

Healing Paws Animal Rescue Trustees Report for The Period Ending 31 st March 2021

Charity Registration Number: 1177945

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Trustees

Mrs Helen Glass

Mrs Jackie Wills

Mrs Tracey Turnbull

Mrs Paula Willsmer

1. CONTEXT

Healing Paws Animal Rescue continues (as a relatively new Charity) to achieve a clear sense of purpose and direction for the future and the priorities of the Charity. As stated previously our Strategic Plan has a 10-year life span starting from August 2018 and remains subject to an annual review update. It should be noted that from March 2020 onwards two of the Trustees have been key workers (employed within Emergency Services and Frontline NHS) and as such our Charity work has had to be undertaken around this unprecedented additional workload.

Our Annual Report will therefore not be fully evaluated to the extent we would have hoped for and we have not been able to monitor our progress as rigorously as in the previous year but we continue to adapt and implement our Strategic Plan.

The Trustees recognise they need to continue to augment policies and procedures in the light of changes in animal welfare law both in Greece and the UK and changes due to Brexit. We continue to update and work on:

- > A Vision and Mission
- > Defining our Core Values and Focus
- > Discuss our Strengths, Weaknesses, and Opportunities with Donors and Stakeholders
- > Establish Strategic Goals
- > Set Key Objectives to meet our Goals
- > Agree an Operational Plan with short, medium and long-term actions

The Strategic Plan is not static but is dynamic. Although the goals are unlikely to change, the action items may change on a regular basis. Action items may be revised or updated at quarterly Trustee meetings throughout the year as necessary. The Board of Trustees will undertake an Annual Strategic Plan review as part of their Annual Report. This is currently ongoing and we are evaluating our policy for supporting cats currently.

2. OUR VISION

“Our vision is a future where all animals are provided with a responsible and loving home for life and that Healing Paws Animal Rescue is recognised as a high-quality provider of animal welfare and community services on the Greek Island of Zakynthos”

Our LONG-TERM Vision is to build a Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre on the Island.

3.OUR MISSION

“Our mission is:

To promote humane behaviour towards animals, in particular on the Greek island of Zakynthos, by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage. To educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

Our objectives are to rescue animals and rehome them and to do whatever we can to improve the living conditions of the strays and homed animals in Zakynthos.

4.OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS AND GOALS

To accomplish our vision and mission, Healing Paws Animal Rescue has identified six Key Focus Areas to concentrate on over the next three years. This is Year 3. Each Focus Area has specific strategic goals and objectives to be met. How we will meet our objectives, when by and what success will look like is detailed in the Operational Plan which will be reviewed and updated each year.

Focus Areas

- > Governance arrangements
- > Adoption, fostering and rescue placements
- > Income generation
- > Marketing and communications
- > Community programmes
- > Monitoring and performance

5.ACHIEVEMENTS & CHALLENGES THIS YEAR

There is still no official animal rescue centre on the island of Zakynthos, indeed there are only a handful in the whole of Greece. We have continued our work and built on the foundations we had established last year engaging with the local Municipality. Their help is vital to work with us in assisting the raising of animal welfare standards on the island and to educate the population on neutering their animals, as well as implementing Greek law in relation to animal abuse and neglect. The Greek financial crisis coupled with the Covid Pandemic and National Lockdowns have meant that very limited financial help is available from the Municipality to address these problems.

We seek donations to support the work of the charity and its long-term objectives, our followers and adopters are incredible with their generosity; we have made huge efforts in the past year to fundraise with the aim of purchasing land for a shelter on the Island that would meet Greek Welfare Standards. Through regular donations and fundraising raffles and merchandise sales we have currently raised an amazing £40,000 to enable us to buy land. Currently some land has been identified and a huge amount of work is going on in Zante to seek approval for a rescue centre.

The trustees wish to thank each and every one of our fundraisers and donors who have achieved this incredible sum of money. To have our own rescue centre on the Island would provide a safe, infection controlled space to properly care for the animals prior to transport to their new adoptive homes. For some adult dogs, who are too scared to be homed, it would

provide a safe sanctuary for them to live out their life. Or for other adult dogs, particularly the males, we would be able to set up a programme of neuter and release, therefore help end the continuous cycle of unwanted puppies.

In this year we have homed around 170 dogs, mainly puppies. It was a very challenging year transporting the dogs to the UK due to Covid restrictions and Brexit, transport stopped after march 2020, resuming again briefly in July 20, bringing over 80 dogs in July, then another 90 to Nov 2020. Unfortunately transport stopped again for a further 5 months due to changes in Brexit import regulations and Greek laws, thankfully after considerable hard work from our transporter, we were able to satisfy all Brexit regulations and Greek laws and started transporting the dogs once again in May 2021.

Notes Forming Part of the Financial Statements for The Period Ending 31 st March 2021

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

b) Fund Accounting

- Unrestricted Funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in order to meet the objectives of the charity.

- Designated Funds are unrestricted funds which are earmarked for particular purposes.

- Restricted Funds have restrictions placed on their expenditure by the donor.

c) Income

All income is included in the financial statements. There are several regular and irregular donors donating general funds to assist with the costs of running the charity. The Charity undertakes fundraising with a Lottery License provided by Blaby District Council.

For individuals wishing to adopt a dog or a cat, the adopter is asked to pay a donation fee towards the cost of the preparation vets' fees. The charity claims Gift Aid on donations which qualify.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as costs are incurred.

2. Trustee Remuneration

No Trustees received any remuneration during the financial period ending 31 st March 2021.

3. Independent Examination by JD Bookkeeping

	Healing Paws Animal Rescue			1177945
	Statement of Receipts and payments			
	For the			
	period from	April 20	To	March 21
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	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
Receipts				
General Donations & Fundraising	72,374	-	72,374	55,661
Adoption flying transport fees	-	6,621	6,621	-
Adoption vets & neutering donations	-	29,237	29,237	-
HMRC gift aid	4,743	-	4,743	980
Total receipts	77,117	35,858	112,975	56,641
Payments				
Zante Veterinary Costs	6,875	29,237	36,112	16,888
Zante Main Food supply	12,098	-	12,098	21,554
Zante Rescue Overheads	7,453	-	7,453	12,680
Zante Building and repair costs	7,953		7,953	2,343
Zante Private Kennel fees for male dogs	2,332	-	2,332	-
Flying transport costs	-	6,621	6,621	-
UK Foster Expenses inc Ins.	1,106	-	1,106	-
UK Kennel Fees	3,200	-	3,200	-
UK Legal Fees	492	-	492	-
UK Admin/promo materials	393	-	393	531
Total Payments	41,902	35,858	77,760	53,996
Net of receipts/(payments)	35,215	-	35,215	2,645
		-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	13,317	-	13,317	10,672
Cash funds at 31st March 2021	48,532	-	48,532	13,317

Statement of Assets & Liabilities				
Cash Funds				
Lloyds Business Treasurer Account	8,531			
Lloyds Business Savings Account	40,001			
<i>Total Cash Funds at 31st March 21</i>	48,532			

	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
TRUSTEE	H Glass		Helen Glass		12/10/21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Healing Paws Animal Rescue

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1177945

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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 **31/03/2021**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

12/10/2021

Name:

Jenny Ditch

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.