



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

01 February 2022 to 31 January 2023

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

- We took in 84 Guinea Pigs – including 6 born in rescue.
- Rehomed 70 guinea pigs – ensuring our adoption policy was met on each adoption and advising on appropriate ongoing care.
- We now have 26 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.

- Having come out of the pandemic, the financial crisis is impacting adoptions and donation.
- Once again we have taken in 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 36,000 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.
- We have set up Twitter and an Instagram Accounts to further our media impact

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.

Post Covid

We continue to do all adoption and surrenders on our doorsteps to avoid risk to our homes and family.

Accounts

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

Income

Total Income £13,272

Our income came from 4 sources

Donations -

All donations have come in the main from Gertie's Supporters and adopters. We are very lucky to have a core of faithful and generous supporters without whom we would not be able to stay afloat.

Give As you live/Amazon Smile

Raised £1069 – 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 – same with Amazon Smile. Our supporters are great shoppers!

PayPal Giving Fund

£743 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 **£15,007**

Vet Fees

£3,387 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

£85 – Made up of treatments for mites and fungal infections.

Guinea Pig Supplies

£9,359 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.

Equipment

£375 This is items that have multiple use like cages, pens, tables, correx, bridges, hideys etc.

Media/Advertising

£0 – This is our website host and hardcopy media like posters, leaflets and business cards. Last year we took a cost saving 2 year hosting deal, so have spent nothing this year.

Sundries and Postage

£1,561 this is everything else – such as stationery, postage and general use items. And includes our calendars, raffle prizes etc.

PayPal Fees

Fees for using PayPal - £40

Donations to Other Rescues

£200 – With rescue being full where we have not been able to support a large Piggy bank rescue – we have made a donation to those who have.

Our closing balance as at 31 January 2022 was £1,480

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.

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 01 July 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Gertie's Lonely Guinea Pig Rescue

No (if any)
1176936

Receipts and payments accounts

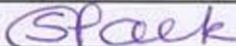
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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Feb-22		31-Jan-23

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	11,384	-	-	11,384	11,266
Give As You Live/Amazon Smile	1,069	-	-	1,069	723
Pay Pal Giving	743	-	-	743	745
Other Schemes	77	-	-	77	286
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	2,312
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,272	-	-	13,272	15,332
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,272	-	-	13,272	15,332
A3 Payments					
Vets Fees	3,387	-	-	3,387	2,025
Treatments	85	-	-	85	324
Guinea Pig Supplies	9,359	-	-	9,359	8,722
Equipment	375	-	-	375	1,265
Media/Advertising	-	-	-	-	188
Travel	-	-	-	-	10
Sundries/Postage	1,561	-	-	1,561	1,200
Pay Pal Fees	40	-	-	40	62
Donation To Other GP Rescues	200	-	-	200	-
Sub total	15,007	-	-	15,007	13,797
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,007	-	-	15,007	13,797
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,735	-	-	- 1,735	1,535
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,215	-	-	3,215	1,680
Cash funds this year end	1,480	-	-	1,480	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 £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank	1,293	-	-
	PayPal	187	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,480	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Samantha Jackson	01 July 2023	