barrier which prevents many victims from leaving. Empower and support victims to access vital advice and safety.

Awards for All Support for core costs, rent, insurance, IT and telephony

Support Adoption for Pets Support for vet fees

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National Lottery Community Fund - Emergency Covid funding Support for additional costs in relation to the Covid pandemic

Peoples' Postcode Lottery

Charities Aid Foundation Covid Emergency Support for additional costs in relation to the Covid pandemic

Kennel Club Support for vet fees

Designated funds:

Capital Expenditure funded by Grants As per SORP requirements capital paid for by restricted funds is transferred to a designated fund to match depreciation.

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	8,352	-	8,352
Net current assets	49,667	97,716	147,383
	<u>58,019</u>	<u>97,716</u>	<u>155,735</u>

16 Commitments

Operating lease commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2021 Land and buildings £	2021 Other £	2020 Land and buildings £	2020 Other £
Operating leases with expiry date:				
Within one year	-	-	169	4,678
In the second to fifth years inclusive	-	27,621	-	11,445
	<u>-</u>	<u>27,621</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>16,123</u>

17 Related party disclosures

Controlling party

The charity is managed by the trustees; thus no single party controls the company.