



# **Gertie's Lonely Guinea Pig Rescue Trustee's Annual Report**

**01 February 2021 to 31 January 2022**

**Charity Number:** 1176936

**Registered Address:** 35 Fern Avenue, North Shields, Tyne & Wear, NE29 0RJ

## **Governance**

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (COI) governed by a Trustee's constitutional agreement

### **Trustees**

Samantha Jackson – Treasurer/Trustee

Karen Corder – Chairman/Trustee

Jayne Muir – Secretary/Trustee

## **Our Purpose and Public Benefit**

For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of guinea pigs in need of care and attention and, in particular, to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such guinea pigs;

To promote humane behaviour towards guinea pigs bred or owned as pets by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for those 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 the care of such animals.

## **Achievements**

- Rescue space provided to 95 Guinea Pigs
- Rehomed 93 guinea pigs – ensuring our adoption policy was met on each adoption and advising on appropriate ongoing care.
- We now have 23 Guinea Pigs with Sanctuary status and a permanent home with Gertie's – This is where due to age or medical condition they are unable

to be rehomed. Some are at the rescue and others are in long term foster placement.

- We have continued to operate with a backdrop of a global pandemic putting restrictions on our operations.
- Once again we have taken in 3 large mis-sex cases resulting in multiple births in rescue.
- Post adoption we support owners via phone and messenger which takes up a lot of our time.

## **Communication**

- We have continued to develop our website – which contains a lot of information about us, what we do and how to contact us. We have now had over 21,000 hits on the site.
- We continue to maintain a Facebook Page and Group to support people who have adopted from Gertie's, raise awareness of our charity and work, fund raise and to support all guinea pig owners.
- We have done a mail out to Vets and pet supply outlets to encourage awareness of our Charity.

## **Risks Considered**

### **General Data Protection Regulation**

Reviewed our major risks and reviewed our Privacy policy to meet with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Reviewed our storage of data.

### **Covid-19**

With the pandemic we have had to change our adoption and intake procedure to ensure all restrictions were met and the correct safety measures were put in place.

## Accounts

Our Annual Accounts have been compiled and signed off by the Trustees.

## Income

### Total Income £15,332

Our income came from 4 sources

### Donations -

All donations have come in the main from Gertie's Supporters and adopters. They have been absolutely amazing during the pandemic in keeping the rescue able to function.

### Give As you live/Amazon Smile

Raised £723 – We promote the use of Give As You Live when people buy goods online. If they go through this site we get a small donation without increasing the cost to the purchaser.

### Gift Aid

£2,312 was collected via HMRC for qualifying donations.

### PayPal Giving Fund

£745 arrived via this Facebook based fundraising. This is where people can pick our charity and raise funds for their birthdays etc. This also includes funds raised where people choose us as their charity on Ebay, make an Ebay sale in our benefit and via other associated companies.

## Expenditure

Our expenditure was **£13,797**

### Vet Fees

£2,025 was made up of professional medical care for sick guinea pigs and our neutering program where boars who fail to bond with other boars are neutered to find a home with females. ***A massive thank you to First Vets and in particular Judith who always gives our guinea pigs the greatest care and puts herself out for us.***

### Treatments

£324 – Made up of treatments for mites and fungal infections.



## **Guinea Pig Supplies**

£8,722 this consists of items that are used in daily care and wellbeing of the guinea pigs such as – vegetables, hay, bedding, pellets and cleaning products. This year we have been able to pay for the daily vegetables for the guinea pigs.

## **Equipment**

£1,265 This is items that have multiple use like cages, pens, tables, correx, bridges, hideys etc. We have invested in some dehumidifiers to regulate the humidity in the guinea pigs rooms.

## **Media/Advertising**

£188 – This is our website host and hardcopy media like posters, leaflets and business cards.

## **Sundries and Postage**

£1,200 this is everything else – such as stationery, postage and general use items. And includes our calendars.

## **PayPal Fees**

Fees for using PayPal - £62

**Our closing balance as at 31 January 2022 was £3,215**

## **Conclusion**

Our biggest asset remains our loyal and generous supporters – without whose support and donation's Gertie's Lonely Guinea Pig Rescue would not be able to function. Their support, encouragement, friendship and generosity always makes us feel very humble. We could not have survived another pandemic year without them.

A special thank you, goes to Sally Moir who gave a lot of her time to raise funds and Karen Price who supported us behind the scenes.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full name: Samantha Jackson

Position Trustee/Treasurer

Date 23 Feb 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Gertie's Lonely Guinea Pig Rescue**

No (if any)  
**1176936**

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1-Feb-21		31-Jan-22

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Donations	11,266	-	-	11,266
Give As You Live/Amazon	723	-	-	723
Paypal Giving	745	-	-	745
Other Company Schemes	286	-	-	286
Gift Aid	2,312	-	-	2,312
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	15,332	-	-	15,332
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	15,332	-	-	15,332
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Vets Fees	2,025	-	-	2,025
Treatments	324	-	-	324
Guinea Pig Supplies	8,722	-	-	8,722
Equipment	1,265	-	-	1,265
Media/advertising	188	-	-	188
Travel	10	-	-	10
Sundries & Postage	1,200	-	-	1,200
Pay Pal Fees	62	-	-	62
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	13,797	-	-	13,797
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	13,797	-	-	13,797
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	1,535	-	-	1,535
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	1,680	-	-	1,680
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	3,215	-	-	3,215

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Lloyds Bank	3,078	-
	PayPal	137	-
	Cash	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3,215</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name



## CC16a

Last year

to the nearest £

14,423
306
1,025
-
1,538
-
-
-
17,293

-
-
-

17,293
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3,150
440
8,873
1,811
105
-
2,329
54
-
16,762

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-
-

16,762
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531
-
1,149
1,680



**Endowment  
funds**

to nearest £

-
-
-
-

OK

**Endowment  
funds**

to nearest £

-
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**Current value  
(optional)**

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**Current value  
(optional)**

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**When due  
(optional)**


Date of  
approval
