



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01.01.21** **Period start date** **To** **31.12.21** **Period end date**

Charity name: The Mutts Nutts Rescue

Charity registration number: 1176283

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of The Mutts Nutts Rescue are: For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of domestic companion animals in need of care and attention in particular, but not exclusively, by: 1. Providing or maintaining or assisting in the provision and maintenance or support of kennels, rescue homes or other facilities for the reception and care of such animals 2. Providing treatment for such animals which are sick, injured, neglected or ill-treated 3. Finding alternative caring homes for such animals To relieve and assist elderly persons and anyone suffering from a serious or terminal illness by providing or assisting in the provision of care for their pets and to find caring homes for such pets
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	A range of services under the umbrella of HOME, namely: The provision of dog walking services and trips to vets and groomers for cats and dogs (Hand 2 Hold Services) The provision of temporary respite care for cats and dogs whilst their owners need help

		(Over 2 Us Services) Re-homing dogs and cats and the provision and support of long - term foster care for elderly pets (Meant 2 Be Services) Sharing, as appropriate, updates regarding pets who have been re-homed by the charity with family members and providing advice and guidance as to where further help might be accessed by those that sometimes we cannot help (Easy to Share Services)
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In signing this Trustee Report the Trustees have confirmed that the activities of the charity in 2021 had fulfilled its objectives of benefitting the public by advancing animal welfare

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Throughout 2021, another year of unprecedented uncertainty and restrictions imposed upon our daily lives by the Covid pandemic the Mutts Nutts Rescue continued to provide our services to those in need of help with their pets, according to guidance and restrictions upon social distancing issued by the government at the time.</p> <p>At the beginning of 2021 6 pets the charity had helped in 2020 still required ongoing support: 3 dogs needed regular walking throughout the year, 1 elderly dog in foster care needed ongoing support with medication and 2 of these pets were rehomed in the first quarter of the year.</p> <p>In 2021 an additional 30 new pets were assimilated into the services we provide:</p> <p>13 dogs and cats requiring walking or vet/groomer visits</p> <p>8 requiring respite care</p> <p>9 were re-homed</p> <p>This support from our very small team of staff, trustees and volunteers provided invaluable peace of mind to frail and vulnerable members of our local community, who during periods of lock down or self-isolation were increasingly dependent upon their pets for companionship.</p> <p>The charity also responded to 462 contacts, almost half of which were from people wanting to rehome a dog or a cat, a quarter of which were wanting help or advice about a pet and the remainder were wanting to volunteer or donate.</p> <p>All who contacted us received a response, either via email or telephone. Particularly for some elderly or isolated members of our community just a friendly voice on the end of a phone offering guidance, and being prepared to listen, was all that was needed.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

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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

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The year started with unrestricted funds available of just £3,989 and no restricted funds, but due to a legacy payment in October of £35,000, keeping our running costs to an absolute minimum, accessing Job Retention Scheme grants whenever appropriate and maintaining pet related activity that attracted donations unrestricted funds of £41,540 were available at the end of the year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	An updated Reserves Policy created for 2019 in which the trustees reiterated their commitment to spending funds raised upon our charitable objects and to keeping our administrative costs to an absolute minimum whilst maintaining operational reserves of £9k with the aim of increasing these within 3 years to funds equating to one year's operating costs (approx £30k) was due to be re-visited in 2021 but this was postponed at a Trustee Meeting in November until after the winter whilst the country was subject to a resurgence in the Covid pandemic.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	From October 2021 £35k was transferred to a separate charity bank account to be held in reserve until our investment strategy can be implemented.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principal source of funds in 2021 was a legacy payment of £35k Donations (Gift aided and non aided) totalled £26,275 and grant funding of £2,200 was given. Due to the ongoing pandemic in 2021 the charity's fundraising
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		<p>initiatives were very restricted, just £562 was raised from a small stall held outside a local pet shop in the summer and a share of the proceeds from a virtual Fun Dog Show held in September.</p>
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	<p>The Trustees reviewed the risks to which they felt the charity was exposed on a regular basis throughout the year. Principal amongst these risks was the financial viability of the charity from both an activity and a funding point of view. Charitable activity was maintained, those we were able to help were genuinely grateful for our support when they needed it most as evidenced by testimonials received. Having, of necessity, adopted our operating model away from relying on a central facility and substituting it with a fostering network of care in individual homes the recruitment and retention of suitable fosterers was a challenge (mainly due to fosterers giving a permanent home to those pets that they were fostering) as was the recruitment of volunteers to help walk dogs, so inevitably more of our 2 paid members' time during the latter part of the year in particular was occupied with hands on help walking dogs, and doing vet and grooming visits, a situation which the Trustees were aware needed addressing going forward in order that a member of staff could dedicate more of their time to the time-consuming role of attracting, inducting and introducing new volunteers and fosterers to poorly and elderly people needing help with their pets and refocusing our efforts on fundraising in general. Donations received throughout the year, in particular those</p>

		<p>attracting Gift Aid, were up by 21% and the arrival of a legacy payment in October, as mentioned above, helped to strengthen the charity's financial position.</p> <p>The Trustees continue to consider that there are no other substantial risks beyond the ongoing liabilities disclosed in the accounts and the normal risks associated with running events for which the charity holds public liability insurance</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (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 power of appointment and selection of trustees is vested in the Trustee Board

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	All Trustees have signed the charity's Trustee Declaration Form and fully appreciate the responsibilities incurred upon taking up such a role. Following a Trustee Meeting in November it was agreed that we would draw up a list of local individuals who we feel have the requisite skills, enthusiasm and time to consider joining our Board next year and to draw up a new induction and training process for anyone joining us.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Trustee Board of 3 Trustees (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) take responsibility for strategic decisions to ensure that all the charity does supports its purposes and benefits the public, take responsibility for governance and managing its financial resources and sign off the charity's Annual Return and Accounts. The CEO and Assistant Operations Manager take responsibility for the day to day running of the charity, particularly regarding the services it provides to the local community and their pets, answering the phone and responding to emails, publicity and promotion via social media and compiling statistics on a monthly basis for the Trustees to

		<p>show activity and performance. The CEO also takes responsibility for the induction, training and supervision of the fosterers and volunteers.</p> <p>The charity has a close working relationship with a local Veterinary practice, two privately owned pet shops in local towns and liases with local care networks, for the elderly and vulnerable in particular the Evergreen Care Trust.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Mutts Nutts Rescue
Other name the charity uses	The Mutts Nutts
Registered charity number	1176283
Charity's principal address	28A Little Casterton Road Stamford Lincs PE9 1QP

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	Jane Freeman	Chair	14.01.21	Trustee Board
2	Teresa Cook	Treasurer	14.01.21	Trustee Board
3	Desmond Mc Gurk	Secretary		Trustee Board
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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)

Rebecca Wilson

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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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)

J Freeman

D J McGurk

Full name(s)

Jane Freeman

Desmond J McGurk

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

Chair

Secretary

Date

29.09.22

THE MUTTS NUTTS RESCUE

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1176283

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2021.

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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Signed:



Date 30/09/2022

Name: Christina Campbell FCA

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Incoming resources			
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	63,475	63,475	19,918
Charitable activities	5,385	5,385	4,308
Other trading activities	1,954	1,954	354
Total	70,814	70,814	24,580
Resources expended			
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	1,446	1,446	70
Charitable activities – vet fees and animal care	5,621	5,621	2,327
Charitable activities – other	24,869	24,869	28,353
Other	1,325	1,325	1,819
Total	33,261	33,261	32,569
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	37,553	37,553	(7,989)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	37,553	37,553	(7,989)
Extraordinary items	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	37,553	37,553	(7,989)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	3,989	3,989	11,978
Total funds carried forwards	41,541	41,541	3,989

THE MUTTS NUTTS RESCUE

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Assets				
Stocks		520	520	50
Debtors (gift aid reclaim)		4,801	4,801	3,249
Cash at bank and in hand		41,540	41,540	3,989
Total assets		<u>46,861</u>	<u>46,861</u>	<u>7,288</u>
Liabilities		-	-	-
Net assets		<u>46,861</u>	<u>46,861</u>	<u>7,288</u>

Approved by the trustees on 29/09/2022 and signed on behalf of all the trustees by:

Signed: *J Freeman*
Trustee

Name: Jane Freeman

Date: 30.09.22

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Signed: *J Freeman*
Trustee

Name: Jane Freeman

Date: 30.09.22