



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
	Period start date			T o	Period end date	
	Day 01	Month April	Year 2023		Day 31	Month March
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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Good Life Dog Rescue

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1178977

Charity's principal address

Pinn Fold, Great North Road

Micklefield

Leeds

Postcode

LS25 4AG

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 Victoria Bastow	Secretary		Victoria Bastow
2 Karen Fletcher			
3 Nicholas Harker	Treasurer		
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Section B                      Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Foundation Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

For the benefit of the public, to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention. In particular to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals. To promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals that are in need of care or attention by reasons of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage. To educate the public in all matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Our charity has continued to support local stray kennels in order to help many dogs at risk. We have rehomed a high volume of strays from Carlton Forest Kennels which is also where we pay to board our dogs. Due to the over breeding of dogs and abandoned large breed dogs we have seen an increase in neglect and abuse. This has meant our vet bills have increased due to necessary operations and on-going conditions. Many dogs have needed lifetime medical care which the charity has supported. This is a supported forever foster without an adoption fee. We have supported more dogs in need of rehabilitation than previous years along with many more dogs in need of veterinary support. This has been overwhelming resulting in higher kennelling bills and veterinary costs than previous years and less adoption fees due to supported homes being needed. An increase in support and from social media, grants and fund raising from online auctions has been increased and well received to help many dogs. Volunteer Mrs Ashton has been amazing and submits grant applications on a regular basis. We have been happy to receive more grants from animal support organisations than in previous years. Our donations have increased enabling us to save many more dogs from put to sleep situations. We continue to help a huge proportion of bull breeds from local pounds along with many senior dogs who are rehomed and supported by ourselves. We provide essential veterinary care and an individual assessment of each dog. We pride ourselves in matching each rescue dog with a suitable adopter and home depending on the dogs individual needs. Our rehoming process and care to match suitable owners takes precedence as does the daily welfare of our dogs. Our support, aftercare and veterinary assistance for ongoing health conditions once each dog is rehomed is also part of our procedure. All potential adopters are home checked and all the dogs are neutered, fully health checked and vaccinated. Microchipping, defleaing and worming is also an essential part of our adoption procedure. Due to an increase in support we are now able to help many more dogs from local stray kennels. We continue to have a good relationship with local stray kennels and local dog wardens. Our priority remains predominately for stray dogs in council pounds, however we do take dogs into our care from homes where people have passed away or unforeseen circumstances put an animal at risk. The majority of our dogs have come from Carlton Forest Kennels. After their seven days as a stray we then pay to board and treat these dogs with veterinary bills.

Our online fund raising this year and an increase in support from donators has enabled us to help many more dogs with specific needs due to cruelty. An online auction by volunteers has also been an asset in fundraising. We have been able to carry out our main objectives of rescuing mistreated, neglected and abandoned strays in 2023/2024. Our trustees remain the same and comply with the duty of the charities act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the commission.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

The charity continues to exist without paid staff despite an overwhelming workload and growth. Founder and trustee Victoria Bastow works part time and is able to support the charity unpaid in order to help the increase of unwanted dogs. She is responsible for all admin, intake of dogs, media, website, photographs and rehoming. Along with other volunteers essential walking and stimulation is also an essential attribute. Our volunteers are mainly walkers however we have two ladies who help fundraising, via grants and online auctions. We also have support from individuals who raise funds for ourselves and other smaller charities. This is a huge attribute to the funding so we are able to have resources in place for the dogs in our care needing medical help.

Good Life still exists with very few volunteers whom we are indebted too. Their contribution is greatly received and we have acquired more volunteers. All the following support is voluntary and has helped not only to raise funds but to publicise the aim of our charity. In particular we would like to thank the following:

Our dog walking volunteers. Ian Ward, Richard Beaumont, Claire Mylett who are regular walkers. We have walkers who are able to walk on a less regular basis however are still extremely appreciated and important. These are too many to mention. Sue Nichols and Paula Raynes for essential fundraising via All Dogs Matter Auction website. This has raised crucial funds throughout the year by selling unwanted gifts and goods to support charities.

Sandra Longbottom who raises funds and has supported our rescue for many years by her own fundraising efforts. Michelle Hennon also arranges her own fundraising *events* to help fund smaller rescues like ours.

Danny Hobkinson, Mike Thompson who are work colleagues and friends of Victoria Bastow have also contributed. The website continues to generate interest and help to rehome many of our rescue dogs. Thanks to Danny the website works extremely well and is user friendly and informative and very creative. Victoria and Danny continue to maintain a very user friendly website with their design skills. This has helped increase rehoming of many more dogs with special needs.

PAWS Charity shop for their regular donations to our veterinary costs. This charity shop raises funds for charities helping animals in need locally and has supported us increased veterinary bills.

Due to our charity helping many Staffordshire Bull Terriers we have been supported this year by some donations from The Gallimore Trust. The Spotted Cow at Drighlington have continued fundraising events at their public house. Julie Horne and her staff and daughter have donated and have many raffles and fun days which has brought funds in throughout the year.

**We have received more grants and regular donators. The continued support for the welfare of local dogs left waiting at council kennels has helped us to pay increasing kennelling bills and veterinary care. Continued support from our regular donators has increased due to regular donations. In 2023/24 we have helped more stray dogs that have struggled with serious neglect and abuse. However small any contribution we receive we are extremely grateful for.**

**We have now support from foster people volunteers. Sue and Malcolm Nicholls and Greg and Louise Wright have been an asset and been an amazing help for the sick and vulnerable foster dogs that have come into our care in 2023/24.**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2023/2024 has been a very busy year and we have supported more large breed dogs left at council kennels. We have still managed to rehome a large amount of strays dogs after rehabilitating them. This year we have supported more seniors due to a higher abandonment of older dogs. These dogs are adopted without adoption fees. The majority of these dogs are from Carlton Stray Kennels. We continue to help Flushdyke Stray kennels and other council kennels. Our priority remains for the stray dogs however we have continued to offer support to the public to help with a proportion of dogs left in difficult circumstances.

Our aim has been to improve our charity and rehabilitate more dogs that otherwise would of been left behind at council kennels or euthanised. We have been successful in doing so. The huge knock on effect of the Pandemic is still about with a huge amount of dogs of three and four years with behaviour issues and serious anxiety. We have supported and helped these dogs and managed to find dedicated rescue adopters. Our efforts to match our rescue dogs within the right home environment has been achieved via updates and essential advertising. We have continued to help many senior dogs who faced uncertain at council pounds in Yorkshire. We remain extremely hands on with our dogs and our aim and passion is for the Yorkshire strays. With an increase in regular donations we have managed to help more dogs needing surgery and urgent veterinary care than previous years. Due to a cabin and fencing paid for by grants we received we have helped more dogs with behavioural issues and managed due to better facilities.

Our thanks also go to Jo Ashton who has supported us greatly in 2023/24 by applying for grants to help with our increasing kennelling and veterinary bills. Emergency funding has been essential and also helped us due to the ever increasing number of unwanted dogs. The grant funding during the year generated enough funds to increase our resources to benefit more abandoned dogs than previous years.

Due to our website advertising and various social media platforms we have increased our network of support greatly. This along with Facebook and our self-created website has increased more awareness of our charity and the work we do without paid staff. Our rise in regular donations, large donations from individuals and mainly grants has contributed immensely which in turn helps us with our primary objective of relieving the suffering of stray and abandoned dogs.

When possible we have still continued to support our funding by fundraising events and fairs at larger fayres in local counties. This also contributes to raising awareness and education for the welfare of animals that are waiting in stray kennels. As well as providing essential care for the dogs in our care we have also managed to help and transport over 40 dogs into the care of other larger organisations. This has been much less than previous years as due to our increase in funding we are now able to support more dogs ourselves that otherwise we would not of been able to help in recent years due to lack of funds.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Our aim was to build up our reserves to allow us a buffer to cover essential kennel costs and veterinary costs in case of illness etc. We have been very successful in achieving this.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:



- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The key objectives to alleviate suffering to unwanted animals has been achieved. We have saved more dogs due to grant funding and have increased regular donations. Fundraising and online auctions have increased funding also which has allowed us to help many more dogs with special needs and in need of operations and emergency vet care. We have supported more dogs however our adoption fees are less due to supporting more dogs and older dogs in need of on-going veterinary care in supported homes.

**Section F****Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Victoria Bastow	Nicholas Harker
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	12.01.2025	

**GOOD LIFE DOG RESCUE**

**CONTENTS OF THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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# GOOD LIFE DOG RESCUE

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### Unrestricted funds

2024

2023

#### RECEIPTS

Rehomed dog donations  
Fund raising  
Grants  
Other donations

22291  
4200  
90140  
51256

30250  
7109  
25300  
51894

167887

114553

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#### PAYMENTS

Kennel fees & food  
Veterinary Fees  
Dog training and Walking  
Dog Fostering  
Telephone  
Insurances  
Website and advertising  
Motor Expenses  
Licence  
Sundry expenses  
TOTAL PAYMENTS

54681  
73741  
875  
153  
78  
810  
375  
4970  
21

55705  
47483  
260  
2104  
0  
185  
314  
20740  
1541

135704

128333

NET RECEIPTS(PAYMENTS)

32183

-13780

OPENING BANKCASH BALANCE

106889

120669

CLOSING BANK/CASH BALANCE

139072

106889


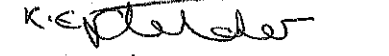

GOOD LIFE DOG RESCUE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Unrestricted funds 2023
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<u>0</u>	<u></u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Bank Account	139071	106889
Cash in hand	<u></u>	<u></u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	139071	106889
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>139071</u>	<u>106889</u>
<b>RESERVES</b>		
OPENING BALANCE	106889	120669
NET PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	32182	-13780
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<u>139071</u>	<u>106889</u>

Approved by the trustees:

Signed

# GOOD LIFE DOG RESCUE

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 1 CHARITY REGISTRATION

The welfare became registered as a charity on 28th June 2018 with registration number 1178977.

The trustees are Victoria Bastow, Karen Fletcher & Nicholas Harker.

### 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended practice: Accounting for charities. The account have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

GOOD LIFE DOG RESCUE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity(the trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the account in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011( the Act). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

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.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

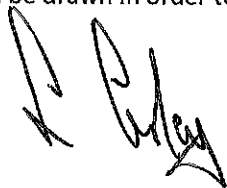
**Independent examiner's statement**

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.

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the act or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting record; or

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.

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GOOD LIFE DOG RESCUE-31/3/2024

ADOPTION	22291
DONATIONS	51256
GRANT	90140
FUND RAISING	4200
	<u>167886</u>
VET COSTS	-73741
KENNELING	-46594
DOG WALKING	-875
FOSTERING	-153
DOG FOOD	-8087
GENERAL EXPENSES	-6255
	<u>32182</u>

Opening Balance	106889
Closing Balance	139071
	<u>32182</u>

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