

Street Paws
Registered Charity No. 1178826

**Trustees' Report
and
Financial Statement
for the year ended
31 August 2023**

Street Paws

Name: **Street Paws**

Charity no: 1178826

Structure: Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a constitution.

Trustees: Rachel Bean
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Trustees are elected by the membership at each Annual General

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The Trustee's present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Constitution and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective from January 2015)

Structure, governance and management

Street Paws operates as an independent UK charity. Street Paws ("The charity") is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, charity registration number 1178826 (England and Wales). The charity registered with the Charity Commission on 18 June 2016 and is governed by a constitution embodying its rules and principles

Street Paws has a board of 7 unpaid trustees, referred to as our Trustee Board. The Board meets a minimum of four times a year and acts as the charity's governing body with powers to delegate day to day management to the Street Paws leadership team, as defined below. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in the accounts. Trustees are selected and appointed based on suitability, experience and commitment to the cause based on their skills and experience, both clinical and non-clinical, so that there is a good professional and cultural fit.

The leadership team, led by the Director, is responsible for the day-to-day running of the charity under authority delegated by the Trustee Board. The leadership team proposes to the Trustee Board where the charity should invest its time, money and expertise. The Trustee Board proposes an annual budget for approval and monitors financial performance accordingly. Regular trustee meetings took place during this period to ensure clear understanding and oversight of the business for all. The trustees have assessed the risks to which the charity is exposed, those relating to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that there are systems in place to mitigate exposure.

The Trustees review the aims and objectives of the charity each year. This report looks at the achievements and outcomes during the reporting period. The Trustees report on the success of each activity, noting how operations have benefitted local populations. The review helps Trustees to ensure that the charity's aims and objectives remain focussed on its stated purpose. The Trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and when planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the objectives that have been set.

Processes for risk management are clearly stated in our Health and Safety Policies and associated Risk register. Street Paws Director is Health and Safety Officer and responsible for the implementation of the Health and Safety Policy, and compliance with relevant legislation. Street Paws operates an independent UK charity and there have been no transactions with related parties.

Objectives and Activities

Street Paws purpose is to support the wellbeing of pets and their owners whilst experiencing homelessness. Our Mission is to provide free veterinary care for people experiencing homelessness, and to protect the human and animal bond by keeping owners and their pets together wherever possible.

In addition, Street Paws raises awareness of its activities and raises funds to cover the costs of veterinary services, supplies, pet equipment, volunteer recruitment and training in line with its charitable aims.

Street Paws support is accessible in two ways:

- Referral by Local Authority housing support or organisations working with people experiencing homelessness.
- Street Paws Dog Champion Scheme which works with hostels and temporary accommodation providers helping owners and their pets to stay together alongside support for hostel staff and help implementing pet policies.

The Street Paws Dog Champion Scheme offers free, accessible veterinary care for pets whose owners are experiencing homelessness, as well as support for hostel managers and staff to adopt and implement positive pet policies.

Growth and expansion of the Scheme has brought change in working practices. A steady decline in veterinary volunteers since the pandemic has meant that we were no longer able to conduct regular outreach sessions. A decision was made by the Trustees to cease veterinary outreach clinics at the end of this financial year and instead provide more targeted support through our Hostel support programme. During the financial year 2022-2023 Street Paws supported 82 animals referred to local veterinary practices for treatment

There is still a lack of pet friendly accommodation nationally and in the period of September 2022 – August 2023 we received 145 requests 72 (21/22) for support where no pet friendly accommodation was available Nationally and therefore the homeless pet owner was not able to accept temporary accommodation with their pet.

Achievements and Performance

Street Paws charitable activities focus on homelessness and animal welfare and are undertaken to further Street Paws charitable purpose for the public benefit. The charity has successfully expanded our services, notably the Dog Champion Scheme. The Scheme supports hostels and temporary accommodation to welcome pets with their owners by providing Staff training and support, pet policies, owner agreements, canine first aid training, pet essentials and veterinary care both with a video vet service and referral to practice

This year we added a dedicated Learning Platform and moved all our training online and added training for pet owners. The pet owner training has video guides and online learning to care for your pet including food and exercise and a guide to the law around pet ownership. We have also introduced a Pet CV which owners can complete to allow perspective landlords to get to know their pet. We believe that this owner training will support homeless pet owners to move from temporary accommodation into something more permanent. Online access to training and support has encouraged a larger cohort and in the year 2022-2023 we have enrolled 52 Dog champions (19 Dog Champions in year 21-22)

Street Paws began a partnership with Greater Manchester Combined Authority particularly with A Bed Every Night Scheme to accept pets into their temporary accommodation via the Dog Champion Scheme and in 2022-2023 we supported 5 hostels across Manchester. Our aim is to further expand this to 10 hostels in the coming year so that there is a provision in every borough. We will continue to expand the scheme to new partners nationally during the coming year and see this as a main focus of our activities during 2023 – 2024.

Public Benefit

Street Paws exists to ensure that all pets belonging to people who are experiencing homelessness get the veterinary treatment and support they deserve and ultimately live happy, healthy lives, free from the threat of unnecessary pain and lack of veterinary care.

Pets can play a vital role in keeping humans physically and mentally happy and healthy. We at Street Paws work hard to help maintain the human-animal bond that is so important. Street Paws charitable activities focus firmly on animal welfare, but we also believe our contributions towards public benefit (as defined by the Charity Commission) extend into the following areas: Helping owners experiencing homelessness, or those experiencing a housing crisis, to have peace of mind that they can get veterinary help for their pet should they need.

Fundraising

As a charity that receives no government funding (with the unusual exception of the National Lottery coronavirus emergency government grant in 2020), we are reliant on outstanding generosity of the general public, our supporters, and our partners. Street Paws subscribes to the policies of the Fundraising Regulator, which oversees fundraising activity. The Fundraising Regulator investigates and, where necessary, takes appropriate action in cases of public concern. Their advice helps us ensure our activity meets the expectations of our supporters and the wider public. Street Paws does not have a dedicated fundraising resource in place. We raise vital funds by sharing our story through our social media channels and raising funds via charitable trusts, foundations or companies. We're always looking for ways to improve our activities and will be employing a full time fundraiser in late 2022/23 to help grow Street Paws sustainable revenue stream.

Financial Review

Street Paws have seen a drop in income this financial year to £91k from £100k (2021-2022). The principal sources of funds continue to be raised from public fundraising and sponsorship, sales of Street Paws merchandise on our online store, fundraising events including social media/online funding campaigns and charitable donations from the public and veterinary partners. In 2023-2024 we plan to add a Fundraising Coordinator to the team to develop our fundraising strategy.

In 2022 - 2023 Street Paws were awarded £44,246 in Grants including £20,246 from Pets at Home Foundation, £5,000 Irwin Mitchell, £4,000 Leeds Charitable Trust and £10,000 PDSA.

Despite operating in an extremely challenging financial period, alongside many charities, the trustees and Director are continuing to develop a fundraising strategy and will appoint the charities first Fundraising Coordinator in the coming year.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustee Board is responsible for ensuring there are appropriate risk management and internal control systems in place to manage the major risks to which the charity is exposed. The risk register is in place to plan for resolutions, as opposed to the elimination, of risks.

Key risks are regularly reviewed and updated, including operational risks that could arise on outreaches and risks associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. Below is the list of principal risks for Street Paws as well as mitigating actions:

Risk: Injury or serious incident involving volunteers or members of staff whilst performing charity duties.

Action: safeguarding training, implementation of a standard operating procedure, implementation of incident procedures, insurance cover and risk assessment reviews.

Risk: Volunteer or staff burn out.

Action: mental health training, continuation of risk assessment reviews.

Risk: Loss of key funding.

Action: develop and deliver a fundraising plan across a broad range of donors and manage cost base to stay within available means. Hire 1 x FTE Fundraising Coordinator.

Reserves Policy

The aim of Street Paws reserves policy is to ensure that the charity's ongoing activities are protected from unexpected fluctuations in its income and expenditure and ensure that the charity is not impacted by short-term financial shortfall. The charity is heavily reliant on voluntary donations to fund its charitable undertakings, which being uncertain sources of revenue may not always provide the funds to cover our essential costs.

Street Paws board policy for holding reserves is to target a level of cash that represents a minimum of 6 months core expenditure and fixed costs. Cash reserves are monitored monthly by the treasurer and reported to the board at monthly trustee meetings. Current Charity reserves total £185k

Plans for future periods

Street Paws plans to continue its growth in 2023-2024 in line with the board-led strategic plan, monitored and implemented by the Director. Key areas of development are:

- Further raising the profile of Street Paws within the UK
- Further expansion of the Street Paws Dog Champions Scheme including incorporation of a paid membership for partners to maximise income and enable growth.
- Appointment 1 FTE Fundraising Coordinator to further develop and maintain a fundraising strategy and to make consistent applications for funding to strengthen the charity's financial position.
- Appoint 2 x Trustees to expand the current Board with skills in HR, Marketing and Fundraising.

As a charity that receives no government funding, we remain reliant on the outstanding generosity of the public, our partners and supporters to continue to fund our vital services. We value every single donation and are very grateful to all our donors, volunteers, and corporate partners for their wonderful contributions throughout the year.

Signed on behalf of Trustees

Sue McCabe
Chair of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sue McCabe', written in a cursive style.

Independent Examiners Report

**Report to the
trustees of**

Street Paws

**On accounts for
the year ended**

31 August 2023

Charity no 1178826

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner**

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of
independent
examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



12 December 2023

Name:

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2023

		Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Receipts					
Grants	2	11,851	24,246	36,097	21,000
Corporate Partnerships		10,000		10,000	5,000
Donations		13,720		13,720	29,497
Other Online Donations		29,425		29,425	40,028
Sales		1,659		1,659	4,714
Fundraising				-	-
Total Receipts		66,655	24,246	90,901	100,239
Payments					
Vet Procedures and Supplies		2,171		2,171	1,688
Restricted Funds Expenditure			39,938	39,938	51,794
Cost of Sales		1,047		1,047	2,553
Salary		34,336		34,336	22,437
Insurance		811		811	518
Website/Computer Systems		1,146		1,146	1,596
OOP Expenses (Travel & Etc)		1,546		1,546	4,305
Promotional Material		-		-	1,915
Show/Event Attendance costs		653		653	158
Other Animal Welfare					
Equipment/Supplies		31		31	1,852
Shelter Services		-		-	278
Membership fees etc.		943		943	875
Motor Vehicle Costs		931		931	1,466
Miscellaneous		6,829		6,829	7,219
Total Payments		50,444	39,938	90,382	98,654
Surplus / deficit for the year		16,211	- 15,692	519	1,585
Funds at 1 September 2022		148,426	36,348	184,774	183,189
Funds at 31 August 2023		164,637	20,656	185,293	184,774

**Street Paws
Balance Sheet
31 August 2023**

	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets	0		0	
Current assets				
Debtor				
Cash at bank and in hand	185,293		184,774	
	<u>185,293</u>		<u>184,774</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Net current assets		185,293		184,774
Total assets less current liabilities		185,293		184,774
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year				
Net Assets at 31 August 2023		<u>185,293</u>		<u>184,774</u>
Represented By:				
Restricted Funds		20,656		36,348
Unrestricted Funds		<u>164,637</u>		<u>148,426</u>
		<u>185,293</u>		<u>184,774</u>

The financial statements were approved by the following members of the Management Committee:

Signed.....


Chair of Trustees
Position.....

Signed James Collins.....


Position Treasurer.....

Date

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Notes to the accounts, 2023

1. Accounting Policies

- a The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

Street Paw meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

- b Grants received are accounted for on a received basis and credited to income.
- c Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Receipts and Payments Account when received.

2. Grants Receivable

Unrestricted Funds

Big Give Trust	1,851
PDSA	10,000
Total Unrestricted Funding	11,851

Restricted Funds

Leeds Christian Community Trust	4,000
Pets at Home	20,246
Total Restricted Funding	24,246

3. Trustees, staff and related party transactions

No Trustees were remunerated or received expenses payments.

Total Salary Costs	£ 34,336
No of staff was	3

4. Costs of financial services

The fee for the independent examination of the 2023 accounts will be £400. No other amounts were paid for financial services.

5. Restricted Funds

Analysis of Restricted Funds:	Open Bal	Income	Expend	End Bal
Charities Aid Foundation	4,214		67	4,147
Lush	8,000			8,000
Aviva	625			625
Lloyd	3,252		566	2,686
Animal Friends	1,309		1,290	19
Gerrick Rose	4,948		4,948	-
Jean Sainsbury	5,000		5,000	-
Grocers	5,000		2,285	2,715
Gallimore Trust	1,000		1,000	-
Audrey Lamb	2,000		2,000	-
Willan CT	1,000		167	833
Leeds Christian Community Trust	-	4,000	2,369	1,631
Pets at Home	-	20,246	20,246	-
Total Revenue Restricted Funds	36,348	24,246	39,938	20,656