



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

01 February 2024 to 31 January 2025

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 63 Guinea Pigs
- Rehomed 49 guinea pigs – ensuring our adoption policy was met on each adoption and advising on appropriate ongoing care.
- We now have 19 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.
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- 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 and Instagram Accounts to further our media impact
- Post adoption we support owners via phone and messenger which takes up a lot of our time.

Risks Considered

General Data Protection Regulation

Continually review our data policies and online security to meet with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Reviewed our storage of data.

Funding

Continually take in to account the financial balance of the rescue to dictate the number of guinea pigs we can give places. We 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 agreed by the Trustees.

Income

Total Income £15,086

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

Raised £30.92 – 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.

PayPal Giving Fund

£419.90 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 – Enthuse – Great North Run

£3,748 – A first for us, we had 10 runners in the Great North Run and they raised an amazing amount of money for us.

Expenditure

Our expenditure was **£11,816**

Vet Fees

£3,152 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

£28 – Made up of treatments for mites and fungal infections etc.

Guinea Pig Supplies

£96,019 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

£824 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

£1,514 – This is our website host and hardcopy media like posters, leaflets and business cards. Also for hosting events and associated costs

Sundries and Postage

£220 this is everything else – such as stationery, postage and general use items.

PayPal Fees

Fees for using PayPal - £50

Donations to Other Guinea Pig Rescues

£10 to Milhavern Guinea Pig Rescue (also supported by taking some guinea pigs from a large intake)

Our closing balance as at 31 January 2023 was £9,756

Conclusion

We are monitoring finding the balance between financials and support we can offer, ensuring we do not end up in a difficult financial situation. Costs have increased dramatically over the past couple of years and the adoption rates of guinea pigs have dropped.

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 14 October 2025.



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-24

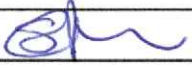
To

Period end date
31-Jan-25

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	£10,886.06	-	-	10,886	17,301
Give As You Live/Amazon Smile	£30.92	-	-	31	644
Pay Pal Giving	£419.90	-	-	420	423
Other Schemes	£3,748.85	-	-	3,749	1,195
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	3,795
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	15,086	-	-	15,086	23,358
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	15,086	-	-	15,086	23,358
A3 Payments					
Vets Fees	3,152	-	-	3,152	5,234
Treatments	28	-	-	28	449
Guinea Pig Supplies	6,019	-	-	6,019	9,129
Equipment	824	-	-	824	893
Media/Events/Fundraising	1,514	-	-	1,514	2,228
Travel	-	-	-	-	8
Sundries/Postage	220	-	-	220	348
Pay Pal Fees	50	-	-	50	62
Donation To Other GP Rescues	10	-	-	10	-
Sub total	11,816	-	-	11,816	18,351
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,816	-	-	11,816	18,351
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,270	-	-	3,270	5,006
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,486	-	-	6,486	-
Cash funds this year end	9,756	-	-	9,756	5,006

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	8,356	-	-
	PayPal	1,401	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,756	-	-
	(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
			MISS SAMANTHA JACKSON	14 Oct 25