



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023 **Period start date**
To 31/12/2023 **Period end date**

Charity name: CAREDOGS

Charity registration number: 1181339

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	We want to see a future in which older people feel less isolated and lonely, thanks to the companionship of dogs and intergenerational friendships. Since dog ownership is not possible for everyone, we provide a local befriending scheme, in five south London boroughs, which pairs up volunteers and their dogs with older people in their area, to connect over a walk and talk.
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	<p>Since slowly emerging out of the covid-19 pandemic, volunteer-led small charity, CareDogs, was able to successfully deliver its pilot project with its first six pairs of volunteers, their dogs and six befriended clients. This saw one of our volunteers (and their dogs) visit our clients once a week to build community connections for all involved.</p> <p>One of CareDogs' clients, Wendy, says: 'I thoroughly enjoy meeting with my volunteer and their dog Joey for a walk. It encourages me to walk more and get out and about. Having a dog with us gives me more purpose. The service has had a positive impact on both my physical and mental wellbeing.'</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We are grateful for the many hours volunteers, including trustees, have given in delivering the objectives of the charity. Thank you so much.
Other		

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	As at the date of this report the charity has expanded, seeing more than 30 pairings and delivered group walks., Through the hard work of its volunteers, identified a number of beneficiaries of the charity's services and continues to plan and achieve its charitable objectives.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		Not applicable

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income received from donations and Grants £6,281. Expenditure in running the charity, including delivering the services and fundraising were £7,181.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held for the purpose of future use in achieving the charitable objectives of the Charity.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£11,095 as at 31 December 2023
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No such concerns

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	Not applicable
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Not applicable
Other		Not applicable

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Charitable Objectives
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Trustees are selected based upon consensus of the existing 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	Not applicable
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Not applicable
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Not applicable
Other		Not applicable

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	CAREDOGS
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1181339
Charity's principal address	CareDogs Charity, CVA Resource Centre, 82 London Road, Croydon, CR0 2TB

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	Delphine Chui	Trustee Chair	Whole period	Not applicable
2	Paloma Robinson	Trustee Compliance, Governance and Legal	Whole period	Not applicable
3	Deborah Warren	Trustee	Whole period	Not applicable
4	Alex Scotland	Trustee Treasurer	Whole period	Not applicable
5	Felicity Winkley	Trustee HR and Volunteer Engagement	Whole period	Not applicable
6	Melanie Astbury	Trustee Communications and Marketing	Whole period	Not applicable

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not applicable		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Not applicable		

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

Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable



Other optional information

Not applicable

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)	Delphine Chui	Alex Scotland
Position	Trustee and Chair	Trustee and Treasurer
Date	22 October 2023	22 October 2023



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2023


To

31/12/2023

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	1,281	-	-	1,281	-
Grants	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,281	-	-	6,281	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,281	-	-	6,281	-
A3 Payments					
Volunteer checks	168	-	-	168	-
Fundraising and Marketing	3,289	-	-	3,289	-
Administration	3,724	-	-	3,724	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,181	-	-	7,181	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,181	-	-	7,181	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 900	-	-	- 900	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 900	-	-	- 900	-

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	Cash at bank and in hand	11,095	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,095	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Alex Scotland	14/10/2024	