



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 May 2023 Period start date To 30 April 2024 Period end date

Charity name: Durham District Retired Greyhounds

Charity registration number: 1178882

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Seek potential adoption homes for retired racing greyhounds. Educate the public in the husbandry and care of former racing greyhounds..
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Raise awareness, promote greyhounds as pets and seek potential adoption homes for ex racing greyhounds that have retired due to age, injury or unsuitability. Also to aid the education of the public in the husbandry and care of former racing greyhounds.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees are actively involved in the charity by assisting at the kennels, raising awareness at events and interacting with social media.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers contribute their time, and their greyhounds, to raising awareness of greyhounds as pets at public events. Volunteers also assist at the kennels, cleaning, feeding and interacting with potential adopters via email, Facebook and during visits to the kennels.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	During the reporting period 47 retired greyhounds have been homed through the charity. This is down on last reporting period mainly due to the cost of living crisis. We give guidance and support to all adopters as and when they need it. We currently have 30 greyhounds in our care and this is the average at any one time. We are a chosen charity of Pets at Home Consett store and receive quarterly vouchers. We receive regular commission from our insurance partner, Agria Insurance, should our adopters take out a full policy after their 5 weeks free insurance has expired. We are an approved homing centre for the Greyhound Board of Great Britain. This entitles us to a bond payment of £400 for every dog we take in under the scheme and this is our main single source of income at present. We have a website and have 3716 followers on our facebook page and 581 followers on Instagram.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our monthly walks remain very popular and this generates awareness and funds. We are now a regular attendee at Wolsingham Show which is a large event for raising awareness. During this reporting period we produced and sold our second calendar and Christmas cards for the first time. Both proved very successful and we sold all 150 calendars and 30 packs of cards. These marketing items will become a regular item going forward. Every quarter we receive vouchers from Pets at Home to allow us to purchase items for our raffles/tombolas. We have been offered the use of Sunderland greyhound track to help raise awareness as and when we need it. We have several supporters who regularly contribute financially.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of this accounting period we generated £1833 more than we spent. In December 2023 we registered with HMRC for gift aid. From 1 Jan to end of this reporting period we will be applying for gift aid which we should receive in the next reporting period. Also in December 2023 we switched bank accounts from Barclays to Co-op Bank due to Barclays wanting to close our charity account.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Financial position is healthy and we always have sufficient funds to cover our main outgoings of kennel fees
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity is a going concern

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Principal sources are our donations through adoption, GBGB bonds, walk donations and ad hoc donations through our website/Paypal.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Registered 21 June 2018
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	We asked volunteers to become trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Approved homing centre for the Greyhound Board of Great Britain Approved charity for Agria Insurance VIP charity through Pets at Home Consett store. Approved charity for Paypal Just Giving Scheme.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Durham District Retired Greyhounds
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1178882
Charity's principal address	6 The Green, Frosterley, Co Durham DL13 2RE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lynn Rochester			
2	Katherine Hutchinson			
3	Andrew D Myers			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	



Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	LYNN ROCHESTER	ANDREW DAVIDSON MYERS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date	19/10/24	



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Receipts and payments accounts

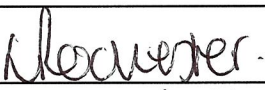

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For the period from	01-May-23	To	30-Apr-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations (adoption donations, trainer donations, walk donations, ad hoc donations, insurance commission)	22,489	-	-	22,489	19,925
		-	-	-	-
Donations via the GBGB bond scheme	21,600	-	-	21,600	35,700
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	44,089	-	-	44,089	55,625
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	44,089	-	-	44,089	55,625
A3 Payments					
Kennelling/kennel food & Equipment/kennel improvements	33,698	-	-	33,698	38,177
Vet bills	3,171	-	-	3,171	2,058
Homing equipment (microchip transfer, crates, collars, leads, muzzles)	1,058	-	-	1,058	1,387
Marketing/Insurance/hall hire/walk refreshments	3,502	-	-	3,502	2,529
Van expenses	627	-	-	627	1,423
GBGB bond outlays	200	-	-	200	3,700
Sub total	42,256	-	-	42,256	49,274
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	42,256	-	-	42,256	49,274
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,833	-	-	1,833	6,351
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,024	-	-	12,024	12,863
Cash funds this year end	13,857	-	-	13,857	19,214

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	Bank account	12,024	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,024	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	Van	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
		L ROCHESTER		18/10/24
		ANDREW MYERS		19/10/24

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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Durham District Retired Greyhounds

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Durham District Retired Greyhounds ('the Trust') for the year ended 30 April 2024.

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 all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed by examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: 

Name: STEPHANIE ARMSTRONG

Job Title: MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

Address: 22 WOLSTY COSE, CARLISLE, CA3 0PB

Date: 22/10/2024