

Healing Paws Animal Rescue Trustees Report for The Period Ending
31st March 2023

Charity Name: Healing Paws Animal Rescue

Charity Registration Number: 1177945

Charity Address:

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Trustees:

Miss Aileen Lamberton

Ms Karen Leie

Mrs Cath Cox

Ms Georgia James

Mrs Julie Shutt

1. STRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT

Healing Paws Animal Rescue aim to achieve a clear sense of purpose and direction for the future and the priorities of the Charity. We continue to work to our 10 year Strategic Plan, initially created in 2018 though with flexibility provided through an annual review to ensure we take account of a changing context.

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 as well as changes due to Brexit.

We continue to update our strategy and direction in light of changes to the external market and this includes:

- Defining and refining our core values and focus
- Setting clear strategic goals and objectives
- Having a clear operating plan with detailed actions and monitoring
- Donor engagement to input to our activities and providing an external view of our strengths, weaknesses and opportunities

The Strategic Plan is therefore not static but dynamic. Although the strategic goals remain consistent and our means of achieving them may change on a regular basis. To ensure strong governance and oversight, priority actions are discussed and potentially revised quarterly with Trustee meetings throughout the year as and when necessary. The Trustees keep in contact with each other on a daily basis to discuss current developments that arise. The Trustees also undertakes an annual review.

The first step in recruiting a Trustee is seeking interest from the charities volunteers and supporters who have already been involved in the work of the charity and have the skills and expertise required to fulfil the requirements of managing the charity.

2. ACTIVITIES & OBJECTIVES

“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.

During this year, we have continued to pursue our long-term ambition to have a dedicated rescue and rehabilitation centre on the island of Zakynthos. This would provide a safe, infection control and cost-effective way to properly care for the animals prior to transport to their new adoptive homes in the UK.

We continue to seek donations to support the work of the charity and its long-term objectives to provide food, veterinary care and safe shelter for the many rescues. As well as continuing seeking funds to build the shelter on the land purchased in previous year.

Basic work has started on the purchased land i.e. land clearing and fencing. Further work will be done in stages to complete the build of the shelter as we raise funds to complete the stages.

In this year we have homed 62 dogs, mainly puppies and 6 cats, mainly kittens to the UK. It was a very challenging year transporting the dogs and cats to the UK due to Brexit regulations and Greek legislation to transport from Zakynthos to UK.

In response to GDPR our Privacy Policy was updated and added to the charities website as well as the Cookie Policy.

We continue to be registered with the Fundraising Regulator. Applied for a grant which was unsuccessful. We continue to process grant applications and we have registered with fundraising platforms.

We have three key areas within our mission:

- To promote humane behaviour towards animals, 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.
- 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.

3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INCLUDING PUBLIC BENEFIT

We have continued to achieve our goals to home dogs from the shelter in Zakynthos to adopted families in the UK successfully. As well as foster homes and rescue placements. Income generation has not been as high than previous years, due to the financial climate, we still managed to keep finances in credit and able to pay all costs for vet fees, food and maintenance at the current shelter.

To accomplish our vision and mission, Healing Paws Animal Rescue has identified six Key Focus Areas, each of the objectives and activities are detailed within our Operating Plan:

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

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We continue to seek donations to support the work of the charity and its long-term objectives,

The Trustees are fully aware of their legal requirement and obligations required to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance as well as the Charities Act 2022. Future Trustees will also be asked to be fully aware of these two requirements.

- Benefit Aspect – our purpose is beneficial by rescuing stray dogs and cats and providing them with a caring adoptive family who want to care for a pet and be part of family. This is identifiable by the follow up reports from adopters who inform us how well the pet has settled in and how it has been a welcome addition to family.
In the rare occasion that detriment or harm results, there is emergency procedures in place for immediate action.
- Benefit to the public in general is to give a prospective adopter the option to choose the perfect pet for them to share their life with.
- The Trustees do not give rise to incidental personal benefit, apart from the success in helping the public to find their pet.
- The Trustees understand the purpose of the charity and the benefits of delivering and making decisions to ensure benefits are provided.

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Attached to this report is the Statement of Receipts and Payments.

To summarise, year on year general fundraising is down due to less donations due to the current economic crisis. and adoption fees are down due to less dogs being adopted due to financial crisis.

As at 31st March 2023 the money in the charities bank account is £5644.74 plus a £509.56 contingency.

Income for the year £73,679.33

Expenditure for the year £78,234.43

Surplus/Deficit for the year - £4555.10

Notes Forming Part of the Financial Statements for The Period Ending 31st March 2022

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) Incoming Resources

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.

For individuals wishing to adopt a dog or a cat, a fee is charged to cover the costs of vet fees.

The charity claims Gift Aid on donations which qualify.

d) Resources Expended

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

2. Trustee Remuneration

No Trustees received any remuneration during the financial period ending 31st March 2023.

3. Independent Examination by JD Bookkeeper



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