



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
	Period start date			T o	Period end date	
	Day 01	Month April	Year 2024		Day 31	Month March
From						

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)**

We have continued to support local stray kennels in order to help many dogs at risk of euthanasia. We have rehomed a huge percentage of strays from Flushdyke kennels in Wakefield and also Rotherham Council. Many have been large cross breed dogs and a high volume of bull breeds. We have seen an increase in neglect and abuse and we have continued to support many dogs in need of emergency veterinary bills. Due to the increase in abandonment of senior dogs our veterinary bills have been high due to continued support when placed in forever foster homes without adoption fees. This has been necessary due to health conditions. We have supported many more young dogs in 24/25 that have needed rehabilitation due to mistreatment. This has been much more than previous years. This has resulted in high kennelling costs, veterinary bills and less adoption fees when dogs are elderly. Our support from social media, grants, fundraising and on-line auction has continued and well received in order to support our objectives. Volunteer Jo Ashton has been amazing and has continued to submit grants from animal support organisations. Our continued donations from the public have enabled us to help many more dogs from put to sleep situations. We continue to help a huge proportion of large bull breeds and senior dogs who are treated for medical problems and supported in homes. We pride ourselves in being a hands on charity that assess each dog and provide essential veterinary care prior adoption. We continue to pride ourselves in matching our rescue dogs depending on the animals individual needs. Our rehoming process and care to match suitable owners takes precedence as does the daily welfare. 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. All dogs are neutered, fully health checked and vaccinated. Microchipping is also an essential part of our procedures. Due to continued support we are now able to help more dogs from local stray kennels. We continue to have a good relationship with stray kennels and local dog wardens. Our priority remains predominately for stray dogs, however we do take dogs into our care from homes where people have passed away or unforeseen circumstances put an animal at risk. Online fund raising this year and support from donors has enabled us to help more dogs with behaviour issues. 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 2024/25. 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)**

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

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

Founder and trustee Victoria Bastow continues to support the charity for many hours every day. Due to now working part time extra time is now dedicated to supporting the charity in all aspects. This now is extra support to all the rescue dogs and the welfare of strays. Due to this we can now help more emergency strays and vulnerable dogs needing behaviour and medical support. The day to day running has now been improved in 2024/25 due to extra dedicated hours. She remains responsible for all admin, intake of dogs, media, website, photographs and rehoming. Along with Victoria and other walking volunteers essential longer adventures and extra stimulation is also an essential attribute. Our volunteers are mainly walkers however we have three 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 has few volunteers whom we are indebted too. Their contribution and dedication is greatly received. 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, Claire Mylett, Greg and Louise 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 Nicholls 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 us.

Sandra Longbottom continues to raise funds for Good Life along with two other charities she supports. Her efforts are gratefully appreciated throughout the year.

Danny Hobkinson and Mike Thompson have been an amazing support for creative website design and IT contributions. Victoria Bastow continues to generate interest for the rescue via updates on a user friendly and informative website that is continuously updated. The creative website updates helps to rehome many dogs.

Thank you to PAWS charity shop in Rotherham for their regular donations to our veterinary bills. The charity shop raises funds for charities helping animals in need locally. Thank you to Gallimore Trust who support us throughout the year due to us helping many stray staffordshire bull terriers. The Spotted Cow at Drighlington have continued fundraising at their public house. Julie Horne, her Staff, Ann have donated and have many raffles that have helped us to support the strays in 2024/25.

Jo Ashton continues to apply for grants and we have regular donors via past adopters and social media platforms. The funding has enabled us to support the welfare of many Yorkshire strays in 2024/25 who have struggled with serious neglect and mistreatment. Sue Nicholls, Greg and Louise Wright are amazing fosterers and have been for many years. They have been an asset to the charity for support to sick and vulnerable dogs. Malc Nicholls sadly passed away on 24th January 2025. This incredible man is missed by all at Good Life due to his contributions and love of animals for many years.

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

2024/2025 has been a very busy year and a very challenging. We moved our charity to Wath Kennels in Rotherham in April 2024. We continue to pay to board our rescue dogs. We have still managed to rehome a large amount of stray dogs after rehabilitating them. This year we have supported more seniors due to a higher abandonment of older dogs. These dogs are in forever supported foster without adoption fees. The majority of the strays are from Flushdyke Stray kennels, Rotherham Council and other council kennels in Yorkshire. 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. 2024/2025 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 stray dogs after rehabilitating them.

Our thanks also go to Jo Ashton who has supported us greatly in 2024/2025 by applying for grants to help with our 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. Our regular donations, large donations from individuals and 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 25 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 have been able to help in recent years due to lack of funds.

We have some incredible support from volunteers. Many are weekend dog walkers who have supported us for many years. Ian Ward, Greg and Louise, Claire are to name but a few. Sue Nicholls and a fantastic group of volunteers fundraise weekly on an auction site - "All Dogs Matter" This creates regular funding to support various aspects of our charity. We remain very grateful to all volunteers. We continue to do regular fundraising throughout the year at organised Fayres. This also supports us with funds to support our charity objectives.

**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 fundraising and continued regular donations from the public. 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	22.01.2026	

**GOOD LIFE DOG RESCUE**

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**GOOD LIFE DOG RESCUE**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Rehomed dog donations	22365	22291
Fund raising	7925	4200
Grants	34000	90140
Other donations	56688	51256
	<u>120978</u>	<u>167887</u>
LESS		
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Kennel fees & food	31966	54681
Veterinary Fees	82912	73741
Dog training and Walking	4713	875
Dog Fostering		153
Telephone		78
Insurances	737	810
Website and advertising	887	375
Motor Expenses	4256	4970
Licence		
Sundry expenses	449	21
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>125920</u>	<u>135704</u>
NET RECEIPTS(PAYMENTS)	-4942	32183
 OPENING BANK/CASH BALANCE	 139072	 106889
CLOSING BANK/CASH BALANCE	<u><u>134130</u></u>	<u><u>139072</u></u>

**GOOD LIFE DOG RESCUE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b> 2025	<b>Unrestricted funds</b> 2024
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	0	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Bank Account	134130	139071
Cash in hand	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	134130	139071
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	134130	139071
<b>RESERVES</b>		
OPENING BALANCE	139071	106889
NET PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	-4942	32182
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	134130	139071

Approved by the trustees

Signed

GOOD LIFE DOG RESCUE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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.

V Bastow

N Harker

K. E. Fletcher

16/01/2026

GOOD LIFE DOG RESCUE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity(the trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025, 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.

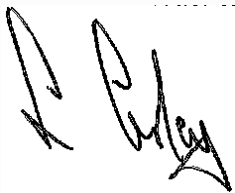
**Independent examiner's statement**

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.

Lilian Curley-Accountant  
28 Heathfield Lane  
Birkenshaw  
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