



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

**01 February 2023 to 31 January 2024**

**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

Karen Price - 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 81 Guinea Pigs
- Rehomed 70 guinea pigs – ensuring our adoption policy was met on each adoption and advising on appropriate ongoing care.
- We now have 22 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.

## **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 48,000 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 Facebook, Twitter and an Instagram Accounts to further our media impact
- Post adoption we support owners via phone and messenger which takes up a lot of our time.
- Had a great 6<sup>th</sup> birthday event

## **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.

### **Funding**

We almost ran out of funds at one point this financial year, and had to appeal for donations in order to keep afloat. We now need to ensure we maintain a balance of funds that allow for at least 6 months running costs in hand.

## **Accounts**

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

## **Income**

### **Total Income £23,358**

Our income came from 5 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 £644 – 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! Unfortunately Amazon Smile has now stopped this scheme.

### **PayPal Giving Fund**

£423 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.

### **Other Schemes**

£1,195 This is where we have been chosen by an employee to have part of a grant from the company they work for.

### **Gift Aid**

£3,795 – This was 2 years of claim for HMRC where donations attracted gift aid.

## **Expenditure**

Our expenditure was **£18,351**

## **Vet Fees**

£5,234 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**

£449 – Made up of treatments for mites and fungal infections etc.

## **Guinea Pig Supplies**

£9,129 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**

£893 This is items that have multiple use like cages, pens, tables, correx, bridges, hideys etc. Also a humidifier to keep damp from the Guinea pig room.

## **Media/Advertising/Fundraising**

£2,228 – This is our website host and hardcopy media like posters, leaflets and business cards. Also for hosting events and associated costs

## **Sundries and Postage**

£348 this is everything else – such as stationery, postage and general use items.

## **PayPal Fees**

Fees for using PayPal - £62

## **Travel**

£8 Fees for Tyne Tunnel – Picking up and dropping off Guinea Pigs

**Our closing balance as at 31 January 2023 was £6,486**



## 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 26/10/24 .



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Gertie's Lonely Guinea Pig Rescue 1176937

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Feb-23	To	Period end date 31-Jan-24
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	17,301	-	-	17,301	11,384
Give As You Live/Amazon Smile	644	-	-	644	1,069
Pay Pal Giving	423	-	-	423	743
Other Schemes	1,195	-	-	1,195	77
Gift Aid	3,795	-	-	3,795	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>23,358</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,358</b>	<b>13,272</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>23,358</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,358</b>	<b>13,272</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Vets Fees	5,234	-	-	5,234	3,387
Treatments	449	-	-	449	85
Guinea Pig Supplies	9,129	-	-	9,129	9,359
Equipment	893	-	-	893	375
Media/Events/Fundraising	2,228	-	-	2,228	-
Travel	8	-	-	8	-
Sundries/Postage	348	-	-	348	1,561
Pay Pal Fees	62	-	-	62	40
Donation To Other GP Rescues	-	-	-	-	200
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>18,351</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,351</b>	<b>15,007</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>18,351</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,351</b>	<b>15,007</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,006</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,006</b>	<b>- 1,735</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>6,486</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,486</b>	<b>- 1,735</b>

## 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	4,502	-	-
	PayPal	1,985	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>6,486</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Samantha Jackson	26/10/24