



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 1 May 2024 Period start date To 30 April 2025 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	<p>During the reporting period 50 retired greyhounds have been homed through the charity. This is down on last reporting period mainly due to the cost of living crisis and there being so many dogs and so few homes. 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 monthly 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. In February 2025 the bond was increased to £420 per dog. Where the bond hasn't been fully paid to the GBGB by the owner/trainer we have made an outlay but we get this returned in the £400. Over this reporting period our bond outlay has reduced dramatically as most bonds should now be covered by the owner/trainers. We pay monthly for 15 kennel spaces rather than number of dogs. This has reduced our kennel bill and made it the same fee every month which helps with our budgeting. We have a website and have 4107 followers on our facebook page and 653 followers on Instagram. During this accounting period we received our first Gift Aid reimbursement of £1426 which covered May 2023-April 2024 walks and a few adoptions.</p>

### 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	<p>Our monthly walks are proving 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</p>

		calendars and 50 packs of Christmas cards which proved very popular so will be doing it every year. 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 £6049 more than we spent.
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)	<i>L Rochester</i>	<i>ADM</i>
Full name(s)	<i>L ROCHESTER</i>	<i>A.D. MYERS</i>
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	<i>Chair</i>	
Date		



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-May-24

To

30-Apr-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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations (adoption donations, trainer donations, walk donations, ad hoc donations, insurance commission)	27,050	-	-	27,050	19,925
		-	-	-	-
Donations via the GBGB bond scheme	23,400	-	-	23,400	35,700
Gift Aid Claimed (May 2023-April 2024)	1,427	-	-	1,427	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>51,877</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,877</b>	<b>55,625</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>51,877</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,877</b>	<b>55,625</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Kennelling/kennel food & Equipment/kennel improvements	34,631	-	-	34,631	38,177
Vet bills	3,862	-	-	3,862	2,058
Homing equipment (microchip transfer, crates, collars, leads, muzzles)	645	-	-	645	1,387
Marketing/Insurance/hall hire/walk refreshments	4,931	-	-	4,931	2,529
Van expenses	1,659	-	-	1,659	1,423
GBGB bond outlays	100	-	-	100	3,700
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>45,828</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,828</b>	<b>49,274</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>45,828</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,828</b>	<b>49,274</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,049</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,049</b>	<b>6,351</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>12,863</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,863</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>18,912</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,912</b>	<b>6,351</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank account	18,912	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	18,912	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Van	Unrestricted		-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signature		Print Name	Date of approval	
A. D. MYERS		UROCHESTER	16/6/25	
A.D. MYERS			16/6/25	

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 2025.

## **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: Accountant

Address: 22 Wolsty Close, Carlisle, CA3 0PB

Date: 01/07/2025